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### "Satan, a Defeated Enemy" February 23, 2019

**Texts:** Revelation 12; Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 14:12-15; Daniel 7:23-25; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; Revelation 13:13-14; Revelation 19:20  
Over the last few weeks, thousands of people streamed out of the village of Baghuz, the last speck of land under Islamic State control. The group once ruled a dominion the size of Britain. That state is all but gone. Militants are now trapped in an area about the size of Central Park. As the noose has tightened, most of those who have made it to this spot in the desert in recent days are the families of the militants, Kurdish officials said.

Out of food, the families are boiling weeds that grow in highway medians. Increasing peril that the Islamic State's own families are subjected to is evident in the number of people who show up every day with critical injuries.

Security forces dug a grave for a young woman at the edge of the rocky processing ground. There was only one person there from her family, a cousin. He helped lower her body into the grave, uncovering

her face just long enough to turn it toward Mecca. The men digging her grave lifted their palms skyward in a five-second prayer. Next to the freshly dug mound were three more small knolls, one of them just three feet long, the resting places of others who did not survive the caliphate. [1]

As in any war, the saddest aspect is the collateral damage done to those who are the least culpable. This week's lesson explores the war fomented by Satan and his minions. The accuser deceived a third of heaven's citizens into believing that he had a better way for them to live. Blinded by this deception, they actually thought they could wrest control of heaven from its Creator. When God banished them from heaven, Satan and his foolish followers infested this earth.

As we experience the death throes of Satan and his army during these last days of this world's current state of affairs, he unleashes his wrath on our unsuspecting populace. Though he's been a defeated enemy since the cross, Satan still lashes out at God. The only way he can hurt Jesus is to hurt God's loved ones-us. God gave us the message in the book of Revelation to pull back the curtain on Satan's strategy so that we can avoid the deception that doomed so many of heaven's residents millennia ago.

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[1] <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/06/world/middleeast/isis-baghuz.html>

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