

The Enemies We Face by Derek Prince

— Study Note Outline —
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The Structure Of Satan's Kingdom **4262**

- I. Two Opposing Spiritual Kingdoms (Matt. 12:26–28)**
 - A. Kingdom of God
 - B. Kingdom of Satan
- II. Nature Of Satan's Kingdom (Eph. 6:12)**
 - A. Located in the heavenlies
 - B. Wrestling match with persons without bodies
 - C. Highly organized kingdom (Rulerships)
 - D. Lucifer's fall (Is. 14:12–15 [compare Ezek. 28:12–17])
 - E. Three heavens (2 Cor. 12:2 [compare Eph. 4:9–10])
 - 1. First heaven—visible heaven
 - 2. Second heaven—between earth and God's dwelling—Satan's domain
 - 3. Third heaven—God's dwelling
 - F. Warfare in heavenlies (Dan. 10:12–13; 10:20–11:1; 12:1)
 - G. Satan controls those in rebellion against God (Eph. 2:1–3; Job 41:34)
 - H. Satan has two ambitions
 - 1. Dominate the human race
 - 2. Receive worship
 - I. Witchcraft—means by which fallen man relates to Satan
 - 1. Natural religion of fallen man
 - 2. Making a determined comeback at this time

The Nature Of Witchcraft **4263**

- III. Witchcraft**
 - A. *Root* of witchcraft is *rebellion* (1 Sam. 15:23)
Illegitimate *power* to support illegitimate *authority*
 - B. As a work of the *flesh* (Gal. 5:20)
 - 1. Manipulate
 - 2. Intimidate

3. Dominate
4. Satan entices people through these desires (James 1:14)
- C. As a spiritual power
 1. Witchcraft: Power—spells and curses (Num. 22:10–11, 17)
 2. Divination: Knowledge—fortune telling, etc. (Acts 16:16–17)
 3. Sorcery: through objects, potions, chants, music, etc. (Rev. 9:21)
- D. Within the church
 1. Obscures Jesus Christ crucified and work of the cross (Gal. 3:1–10) which is:
 - a. Only basis for God’s provision
 - b. Means of Satan’s total defeat
 - c. Only source of power for Christian living
 2. Witchcraft substitutes fleshly effort and a legalistic system. This brings a curse (compare Jer. 17:5).
 3. Result: Witchcraft gains control

The Spirit Of Antichrist

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IV. Introduction

- A. Two spiritual kingdoms
 1. Kingdom of God
 2. Kingdom of Satan
- B. Witchcraft
 1. Universal religion of the fallen race
 2. Result of rebellion
- C. Witchcraft in the church
 1. Work of the cross is obscured
 2. Carnality
 3. Legalism

V. Antichrist Spirit (1 John 2:18–23; 4:2–3)

- A. Against Christ (Messiah)—displace true Messiah
- B. In place of Messiah—replace with false messiah
- C. Three forms of antichrist
 1. Many antichrists
 2. *The* antichrist—one final, supreme ruler
 3. Spirit of antichrist—the spirit operating in all antichrists
- D. Marks of the spirit of antichrist
 1. Starts in association with God’s people (1 John 2:19)
 2. Denies Jesus is the Messiah (1 John 2:22)
 3. Denies relationship of Father and Son in the Godhead (1 John 2:22)
 4. Denies Messiah has come in the flesh (1 John 4:3)
- E. Historical examples
 1. Judaism
 - a. First manifestation of antichrist—favor for Barabbas (Matt. 27:21)
 - b. Many false messiahs have come since (John 5:43)
 2. Islam (means perfection, completeness)

- a. Claims true fulfillment of Old and New Testament
 - b. Rejects atoning death of Jesus; Jesus as Son of God; Father/Son relationship with Godhead
 - c. Many lesser anti-Christian persons or systems
- F. The final antichrist
- 1. Man of lawlessness, son of perdition (2 Thess. 2:1–3 [compare John 17:12])
 - 2. The (wild) beast (Rev. 13:1–4 [compare Rev. 5:5–14, nature of the Lamb])
 - 3. Empowered by Satan to dominate all nations, to obtain worship for Satan, to make war with God’s saints (Rev. 13:11)
 - 4. Apostasy in the church will open the way for antichrist (2 Thess. 2:3)

The Church’s Victory

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VI. Forces The Church Faces Today

- A. Witchcraft—universal religion of fallen humanity
- B. Spirit of antichrist
 - 1. Against Jesus—replace Messiah
 - 2. In place of Jesus—false messiah
- C. Final manifestation of antichrist—the beast

VII. How We Can Obey God And Overcome Enemies

- A. Jesus expects followers to be overcomers
Promises are to overcomers *only* (Rev. 2 & 3 [compare Rev. 21:7])
- B. Jesus has already defeated and disarmed Satan’s kingdom—triumph (Col. 2:13–15)
- C. Jesus has equipped us with the spiritual weapons needed to enforce His victory (2 Cor. 10:3–5)

VIII. Requirements For The Church To Be Victorious

- A. Guard against division in Christ’s body (Matt. 12:25)
- B. Know and proclaim the whole of God’s Word (2 Tim. 3:16–4:2 [compare Acts 20–27])
- C. Humble ourselves in repentance before God—corporate fasting included (1 Pet. 5:5–6 [compare Ezra 8:21–23])
- D. Put on the whole armor of God—all prayer in the Spirit (Eph. 6:13–18)
- E. We need God’s supernatural power; including:
 - 1. Gifts of the Spirit—especially word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits (1 Cor. 2:1–5; 12:7–11; 12:20)
 - 2. The contest between Moses and the magicians will be reenacted as the age closes (2 Tim. 3:8, 13)
- F. Must apply the power of jubilant praise and bold proclamation (Jer. 31:7)
Praise imposes silence on the enemy (Ps. 8:2)
- G. Our commitment must be total (Rev. 12:11)