

Enemies of the Lamb

Cosmic Conflict

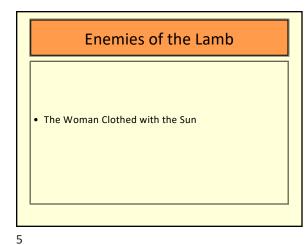
the "ruler of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2). "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31).

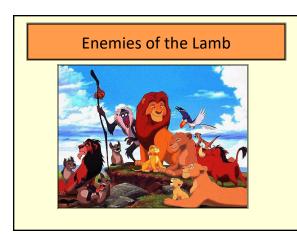
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 "[O]ur struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph 6:12).

• "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).





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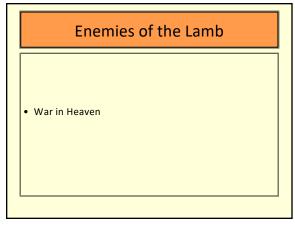
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• Galatians 4:26 "But the other woman [Sarah] corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother."

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



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 "[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)

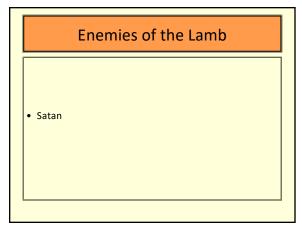
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• Colossians 2:15 "[God] disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in [the cross]."

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

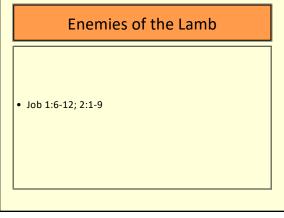
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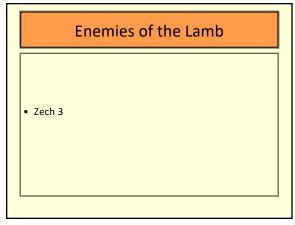


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• השטן *(ha-satan)* "the adversary"—e.g. Ps 109:6





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

 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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• 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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 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..."

 "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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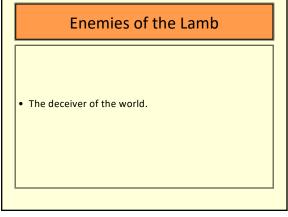
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 "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before 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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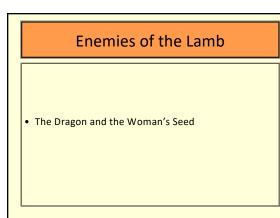
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Rom 8:31-34: "If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is 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."



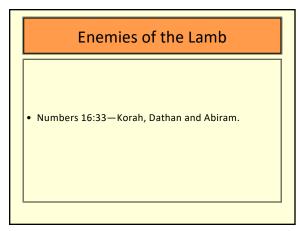
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 "But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (v.12b)

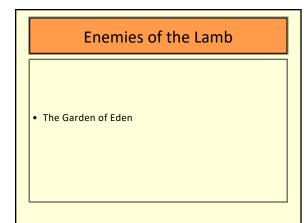


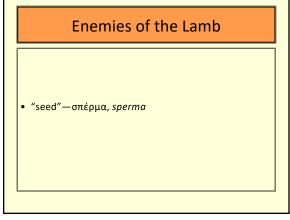
- The wings of the great eagle:
- "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself" (Exodus 19:4).

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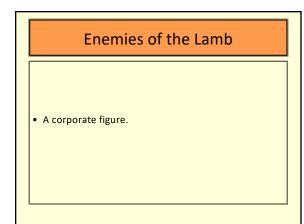
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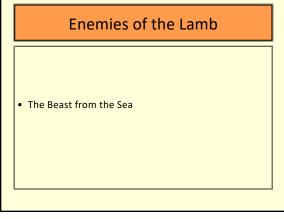


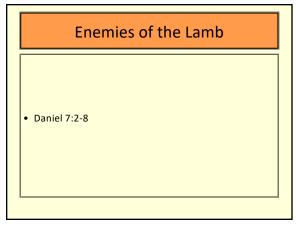


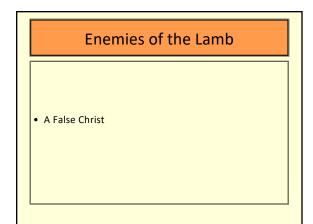
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• "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your [seed] and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel" (Gen 3:15).



