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## Chapter One

# Jesus Is The King, And All Men Are His Subjects!

Pilate asked, “Art thou a king, then?” Jesus answered, “Thou sayest that I am a king.”

**J**ESUS WAS DEAD—AND BURIED. Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea who confessed he could find no fault in Jesus, yielded to the Jewish rulers and crucified Him. In such a hurry to carry out His execution, they forgot an important detail: they neglected to charge Him with a crime. Roman law required that the accusation be nailed to the cross from which the criminal hung. Pilate, apprised of this oversight, to spite the Jews, and to mock the rumor that Jesus was their king, had the following posted to Christ’s cross: “Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews.”

Did Pilate know the prophecy?

“Jesus of Nazareth!” Nazareth was in Galilee. Seven hundred years earlier, a Jewish prophet named Isaiah said a Jewish ruler would come from Galilee to be a light to lead the Gentiles out of ignorance.<sup>1</sup> Another Jewish prophet said this ruler would be called The Branch<sup>2</sup>—which many believe is from the Hebrew word used for the name of the city called Nazareth.<sup>3</sup> The prophet Isaiah also declared this promised king would rule the world from the throne of David—“the king of the Jews.”<sup>4</sup>

It does not seem likely that Pilate knew the prophecy! But his accusation unwittingly declared Jesus to be Isaiah’s promised ruler, nonetheless.

Rather than accuse Jesus of any crime, Pilate’s inscription accused those who crowned the promised king with thorns and snuffed the promised light instead.

These things might have become footnotes in someone’s history book, except that three days later, Jesus was seen alive!

And that changed everything.

## **The Secret of Galilee Revealed!**

Before His crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples He would be crucified and rise from the dead the third day.<sup>5</sup> And He instructed them to gather in Galilee at a particular mountain, where He would meet with them after He arose.<sup>6</sup> On the morning of His resurrection, some of His followers came to visit His tomb. An angel commanded them to alert all the disciples that Jesus had risen and also to remind them that they should go to Galilee where



they would see Him.<sup>7</sup> Later that same morning, Jesus appeared to them personally and commanded them to gather the disciples to Galilee.<sup>8</sup> The risen Lord had an important announcement to make, and He was particular about where on Earth He would make it.<sup>9</sup>

To Galilee they trekked. Perhaps during their walk along the dusty trails into upper Galilee or while they hiked up into the appointed mountain,<sup>10</sup> Peter, James, and John decided it was time to reveal the secret of Galilee that Jesus told them to keep until He had risen from the dead.<sup>11</sup>

About a year earlier in Upper Galilee, Jesus took Peter, James, and John onto a special mountain where they saw Jesus' clothing and countenance radiate in glistening glory.<sup>12</sup> Elijah and Moses appeared and communed with their Lord. God, the Father, spoke aloud. Peter recognized this was a manifestation of Jesus as the promised King of kings—the Lord of glory.<sup>13</sup> Returning from the heavenly scene, Jesus instructed His disciples to keep the revelation a secret until after He had risen from the dead.<sup>14</sup> This extraordinary manifestation of Christ had particular relevance to the time following His resurrection. Jesus appointed this same mountain to be the place where He would reveal Himself to His disciples after He had risen—the Mount of Transfiguration:<sup>15</sup> Mount Hermon, in Galilee.<sup>16</sup>

Standing before His disciples on this mountain where earlier He had secretly manifested Himself as the King of Earth, Jesus made His much-anticipated announcement: “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”<sup>17</sup>

A stunning declaration!

When Jesus said He received all power, He used the same word for *power* that Paul used in Romans 13 when he revealed that God ordains all principalities “and power.”<sup>18</sup> The word means *the right to rule* or *authority*. Paul was talking about the authority of governments. Jesus declared that God had given Him the right to rule Heaven and Earth.

More than 500 years before in Babylon, Daniel declared, “The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”<sup>19</sup> Jesus said God had given it to Him. The word *it* refers to the kingdom of men. The kingdom of men is mankind. God gave Jesus the right to rule the earth.

A kingdom is a domain governed by a king. God gave to Adam and his descendants (the kingdom of man) dominion over the Earth to rule and subdue it—the *dominion*. Initially, this kingdom-dominion was under GOD as its only King.

