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*“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,
but against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

Ephesians 6:12



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PART I

LIGHT ON THE DARKNESS



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*“... For this purpose the Son of God was
manifested, that he might destroy the
works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8*

FACING REALITY, FACING THE DEVIL



IN AN AGE where the reality of the Devil is regularly mocked, scoffed, and laughed at, *The Prince of the Power of the Air and the Last Days* attempts to face this issue head-on. As scripture declares, “...*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...*” (Rom. 1:16). The existence of the Devil certainly is a factor in the sinner’s need for Christ and the gospel. Satan is the source of sin. But in looking at the reality of the Devil, not only does the Holy Bible never argue for the existence of the Creator (the fact is taken as granted -- “*In the beginning God...*” Gen 1:1) it also **NEVER QUESTIONS** the reality of the Adversary. The Final Authority need not weigh any pros or cons when it has all the answers. It is the Great Arbiter which shall outlast heaven and earth (Mt. 24:35). The Bible’s job is to simply provide truth, all that’s required on our part is belief.

In today’s world, the Devil is little more than a joke. Even many professing Christians shy away from the subject for fear of appearing the fool if he’s taken too seriously. Evidently, it’s okay to “believe” in the Devil so long as he’s a mythical do-nothing. But the problems begin when you dredge him up and stick him **ACTIVELY IN MAN’S EVERYDAY LIFE**--past, present, and future. That’s when many begin to get nervous. But that’s exactly where he’s at and the Bible has never taught otherwise. One astute saint from the mid-1800s made the following scathing indictment regarding this:

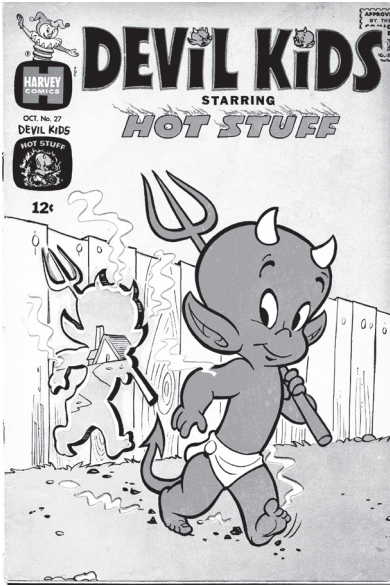
“We are fully aware of the fact that the personal existence of Satan is admitted by nearly all those who bear the Christian name. It is at least among the articles of their faith. But by the great majority of professing Christians of the present day, it is so feebly realized, and so superficially regarded, that their faith is, in a great degree, inoperative, and the fact of his existence, and influence upon the minds of the people, is virtually disbelieved.”¹

One of the objectives of this book is to give the reader an opportunity to shed any “feeble” beliefs they may have about Satan. You might even say that this study will be doing an “about face,” and traveling one hundred and eighty degrees in the opposite direction. Scripture doesn’t present any sort of weak presence on the part of this enemy, so we have no excuse to hold beliefs reflective of such error.

To say that man has UNDERESTIMATED THE DEVIL is a commentary as old as history itself. It’s an ancient story that hasn’t changed in six thousand years. Satan’s relationship with man BEGAN AS A DECEIVER (Gen. 3), and it will end the same (Rev. 20:7-8). To believe that anything different is going on now (in the twenty-first-century) in regards to this enemy is simply evidence that you’re exactly where he wants you. The entire history of man upon this earth (Genesis to Revelation), is the history of a people under the thumb of a fallen, sinful, wicked, rebellious, unholy, creature. The Devil was here when the Lord first placed man upon this earth (Gen. 3:1), he’ll be here after the millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rev. 20:7), and he’s been active in all ages in between (Eph. 2:2). If such a thing bothers you, then close this book now, because the very purpose of this study is to investigate the extent of the Devil’s involvement with the air, and how this relates to our current age and the end-times.

[1] Ramsey, William. *Spiritualism, a Satanic Delusion and a Sign of the Times*. (H. L. Hastings: Peace Dale, RI, 1856), p. 11

As a result of both God and Satan, the Bible leaves no room for doubt that we live in a reality profoundly impacted by the SUPERNATURAL. In God, “...*the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity...*” (Isa.



Today, the Devil is often seen in pop culture. Here, he's cutesified into the character "Hot Stuff" by Harvey Comics (c. 1957). Many other variations of this kind continue today. Devil-themed products are hot sellers. This is the kind of "devil" people like to believe in, not what's in the Bible.

57:15), such a condition far transcends the confines of the known universe. The existence of so-called "smartphones," "smart cars," or "smart cities" will do nothing to change this. In today's world, this truth is rejected in favor of "science." Should Christians follow this lead, or should we follow the lead of scripture? Since the word of God knows the beginning from the end, and man does not, the Bible's knowledge of the future indicates that SCIENCE CAN DECEIVE US (especially false sciences). Faith in God's word is the more sure measure of truth (2Ptr. 1:19). The great heroes of the faith proved this (Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Samson, David, etc. – Heb. 11):

"By faith Noah, being WARNED OF GOD OF THINGS NOT SEEN as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; BY THE WHICH HE CONDEMNED THE WORLD, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Heb. 11:7

The Lord, today, through scripture is continuing to warn us of "things not seen." In fact, nowhere in the Bible do we find God exalting science, or lauding it as something we should live by or constantly

seek for guidance. The faith of the born-again, Bible-believer is to be placed in the words and “*power of God,*” not “*the wisdom of men*” (2Cor. 2:5). When it comes to science, IT IS POWERLESS in regard to these things. And why wouldn’t it be? Scripture says:

“But THE NATURAL MAN receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS UNTO HIM: NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, because they are SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.” 1Co 2:14

While man’s wisdom can certainly bring with it many technological wonders, in the hands of lost sinners, it will also bring about Satan’s will without them even knowing it. This is why the nineteenth century largely laid the foundation for the Global Age. A worldwide setup that will eventually culminate with the Prince of the Devils being exalted as “God.” We are in the midst of the building of this now, and have been moving full steam ahead for about the last 200-or-so years.

