

Daniel 10

Introduction to The Invisible Warfare

Angels are real !

They are supernatural creatures created by God.

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I. **ONE WILL—GOD'S**

GOD THE ONLY ONE IN EXISTENCE

We have noted many times that the Bible records the creation of a higher creation of life than man, known as angels. CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE is not about mankind. Man is not the center of the universe. Man was not the first higher creature, created by God.

Here we could take up a long study on *the order of creation*.

ALL THINGS ARE FROM GOD. There never has been a time when God did not exist. God does not go back to any one or thing for His existence.

The divine reference **'I AM'** means that He is self – existent. When Satan, in Isaiah 47:8, 10, declared **'I AM'** he was declaring that he is self-existent, not created by God, and independent from God.

And by the way every time we sin, we are declaring that we are above God and act independent from God.

**Another Definition Of Sin
Trying To Be Independent From God.**

II. **WE HAVE THE TRIUNE GOD:
GOD THE FATHER
GOD THE SON
GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN ONE**

The word **'Trinity'** is not used in the bible but the presence of God in three is all through Scripture for the eye that will see.

Genesis. 1:26 “let us make man in our image”

These are names of accommodation.

God the Father	author of the Plan
God the Son	obeys the Father and is both seen and heard
God the Holy Spirit	revealer and teacher of the Plan

All three members of the Godhead are equal in every aspect of essence. All three have always existed

III. GOD CREATES ANGELS ENTER: TWO WILLS

The origin of angels:
They were created by Jesus Christ

Colossians1:16

6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth;

Psalm 148:2-5

2 Praise Him, all His angels;

Praise Him, all His hosts!
³ Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
⁴ Praise Him, highest heavens,
And the waters that are above the
heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the
LORD, For He commanded and they
were created.

And with this we have the introduction to The Invisible Warfare, for now we have **two wills** in existence. (*This is very important in understanding the blinding factor of Calvinism*) God made a Sovereign decision to create supernatural creatures called angels, with free will.

GOD, CREATED ANGELS AND NOW TWO WILLS IN THE UNIVERSE

The understanding of the importance of **free will**. When you have more than one free will, (two) you will have what Paul calls in 1 Corinthians 7 on marriage—**trouble!**

When God created angels and gave them volition, free will He introduced the foundation of sin, and chaos and evil in the Universe. Time is characterized by sin, war, evil, chaos and conflict. The difference

between time and eternity is existence of one will and more than one will.

IV. **CONFLICT**

We have **God—His will; then we have angels –two wills.**

Now Conflict is introduced by the highest angels using his will against the Will of God.

To introduce this conflict we must recognize that **God did not create angels equal.** He created them with different gifts or qualities and He created one superior to all other angels.

His name was ***Lucifer***. You will not find the name ***Lucifer*** in the missals of the Hebrew Bible. The King James has the name **Lucifer** as a translation of a Hebrew word. What you will find in Isaiah 14:12... How you have fallen from heaven “O star of the morning”, son of the dawn.

In the Hebrew this is ***heylel*** a masculine noun meaning ***morning star***. The King James translates this “*Lucifer*” from the Latin, meaning ***shining one***. In this passage of Isaiah 14: God has given us an outline of the conflict of two will and introduce THE ANGELIC CONFLICT.

¹² “How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of

the dawn! You have been cut
down to the earth, you who have
weakened the nations!

¹³ “But you said in your heart,
‘I WILL ascend to heaven;
I WILL raise my throne above
the stars of God,
And **I WILL** sit on the mount of
assembly
In the recesses of the north.

¹⁴ **‘I WILL** ascend above the
heights of the clouds;
I WILL make myself like the
Most High.’

¹⁵ “Nevertheless you will be thrust
down to Sheol,
To the recesses of the pit.

The fall of angels and the beginning of the Conflict is
recorded in Isaiah 14:13-14 God has given us **THE**

5 “I WILL’S” or rebellion by Satan, which introduces THE ANGELIC CONFLICT... Where Satan rebelled against God.

THE FALL OF SATAN IS A PATTERN OF THE FALL OF MAN IN THE GARDEN

The conflict started right here on planet earth. His objective was to ascend and rule in heaven, equal with God.

But please note immediately after **SATAN’S 5 “I WILL’S,”** what God says will happen to him.

Verse 15

¹⁵ “Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.

The birth of the The Angelic Conflict began when **Lucifer** deciding against God—declaring **I AM**

Isaiah 47:8, 10

⁸ “Now, then, hear this, you sensual one, Who dwells securely, Who says in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one besides me. I will not sit as a widow,

Nor know loss of children.'

