

# The TWO Kingdoms → Darkness & LIGHT

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1. The KINGDOM of GOD ... the KINGDOM of LIGHT

2. The KINGDOM of SIN ... the KINGDOM of DARKNESS  
(this 2<sup>nd</sup> kingdom is temporary)

Reminder: for Humans, the FORCE of SIN is the strongest FORCE in the universe ... more powerful than any force or anything ... EXCEPT GOD Himself

Only GOD is more POWERFUL than the force of SIN !!!

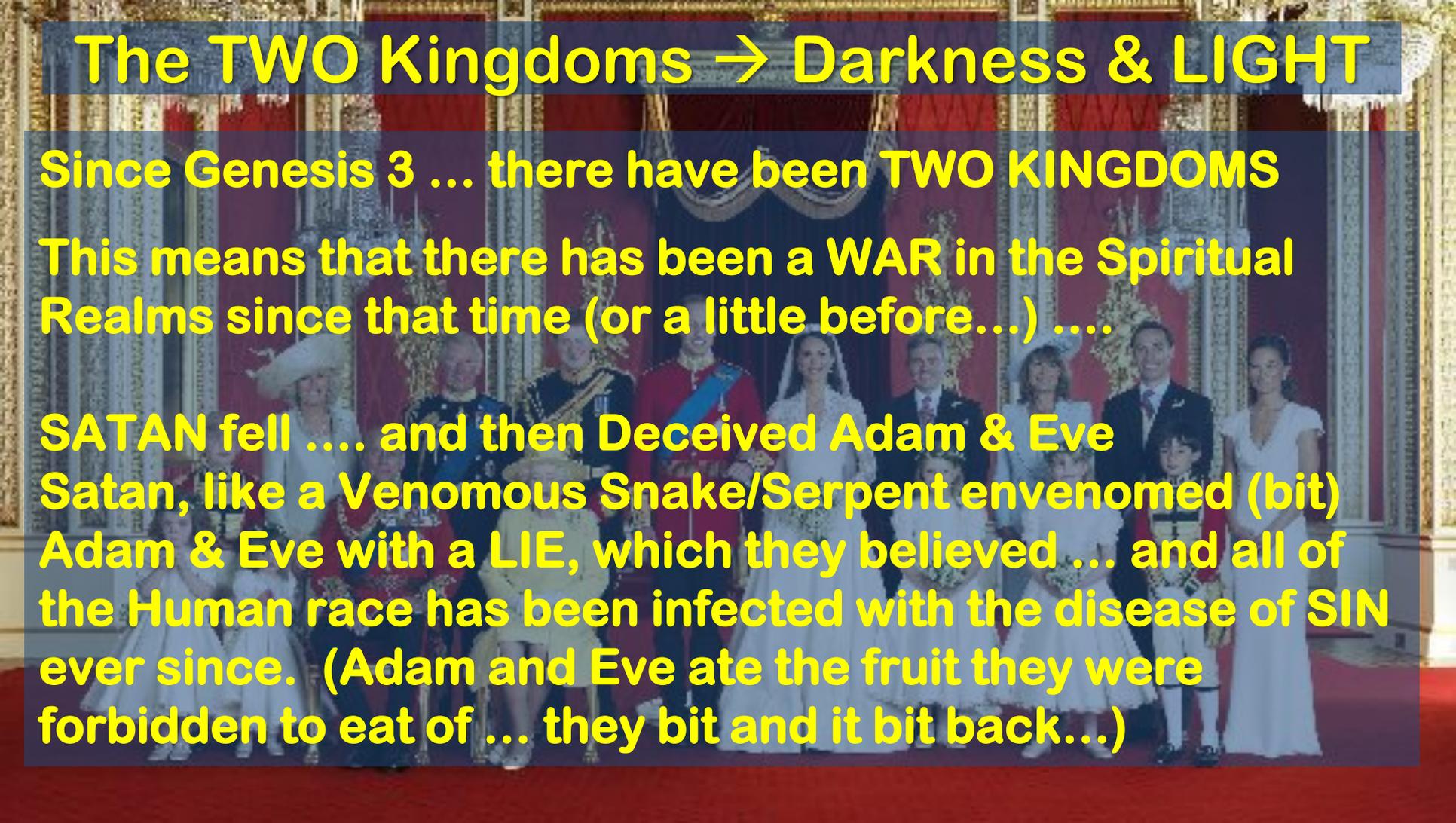
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This means that there has been a WAR in the Spiritual Realms since that time (or a little before...) ....

SATAN fell .... and then Deceived Adam & Eve

Satan, like a Venomous Snake/Serpent envenomed (bit) Adam & Eve with a LIE, which they believed ... and all of the Human race has been infected with the disease of SIN ever since. (Adam and Eve ate the fruit they were forbidden to eat of ... they bit and it bit back...)



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**SATAN** rules over the Kingdom of Darkness with his demons (fellow fallen, sinful angelic beings)

Satan controls the “WORLD System” (1 John 2:15-17) which is full of rebellion, religion, deceit, fear, lies, pain, suffering, and death. Following Satan seems natural to us. Satan connects with our old Sinful, Selfish, Fleshly nature ... to prevent sinners from ever being Saved by Christ.

