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Escape From Babylon The Series Part 8 -Satan's Resumé: Part 3-

THE BATTLE FOR DOMINION AND CONTROL OF THE EARTH & THE PHYSICAL REALM

In this study, we will talk heavily about "dominion and authority." We will cover the earth and heaven. As we explore this topic concerning the timeline of the fall of man, we will expose more of Satan's resumé and how it all relates to us now as the new ambassadors of heaven upon a fallen earth. I believe this study will reveal the severity of the situation of what was lost and gained back again.

DOMINION AND AUTHORITY WAS FIRST GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE OVER PHYSICAL CREATION

<u>Genesis 1:26-28</u> "And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And <u>let</u> <u>them have dominion</u> over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth. (27) And God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. (28) And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill <u>the earth, and subdue it.</u> And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth."

NOW WE SEE THE LOST DOMINION OF ADAM AND EVE GIVEN TO SATAN

<u>Genesis 2:16-17</u> "And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, (17) but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of <u>good</u> and <u>evil</u>. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

<u>Genesis 3:1</u> "Now the <u>serpent</u> was more cunning than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, Is it so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

<u>Genesis 3:4-7</u> "And the <u>serpent</u> said to the woman, You shall not surely die, (5) for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing **good** and **evil**. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise, she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (7) <u>And the eyes of</u> <u>both of them were opened. And they knew that they were naked.</u> And they sewed fig leaves together and made girdles for themselves."

THEREFORE, THROUGH ADAM AND EVE'S DISOBEDIENCE, SATAN HAS TAKEN CONTROL AND DOMINION OF THE EARTH. Matthew 4:8-9 "Again, the Devil took Him up into a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (9) And he said to Him, <u>"I will give you all of</u> these things, if You will fall down and worship me."

<u>John 14:27-31</u> "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (28) You have heard how I said to you, I go away and I am coming to you again. If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, I go to the Father, for My Father is greater than I. (29) And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens you might believe. (30) I shall no longer speak many things with you, for <u>the ruler of this world</u> comes, and he has nothing in Me. (31) But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father has given Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go away from here."

He has nothing on Jesus, for Jesus never showed allegiance through disobedience to the Devil. He proved His loyalty through obedience to God.

<u>Ephesians 6:12</u> "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, **against the <u>world's rulers</u>**, **of the darkness of this age**, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

<u>John 16:5-12</u> "But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' (6) But because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. (7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. (8) When he has come, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment; (9) about sin, because they don't believe in me; (10) about righteousness, because I am going to my Father, and you won't see me any more; (11) about judgment, <u>because the prince of this world has been judged.</u> (12) "I have yet many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now."

<u>John 12:31</u> "Now is the judgment of this world. <u>Now shall the prince of this world</u> be cast out."

This is why, as we talked about in the previous studies "Satan's Resume part 1 and 2", that Satan could go into Heaven and present himself to God as ambassador/god of this world.

The following information is included in the study to better help us understand what is at stake, what was lost, and what was gained back by Jesus. Most importantly, why the Devil does not want you to know any of this.

PIVOTAL VERSE TO UNDERSTAND

<u>2 Corinthians 4:3-5</u> "Even if our Good News is veiled, it is veiled in those who are dying; (4) in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them. (5) For we don't preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake;"

Satan is rightly called the god of this world, as he has taken dominion of it. What we fail to understand is that Adam and Eve were the first gods of this earth, as they had dominion of it. And those who <u>G</u>od has called to Himself as His children, are also called gods by God and Jesus.

<u>Psalms 82:1</u> "God presides in the great assembly. He judges among the <u>gods</u>."
 <u>Psalms 82:6</u> "I said, "<u>You are gods</u>, <u>all of you are sons of the Most High</u>."
 <u>Psalms 82:7</u> "Nevertheless <u>you shall die like men</u>, and fall like one of the rulers."

We know for sure that this is speaking about the children of God- human beings made in His image and likeliness. We find the definitive connection by Jesus' own reference:

<u>John 10:33-36</u> "The Jews answered him, "We don't stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy: because you, being a man, <u>make yourself God</u>." (34) Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, '<u>I said, you are gods?</u>' (35) If he [God] called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture can't be broken), (36) do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You <u>blaspheme</u>,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?'"

