

Heavenly Visions to Encourage Our Faith

Seeing a situation or experience from another perspective typically expands our understanding. It provides us with a perspective we cannot achieve when we only consider the situation from our own perspective. When John was exiled on Patmos, he found comfort in God's cosmic perspective. In Revelation chapters 7-14, John shares his heavenly visions of life as a spiritual battle between God and evil—a battle God has already won. Christians today can continue to find comfort in the eternal truths found in John's cosmic visions. They reveal the diversity and abundance of heavenly worship, they affirm our forgiveness of sin, and they assure us that no matter what spiritual challenges we face in this life, God has already won the eternal victory. Join us as we discuss the meaning of the images and symbols in John's heavenly visions and find confidence and encouragement for our faith today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Have you ever received spiritual encouragement from an unexpected source? If so, when and how?
- When you hear the phrase “spiritual battle,” what comes to mind?



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REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Reflect on host Scott Hoezee's statement from segment 1: “The good things of this world are not going to be scrapped; so all the ethnicities with all their distinctive and wonderful characteristics are all going to be part of God's new people.” Do you find this comforting, why or why not? What does it mean to you that the various markers of culture, like language, food, clothing, and customs will be redeemed and still present “around the throne worshipping God”? What cultural experiences would you be glad to still see in heaven?
- Do you think it is comforting or encouraging to see a heavenly perspective of Christ's birth and God's battle with evil in [Revelation 12:1-9](#)? If so, why?
- What is your testimony? What is your contribution to the song sung by those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb ([Revelation 14:3](#))?
- In segment 3, host Darrell Delaney explains, “Good trouble is what happens when you stand up for righteousness; good trouble is what happens when you stand up for truth; when you do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.” Can you think of other examples of “good trouble”? How do you practice “doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God” in your daily life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Genesis 3:14-15](#), [Luke 2:1-21](#), [Luke 10:17-20](#), [Ephesians 6:10-17](#), [John 16:33](#), [Philippians 1:21](#), [Micah 6:8](#), [Matthew 5:1-11](#)

CONCLUSION

What spiritual battles have you encountered in the past or are you currently experiencing in your life? Reflect on these battles in light of the three visions we studied in this episode: the Great Multitude in [Revelation 7](#), the Woman and the Dragon in [Revelation 12](#), and the Lamb and the 144,000 in [Revelation 14](#). Why do you think these visions in particular are encouraging to John, who is exiled to Patmos because of his faith? How do you think they continue to encourage us today?

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