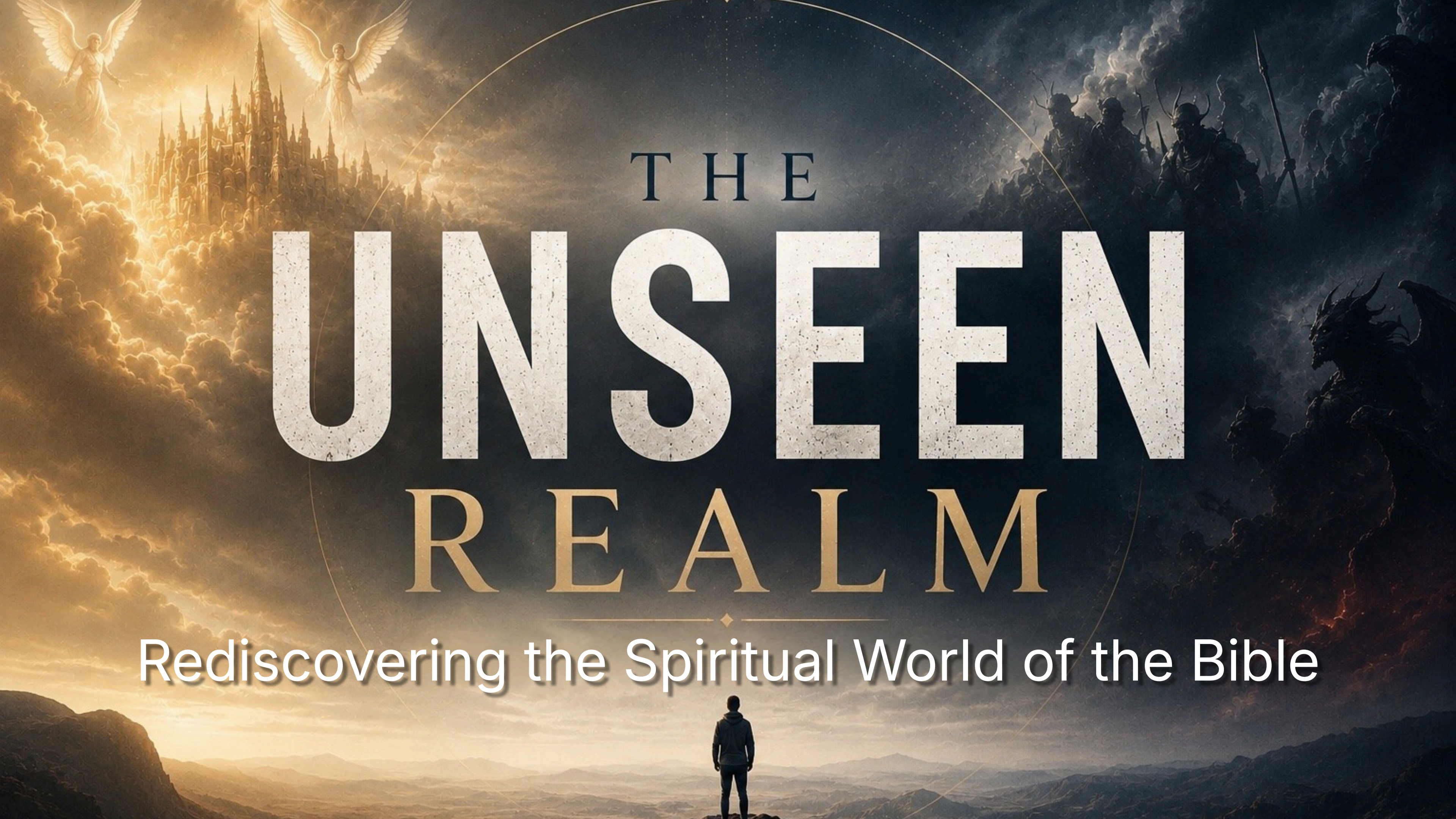




THE UNSEEN REALM

Rediscovering the Spiritual World of the Bible

Tearing Down Strongholds



Ever Wonder why Israel is called “God’s Chosen People?”

- In Genesis 10, the descendants of Noah’s 3 sons are listed.
- In Genesis 11, the nations from Genesis 10 rebel at Babel and God scatters, and **disinherits** them.
- In Deuteronomy 32:8, we learn He assigned angelic princes over the nations to be His stewards:
“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance ...He set the bounds of the people according to the **number of the sons of God.**” (aka 70)
- These **divine princes rebelled**, claiming the nations’ worship for themselves —**source of all pagan** religions and mythologies.

