



December 15, 2019 – Rick Myatt



ATTACK OF THE DRAGON

1st in a Small Set of Christmas Messages

Passage: Revelation 12:1-12 -Topic: Spiritual Warfare

This past Sunday, Rick interrupted our series on the Book of Ephesians, to present the first of a few Christmas messages. The first he delivered on Sunday had to do with where we left off in our study of Ephesians, on the topic of spiritual warfare.

Rick taught how if we could see the story of humankind from a satellite, the "big picture," we would see that the spiritual battle raging in the universe entered the physical realm when Jesus was born; at His resurrection, it was the turning point in the war and it was all over for the enemy.

We looked at the symbolic woman in the passage from Revelation and learned that she represented Israel. The child, of course, is Jesus Christ, who is:

- The promised great deliverer, Messiah
- The light for mankind, walking in the darkness
- The mighty ruler of nations
- The one who ascended into Heaven to sit on Heaven's throne, ruling over all creation

The dragon is stated to represent Satan. Irrationally, Satan does not grasp his defeat, but continues to lash out at us in order to bring hurt to God, like a wounded, cornered animal. He is depicted here as red, which stands for blood.

Rick provided us with three ways in which to win the spiritual war:

1. By the blood of the Lamb: Rest in Jesus' finished work for your being approved, accepted and loved by God. Trusting in our own strength, we will lose big.
2. By our testimony - declaring the Lordship of Jesus.
3. By our commitment to the Lord - Being all in, in good times and bad, never shrinking back, not even in death.