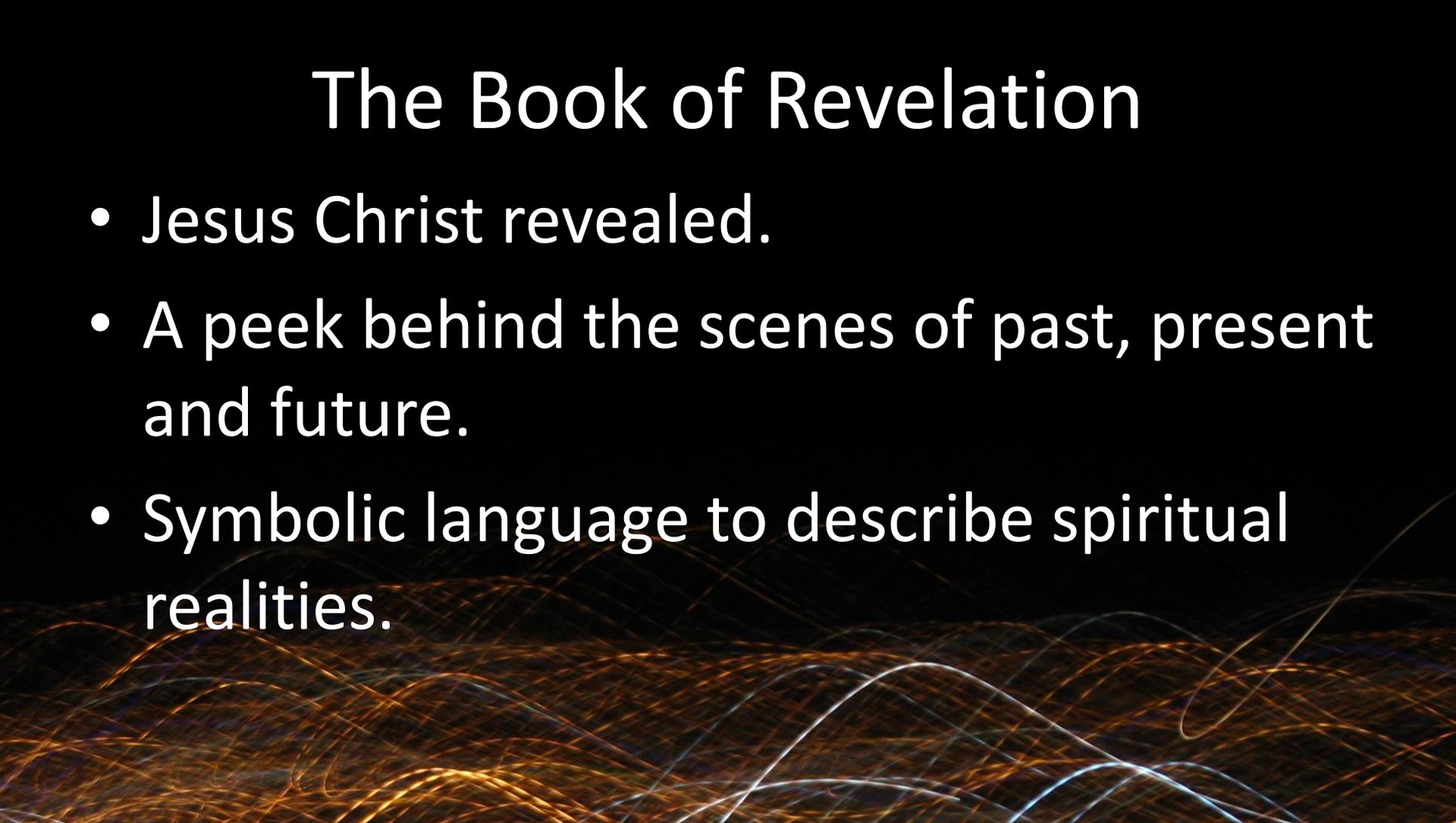


The Christmas You Didn't See
Revelation 12:1-12 . December 15, 2019



The Book of Revelation

- Jesus Christ revealed.
 - A peek behind the scenes of past, present and future.
 - Symbolic language to describe spiritual realities.
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Revelation 12:1–2

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. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.



Revelation 12:3

Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.



Revelation 12:4

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.



Revelation 12:5–6

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. 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 Pregnant Woman:

- **Eve, womankind**
- **Israel, God's people**
- **Mary**

The Red Dragon:

- **Evil**
- **Satan**
- **Herod**



Revelation 12:7–8

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.