¹⁰ "You felt secure in your wickedness and said,
No one sees me,'
Your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you;
For you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me.'

This came from the arrogance of Lucifer and this started THE ANGELIC CONFLICT and this sets the foundation of The Angelic Conflict where Satan lust after being equal with God.

V. RESULTS OF THE CONFLICT

1. The fall of all super creatures...angels, establishing the origin of Un-Righteousness and of Evil, and sin. **But God did not create evil, God did not create Un-Righteousness. or Evil**
 - 1 Basis of the condemnation: Perfect Righteousness of God and Un-Righteousness of angels.
 - 2 The earth was also adversely affected by the fall, by the sin of angels. Correct understanding of

Genesis 1:2

There is a problem between verses 1 and 2.

In verse 1 **created** Hebrew ***bara*** here, **to create out of nothing**, and this refers to the original creation (1st world) (Pre-historic world)

Then between verses 1 and 2 something horrible happened: THE ANGELIC CONFLICT that we are studying.

Now, how do we know this?

One reason is found in verse 2 itself:

The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep Does this sound like something a perfect God would create? No, not at all.

Anything that God—**actually Jesus Christ**—would create must be perfect, compatible with His Essence and Character.

The condition of verse 2 cannot come

from His Perfect Hands.

We also know that verse 2 is not the original creation by comparing verse 2 with Isaiah 45:18

18 For thus says the LORD, who created *bara* same as in Genesis 1:1 the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it notice carefully the next phrase: *and did not create it **bara** a waste place, Hebrew **tohu**.*

This is the same word used in Genesis 1:2 the earth was formless should be: the earth became **tohu** a waste place God did not create the earth a waste place **but formed it to be inhabited**), "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

God formed the earth to be inhabited. This also answers the question about extra-celestial beings. All other places in the universe were created by God as not being inhabited.

Now turn back to Genesis 1:2 where we have three Hebrew words used to describe the chaos, not of original

creation but of the damage of sin from the angelic revolt, the condition of the earth in verse 2.

The earth ~~was~~ *became* the same word construction is translated *became* in chapter 2 verse 7 and man *became* a living being. the Qal Perfect of the same verb ***hayah*** to exist, to be, to become, to come to pass, appears in both Genesis 1:2 and Genesis 2:7

formless tohu a waste place, ruined, Again this is the same word used in Isaiah 45 in describing how God did not create the world.

and void, this is the Heb. ***bohu*** which is the Hebrew for void or emptiness, describing the effect of sin on the earth and on creatures...you and me.

Empty of anything good, so therefore we can produce no good before God.

darkness was over the surface of the deep,

Now, since God did not create the earth a waste place, void and dark, how and why did it get into this shape? This is because of THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

This is the result of sin! or rebellion against God.

Missing the correct understanding
between verses 1 and 2
means you will miss the result of sin, the effect of sin.

> ***Order of the conflict:***

- a. Original creation of the earth and universe –to be inhabited by angels.*
- b. Then the angels were created and inhabited earth*
- c. Then came the rebellion against God by Lucifer*
- d. Then came the angels being cast into the deep and a freeze came over the earth.*
- e. Then Holy Spirit moved over the frozen earth and the deep melting away the freeze around the earth*
- f. Then God restored the earth...Genesis 1:3 and the following verse.*

VI.

THE CHALLENGE

Satan, protest: Since the creature's unrighteousness is the basis of condemnation, how can a Righteous God save anyone?

Job 25:4-6

*4 "How then can a man be just with
God? Or how can he be clean*

who is born of woman?

*5 "If even the moon reference to Satan has
no brightness*

*And the stars refers to angels are
not pure in His sight,*

*6 How much less man, that
maggot, And the son of man,
that worm!"*

*Satan does not challenge God's right to condemn but he
challenges that anyone can be saved.*

*Job 14:4 Who can make the clean
out of the unclean?*

*Then Satan answers: No one! (not even God
Himself)*

VII. RESOLVING THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

1. Not having the Perfect Righteousness of God, all the fallen angels, including Satan, were sentenced to the Lake of Fire. This sentence took place in Eternity-Past Matthew 25: 41
2. It is the saving of creatures that Satan challenges.
3. This set up the declaration of the Love of God

(**Divine Love**) in sending His Son.

4. The creation of mankind was to resolve The Angelic Conflict. If even one created being lower than angels simply believes in the one God sends, reveals to angels the fairness of God in condemning angels or mankind.

