Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are beginning a new series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today’s topic: THE WAR BEHIND ALL WARS.

1. War in Heaven
   a) Revelation 12:7 (first phrase) How was it even possible for war to break out in a perfect environment?
   b) Who led out in this rebellion? Revelation 12:7
   c) What can we learn about this dragon from the following verses in the Book of Revelation? 12:17, 13:4, 16:13-14, 20:1-2
   d) How is this dragon further identified in Revelation 12:9?
   e) When was the fallen angel Satan, also called that “old serpent” and “the dragon”, cast out of heaven?
   f) What does the Bible reveal about the origin of this rebellious angel? Ezekiel 28:12-15, Isaiah 14:12-14
   g) Why didn’t God destroy this rebellious angel as soon as iniquity was found in his heart?

d) When did you first realize the importance of your personal choices in the battle between good and evil?

3. Conflict on planet earth
   a) When does the focal point of the cosmic conflict between good and evil shift to planet earth? Revelation 12:9-10,12, Genesis 3:1-6
   b) The result of sin is death. (Romans 3:23) What stories in the Bible and even in our world today remind you that sin leads to death?
   c) How does Satan, a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44), seek to increase the devastating results of sin?

4. Hope on the battlefield
   a) Matthew 1:20-23, John 1:29 – Hope comes down
   b) Where do you see the promise of a Savior revealed after our first parents sinned against their Creator? Genesis 3:15, 21, 22:1-8,9-14
   c) What other passages of Scripture remind us that our loving Savior wants to clothe our nakedness and save us? Isaiah 61:10, Zechariah 3:3-4, etc.
   d) When did you first find hope in your Savior?