

Spiritual Warfare

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Prophetic Significance of the Season

- **2018 A Time of War and Victories"** Johnny Enlow - Jan 6, 2018
- "We must learn first of all to love—then we must learn to love at the same micro and macro level that He does. He recognizes the souls of cities and nations as well as the souls of individuals, and He is now prioritizing them as never before." I would like to tell you that 2018 will be very different than 2017, and that everything will calm down...however, to do so would mislead you. Ecclesiastes 3:8 says that there is "...a time for war and a time for peace." Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, this is not the time for peace, but for war. However, there is great news in this forecast because the purpose of this time of war is to regain that which was lost, and to take "Promised Land" ground that was never entered into. The enemy is always at war with us—this is a time for it to cease to be one-sided. God is surely anointing us for war, meaning He has great victories designed for us. This time for war has both a collective and individual application, and in both scenarios the righteous must be bold as lions.

Why Train in Warfare

As God's adopted children through faith in Christ Jesus, we received a Commission in God's army to continue the works of Christ in bringing every enemy under Christ's authority. With this in mind, we are given several instructions concerning readiness for battle.

- We can assume that our enemy is well skilled in warring against mankind, and has about 6000 years of experience! Training is an essential activity for the warriors who hope to succeed in resisting the enemy and advance God's kingdom.

God wants You Trained in Warfare

- Exo13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:
- Exo15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD *is* his name.
- Jdg3:2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof

Definition

- **What is spiritual warfare?**
- Generally, spiritual warfare is the conflict between good and evil.
- It is the ongoing battle between two totally opposed kingdoms; God's kingdom (good) and Satan's kingdom (evil).
- Though it is inherently a spiritual conflict, spiritual warfare also manifests in the natural realm of flesh and blood.
- Humans are caught in the midst of this conflict and may participate in the struggle on either side.

Other Definition

- It is the offensive battle of believers against the plans, purposes and actions of the devil and his agents in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ (KHOP Manual).
- A perpetual act of combat designed by God for His children to be trained in the act of Governance. It is thought inside of us, through us and it is continued (Intercessor for Nigeria).
- Christianity in its entirety is warfare; Ephesians 6:12. Believers are in a spiritual conflict against the unseen forces of the devil.

Importance of Spiritual Warfare

- 1) To enforce God's Lordship over all creation (*Psa24:1*), especially, in our sphere(s) of influence. That His kingdom come and His Will be done;
- 2) To executive judgements written by God against His enemies and man (*Gen 3:14-15; Psa 149:7-9; Luk 10:17-20*);
- 3) To set the captives of the Devil free by destroying all manner of his yokes. *Isa 61:1-3*;
- 4) To recover all that the enemy has stolen *Gen 14:16; Mat 11:1-5,12*;
- 5) To destroy satanic covering (*Isa 25:7*) over people, nation(s), churches, etc. The church grows and is strengthened *Acts 4:23-31; 12:24*;
- 6) To enforce the reconciliation of all things unto God (*Col 1:12-22; 2Cor5:17-20*)
- 7) Satan is bound and crushed under our feet by the mighty power of God *Romans 16:20*.

Origin of Spiritual Warfare – A TALE OF 4 BEGINNINGS

1. **GOD** - *In the **beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God - John 1:1*
2. **THE ANGELS** - *“...(Your father the devil)... he was a murderer from the **beginning** - John 8:44*
3. **THE UNIVERSE** - *In the **beginning** God created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1*
4. **MAN** - *“Have you not read that He made them male and female at the **beginning**? Matthew 19:4*

IN THE BEGINNING GOD...

- There was never a time when God did not exist. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit pre-existed any form of creation (*Job 36:26; Psa 90:2; 102:24b-25; Pro 8:12,22-31*).
- Time was created and will come to an end.
- Time is a creation of God to help man evaluate purpose (*Psa 90:12*)

IN THE BEGINNING: THE ANGELS...

- **The angels are created beings.** It would seem from a study of the scripture that God created three archangels with other angels serving under them:
 1. Michael
 2. Gabriel
 3. Lucifer
- Wade E. Taylor enforces this thought, in his articles: “Worship for Spiritual Warfare,” he says that God does things in 3s.
- However, the NAS commentary says that there is only one Archangel Jude 9; 1Thes 4:16; Ezk 28:14

IN THE BEGINNING: THE ANGELS...

