

WARFARE OF THE KINGDOMS

KINGDOM OF GOD

CHRIST'S WARFARE WITH SATAN

A. CHRIST CAME TO DESTROY SATAN'S KINGDOM.

1. **Luke 4:18-21** "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

B. CHRIST OVERCAME TEMPTATION

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A. SATAN'S INTENT ON DESTROYING GOD'S KINGDOM

1. **Matthew 4:1-11** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.
2. **Matthew 16:22-23** Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

B. SATAN TEMPTED CHRIST

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2. HEBREWS 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin

C. CHRIST DROVE OUT DEMONS

1. **Mark 1:25-26** "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.
2. **Mark 1:32-34** That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.
3. **Mark 1:39** So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.
4. **Mark 5:12-15** The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

1. Matthew 4:1-11
2. **Luke 4:1-11** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

C. DEMONS CHALLENGED CHRIST.

1. **Mark 1:24** "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"
2. Mark 1:34
3. **Mark 3:11** Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."
4. **Mark 5:7** He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

5. **Mark 3:12** But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was.
6. **Mark 7:24-30** Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." ²⁸"Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
7. **Luke 11:20-22** But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

D. ALL POWER BELONGS TO CHRIST UNTIL HE GIVES IT BACK TO THE FATHER

1. **Matthew 28:18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
2. **1 John 4:4** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

D. SATAN HAS ONLY TEMPORARY & LIMITED POWER

1. **Job 1:6-12** One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." ⁹"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰"Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

2. **Job 2:1-6** On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." ⁴"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

3. **Luke 22:53** Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour--when darkness reigns."

4. **Rev. 20:7-9** When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

E. DELIVERANCE FROM SIN & DISEASE PROVIDED THROUGH THE CROSS

1. **1 Peter 2:24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

E. SATAN CANNOT WITHSTAND THE POWER OF THE CROSS.

1. **2 Cor. 4:10** We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

2. **Rev. 12:10-11** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

F. FINAL VICTORY BELONGS TO CHRIST

F. SATAN WILL BE FINALLY DEFEATED AND DESTROYED.

1. **2 Thessalonians. 2:7-8** For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.
2. **2 Peter 3:10-13** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
3. Rev 17:14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is the Lord of lords and King of Kings - and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.
4. Rev 19:11-21 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine lines, white and clean. . .

BELIEVERS WARFARE WITH SATAN

A. BELIEVERS HATE SIN AND SEEK TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

1. **Matthew 12:29-30** "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house. 30 "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters
2. **Mark 3:27** In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house.
3. **Luke 11:21-23** "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils. ²³"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

1. **Matthew 25:41** "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
2. **Matthew 25:46** "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."
3. **John 16:11** and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.
4. **Rev. 20:10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
5. **Rev. 20:14-15** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

SATAN'S WARFARE WITH BELIEVERS

A. SATAN HATES AND PURSUES BELIEVERS

1. **John 15:19** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.
2. **John 17:14** I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.
3. **Rev. 12:13** When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.
4. **Rev. 12:17** Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring--those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

B. THE WEAPONS OF BELIEVERS ARE SPIRITUAL & NOT WORLDLY.

1. **Matthew 26:52** "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword."
2. **2 Cor. 10:4-5** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
3. **Ephesians. 6:10-17** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Thereafter put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

C. BELIEVERS ARE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS.

B. SATAN USES THE WORLD, THE SINFUL NATURE AND DEMONS TO DESTROY BELIEVERS.

1. **2 Cor. 11:3** But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
2. **2 Cor. 11:14-15** And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.
3. **Galatians 5:17-21** For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension's, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
4. **1 Peter 2:11** Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.
5. **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
6. **Rev. 12:13** When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.
7. **Rev. 12:17** Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring--those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.
8. **Rev. 13:15-18** He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

C. DEMONS TRY TO DESTROY BELIEVERS SPIRITUALLY.

1. **Mark 3:14-15** He appointed twelve--designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach And to have authority to drive out demons.
2. **Mark 6:7** Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.
3. **Mark 16:17** *And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;.*
4. **Luke 9:1-2** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
5. **Luke 10:17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."
6. **Acts 8:7** With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.
7. **Acts 16:18** She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.
8. **Acts 5:16** Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.
9. **Acts 19:12** so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

D. BELIEVERS MUST OVERCOME THE WORLD

1. **Galatians 6:14** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ , Through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
2. ! **John 2:13-14** write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.
3. 1 **John 4:4** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.
4. 1 **John 5:4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.
5. **Rev. 2:7** He who has an ear. Let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

1. **Mark 9:17-18** A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.
2. **Acts 8:7** With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.;
3. **Acts 16:16-17** Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.
4. **1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

D. SATAN SEEKS TO OVERCOME BELIEVERS

1. **Jeremiah 1:19** They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.
2. **Luke 10:19** *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*
3. **Romans 12:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
4. **1 Tim. 5:12** Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge.
5. **2 Peter 2:20** If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

6. Rev. 2:17 He who has an ear, Let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.
7. Rev. 2:11 He who has an ear. Let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.
8. Rev. 2:26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.
9. Rev. 3:5 He who overcomes will, like the, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angles.
10. Rev. 3:12 Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.
11. **Rev. 3:21** To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.
12. **Rev. 12:11** They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
13. **Rev. 21:7** He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

E. BY THE WORK OF THE CROSS BELIEVERS ARE DEAD TO THE WORLD

1. **Galatians 6:14** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
2. **Hebrews 11:25-26** He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

E. SATAN ENTICES BELIEVERS TO SINFUL PLEASURES OF THE WORLD

1. **Philip. 3:19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.
2. **2 Tim. 3:4** treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--
3. **1 John 2:16-17** For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.