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… but Satan hindered us … part 2

1 Thessalonians 2:18

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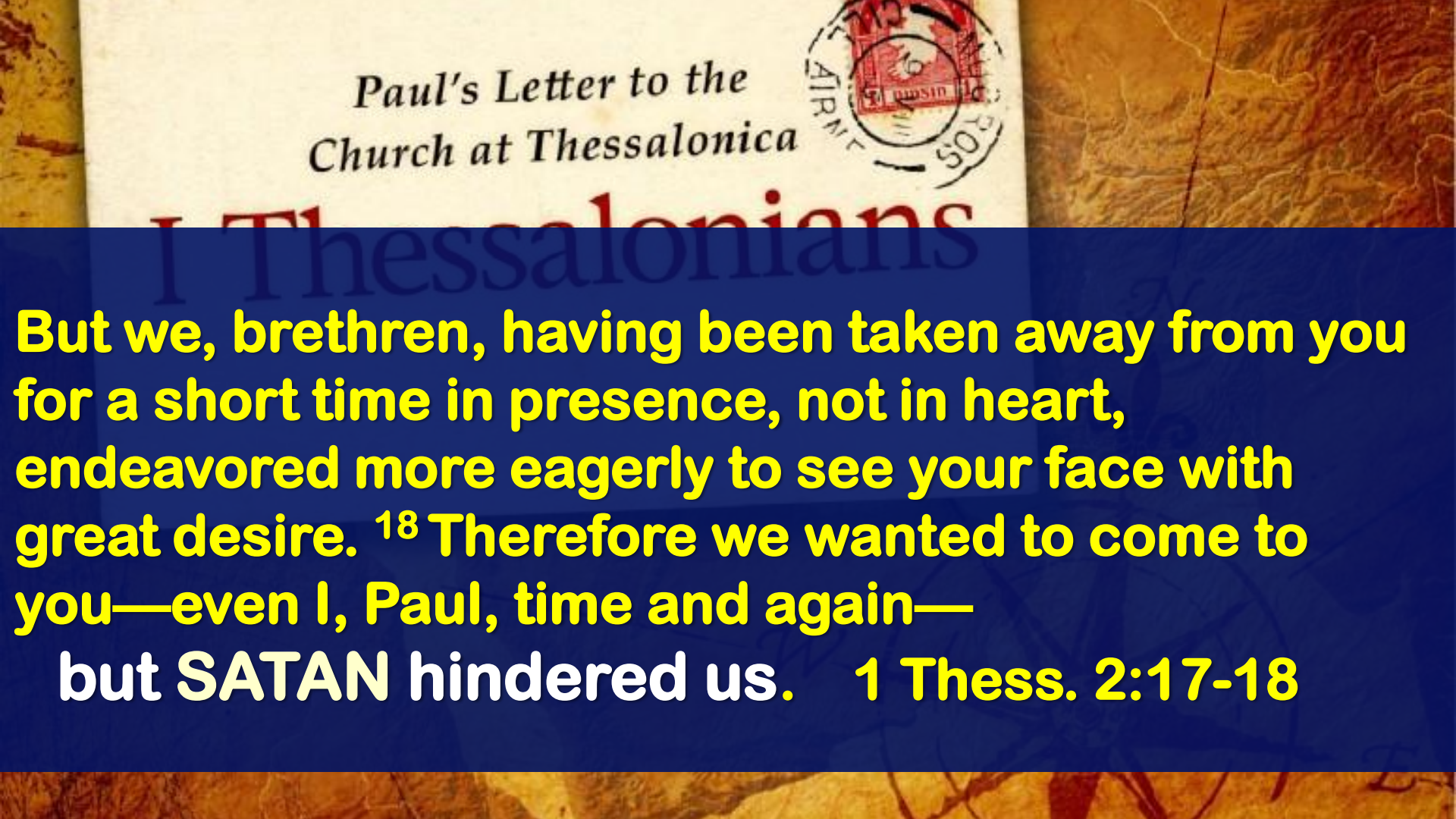
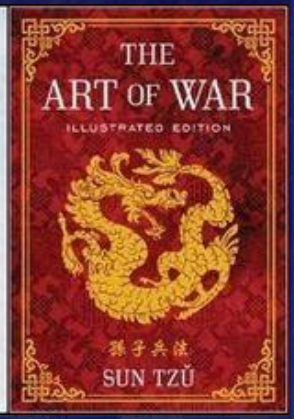


But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. [18] Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—

but SATAN hindered us. 1 Thess. 2:17-18

Since, Paul brought it up, let's take a look at our mortal, sworn enemy SATAN … for a few of weeks…



Knowledge is a key for Victory in Battle

Art of War – Sun Tzu

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but NOT the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy NOR yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

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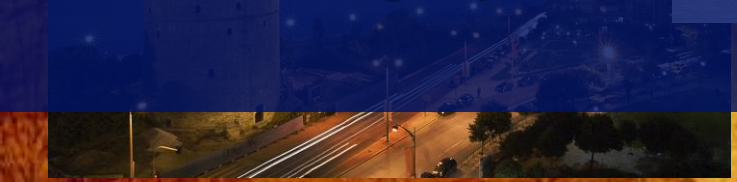
Although Sun Tzu learned some stuff about battles, which are true concepts … we, as Christians, followers of Christ, must keep our eyes on Christ when we are in the heat of the Spiritual Battle.

