

Spiritual Warfare: Overview of Spiritual Beings

Ephesians 6:10-12

2 kings 6:15-17
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Recognizing our Western Glasses

- Natural Realm vs Supernatural realm
- Acts 28:1-6 Acts 12:13-16
- According to most western evangelicals, “Reality” (with a capital “R”) means the reality we can see, touch, and smell. All of our questions and doubts tend to be resolved in favor of a naturalistic interpretation over a supernatural interpretation of life’s events. Indeed, it take a very conscious effort for western evangelicals to remove the naturalistic lenses and “to see” what people in other cultures or in the culture of the Bible saw. – Rich Nathan & Ken Wilson Empowered Evangelicals

We are in a Warzone

- 1 Peter 5:8-9 Ephesians 6:11 Ephesians 6:13 2 Corinthians 2:11 John 10:10

God has always existed

- Genesis 21:33 Psalm 90:2

Before God created the earth He created other spiritual beings

- Job 38:4-7
- Sons of God “beney Elohim” – divine being with high level of responsibility.
- Angel “mal’ak”– is a task of serving and delivering messages
- Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?
- Genesis 1:26 Psalm 82:1
- Elohim = spiritual being(s)

“In Psalm 82:1, the first elohim must be singular, since the Hebrew grammar has the word as the subject of a singular verbal form (“stands”). The second elohim must be plural, since the preposition in front of it (“in the midst of”) requires more than one. You can’t be “in the midst of” one. The preposition calls for a group—as does the earlier noun, assembly. The meaning of the verse is inescapable: the singular

elohim of Israel presides over an assembly of elohim. A quick read of Psalm 82 informs us that God has called this council meeting together to judge the Elohim for corrupt rule of the nations.” – Dr. Michael S. Heiser

Divine Assembly/Council

- Psalm 82:1 Job 1:6 Psalm 89:5-7 1 Kings 22 :19-23 Daniel 4:17

The Three Rebellions

- Job 15:15

Rebellion of Satan & the fall of man

- Isaiah 14:12-15 2.

Rebellion of Genesis 6

- Genesis 6:1-5
- 1 Enoch 6-7
- Jude 1:6 2 Peter 2:4

Where do demons come from?

- Fallen angels? Revelation 12:3-4 (See Daniel 8:10,24)
- Disembodied spirits of the Nephilim

Genesis 6:3 Numbers 13:33

Rebellion after the tower of babel

- Genesis 11 Deuteronomy 32:8
- “The rest of the nations were placed under the authority of members of Yahweh’s divine council. The other nation were assigned to lesser Elohim as a judgment from the Most High Yahweh.” – Dr. Michael S. Heiser
- Psalm 82:1 Daniel 10:13
- Acts 1:8

More info see: The unseen Realm by Dr. Michael S. Heiser

Our power over evil spiritual beings

- James 4:7 Philippians 1:28

Next week: How do evil spiritual beings affect our daily lives