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- In Deuteronomy 32:9, we learn of a 71st nation:
“For the LORD’s portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of His inheritance.”
- The archangel Michael alone of the angelic stewards remained faithful.
- See Daniel 10

The Angelic Rebellion

- These seventy fallen stewards and their minions  are the powers and principalities, etc. Paul mentions in Ephesians 6:12.
- They are declared rebels, traitors and under divine judgment in Psalm 82:
“God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: 2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?”

The Angelic Rebellion-What were their Crimes?

- Accepted Worship
- Enthroned themselves as deities
- Demanded blood, sacrifice, and allegiance
- Corrupted Justice
- Pushed nations into idolatry
- Set themselves up against God Almighty (See Psalm 2)

“1Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

2The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together,
against the LORD and against His Anointed One:

3‘Let us break Their chains and cast away Their cords.’”

God's Chosen People-What was their *intended* Destiny?

- Be Salt and Light
- Evangelize the nations to follow the LORD
- Be a land of justice and righteousness





God's Chosen People-What was their *actual* Fate?

- Failure
- Backsliding
- Imitated the other nations instead of being an example to them
- Followed after the corrupt pagan demons
- Captivity, Removal from the Promised Land, and Dispersal

Why are the Land and Geography so Important?

- Central location
- Geography represented control—Deities were defined by the Land they governed.
- Represented their Earthly Strongholds and Power

An Unholy Area in the Holy Land – Mt. Harmon

- Site of Demonic Rebellion in Genesis 6 (1 Enoch)
- Og of Bashan- Land of Giants (Deuteronomy)
- Place of significant Canaanite Pagan Worship
- Part of the Tribe of Dan's "Inheritance" (Judges 18)
- Site of the Northern Tribes' Worship (I Kings 12)
- Entrance to the Underworld
- Near Caesarea Philippi in Jesus' Day (Matthew 16)
- Part of the Golan Heights today
- See also Psalm 22 and Amos 4

Divine Conflict— Mts Sinai & Zion vs. Mt. Harmon

- Psalm 68:15-18

15 Mount Bashan, majestic mountain,

Mount Bashan, rugged mountain,

16 why gaze in envy, you rugged mountain,

at the **mountain where God chooses to reign**,

where the Lord himself will dwell forever?

17 The chariots of God are tens of thousands

and thousands of thousands;

the **Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary**.

18 When you ascended on high,

you took many captives;

you received gifts from people,

even from the rebellious—

that you, Lord God, might dwell there.



The Angelic Rebellion-The Judgment Against Them

- Psalm 82:

6 I say, "You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
7 nevertheless, you shall die like men,
and fall like any prince."
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for to thee belong all the nations!

Psalm 2:

7b "You are My Son;
today I have become Your Father.
8 Ask Me, and I will make the nations Your
inheritance, the ends of the earth Your
possession.
9 You will break them with an iron scepter;
You will shatter them like pottery."

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Three-Year Campaign

- Skirmish

- One of His Earliest Acts:
 - Casting out a demon (Luke 4)

- He Chooses 12 Generals

- Loses 1: Judas = Dan

- Sends out 70 Captains (Luke 10)

- One for each of the Rebel Sons of God

- Many little battles

- Exorcisms
- Healings
- Feeding the hungry

- Found Allies in the Enemy Camps

- Syro-Phoenician woman (Mark 7)
- Centurion (Luke 7)

Two-Month Counteroffensive

- “Final” Offensive:
 - “The Bashan Declaration”
 - Matthew 16-17
 - Mark 8-9
 - Luke 9
 - “Who do you say I am”
 - “The Gates of Hell”
 - Predicts His own death
 - Transfiguration
 - Predicts His own death
 - Casts out another demon
 - Predicts His own death
- Enemy’s Response:
 - Crucifixion
- Victorious Counteroffensive
 - Resurrection



YO, PRINCES OF THE NATIONS

I'M BACK!

Parable of the Vineyard (Mark 12:1-9)

Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then **he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place.** 2 At harvest time **he sent a servant to the tenants** to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 He sent still another, and that one they killed. **He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.**

6 “**He had one left to send, a son**, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

7 “But the **tenants said** to one another, ‘**This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.**’ 8 So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9 “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? **He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.**

Total Victory

- God is not satisfied with partial victory
- Only God is the rightful KING
- Wants His Creation back
- Wants His People back
- ALL Enemy Strongholds MUST be defeated
- This includes the strongholds in YOUR life

Preparing for the Lord's Supper

Psalm 139:

23 Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.