

Kingdoms of This World Named After Kingdoms of the Fallen Host

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Prior to committing sin, Adam had authority over many jurisdictions that are described using figurative language in Genesis 2:19-20 (see study: Every Beast of the Field). However following his sin, Adam lost the authority he was given in the spirit realm and became a flesh and blood human being, subject to death (Gen. 2:16-17; see study: Did God Create Adam From the Dust?). This transition and loss of authority is described in the next section of scripture,

For He (Almighty God) has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels (under the authority of ministering spirits; cf. Heb. 1:13-14). ⁶But one testified (King David) in a certain place, saying: 'What is man that You (Almighty God) are mindful of him, or the son of man (Christ) that You take care of him? ⁷You made him (mankind) for a little while lower than the angels; You crowned him (originally; prior to sin) with glory and honor. ⁸You have put all things in subjection under his feet.' For in that He (originally) put all in subjection under him, He left nothing (potentially) that is not put under him. But (however) now (because of sin) we do not yet see all things put under him (Heb. 2:5-8; Ed. notes in parentheses; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

Although Almighty God could see in advance that Adam would make the wrong decision and sin, it was not God's intention that Adam and his descendants remain in a state of sin forever. This state of sin is reflected in the flesh and blood composition of every human being. The Apostle Paul confirmed that Christ had to take on this sinful flesh and blood body when he became a human being for the purpose of "shedding his blood" to reconcile repentant sinners to Almighty God (Heb. 9:22),

For **He** (Almighty God) **made him** (Jesus Christ) who knew no sin (did not actually sin) **to be sin** (the flesh and blood body that Christ was composed of) for us (sacrificed on behalf of every repentant sinner), that we (sinners) might become (following repentance of sin) the righteousness of God (Almighty) in him (through Christ's sacrifice) (2Cor. 5:21; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

When Adam sinned he lost his authority in the spirit realm, and became a slave to his new master, Satan (Mt. 6:24; Lk. 16:13). Therefore, jurisdictions on this earth that could have remained under Adam's authority, became the temporary possession of Satan and the angels that followed him, with the exception of Jacob's descendants,

His (Satan's) tail (symbol of "lies"; cf. Isa. 9:15) drew a third of the stars (symbol of angels; cf. Rev. 1:20b) of heaven and threw them to the earth... (Rev. 12:4a; Ed. notes in parentheses).

When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons (descendants) of Adam, **he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God** (cf. DSS). ⁹And his people Jacob became the portion of the Lord (Christ), Israel (12 tribes or families) was the line of his inheritance (specifically through the tribe of Judah) (Dt. 32:8-9; LXX; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

In the Book of Daniel, the angels under Satan's influence are described as ruling over various kingdoms within the spirit realm, and these kingdoms have an influence on affairs that take place on this planet. In fact, some of the kingdoms on this physical earth are named after their counterparts in the realm of the fallen host. These facts will become apparent upon a closer examination of Daniel's writings. Many of the visions that Daniel was given by God pertained to future events,

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Beltshazzar. The message was true, but **the appointed time was long** (and of great conflict; cf. vs. 14); and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision (Dan. 10:1; Ed. note in parenthesis).

In Daniel's vision, he saw someone who looked like Jesus Christ,

I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! ⁶His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire (Jesus Christ; cf. Rev. 2:18; 19:12), his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude (Dan. 10:5-6; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Following this vision, the angel Gabriel spoke with Daniel (Dan. 8:16; 9:21),

Then, suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹And he said to me, 'O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.' While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling (Dan. 10:10-11).

For twenty-one days, the fallen host prevented Gabriel from contacting Daniel. The spirit-being primarily responsible for this action is described as the prince of the kingdom of Persia,

But the prince (SHD 8269; chief; captain, general, commander, head, master, elder, noble, merchant-prince, patron-angel, steward) of the kingdom of Persia withstood me (Gabriel) twenty-one days... (Dan. 10:13a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

In order for Gabriel to break through this blockade, another loyal angel had to come to his assistance,

...and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes (from the loyal angelic host), came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings (SHD 4428; leaders of armies; cf. Job 15:24; 18:14) of Persia (Dan. 10:13b; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

It appears that the prince of the kingdom of Persia gave a command to the kings of Persia to block Gabriel from delivering a message to Daniel. When Michael appeared, Gabriel had the assistance he needed to break free and get to Daniel. Neither the prince of the kingdom of Persia or the kings of Persia were physical human beings. Nonetheless, they carried the same names and royal titles as kingdoms in the physical realm. This denotes ownership, or control. In other words, the physical kingdom of Persia was influenced by the fallen host who were the real rulers of that physical kingdom. This explains how physical nations have certain distinct characteristics. In other words, they reflect the influence of the fallen host who are in authority over them.

This same principle can also apply to human families who are under the influence of a particular member, or members, of the fallen host (cf. Lk. 8:26-33).

Next, the “one having the likeness of the sons of men” touched Daniel’s lips enabling him to recover from shock and begin speaking again. By comparing this phrase with Daniel 8:15-16, it is apparent that this spirit-being is the one who later became known as Jesus Christ,

And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my (Daniel’s) lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, ‘My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength (Dan. 10:16; Ed. note in parenthesis).