- Michael appears to be in charge of warfare (Minister of Defence)
- He appears in biblical references to warfare like
 1. Daniel 10:13,
 2. Daniel 10:21 – one of the chief princes;
 3. Daniel 12:1 – the prince that stands for Israel, or the people of God,
 4. Jude 1:9 – fought with the devil over Moses' body and referred to as the archangel,
 5. Revelation 12:7 Michael and his angels fought with the dragon)

IN THE BEGINNING: THE ANGELS...

- Gabriel appears to be in charge of special communication
- Minister of Information and Communication
 1. Daniel 8:16 – asked to explain a vision to Daniel
 2. Daniel 9:21 – made a second appearance to Daniel to bring him a message from God
 3. Luke 1:19 – appeared to Zechariah father of John the Baptist and introduced himself as one who stands in the presence of God
 4. Luke 1: 26 – sent by God to Mary to announce the incarnation

IN THE BEGINNING: THE ANGELS...

- Lucifer seems to have been in charge of Worship, he is a created being and not anywhere equal to God though he wanted to carry out a coup, which failed miserably: Ezekiel 28:12-19; Revelation 12: 7-9; Isaiah 14:12-15
- In both these passages the prophets were prophesying to men who seem to have had Satan buttressing their earthly thrones. As they prophesied, they saw beyond the earthly thrones into the realm of the spirit
- It would also seem from the Old Testament quotations above that there was some creation on earth at time when Satan fell.
- **SPIRITUAL WARFARE BEGUN IN HEAVEN**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE BEGAN IN HEAVEN

- It Begun before the creation of man
- It only continued on the earth as a result of the fall of man
- We were all born into it and must realize its existence

Theme Scripture: Ezek 28:11-17

- Vvs 1-10 is addressing the fall of the Prince/Leader of Tyre;
- Vvs 11-19
 - The address is to a superhuman being apparently describing someone other than the human king of tyre, namely satan;

Theme Cont'd:

- Vvs 12-15: Satan's Unique Privileges before the fall
 - 1) Seal of perfection;
 - 2) Full of wisdom;
 - 3) Perfect in beauty;
 - 4) You were in Eden, the garden of God;
 - 5) Every precious stone was your covering:
 - 1) ruby;
 - 2) topaz;
 - 3) diamond;
 - 4) beryl;
 - 5) onyx;
 - 6) jasper;
 - 7) lapis lazuli;
 - 8) turquoise;
 - 9) emerald;
 - 10) gold;
 - 6) Created & Prepared with workmanship of your settings & sockets;
 - 7) Anointed cherub;
 - 8) Covered the Throne;
 - 9) Placed on the holy mountain of God;
 - 10) Walked in the midst of the stones of fire;
 - 11) Created blameless in your ways;

Theme Cont'd:

- Satan's Judgement Vvs 16-19
 - Cast as profane;
 - Destroyed;
 - Cast to the ground – grounded;
 - Exposed to be gazed at;
 - Consumed by internal fire;
 - Turned into ashes on the earth in the eyes of onlookers;
 - An astonishment and appalling thing;
 - Never return to being

The 7 Mountain Prophecy No.2: Government

1	Enemy on the Mountain	Gargishites: Representing Corruption
2	Principality on the Mountain	Lucifer: Representing Pride & Manipulation
3	Significant Displacing Authority	Apostles
4	Basic Mission	Fill government positions with humble, servant, upright leaders
5	Revelation 5:12 Key	Power

- Exo 7:8-12
- Acts 13:1-10

Spiritual Warfare Begun in Heaven: Cont'd:

- **Satan Thrown Down to Earth**
- Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.
- There was war in Heaven. Satan: the dragon; the great dragon; the old serpent; the devil; the deceiver of the whole world; the accuser of the brethren day& night. He had his angels.
- Prevailed not; Dispossessed& Displaced. This Casting out gave immediate results: Salvation; Strength; the kingdom of our God; the power of His Christ
- They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.
- Rejoice you heaven and they that dwell in them. **Why? Devil cast out**
- Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea. **Why? Devil has great wrath& short time**