In time, mankind defied their GOD-King and, stirred by Satan, set about to establish separate kingdoms independent of His rule. God began picking and choosing to which kingdom He would give the kingdom-dominion under God. At one time, He gave it to Israel. She held it for about 843 years until Satan seduced her into rebellion, so it was taken from her and given to Babylon. Satan corrupted Babylon provoking God to take it from Babylon and give it to Persia, and then it passed to Greece. By the time of Christ, Satan succeeded to receive from God all power over all the kingdoms of the world.<sup>20</sup> But after

Jesus' resurrection, He declared all authority to rule over Heaven and Earth was His. This meant the dominion God originally gave to Adam had been taken from Satan and given to Him. By this fantastic announcement, Jesus declared Himself the King of the world—and all mankind became His subjects.

All believers and devils know Jesus will rule the world when He comes to set up His throne on the earth. But the Messiah was expected to make His announcement on Mount Olivet. His Jewish disciples might have wondered why Jesus made this declaration in Galilee and not in Jerusalem. After all, didn't Zechariah prophesy the King of the Jews would appear on Olivet?<sup>21</sup> If Jesus intended to declare Himself the king promised by the prophets, why did He choose to make this declaration on a mountain in Galilee? His disciples had much to learn about the kingdom, and Jesus would spend forty days teaching them the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.<sup>22</sup>

The Bible does not reveal what Jesus taught His disciples about the Kingdom of God during that forty days' conference on the subject. But we do know that Isaiah said a prophet from Galilee would be a light to the Gentiles. He said this prophet would be born of a virgin, grow to manhood, heave the government up onto one shoulder, and finally rule the world from the throne of David.<sup>23</sup> This promised king is none other than Jesus, the Son of God.

Isaiah also spoke of another day called the day of the Lord.<sup>24</sup> Zechariah prophesied that on the day of the Lord, Christ would descend upon Mount Olivet to execute His judgment upon the nations.<sup>25</sup>

Jesus insisted on making His regal declaration, that all power in Heaven and Earth were now His, on Mount Hermon of Galilee. The reason was that He was fulfilling the prophecy concerning Mount Hermon<sup>26</sup> and Galilee,<sup>27</sup> not the prophecy concerning Mount Olivet and Jerusalem.<sup>28</sup>

There are two comings!

First, He came that the world might be saved<sup>29</sup> through His Gospel.<sup>30</sup>

Second, He will judge the nations and rule with a rod of iron when He returns.<sup>31</sup>

He is presently the King in absentia, ruling from the heavens by His Spirit on the earth.<sup>32</sup> In His second coming, He will be physically present, sitting upon the throne of David and ruling the world from Jerusalem.

At His first coming, Jesus took the kingdom of man from Satan and repeatedly offered to restore Jerusalem to her status before she lost it to Babylon. Jerusalem would have had the honor of carrying the light of the Gospel to the world,<sup>33</sup> but she refused, so the privilege was given to the Gentiles.<sup>34</sup>

Jesus had foreseen this! Isaiah predicted that partial spiritual blindness would come upon Israel because of their unbelief.<sup>35</sup> Based on this prophecy, Jesus declared that the kingdom He had offered to them would be taken from them and given to the nation that



delivers the required fruit.<sup>36</sup> The fruit God looks for is repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>37</sup> Any nation that will have the dominion must acknowledge God's righteousness and His Son's Lordship. The fruit (evidence) of that acknowledgment will be righteousness in judgment and justice.

Doubly fitting, then, that Jesus would reveal Himself as the possessor of Heaven and Earth from this mountain in Galilee of the nations!<sup>38</sup>

In Galilee, Jesus declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," and upon that declaration He commanded us to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."<sup>39</sup> The message we are commanded to teach and preach is the Gospel.<sup>40</sup> The word *gospel* means good news. The good news is Christ died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and then rose from the dead. So that now, all who repent and believe in Him will be saved from the wrath to come.<sup>41</sup> And His commandments may be summarized in this: that we are to love one another as He has loved us.<sup>42</sup>

Christ's disciples are authorized to go into all nations with the Gospel by the highest authority in Heaven and on Earth—Jesus the Christ.<sup>43</sup>

Jesus said all power, both in Heaven and on Earth, is His now.

