

Introduction to Revelation Chapter 12

Revelation chapter 12 marks a dramatic shift in the narrative of the book, pulling back the curtain to reveal the deeper spiritual conflict behind the events unfolding on earth. While earlier chapters describe judgments and prophetic events, this chapter exposes the cosmic battle between God's redemptive plan and the forces of Satan.

John sees a series of symbolic visions beginning with a radiant woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars. She represents the people of God through whom the Messiah comes, most directly pointing to Israel and the covenant promises that lead to the birth of Christ. The woman's labor pains symbolize the anticipation and struggle surrounding the arrival of the promised Savior.

Opposing her is a great red dragon, clearly identified later in the chapter as Satan. With seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns, the dragon represents immense power and authority exercised through worldly kingdoms. He seeks to devour the child as soon as it is born, reflecting Satan's long-standing effort to destroy the Messiah and thwart God's plan of redemption.

The male child who is born is described as the one who will rule all nations with a rod of iron—a direct reference to the Messianic prophecy of Psalm 2. This child is caught up to God and to His throne, pointing to Christ's victory through His death, resurrection, and ascension.

The chapter then reveals a war in heaven, where Michael and his angels fight against the dragon and his forces. Satan is ultimately cast down from heaven, intensifying his fury on earth because he knows his time is short. The conflict continues as the dragon persecutes the woman and those who keep God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 12 provides a sweeping overview of the spiritual war that spans from the birth of Christ to the final stages of human history. It reminds believers that the struggles of the church are part of a larger cosmic battle, yet the outcome is already certain. The victory belongs to God and to those who overcome "by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

Heavenly Father,

As we come to Revelation chapter 12, open our eyes to understand the spiritual battle that stands behind the events of this world. Help us remember that You are sovereign over every conflict and that the victory has already been secured through Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith so that we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony. Give us courage to remain faithful, even when opposition rises.

Remind us that our hope is not in earthly power but in Your eternal kingdom, which cannot be shaken.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Revelation 12:1–2

“(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.”

The Context:

We are starting a brand-new section of Revelation. If the Trumpets were about the **physical events** on earth, Chapter 12 pulls back the curtain to show us the **spiritual war** behind it all.

This isn't just a story about a woman; John calls it a "**Great Sign.**" In the Bible, a sign is like a cosmic billboard—it points to something much bigger than itself. This woman represents the "people of God" throughout all of history—beginning with Israel (the twelve tribes) and leading to the birth of Jesus.

The Meaning of the "Sun, Moon, and Twelve Stars":

In simple American English, we might say, "God's chosen people were dressed in royal dignity, reflecting God's own light, and they were carrying a promise that was about to change the world forever." John uses these symbols:

- "**Clothed with the Sun and Moon under her feet**": This signifies **Divine Radiance and Authority**. This imagery comes straight out of the Old Testament (specifically Joseph's dream in Genesis 37). It shows that this "Woman" (the faithful people of God) is not a victim of history; she is the queen of history, reflecting the light of the Creator.
- "**A Crown of Twelve Stars**": This signifies **The Tribes of Israel**. The twelve stars represent the twelve tribes. It tells us that the "Woman" is the lineage that God used to bring the Savior into the world.
- "**Cried out in pain... about to give birth**": This signifies **The Agony of Waiting**. For thousands of years, the people of God suffered and waited for the "Promised Seed" to arrive. The "labor pains" represent the struggles of the faithful as they waited for the Messiah (Jesus) to be born into a dark world.

The Core Lesson:

God's people have a royal destiny, but it often comes through pain. We often feel like the "underdogs" in this world, but John sees us "clothed with the sun." This teaches us that **our true identity is far more glorious than our current circumstances.** Just as a mother's labor pains lead to the joy of a new life, the "pains" the Church feels today are the labor of God bringing His new kingdom into reality.

