1Thess 22

The world forces of darkness

The recent study of the depth, power and deception of Satan and his army has been our focus.

We will open today in the OT- 1Kings chapter sixteen.

Get your notebooks ready and make sure you clear the kids from the room. I teach to adults, so please be aware of that.

We began in 1Thessalonians chapter two and we looked at the attack and demonic forces trying to stop the Apostle Paul and his team from going forward.

This forced us to look at the abilities and deceptive nature of the enemy all Christians face.

We have been listing and digging into the depth of Satan’s military plan.

Our next category in Satan's demonic army is the World Forces of Darkness, the domain of darkness related the cosmic system.

These are Satan's demon ambassadors who control many powerful rulers in the world in order to carry out Satan's objectives.

/World forces of Satan is a reference to the influence over world rulers Satan and his military leaders have. In order to execute the policies and mandates of Satan world-wide, there has to be influence and in some cases demon possession over authority. Those who rise in rank within the arenas of political, economic, military and business are the main targets.\

There are always low-level players and those who are among the less important. But more often than not, even those low-level players have contact or influence in the upper echelon.

Satan’s goal is to gather momentum for a one world dominance.

A great example may be a family or friend of someone heading into powerful positions who has the ability to be heard and influence the rising leader.

 REPEAT

/Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And **he said to the woman**, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

Satan avoided the leadership of the husband and used the wife to approach his manipulation.\

The foolish and arrogant Christians believe they can never be manipulated by Satan.

Within the perfection of the garden the woman – who was a BEL, became influenced by Satan.

This led to influence of the husband.

Never become so arrogant as to believe you can not be led astray.

Satan will always want control over the highest earthly authority.

Or to manipulate the pathway and people who are headed toward world influence.

1Kin 16:29 Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria for twenty-two years.

Omri was a political and economic leader but he failed as to being a good spiritual leader. He was much more in tune to the details of life. So, his son Ahab may have been neglected in relation to BD in his day-to-day life.

The parents and especially the father, is a key component in the life of children. How those parents act or live and what they practice will effect those children.

When Ahab took over the throne of Israel it was already heading in the wrong direction.

[1Ki 16:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/16/30/s_307030) Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him.

/[1Ki 16:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/16/31/s_307031) And as though it had been a trivial thing for him to **walk in the sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, **he married Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal king of **the Sidonians**, and went and **served Baal**, and worshiped him.\

Ahab was brought up having BD pushed downward on his priority scale and then focused on leadership skills related to politics and wealth.

Other men and leaders impressed him like Jeroboam.

Jeroboam decided to build foreign idols, to mix and match the worship of the true God of Israel with foreign gods & idols.

/The Sidonians were widely known as BAAL worshippers. Ethbaal means, *With Baal*. Jezebel’s name may have come from a cult term used in the worship of Baal meaning- *‘Where is Baal?*’ Translated (Hebrew) was also a version of BAAL – ZEBEL. *Zebel* in Hebrew means dung, the famous demon god BAALZEBUB.\

Ahab knew exactly what he was getting into – in fact he was led by his pants not by his spiritual discernment!!

The Phallic Cult was the primary worship system with the Sidonians. Jezebel was considered a high priestess with great power and expertise in dark arts.

Part of her dark arts revolved around *pharmakia* – the practice of mixing and making intoxicants to add into the sexual worship of BAAL.

[1Ki 16:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/16/32/s_307032) So he erected an altar for Baal at the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

Jezebel quickly seduced Ahab and then buckled up the pants in the kingdom and took control.

[1Ki 16:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ki/16/33/s_307033) Ahab also made the Asherah. So Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Asherah was a feminine idol for fertility and sexual worship.

It is believed to be a representative of female goddesses under the Nephilim bloodline or female demonic spirits under the BAAL system.

The reign of Jezebel brought a cancer into the land that had sexual orgies, demonic forces, witchcraft and false prophets destroying the families and crushing the worship of the one true GOD.

A strong nation can be easily corrupted inside of ten years when the government officials have no respect for GOD. Even worse than that, when they worship a false god.

There appears to be a special group of demons assigned to discrediting and attacking rulers and Believers.

/These demonic forces attack any nation operating under the laws of divine establishment. They attack any assembly (family, government, church, business) operating under the truth of BD. If they can not manipulate or influence then they have to find avenues to undermine and attack. The best way to have success in military attacks is to infiltrate, surprise or disorient before the attack.\

Most combat experts use all three tactics to weaken and prepare the enemy for attack.

/These 3 strategies have sub categories that when they are perfected are almost always successful;

*Infiltrate* – spy and gather intel. It may be a long-term mission which calls to befriend the enemy. Use verbal and physical means to weaken or confusion from within. Gain trust to dig deeper.

*Surprise* – always means that the enemy must believe something opposite as to what you have planned for them. Surprise works best when the enemy is relaxed, weak or worn out.\

This is related to physical and mental combat approaches that take planning and time to implement.

One of the smartest angles you can take before combat is to study your enemy.

/*Disorient* – this may mean to make the enemy feel strong or confident for a period of time. It means to take truth and weave in lies so that their confidence or strength begins to erode. Keep them off balance and from within cause dissention and distrust. Feed the weak areas and slowly crush their strengths.\

These demonic forces attack any positive Bel and every grace gift from God. They not only attack spiritual warriors like the Apostle Paul, but they also attack anyone in the vicinity of a positive, growing Believer.

