

Chapters 12-14: Struggle between Satan and God's People

- Ch12 – what has happened
 - Two signs – a woman (the people of God) and a red dragon (Satan)
 - Satan is evicted from heaven
- Ch13 – what is happening/can happen at any time
 - Dragon empowers the beast and false prophet to lead world astray and destroy the Church
 - Church is damaged by Unholy Trinity

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- Ch14 – what will happen in future
 - People of God will stand victoriously w/Jesus
 - Three angels proclaim:
 - The Gospel to the world – everyone will have opportunity to hear Gospel
 - Judgment on Babylon – don't know what Babylon is yet, but do know it is some entity that opposes God
 - Judgment for each individual based on whether:
 - Sealed by God - harvested like wheat and 'stored' w/Jesus OR
 - Marked by beast - harvested like grapes and stomped by God

What John sees

- **Throne room**
 - Reminder of God's sovereignty- events in Revelation are under God's control
 - God is establishing His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven
- **Victorious people of God worshipping around the sea**
 - Reminder of God's ability to keep His promise – those He sealed, He saved
 - Reminder that God triumphs over forces of chaos and wickedness
- **Temple/tabernacle of the covenant law**
 - Reminder of God's deliverance of Israel from Pharaoh and Egyptian slavery
- **Golden bowls**
 - Reminder that God hears prayers of His people

What do you remember?

- Remember God's character
 - He is sovereign – He is in control; He will use these current circumstances to make you more like Jesus and to transform our community
 - He is merciful – He doesn't treat us based on what we deserve but based on His kindness and love
- Remember your testimony
 - You overcome Satan by the blood of Jesus and the word of your testimony
- Remember your future
 - Skip ahead to Rev 21-22; God wins and so do all of His people