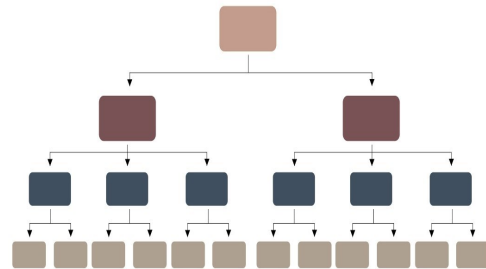


SATAN'S HIGHLY ORGANIZED KINGDOM

1. Satan operates a highly organized kingdom according to Matthew 12:22-30 *...If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?* However, Christ was quite clear about the ultimate power of the Kingdom of God against the kingdom of the evil one.
 - A. Many times when Satan is referenced in the notes, it is referring to the entire evil kingdom: Satan, his demon lords and all the evil spirits interfering in human life. (Ephesians 6:11-13)
2. The battle is NOT God/Christ against our enemy, the devil. Christ utterly defeated him at the cross, stripping away his authority, power and weapons! (See Colossians 2:14-15 and 1 John 3:8) The end time spiritual battle is against God's people, the Church! Victory is NOT guaranteed but achieved through a submitted heart, doing what God directs, going where He leads.
3. Paul mentions three heavens in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. They are: (a) The earth and its atmosphere, (b) the cosmic, spiritual heaven (Daniel 10:12-14), (c) and the highest Heaven where God's Throne is (2 Corinthians 12:1-4).

4. This seems to be implied in Ephesians 6:11-13 *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.** Therefore 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.*



- A. Rulers: "Arche" — Implying that which is first, at the beginning, possibly the prince of this world.
 - John 12:31 *Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince (Archon) of this world will be driven out.*

- John 14:30 *I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler (Archon) of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.*

B. Authorities: “Exousia” — The power which receives authority from delegation (Matthew 8:5- 9). This seems to be a “second” layer of rulership over nations.

- Daniel 10:12-14 *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. 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. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days...”*

These may have been the “Watchers” over mankind who ultimately fell and followed Satan. In the Book of Enoch (not accepted as Canon), these watchers were angels dispatched to Earth to watch over the humans. They soon begin to lust for human women and, at the prodding of their leader Samyaza, were instructed to procreate among them. The offspring of these unions are the Nephilim, savage giants who pillage the earth and endanger humanity.

The Nephilim or fallen ones in Genesis 6:1-8.

- The two Greek words for “power” are Exousia, authority as in Luke 10:19 and power Dunamis, dynamic power as in Acts 1:8. This reference is authority empowered with the necessary power by the higher authority (Arche) to carry out the plans.
- **How does this affect our plans of missions** in an unreached, unengaged ethnos, people group beyond geophysical boundaries. Pakistan is an example of one nations with many ethnic nations (separate customs, language, etc.).

C. Powers: “Kosmokrator” — A world ruler of darkness. This layer implies the delegation dealing with influencing governments, ideologies, issues of philosophies (world views and ethnocentricity), religions, darkening the minds of people.

- 2 Corinthians 4:4 *The god of this age has blinded the minds of*

unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- D. Spiritual forces of evil: “Poneria” — Carnal, ruled by uncleanness, malicious, moral evil, expressing evil to others, depraved spiritual excess. spiritual forces of evil that induce sinfulness and lawlessness in individuals, unclean spirits, infirmities, death, etc. While high ranking demons may operate in the second heaven, other demons infiltrate our environments at our home, work place, recreation and even the church.
- *Matthew 4:24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.*
 - How do these forces affect the Church?
 - What are a few ways we can not only resist but overcome them?