Therefore, the children of God are gods in the eyes of GOD- meaning: rulers with dominion and authority. Not to stand before God as equal or higher, yet below, with authority given as children of God. They accused Jesus of blasphemy for this understanding and they will for all those who believe what is written in scripture.

For more examples of this concept, see: Exodus 7:1 + Exodus 4:16 +Psalms 138:1. Also, Exodus 21:6 + 22:9 -which is [אלהים, "gods",= (theoi, elohim), not God or Judges in the original Hebrew. The same for Psalms 82:1, it is also ["he judgeth among", "the gods";= (theoi, elohim), not God.

We see this play out in a more magnified way through Jesus. <u>~</u>Referencing Psalms 45:6-7~

Hebrews 1:5-9 "For to which of the angels did He say at any time, "You are My Son, this day I have begotten You?" And again, "I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?" (6) And again, when He brings in the First-born into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." (7) And of the angels He says, "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire." (8) But to the **Son** He says, "**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.** A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. (9) You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity, **therefore God, Your God**, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows."

4 - Escape From Babylon Part 7 <u>Clarification on why the Jews got mad about</u> <u>Jesus claiming to be the Son of God.</u>

In Jewish culture, to be the Firstborn Son gave you all the privileges of the father. You could enter into agreements and deals, and make contracts as if it was the Father himself doing it. They were legally binding. Since the firstborn got a double portion of inheritance, it was always in the son's best interest to deal wisely with the father's estate. So, for Jesus to claim He was the son of God, He claimed this authority that was given to Him by God, His father. That's why He always pointed to the works/ miracles as proof that God was really letting Him act on God's behalf.

Now through Jesus, we are called the Sons of God!

Luke 20:34-36 "And answering, Jesus said to them, The sons of this world marry and are given in marriage, (35) but they who shall be counted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage. (36) Nor can they die any more, for they are equal to the angels, <u>and are the sons of God</u>, being the <u>sons</u> of the resurrection."

<u>Galatians 3:26-27</u> "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many as were baptized into Christ, you put on Christ."

Psalms 82:6 "I said, "You are gods, all of you are sons of the Most High."

Just like in Numbers 11:17 + 27:18, 1 Samuel 10:6 + 1 Sam 10:10, when the spirit of God rested upon the servant of God, bestowing upon them access to the power of God to fulfill God's will as a god upon the earth, it is the spirit of God resting upon the believer that makes this possible. As we see here:

1 Samuel 10:5-7 "Afterward you [Saul] will go to Gibeah of God, where there are Philistine officials. When you enter the town, you will meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place. They will have harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres, and they will be prophesying. (6) Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you and you will prophesy with them. You will be changed into a different person. (7) "When these signs have taken place, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God will be with you."

Being the children of God, confers upon the child the spirit of God. This spirit exalts the believer to a station as a god (ruling with dominion and authority.) It's not of their own accord or ability, it's because the one true supreme God "Yahweh" has made it so. All His children are official representatives; agents commissioned by Him to represent the kingdom of God. We see this exact same thing play out with Jesus. Let's read: <u>Colossians 1:19-20</u> "For <u>God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son</u> (20) and through him to reconcile all things to himself by making peace through the blood of his cross – through him, whether things on earth or things in heaven."

Colossians 2:9 "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"

Then, as believers in God through Jesus, we see the same thing in humanity- while to a different degree, yet with the same outcome.

<u>1 Corinthians 6:19</u> "Or do you not know <u>that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit</u> who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

Just as we see in Jesus' explanation:

<u>John 2:19-21</u> "Jesus replied, "<u>Destroy this temple</u> and in three days I will raise it up again." (20) Then the Jewish leaders said to him, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and are you going to raise it up in three days?" (21) <u>But Jesus was</u> <u>speaking about the temple of his body.</u>"

We see this partially happen for believers when the gifts of the Spirit were given on Pentecost. We will see here in a minute when the Holy Spirit was first given.

<u>Acts 2:1-4</u> "Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting. (3) And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them. (4) <u>All of them were filled with the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u>, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them."

IS IT BLASPHEMY?

They said Jesus also blasphemed because He forgave sins, even though all power was given to Him.

Luke 5:20-24 "Seeing their faith, he said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." (21) The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this that speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" (22) But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, answered them, "Why are you reasoning so in your hearts? (23) Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you;' or to say, 'Arise and walk?' (24) <u>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"</u> (he said to the paralyzed man), "I tell you, arise, and take up your cot, and go to your house."