VIII. **THE ANGELIC REALM—WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE STUDYING IN DANIEL 10**

Many sources: L. S. Chafer Vol. 2 of his Systematic Theology

1. There are two categories of the higher creatures or angels revealed in the Bible.
 - A. Fallen or unsaved angels known as demons, who follow Satan 1 Timothy 4:1; Jude 1:6; 1 Corinthians 10:20-21; Mark 5:2
 - B. Saved angels. 1 Timothy 5:21; Mark 8:3
2. In Eternity-Past, Jesus Christ created all angelic creatures in an equal state of “untested holiness” and in Eternity-Past Satan revolted against God claiming himself to be equal to God. At this time all angels were given the one time opportunity to worship God or worship Satan from their own free will. But after making their choice there were *sealed* in that state through all eternity. Much like we are given the opportunity to choose Jesus Christ or reject Him and once we die we are *sealed* for all eternity.
3. Fallen Angels headed by Satan are in one of two

categories:

- A. Operational demons 1 Timothy 4:1
 - B. Imprisoned demons 2 Peter 2:4 as a result of Genesis 6
- 4. There is an order (or ranks) among the angels. JC created a ranking among angels: thrones, powers, rulers and authorities. Colossians 1:16
 - A. The Archangel –Michael is the only one so designated Daniel 10:13 and Daniel 12:1; Jude 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16 and Revelation 12:7 and he seems to be Israel’s guardian angel.
 - B. Chief princes-specially involved in spiritual warfare and political power of nations—mentioned in Daniel 10:13
 - C. Cherubim-the order of angels who have to do with the guarding of the Holiness of God. Satan was created in this order.
 - D. Seraphim-(from Gesenius-Hebrew and Chaldean Lexicon this word is from the Arabic term signifying high or exalted. They were seen by Isaiah standing above the throne of God having 3 pair of wings. Lower angels have 2 pair of wings or one pair of wings. The Seraphim stood as guardian of God’s Holiness and singing His praises and communicating with earth; Isaiah 6:1-6
- 5. **Angels and Humanity of Jesus Christ**
 - 5a. God the Holy Spirit filled, led, guided and protected Jesus Christ during His life here on earth but angels also were involved in the life of Jesus Christ.
 - 5b. Satan and fallen angels fought and stood against

Jesus Christ John 14:30

- 5c.** Ministry to Jesus Christ throughout
1. Announced His birth Luke 1:26-33
 2. Praised Him Luke 2:8-15
 3. Attended Him after His temptation Matthew 4:11
 4. Strengthened Him in the Garden of Gethsemane Luke 22:43
 5. Guarding and protecting Him Psalm 91:11-12
 6. Rolled away the stone from His tomb Matthew 28:5-7
 7. Proclaimed His resurrection Matthew 28:5-7
 8. Witnessed His ascension Acts 1:10-11
- 5d.** We know about demonic activity to hinder believers in Jesus Christ from serving the Lord and from growing in Knowledge of Jesus Christ — study of the Word of God. We also know to combat these demonic attacks God has given every believer in the Church Age the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but Angels also have important ministries to believers through the Church Age.
1. They rejoice over the salvation of believers Luke 15:10
 2. Guarding, helping and ministering to believers Hebrews 1:14
 3. Escorting believers who have died to heaven Luke 16:22

IX.

