

# The Art of Spiritual Warfare Part 1 of 10: Fall of Angels; Origin of Demons

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We are going to begin a new series called The Art of Spiritual Warfare. I can tell you preemptively I am more excited about going into the series than I've been excited about doing any message or teaching before. I've never done a series to this degree that I believe is going to challenge you as much as this series is going to. The nature of the things that we're going to be covering within the series is going to call for change, sacrifice, repentance, and true revival. This would not be a revival that's built on some emotional high that leaves as quickly as it came. Instead, it is an authentic revival.

About 3 to 4 months ago, the LORD started stirring my heart for revival. I want revival in this community, this nation, the world, and I want revival in Jerusalem. So I am seeking the LORD regarding how to approach this. How do we stir this and light the match? I want to throw it on the gas and burn the place down with revival.

Well, it is amazing that literally within weeks the LORD gave me the inspiration for the series The Art of Spiritual Warfare. This is what's going to be the match that ignites the gas. I truly believe that once we get through this series, I don't believe this community is going to ever be the same again. That's the expectation. This is a powerful expectation where the Holy Spirit is moving like fire so that it changes you in such a way that it's not just breaking the chains, bondages, and addictions in your life but there will be such life coming out of you that you will give life to others through the Messiah Yeshua. If this is what we want, this is what we need to crave.

Before we get into today's message, I want to say that most of you know me and you know my modus operandi. I like to start out slow by laying a foundation. Well, today we are going to be laying a foundation. I want to step back and give you an eschatological overview of what is happening in the history of our age. I want to look at things that have transpired and have set the stage for what we are experiencing today. I want to look at the very important things that make up the reality that is unseen. This is the reality that people don't know about or refuse to acknowledge.

With that said, I want to open up today. I want to go back to the beginning by going to the book of Genesis or in Hebrew, *רֵאשִׁית* (*re'shiyth*). I want to show you so you understand that from the very beginning mankind, God's precious creation, has been at war. What happened to go get us in this war? To understand that we have to go back to the garden. Remember that Adam and Eve were immortal. They were in an immortal state. They were not in a fallen and sinful state. They were created to be immortal and were never to die. But what happened? The adversary rose up against them to do what? He wanted to steal, kill, and destroy. And what happened in that battle? They lost.

I wouldn't say they lost the war. They did, however, lose the battle. What the adversary came to do he accomplished. He took them out. And as a result, Adam and Eve receive the curse of God. God cast them out of the garden away from His presence.

Think about that! From the very beginning, we have been at war. And unfortunately, I can tell you this, the intensity of this war that includes the attacks, the deception, the afflictions, and the oppressions didn't end in the Garden of Eden. As we continue throughout Scripture, and we don't have to go very far, we find things got worse. We find that the attacks got more intense.

If we jump ahead to Genesis 6:1, we read about something very peculiar—<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God (the sons of God being the angels of heaven) saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. <sup>3</sup> And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." <sup>4</sup> There were giants on the earth in those days. The giants being referred to are the Nephilim. They are the giants. The definition is tyrants. The Hebrew root word for Nephilim is *napha*. This is very significant when you consider the future and reality of the giants. It means, to fail or to fall as in battle. Continuing—and also afterward, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. So here we're told that the angels from heaven descend to earth and join themselves to women. The product of this joining together is that these women give birth to the Nephilim or giants.

Now I want you to ask yourself, "What just happened here?" You could say, "Well Daniel, you just told us the giants came down and mated with the women and out of that we have the Nephilim." I want you to understand there is so much more in the spiritual realm you need to appreciate out of this event. You need to understand that in the spiritual realm there was a status was to be maintained of sanctification and separation. In other words, the angelic beings were forbidden by God to do what they did. It was lawlessness. These angels came down lawlessly crossing the line or border that God had established and performed this act. I want you to consider what just happened. We just fused the spiritual realm into the physical. They coincided in a way that is horrid. This was a GMO (genetically modified organism) gone bad.

Now I want to shed some further light on this to help you appreciate what happened here. To do so, I am going to need to take you to the book of Enoch because that book records in detail the angels coming down and mating with women. There are some details here that I absolutely need you to see because they directly pertain to the art of spiritual warfare. They pertain to things that we're dealing with today.

Before we do this, it's always important for me to add the disclaimer for those of you who are not familiar with the book of Enoch. Don't go running for the doors yet. Hang tight for a second. I want to give you a little background about the book of Enoch. Number one, the book of Enoch is quoted in The New Testament. We can find this in the book of Jude. This is what Jude says—Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints. This verse is almost verbatim a direct quote from Enoch 1:9—And behold He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones. It's a direct quote.