So, we MUST start with God our Father and His Messiah, Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD, and the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit for and Victory of any Spiritual Battle.

We must rely upon the LORD, stick Close to Him, Trust in Him



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"I have done this so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his SCHEMES."
2 Corinthians 2:11

Schemes ➔ Devices, Tactics, Strategies, Behaviors

We SHOULD NOT be ignorant of Satan's schemes:
- Not ignorant of his STRATEGIES
- Not ignorant of the way he is (his patterns of behavior)
- Not ignorant of what he is (fallen angelic being, spiritual)
- Not ignorant of who he is (Satan, the Devil, Serpent …)
- Not ignorant of his power to deceive (slick, tricky …)

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"Finally, be strengthened by the LORD and by His vast strength. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the TACTICS of the DEVIL. 12 For our BATTLE is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. 13 This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand." Ephesians 5:10-13

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"The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7

"The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

"The Fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility." Proverbs 15:33

In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the Fear of the LORD one departs from evil. Proverbs 16:6

Know Your Enemy … What is he?

What did we learn last week?

- The Serpent in Genesis 3 is Satan / the Devil - NOT a demon possessed snake | Rev. 12:9, 20:1-3, 2 Cor. 11:3, 13-15
- Satan is an Angelic Being (created being / spiritual being)
- Angels were created BEFORE Genesis 1:1 (the physical creation account - the physical Heavens and Earth)
- Angels were individually created – not a race of angels
- There is NO indication that Angelic Beings were created in the Image and Likeness of God as Adam & Eve were Although intelligent sentient beings – not like us fully

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- Some of the "sons of God" - Gen. 6, Job 1 & 2 – fell and Satan is their leader – they are a *type* of angelic being
- Satan and his angels fell BEFORE Genesis 3

We know this, because, when God Creates anything or any creature – they are Perfect and Innocent to begin with. So, by some choice or series of choices Satan and his angels that "FELL" with him were Holy, but then became Evil – by their own volitional choice. And this occurred either before Genesis 1:1 or at least Genesis 3:1.

These are some of the popular “pictures” of the devil or Satan… but he really doesn’t look like this

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

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To transfigure or disguise.

He probably looks very beautiful – so much so we probably couldn't keep our eyes off him. And Adam & Eve met him …

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or Fallen Angelic Beings (including Satan)
have certain abilities or realities of what they are

- They come is various categories, ranks and type … such as Seraphim, Cherubim, "sons of God", etc…
- All kinds of shapes and sizes – some as large and tall as to reach into the clouds (Revelation 10) or man-sized.

Example of this ➔ Ezekiel chapter 1

Ezekiel

Chapter 1

Ezekiel's Vision of God

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.
2 On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,
3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there.

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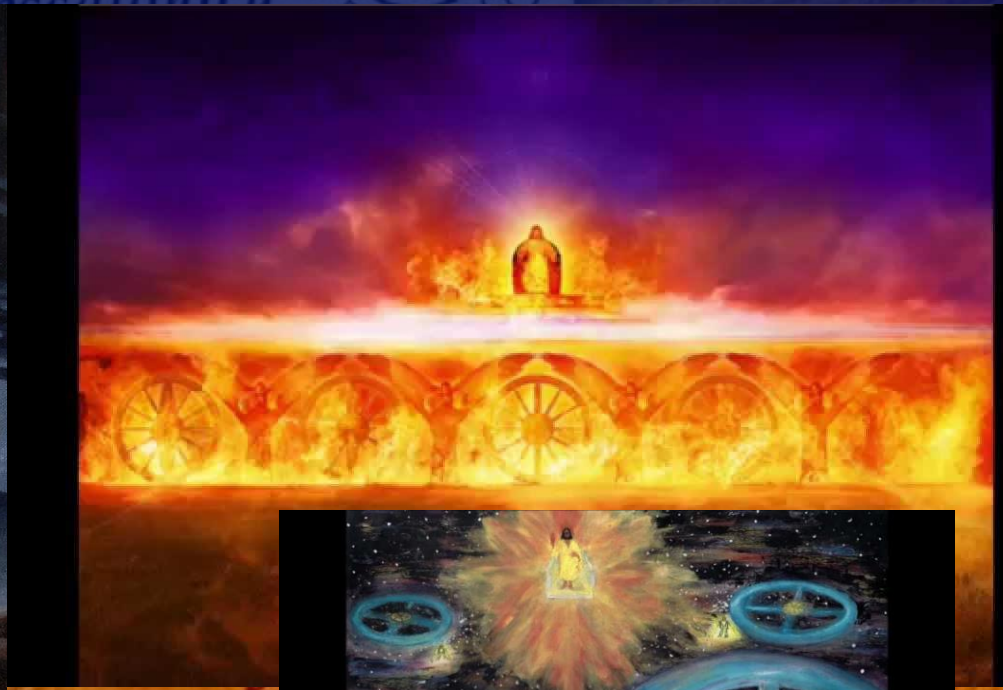

