

Focus Bible study series



Study 5

The Evil Empire Strikes back.

Revelation 10 - 13

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Discussion.

Group 1.

Who is Satan and do you think that Satan is a real person or just a symbol for evil in the world?

Other Groups.

Where did evil come from? Why does God allow Satan to do continue rebelling against Him?

In this study we will be reading a lot of passages, don't worry if it seems like a lot of reading.

Please take note that these chapters have a lot of symbolic language and not all the symbols are explained which makes it difficult to interpret the meaning of this vision. However you can still get a general feel for the meaning and what is it trying to say. So in this study try not to get stuck in the details but rather read quickly through in order to get the general idea. Take note of the themes and ideas that arise.

(Note : Chapters that are marked * are optional for group 1)

Alternately break your group up into pairs and get each pair to read one chapter. Get them to draw what that chapter says and answer the questions for that chapter. Explain it to the rest of the group.

Read Chapter 10*

What is the description of the angel and what is he holding?

What happens to the scroll?

The Book of Revelations

What does it signify?

Read Chapter 11

What is the role of the two witnesses ?

What will happen to these two witnesses? Why?

What happens when the seventh trumpet is sounded?

What do you think this signifies?

Read Chapter 12

What is the description of the woman?

What happens to this woman?

What does the dragon try to do?

Read Chapter 13.

What is the description of the beast ?

What did the beast do?

Interpretation.

Do you think that the symbols in this vision refer to *specific items* in history or just *general trends* in history?

What do these symbols mean?

The Dragon, The beasts, The Woman

What is the danger of looking for specific people in history that correspond to the Dragon, The beasts or the Woman ? What does Jesus say about his own return (look at Mark 13:32-34)?

What is the main characteristic of the one who opposes Christ? And how do we recognise it? How does Satan exert influence on people and what kind of harm can He cause? Why do Christians not have to be afraid of the one who opposes Christ?

For Group 1.

There are no neutral parties in the war between God and the enemies of Christ. The Bible forces us to choose a side, are you on the side of God or are you on the side of the enemy of Christ (Satan)? Which do you think one is the better side ? Explain your answer.