The Secret of Galilee is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the heir of the Kingdom and "the prince of the kings of the earth"<sup>44</sup> has come into the world—and "all power is given unto [Him] in heaven and in earth."<sup>45</sup>

All earthly rulers are put on notice to lay their scepters at Jesus' feet<sup>46</sup>—and bow to Him as Lord of all.

All that refuse will "drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation." All such will be "tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."<sup>47</sup>

If any obey the Gospel command to repent<sup>48</sup> and believe on Him,<sup>49</sup> that is, "confess with [their] mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in [their] heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,"<sup>50</sup> they will be saved from the wrath to come.<sup>51</sup>

Meanwhile, God has extended to all Gentile nations the promise of His blessing upon the nation that acknowledges Him.<sup>52</sup> And Jesus promised He would give the kingdom He originally offered to Israel to any nation that brings forth the fruit of repentance and faith in Christ.<sup>53</sup>

Jesus described His current rule over the Earth as being the king in absentia, with His servants occupying His kingdom on His behalf. He described Himself as having gone on a "long journey" to receive "a kingdom."<sup>54</sup> He predicted that while He was gone, His citizens would rebel and refuse His Lordship.<sup>55</sup> And He promised that when He returned, He would judge the earth.<sup>56</sup>

The implications of this great truth will be sorted out in the following pages: Jesus is King, and all mankind are His subjects. When Christ came, He brought the power (authority) of the Kingdom of God upon this world.

A great war rages: the king of darkness versus the King of Light, the children of disobedience versus the children of obedience, the Spirit of Jesus Christ versus the spirit of Antichrist. It involves the rise and fall of nations, the advances, and retreats of two armies at war—God’s great army in battle against His great enemy—and the epic conflict between the forces of evil and the forces of good in this world.

Earth is the battleground, and Christ’s disciples are His soldiers. Their commission is to be salt and light in this world, to charge the gates of Hell in full armor, to swing the Spirit’s sword, which is the Word of truth. Their enemy is Satan and his lies, and their arsenal is the truth. In every realm and sphere of life, the battle rages. Christians are Heaven sent, and divinely empowered to engage the enemies of truth, justice, and righteousness. We offer the terms of surrender for peace with God: the command of God to all men everywhere to repent and to surrender to Jesus’ claim to be Lord of Heaven and Earth. The stakes are high: control over the resources of the planet, freedom to preach the Gospel to every nation, and—at the end of this life and this world—eternal life or eternal damnation. The prize is the souls of men. This is God’s War!

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“The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary but especially so in times of public distress and danger. The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier, defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country.”

~ George Washington

(George Washington, *The Writings of George Washington*, John C. Fitzpatrick, editor (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1932), Vol. 5, p. 245, July 9, 1776 Order.)



## Chapter Four

# The Origins Of God's War And the Beginning of Kingdoms

**G**OD'S WAR is not a "Game of Thrones"; it's for real!

The message of the prophet Daniel is that God rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will.<sup>176</sup> Daniel's prophecy promises that God will finally give it to the "saints."<sup>177</sup> Good. They lose; we win. Now let's watch TV—how about a little *Game of Thrones*?<sup>178</sup> Not so fast!

The fact that we will win the war does not guarantee we win every battle. Nor does it mean our losses are not real. The believer who relaxes in the knowledge that we will win in the end is foolish. We are responsible for the battles confronting our generation, and our failures have eternal consequences for which we are accountable.

Spiritual warfare involves the ongoing battle over control of the dominion, but the primary target is the souls of men. In this chapter, I'll offer insight into the backdrop to this cosmic war. The major players in this drama are as follows: first, God; second, Satan; and then men.

### **The Origins of the War!**

God created all things.<sup>179</sup> Of course, this includes the angels, who are God's ministering spirits.<sup>180</sup> Satan was one of them.

Angels were present when God created the Heaven and the earth.<sup>181</sup> Satan sang with them, exulting in the glory of God's power displayed when God created the Heaven and the earth.<sup>182</sup>

Satan was the greatest in power, beauty, and wisdom of all the angels God had created. When the prophet Ezekiel described the king of Tyrus he was addressing the spiritual power that stood behind that human king.<sup>183</sup> Similarly to how Jesus once rebuked Peter saying to the power behind him, "Get thee behind me Satan."<sup>184</sup>

Two simple observations prove that Ezekiel was describing Satan in his prophecy. First, Ezekiel identified this king of Tyrus as the "covering cherub,"<sup>185</sup> and according to Ezekiel, a cherub is an angelic creature, like the cherubim he described surrounding the Throne of God.<sup>186</sup> Second, Ezekiel wrote more than 3,400 years after God banished Adam and Eve

from Eden, and yet Ezekiel said to the king of Tyrus, “Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God.”<sup>187</sup> Ezekiel describes Satan as the most powerful of all God’s angels.

