

“Christmas Revisited”

Discipleship For Today, Part 16

Revelation 12
June 13, 2010

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... a child = the Messiah

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. (12:5)

... a cosmic war – that affects the earth

There was a war in heaven and the dragon ... lost... He was hurled to earth (12:5)

The weapons of the dragon ...

... are accusation

... the accuser of our brothers. (12:10)

... are deception

... the devil ... leads the whole world astray (12:9)

... are death

... held in slavery by their fear of death” (Heb. 2:15)

God’s people overcome ...

... by the blood of the Lamb

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb (12:11)

... by our commitment to the truth

... and by the word of their testimony (12:11)

... by our courageous witness

... they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death (12:11)

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