Satan has excellent tactics to keep sinners under his control ... fear of death, intimidation, peer pressure

Satan is slick, sly, crafty, deceptive, enticing, tempting

→ **NOW**, Let's Look at Ephesians 6:16 (the Shield of Faith)

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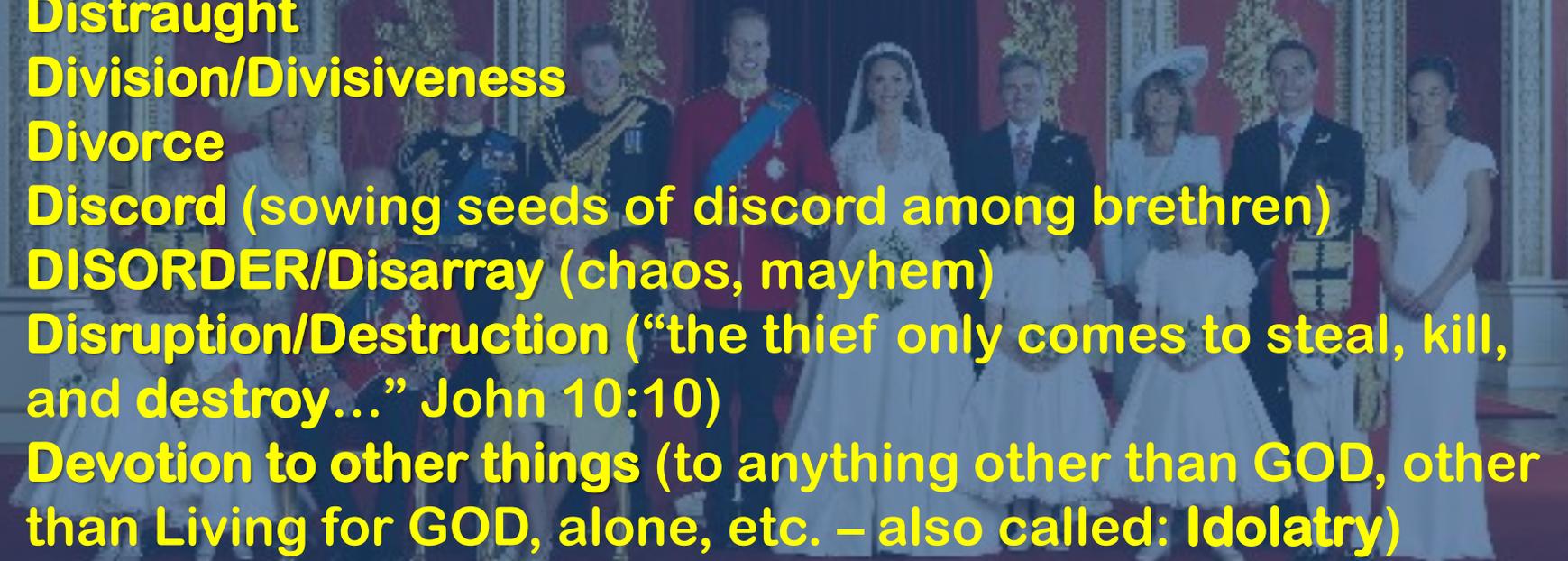
Some of the “D” Words that “Picture” Satan’s Kingdom:

- **DOUBT** → Satan asked Eve in the Garden of Eden:  
“did God really say ... ?” Genesis 3:1  
Satan’s aim is to get us to Doubt God and His Word
- **DECEPTION/DECEIVING** (lies ... he is called the “father of all lies” or “of all liars” in John 8:44)
- **DISTRACTION** (keeping our focus on other things, and not on GOD and His Mission for us)
- **DARKNESS** (the opposite of the LIGHT of God’s Being, Presence, LIFE, LOVE & Truth)
- **DEATH**
- **Discouragement**

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- Disobedience
- Discontent
- Distraught
- Division/Divisiveness
- Divorce
- Discord (sowing seeds of discord among brethren)
- DISORDER/Disarray (chaos, mayhem)
- Disruption/Destruction (“the thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy...” John 10:10)
- Devotion to other things (to anything other than GOD, other than Living for GOD, alone, etc. – also called: Idolatry)



The background of the slide is a photograph of a wedding ceremony. A bride in a white gown and a groom in a dark suit are the central figures, surrounded by bridesmaids and groomsmen in formal attire. They are standing in a grand, ornate hall with high ceilings and large windows. The text is overlaid on this image in a semi-transparent dark blue box.

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The KINGDOM of GOD → the KINGDOM of LIGHT

God is KING. Always has been KING and always will be KING.

His is an ETERNAL / EVERLASTING / FOREVER KINGDOM

It is characterized by LIGHT ... because of TRUTH.

God's TRUTH is REVEALING ... EXPOSING ... TRANSPARENT

God's Kingdom of LIGHT consists of God's AUTHORITY, His TRUTH, LOVE, FAITHFULNESS, GRACE, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, HOLINESS, INTEGRITY, LIFE, GOODNESS, PEACE, JOY, and **COURAGE** ...

His subjects are His Children, Faithful and Obedient Servants, Surrendered unto Him, In-Love with Him.

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The Trinity of Evil = Satan, the World System, and the Flesh

Knowing that we are in the midst of WARFARE ...

that Satan, the World System, and the Flesh (our old sinful nature) are at war with us... seeking to DEFEAT US

That understanding helps us to wage war effectively & wisely.

We will not easily **give in** to temptations nor to distractions that want to derail us from our Gospel Mission.

God wants us to Obey Him, to Obey His Gospel Mission, the Great Commission... which involves planting churches, making disciples, spreading the Gospel to the lost, and **multiplying** disciples and churches, etc.

Our GOD is **GREATER** than any challenge we may face.

He Gives us the **VICTORY!!!** → **Philippians 4:13**