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Ezekiel 1 and Revelation 4

Symbolic Reality
12 Tribes of Israel
Four Faces

CAMP OF ISRAEL
NUMBERS 1-2

NORTH

DAN

DAN
NAPHTALI
ASHER
157,600

EPHRAIM

EPHRAIM
MANASSEH
BENJAMIN
108,100

LEVI

JUDAH
ISSACHAR
ZEBULUN
186,400

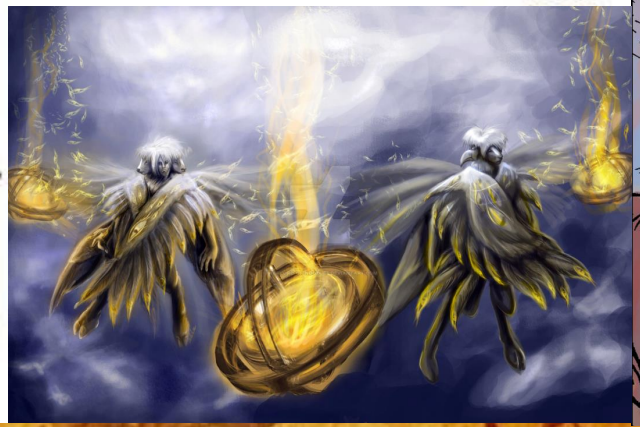
JUDAH

WEST

REUBEN
SIMEON
GAD
151,400

REUBEN

SOUTH



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Ezekiel 1 & 10 – Rev. 4 & 5 – Cherubim (4 living creatures)
Shapes likes wheels, humans, eagles, oxen, lions, etc.

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Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne,
high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above
it stood SERAPHIM; each one had six wings: with two he covered his
face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one
cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the
whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were
shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled
with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a
man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean
lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."
6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live
coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he
touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your
lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

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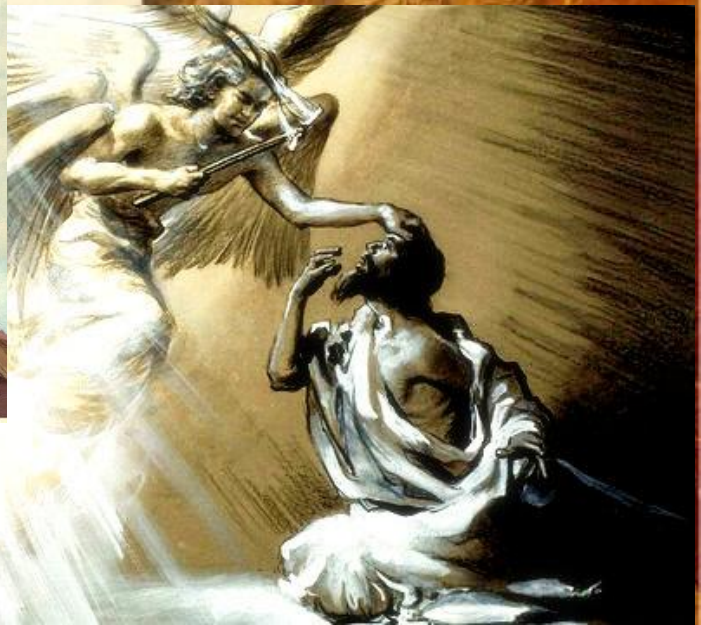
Holy, Holy, Holy



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The Seraphim only seemed to have one face … but can fly … with wings …
Angels ➔ All kinds of shapes and manifestations …

Revelation 10 very tall humongous Angel

Daniel 10
Gabriel and his angels fought the "**Prince of Persia**" – **Michael** and his angels came to help Gabriel ➔ Gabriel looked like a **man** to Daniel
Yet, they flew – **suggesting**…

3 Archangel Division
Gabriel & Michael – **2 Divisions** of Holy Angels – working together.
Satan must've been an "archangel" with **one Division** that rebelled against God under his leadership

Lesson – Even though Satan and his angels (demons) are fallen, they still have many of the powers that the Holy Angels have – so we need to be vigilant, prayerful, and discerning

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**Be sober, be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil
walks about like a roaring lion,
seeking whom he may
devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in
the faith, knowing that the same
sufferings are experienced by
your brotherhood in the world.**
1 Peter 5:8-9

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7