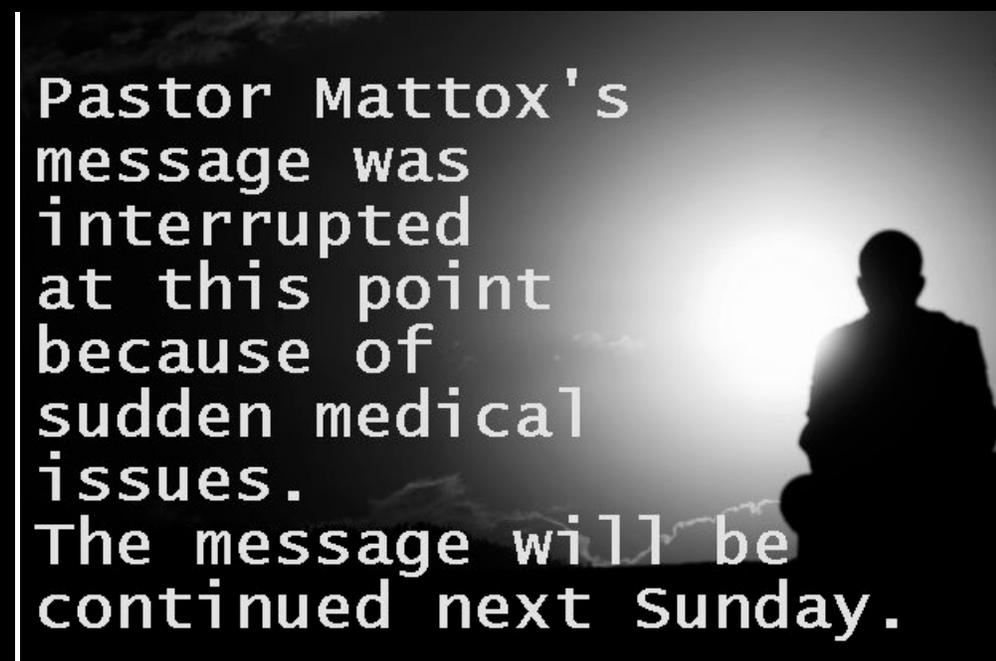
THE TRIAL

- 1. God responds to this challenge by creating a creature lower and inferior to angels, call mankind, and placed them on the only planet designed for habitation –planet earth Hebrews 2:7 Hebrews 1 and 2 are more in depth study of angels and The Angelic Conflict.**

- 2. Man's volition is tested under two systems:**
 - a. Before the Fall of mankind: In innocence (not perfect Righteousness) he was ignorant of sin, he had no sin nature but man did have volition just as the angels had volition.**
 - b. The test was a tree, the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden.
Man failed this test and sinned—failed to trust God and Submit by faith, he failed to keep on trusting God.**
 - c. At this point Satan thinks he has won! Two things Satan does not understand, and hates: The Grace of God and the Love of God.**
 - d. After the fall: in sinfulness mankind has a sin nature, which is passed on to every human being born into the human race with the exception of Jesus Christ. This sin nature is now called Inherited Sin Nature yet each individual still possesses free will. The test this time was a new tree--the Cross. This time man could trust God**

and the One He sent—His Son or choose not to trust God (that is to believe in Jesus Christ).

3. While it is wonderful every time a member of human race believes in Jesus Christ, the very offering of Salvation of the Imputation of Perfect Righteousness by Grace through Faith, this resolves The Angelic Conflict.
4. Therefore, in this ongoing trial (-battle-), Satan seeks to keep every man from believing in Jesus Christ and he seeks to keep ever believer from living in Spirit Filled Life by the Filling of the Holy Spirit and from growing in the Knowledge of Jesus Christ.
And Satan does everything he can to keep believers from glorifying God and His Son, Jesus Christ.



Pastor Mattox's message was interrupted at this point because of sudden medical issues. The message will be continued next Sunday.

5. **Mankind is now under angelic observation. Angels are watching you all the time, you and all unbelievers and believers. They are learning about God, about Grace**

and Divine Love by watching the human racer.
Luke 15:7, 10; Ephesians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:21;
1 Peter 1:12; 1 Corinthians 4:9; 6:3; and 11:10

6. You are in The Invisible Warfare everyday of your life.

Through the fall of man, Satan gained control of this planet. Faith in Jesus Christ not only frees man from the Law and from his Inherited Sin Nature, but from the power of Satan. Ephesians 2:1-7
Throughout this Invisible warfare angels actually fight with or against One Another. Daniel 10 and Jude 1:9.
But remember angels do not die Luke 20:36

7. While the trial, the conflict goes on, the major outcome has already been decided.

- a. Jesus Christ became man through the virgin birth
- b. By this birth Jesus was lower than the angels.
- c. The humanity of Jesus Christ is now higher than as He sits at the Right Hand of God
- d. By our faith in Jesus Christ we are placed 'in Christ' and therefore, positionally we are at the Right Hand of God Therefore, we are positionally higher than angels Hebrews 1:4-14