The Illustration: The Royal Secret

Imagine a princess who is forced to live in a dark, dirty cellar. To the people in the house, she just looks like a servant girl in rags. They mock her and give her the hardest chores.

But if you could put on "heavenly glasses," you would see that she is actually wearing a dress made of light and a crown of diamonds. Her "struggles" in the cellar are actually her training for the throne. She is carrying the secret plans for the kingdom's restoration in her heart. The "Woman" in Revelation is that princess. The world sees "labor pains," but heaven sees a "Great Sign" of victory.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Identify" Check:** Do I see myself the way the world sees me (as just another person), or do I see myself as someone "clothed with the sun" because I belong to God?
- **The "Pain" Check:** When I go through "labor pains" (difficult times), do I realize that God is using that pain to "birth" something beautiful and holy in my life?
- **The "Waiting" Check:** Am I patient enough to endure the "crying out" of this season, knowing that the "Birth" (the return of Christ) is certain?

The Woman is ready to give birth, but she is not alone in the heavens.

Revelation 12:3–4

“(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.”

The Context:

If the Woman is a "Great Sign" of beauty and life, this second sign is a "Great Warning" of ugliness and destruction. This is the first time we meet the **Dragon** in Revelation. John isn't just describing a monster; he is showing us the true face of the enemy: **Satan**.

The Dragon is "enormous" and "red" (the color of blood and fire). He isn't hiding in the shadows; he is standing right in front of the Woman, ready to strike. This is the spiritual reality behind the scenes of history—a predator trying to stop God's plan before it can even start.

The Meaning of the "Seven Heads," "Ten Horns," and the "Tail":

In simple American English, we might say, "A terrifying, powerful enemy who has corrupted many other angels stood ready to destroy the Savior the second He arrived." John uses these symbols:

- **"Seven Heads and Ten Horns":** This signifies **Great Intelligence and Raw Power**. Seven heads suggest he is a "mastermind" of evil, and ten horns (a horn is a symbol of strength) show he has massive influence over the nations. He isn't just a beast; he is a strategic, powerful ruler of darkness.
- **"Seven Crowns on its Heads":** This signifies **False Authority**. He wears crowns to pretend he is the king of this world. He wants everyone to think *he* is the one in charge, even though his power is stolen.
- **"Tail swept a third of the stars":** This signifies **The Fall of the Angels**. Most scholars believe this describes the original rebellion in heaven, where Satan convinced a third of the angels (demons) to follow him. It shows that he is a "deceiver" who can pull others down with him.
- **"To devour her child the moment he was born":** This signifies **The Target**. Satan's main goal has always been to stop Jesus. Think of King Herod trying to kill the babies in Bethlehem—that was the "Dragon" using a human king to try to "devour" the Messiah.

The Core Lesson:

The Enemy is always a "Cradle-Snatcher." Satan rarely attacks things that are dead or useless. He waits for the moment something "New" and "God-given" is being born—a new ministry, a new commitment to God, or a new sense of hope—and he tries to kill it while it's still small. This teaches us that **when you feel the most "under attack," it's often because God is about to bring something "Life-giving" into your world.**

The Illustration: The Snake at the Nest

Imagine a bird's nest high in a tree. Inside the eggs, a new generation is about to hatch. The mother bird has worked hard to protect them. But at the bottom of the tree, a massive red snake is coiled, watching.

The snake doesn't care about the tree or the leaves; he is just waiting for the first "crack" in the shell. He knows that if he can eat the chicks now, they will never grow wings and fly. That is the Dragon. He has been watching the "nest" of Israel for centuries, waiting for the "Child" to hatch so he could end the story of salvation.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Target" Check:** Can I recognize the "Dragon" in my own life? When I try to do something good for God, do I notice an immediate "attack" trying to stop me?
- **The "Authority" Check:** Do I realize that the Dragon's "crowns" are fake? Do I give him more credit and power in my mind than he actually has?
- **The "Protection" Check:** Am I aware that even though the Dragon is standing "in front of the woman," he hasn't won? Do I trust that God is a better Protector than the Dragon is a Predator?