“The Lord” who spoke to Daniel strengthened him, and began explaining what his next mission was,

He (the Lord) said then, ‘Do you know why I have come to you? It is to tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. I must go back to fight against the prince of Persia (a spirit-being; fallen angel): when I have done with him, the prince of Javan will come next. In all this there is no one to lend me support except Michael your prince, on whom I rely to give me support and reinforce me.
²¹And now I will tell you the truth about these things (Dan. 10:20-21; The Jerusalem Bible).

Therefore, if it serves Almighty God’s purpose, the spirit-being who later became known as Jesus Christ can intervene in world affairs to strengthen certain human rulers at a critical time in history. To achieve this involves battling against Satan and the fallen host,

Also, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I (the spirit-being who later became Jesus Christ), even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him (Dan. 11:1).

The same spirit-being that strengthened Darius the Mede went on to describe many more battles that would occur in the spirit realm. These would also have implications on world affairs (Dan. 11:2ff). These are explained by a number of Bible commentaries (see: The Companion Bible; notes on the Book of Daniel). Of great concern is the statement in Daniel 10:21 describing Michael the archangel as the only reliable servant of Jesus Christ. This is either due to Satan deceiving many of God’s loyal angels, or there were a series of battles in the spirit realm that neutralized many of God’s angels as happened to Gabriel. Perhaps it is because of Satan’s military successes that he believed Jesus Christ would be interested in having dominion over all the kingdoms of the fallen host,

The Devil took him (Christ) along again to a very lofty mountain (symbol of government authority, inclusive of armed forces) **and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them** (glory: SGD 1391 *doxa*, radiance, splendor, brightness, i.e. of the moon, sun and stars; of the angels as apparent in their exterior brightness; cf. 2Cor. 11:14-15).⁹ And he said to him, ‘All these I will give to you if you fall down, *and* revere me’¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Be gone, Satan! For it has been written, “You shall revere the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve” (Mt. 4:8-10; RNT; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Satan’s ability to manipulate human beings, if people allow him to, is seen a number of

times in scripture,

Now after the piece of bread (eaten during the last meal Christ had with his twelve disciples), Satan entered him (Judas Iscariot). Then Jesus said to him (Satan), 'what you (plan to) do, do quickly (Jn. 13:27; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Satan is compared in might with the King of Babylon, which explains why Babylon is referred to numerous times in the Book of Revelation,

For thus says the Lord God: 'Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, **king of kings**, with horses, with chariots, and with horsemen, and an army with many people (Eze. 26:7; emphasis added).

It is this kingdom of Babylon in the realm of the fallen host that has influenced all the subsequent kingdoms that have come from it. God Himself described it as the most powerful and influential in Daniel 2:37-45. This kingdom of Satan's devising has deceived all world governments and religions since its earliest beginnings (Gen. 10:10). Therefore, there is little difference between the kingdom of Babylon in the spirit realm, and human civilizations that have absorbed its customs throughout man's history. Thankfully, Almighty God prophesied the final demise of this apostate system of government and religion which will occur at Christ's return,

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea (often used as a symbol associated with the realm of the fallen host; see study – The Seas and Those Who Dwell in Them), saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore" (Rev. 18:21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Because all other kingdoms in the realm of the fallen host have copied significantly from the Babylonian system, it is described as "the great harlot" (Rev. 17:1) and each of the other kingdoms is referred to as a harlot. Therefore, the term "harlot" applies to the kingdom of Persia (Dan. 10:13), the kingdom of Assyria (Isa. 36:4), the kingdom of Greece (Dan. 8:21), the kingdom of Egypt (Eze. 29:14), the kingdom of Sihon (Nu. 32:33), the kingdom of Og (Nu. 32:33), etc.,

And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (Rev. 17:5).

Today, other kingdoms have arisen, and they too are heavily influenced by the Babylonian system of governance and religion under the influence of the fallen host. Therefore, every civil and religious system that is currently functioning in both the realm of the fallen host and the realm of mortal human beings is regarded by Almighty God as Babylonian. Before reading God's judgment upon the Babylonian system, it is important to emphasize that the word "earth" can apply to the spirit realm as well as the realm of mortal human beings (cf. Rev. 12:16). Therefore, the context in which it is used must be correctly identified (see study: Two Earths). The next scripture is dealing first and foremost with the judgment of Satan and the fallen host. Therefore, the "kings of the earth" that are mentioned refer to those of the fallen host,

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me (John), saying, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters (symbolically

used to describe nations of the fallen host), ²with whom the kings of the earth committed *fornication* (SGD 4203; given to idolatry, prostitute oneself in the context of false worship), and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication (used metaphorically to describe being deceived with false doctrine) (Rev. 17:1-2; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Daniel prophesied that these kings and their kingdoms will finally be subjugated under the rule of Jesus Christ, who is the true King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16),

Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him (Dan. 7:27).

Until this is fulfilled, Satan and the fallen host remain in their spirit-kingdoms, and continue to influence the civil and religious human rulers of this planet (Rev. 12:9).

In conclusion, when reading scriptures that *name* various nations, it is important to examine the context closely because Almighty God often reveals activities involving Satan and his kingdoms in the spirit-realm.

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