



#3 Rival Kingdom

THE RIVAL KINGDOM

Matthew 12:25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. **26**And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

OUR ENEMY

- His titles reveal his power:
 - “the prince of demons” *Mark 3:22*
 - “the god of this age” *II Corinthians 4:4*
 - “the prince of this world” *John 12:31*
 - “the ruler of the kingdom of the air” *Ephesians 2:2*
- His names tell us about his activities:
 - “Satan” (49x): adversary, enemy, opposer
 - “Devil” (34x): accuser
 - “Apollyon”: destroyer *Revelation 9:11*
- Jesus’ description tells us about his intentions:
John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...*

THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL

1. INTIMIDATION

1 Peter 5:8 *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

2. ACCUSATION

Revelation 12:10 *... For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.*

3. DIVISION

James 3:14-15 *But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.*

4. INFILTRATION

Matthew 13:25 *But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.*

5. AFFLICTION

Job 2:7 *So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head.*

6. TEMPTATION

1 Thessalonians 3:5 *...I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.*

7. DECEPTION

John 8:44 *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Believing Lies → Building Strongholds → Bondage → Blindness

BE STRONG! ARMOR UP! STAND! FIGHT! PRAY!

Ephesians 6:10-11 *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.*

2 Corinthians 10:4 *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

Ephesians 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Amos 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Jonah 2 |
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