Here is the prophecy concerning the “covering cherub”:

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more. —Ezekiel 28:11-19

The iniquity found in this covering cherub is described in Isaiah’s prophecy concerning *Lucifer*,<sup>188</sup> the proper name given to Satan after his fall. This prophecy is found in Isaiah 14:12-20, and once again, the Spirit is addressing the spiritual power behind a human ruler:

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners. —Isaiah 14:12-20

In Satan’s declaration of rebellion against God, he boasted that he would be “like the most High” and “set [his] throne above the stars of God.”<sup>189</sup> GOD, Who resists the proud,<sup>190</sup> repudiated his boast; and Jesus watched “Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”<sup>191</sup>

It is reasonable to believe Satan was master of the Earth when every precious stone was his covering (house).<sup>192</sup> And that God destroyed the planet in rebuke against his wicked boast.<sup>193</sup> Then He formed it to be inhabited<sup>194</sup> by a new creature He called man.<sup>195</sup>

Satan claimed he would be “like the most high,” and as if to reprove the prideful spirit, God took dust from the Earth and formed man, and to this lowly creature, He gave His image and His likeness.<sup>196</sup> And with that image and likeness, He gave to man *the dominion*, which is the right to rule Earth under God.

Satan set out to usurp God’s place in the Earth over man, to bring mankind under the power (authority) of darkness,<sup>197</sup> which is the kingdom of Satan.<sup>198</sup>

## The Beginning of Kingdoms

There are three kingdoms: the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of men, and the kingdom of darkness. The kingdom of men was created to be under God. The kingdom of darkness began when Satan rebelled against GOD. Satan attempts to usurp God’s place over mankind by bringing the kingdom of men under the power of darkness.

Ultimately there is one King and one Kingdom. In what follows, I will explain what it means when the King grants the dominion to a man or a nation under God.

### *One King and One Kingdom:*

The word *kingdom* is constructed from the word *king*, which denotes a ruler, with the suffix *dom*, which means domain. A domain refers to territory under the authority of a ruler, also called a realm. Hence, a kingdom is a ruler’s domain. The kingdom of men refers to a domain under the rule of men.

God has placed the earth, and every creature in it, under the dominion of men.<sup>199</sup> This is *the dominion*. God is its King. Devils and men contest God’s right to rule it. But despite every effort to break out from under God’s Sovereignty, as the prophet Daniel declared, it continues to be subject to His Sovereign Rule. He initially gave it to mankind. But because of the rebellion of Satan and man, God exercises His prerogative as Sovereign over the Earth to give the dominion to the man or nation He chooses that will acknowledge Him as the one, true GOD-King.<sup>200</sup>

Spiritual warfare refers to the unseen spiritual powers that work through physical agents in this contest between God and Satan. They contend for the right to rule the kingdom of men. Sinful men rebel against the true King of the Earth and attempt to make for themselves kingdoms independent of God’s Sovereign rule. Satan seduces men into this vanity to bring them under the power of darkness, that is, the kingdom of Satan. He does not care what form the governments of men take; his objective is served if he can get men to rebel against the authority of the Kingdom of God. Remember, King David’s second Psalm predicted the rebellion.

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. —Psalm 2

All efforts of devils and men to the contrary, the dominion remains in the Kingdom of God. God made man in His image and likeness and placed His Kingdom authority in man when He gave to him “the dominion.” (This is what Jesus was alluding to when he explained, “the kingdom of God is within you.”)<sup>201</sup> Remember, Satan boasted that he would set his throne above the stars of God and be “like the most High.”<sup>202</sup> Envious that man holds the Imago Dei (image of God) and resentful that God gave mankind the dominion, Satan desires to usurp God's place over it and bring man under his power.

