



The Spiritual Battle Behind the Scenes

Daniel 10

Revelation 12

Recap

I. The War Behind Christmas (1-6)

Preview

II. The War in Heaven (7-12)

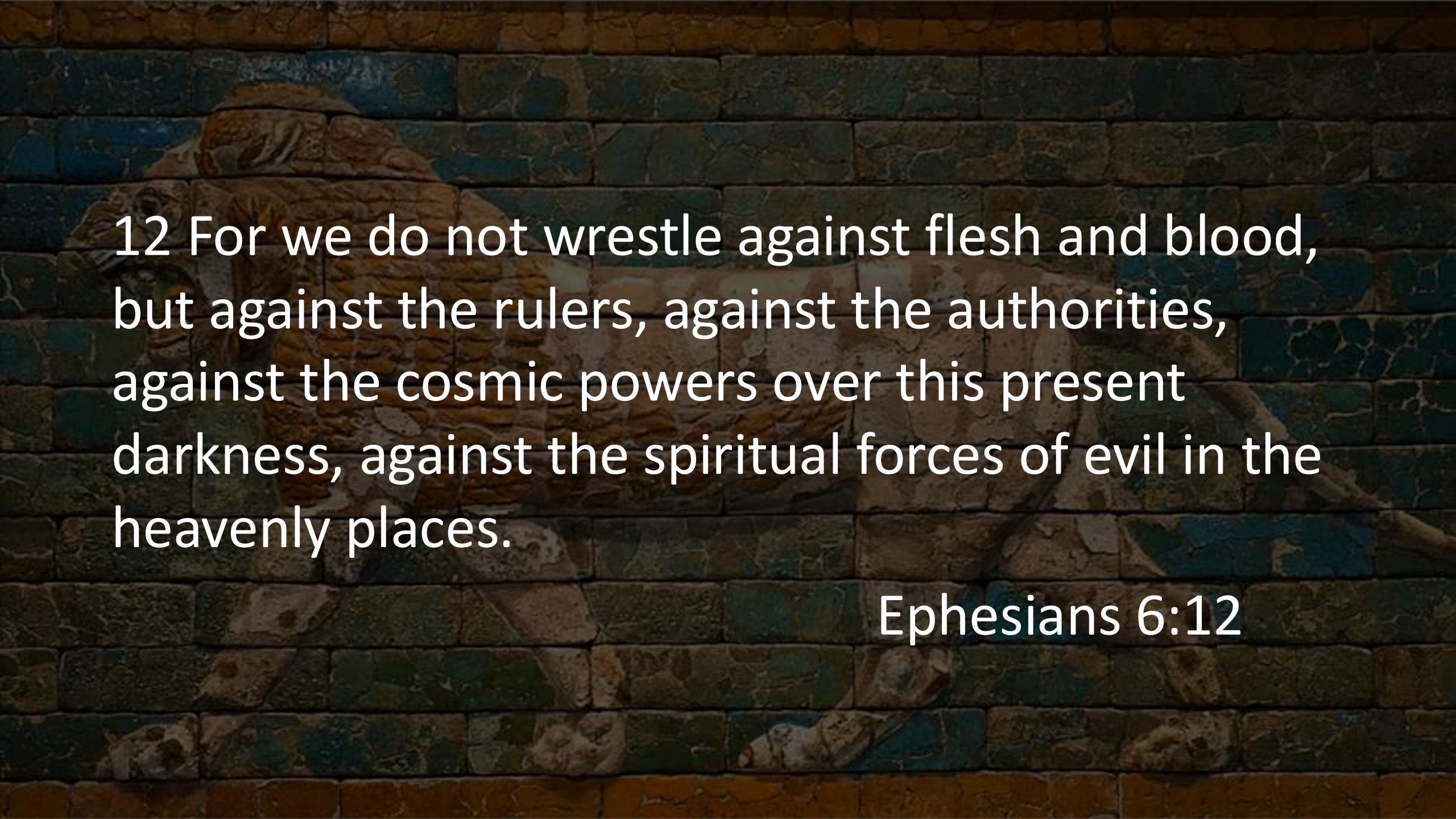
III. The War on Earth (13-18)

¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. **And he stood on the sand of the sea.**

Revelation 12:17

¹And I saw a **beast rising out of the sea**, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ... ¹¹Then I saw another **beast rising out of the earth**. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

Revelation 13:1 & 11



12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,
but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the cosmic powers over this present
darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the
heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