- **What Caused The Fall of Lucifer?**
- Iniquity Ezk 28:15-16; Perversion: Twisted, crooked, bent
- Wide spread trade filled with violence Ezk 28:15-16;
- Pride – The five “Is” Isa 14:13-14
- Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
- No matter how far the enemy exalts himself, his destiny is sure, he will come down. Ob 3-4; Jer 49:16;
- Lucifer Weaken the Nations v12b

In The Beginning: The Universe

- GENESIS 1: 1,2 & ISAIAH 45:18; Psa 102:25; Heb 1:3
- God is perfect and so are all his works – even the devil was created perfect (Deut 32:4, Matt 5:48 – be perfect as He is perfect)
- God is light and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5)
- What made the earth become without form (same word used in Isaiah 45:18 Heb **tohu**)
- Where did the darkness come from??

The Universe Cont'd:

- God's original creation of the universe was perfect as are all His works.
- There were created beings on the earth before the fall of Satan.
- When Satan rebelled, he was probably already operating on the earth but his failed coup attempt and his fall on the earth devastated the earth and resulted in the destruction of the life that was there on the earth, the earth became void and formless.
- This is most likely the period when the dinosaurs roamed the earth
Therefore between Genesis 1 verse 1 and 2 is a period that could be millions of years – **from the time that the Lord created the earth and the time it became formless as a result of the fall of Satan.**
The 6 day period recorded in Genesis 1:13-31, the preparation of the earth for habitation of man who was to be created.

Genesis 1:2-3

- Darkness has its origin in Satan; it came as a result of the fall
- God did not bring darkness on the earth
- Darkness is used so many times in the scriptures to illustrate sinfulness, Satan's kingdom and the absence of man's relationship with God
- Darkness cannot sustain life and God solves the problem of darkness with light. Darkness belongs to the devil; he cannot produce light
- God did not remove the darkness completely at this stage, in the Genesis account but allowed the two to coexist so that there will be a perfect illustration of good and evil. If he had removed the darkness at this point, then the devil and his angels as well would have been removed and there would be not spiritual warfare to talk about.
- The bible promises a time when darkness will be totally removed as the devil is judged (Isaiah 60:19,20 , Zechariah 14:5-7)

ISAIAH 59: The attributes of Darkness

- Murder
- Lies
- Mischief
- Iniquity
- Violence
- Wicked Thoughts
- No peace
- Stumbling
- Transgressions
- Lying against the Lord
- Departing from God
- Oppression
- Revolt
- Groaning

Attributes of Darkness: Ephesians 5:1-8,

- Fornication
- Uncleaness
- Covetousness
- Filthiness
- Foolishness
- Jestng
- **THE WORKS OF THE FLESH Gal 5**

IN THE BEGINNING, MAN...

- Man was created in the image of God to represent God in the physical/Earth realm
- He was created to have dominion (rulership on the earth)
- God transferred, delegated His authority to man on the earth
- Genesis 1:26 ... let them have dominion...

Creation of Man

- The earth was never created for spirits but for man.
- And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth Genesis 1:26.
- The heavens are the Lord's; but the earth he has given to the children of men. Psalm 115:16
- Altars invite spiritual operation in the physical world. There is no way spirit can come to the physical directly except through an agency/medium. Spirit beings were not given authority on the earth, they can only operate through human agency via the altar or a door opened up for them in our lives, families, clan, tribe, affiliations, etc.
- This is therefore to encourage us to raise up and fight the operation of wickedness through their altars

Creation of Man Cont'd:

Man is born into spiritual warfare. Man was created with authority until the fall.

- God creates man in His own image (Gen 1:26-27) to;
 - Worship Him Ecclesiastics 12:13 by free will.
 - To work the Garden Gen 2:15.
- Because Lucifer was in the Garden of Eden in the form of a serpent. Apparently he had already rebelled against God, becoming satan. His goal was to deceive Eve and Adam Gen 3; John 8:44-45
- **We need the second Adam**

The Fall of Man

- The fall of man introduced spiritual warfare into the human race. And the devil said to him, "I will give you all this domain and their glory, because it has been handed over to me, and I can give it to whomever I want. (Luk 4:6 LEB)
- It was God's purpose to resolve this conflict with man's participation.
- Therefore man must always have the opportunity to choose between the Kingdom of Darkness and the Kingdom of Light.

How was Creation Affected by The Fall of Man Rom 8:19-23?

- It was subjected to frustration vs20;
- Bondage to corruption vs21;
- Groaning in pain vs22.

