

Biblical Prophecy
Bible Study
Are we in the End
Times?

Lesson 12: Spiritual Battle
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The I wills of Satan

I will Ascend to heaven

- Raise my throne above the stars of God
- Sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north
- Ascend above the heights of the clouds
- Make myself like the Most High

Satan wants to replace God

Is Satan active on earth?

2 Thessalonians 2: 7

“For the **mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”

Ephesians 2: 1-2

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.**”

The seems to refer to Satan as the prince of the power of the air. This language is reflected in Daniel. The “sons of disobedience” may be human follower of Stan.

Revelation 1: 13 Letter to Pergamum

“I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”

Satan has a throne on earth. Is this where his power is centered on earth?

1 Peter 5: 8-9

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. **Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking to devour.** But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.”

What does he seek to devour?

Ephesians 6: 10-13

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but **against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places**. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything to stand firm.

Against the rulers, the world forces of darkness, spiritual forces of wickedness

Conclusions

- Satan is active on earth
- He has had thrones on earth
- Forces of darkness and lawlessness are in motion



What are demons?

Revelation 12: 7-9

“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. **The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.** And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

Fallen angels are associated with Satan.

Revelation 12: 3-4

“Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a **third of the the stars of heaven** and threw them to the earth.”

This could suggest that 1/3 of the angels fell (or will fall) with Satan.

Demons

- Greek word is daimon (god, godlike, power, fate)
- Origins
 - Spirits of deceased evil men
 - Spirits of pre-Adamic race
 - Spirits of Nephilim
 - Fallen angels

Demons and UFOs (UAP)

- Satan is the "prince of the power of the air"
- Travel between stars is physically impossible according to the current understanding of physics
- UFOs have become mainstream
 - Pentagon has acknowledged the existence (report 2021)
 - New York Time article June 2020

Unidentified ariel phenomena

1 Timothy 4: 1

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, **paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

Demons appear to be associated with apostasy, they seek to corrupt and mislead mankind

Daniel 10: 10-14

“Then he said to me, ‘Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.’”

Certain demons appear to be given dominion of kingdoms and geographical areas.

Daniel 10: 10-14

“Then he said, ‘Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.’”

Daniel 10

- Major nations have “princes”
- They fight with angels
- Demons are probably fallen angels

Demons and Possession

Matthew 12: 22-29

“Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, ‘This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?’ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, ‘This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.’”

Demons and possession

- Possessed mankind in the time of the New Testament
 - Matthew 12: 22-29 – Jesus heals and demon-possessed man
 - Pharisees accuse him of being a demon
 - Matthew 15: 22-28 – Daughter of a Canaanite woman is possessed
 - Matthew 25 :41 – eternal fire has been prepared for the devil and his angels
 - Mark 5: 1-16 – Legion
- Do demons still possess mankind?
 - Some propose possession ended at the cross
 - Possession explains how Satan can influence the world

Ephesians 6: 14-17

“Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

The Strange Case of the Nephilim

Genesis 6: 1-4

“Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”

Nephilim has no agreed upon translation. The earliest translations from Hebrew use the word “giant.” Sometime “fallen” is used because of its similarity to the Hebrew word naphal, to fall. Sons of God (bene Elohim) is used in the Bible to describe angels. Many of the early translations (Septuagint and Latin Vulgate translated Nephilim as “giants.”

Numbers 13: 30-33

“Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, ‘We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it.’ But the men who had gone up with him said, ‘We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us.’ So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, ‘The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.’”

Daniel 2: 42-43

“As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.”

Who are the Nephilim?

Three major explanations

1. Fallen angels
2. Fallen angels who possessed men
3. Sethites (descendants of Seth)

Conclusion

- Satan and the forces of evil are active in the world
- Demons are most likely fallen angels
- Demons possessed men and women in the past
 - May continue to do so
- The future may be much stranger than we currently imagine

History through the lens of spiritual warfare

- The Fall
- The Flood
- Tower of Babel
- Enslavement in Egypt
- Babylonian exile
- Crucifixion

History through the lens of spiritual warfare

- Persecution by the Catholic Church
- Islam
- Antisemitism
- Holocaust
- The One World Order
- The Kingdom of the Beast

Questions and Discussion

Were demons the false gods of ancient mythology?

Acts 17:10-11

“The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Don't trust anything I say. Please go and look it up for yourself. Challenge me when I am wrong. Discuss when you disagree.

References

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