The Dragon is waiting with his mouth open. But God has a plan for the Child.

Revelation 12:5–6

“(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, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.”

The Context:

This is the central moment of the "Great Sign." Despite the Dragon standing right there with his mouth open, he **fails**. The Child is born, fulfills His mission, and returns to the safety of the Father.

This Child is clearly **Jesus**. The "iron scepter" is a direct quote from Psalm 2, referring to the Messiah's unstoppable authority. After Jesus' resurrection, He was "snatched up" (ascended) to heaven. This leaves the Dragon frustrated, so he turns his attention back to the Woman (the Church).

The Meaning of the "Iron Scepter" and the "Wilderness":

In simple American English, we might say, "The Savior arrived, won the victory, and went back to headquarters, while God provided a secret safe-house for His people during the final struggle." John uses these symbols:

- **"Rule all nations with an iron scepter":** This signifies **Unbreakable Authority**. An iron scepter doesn't bend or break. It means that when Jesus returns to rule, no human government or demonic power will be able to resist Him. He isn't just a "meek" baby; He is the King of Kings.
- **"Snatched up to God":** This signifies **The Ascension**. Satan tried to kill Jesus at the Cross, but the "snatching up" shows that the Resurrection and Ascension were the ultimate "escape" from the Dragon's power. Jesus is now out of the Dragon's reach.
- **"The Wilderness":** This signifies **A Place of Spiritual Protection**. In the Bible, the wilderness is where God feeds His people (like the Manna for the Israelites). It's not a vacation spot; it's a place of testing and survival where you are forced to depend 100% on God.
- **"1,260 days":** Here is that number again! (3.5 years). It represents the entire age of the Church—the time between Jesus' first and second coming—where we are protected by God even though we are surrounded by a "wilderness" world.

The Core Lesson:

The Enemy can't touch the Head, so he goes after the Body. Satan couldn't stop Jesus, so now he tries to attack the followers of Jesus. But notice the comfort here: **God has "prepared a place" for you.** Even when the world feels like a dry, dangerous wilderness, God has a specific "GPS coordinate"

of grace where He provides for you. This teaches us that **survival in this world isn't about our strength; it's about staying in the place God prepared.**

The Illustration: The Secret Tunnel

Imagine a village being attacked by a giant. The giant's main target is the young Prince. But just as the giant reaches for him, a secret trapdoor opens and the Prince is whisked away to a high fortress where the giant can't climb.

The giant is furious. He can't get to the Prince, so he turns to the villagers. But they have already run into a hidden cave system in the mountains. The caves are dusty and rough (the wilderness), but they are stocked with food and water that the giant doesn't know about. The villagers are "safe" not because the giant went away, but because they are in a place the giant can't enter.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Iron" Check:** Do I trust that Jesus' "iron scepter" is stronger than any problem I'm facing today?
- **The "Wilderness" Check:** When life feels "dry" or "lonely," do I see it as a "wilderness" where God is actually taking care of me and feeding me?
- **The "Prepared" Check:** Do I believe that God has a "place prepared" for me in every situation? Am I looking for His provision, or just focusing on the Dragon?

The scene on earth is tense, but the action is about to shift back to heaven for a "War of the Worlds."

Revelation 12:7–9

(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.”

The Context:

This is one of the most dramatic "behind-the-scenes" reveals in the Bible. While things are heating up on earth, a massive spiritual eviction is happening in heaven.

Michael (the archangel whose name means "Who is like God?") leads the heavenly army. For ages, Satan had some form of access to heaven—not as a guest, but as an "accuser" (like a crooked lawyer). But because of what the "Male Child" (Jesus) did on the cross, the Dragon's legal right to be there is gone. He is physically and legally evicted.

