

## THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

### Part 7 | Kingdoms in Conflict

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#### **Text: LUKE 11:14-23      ESV**

*Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.*

#### **The Gospel proclaimed announces the coming of a new King and a new Kingdom**

#### **Satan's kingdom exercised authority in the void of darkness until the coming of Jesus**

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#### **COLOSSIANS 2:14-15**

*By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

#### **The clash between God's Kingdom and Satan's kingdom is called "spiritual warfare" or "power encounters"**

#### **DANIEL 10:12-14**

*Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."*

- **Acts – Paul and Peter (often)**

#### **Ephesians 6:10-17**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the*

*flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,*

**BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN "THE JESUS MISSION" WITH AUTHORITY OVER SATAN AND HIS KINGDOM**

**• The disciples:**

**Matthew 10:1**

*And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.*

**• To the Church:**

**Matthew 28:18**

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

**Mark 16:17**

*And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;*

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**COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Why do you think that it is so easy to dismiss "spiritual reality" in American culture?*
- 2. Do you remember a time when you experienced intense spiritual warfare or demonic oppression?*
- 3. What are some of the main arenas that Satan and demons attack people? (ie. sickness, temptation, mind etc..)*