

Star Wars - Understanding The Cosmic Christmas Story!

Advent Conspiracy, Pt. 3

Revelation 12:1-17

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Revelation 12:1, *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.* ²*She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.* ³*Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.* ⁴*Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment He was born.* ⁵*She gave birth to a Son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to His throne.* ⁶*The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God...* ¹⁷*Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.*

The Main Characters In Our Cosmic Christmas Story:

1) The Woman - MARY

Revelation 12:1, *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.* ²*She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.*

Genesis 37:9, *Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”*

2) The Red Dragon - SATAN

Revelation 12:3, *Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.* ⁴*Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment He was born.*

Revelation 12:7, *Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.* ⁸*But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.* ⁹*The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

3) The Son - JESUS

Revelation 12:5, *She gave birth to a Son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to His throne.* ⁶*The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God...*

Matthew 2:12, *And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.* ¹³*When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” e said, “take the child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill Him.”* ¹⁴*So he got up, took the child and His mother during the night and left for Egypt,* ¹⁵*where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my Son.”* ¹⁶*When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.*

4) Her Offspring - BELIEVERS

Revelation 12:17, *Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.*

How Do We Hold Fast To Our Testimony About Jesus?

- **By Putting Your Troubles In PERSPECTIVE**
Romans 5:3, *...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*
- **By Being Prepared For The BATTLE**
Ephesians 6:14, *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*
- **By Being Alert And Standing Firm Against The ENEMY**
1 Peter 5:8, *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*
- **By Having A GAME PLAN FOR 2016**

2 Peter 1:5, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*