Power & Authority Satan Gained After The Fall Of Man?

- The whole world is under the control of the evil one 1Jn 5:19;
- He had hold on the power of death Heb 2:14-15;
- Ruler of the kingdom of the air Eph 2:2;
- Prince of this world Joh 12:31; 14:30
- Kingdoms of this world – their power & glory Luk 4:5-6
- **With such an array of powers, it is easy to see how many people might fall under Satan's influence.**
- Thank Jesus Christ who came to undo the works of the devil and bring salvation to all those who would believe on his name. **He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. (1 Joh KJV)**

Mission of Jesus Christ, the 2nd Adam, restoring dominion to Man - How was Jesus like a second Adam?

- 1 Corinthians 15:21-22: Death came through Adam to all people; the resurrection of the dead (i.e. life) comes through Jesus
- 1 Corinthians 15:27: He had dominion over all things; just as Adam originally had dominion over the earth and its creatures (Genesis 1:28)
- 1 Corinthians 15:45-47: The first Adam became a living being; Jesus, the “last Adam,” became a “life-giving spirit”
- Romans 5:12-19: Sin and death entered the world through Adam; God’s grace and gift of justification came through Jesus; Just as many were made sinners through the disobedience of one man, Adam, many will be made righteous through the obedience of one man, Jesus

Objectives of the 2nd Adam

- 1 Corinthians 15:22-28. As a “second Adam”, what are Christ’s objectives from now until the end times? **He is to restore order and rule of God’s kingdom both on earth and in the heaven; he will subdue all God’s enemies and then turn over the kingdom to the Father.**
- Luke 4:18-21. What were 5 of Jesus’ initial mission objectives as he began his earthly ministry?
 - 1. Preach the good news to the poor
 - 2. Proclaim freedom for the prisoners
 - 3. Proclaim recovery of sight for the blind
 - 4. Release the oppressed
 - 5. Proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor
- One of the first things people noticed about Jesus in the beginning of his ministry was that he preached the word of God with authority (
- Luke 4:31-32). Next, he demonstrated that authority in many different ways.

Jesus Demonstration of Authority

- Luke 4:33-37,41, Luke 8:26-33: Cast evil spirits out of people
- Luke 4:38-39: Rebuked a high fever and it left
- Luke 4:40: Laid hands on people and healed them of various kinds of sickness
- Luke 5:4-8: Performed miracles that demonstrated authority over all creation; in this case, a large catch of fish
- Luke 5:20-26: Forgave sins and healed a paralytic
- Luke 7:12-15: Raised a widow's dead son
- Luke 8:22-25: Calmed the storm; demonstrated authority over the wind and waves (i.e. the elements)

Spiritual Warfare Today

- Satan is certainly opposed to God's Kingdom
- *Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy warfare; in adornments of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, thine is the dew of thy youth (Psalm 110:1-3 JPS).*
- Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauty of holiness; as the dew which falls from the womb of the morning, thus shall those who are thine be born unto thee. (Psa 110:1-3 JUB)

Some Ways Of Attack:

- a) Matt 13:24-30; 36-43; Gal 2:4 - "Sows" evil servants among God's people to do evil and cause sin
- b) Luke 8:12 - steals the word from our hearts;
- c) Luke 22:31-32 - weakens our faith;
- d) John 10:10 - steal, kill and destroy;
- e) Ephesians 6:12 – wrestles believers - v16 sends fiery darts of wickedness;
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Satan's Ways & Areas of Attack

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Areas of Spiritual Warfare

- 1) Family (Homes) Personal
- 2) Community/Territorial/Land
- 3) Institutions
- 4) Trade
- 5) True Church
- 6) Deliverance for the Afflicted.

Battle Readiness

- Though God has declared victory over Satan and his forces, the process of bringing them under Christ's feet is still underway (1 Corinthians 15:25). As members of God's family and army, we have an important role in that process.
- **Some instructions concerning Battle Readiness:**
 - a) Matthew 10:16: Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves;
 - b) Ephesians 6:10,11,13: Be strong in the Lord, put on the full armor of God, stand firm against the devil's schemes, resist evil;
 - c) James 4:7: Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee;
 - d) 1 Peter 5:8: Be of sober spirit & be on alert, because the enemy prowls around like a lion seeking who he may devour