KINGDOMS AT WAR
The Ongoing Battle Of
Lawlessness vs Authority

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Our Adversary is Satan: He Lies, He Schemes, He Resists Godly Authority, Rebelling Against God

He Deceives, Discourages, Disappoints, & Divides
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✧ Satan Rejects Godly Authority Rebelling Against God:

✧ Isaiah 14:13-14 (NIV) (13) You [SATAN] said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. (14) I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."
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- There is an All-Out Battle Going On
- Satan Has Led A Full-Fledged Attack Against:
  - God
  - The People Of God
  - The Word Of God
- Faithful Believers Must Refute His Lies With The Truth
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*There Is A Duty For The Saints Of God Regarding Satan:*

- Put on the whole armor of God ([Eph. 6:11-18](#))
- Know Satan's devices ([2 Cor. 2:11](#))
- Give him no place ([Eph. 4:27](#))
- Resist him ([Jas. 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9](#))
- Be self-controlled and alert ([1 Peter 5:8-9](#))
- Overcome him (Word, Blood, Name, Testimony, etc.)
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- We Learn To Direct Our Efforts Against The Real Enemy – Not Against Each Other

- As Christians We Must Unite To Fight Satan!

- To Defeat The Enemy We Have To Know About His Tactics & Strategy (i.e.) “Did God Really Say?”
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“*The Problems That We Face In Our Society Today – Are Areas Where We As A Society Are Being Attacked, Deceived, And Undermined To Reject God’s Absolutes And Exchange Them For A Tolerance And “Open Mindedness” That Rejects God’s Will, God’s Ways And God’s Word*”

*We Are Living In Days Of Confusion And Delusion*
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♦ A Battle of 2 Kingdoms: God and Satan
LAWLESSNESS VS. AUTHORITY

♦ What Is Lawlessness?

♦ Lawlessness = wickedness, iniquity, unrighteousness; sin that is rampant; a gross transgression of the law; unauthorized acts or conduct; evil-doing.
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◊ Lawlessness Is Taking License
  ◊ With God’s Law And Righteousness
  ◊ With Godly Morality And Discipline

◊ 1 John 3:4 (NIV) (4) Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.
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- The Bible Says In The Last Days There Will Be Lawlessness
- Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) (12) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.
  - An Increase Of Wickedness
  - A Mindset Of Lawlessness
  - We See This in Increasing Frequency & Intensity Today
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READ: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Characteristics Of Lawlessness Are

◊ Lawlessness Is Opposed To God
◊ Lawlessness Is When We Exalt Ourselves Over God
◊ Lawlessness Is To Set Ourselves Up As God
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- The Secret Power Of Lawlessness Is Already At Work But It's Being Held Back For A Time

- Lawlessness Will Be Held Back Until The Church Is Taken Home To Be With The Lord, After That Lawlessness Will Be The Way Of The World
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The Lord’s Return Will Be Preceded By:

- Apostasy (Falling Away From Godly Authority)
- The Rise Of Lawlessness
- The Man Of Lawlessness Being Revealed When The Restrainer (Holy Spirit/Church) Is Taken Away
- People Perish Who Refuse To Love The Truth & Be Saved
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- Lawlessness is in accordance with the work of Satan
- Lawlessness leads to every sort of evil
- Lawlessness is deceptive – it deceives those who are perishing
- Lawlessness is not the truth. It is the opposite of truth
- Those living a lawless life don't love the truth – are not saved
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✧ There Is Full Scale Rebellion Against Every Type Of Authority
✧ Lawlessness Vs. Authority Is Seen In So Many Areas
  ◦ Sexuality / Gender / Marriage
  ◦ Honesty / Work / Politics/ Government

✧ Is it ... What God Says? Or ... What Man Says?
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◊ Psalm 103:19 (NIV) (19) The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

◊ The Lord God Is The Sole Authority On Each & Every Matter

◊ His Word Gives Us The Understanding Of What Side We Ought To Be On In This Battle
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♢ In Every Era There Has Been A Spirit Of The Age That Challenges Our Acceptance Of Scripture. The Temptation Is To Remove Or Alter Those Portions That Seem Old-fashioned.