The Meaning of "Michael," "Hurled Down," and the "Ancient Serpent":

In simple American English, we might say, "God's lead general kicked the devil out of the headquarters once and for all, stripping him of his rank and sending him packing to earth." John uses these specific titles:

- **"Michael and his angels":** This signifies **God's Appointed Defender**. Michael is often shown in the Bible as the protector of God's people. He doesn't win by his own power, but because he serves the True King.
- **"He was not strong enough":** This signifies **The Myth of "Equal" Power**. We often think of God and Satan as equal opposites (like Yin and Yang). This verse corrects that. Satan isn't "equal" to God; he isn't even strong enough to beat one of God's *angels*. He is a defeated creature.
- **"That Ancient Serpent":** This signifies **The Long Game**. By calling him the "serpent," John is linking the Dragon back to the Garden of Eden. This is the same liar who tricked Adam and Eve. His "career" of deception is finally coming to a crashing halt.

The Core Lesson:

The Enemy's "Home Field Advantage" is gone. If you've ever felt like the "accuser" is whispering in your ear that you aren't good enough or that God is mad at you, Revelation 12 tells you that the "whisperer" has been kicked out of the courtroom. This teaches us that **Satan is an illegal squatter on earth**. He's only here because he was evicted from everywhere else. He is dangerous because he's desperate, not because he's winning.

The Illustration: The Disbarred Lawyer

Imagine a lawyer who spent years finding every mistake you ever made and presenting them to a judge to get you thrown in jail. He's mean, he's persistent, and he knows the law.

But then, it's discovered that he's been forging documents and breaking the rules himself. The lead bailiff (Michael) grabs him by the collar and throws him out the front doors of the courthouse. His license is revoked. He can still stand on the sidewalk and yell insults at you as you walk by, but he can no longer walk into the courtroom and file a case against you. The "hurling down" of Satan is his disbarment from the heavenly court.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Accusation" Check:** When I feel guilty or ashamed, do I listen to the "accuser" who was kicked out of heaven, or do I listen to the "Male Child" (Jesus) who is sitting on the throne?
- **The "Strength" Check:** Do I realize that the enemy "is not strong enough" to defeat God's plans for me? Am I giving the devil more "credit" for power than he actually has?

- **The "Victory" Check:** Do I live with the joy of someone who knows the "big war" in heaven has already been won?

The Dragon has hit the ground, and heaven is singing about it.

Revelation 12:10–12

“(10) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. (11) They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. (12) Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.’”

The Context:

As the Dragon hits the ground, a "victory song" breaks out in heaven. This is the heart of the chapter. It explains *why* the Dragon was kicked out: because he lost his legal case.

The title used for Satan here is "**The Accuser.**" In a spiritual sense, he was the prosecutor who pointed at every one of your sins to prove you didn't deserve God. But heaven announces that he has been "hurled down." He can't prosecute you anymore. Why? Because the "Lamb" (Jesus) already paid the fine.

The Meaning of the "Three Keys to Victory":

In simple American English, we might say, "The believers won the fight not by being stronger than the Dragon, but by trusting in what Jesus did, speaking the truth, and being brave enough to lose everything for God." John lists three specific weapons:

- **"By the Blood of the Lamb":** This signifies **Legal Victory**. The blood of Jesus is the "receipt" that proves our sins are paid for. When the Accuser says, "They are guilty!", the Blood says, "The debt is settled." You don't win by being "good"; you win by being "forgiven."
- **"By the Word of their Testimony":** This signifies **Public Victory**. This is more than just "sharing a story." In the Greek, a "testimony" is a legal statement. It means standing your ground and saying, "Jesus is King," even when the world (and the Dragon) tells you to shut up.
- **"They did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death":** This signifies **Personal Victory**. The Dragon's only real leverage is the **fear of death**. If you aren't afraid to die for what you believe, the Dragon has no power over you. He can threaten your body, but he can't touch your soul.