Ultimately, there is only one Kingdom, and God is the only legitimate King. Lucifer rebelled against God's rule and set about to establish an independent kingdom, laboring to seduce men to align themselves under him against God. Satan tempts men to imagine themselves independent of the Sovereign Rule of the Creator.

Perhaps you ask why God allowed Israel to have kings? When His chosen people, Israel, demanded to have a king like the other nations, God said to Samuel, “They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.”<sup>203</sup> God allowed Israel to appoint a king over them, but He did not condone it.<sup>204</sup>

God insists there is but one King, and all of Heaven and Earth are under His authority.

God has not abdicated His Sovereign rule of the earth. As Daniel declared, God rules in the kingdom of men, and He appoints over it whomever He will.<sup>205</sup>

*What Does It Mean for GOD to Give “The Kingdom” to a Nation?*

It means God has given to that nation the dominion. We have already established that when God gives the dominion to a ruler, it means He has given that ruler power over the Earth and control of its resources.<sup>206</sup>



It also means God has given to that nation His sword.<sup>207</sup> The nation that has the dominion is empowered to serve as God's executor of wrath upon evildoers.<sup>208</sup>

It does not mean every nation is obliged to live under the direct rule of the government that possesses the dominion. Nor does it mean that every government will necessarily acknowledge the preeminence of the nation to which God has given the dominion. The rule of the kingdom that has the dominion will not likely be felt in every corner of the earth. What it does mean is that God has favored that nation with great prosperity and increased it above all the nations of the earth, empowering it to be His sword of punishment upon those nations He has appointed for judgment.

Behind every war is the ambition of some despot who wants to rule the kingdom of men. The coveted prize is control over the natural resources of the earth, such as oil, gold, food, and people. Such rulers desire to enslave men to their will, to gain power over them through control of the earth's natural resources.

## **Conclusion**

The hand of God moves unseen in the affairs of men. Nevertheless, every war fought in the world has been decided by God's divine intervention, sometimes correcting a rebellious nation, and sometimes removing the dominion from one and giving it to another of His choosing. The Bible provides a historical record of man's rebellion against God's authority over the Earth and His direct intervention into the affairs of men; He asserts His divine Right as Sovereign Lord over all the earth—giving and then taking away the dominion from this or that nation according to His will.

In the next chapter, I will address the governing principles of God's rule over the kingdom of men.

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"[May] the peaceful and glorious reign of our divine Redeemer . . . be known and enjoyed throughout the whole family of mankind."

~ Samuel Adams

(Samuel Adams, A Proclamation For a Day of Public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, given as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from an original broadside in possession of Wall Builders; see also, Samuel Adams, *The Writings of Samuel Adams*, Harry Alonzo Cushing, editor (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1908), Vol. IV, p. 385, October 14, 1795.)



## ~ E P I L O G U E ~

**J**ESUS IS THE KING, and all mankind His subjects! Evangelical Christians are looking for the return of our Lord, but few fully comprehend the significance of His first coming. God's War explores the meaning of Christ's first coming. And it can be summarized in the opening sentence of this paragraph: Jesus is the King, and all men are His subjects. The implications of this statement are profound.

God's War is a conflict between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. Fought on battleground earth, the spoils of this war are the souls of men. Mighty angels and devils clash in this conflict as on Earth kingdoms rise and fall. Wars and rumors of wars rumble across the planet as one or another nation strives to control something called the dominion.

In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the earth. He began by creating an audience—the angelic hosts. They watched and sang as He proceeded to expand space with billions of stars and planets and moons and comets. One world got special attention—Earth. He gave it to a mighty angel, named Lucifer. Lucifer set his heart on his glory, power, and riches; and turned his affections away from the One Who gave him his glory. His heart filled with pride, and he announced his intention to set his throne above the stars of God, to be like the Most High. God rejected his prideful boast and cast him down—“and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep.”

God formed the Earth to be inhabited by a new creature. Mankind was created male and female in the image and likeness of God and given the power to procreate—this is the kingdom of man, and God was its only King. He gave to mankind mastery of the Earth and all its resources—this is called *the dominion*. He warned them death was the wages for sin.

Lucifer was outraged! He determined to remove the kingdom of man out from under God, to usurp God's place in the earth, and take control of the dominion. To do this, he seduced men into sin, gaining the power of death over mankind. Lucifer came to be called Satan—the accuser! When mankind fell into sin and came under the power of Satan, God promised to send a deliverer.