Now I do want to point out something else about the book of Enoch that's very important regarding the fact it is indirectly quoted in the New Testament. Understand the context by which Jude quotes the

verse you. Let me point out a word that's very important, Enoch the seventh from Adam prophesied. How did Jude view the book of Enoch, or at the very least this particular passage? He viewed it as inspired. Now that's something you've got to wrestle with on your own. I'm not here to debate Enoch today; we can do that some other time. We know from our New Testament that the New Testament writers upheld it as inspired. That's pretty intense.

Not just that, but we also find it within the Dead Sea Scrolls. So when you look at all these different scrolls that were found in the Dead Sea scrolls that are in our Bible or Tanakh, what did you find lying next to those Biblical scrolls? You find the book of Enoch, and there were multiple copies. There was not just one little fragment.

So with that disclaimer out of the way, I want to take you to the book of Enoch and give you a little further background into what happened. We are going to Enoch 6. There is an easy way to remember this because in the book of Genesis the story of the fallen angels is in chapter 6 also. Let's look at this—<sup>1</sup> [And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters.](#) <sup>2</sup> [And the angels, the children of heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another; 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and get us children \(Enoch 6:1-2\).](#)

This wasn't just about the angels looking down from heaven and lusting after women. The angels wanted something they were not given by God. They wanted offspring, children. This gets you're your mind spinning when you realize that we were made in the image of God. What does God do? He creates. And man was given the power to create. When men and women procreate, they can give birth to offspring. This, of course, was through the power of the Living God with the LORD breathing life into them. But that was an amazing thing the angels wanted.

Continuing in Enoch 6:6—[And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.](#) Now I want you to notice something fundamental in that we are given a timetable as to when the angels descended from heaven. And what is that timetable? It is—in [the days of Jared](#). So who is Jared? Jared was the father of Enoch.

I want to give you some perspective here. If you go to Genesis 5, what you'll find is something very fascinating. There are 10 generations mentioned from the beginning of Adam to the end Noah. It was during Noah's time that the flood and destruction came on the earth. There are exactly 10 generations.



This is what it looks like. It is Adam to Mehalalel. Then number 6 is Jared who fathers Enoch. Then we have Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah. So from the days of Jared to Noah is when things began to fall apart. So I want you to understand what brought about the Noahide apocalypse which was the destruction of the earth. It was at the time of Jared that the Angels came down and this event took place. It was intense. That is not to say that sin did not already exist, but this is when it came off the rails. We are going to see this as we continue.

Continuing in Enoch 7:1—*And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants.* The first thing I want to point out here is the fact that when the angels came down from heaven, they did a lot more than just take wives. They not only crossed the line by taking human wives and fathering children by them, but they also revealed eternal secrets that were to be retained in heaven, and they gave them to man. This was complete lawlessness. Again, bringing in spiritual knowledge that mankind was never meant to know spawned total corruption

In Deuteronomy 29:29 it states—*The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to our children and us forever.* Understand something; what the angels brought to mankind was not for us because the secret things are the LORD's. These angels betrayed the Living God. This is why everything started coming off the rails.

Continuing in Enoch 7:2-5—<sup>2</sup> *And they became pregnant, and bore great giants, whose height was three thousand ells.* <sup>3</sup> *who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them.* <sup>4</sup> *The giants turned against them and devoured mankind.* <sup>5</sup> *And they began to sin against birds, and beast, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood.*

When I told you that things started coming off the rails, now you see it happen here with the birth of the Nephilim. There is something that started to happen that never happened before, the drinking of blood. You will not find any commandment forbidding this type of action before this. It is only after this that the commandment forbidding the drinking of blood came about. After the flood and the destruction of the earth, God gave Noah this commandment—*But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood (Genesis 9:4).* This tells us that this wickedness that brought about the destruction of the earth was fresh in the LORD's mind.

Continuing in Enoch 7:6—<sup>6</sup> *then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones.* Moving on the Enoch 8:1—<sup>1</sup> *And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures.*

So let us recap. We have angels leaving heaven to come to earth and mate with human women. As a result, they produce offspring. They also reveal eternal secrets that were to be kept secret in heaven alone. What is the effect of all of this and how did this impact the world? We find out in the very next verse found in Enoch 8:2—<sup>2</sup> *And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray and became corrupt in all their ways.* This is the impact that these fallen angels from heaven had on man and the world. It was total devastation, corruption, and destruction. So from the generation of Jared the father of Enoch, the world has never been the same.

Let me show you the extent of the influence and destruction of the offspring of these fallen angels because it didn't just get wiped away with the flood. One problem is that most people believe it did. I'm going to show you something very fascinating that you need to understand, and then we're going to get into the New Testament. I want to take you to Enoch 15, but first I want to give you some backdrop. The angels fell and sinned in the days of Jarad. Then they came to Jarad's son Enoch and asked him if he would go to the LORD and intercede for them for committing this lawlessness and wickedness in the hope that they would be forgiven. So Enoch goes to the LORD to intercede, and this is the LORD's

response in Enoch 15:1-2—<sup>1</sup> And He answered and said to me, and I heard His voice; ‘Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous man and scribe of righteousness; approach hither and hear my voice. <sup>2</sup> And go, say to the Watchers of heaven, who have sent thee to intercede for them: ‘You should intercede for men, and not men for you. The angels are supposed to intercede for men, but they have to call on Enoch to intercede on their behalf.

