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## Kingdom of Heaven: King of Kings

Jesus is King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and the Word of God. He is seated on His throne at the right hand of the Father. He is directing the battle that is now escalating; The Kingdom of Darkness against The Kingdom of Light. Jesus has all authority and power over every demonic spirit and principality and will make an open spectacle of them for all men to see. We as the Saints, fight side by side with the Host of Heaven to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth.

The Church at Colosse had been infiltrated by the false teaching of **Gnosticism**. The Colossians had been infiltrated by a subtle persuasion. While Paul was in prison, Epaphras reached out for help to correct this error. Paul's response was the book of the Colossians which teaches the **preeminence of Christ**.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus not only warned about Gnosticism, He said He hated it! This was called the **doctrine of the Nicolaitans**. Not only did the Colossians deal with this seductive spirit, so did the church of Ephesus and Pergamos.

To the Church of Ephesus:

**Rev 2:6** *But this you have, that you **hate** the deeds of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also **hate**.* –Jesus

To the Church of Pergamos:

**Rev 2:14-16** *But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 Thus you also have those who hold the **doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I **hate**.* -Jesus

**The Nicolaitans** were also a part of **Gnosticism** which because of intellectual pride, believed their “special knowledge” brought them closer to God and in the process they resisted the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. They put their trust in understanding Scripture **in their own intellect** and not from the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In this case, the Gnostics claimed to be Christian, but through their special knowledge they manipulated Scripture and put more emphasis on what they believed it said instead of what it actually says. Today the Gnostics claim to have a “special knowledge” which many times is held as a secret or special revelation that only those who swear not to divulge this special knowledge are privy to it. Their “special knowledge” is kept in the dark. One such group is the Free Masons.

**Gnosticism** taught that Jesus was not fully God and fully man, but merely one of the semidivine beings that bridged the chasm between God and the world. He therefore was said to be lacking in authority and ability to meet the needs of the Colossians. **Enlightened** believers could however achieve spiritual fullness through “special knowledge” and rigorous self-discipline.

Today Gnosticism is tied to the New Age movement and to Luciferianism.

**Luciferianism** is the religion of many global elites. They do not see Lucifer as the “devil,” a symbol of evil, but as a liberator, a type of guardian, a guiding spirit, as the true god as opposed to Jehovah God. The way to “enlighten” yourself is to turn from God to Lucifer. The highest levels of Luciferians have hopes of being possessed by Lucifer himself and go into eternity as “gods” themselves, but it is all a lye from Satan.

Satan's name before he rebelled against God was **Lucifer** which means “Angel of Light or Light Bearer”. The term “**Enlightenment**” is derived from Lucifer, meaning to open one's eyes so they too can be a god. Satan in the Garden of Eden promised Adam and Eve they could be like God having their **eyes open** to a greater knowledge. This “enlightenment” is bondage to Lucifer making him your king and lord. Satan promises enlightenment and special knowledge, real freedom, but in reality, it is darkness, deception and bondage.

Many of our politicians do the same thing; they write a bill and call it what it is not, promising freedom and fairness, but it is bondage and oppression. HR5 the “Equality Act” is such a bill. It is an attack on our Constitution and freedom.

Jesus said He appeared to Paul to give him this assignment:

**Acts 26:18** *to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the **power of Satan to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'*

**There are only 2 kingdoms and we are in one or the other: The Kingdom of Darkness or the Kingdom of Light.**

The main theme of the book of Colossians is the preeminence of Jesus Christ as Lord of all. This was Paul's response to Gnosticism/Luciferianism.

**Col 1:15-18** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn 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.***

**Preeminence:** the fact of surpassing all others; superiority. Synonyms: superiority, supremacy, greatness, excellence, distinction, prominence, predominance, eminence, peerlessness, transcendence .

**Col 2:15** *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

To the Church of Ephesus (who also dealt with Gnosticism) Paul wrote:

**Eph 1:19-23** *and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand** in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

**1 Peter 3:21-22** *There is also an antitype which now saves us — baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*

**Luke 22:69** *"Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."*

**Phil 2:9** *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the **name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Rev 19:11-16** *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. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.***

**John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

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