



Stand Strong During Spiritual Warfare

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The Spiritual World is Real ... and so are the battles!

Ephesians 6:10-13

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

The Accounts in Daniel... not always in chronological order (Because that is not the point!)

Apocalyptic Literature, Visions, and Dreams

There are lessons we can learn here...but don't lose yourself in the details!

1. **We Must Know...Rulers and kingdoms rise and fall, but God's kingdom and throne endure forever and ever!**

Daniel 7:9-10

⁹ *"As I looked,*

"thrones were set in place,

and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;

the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,

and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ *A river of fire was flowing,*

coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,

and the books were opened.

Follow, worship, and bow to only the Ancient of Days!

2. We Must Know...Jesus the Messiah rules and reigns eternally and His Good News is for all times and all people (nations)

Daniel 7:13-14 and 26-27

¹³ *"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

²⁶ *"But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him."*

Every battle is won in the name and power of Jesus, the Son of Man!

3. We Must Know...One of the greatest [weapons](#) in the spiritual [battle](#) is [prayer](#), and [confession](#) has power we often fail to recognize!

Daniel 9:1-23 (focus on 9:20-23)

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill— ²¹ while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. ²³ As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision...

Crush pride, break the grip of the enemy, and learn to confess with freedom and passion!

4. We Must Know...[Angels](#) and [demons](#) are real and there is a spiritual [battle](#) [raging](#) (but we know how the story ends)

Daniel 10:12-14 and 20-21

¹² Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. ¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."

²⁰ So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; ²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

If we ignore the battle we become an easy target for the enemy.

5. We Must Know...[Eternal](#) Issues are at hand in this [life](#)

Daniel 12:1-3

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The greatest battle and the most absolute victory was won on the cross, so share the good news freely, boldly, and organically.

Are you aware of the battles raging?

Will you enter into the battle in the name and power of Jesus?