

Daniel 7

- 3 scenes
- Jesus given 3 things:
 - Dominion
 - Glory
 - Kingdom

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Genesis 1:26-28

- In **Genesis**, Adam was made in the image of God to rule the beasts, but Adam failed
- In **Daniel 7**, God appears in the image of Adam (the son of man) to rule over the beasts, and God succeeds
- In the Garden, an usual beast (serpent) got dominion over man and brought evil into the world
- As a result, humans who should be the image of God, have become like “beasts”
- The earth should be a garden ruled by men, but instead it’s ruled by beasts who take dominion over men
- One of the reasons God has to be a man (the son of man), and the reason Jesus presented himself that way, is because a man must fulfill the mandate Adam was given
- A man must correct what was given up in the Garden

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.

Revelation 12:4a.- His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.

- We don't know a lot about Satan and his fallen angels (offspring)
- We don't know a lot because God has designed it that way

Romans 16:17-20

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. 19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but **I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.** 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Genesis 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, Did God actually say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden? 2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 But the serpent said to the woman, You will not surely die. 5 **For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.** 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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There is a battle going on around us all the time

Daniel 10:12-13; 20-21

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. 13 **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**,

20 Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against **the prince of Persia**; and when I go out, behold, **the prince of Greece** will come.

21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except **Michael, your prince**.

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- Are we talking about believers or unbelievers?
- I think this is talking to believers or at least professing believers
- **V. 19** - ...The Lord knows those who are his, and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.
- It's not for us to know who's saved and who's not
- An honorable vessel will try to correct those in opposition to God's teaching
- The test of the genuineness of one's faith is if they respond positively to that correction
- The correction seems to be aimed at believers like Timothy

1 Timothy 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled,...

7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, **so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.**

2 Timothy 2:24-26

- Our obedience to God is only because of the Holy Spirit within us, not of ourselves
- So there is no reason to be self-righteous or have an attitude of superiority
- Repentance means a change of mind and heart that can only come through knowledge of the truth
- It is possible, because of sin, that a believer can fall into the snare of the devil, be held captive, and gain such an influence over them, that they do the devils will.

2 Timothy 2:20-26 – but don't worry...if they're truly believers...

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

2 Peter 2:9 - ...the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials,...

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- Unless people are born again and make Jesus their Lord, they have the power of death over humans **Hebrews 2:14-15**

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- All humans have flesh and blood
- “partook” means taking on something that is not naturally one’s own kind
- We by nature are flesh and blood, but Christ was not
- Jesus took on our nature so that He might die in our place
- Why did Jesus become a man? “that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death,”
- The only way to destroy Satan and his offspring is to take away his weapon – death
- Satan knew if man stayed the way he was, death would separate us in hell forever
- Man cannot escape after death
- So God had to remove the power of death from the devil
- Satan’s weapon is powerful, but Jesus’s weapon, eternal life, renders it useless
- Man’s greatest fear is death
- But when we receive Jesus, death holds no more fear

Matthew 16:13-18

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is? 14 And they said, Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. 15 He said to them, But who do you say that I am? 16 Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- Peter identifies Jesus as the son of God (living among them as a human)
- Jesus described Peter's revelation as a "rock," likely a reference to **Daniel 2**
- In **Daniel 2**, a stone from God destroys all the kingdoms of this age and becomes the foundation of a new kingdom that fills the Earth and is eternal
- Jesus is claiming to be establishing that kingdom and He is the chief cornerstone