Satan set out to seduce men to follow him in his rebellion. The first human to call himself a king was Nimrod, and he founded Babel, the first kingdom out from under God, later called Babylon. God intervened and scattered the people. They followed Nimrod's example and set up kings over kingdoms all over the earth. From then forward, God would give the dominion (the right to rule the Earth under God) to whomever He pleased. He

settled it on Israel! Israel was God's people, a nation under God. Satan strove against God's angels and Israel attempting to provoke God to surrender Israel to his power and give him the dominion.

Satan finally corrupted Israel so that God removed the dominion from her and gave it to a servant of God that ruled Babylon whose name was Nebuchadnezzar. At that time, through the prophet Daniel, God foretold how the dominion would pass from one nation to another until Satan had it all in his hands. His prophecy revealed that during the fourth kingdom Satan would rule Earth through a king called the *son of perdition*, that is, the son of Satan. Finally, the promised deliverer would come and destroy Satan's kingdom and replace it with His eternal kingdom. Satan planned to destroy all mankind before Christ could set up his kingdom on Earth. The prophecy began fulfillment when the dominion passed from Babylon to Persia.

Satan corrupted Babylon until God transferred the dominion to His shepherd, Cyrus, king of Persia. Satan corrupted Persia so that God would not allow her to continue holding the dominion. However, by that time, God did not have a servant or a shepherd to whom He would give the dominion. The next world ruler, Alexander the Great, called himself god, the Son of Zeus—he was under the power of Satan. God relinquished the dominion to Alexander, who was the first king of the third kingdom. He brought all the kingdoms of the world under Satan's power.

Alexander conquered the world then died, and his empire was divided among his generals. Satan knew the prophecy of Daniel. He expected his man of sin, someone we call the Antichrist, to appear at the beginning of the fourth kingdom. Satan would use his power to destroy all humanity. So, he watched for the prophesied Antichrist to appear. But something happened he did not expect. God sent His Son, the Christ, into the world. The heir of the dominion had arrived. Christ appeared in flesh, which alarmed the kingdom of darkness. It meant that Christ Jesus could rule Heaven as the Son of God and Earth as the Son of man. Jesus could combine the Kingdom of God with the kingdom of men. Thus, the Kingdom of God invaded the kingdom of darkness to save the kingdom of men.

As soon as John the Baptist began declaring the Kingdom of God had come, Satan rebelled and refused to yield the dominion to Him. He refused to return the kingdoms of this world to God's power. Jesus bound Satan and spoiled his house—breaking his power over all the kingdoms of this world, and removing the dominion from his control.

Jesus is the Christ of God in the flesh of men. He removed the dominion from Satan's power, and banished the devil from Earth. Satan has no right to rule the Earth or to hold humanity in his kingdom of darkness. Anyone who will may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Furthermore, Jesus removed the dominion from Adam's race and took it into His power as the Son of man, the last Adam. Therefore, neither Satan nor sinners descended from Adam have any claim to the dominion.

Jesus is the King, and all mankind are His subjects. After taking the dominion of Earth from Satan and sinners, He left His church with the keys of the kingdom and ascended into Heaven to receive another kingdom, the eternal kingdom. He sent His Spirit into the world to reprove it of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to draw all men to their only Saviour.

Under His authority, we are instructed to preach the Gospel of His kingdom to all mankind, declaring His terms of surrender. The terms of surrender are as follows: confessing with your mouth the LORD Jesus and believing in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you must call on the name of the LORD to be saved. That's it! All who surrender to the Gospel command to repent and believe will be saved from the wrath to come. All who do so are called the children of obedience because they obeyed the Gospel. Those who refuse to obey the Gospel are called the children of disobedience. Jesus promised to return for the children of obedience and receive them into Heaven with Him. Then He will return with His saints following when He comes to destroy all earthly kingdoms and establish His eternal kingdom in the earth.

Meanwhile! Satan has reasserted his influence on the Earth through the children of disobedience. He is called the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience. He deceives them into denying that Christ has come in the flesh, convinces them that the Earth belongs to them, and that only they have the right to rule the dominion. They rail against God and His anointed. They declare they will not have Jesus to be their Lord; they will not have him to reign over them. These are under the control and influence of the spirit of Antichrist. Their objective is to bring the world under Satan's power, to unite the world into a global dictatorship ruled by Satan through the man of sin, the Antichrist.

