

The Spiritual Battle has been raging for Thousands of Years. It continues today.

Text: [2Co 10:3-5 KJV] 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

[Eph 6:12 KJV] 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

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The Current Status of the War

Satan is still the God of this World

[2Co 4:4 KJV] 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Propaganda Presented by the God of this world

Grace covers all your sins so have a good time. Live however you want to live.

[Rom 6:1-4 KJV] 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

You need to listen to my teaching. I have the mysteries of God and I can teach you.

[2Pe 3:15-17 KJV] 15 And account [that] the longsuffering of our Lord [is] salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

Amathes - (adjective) - Ignorant or Unlearned

Astēriktos - (adjective) - Unsteadfast, Unstable, unfixed

Strebloo (verb) Wrest – to twist or turn awry. To pervert, as one wrests or tortures language in a false sense.

[2Pe 3:16 NLT] 16 speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction.

This War Has Many Battlegrounds

What is done today that would be an embarrassment 50 years ago?

Our Nation

Consider our declining morals and corrupt government

Our Community

How many of you lock your doors at night.

Our Church

If Jesus is the focus of our Church, why are no new people coming?

Our Families

Problems within masterminded by the God of this World

The Battle for our Minds

[Jas 4:1 KJV] 1 From whence [come] wars and fightings among you? [come they] not hence, [even] of your lusts that war in your members?

Deconstructing faith is a process of questioning and reexamining one's religious beliefs, practices, and identity.

Two in Five U.S. Christians say they have Deconstructed. Overall, 42 percent of adults say they have deconstructed the faith of their youth. Of today's Christians, it's 37 percent, with little difference whether they're practicing (36%) or nonpracticing (37%) Christians. That means more than one-third of committed, churchgoing Christians relate to the idea of having deconstructed the faith of their youth.

Battles to Learn From.

Historical Examples

[Jer 44:16 KJV] 16 [As for] the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

[Jer 44:24-27 KJV] 24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that [are] in the land of Egypt: 25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows. 26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth. 27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that [are] in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

Weapons of this War

The Enemy

Lies and Deception

Christianity and the Bible is not relevant to today

[2Ti 3:16 KJV] 16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

God will not send anyone to hell.

True: This is the peoples' choice not God's choice

Jesus is NOT the only way to eternal life

Only one-third of American adults (35%) continue to embrace the traditional biblical view that salvation comes through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, according to findings from the American Worldview Inventory 2020 from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.

[Jhn 14:6 NLT] 6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

David said:

[Psa 28:7 NLT] 7 The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

[Psa 31:6 NLT] 6 I hate those who worship worthless idols. I trust in the LORD.

We can put our trust in the Government to save us

[Psa 118:8-9 NLT] 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people. 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

[Pro 3:5 NLT] 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

[Isa 2:22 NLT] 22 Don't put your trust in mere humans. They are as frail as breath. What good are they?

Our Weapons (The Sword)

Prayer of Faith

[Psa 55:17 KJV] 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

[Isa 45:20 KJV] 20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye [that are] escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god [that] cannot save.

Knowing the Truth

Important Truths About Jesus

We Know About Jesus, his Character, and His Deity

Jesus gave up his position and became a human

Jesus grew up as all humans do.

Jesus was tempted just like all other humans

Jesus created the entire universe

Jesus' character is above reproach

Jesus is the only human that never sinned.

Jesus is our high priest

Jesus gave his life for his creation at his Father's request.

Prophecy is a truth that will occur in the future.

Scholars believe there are between 300 and 570 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. Here are prophecies with their fulfillment mentioned. First Prophecy is Genesis 3:15.

Prophecy of Jesus through Abraham – Genesis 12 Fulfillment Acts 3:25,26

The Messiah is Called out of Egypt – Hosea 11:1; Fulfillment Matthew 2:14,15

The Gentiles will Come to the Messiah - [Isa 42:1-4 KJV] 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, [in whom] my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Fulfillment Noted: [Mat 12:15-21 NKJV] 15 But when Jesus knew [it], He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. 16 Yet He warned them not to make Him known, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 18 "Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles. 19 He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; 21 And in His name Gentiles will trust."

The Messiah will put an end to Sin - [Dan 9:24 KJV] 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Fulfillment: [Gal 1:3-5 KJV] 3 Grace [be] to you and peace from God the Father, and [from] our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: 5 To whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Messiah will

Conquer Death, Isaiah 25: 7-8 Fulfillment Mentioned: 1 Corinthians 15:54

Christ's thirst will be quenched with vinegar and gall, Psalm 69:21 Fulfillment Mentioned: Matthew 27:34

Will Not see decay: Psalm 16:9–11 Fulfillment Mentioned: Acts 2:31

Enemies will plot to kill him: Psalm 31:13 Fulfillment Mentioned: Matthew 27:

They would pierce Christ's hands and feet: Psalm 22:1 Fulfillment Mentioned: John 19:36–37