A Troubled Prophet. 10:1-3

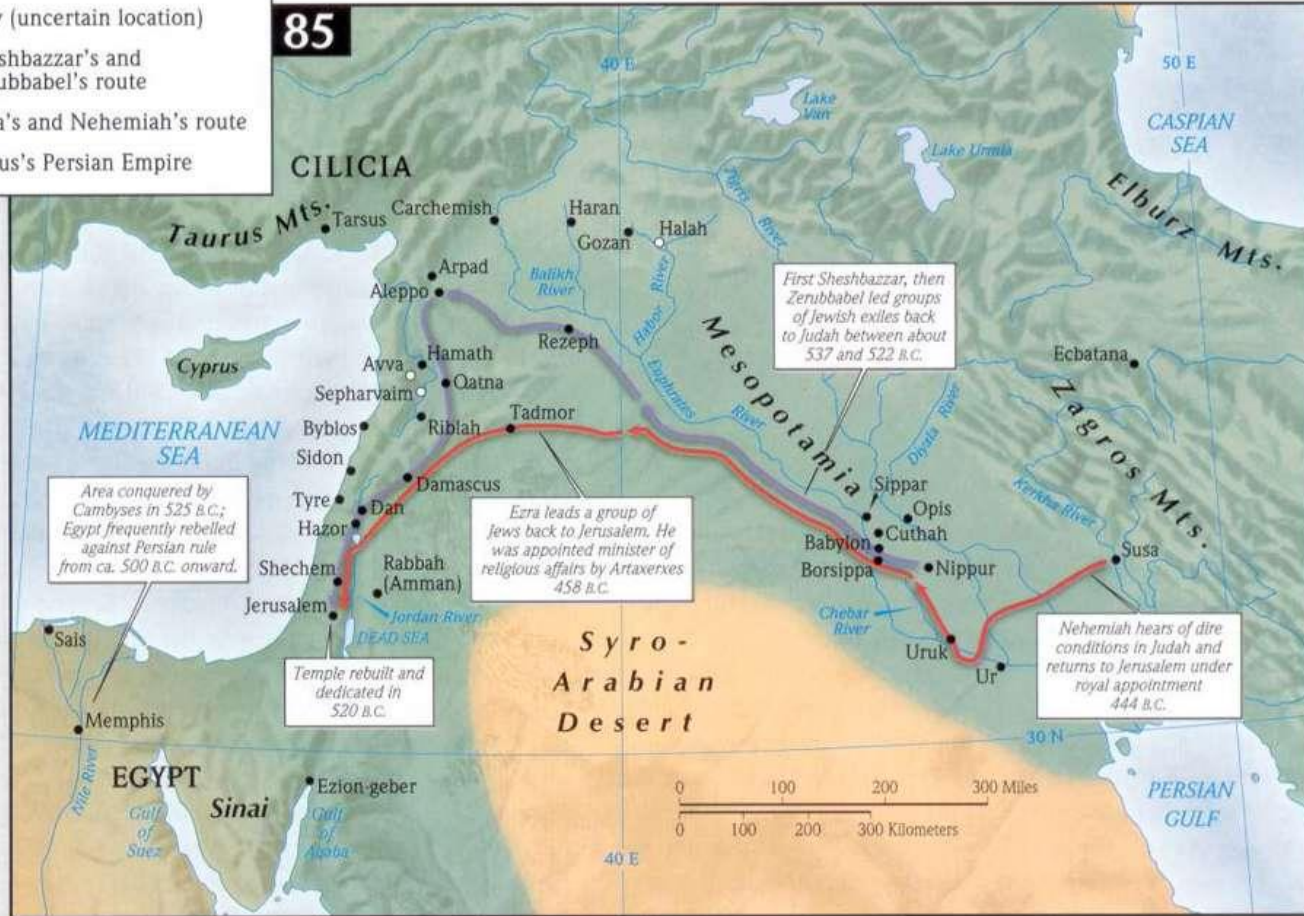
In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision..

Daniel 10:1

THE RETURNS OF JEWISH EXILES TO JUDAH

THE EDICT OF CYRUS: EZRA 1:2-4; 6:1-4
see also EZRA 1:5-8:35
NEH. 1-3

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ← Sheshbazzar's and Zerubbabel's route
- Ezra's and Nehemiah's route
- Cyrus's Persian Empire



In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. 3 I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.

Daniel 10:2-3

An Incredible Vision. 10:4-9

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris)
5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.

Daniel 10:4-6

An Incredible Vision. 10:4-9

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. 9 Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.

Daniel 10:7-9

A glimpse at the battle behind the scenes.

10 And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. 11 And he said to me, O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he said to me, Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

Daniel 10:10-12

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy
and beloved,

Colossians 3:12a

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13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, 14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.

Daniel 10:13-14

A glimpse at the battle behind the scenes.

13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia ... 21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.

Daniel 10:13 & 21

A ministering angel.

15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was mute. 16 And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. 17 How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me.

Daniel 10:15-17

A ministering angel.

18 Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. 19 And he said, O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage. And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.

Daniel 10:18-19

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4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

Prayerfully & obediently put on the armor of God.

11 Put on the whole armor of God... 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore,

Ephesians 6:11,13,14

4. My Identity in Christ

- “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.”
(Galatians 2:20)
- I have *forgiveness* from the penalty of sin because Christ died for me.
(Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3)
- I have *freedom* from the power of sin because I died with Christ.
(Colossians 2:11; 1 Peter 2:24)
- I have *fulfillment* for this day because Christ lives in me. (Philippians 1:20–21)
- By *faith*, I will allow Christ to manifest His life through me. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

5. Filling of the Spirit

- . Ask the Spirit to control and fill you for this day.
- . I want to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). When I walk by the Spirit, I will not carry out the desire of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). If I live by the Spirit, I will also walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:25).

6. Fruit of the Spirit

- . Pray on the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22–23)

9. Protection in the Warfare

Against the World: RENEW

- . I will set my mind on the things of the Spirit. (Romans 8:5)
- . Since I have been raised up with Christ, I will keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. I will set my mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:1–2; also see 3:3–4 and Hebrews 12:1–2)
- . I will be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving ... (Philippians 4:6–8; also see 4:9)

Against the Flesh: RECKON

I know that my old self was crucified with Christ, so that I am no longer a slave to sin, for he who has died is freed from sin. I will reckon myself as dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. I will not present the members of my body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but I will present myself to God as one alive from the dead, and my members as instruments of righteousness to God. (Romans 6:6–7, 11, 13)

Against the Devil: RESIST

- . As I submit myself to God and resist the devil, he will flee from me. (James 4:7)
- . I will take up the full armor of God, that I may be able to resist and stand firm. ... With all *prayer* and petition **I will pray at all times in the Spirit** and be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:13–18)

Pray for the progress of the Gospel to penetrate the culture.

18 **praying** at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,
19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:18-20