Continuing in Enoch 15:3—<sup>3</sup> Wherefore have ye left the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and lain with women, and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives, and done like the children of earth and begotten giants as your sons. Continuing in Enoch 15:8-9—<sup>8</sup> And now, the giants who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. <sup>9</sup> Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies, because they are born from men, and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits upon the earth, and evil spirits shall they be called.

Do you understand exactly what this just said because this is blowing? Angels or spirit beings came down from heaven and mated with human women. The resulting offspring are called the Nephilim who are men of flesh and bone. However, that is not all they gave birth to. Out of these Nephilim went forth evil spirits. How did this happen? Because their parents were of the heavens and the earth both producing spiritual fruit and fleshly fruit. That is mind-boggling!

So when you understand the history behind this it begins to get interesting because as we fast forward to the New Testament, what do we read about? Evil spirits. Right?

Looks at the examples from the New Testament. Luke 7:21—**And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.** Luke 8:2—**and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities...Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons.** Over and over again we read this. I can give you example after example of the evil spirits existing in the first century. The Nephilim, the flesh and bone, got swept away in the flood, but the ramifications and the destruction that the angels rocked and brought upon this earth is still here. The evil spirits are still here.

I want you to understand something, the terms evil spirits and demon are transposable terms. The New Testament utilizes these things. So when you are talking about demons, you are talking about evil spirits.

Let me take you back to Enoch because there's something about these evil spirits I want you to know. This information is the very reason we have gone to the book of Enoch. Enoch 15:11-12—<sup>11</sup> **And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless they hunger and thirst, and cause offenses.** <sup>12</sup> **And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women because they have proceeded from them.**

This is the reality of the situation that every one of us needs to be aware of. We are told evil spirits have gone out to war. And who have they come out to war against? They've come out to war against us. They are coming for the men, women, and children. They are coming, and they have declared war. It is their nature to come and destroy us. And let me tell you something, evil spirits will not show you mercy. They will afflict you; they will oppress; they will drag you down. They have come to steal, kill, and destroy. If we're going to talk about spiritual warfare, the first thing we need to understand and

establish is that there is a war going on. This is real whether you want to believe it or not. War is happening.

The second thing we need to establish is who we are at war with. Just knowing you're at war isn't very helpful. You need to know who you're at war with.

There's a clever illustration that speaks to the importance of knowing your enemy, and I want to share it with you. It goes back to a story from World War 1, and this is what it says—[When World War I broke out, the War Ministry in London dispatched a coded message to one of the British outposts in the inaccessible areas of Africa. The message read: “War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district.”](#)

So this is very straightforward. This was the early 1900's when they dispatched this message letting them know that they were at war. They were basically telling them, “Listen up.” Listen to the response they got—[The War Ministry received this prompt reply: “Have arrested ten Germans, six Belgians, four Frenchmen, two Italians, three Austrians, and an American. Please advise immediately who we're at war with.”](#)(Tan, P. L. (1996) *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times (1574)*. Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc).

Think about that! Can you imagine somebody telling you, “Hey. We are at war.” So you are running around in a total state of confusion because you don't know who you're at war with. When that happens, what are you? Vulnerable. You're dead. Right?

When you don't know who your enemy is, you have no direction, you don't have the necessary intel, and you don't know anything about your enemy's power or strategy, you are left completely exposed. How can you have success in war, defend yourself, and overcome your enemy if you have no idea who you're fighting? It is a nightmare scenario. You do not want to be in this scenario.

Going back roughly to the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. there's a famous Chinese military strategist known as Sun Tzu. Many of his strategies come to us in his work called *The Art of War*. How many of you have read *The Art of War*? This still today is a really popular book, especially in corporate America. The book itself is considered invaluable in war strategy. It contains brilliant proverbs and brilliant wisdom. I want to read to you a portion of this book that pertains to knowing the enemy because this is very valuable for us—[If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle](#) (Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*).

I'm going to tell you something right now, that statement is true. If you don't know the enemy, you're going to be defeated. What does the Apostle Paul talk about in 2 Corinthians 2:11—[lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices](#). Read the New Testament. How much time is spent educating us on the wiles of the devil and knowing the enemy's level of deception and power? How much time is spent educating us on how Satan moves and operates?