The Core Lesson:

The Enemy's power is limited to his "time" and your "fear." The Dragon is "filled with fury" not because he is winning, but because he has already lost and the clock is ticking. This teaches us that **the most dangerous enemy is a defeated one who knows he's about to be evicted.** We don't fight *for* victory; we fight *from* the victory that was already won in heaven.

The Illustration: The Bully and the Secret

Imagine a bully who has been blackmailing you for years because he knows a secret mistake you made. Every day, he makes you do his homework and give him your lunch money, or else he'll tell everyone what you did. You live in total fear.

Then, one day, you go to the principal and confess everything yourself. The principal forgives you and deals with the situation. Now, the bully comes up to you in the hallway and tries to threaten you again. You just look at him and smile. You say, "Go ahead and tell. I've already been forgiven." The bully is **furious**. He still has big muscles, but he has **zero power** over you anymore because his leverage (the secret) is gone. That is "The Blood of the Lamb" in action.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Accuser" Check:** When I feel a sense of "shame" or "worthlessness," do I realize that is the voice of a defeated prosecutor who has been kicked out of court?
- **The "Testimony" Check:** Am I willing to speak up about what God has done for me, even if it's awkward or difficult?
- **The "Fear" Check:** What is the Dragon using to scare me right now? If I realized that "the time is short," would I still be afraid of him?

The heavens are rejoicing, but things are about to get intense for the Woman on earth.

Revelation 12:13–14

“(13) When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. (14) The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.”

The Context:

The Dragon has been evicted from heaven. He knows his "time is short," so he turns his full, venomous fury toward the only thing left on earth that represents God's plan: the Woman (the faithful community of God's people).

This is a classic "chase" scene in the spiritual realm. The Dragon thinks he has her trapped, but God intervenes with a supernatural "escape plan."

The Meaning of the "Eagle's Wings" and "Time, Times, and Half a Time":

In simple American English, we might say, "When the enemy tried to crush God's people, God provided a swift, divine rescue that carried them to safety beyond the devil's grasp." John uses these symbols:

- **"Two wings of a great eagle":** This signifies **Divine Deliverance**. This is a direct callback to Exodus 19:4, where God told the Israelites, "I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself." It is a picture of God's speed, strength, and protection. He doesn't just watch His people suffer; He actively carries them through the danger.
- **"The Wilderness":** This is the same "place prepared for her" mentioned in verse 6. It isn't a random location; it is a **divinely appointed sanctuary**. It proves that God is never caught off guard by the Dragon's anger.
- **"Time, times and half a time":** This is a prophetic way of saying **3.5 years** (one time + two times + half a time). It is another way to describe the same period as the 1,260 days. It reinforces that the protection is limited to the duration of the trial—God's grace lasts exactly as long as the struggle.

The Core Lesson:

God's rescue is often "above" the reach of the enemy. The Dragon is stuck on the ground, lashing out with his "heads" and "horns," but the Woman is given "wings" to rise above the chaos. This teaches us that **when we feel pursued by evil, we are called to look up, not just run away.** Faith gives us the "wings" to see our situation from God's perspective, where the enemy cannot touch us.

The Illustration: The Eagle and the Snake

Imagine a desert where a rattlesnake is hunting a small animal. The snake is fast, venomous, and aggressive. He thinks he has the animal backed into a corner.

But suddenly, a mother eagle swoops down from the sky. She grabs the animal in her talons and lifts it high into the air, far above the desert floor. The snake is left on the ground, hissing and striking at the air, but he is completely powerless. He is "stuck" on the ground, while his prey is soaring in the safety of the heights. That is the difference between the Dragon's perspective and the safety of God's "eagle wings."

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Pursuit" Check:** Do I feel like I'm being "pursued" by stress, sin, or negativity? Do I realize that I don't have to fight the snake on his own turf?

