

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Revelation 12: 1 - 17

Title : Three Battles And A Victory Hymn

Introduction

1) The First Battle (12:1-6)

- The dragon seeks to frustrate God's plan but fails.

2) The Second Battle (12:7-9)

- Satan has been defeated and hurled down from heaven.

3) A Victory Hymn (12:10-12)

- God's people can overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony

4) The Third Battle (12:13-17)

- Satan wages war against God's people because he knows he is defeated and his time is short.

The Python Myth: "Python, a huge dragon, was warned by an oracle that he would be destroyed by one of Leto's children. Leto was a lover of Zeus who was married to Hera. When Hera learned that Leto was pregnant, she banished her; Leto gave birth to her twins, Artemis and Apollo, on the island of Delos ... Python pursued her in order to destroy her offspring, but she was carried away by Aquilo (Latin for the north wind) and protected by Poseidon with waves. When four days old, Apollo hunted down Python and killed him with arrows (both Apollo and Artemis were archers)."¹

For Reflection and Action

¹ I. Paul, *Revelation* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2018) 214.