Revelation 12:9

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.



Revelation 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.



Revelation 12:11

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.



Revelation 12:12

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.”



**We can have peace
because the battle is won!**



2 Kings 6:15

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.



2 Kings 6:16–17

“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”
And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.”



2 Kings 6:16–17

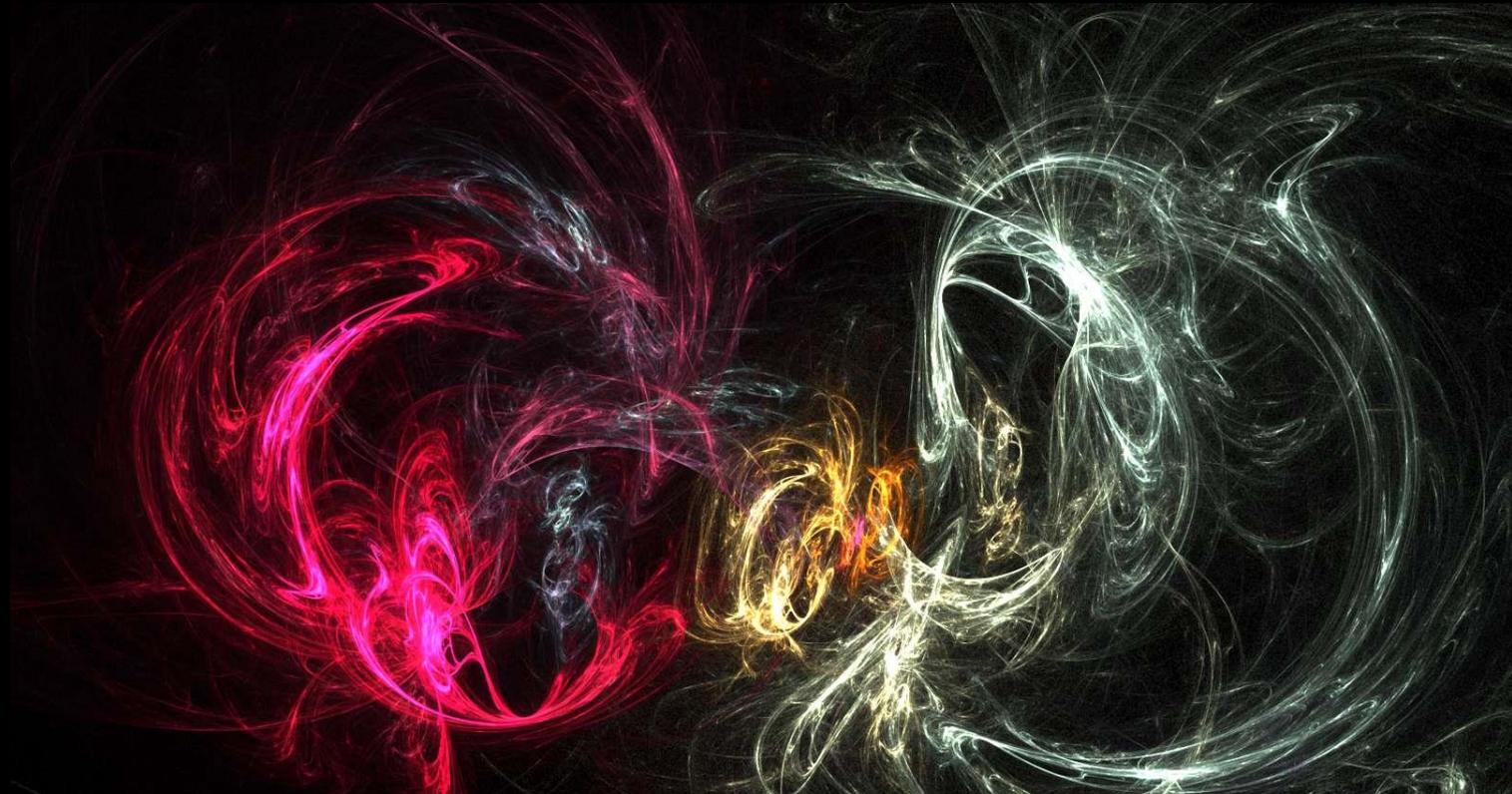
Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.



Revelation 12:10–11

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Christmas reveals God's peace.

There is a battle and Christ has won the victory!