- **The "Wings" Check:** Am I asking God for the "eagle's wings" (His perspective and power) to lift me above my current struggles?
- **The "Preparation" Check:** Do I trust that God has a "place prepared" for me, or am I trying to build my own fortress that the Dragon can easily knock down?

The Woman has escaped to the wilderness, but the Dragon is not giving up.

Revelation 12:15–17

“(15) Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. (16) But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed from his mouth. (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 Context:

The Dragon is frustrated. He couldn't kill the Child (Jesus), and now he can't reach the Woman (the Church) in her protected place. In a final, desperate act of malice, he tries to "flood" her out.

In the Bible, a "flood" often represents a massive onslaught of lies, overwhelming trials, or a literal army of enemies. But even the physical creation—the **earth itself**—acts as a servant of God to protect His people. Because the Dragon fails again, he turns his focus to a new target: **you**.

The Meaning of the "Flood" and the "Rest of her Offspring":

In simple American English, we might say, "The devil tried to drown the Church in a sea of lies and trouble, but God used the world around her to save her. Now, the devil is coming after every individual who actually follows Jesus." John uses these symbols:

- **"Spewed water like a river":** This signifies **Overwhelming Deception**. Since the Dragon is a liar, this "river" is often seen as a flood of false teaching, cultural pressure, or "fake news" meant to wash away the foundation of the Church. It's an attempt to make the Truth impossible to find.
- **"The earth helped the woman":** This signifies **Providential Protection**. God is the Master of the Universe. He can use politics, nature, or even "unbelieving" systems to provide a buffer for His people. The "earth swallowing the river" shows that the devil's best weapons can be neutralized by God's simplest tools.
- **"Enraged... went off to wage war":** This signifies **The Guerilla War**. Since the Dragon can't destroy the "Woman" as a whole (the Church will never be defeated), he goes after the "offspring"—individual believers.

- **"Those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony":** This is the **definition of a Christian**. It's not just someone who goes to a building; it's someone whose life is defined by *obedience* and a *refusal to stop talking about Jesus*.

The Core Lesson:

If the devil can't "drown" the Church, he will try to "scare" the individual. The "flood" failed, so now he is looking for one-on-one combat. This teaches us that **persecution is actually a sign of the devil's frustration**. He only "wages war" against those who are actually a threat to him. If he's ignoring you, you might not be doing much for the Kingdom. If he's fighting you, it's because you belong to the "Woman" and the "Child."

The Illustration: The Dam and the Garden

Imagine a gardener who has a beautiful, rare flower (the Church). A neighbor who hates the gardener tries to destroy the flower by opening a massive water main to flood the garden. He thinks the force of the water will wash the flower away.

But the gardener has already built a hidden drainage system in the soil (the earth). As fast as the water comes out, the ground simply soaks it up, making the soil even richer for the future. The neighbor realizes the flood didn't work, so he puts on his boots, grabs a pair of shears, and decides to go into the garden himself to snip off the individual blossoms one by one. That is the Dragon "waging war" on the offspring.

The "Glory" Reflection:

- **The "Flood" Check:** Am I feeling "overwhelmed" by the culture or by lies right now? Do I trust that God can "swallow up" that flood and keep me on dry ground?
- **The "Offspring" Check:** Do I fit the description in verse 17? Am I "keeping the commands" and "holding the testimony"?
- **The "War" Check:** If I am in a spiritual battle, do I realize it's because I am a legitimate "target" of a defeated Dragon who knows his time is short?

The Dragon is standing on the shore of the sea, calling for reinforcements.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for revealing in this chapter the great spiritual battle that surrounds Your people. We are grateful that the victory belongs to Christ and that Satan has been overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

Strengthen us to stand firm in faith and to remain faithful in our testimony, even when the enemy opposes us. Help us remember that our hope is secure in You and that Your kingdom will prevail.

Guard our hearts, give us courage, and keep us steadfast until the day when Your final victory is fully revealed.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.