Then Comes The Shocker!

Jesus has given us to the ability to remit sins (lay them aside/loose.) As He has given us power here on earth as ambassadors of the kingdom of heavenpriests of the kingdom of God. Please note that this was the first time the Holy Spirit was released. Before Pentecost! <u>John 20:22-23</u> "And when He had said this, <u>He breathed on them and said to them</u>, <u>Receive the Holy Spirit</u>. (23) <u>Of whomever sins you remit, they are remitted to them</u>. Of whomever sins you retain, they are retained."

<u>Matthew 16:19-20</u> "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. <u>Whatever you bind</u> on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will have <u>been released in heaven.</u>" (20) Then he instructed his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ."

How is this all possible? Just like the verses we referenced earlier, it is the spirit of God upon you that is the true source of power, and this power changes you to serve Him in your office with power.

What about blasphemy?

Claiming to be God proper, or equal with God is blasphemy. See: Leviticus 24:14-16. Yet, to exercise the office and power given to you by God is not. So, the status of gods upon the earth, (those exercising dominion and authority) and the power to remit sins (to lay them aside for the purpose of saving a soul as ambassador of God) is nothing more than acceptance of your position and exercising your authority given to you by command of Jesus Himself. All power, glory, and worship resides with God.

What about the Antichrist Catholic Church?

I think the issue with the Catholic Church is they pretend that only priests and the antichrist-Pope have this authority. And they lie and say that they offer absolute forgiveness. When all believers in Christ Jesus have this authority to "remit," that is to "lay aside" a person's sins. It is only God through Jesus who can truly forgive a sin, yet His ambassadors here on the earth have the ability to set aside the burden of sin upon the heart of one trying to receive the calling for restoration through the sacrifice of Christ. This is done to break demonic burdens, to untangle the spiritual net around their hearts and minds. So they, not blocked by the demonic burden, can reach for true forgiveness of their sins, by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus through repentance and obedience.

We know this is true and correct:

Just as the disciples were made priests and Jesus being the high priest, all children of God are called to this ministry. As we know, the priest in the temple didn't forgive sins, they facilitated the process of forgiveness. In the same manner, all the children of God as priests can remit sin and facilitate the process of forgiveness only found in Christ Jesus and His precious blood.

• Jesus is our example and our High Priest.

<u>Hebrews 5:4-6</u> "And no one assumes this honor on his own initiative, but only when called to it by God, as in fact Aaron was. (5) So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming high priest, but the one who glorified him was God, who said to him, <u>"You are my Son!</u> <u>Today I have fathered you," (6) as also in another place God says, "You are a priest</u> <u>forever in the order of Melchizedek.</u>"

• Just as Jesus was made a high priest, all who believe in His name and obey Him are called to the priesthood of the saints.

<u>1 Peter 2:9</u> "But you are a chosen generation, <u>a royal priesthood</u>, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

<u>Revelation 1:5-6</u> "Even from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the First-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (6) and <u>made us kings and priests to God and His Father</u>, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

We find that to "remit sins" is part of the commands spoken by Jesus. It is something to be observed. Not abused like some super power, but as a tool to free the called from spiritual darkness into God's beautiful light.

Matthew 28:18-20 "Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "<u>All authority has</u> been given to me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

We know we are the children of God, the temple of God, priests of God, servants of God's kingdom. We are gods upon the earth as we are royalty to the one true God, heirs of salvation through Christ. Yet, some try to abuse this understanding as "gods upon the earth." They try to change it into something other than stated in scripture, almost as if the one true God, our heavenly Father is just one amongst many. This is not true and is a lie. He is the one and only Supreme Elohim. He has no equal and no one is like Him, He stands alone. We are just children of the Godhead, endowed with dominion and authority like a prince of a king- nothing more. We are not to be worship upon the earth. We are servants upon the earth.

Yet, we are told in the book of Revelation, that Jesus will make all lost souls come before the children of God and worship them in the kingdom to come.

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<u>**Revelation 3:9**</u> "Listen! I am going to make those people from the synagogue of Satan – who say they are Jews yet are not, but are lying – Look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you."

"NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT ADAM AND EVE WERE THE FIRST GODS OF THIS EARTH AND THAT SATAN USURPED THEIR DOMINION AND AUTHORITY BY GETTING THEM TO DISOBEY GOD, MAKING SATAN THE GOD OF THIS WORLD."

