

GN,pt 64-ANGels bhind the scenes

>>>>We're in a vs-by-vs study of BkofGn

>>>Last wk—we flwed Jcb as he fled for his life aftr stealing bthr Esau's blesing

[IF MISSED LST MSG—CD/DWNLD]

>>But thre's another great truth frm this story tht we didn't hve x to cover last wk

>>>>So I want us to cover it this week

>>>Talk ab wht diff it makes fr our lives
[READY?]

I- PASSAGE GEN 28

A. V. 10—"Thn Jcb left Beisheba & set out fr Haran. **MAP**—show whre Jcb goin

B. V. 11—"& he came to a certain place, whre he stoppd fr the nite. & he took one of the stones of the place & put it under his head & lay down to sleep."

C. V. 12—"& he had a dream in which he saw a ladder resting on the erth, with its top reaching into heaven. & the **angels** were going up & down on it. & behold, the Lord stood at the top"

D. **THIS**=wht I wnt us to talk ab: **ANGELS**

E. Acc to a recent AP poll-**77% of Amer's** believe in "angels"---**& they should!**

F. Bc angels're mentioned in B 273 times
 G. S0-answr few quick Q's ab angls

H. #1-"Do ple become angels aftr die?"

1. **NO! B says** tht angels are not some kind of glorified human beings
2. Rather, they're a separate class of "heavenly creatures"

J. #2-"Where did angels come frm?"

1. **B says** tht they were created by Gd
2. Ps 148:2-"Praise the Lrd, all U his angels; praise Him, all U his (heavenly) hosts."
3. V. 5-"Let thm praise the name of the Lrd, for He commanded & they were created."

K. #3-"What kind of beings are angels?"

1. **B says** tht they are spiritual beings
 *Who never die (Lk 20:36)...
 *& do not reproduce (Mt 22:30)

L. #4-"Do angels have bodies?"

1. **B says** (Heb 1:14) tht angels are "ministering spirits" & do not have physical bodies
2. Hwvr, in B—we see—tht angels can tke on the appearance of mn/wn

when the occasion demands

3. Like they did in Gen 19 at S&G

M. **#5**-“How many angels are there?”

1. **B nvr says** fr sure—but there’s alot!

2. Hb 12:22-“U’ve cme to the hvnly Jer
...& to 10000’s upon 10000’s of anpls

N. **#6**-“Are thre any limits to anpls’ pwr

1. The B say **YES indeed !!**

2. **B says** tht angels are **NOT**:

***Omnis’ent**-(J re: 2nd Coming)-

(Matt 24:36)-”But of tht day &
hour, noone knws, not evn the
angels of hvn

***Omnipotnt**(Jude 9)-“But Mchael
the archangel, whn he disputed
with the devil abt the body of
Moses, dared not pronounce a
judgment agst him (devil) but
said, ‘The Lord rebuke U’.”

****IOW**--by himself—Michael not
pwrful enuf to defeat Satan

**He had to fall bck on J’s pwr

***Omnipresent**-

**Dan 10:13(angel)“I was sent
to U, but the prince of Persia

(demon) prevented me from getting to U until Michael the archangel came to help me.”

**IOW-this angel cld only be in one place at one time

3. Angels are (hwevr)extremely pwrful

*Don't frgt wht 2angels did to S&G

O. #6-“What do angels do?”

1.Asr=B says they carry out Gd's ordrs

2.Ps 103:20-“Bless the Lrd, U his angels mighty in strength & who perform His commands & obey His voice.”

P. #7-“Are all angels... good angels?”

1.No! All angels started off bng good

2.But some of thm flwed the mighty angel “Lucifer” in his “foul revolt”

(John Milton) agst Gd(Isa 14/Ez 28)

3.& Gd ejected thm frm hvn(Rv 12:9)

Q. #8-“Are “demons”&“fln angls” same?”

1.NO! B says tht they're 2 diff kinds of evil spiritual beings

2. Good news=at the end of the age--

Gd will cast ALL these evil beings

into Lke of Fire(Rv20:10)frvr/evr

[EASTEST CRSE IN ANGELOLOGY EVR]

SO WHAT?

- A. As we just said—Rev 20:10 tells us tht
1. At the end of the age...
 2. The devil & all his evil cohorts will be cast into the Lake of Fire
 3. **“Where they will be tormented day & night forever & ever”**
- B. But Rv 20:10 hasn't happened yet!
1. The devil & his angels & his demons are **NOT** in the Lake of Fire
 2. **JUST THE OPPOSITE!**
 3. Thy're roaming the erth & causing as much **havoc** as they can
- C. 2 Cr 4:4 calls Stn “the gd of this wrld”
1. In Jn 12:31—Jesus calls Satan “the prince of this world”
 2. In Eph 2:2—B calls Stn the “prince of the kingdm of the air”
- D. **IOW**—**B says**--tht--in this present age
1. Not only is Satan roaming the erth
 2. But Alm Gd has **granted Satan** a **certain level of authrity** on earth
 3. & yet—**B says** tht Gd remains in final & ultimate cntrol of evrthng
- E. This means...tht in this present age...