Daniel 10:13

1. From here (Daniel 10:13) on to end at Daniel 12:13 gives the

history of Israel under Gentile rule

2. This time period is described in *Daniel 9:26*
even to the end there will be war;
desolations are determined
3. This is remarkable—this again proves that our God is the only God who can tell what is going to happen in history. This should give everyone the proof that the Bible is accurate **and** truthful **and** trustworthy. Not only in regards to history but also creation, **and**, also, Salvation.
4. This is a summary description of history of Israel; war **and** desolation—out of the land. And as we look back at some 2500 years of history, this describes what the history of Israel has been like—war, when they are in the land **and** desolation out of the land. This takes it up right to today **and** it is not going to get any better until the 490 years are over **and** Messiah returns to the earth, to establish His kingdom. Only then will there be peace in the land of Israel. This is why knowledgeable Jews are waiting for the coming (return) of the Messiah, so they can experience this peace.
5. **Daniel, chapters 10 thru 11**, gives a description of the war **and** desolation suffered by Israel under Gentile rule. Even today, while Israel is a recognized nation, they are still under the United Nations and under the United State **and** what they do is determined by nations **and** people around them.
6. But when the times of the Gentiles is over, at the end of 490

years **and** the Promised Messiah is come...Jesus...they will be at peace **and** they will rule the world. The Nations of the world will come to Israel for judicial, political **and** economic decisions.

7. To get some idea how your theology **and** eschatology shape how you interpret Bible, let us look at various ways of interpreting this passage.

--as to statement in verse *14*:

what will happen to your people in the latter days

Replacement Theology **and** the Amillennialist believe that the Church has replaced Israel **and** therefore see the fulfillment of all **Daniel's** prophecy in reference to the church. The "thy people" is not Israel but the Church. Therefore, they 'spiritualize' all these latter times as to the church. But, of course, all these prophecies have to do with the Jews.

13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

Look at Persia for its importance to **Daniel and** to us in understanding how nations have demons over them.

1. The ancient Media-Persian empire had a demon over it.

There was one chief demon put over Persian (as we will see every nation has a demon over it to destroy any Christian influence). This chief demon was assigned by Satan, with God's approval.

Deuteronomy 4:19

¹⁹ And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.



2. This is the one who is said to be the prince of the kingdom of Persia in **Daniel 10:13**

3. This is the importance of the first combat between Jesus of

Satan. Because of the fall of man in the garden, God gave Satan rule of the world **and** in Matthew 4, Satan offered back to Jesus the rule of the world.

If Jesus would bow down **and** worship him. So by refusing this offer from Satan, Jesus recognized that Satan indeed had this authority to give to Him.

4. Now here in **Daniel** 10 the angel informs **Daniel and** us of something that we are not aware **and** certainly cannot see with our eyes. That there is a demon in charge of demons assigned to the Kingdom of Persia. And these demons actually engage in combat with Elect Angels commissioned by God to enter into the human realm as servants of God. Here to take a message from God to **Daniel**.

It is unknown to human history of the affect of The Angelic Conflict on nations. This explains some of the most unbelievable events that have arisen in history of the world.

Success of Alexander the Great;

How a corporal named Hitler became one of the most powerful men in history; How one man can enter history out of nowhere **and** win total leadership over a nation.

The question is asked by other students of the Bible, “why?”;

Why do you think this prince of Persia was so determined to stop this message from getting to **Daniel**?

While we are not told, we do have some insight to The Angelic Conflict related to nations **and** the Word of God. In military strategy they may have learned a lesson from Chapter 9, where they allowed the

all-important mystery prophecy of **Daniel's** 70th week to get by, **and** they are now determined to prevent any more of these prophecies to come to man. We can only imagine the combat that took place against America in past years getting the Word of God all over the world. Stopping the spreading of the Word of God or preventing people from understanding the Word of God by covering their eyes to it, blinding their eyes as recorded in 2 Corinthians 3 **and** 4. Let me assure you Satan has all kinds of schemes to keep you away from the study of Word of God.

It will not be a surprise at all to learn that demons learned a big lesson from **Daniel** getting the message from God in **Daniel** 9.

Next, and this is aimed at the Jews. In 9:26 they are told that their history would see nothing but wars **and** desolations. What we are going to study in **Daniel, chapters** 10 thru 12, is written to give courage, **and** hope to the Jews throughout the ages, right up to today. Satan does not want them to have this hope. He wants them to break down **and** give up. Therefore, he seeks to stop this message from getting to **Daniel**.

One of the most remarkable stories through history of the Gentiles is how the Jews come out even stronger on every attack to destroy them. This hope is grounded in many of them.

13 But the Prince of the kingdom of Persia—(one of the high ranking angels in the army of Satan) was withstanding me—took his stand to oppose me for 21 days (of angelic hand to hand combat.) Then behold Michael one of the chief princes, Michael, is an arch-angel assigned by God to guard over Israel. He comes **and** supplies a way for this messenger angel to get though the angelic lined **and** make to Daniel,

to give Daniel this vitally important message from God.