The Torah is filled with warnings. Read Deuteronomy 13. Read Deuteronomy 18 where it warns against the false prophets who would work on behalf of our enemies and true prophets who work on behalf of God. Knowing thy enemy is a huge component. As we get into spiritual warfare, you're going to need to know the enemy. Not just that, but I will tell you right now you're going to need to know yourself. What does that mean when I say, “To know yourself”? You need to know what you are fighting for. Do you even have a clue what you're fighting for?

I remember a story about Napoleon. Napoleon went into Poland, and he was restoring Poland. He was considered a hero according to the Polish people. While he was there, he was staying in this country house, and his troops came across some Russian soldiers. They immediately took the Russian soldiers captive and of course they wanted to bring them before Napoleon.

So they bring these Russian soldiers before Napoleon. As Napoleon is analyzing them, right away he could tell they were very proud because they came in with their heads high and their chests puffed out. The Russians proceeded to share with Napoleon just how superior Russians are to Frenchmen, and convey the reality of the situation to Napoleon. So the Russians tell Napoleon, "Russians are superior in every way to the Frenchmen." Then the Russians go on to give an example, "Russians fight for honor. You Frenchmen only fight for gain." To this Napoleon came back with an intelligent, very clever retort. He said, "You are right, sirs. We each fight for that which we do not possess."

Think about that statement. That was a pot-shot coming back at him. "We each fight for that which we do not possess." By this Napoleon was indicating these Russians were fighting for the honor because they do not possess it. There is a moral I want you to take away from that story; we are fighting for that which we do not possess, yet.

I'm going to tell you something; there have several times in my life that I have been hanging by a thread. We have all experienced this. I will tell you right now if you want to understand and want to learn the art of spiritual warfare, you need to know what you are fighting for. If you forget what you are fighting for you lose the battle.

What are we fighting for? Eternal life. We are fighting for our lives. We are fighting for an eternal possession. I promise you that if you keep your eye on that prize, remind yourself what you're fighting for, you will overcome. Do not forget that.

Let me offer some Scriptural support for that statement. Psalms 27:13—*I would have lost heart unless I had believed. That I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* David had to remind himself what he was fighting for and why he had to overcome. Because he wanted to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Do you want to persevere in this age and make it? Remember what you're fighting for because the world is trying over and over again to make you forget it.

See what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 regarding this topic—<sup>24</sup> *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.* <sup>25</sup> *And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.* This is what we're fighting for. We want that immortal crown which is a crown that cannot be taken from us. This is eternal life. He continues in verse 26—*Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight.*

Paul comes right out and says that he fights. He is at war. When you are at war, fight. Continuing—*Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.* <sup>27</sup> *But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:26-27).*

If you want that crown, you're going to have to fight because an adversary, an entire kingdom, has risen against you. You had better believe this kingdom is coming for you with everything they have. The more this reality sinks down in your heart, the more you're going to realize your need for Yeshua. You need



the protection because you're outmatched. You do not have the strength to overcome the demonic forces that come against you. They will make you look foolish. Apart from Yeshua, we can do nothing. We need to run under the shadow of His wing for protection.

I love Proverbs 18:10—**The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.** We need to go into the tabernacle of Yeshua placing our faith and committing our lives to Him because when Yeshua rises up, who can stand against Him? Nobody. You need Him. We cannot fight this war apart from Him.

I want to share with you the awesome power of Yeshua. I want to show you how all these evil spirits, who are extremely powerful and strong bringing men into bondage and addictions that they can't break, respond to the presence of Yeshua.

Let's go to Luke 8:27-28 for this example—<sup>27</sup> **And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.** <sup>28</sup> **When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"** I love Matthew's version of this very same story found in Mathew 8:29—**have you come here to torment us before the time?**

The first thing I want you to realize here is that these demons confess their defeat before Yeshua. They have confessed that they are going to be defeated. This is so important if you want to be on the winning side. Read this passage because, in spite of what the Satanists believe in that Satan is going to win this war issue, Yeshua is on top and is going to win the war. You want to be on the winning side.

The other thing I love about this is that when these demons come into the presence of Yeshua, they are groveling before Him. They have no power or authority over Him. And what's amazing here is Yeshua's demeanor. Does He flinch, or is He scared? Does He hide in a corner? No.

When I was growing up, my parents were in deliverance ministries. I would go to all sorts of events, and at times it was just a circus. It was weird. There would be demons running around chasing people. There would be other people trying to cast out demons, and they didn't have any power. There were people sitting in the corner bawling because they were frightened of what was going on.

Yeshua doesn't blink at evil. He doesn't tremble. He doesn't shake before evil spirits no matter how powerful they are.

You need him living inside you so you can have that same power. Paul says in 2 Timothy 1:7—**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.** That only happens when Yeshua lives in you. I am going to tell you that when you come toe to toe with the enemy if you don't have Yeshua and the power, you are going to cower feebly. That will be bad news.