



VISION OF VICTORY
A STUDY OF REVELATION
#17: LIVING HIS VICTORY (PART 2)—9:13-21
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He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”...

Revelation 21:4-5a (NLT)

I. STRATEGIES TO PREPARE ME FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. Recognize that an unseen spiritual world does exist

So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

Mark 1:39 (NLT)

2. Accept that I am engaged in this spiritual war

The devil [is] a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44 (GWT)

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News.

2 Corinthians 4:4(NLT)

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (NLT)

3. Realize that the enemies I fight are powerful

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:11-12 (NIV)

4. Know that Jesus has already defeated the enemy

We are people of flesh and blood. That is why Jesus became one of us. He died to destroy the devil, who had power over death.

Hebrews 2:14 (CEV)

5. Understand that your victory comes from God's power

But we thank God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NCV)

II. EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 5TH AND 6TH TRUMPET—REVELATION 9:1-21

- 1. A fallen star with a key to the abyss (v.1)**
- 2. An army of demonic beings come from the abyss (v.2-12)**

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

2 Timothy 3:1-4 (NLT)

- 3. Four demons lead an overwhelming army (v.13-17)**
- 4. This army of demons kill a third of all the people (v.18)**
- 5. They also injure people with power in their mouths and tails (v.19)**
- 6. Yet, people who are left - still refuse to repent of their evil ways (v.20-21)**

III. WAYS TO DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL

- 1. Develop the power of Spiritual Disciplines**

The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to destroy strongholds. We destroy false arguments; we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (TEV)

- 2. Repent of the sin in my life**

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Acts 3:19 (NIV)

- 3. Avoid any involvement in the occult**

Do not defile yourselves by turning to mediums or to those who consult the spirits of the dead. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:31 (NLT)