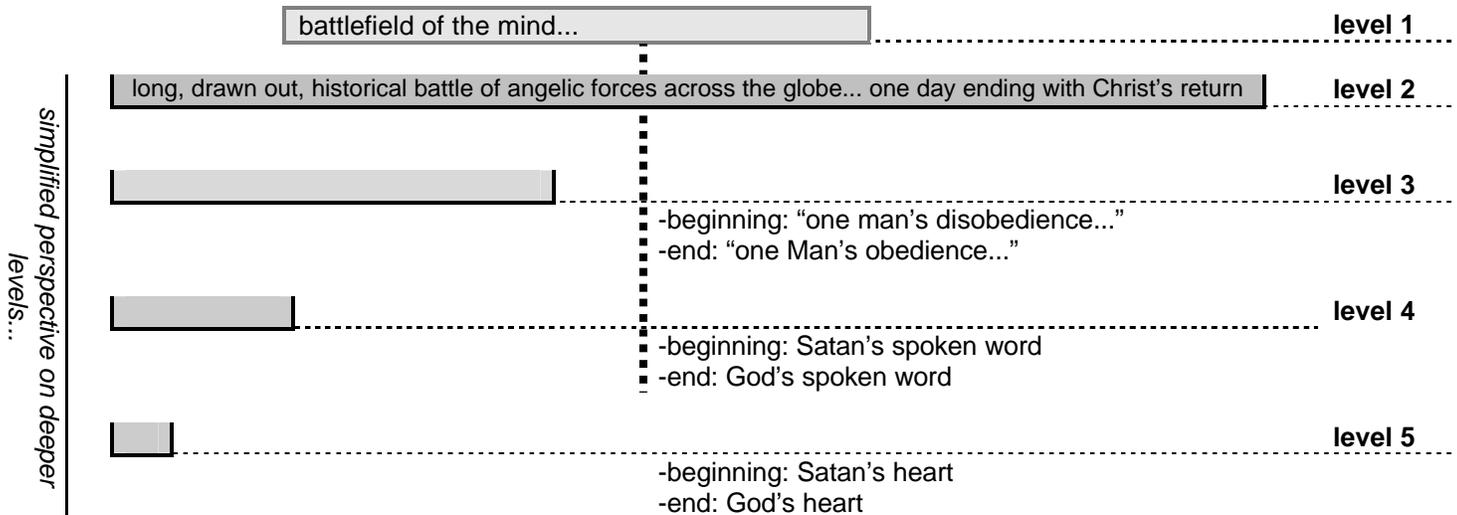


The Book of Daniel Part 10

Daniel 7:11-28

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--deeper levels to the long, drawn out, historical battles of angelic forces across the globe... one day ending with Christ's return:



--LEVEL 4:

A. beginning: Satan's word of deceit (when he questioned and then denied God's Word)

--Genesis 3:1-5: "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, **"Has God indeed said [Satan questioning God's Word]**, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **[Satan lying about God's Word]** 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

B. end: God's Word of truth:

--Ezekiel 12:25: "For I am the LORD. I speak, and the word which I speak will come to pass..."
--Genesis 3:15: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head [Satan's permanent death], And you shall bruise His heel [Christ's temporary death]."

--LEVEL 3:

A. beginning: when Adam and Eve believed Satan's lie (Adam and Eve's unrighteousness)

--Genesis 3:6: "...she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

B. end: when Jesus refuted Satan's lie (righteousness of Christ)

--Luke 4:1-13: Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness by misquoting scripture... Jesus refuted Satan's lies by correctly stating scripture

--Romans 5:12-19: "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned ... 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ... 19 For as **by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.**"

--the righteousness of Jesus Christ was "credited" to our account.... Romans 4:20-20: "Yet he [Abraham] did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, 24 but **also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.** 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."

--LEVEL 5:

-two details of special focus in Daniel 7 (repeated several times in Daniel 7) give us insight into this level where the war began in Satan's heart:

- the Antichrist ("little horn" on the head of the 4th beast)
 - Daniel 7:8,11, 20, 24,
- the "pompous words" of the Antichrist
 - Daniel 7:8,11,20,25

-Daniel 7:7-28: "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 I was considering the horns, and there was **another horn, a little one**, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, **and a mouth speaking pompous words.** ... 11 I watched then because of **the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking.** ... Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; 20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and **the other horn which came up**, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke **pompous words**, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. ... I was watching; and **the same horn** was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came... 24 The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. 25 **He shall speak pompous words against the Most High...**"

A. In a sense, the war began with the desire in Satan's evil heart:

--prideful... an egomaniac!

--pompous = "self-important"

--Satan's fall resulted from his pride and compared to the King of Tyre's fall:

--Ezekiel 28:1-10 speaks of the King of Tyre to whom Satan is compared:

--"28:1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "In the pride of your heart you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas [geographical position gave him control of the main shipping artery from the Mediterranean]." But you are a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god. 3 Are you wiser than Daniel? Is no secret hidden from you? 4 By your wisdom and understanding you have gained wealth for yourself and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries. 5 By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud."

--Ezekiel 28:11-17 refers to Satan: *in the Ezekiel text, the King of Tyre is referred to as the "Prince of Tyre" or "Ruler of Tyre" and Satan is referred to as the "King of Tyre"*

--"28:11 The word of the LORD came to me: 12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; ... 14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. 16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth;

--deceitful:

--Jesus called him the father of lies (John 8:44)

--murderous:

--Satan is a wolf in sheep's clothing who aims to "steal, kill, and destroy..." (John 10:10)

--Matt. 7:15-16: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

--historical apex of Satan's prideful, deceitful, murderous plan:

--counterfeit trinity...

--counterfeit Father = Satan

--counterfeit Son = Antichrist ("little horn" in prophecy)

--counterfeit Spirit = False Prophet (figure that appears in details from Revelation)

--counterfeit salvation...

--the Antichrist will promise the world and Israel the peace that only God can give them. Instead of turning to God Israel turns to the Antichrist and signs a peace treaty with him. A short while later the Antichrist breaks the treaty, wages a war in order to annihilate Israel, and then declares himself to be God – **the “horn” on the head of the beast in Daniel’s vision that “shall speak pompous words against the Most High...”** (Daniel 7:25)

--the Antichrist walked down the path that the true Christ denied:

--Luke 4:5-8: “Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

--Satan gave “all the Kingdoms of the world” to the Antichrist ... but this too was based on Satan’s deception, for as quickly as Satan gave him all the kingdoms of the world, God took them away from him!

-Daniel 7:26-27: “But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”

B. In a sense, the war ended in God’s heart:

--*whereas satan is deceitful, God is...*

-truthful & faithful:

--Revelation 21:5: “Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for **these words are true and faithful.**”

--Revelation 19:11: “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

--*whereas Satan is prideful & murderous, God is...*

-humble & loving:

--Phil. 2:5-11: “Your attitude should be the same as that of **Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant**, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death- even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

--John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”

--1 Peter 1:19-21: “He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

--LEVEL 1: the battlefield of the mind

--“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind...**” (Romans 12:2)

--“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ...” 2 Cor 10:3-5

--don’t let the riches of this world obscure your grasp of the “riches of His grace” ... Eph. 1:7-8: “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence

--Galatians 6:14: “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

-*NEXT WEEK: we’ll continue with the battlefield of the mind...*