

# 54. A Great War in Heaven

*The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) The story of the woman and the dragon continues. The angels of heaven fought his “angels,” and the dragon and his “angels” were thrown onto the earth. There, he wanted to attack the woman again,
- b) But she was given the wings of an eagle so she could fly to her place in the wilderness. Note that “time and times and half a time” is the same as the one-thousand, two-hundred and sixty days.
- c) Picture the dragon spewing water out of its mouth to drown the woman. It’s a dramatic picture. There is a flood of water coming at her along the ground. It seems that it is sure to drown the woman. But the earth was good and opened up, and it swallowed up the water. The earth made that great rush of water useless.
- d) Talk to children about what kind of water would come out of a dragon’s mouth. It would be horrible dirty water, not fit to drink. They might know that water stands for truth. But the dragon’s water is just the opposite. You might call it “lies.”
- e) What was the earth? We are told that it stands for good people all over the world who help the Lord’s New Church. Good people love the truth and protect it.



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## The Lord Protects the Woman from the Dragon

There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought back. But they did not win, and they were not found anymore in heaven.

The great dragon was thrown out onto the earth, and his angels were thrown out with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, “Now comes power and strength to save.”

But when the dragon saw that he was thrown to the earth, he chased after the woman who had given birth to the Baby Boy. And the woman was given two wings of a great eagle so that she could fly into the wilderness. There she was protected for a time and times and half a time from the dragon.

And the dragon spat out of his mouth water like a flood after the woman. He wanted her to be carried away in the flood. But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon spat out of his mouth.

And the dragon was angry with the woman and went to make war with people who keep the commandments of God and have the truth of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12