However, the Spirit of Jesus Christ in believers works through them to resist the spirit of Antichrist. The children of obedience oppose the agenda of the spirit of Antichrist. Christians get in the way of this world's efforts to create a one-world government ruled by the children of disobedience. They interfere with their desire to rid the world of the influence of Jesus Christ. But so long as the Spirit of Jesus Christ is in the world, the spirit of Antichrist cannot reveal the man of sin. We keep getting in their way!

One day, Jesus will remove the children of obedience from the earth, and it will fall entirely into the hands of the Antichrist. While we are being prepared to return with Him to destroy the kingdoms of this world and set up His eternal Kingdom, Satan will wreak havoc upon humanity on Earth. He will attempt to kill every living human being on the planet, but Christ will stop him when He returns with us to establish His Kingdom on the earth.

This is God's War! The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the spirit of liberty; the spirit of Antichrist is the spirit of tyranny. When the children of disobedience get their way, tyranny prevails. When the children of obedience are in control, liberty prevails. Because the Gospel promotes liberty and delivers men from the power of Satan, every country

controlled by the spirit of Antichrist hinders the Gospel from being preached freely. In every country where the children of obedience hold power, the Gospel is preached freely. Where the Gospel is preached freely, you will notice that all the people enjoy greater liberty. Where the Gospel is restricted, you will see that the freedoms of the people are limited.

The controversy between the children of obedience and the children of disobedience has reached a critical juncture in America. From our founding, the children of obedience (those in whom Christ's Spirit dwells) have held sway in the government and society. Americans were renown for their love of freedom. They made famous the principle that God has endowed inalienable rights to all humanity. To the degree that we have given control of our government to the children of disobedience, we are progressively losing our liberties. Hostility from the children of disobedience against the children of obedience has broken out into open and even physical violence. The upcoming election will determine whether we finally pull this nation out from under God, or reestablish our nation under God.

The spirit of Antichrist convinces the minds of those it controls to believe Christians have no voice in the affairs of government. But the opposite is true. Christians have as much right to voice their opinions on matters affecting the government as anyone else. Indeed, Christians have a greater right to govern in this world, since the Earth belongs to Jesus Christ and not to Satan. God is the ordaining authority behind all government power. The dominion belongs to Christ, the Last Adam, and all who are born of His Spirit are made heirs together with Christ Jesus. Under His authority, we are commanded to preach the liberating Gospel and no power on Earth has the authority to counter that command.

Furthermore, every sinner is obliged to obey Christ as their King and commanded to bow the knee to Him as LORD.

Christians are kings and priests unto God, now, and responsible to represent God before men, and men before God. Christians not only have the same human rights as anyone to engage in the politics of whatever government they live under, but they also have a divinely appointed responsibility to do so. Satan does not want men and women to know this. He does not have the right to govern in the Earth over men. Any authority he has attained he has usurped. The violent "take the kingdom" by force. It's never given to them. Christians have a divine right to rule the world under Christ. However, Heaven's current policy requires men to choose to surrender to Christ. This policy will continue in force so long as Christ's Spirit is present in the Earth withholding the spirit of Antichrist.

Christians will rule the world with Christ when He returns to the earth. The wicked will have no choice in the matter at that time. Now, however, men have a choice. They can accept the terms of surrender to King Jesus, or join with those who declare they will not have that man to reign over them. If they accept the terms of surrender, the Spirit of liberty

will govern them. If they reject Christ, the spirit of Antichrist will prevail, and tyrants will oppress them.

The upcoming election in 2020 is a choice between the Spirit of liberty and the spirit of tyranny. According to the Bible, people don't always choose their leaders wisely. Hosea complained that Israel had set up kings contrary to the will of God. Let's pray Americans will elect leaders who follow biblical principles, who accept the terms of surrender to King Jesus, who are motivated and moved by the Spirit of Liberty. But we do not cast spells with our prayers. God will not dismiss man's free will. Men must choose whom they will serve. So, where do our prayers come in?

