

## START HERE #15: GENESIS 3:1 THE SPIRITUAL REALM

Conference held at the United Nations a few years ago. To welcome delegates from nations, they stretched a banner across the front of the UN. It said "Welcome" in different languages. tiny mistake. In one of the languages, they got one letter wrong so instead of saying, "Welcome" in that language, it said "Circumcision." Not sure a lot of people felt comfortable going. **REALITY SPIRITUAL WAR – CUT HURT**

**BIBLE TEACHES:** 2 overlapping realms– Spiritual / Physical / W/I WAR BETWEEN

What you see in the physical realm is a reflection of what's happening in the spiritual realm.

**TERMS MANIFESTATION:** Light vs darkness, good vs evil, truth vs lie

- **GARDEN IS A PICTURE (microcosm) – EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN GENESIS**
  - o **Cain – noah's world – Babel – Abram – Sodom – Joseph**

**MP:** The Christian life is not a playground it's a battleground. AT WAR WADING DAISIES

### **THE SIDE OF DARKNESS**

**PREDATOR IN THE GARDEN – THE SERPENT (OF OLD)**

- **THE SATAN:** Lucifer (light bringer) – anointed cherub – **Isaiah 14 Ezekiel 28**

Adversary, Angel of Light, Devil, Dragon, enemy, wicked one, Father of lies, god of this world, murderer, prince of the power of the air, roaring lion, ruler of this world, serpent tempter thief, accuser of the brethren, Satan, slanderer

**Revelation 12:4** His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

- **FALLEN ANGELS:** Demons - Spirit beings w/o physical bodies - **Localized but not omnipresent Intelligent but not omniscient - Powerful but not omnipotent - Ordered, networked and strategically assigned**

Tempts Deceives Accuses Leverages Powerful Allies Blinds Builds Argues Distracts Divides Discourag

**GATEWAYS TO THEIR ACTIVITIES:** narcotics, psychedelics, occult, religious pride, un rep. sin

**Ephesians 6:12** *Wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places*

### **THE SIDE OF LIGHT**

**ANGELS: God's messengers (on mission)**

- **Seraphim:** burning/fiery ones – connec throne/holy – **6 wings -face feet fly**

**Isaiah 6:2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

- **Cherubim:** stand between presence God/humans - outside of the garden of Eden -- Engraved tabernacle – ark of the covenant – veil– declare God's glory
- **Angels:** God reaches out thru these messengers, perform missions on His behalf
  - o **Michael:** archangel - **Gabriel:** patron angel of Israel – **innumerable**

**DIVINE COUNSEL** Elohim: Gen for spiritual beings - Yahweh (Elohim of Elohim)/no

Elohim besides Yahweh – divine counsel – earthly rulers – **SHARES HIS AUTHORITY**

**THE ANGEL OF THE LORD:** the angel of Yahweh - Preincarnate appearance of Jesus

- **Christ made visible** – Moses bush – pillar fire/cloud – Jacob - Hagar

**TRINITY:** Uncreated - Creator of all things – noncontingent being – self sufficient > than

### **DAILY BATTLE IN THE OVERLAP OF THESE REALMS**

1 Peter 4:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world,

1. **SOBER UP:** Be sober minded - 1 Peter 5 – absolutely unaware – lifestyle reflects ignorance – coffee/water/slap – SNAP OUT OF IT

- **THE DEVIL IS A RATIONAL BEING** – things look like make sense...

2. **SADDLE UP:** You are part of GOD'S ARMY

If you try to fly solo as a Christian you're going to crash.

- RESIST THE RIGHT THING – to many Christians resist God give place devil

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always.

3. **SUIT UP:** Suit up in the full armor – righteousness, gospel of peace, faith and salvation – **THE MINDSET OF THE BELIEVER - ARMED**

4. **GET PRAYED UP:** We dwell in our heads – TAKE IT INTO THE HEART (prayer)

- Solving, setting, sorting – BRAIN – PRAYER GETS US OUT SHALLOWS SPIRIT

You can't get to the heart without the mind but you can get to the mind without the heart

o Depth: God's counsel, perspective, patience, purpose – **2 GARDEN**

James 4:7 "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

5. **GO LOW TO GO UP:** Humbleness before God is the doorway to grace (James 5)

6. **STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND HE WILL SHOW UP – battle belongs to LORD**

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ROB THE BRUCE Scotlan 1300's – England invaded defeated his army – Hiding in cave - totally devastated QUIT. Saw spider spinning a web – secure web/failed/finally Persistence saw metaphor Not bound past failures – keep fighting. Out of CAVEREST HISOTRY SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE 1328