



Revelation 12 & 13  
Encountering the  
Lamb's Enemies  
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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Cosmic Conflict
  - the “ruler of the power of the air” (Eph 2:2).
  - “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31).

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “[O]ur struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12).

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- “When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them...” (Rev 11:7).

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- The Woman Clothed with the Sun

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### Enemies of the Lamb



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### Enemies of the Lamb

- Isaiah 66:7-9 "Before she was in labour she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son. Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be delivered in one moment? Yet as soon as Zion was in labour she delivered her children. Shall I open the womb and not deliver? says the LORD; shall I, the one who delivers, shut the womb? says your God."

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- Galatians 4:26 "But the other woman [Sarah] corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother."

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- Revelation 12:5 "But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne..."

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- War in Heaven

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “[T]he accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.” (Rev12:10–11)

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Colossians 2:15 “[God] disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in [the cross].”

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “Now the ruler of this world will be driven out” (John 12:31).

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Satan

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- השטן (*ha-satan*) “the adversary”—e.g. Ps 109:6

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Job 1:6-12; 2:1-9

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Zech 3

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- 1 Peter 5:8 "Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour."

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- Jude 9 “But when the archangel Michael contended with the devil and disputed about the body of Moses, he did not dare to bring a condemnation of slander against him, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’”

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- 1 Tim 3:6 “He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.”

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- Dan 10:21 “... There is no one with me who contends against these princes except Michael, your prince.”
- Dan 12:1 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise...”

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- “Now is the judgement of the world; now shall the prince of this world be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself” (Jn 13:31,32).

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “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 comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death” (Rev 12:10-11).

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- Rom 8:31-34: “If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.”

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The deceiver of the world.

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” (v.12b)

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The Dragon and the Woman’s Seed

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The wings of the great eagle:
  - “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself” (Exodus 19:4).

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Numbers 16:33—Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The Garden of Eden

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “seed”—σπέρμα, *sperma*

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your [seed] and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel” (Gen 3:15).

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- A corporate figure.

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The Beast from the Sea

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Daniel 7:2-8

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- A False Christ

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Rev 13:3 "One of its heads seemed to have received a death blow, but its mortal wound had been healed."  
– Also 13:12, 14

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Nero

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Rev 17:11 "As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction."

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Mark 13:22 “False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.”

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- John calls the second of the two beasts the “false prophet”—16:13; 19:20; 20:10

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Antichrist: 1 John 2:18,22; 4:3; 2 John 7

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Mark 13:14—“a desolating sacrilege”  
– Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- 2 Thess 2.3-8 the “man of lawlessness”

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- “In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. They worshipped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?’” (Rev 13:3-4).

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendour, doing wonders?” (Exodus 15:11)

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- “Let anyone who has an ear listen: If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints” (Rev 13:9–10).

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### Enemies of the Lamb

- The Beast from the Land

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Rev 13:11 "...it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon."

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The Imperial Cult
  - "It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast whose wound had been healed" (Rev 13:12).

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Trade Guilds

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The Mark of the Beast

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- χάραγμα, *charagma*

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Deuteronomy 6:6–8: “Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- A parody of the seal of God.

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- The Number of his Name

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Gematria

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- "I love the girl whose name is ΦME" (545).

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- Sibylline Oracles 1:324: ΙΗΞΟΥΣ:  
–  $10 + 8 + 200 + 70 + 400 + 200 = 888$ .

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**Enemies of the Lamb**

- "A New calculation: Nero killed his own mother" (Suet, Nero 39).

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## Enemies of the Lamb

- Nerōn Kaisar
  - Νερωσ Καϊσαρ
  - נרון קסר
  - $666 = 200 + 60 + 100$  and  $50 + 6 + 200 + 50$

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