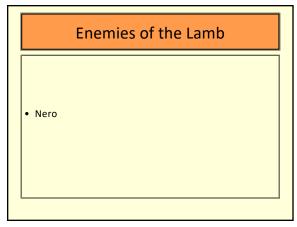






 Rev 13:3 "One of its heads seemed to have received a death blow, but its mortal wound had been healed."
Also 13:12, 14

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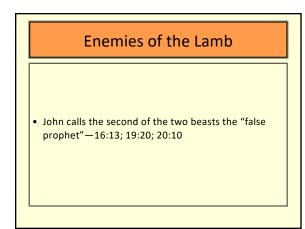
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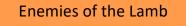
 Rev 17:11 "As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction."

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

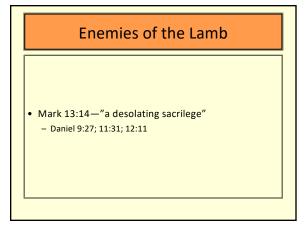
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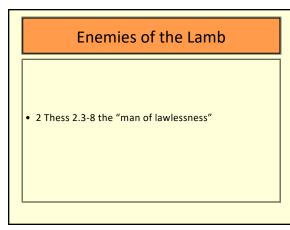


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• Antichrist: 1 John 2:18,22; 4:3; 2 John 7





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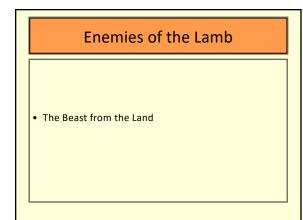
• "In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. They worshipped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?'" (Rev 13:3–4).

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

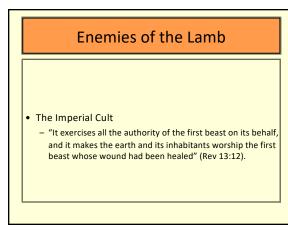
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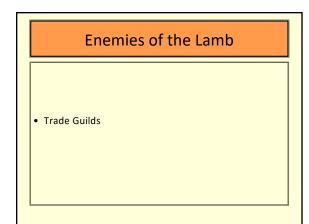
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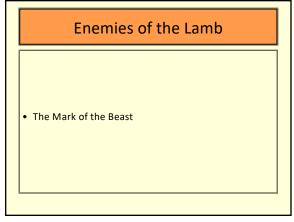
 "Let anyone who has an ear listen: If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints" (Rev 13:9–10).

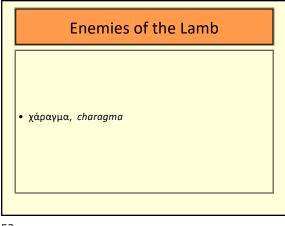


• Rev 13:11 "...it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon."





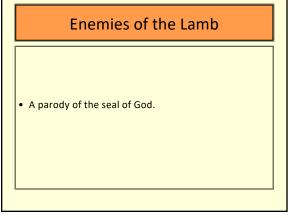


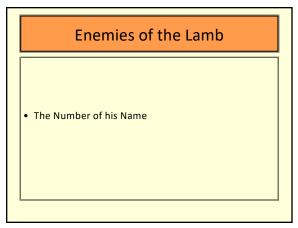


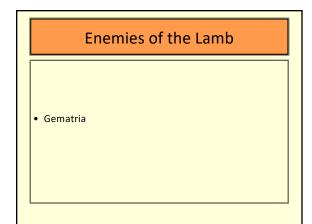
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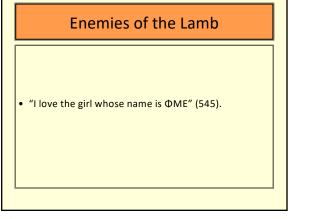
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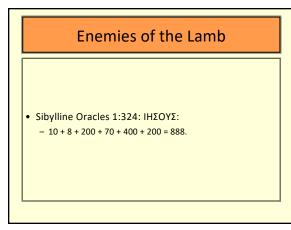
 Deuteronomy 6:6–8: "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them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











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