Many of these fallen angels are behind the major world powers today, in the past and also during the Tribulation to come, when they will again be visible and will again mingle with humans as they did in Genesis chapter six.

The destruction of the 4 divine institutions is what will topple a Client Nation unto God.

/4 Divine Institutions are the foundation of a Client Nation unto God. In order for that nation to collapse these 4 divine pillars need to crumble.

Freedom (free will) Christian Marriage

Christian Family Nationalism \

If you also have leadership who disrespect God’s laws of governing which some call - Laws of Divine Establishment (government), you accelerate the process of destruction.

We will look at those in closing today.

Just the basic concepts of man and woman- Christian marriage or the Christian family are extremely important to uphold.

/Deu 22:5 “A woman shall not wear a man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

 (1Cor 11)

Satan is the god of confusion, because it is a weapon of destabilization. Singular truth brings unity which is strength.\

The latest assault which is upon God’s creation of man and woman the question of gender and Christian marriage is in full swing in recent years.

The transgender lie is the latest attack against the foundational principles of Christianity. It is nothing new…there is nothing new under the sun.

As King Solomon once wrote…

Ecc 1:9 What has been, it is what will be,
And what has been done, it is what will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun.

/Ultimately, transgenderism is part and parcel of Satan’s agenda to corrupt and confuse Christians. It is a direct assault against two of the 4 divine institutions (Christian marriage & family). It is an assault on the veracity of GOD, that HE got it wrong, mankind will fix God’s mistake. That we can create or enhance what God has created.\

Lucifer himself is often labelled by pagans, occultists, Kabbalists and others as a *“transgender*” entity.

 Which is to say, having part male and part female characteristics.

Transgenderism – is also known as androgyny – this is symbolic of the *“merging of opposites”* that constitutes one of Satan’s main line of attacks against God; Independence from God, we can be little gods ourselves.

/Dionysus, Loki, Saturn and Mercury are considered gods or goddesses of androgyny in many ancient cultures. These are nothing more than fallen angels, demonic spirts or Nephilim promoted as gods and worshipped for thousands of years. Satan has always had success in the region of tickling lust patterns; sex, greed, power…SELF, being the most potent one.\

SELF- means we make little gods out of our own life and our own desires. Emotions rule the day!

Self, also points to moral degeneration as much as it does immoral degeneration.

Remember religion fits under the category of SELF. Nothing makes us feel better than having some religious works program, ritual or self-righteous attitude about what we are doing for GOD!

Jump over to the book of Daniel chapter ten RF.

The demonic influence creeps into a nation from many avenues and Satan and his army are experts at the long game. Subtly is Satan’s specialty – remember the 3 attack modes, INFILTRATE, SURPRISE and DISORIENT.

We have an example of such past influence in Daniel chapter 10 in Cyrus the king of Persia, this region is currently made up of modern-day Iraq, Iran and Greece. The kingdom became corrupt.

Keep in mind that it is not the king himself but the spiritual beings behind his empire who were in demonic rule.

 REPEAT

These same fallen angels were able to intrude upon the messenger headed for Daniel and prevented his coming to Daniel for 21 days.

Some believe the messenger angel was Gabriel coming to speak to Daniel who was in prayer for 3 weeks.

This demonic group is hard at work now in our own current day systems and will be numerous during the Tribulation.

Our governments, military leadership, economic and business authorities are littered with demonic activity today.

Levels of demon possession and influence are rooted across the globe.

Dan 10:10 Then behold, a hand touched me and shook me on my hands and knees.

[Dan 10:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/10/11/s_860011) And he said to me, “Daniel, you who are treasured, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand at your place, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

This is the presence of a messenger angel.

It may well have been Gaberial.

/[Dan 10:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/10/12/s_860012) Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that **you set your heart on understanding** (*bîn*) *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, **your words were heard**, and I have come in *response to* your words.

Daniel was a student of BD. He was a positive Bel who habitually took in the word and prayed with humility.\

The Hebrew verb- *bin* (BEAN) means a deep understanding. It means a diligent study and perception.

/[Dan 10:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/10/13/s_860013) “But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in my way** 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.

Demonic forces had taken over the kingdom. Michael is a protector of Israel and was in spiritual warfare.\

Michael the archangel is very unique and may well be a one of kind warrior angel.

*Chief princes* - hints to plural, as in more like the angel Michael.

He is definitely a military leader of a battalion or many battalions of Elect Angels.

Notice Daniel’s prayers are answered.

[Dan 10:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/10/14/s_860014) “Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, because the vision *pertains* to the days still *future.*”

The government of the kingdom was demonic, some were possessed and many were influenced by satanic ideologies.

A successful government can only survive and thrive under divine principles of law and order.

These principles are what we call sub categories under NATIONALISM.

/Divine Laws of government establishment;

1. Common law. Common law with objective type legislation to protect freedom and property of the individual, no room for laws of subjectivity.
2. Strength of interior protection including strong borders, a powerful military and local law enforcement, steeped in integrity.\
3. Economy based on free enterprise. The government must not interfere with free enterprise.
4. Government officials sworn to freedom of a society and personal liberty for all law-abiding citizens. Government must work for the people or be removed.\