

The Kingdom of Darkness ...

This “Kingdom” is ruled by **SATAN**, the Devil, that “Serpent of Old”, the Dragon. Satan/the Devil, is a Ruling, Powerful, Fallen, Rebellious Angelic being that rules over 1/3 of all of God’s Angelic beings (who also are “fallen” with him). Satan’s Kingdom is **temporary**, and will be ultimately destroyed by Jesus.

The fallen, sinful, rebellious angelic beings are also called **demons**. There are various kinds of demonic “forces” and ranks (rulers, principalities, powers, etc ...). Some are controlling people from behind the scenes, others are fully inhabiting (possessing) people. Some demons are filthy, unclean, and lead people into abominable habits and lifestyles. Others, such as demons that are categorized as “rulers, principalities, and powers” as seen in Daniel 10, are those who may possess, but do control world-level Governmental systems, such as the UN, countries, states, etc. They infiltrate and take over without shedding blood, or do cause uprisings, etc... (again, not all uprisings are spawned by Satan, but most of them probably are, etc.)

SATAN rules over the fallen, sinful, humans: the “**WORLD SYSTEM**”. Satan developed and designed this System, “the World System”. That is **his kingdom of lies, deceit, fear, bondage, and death**. All fallen, sinful humans, outside of Christ (i.e.: those who are NOT born again in Christ), are under SIN’s control, and SATAN uses our OLD, Fallen, Sinful, Selfish, Rebellious Human Nature, “the Flesh”, to “control” us, the tempt us, to be carried away by sin, to rebel against God, & be put in bondage to sin, etc.

Bonus: The Serpent in Genesis 3, is Satan, **not** a demon possessed snake (see Rev. 12:3-9; 20:1-3)
Satan is called: the Devil, the Dragon, that **SERPENT of OLD**

(see Genesis 3, Job 1:6-19; 2:1-10; Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13; John 8:42-44; 2 Cor. 11:3,13-15; 1 John 2:15-17; 3:8; 5:19; Revelation 12:3-9; 20:1-3)

Since we are sinners, born into sin (Genesis 3; Romans 3:23; 5:12, etc.), outside of Christ, the unsaved sinner **can be** fully under Satan’s influence and sway. Sinners can even be demon possessed, as well.

The Devil uses **tactics** of intimidation, social and peer pressures, the fear of death, the fear of being ostracized, the fear of “not belonging” to the “in crowd”. He uses the tactics of “shaming” us or the fear of “being exposed”, etc. He wants us to **stay in the darkness**, because he knows that if we come out into the LIGHT of God’s Truth, confess and forsake our sins, we will become FREE of those sins that bound us. He uses HALF-TRUTHS with the CORE of Deception and LIES to get us deeper into sin and rebellion against God and His Word. His aim is to keep us from being saved and for us to go to hell with him.

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, the Holy Bible & keep us from being saved
- DECEPTION/DECEIVING (lies ... he is call 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
- 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 Kingdom of LIGHT ...

This "Kingdom" is ruled by GOD: The God of the Bible, The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, The God of Israel. He is the ONLY Living and True God, the Creator of the Universe (physical and spiritual).

God is LIGHT and there is NO Darkness at all in Him (1 John 1:5). God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the **Divine Son of Man** (Daniel 7:9-10,13-14), God the Son (God in Human Flesh), who is God with us (Immanuel Isaiah 7:14)... the visible representation of the Invisible God, the Brightness (the Shining Brightness) of the **Glory of God**, the **Living WORD of God** in sinless, perfect, holy human flesh (John 1:1-3,14-18; Colossians 1:13-20; Hebrews 1:1-4,6). The very LIGHT of GOD, the very GLORY of GOD, the very LIFE of GOD, the very WORD of GOD has been made Manifest (fully revealed, exposed and explained) in the person of Jesus Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah of Israel.

Colossians 1:13-20

¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of **the saints in the LIGHT**. ¹³ GOD has **delivered us from the power of darkness** and **TRANSFERED** us into the **KINGDOM** of His Beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption **through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**.

¹⁵ He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [the primary "inheritor"] over all creation. ¹⁶ **For by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him**. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him [Jesus] **all the fullness** should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him [Jesus] to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him [Jesus], whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Jesus Christ's Mission Assignment to Paul the Apostle as recorded in **Acts 26:16-18**:

¹⁶ But get up and stand on your feet. For I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of what you have seen and of what I will reveal to you. ¹⁷ I will rescue you from the [Jewish] people and from the Gentiles. I now **send you** to them ¹⁸ to **OPEN their eyes** so they may **turn from DARKNESS to LIGHT** and **from the power** [i.e.: authority, power, dominion] of Satan **to God**, that by faith in Me they may receive forgiveness of sins and a share among those who are sanctified.

Psalms 145:13 (compare with Daniel 7:9-10,13-14) "**A FOREVER KINGDOM**"

[of Yahweh] Your kingdom is an **everlasting kingdom**. Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Daniel 7:13-14: I [Daniel] was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the **Son of Man**, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came before the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

¹⁴ Then to Him [i.e.: "the Son of Man"] was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away**, and His **kingdom** the one which shall not be destroyed.

Isaiah 9:7 [regarding the Messiah of Israel]:

Of the increase of His government and peace, **there will be no end**, upon the **throne of David** and over **His Kingdom**, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even **forever**. **The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this**.

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

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