

## TAKING TERRITORY: What is the WAR over?

Daniel 10:12-14 - Then he said to me, “**DO NOT FEAR, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.** <sup>13</sup> But the **PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM OF PERSIA WITHSTOOD ME** twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, **FOR I HAD BEEN LEFT ALONE THERE WITH THE KINGS OF PERSIA.** <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the **VISION REFERS TO MANY DAYS YET TO COME.**”

Church, what we are stepping into is not casual. It is not merely strategic. It is not just a financial decision. It is spiritual.

**When a church acquires ground, HEAVEN MARKS IT and HELL CONTESTS IT.**

Throughout Scripture, territory is never just geography. It is jurisdiction. It is influence. It is authority. And **whenever authority shifts, warfare follows. This is biblical pattern.**

**DOMINION REQUIRES DOMAIN**

From the beginning, God created humanity with dominion over the earth. Genesis 1:26 establishes that authority was always tied to territory. God did not create a people floating in abstraction. **He placed them in a garden. A location. A defined sphere of rule.**

**You cannot exercise DOMINION without DOMAIN.**

- Eden was not just a relationship space. It was governmental space.
- When Adam sinned, he did not just lose innocence. He forfeited legal ground.
- That is why redemption is not only about forgiveness. It is about restoration of authority.

**All through Scripture, God works through land.**

- Abraham is promised territory in Genesis 12.
- Israel fights for cities in Joshua.
- David captures Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 5.
- The prophets speak over regions.
- Jesus announces a Kingdom in Matthew 4.

**This Bible is a story of CONTESTED TERRITORY.**

**And every time God's people step forward, something resists.**

## WHEN GOD DIVIDED THE NATIONS

Deuteronomy 32:8 - When the Most High **divided their inheritance to the nations**, When He separated the sons of Adam, **He set the boundaries** of the peoples **ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**

“When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number of THE SONS OF GOD.**”

The Hebrew phrase *bene ha'elohim* means “**sons of God.**”

- In ancient Jewish understanding, this refers to spiritual beings. The Septuagint translates it as “angels of God.”
- **The idea is staggering.** When humanity rebelled at Babel, God disinherited the nations and allotted them under lesser *elohim*.
- The word *elohim* in Hebrew does not always mean the Almighty. It refers to spiritual beings in the unseen realm.
- Reveals that when the Most High divided the nations, He set boundaries. Boundaries are not accidental. They are appointed.

Ancient Jewish understanding recognized that nations were not just **POLITICAL ENTITIES**. They were **SPIRITUAL JURISDICTIONS**.

Psalm 82:1 - God stands in the congregation of the mighty; **HE JUDGES AMONG THE GODS**.

- Shows God judging corrupt spiritual rulers. That psalm is not about human judges. It is about spiritual authorities that ruled unjustly.

**The Bible teaches that territory is influenced by unseen powers.**

- Daniel 10 pulls the veil back. The prophet prays, and an angel explains that the “prince of Persia” resisted him. That was not a human king. That was a spiritual ruler over a region.
- Paul later calls these principalities and powers in Ephesians 6:12.
- Principalities are territorial rulers.

So, when we talk about purchasing land, understand something: **LAND IS NEVER SPIRITUALLY NEUTRAL**.

**Why is that???**

**TERRITORY CARRIES HISTORY**

Throughout the Old Testament, God repeatedly commands Israel to tear down altars and remove high places. Why?

- Because land holds agreements.
- When Jacob encountered God at Bethel in Genesis 28, that place became marked by heaven.
- When Israel entered Canaan, God told them to cleanse the land before occupying it in Deuteronomy 7.
- The land mattered.
- Joshua walked Jericho. David built altars. Solomon dedicated the temple.

**CONSECRATION always followed OCCUPATION.**

**Why? BECAUSE WHEN TERRITORY CHANGES HANDS, IT MUST BE SANCTIFIED.**

**We are not just acquiring a building. We are stepping into spiritual history that predates us. Words have been spoken here. Covenants and agreements have been made here. Things have happened there.**

**When God entrusts ground to His people, He expects it to be claimed, cleansed, and consecrated.**

## **WARFARE FOLLOWS EXPANSION**

Every time Israel stepped into promise, giants showed up. The land flowed with milk and honey, but it was occupied.

David could not reign fully until he captured Jerusalem. **The stronghold had to fall before the throne could be established.**

In Mark 5, when Jesus delivered the demoniac, the spirits begged not to be sent out of the region. They cared about geography.

**Spirits seek territory. And when a Spirit-filled church establishes itself in strategic ground, resistance often intensifies.**

- Expect unusual pressure.
- Expect misunderstandings.
- Expect spiritual agitation.

**Not because God is absent, but because something is being displaced.**

**WARFARE IS OFTEN CONFIRMATION THAT YOU ARE ADVANCING.**

## **THE CHURCH IS A GOVERNMENTAL PEOPLE**

**Jesus did not say, “I will build a meeting.” He said in Matthew 16:18 that He would build His church, and the gates of hell would not prevail.**

- Gates are territorial language.
- Gates represent authority and jurisdiction in the ancient world.

**The church is designed by God to confronts the Gates.**

**Colossians 2:15 declares that Christ disarmed principalities and powers. The cross was not merely personal. It was cosmic.**

- He stripped them of ultimate authority.
- Now the Church enforces that victory.

**Ephesians 3:10–11 (NKJV) - “To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known BY THE CHURCH TO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

**When we plant ourselves in this property, we are not just relocating. We are declaring that this region belongs to the King.**

**THIS IS SERIOUS (Put all 3 on one screen)**

**Territory requires unity.**

**Territory requires holiness.**

**Territory requires prayer.**

**We cannot take ground in the spirit while living CARELESSLY IN THE FLESH.**

**If we are going to occupy this land, we must be spiritually aligned.**

**DIVISION WEAKENS AUTHORITY AND SIN COMPROMISES DOMINION.**

- Joshua told Israel to consecrate themselves before crossing the Jordan in Joshua 3.
- Before expansion came consecration.
- Before promise came purification.

**If God is entrusting us with GREATER TERRITORY, He is also calling us to GREATER MATURITY.**

**WHAT WE MUST DO**

- We pray over it.
- We worship on it.

- We declare Scripture over it.
- We break any ungodly agreement made there. We dedicate it wholly to the Lord.

Psalm 24 declares that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. We are not begging heaven for permission. We are aligning with what already belongs to Him.

## **FINAL DECLARATION**

This is not about bricks and beams. This is about influence. This is about future generations. This is about spiritual climate. **IF WE DO NOT OCCUPY GROUND INTENTIONALLY, SOMETHING ELSE WILL.**

- Neutral territory does not stay neutral.
- Revelation 11:15 speaks of the kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

We are not fighting for victory - We are enforcing it. And if God has placed this property in our hands, it is because He intends for His Kingdom to expand through us.

So, we will take the land, We will consecrate the ground, We will stand united, and we will not be surprised by the war.

**Because** **WHENEVER TERRITORY CHANGES HANDS, HEAVEN ADVANCES AND DARKNESS TREMBLES.**