

“Have no other gods before me” Ex. 20:3

Ps 16:4 “*Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god...*”

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Last week we learned that God’s blessing is a byproduct of our obedience. (Ex. 19:5; Dt. 11:26-28)

Disobedience would result in the removal of the peace and protection of God’s blessing,

Exposing ourselves to the “curse” of the “other gods”. (Dt. 11:27,28)

These “other gods” were fallen angels (demons). Deut. 32:1,17 says: “*They provoked him to jealousy with strange* (zur: profane, adultery {see James 4:4}) *gods. ...they sacrificed to devils*”

(shed: demons: From shûd: to swell up, waste)

See Ex. 32; 1 Kngs 12:28; 2 Chr. 11:15; Ps 106:36,37; 1 Cor 10:20

Understanding Fallen Angels.

1. Angels/Demons are highly organized.

A. God describes some as Princes or Principalities.

Prince (Daniel 10:13) sar: chief captain; Principalities Jer. 13:18b (mera’ ashôt) dominions

NT: Principalities (Ro. 8:38; Eph. 6:12) Archē: chief magistrate, power

- 1) These are Generals or Governing Authorities over specific “municipalities” or regions. {Daniel 10:13; Eph. 6:12}

B. Satan is the “Commander in Chief” of his demon army.

1) The Jew falsely accused Jesus: Mt 9:34 “*He casts out devils through the prince of the devils.*”

2) Jesus described him as: “*the prince of this world*” Jn 14:30; Jn 12:31; 16:11

3) Paul described him in 2 Cor 4:4 as “*the god* (theos: magistrate) *of this world*” and in Eph. 2:2

As “*the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*”

2. Where did Satan come from? *Satan has ruled as the Chief Prince through human leaders in the past, (Ezek. 28) and will in the future. (Rev. 13:2)*

In Ez 28 God describes the judgment on the proud, human “prince of Tyrus” (1-10)

and the spiritual “King (melek: ultimate ruler) of Tyrus” (11-19)

Notice how God describes this “King”.

A. He was created as an “anointed cherub” Ez 28:13-15

“*Thou hast been in Eden...; every precious stone was thy covering, ... the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, ‘til iniquity (‘evel) was found in thee.*”

B. He became proud and rebelled against God. Isaiah 14:12-15

“*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ... which didst weaken the nations! 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... I will ascend ... I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell*”

3. Where did he get his power/authority?

A. From the Angels who joined him. Rev. 12

1) He’s the master deceiver/manipulator. Rev. 12:9 “*which deceives the whole world*”

planao: cause to roam (from safety, truth, virtue)

a) Deception inevitably produces Division.

2) He led the original rebellion against God, ensnaring 1/3 of all the angels. (Rev 12:3-4)
"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; ... a great red dragon, having seven heads and 10 horns, and 7 crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth:..."
 Rev. 12:7-9 *"there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, (diabolos: slanderer) and Satan, (Satanas: adversary) which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels (angelos) were cast out with him."*

Devils (Daimons: demons) mentioned in Rev 9:20; 16:14; 18:2)

B. From the people who join him.

- 1) God gave man "dominion" Gen 1:26 *"Let us make man in our image, let them have dominion..."*
 Gen. 3:1 *"the serpent was more subtil... and he said... yea hath God said... 4 Ye shall... be as gods"*
- 2) Remember Jesus' temptation Luke 4:5-6 *"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world ... All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered (Paradid'ōmi: surrendered) unto me..."*
 - a) Who surrendered it? We did (and do)! Ro 6:16 *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves ..., his servants ye are... whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"*
 - b) How do we surrender it? Ro. 5:12, 1 Sam 15:23 *"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft"*

Conclusion:

Rev 12:12,17 *"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth...! the devil is come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows he hath but a short time... 17 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*

Application:

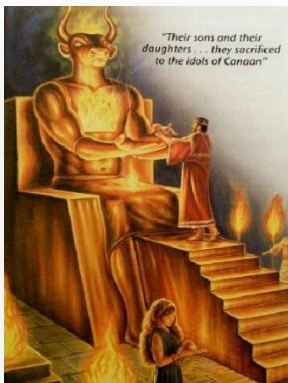
Since he's "coming after us", we need to prepare for the battle. Eph. 6:11-13

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (tricks) of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, (archē: chief captains) against powers, (exousi'a: authorities) against the rulers of the darkness of this world, (kosmokratōr: world leaders) against spiritual wickedness (pomeria: depravity) in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day"

We're going to go through a type of spiritual "boot camp", through which we'll learn to:

- 1) Recognize the enemy 2 Cor 2:11 *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."*
- 2) Re-enlist in God's Army. James 4:7 *"Submit yourselves therefore to God."*
- 3) Resist James 4:7b *"Resist (anthis'tēmi: stand against) the devil"*
 Ps 106:37 *"they sacrificed their sons and daughters unto devils"*



*Who (or what)
 are we sacrificing
 our children to?*

