

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- The true enemies of the God's Church are not beings of flesh and blood, but are the various spheres of demonic entities...
 - Principalities = Princes / Rulers
 - Powers = Mighty Ones / Authorities / gods
 - Rulers of the darkness of this world= World Controllers who dwell in darkness (shadiness)

Principalities are angels/devils which have been given charge over the nations of the world:

Daniel 10:12-14

¹² Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers* to many days yet to come." 3

When did these angels/devils receive their authority over the nations of the world?

<u>Deuteronomy 32:8</u> (LXX - Septuagint)

8 When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the **angels of God**.

<u>Deuteronomy 32:8</u> (The Message Bible ©)

⁸ When the High God gave the nations their stake, gave them their place on Earth,

He put each of the peoples within boundaries

under the care of divine guardians.

Jewish tradition teaches that at the Tower of Babel, due to the people continually choosing to follow gods who are not the Almighty Creator, the one and only true God released the nations as reprobates into the hands of their chosen gods.

Romans 1:28

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient

 God / gods = (Heb. "Elohim") The Mighty (ones), Authority (Authorities) The Divine Council / Congregation of the Mighty / Assembly of the gods Psalm 82:1-8

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty;

He judges among the gods. 2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah 3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you *are* children of the Most High. 7 But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes." 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations. 6

The Divine Council in Action

<u>1 Kings 22:19-23</u>

19 Then *Micaiah* said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. 20 And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. 21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' 22 The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' 23 Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you." 7

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Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in <u>His</u> <u>own</u> image; in the image of God <u>He</u> created him; male and female <u>He</u> created them.

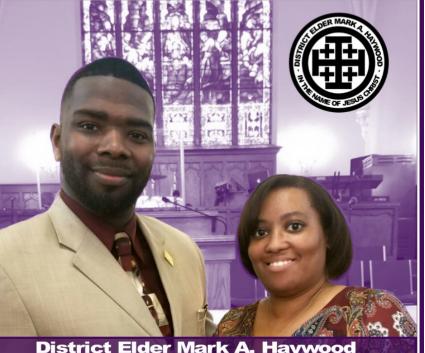
The Pre-Conclusion

Revelation 11:15

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying,"The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"







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