1. There's a humongous, vicious, daily
 conflict raging behind the scenes

*Betw the forces of **Satan**

*& the forces of the **Living God**

ILL: In Dan chpt 10—Daniel had a vision

*He didn't understand it—so prayed/fasted

***3 wks ltr**, an angel showed up

*Dan 10:12-“Do not be afraid, Daniel,

fr from the 1st day tht U set yur
 hrt on understanding this vision

...yur prys were heard. & I hve
 come in response to yur wrds

*Dan 10:13-“But the prince of Persia
 resisted me for 21 days

*****Resisted**”=HEB “blockd my way”

*Dn 10:13b-“Thn Michael(archangel)
 came to help me”

***SO ANGEL EXPLAINS THE VISION**

*Dn 10:20-“Soon I shll return to fight
 agst the prince of Persia. & aftr tht,
 the prince of Greece will come(Alex)

AP: WHO IS THIS “**PRINCE OF PERSIA**”?

*He's the evil angel/dmon who's runnin
 the Persian Emp behind the scenes

*Angel: “prince of Greece” (Alex) too

- F. Wht B telling us= tht world history is more than it appears on the surface
1. "Behind the scenes"—it's really an ongoing struggle betw holy angels & fallen angels
 - *Sprme Crt nominations/dcisions
 - *International politics/wars
 - *The rise & fall of empires
 - *Hitler/ISIS/al-quida/boko harem

G. Let me just say--tht as we pray fr rvival here in DC..we must realize tht thre's a "prince of Wash"

1. An evil angel over the city of Wash
2. Whose job is to resist all sp revival
 - *To keep the ple of DC sp'ly blind
 - *To promote as much sin & evil & impurity inDC as he pssibly can
 - *To lure as many ple away frm J as he possibly can

3. & whn we pray fr revival in DC

- *We must pray agst this evil being
- *We must pray fr Mchael to come & run him outa town!!
- *& to create an open door fr Gspl

SAY: "Hw do we prtect slvs agst evil bngs

A: If not FOC—U hve no protection-salv
Rev 12:9-Stn deceives whole wrld”

A: As F’sOJC...Gd’s given US 3 things:

H. #1-The full armor of Gd(Eph 6:10-20)

1. V.11-“Put on the full armor of Gd
tht U may be able to stand firm
agst the schemes of the[SAY] devil
2. Some defensive—helmet of salv..
3. Two offensive—WOG & prayer
4. Tht’s why we teach WOG &
emphasize prayer at this church
5. Which is why Stn hates this chrch
- 6.& it’s why we memorize WOG tgher
--hve it to fight wth whn U need it

IL: In prayer—asking Gd to put it on me
piece by piece...c’reen...

AP: ‘DON’T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!’

J. #2-Our personal guardian angel

- 1.Heb 1:14-“Are not all the angels
ministering spirits sent to render
service to those of us who will
inherit salvation?”
2. As FOC—everywhere U go..U hve
an angel assigned just to U
3. He rides in car with U/sits nxt to U

at wrk/stays up all nite by yur bed
to “protect U frm evil one”(2 Th 3:3)

4. U may not **SEE** him...

***BUT B SAYS... HE'S THERE!**

***Guarding U frm the enemy**

K.#3-The name&the blood of J torun hm

1.Rev 12:11-“& they overcame him
(Satan)bc of the **blood** of the Lamb

2. Acts 16:18-“AP turned to the evil
spirit(in girl)& said, ‘I comand U,
in the name of JC to come out of
her!’ & imed’ly the spirit left her

3. James 4:7-“Resist the devil & he
[SAY] **WILL** flee from U”

4. & we **“resist him”** by confronting
him w/the name/blood of J

5. By praying agst hm “in the name
of J/by the blood of J”

6.**OUTLOUD!** Stn not omnis/read mind

7.**He WILL flee/he MUST flee--WHY?**

8.BEC-1 Jn 4:4-“Greater is He who’s in
US than he who’s in the wrld

CONCLUSION

>>>>One sentence: In the sp battle goin
on all arnd us—we need not fear—for

Gd's given us

*(1) the supernat'l armor of Gd to
resist the enemy

*(2) our prsn'l guardian angel to
fight the enemy

*(3) J's mighty name/blood to *repel*
the enemy

>2 Cr 10:4-"The weapons of our warfare
are not of the flesh, but are divinely
powerful for the pulling down of
(Satan's) strongholds."

>>>LET'S USE WEAPONS GD'S GIVEN US

LET ME JUST SAY: **NEVER** let c'ren/or U
dabble in the demonic—**demonic**
movies/video gmes/ouiji boards/
tarot cards /fortuntellers/spiritualists

>>Don't **EVER** give demonic forces an
opening to enter yur/c'ren's lives