♢ When We Selectively Edit The Bible To Suit Our Fancy, Or Neglect Its Teachings, We Show That We Do Not Fear God

♢ What Is The Meaning Of Life Here On Earth? God Has The Answers In His Holy Book;
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❖ When The Unchanging Standard And Truth Of The Word Is Removed From Society-- People No Longer Know
❖ Where They Came From
❖ What They Are Here For
❖ Where They Are Headed
❖ Whom They Must Answer To
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✧ We Need To Be Preaching The Whole Counsel of The Word

✧ God’s Word Is True -- It Will Set Us Free And Lead Us To The Blessing Of The Lord

✧ When We Ignore God’s Word -- We Do So To Our Own Peril

✧ We Need To Be Revived – Restored – Renewed – Renovated In Our Faith Walk
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✧ There Are 2 Kingdoms Opposed To 1 Another

Life And Light

vs.

Death And Darkness
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THE FRUIT (OR WORKS) OF THE FLESH

Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV) (19) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, (20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, (21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT’S CREATION:

Galatians 5:22-25 (NKJV) (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (24) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
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You Will Find Life, Faith, And Hope In God’s Kingdom vs.

Unbelief, Fear, Panic, Worry & Even Death In Satan’s Kingdom

Our Decision(s) – Faith -- Conduct Determines Which Kingdom We Belong To
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1 John = Know The Real Truth... Or Be Deceived By The Enemy

- Walking in darkness (1 John 1:5-6; 1 John 2:11)
- Saying one has no sin (1 John 1:8,10)
- Failing to please God and keep His commandments (1 John 2:3-4)
- Failing to walk as Christ did (1 John 2:6)
- Hating anyone (1 John 2:9; 1 John 3:10-19; 1 John 4:20)
- Failing to overcome Satan (1 John 2:13-14)
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METHODS THAT SATAN TRIES TO USES:

◇ Keep People From Turning To God – Kill Believer’s Testimony
◇ Cool Off Those On Fire For God – Stir Up Unholy Passion
◇ Devalue Life – Paint Sin As Desirable
◇ Says There Is No Joy In Living For God – SATAN IS A LIAR
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WHICH KINGDOM WILL BELONG TO?

◊ The Kingdom Of God or The Kingdom Of Satan?
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THERE IS A CHOICE TO BE MADE:

♦ Choose Life

♦ Choose For Yourselves This Day Whom You Will Serve

♦ "How Long Will You Waver Between Two Opinions? If The LORD Is God, Follow Him"
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◊ You Cannot Be In The Kingdom Of God And The Kingdom Of Satan – YOU MUST CHOOSE!

◊ God Has Given Us The Opportunity To Choose Which Kingdom We Will Belong To. -- (Giving Us A Free Will)

◊ Some Choose The Kingdom Of Darkness

◊ Others Choose The Kingdom Of Light

Choose Light!
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◇ One Day Every Knee Will Bow And Every Tongue Confess That Jesus Christ Is Lord And That Day Is Coming Soon

◇ Its Nearer Now Than Ever – IT WON’T BE LONG!

◇ Satan’s Time And Lying Kingdom Is Coming To An End
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🔸 **Satan Will Not Win**

🔹 **1 John 3:8**: “The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the devil.”

🔹 **Hebrews 2:14**: “Christ took on human nature that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil.”

🔹 **Colossians 2:15**: “God disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.” In other words, the decisive blow was struck at Calvary.
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- Revelation 20:10 says one day the warfare will be over: “The devil . . . [will be] thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”
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Mark 1:14-15 (NIV) (14) ... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. (15) "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

A Kingdom Implies A King. Our King Is Jesus.

Our King Declares The Coming Of The Kingdom Of God
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✧ Christ’s Kingdom Is A Spiritual Power & Rule

✧ God's Kingdom Is Seen In The Hearts And Lives Of All Who Repent And Believe The Gospel

✧ It Is The Spiritual Power Of His Kingdom Which Asserts Itself Against The Dominion Of Satan, Of Sin, and Of Evil
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- We Are Not Overcome – But Overcomers

- We Have A Great Life And Future In Christ

- He Has Given Us Victory – We Can Walk In That Victory
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- Christ Is Our Champion: Defeating Satan, Putting Him In His Place
- We Are Positioned In Christ’s Victory
- Christ Is Far Above Any And All Principalities And Powers
- And We Need To Know And Understand The Source Of Our Authority Is That We Are Seated With Christ – His Power-Filled Grace Overflows In Our Lives.