

Satan and His Angels-pt3 John 8:44

See Ephesians 3:10; cf 1 Peter 1:12 (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:11)

I. Introduction

- A. Review John 8:44
- B. The religion of the Jews was the product of the doctrines of demons.
- C. We must look to Ephesians 6:11-17 to understand how to relate to this realm.

II. v. 11 "Clothe yourselves the full armor of God, toward to be able you (enable you) to stand before the methods of the devil."

- A. Paul's admonition to this church is to take action against the kingdom of darkness and the king of darkness.

Ephesians 2:1–2

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

- 1. The reality is that this world is dark, and the air is dark.
 - a) Therefore, take action.

1 Peter 1:13–16

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

- b) The war rages:
 - (1) Against holiness.
 - (2) Against Christ-likeness.
 - (3) Against righteousness.
 - (4) Against God and His Christ.

- 2. Since we live in the kingdom of darkness, although we are not of that kingdom (Colossians 1:13), we must war.

- a) 1 John 2:16-17

Satan and His Angels-pt3 John 8:44

b) The battle of the cosmos rages day and night and we are in the fight.

3. Therefore, although we are kept safe in the hands of God, yet we must resist the devil so that his schemes are not entered into by deception.

B. "Clothe yourselves (by/with) the full armor of God..."

1. This is the command.

2. Take up armor.

a) This armor is not of your own physical ability.

b) This armor is God's armor.

C. "...toward to be able you/enable you to stand before the methods of the devil."

1. This armor is the source of your enablement to stand in Christ once the dust settles in the schemes of the evil one.

2. When we look at the lives of the saints in the NT, we see them warring with these things on.

a) Colossians 4:1-18

(1) **Lost the war:** Demas - 2 Timothy 4:10; Philemon 24.

(2)

b) 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:3; 4:7

(1) Hebrews 13:23

(2) Timothy won the fight.

3. The devil has schemes.

a) He is the enemy of God.

b) He is working night and day.

c) The fight is beyond you.

D. The difference between those who fall and those who win is the armor of God.

III. V.12 "It is not to you a wrestling match towards blood and flesh, but toward the arch's, toward the authorities, toward the world-strengths of this darkness, toward the spirituals of the evil one in the heavenlies."

- A. The call to put on the armor of God means the war is on.
- B. However, this is not a war of blood and flesh = people.
- C. The enemies are multiple.
- D. Here are your enemies:
 1. The arch's = the highest rulers in the heavenlies (ie Michael-Jude 9).
 - a) Ephesians 1:21; 2:2; 3:10
 - b) Colossians 2:15.
 - c) cf. Matthew 9:34; 12:24
 2. The authorities = The next rank.
 3. The world-strength forces = the forces that are the power in the world.
 - a) This might include the very hosts who move nations and world powers.
 - b) Illustration = Daniel 8-10
 - (1) 8:20 = kings of Media and Persia.
 - (2) 8:21 = the kingdom of Greece.
 - (3) 8:22f. = the kingdom of Greece portioned out to 2 sons and 2 servants = 4 distinct kingdoms.
 - (4) 2:40-43 = Rome.
 - (5) 2:44-45 = the kingdom of heaven (see Matthew 4:17; 13:11).
 - (6) We see the movement of these great kingdoms in Daniel 10:10-21
 - (a) vv. 10-13 = Gabriel is dispatched to Daniel to prophetic revelation.
 - (i) v. 13 = He is held up for 21 days by the prince of the kingdom of Persia.
 - (ii) v. 13 = there were other "kings" of Persia that Gabriel was warring with.
 - (b) v. 20 = the indication that there are other "kings" who are behind the world nations coming to power (see 11:1-2).
 4. The spirituals of the evil one in the heavenlies
 - a) = the entire group of demons under the command of Satan as their leader.
 - (1) Revelation 12:4 = Satan throws the demons to the earth at the birth of Christ.
 - (a) The Christ is born, and protected by God from the forces of the evil one.

- (b) War ensues in the heavenlies in the future and they are all thrown to the earth out of heaven permanently.
- (2) Revelation 12:10-12 = the rage of Satan means woe to the world.

IV. What is the future of Satan and the demons?

- A. Temporary incarceration = the abyss.
 - 1. Luke 8:31
 - a) Revelation 9:1-11: In the future, the entire contents of the Abyss will be dumped upon the earth
 - b) Revelation 20:1-3; 7.
 - 2. 2 Peter 2:4
 - (1) **4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;
 - 3. Jude 6
 - (a) **6** And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.
- B. Permanent destruction
 - 1. Matthew 25:41 = "the eternal fire."
 - 2. Revelation 20:7-10.

V. Conclusion

- C. Revelation 21:1ff = all is done.
- D. The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ (Revelation 11:15) - Psalm 2!!!!