<u>2 Corinthians 4:3-5</u> "Even if our Good News is veiled, it is veiled in those who are dying; (4) in whom <u>the god of this world</u> has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the Good News of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn on them. (5) For we don't preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake;"

We can now move on to the restoration of what was lost.

HEAVEN: JESUS GOT IT BACK FOR HUMANITY

There is great news through the death of Jesus on the cross with supreme obedience to God. Jesus has purchased back the right to heaven for humanity. Along with the right to destroy this old earth and make us a brand new one with no sin or anything that offends God.

• Kingdom Of Heaven Brought To Earth During Jesus' Ministry.

Matthew 12:27-28 "And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. (28) But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has already overtaken you."

<u>Luke 11:20</u> "But if I by God's finger cast out demons, <u>then God's Kingdom has come to</u> <u>you</u>."

• Kingdom Of Heaven Restored In Heaven From The Stain of Sin.

<u>**Revelation 12:10</u>** "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the ruling authority of his Christ, have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, the one who accuses them day and night before our God, has been thrown down."</u>

While we are still upon the earth, we have been translated out of Satan's earthly kingdom into God's spiritual kingdom.

<u>Colossians 1:13-14</u> "For He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has <u>translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son</u>; (14) in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins."

• Kingdom Of Heaven In Our Hearts Now!

The Kingdom of God is upon the earth inside the hearts and minds of those who trust in Jesus.

<u>Luke 17:20-21</u> "Being asked by the Pharisees when God's Kingdom would come, he answered them, "God's Kingdom doesn't come with observation; (21) neither will they say, 'Look, here!' or, 'Look, there!' <u>for behold, God's Kingdom is within you."</u>

1. The Earth: Soon, but not yet.

<u>John 18:36</u> "Jesus answered, <u>My kingdom is not of this world.</u> If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight so that I might not be delivered to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not from here."

2. Then Kingdom Of The New Earth (The old is unsalvageable)

Isaiah 65:17 "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered, nor come into mind."

<u>2 Peter 3:13</u> "But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."

3. Promise Fulfilled

<u>Revelation 11:15</u> "Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."

So, we still fight against the devil in the earth that is his. This is why he still has authority here. It hasn't been purified with fire yet. While heaven was purified with the blood of Jesus, the earth once washed with water in Noah's flood, will now be purified with fire. We as humanity can be purified with the blood of Jesus and made righteous by faith in Jesus Christ that will lead us to obedience.

Continuing the prophesied victory of the Messiah.

<u>Genesis 3:14-15</u> "And Jehovah God said to the serpent, Because you have done this you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. (15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; <u>He will bruise your head</u>, and you shall bruise His heel."

THE WORK CONTINUES

We as believers continue to fulfill this prophecy of Genesis 3
<u>Luke 10:19-20</u> "Behold, I give to you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the authority of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you.</u> (20) Yet do not rejoice in this, that the evil spirits are subject to you, rather rejoice because your names are written in Heaven." *Tread means to "trample under foot".

Jesus is still bruising the head of the serpent Satan to this very day. He is doing this though the children of God called by His name.

GOOD AND EVIL ONCE AGAIN PRESENTED.

<u>Genesis 2:16-17</u> "Then the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat fruit from every tree of the orchard, (17) but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of <u>good and evil</u>, for when you eat from it you will surely die."

Deuteronomy 30:15-19 "Behold! I have set before you today **life and good, and death and evil,** (16) in that I command you today to love Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, so that you may live and multiply. And Jehovah your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it. (17) But if you turn away your heart, so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, (18) I declare to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days on the land where you pass over Jordan to go to possess it. (19) I call Heaven and earth to record today against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, so that both you and your seed may live,"

<u>Revelation 14:12</u> "This requires the steadfast endurance of the saints – <u>those who obey</u> God's commandments and hold to their faith in Jesus."

<u>*Revelation 22:14*</u> "<u>Blessed are they who do His commandments</u>, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and they may enter in by the gates into the city."

All humanity is in the throes of the decision of what kingdom they want to be a citizen of: earthly and sinful, or spiritual and obedient to God. We all must heed the call of God upon our hearts and let His kingdom reign within us.

<u>2 Peter 1:10-11</u> "Therefore, brothers, rather be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things, you shall never fall. (11) For so an entrance shall be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

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