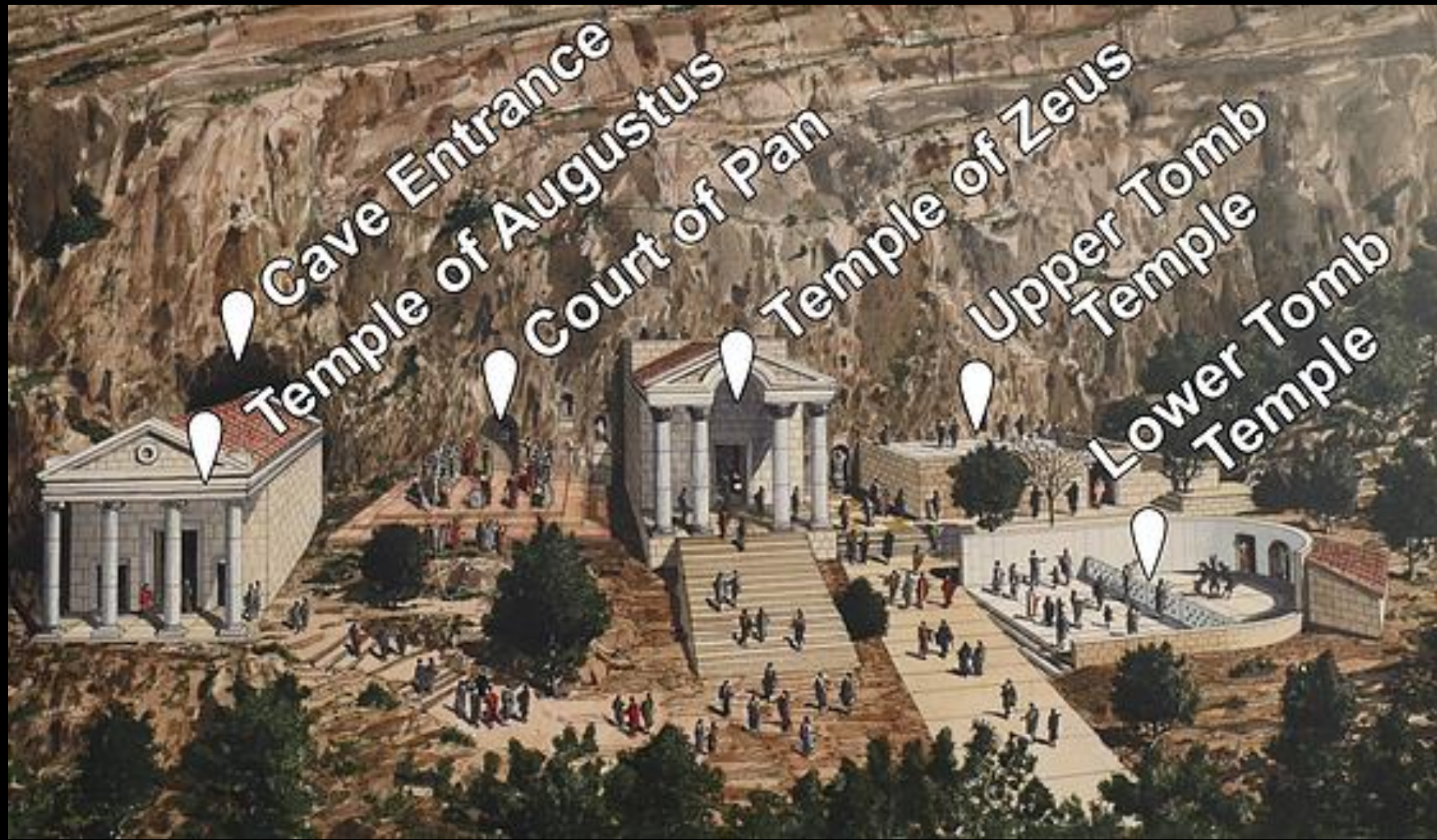
- Caesarea Philippi was at the base of Mount Hermon and was associated with the worship of false gods
- It had temples to Caesar, temples to Greek gods, niches in the rock for idols, and a huge cave known as "the cave of Pan"
- It also had another name, "the gates of hell"



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Cave Entrance

Temple of Augustus

Court of Pan

Temple of Zeus

Upper Tomb

Lower Tomb

- Jesus took his disciples to the very center of pagan worship and asked them if they knew who he was
- He was The Son of Man that would destroy all the beasts
- The city was a monument to the beasts
- Jesus stood in the presence of all sorts of idol worship (Greek, Roman, Etc.) and declared that He was establishing a kingdom and the gates of hell would not prevail against it

- In light of that, how should we live?

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 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. 13 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.

- We are no match for Satan and his offspring
- **Psalm 8:4-5** - what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

Ephesians 6:14-18

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication...

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- Breastplate of righteousness – Christ’s righteousness protects our vitals
- The shield of faith – trusting God’s promises is what extinguishes the enemies darts
- Helmet of Salvation – Clearly knowing who saved us and how, protects our head
- Sword of the Spirit – the most powerful weapon we have is The Word of God (not our words)
- Praying at all times – Speaking to demons is not recommended; when confronted with such situations, we are to pray to God
- Every aspect of the armor of God is We are “to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.”