

The Main Players in the Cosmic Battle

Homework for week six

Main Characters	Scripture	Big picture	What should we learn?
Woman, (Israel) Red Dragon, (Satan) Male Child (Jesus)	Revelation 12:1-17	The grand narrative of the Bible (God's plan to save His people) especially the cosmic battle between God and the forces of evil.	What is God's plan to save the world? What can we learn about the strategies of the evil one? How do believers conquer the Dragon? (12:11)
Beast from the sea (Antichrist)	Revelation 13:1-10	Earthly battle fueled by great authority, political unity and military force.	Is the antichrist an evil empire, impersonal force, the spirit of the age, an actual person, or the embodiment of evil in the last day? (Daniel 9:26-27, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17, 1 John 2:18-19, 4:1-3) How do believers resist the antichrist?
The Beast from the land (False Prophet)	Revelation 13:11-18	Earthy battle powered by ideological conformity and economic intimidation.	What is the mark of the beast? How do faithful servants resist it?
The Lamb & the 144,000	Revelation 14:1-5	The character and best response of the servants of God	Why are the 144,000 described as virgins? (look at Revelation 14:8; 17:4-6) What is the significance of them being called firstfruits? (look at 2 Thessalonians 2:13; James 1:16-18)
The three angels	Revelation 14:6-13	The proclamation of the eternal Gospel	What aspects of the Gospel do each of the angels emphasize?
The Son of Man (Jesus)	Revelation 14:14-15;8	Two judgements and the righteous validation.	Who will be judged? What does it say about the character of the one holding people accountable? (Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 86:9, 98:2, 111:2-3)