

The Holy War



Week 3

News carried to Shaddai

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Diabolus doubles the guards at the gates

Goals

- To gain a greater understanding of the **spiritual warfare** in which we are engaged.
- To develop a greater awareness of the **methods employed by Satan**.
- To deepen our appreciation for the **grace of God** in saving sinners.
- To learn more about ourselves through empathizing with Mansoul (**Mansoul = me**)

Key Questions

- What primary Bible passages come to your mind as you read this assignment?
- To what degree does the story accurately depict Bible teaching?

Diabolus "Remodels"



Synopsis

Shaddai plans to retake the city and
Diabolus plans to defend it

Change of Perspective

- **Nagging questions:**
 - Where is Shaddai?
 - Why has he not intervened?
 - Is He aware that the town has fallen?
 - How will He respond?

News of Mansoul is Brought to Shaddai

- **In what setting was the news delivered?**
 - Publically (at court)
- **Who was present?**
 - The King
 - His Son
 - High lords
 - Chief captains
 - Nobles
- **What was the response to the news?**
 - Sorrow and wailing
- **Who led in the display of sorrow?**
 - The King and Emmanuel
- **Why was the narrator somewhat surprised at this?**
 - Quote p. 15

The Plans of Shaddai and Emmanuel

- What reason was given for Shaddai and Emmanuel allowing the town of Mansoul to be taken?
 - Quote p. 15
- What was the plan for Emmanuel to retake the town?
 - He would travel to Universe and make amends for the follies of Mansoul.
 - He would make war against Diabolus and drive him out of Mansoul.
 - He would bring Mansoul into a better and happier condition than before the town was taken
- What was the reaction of those in the King's court once the plan was made known publically?
 - Wonder at the love of the King and His Son for Mansoul
 - Spread the news abroad, even to Universe (quote p. 16)

The Counter-plans of Diabolus

- **What was Diabolus' four-fold plan?**
 1. To keep the news of Shaddai's plans from the town lest they hear and revolt
 - He instructed Willbewill to put strong guards at each gate
 - And to plant spies throughout the town
 - What does this say about Diabolus' promise of liberty?
 2. To put the townspeople under a new oath and covenant of ultimate loyalty to Diabolus
 - "They swallowed it without any chewing"
 - They bragged and boasted
 3. To debauch the town even more
 - Mr. Filth wrote an ordinance granting anyone liberty to do whatever he desired.
 - What 2 reasons did Diabolus have for using this strategy?
 - It would weaken the town and rob them of any hope
 - It would cause Emmanuel to change His mind

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 - Shaddai will show no mercy
 - You will lose the positions that I have given you
 - You will be put back into slavery
 - (Quote p. 18)

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- How can we counter Diabolus' four-fold plan when witnessing to lost people?
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Ephesians 1:1-19

Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus: **Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He **chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy and blameless** before Him **In love** He predestined us to **adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the **kind intention** of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He **freely bestowed** on us in the **Beloved**.

In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the **riches** of His **grace** which He **lavished** on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His **kind intention** which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an **inheritance**, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were **sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a **pledge** of our inheritance, with a view to the **redemption** of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the **hope** of His calling, what are the **riches** of the glory of His **inheritance** in the saints, and what is the surpassing **greatness of His power toward us** who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the **strength of His might**

Armor of God



Armor of Diabolus



Application

To the Praise of His Glory

- **Are you ever in wonder at the wisdom of God:**
 - In devising a plan to redeem fallen man even before the world was created?
 - In planning to bring mankind (and all of creation) into a better state than before the Fall?
 - In revealing His plans to the heavenly host so that they marvel?

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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