Greater is the Spirit of Jesus Christ in us than the spirit of Antichrist in them. What we want is a fair and honest election. Christ Jesus gave us power over devils, and we can use our ability to restrain the influence of Satan in the upcoming election. We can pray that truth will prevail, and the people will be able to decide based on facts. We can pray that voter fraud will be exposed and that it will not determine the outcome of our election. We can labor to preach the truth, and make it clear to our fellow Americans what is at stake—Liberty! We are choosing between liberty and tyranny in 2020. Choose liberty!

Jesus' Spirit is the Spirit of Liberty, and He wants His Spirit to flow through us like rivers of living water. His Spirit moves through us to reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Believers release the flow of the Spirit of God into the world by prayer, fasting, preaching, and shining the light of truth on Satan's lies. If we perform our duty as light and salt, at least Americans will have a clear choice set before them. If America chooses the Democrat Party, they will have chosen to side with the spirit of Antichrist.

It is time for Christians to rise and take America back! The children of disobedience have undermined the Founders' vision for this great country. They are assaulting our liberties daily. They have turned common sense upside down, opened the doors of our land to the pollutions of vice and evil, and pushed Christians out of public life. They parade perverse men and women before our children advocating a dangerous and vile lifestyle. They are mocking our values and beliefs, and it's time that we had enough!

Political correctness is an affront to our liberties. Gender fluidity is an affront to our natural sense. The assaults of the Left are past insulting, beyond dumb, over the boundary of the far side of nonsense; it has become dangerous. The Left today is dangerous. Not to our liberties only, which is bad enough. The Left has become vicious in their raging against Christians. Stand up now, or be silenced forever.

We can no longer support church leaders who betray King Jesus and throw in with Satan and the spirit of Antichrist. Christ's soldiers must leave Denominations that forsake the Bible and bow the knee to political correctness. They must do it now! Or they are guilty



for crimes against the kingdom of Christ. He will render them their justice. But we must not support them in their betrayal.

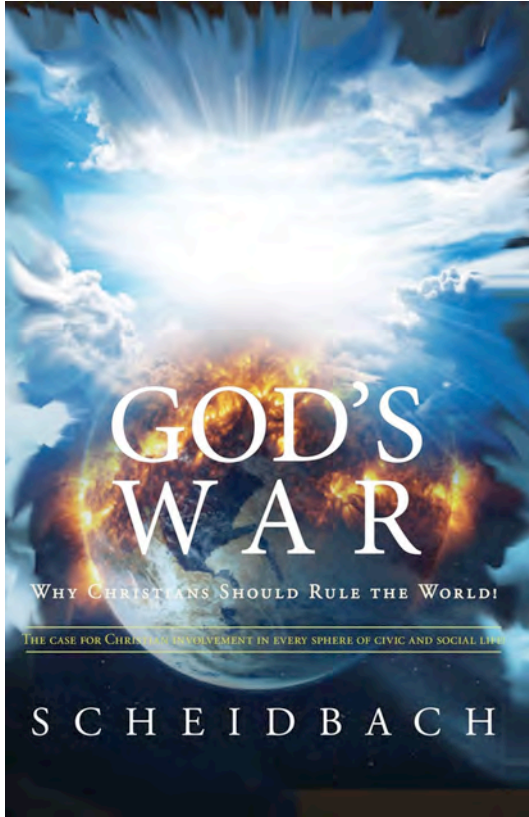
Christian soldiers must take the field of battle with the Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God. We must not back down when the children of disobedience bristle and rail against us with their scorn and vicious insults.

Christ’s ambassadors need to make their presence known at government forums. If the children of disobedience twist our words, untwist them. If they accuse us falsely, stand up against their accusations. If they misrepresent our beliefs, expose their lies.

Killing babies in the wombs of their mothers is a travesty and it has come to its end! It’s time for God’s people to stand up for the lives of the unborn children. Forcing our children to be exposed to the unnatural and life-endangering lifestyle of the homosexual is over! Take our children back from these people who would pervert their souls. Our children do not belong to them! They cannot have our children! Enough!

I think you get the idea! We are soldiers, and it’s time we take the initiative in this battle and engage. The enemy has been aggressively taking more and more territory in education, politics, science, and entertainment! Christians have yielded so much place in this world to the devil we are about to lose our place. It’s time for Christians to stand and push back against the spirit of Antichrist and to reaffirm America as “one nation under God.”

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