The Lord Jesus Christ died, was buried, and then resurrected under his own power by raising himself from the dead. He is our Anchor to the SUPERNATURAL. Through this truth, we realize that there is much more to reality than what we can detect with our five senses. To fully understand what’s going on in this world, it is required that this realm which science cannot pierce be taken into account. This means that all the “laws” that science swears by go out the window. After all, God created the laws, and he can overrule them. God is the Law. The Creator is not bound by his creation.

The intent of this book is to help the Christian establish a more Bible-centric view of what’s going on around us. This view puts SCRIPTURE AND THE SUPERNATURAL back at the center of our minds. The Lord Jesus Christ is our Anchor to these kinds of wonders, and it is through these phenomenal truths that we are warned about... THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR!

PRINCE CHARMER

Why is Satan called “*the prince of the power of the air*” (Eph. 2:2)? Have you ever thought about this? How does the Devil relate to the air? To what, exactly, is this “power of the air” referring? Is it about THINGS THAT ARE CAUSED BY THE AIR (like blowing, forming storms, etc.)? Or is the phrase exclusive to THINGS THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE AIR (like flying, lightning bolts and flashes, sky-based phenomena)? Or, perhaps, the name is characteristic of both? Would scripture label Satan with such a title just to project an intimidating, eight-word-long name, or are there legitimate, substantive reasons? The Bible’s not in the business of using frivolous words (2 Tim. 3:16-17). In examining this, we should not only consider the meaning of the title, but also scriptural instances where the Devil is acting in the air or having some effect upon it. This will help provide a more complete answer.

In regards to the name, the Prince of the Power of the Air, the first thing to note about this particular title is that it identifies the Devil as a “PRINCE” concerning the air. Unlike today, the Bible’s use of the word “*prince*” is not about the son of a king, like a parallel to the word “*princess*.” The word is more demonstrative of a “king,” denoting a RULER, SOVEREIGN, OR AUTHORITY. The Lord Jesus Christ refers to Satan as “*the prince of this world*” on three occasions (Jn. 12:31, 14:30, & 16:11). The Devil is also called “*the prince of the devils*” three times (Mt. 9:34, 12:24, & Mk. 3:22). This shows that Satan’s no stranger to the “*prince*” title. In contrast, Christ also holds the title of prince with respect to several things (Dan. 8:25, Acts 3:15, Rev. 1:5, Isa. 9:6, etc.). The point is, that the labeling of Satan as a “*prince*” regarding the power of the air has not been done arbitrarily. It’s not some random name pulled out of a hat. There’s an important reason and purpose for him having been called this. The designation points to the fact that SATAN HAS BEEN GRANTED SOME KIND OF EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP TO THE AIR, or has some kind of AUTHORITY OVER THE AIR, that angels, men, and animals do not.

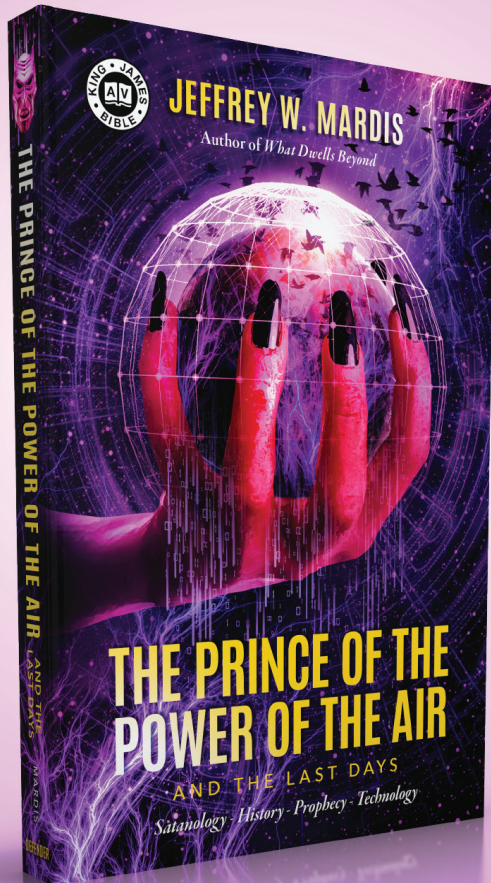
The apostle Paul tells us that one of the primary battlegrounds for the Christian is found in wrestling “...against PRINCIPALITIES, against POWERS, against THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS of this world, against SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES” (Eph. 6:12). This reflects our circumstances exactly. Note the word “principalities” (there’s the prince), the word “powers” (there’s his power), and the phrase “in high places” (there’s the air or atmosphere of the Earth). And while Ephesians 6:12 entails much more than this, it certainly encompasses our subject at hand. As we explore this further, it will be discovered that this particular satanic ability may be referring to a variety of air-related traits or characteristics. This is because AIR, and THE POWER OF THE AIR, are indicative of and related to many different things. And since scripture defines the Devil as “the prince” of this element, then it should not be a stretch to surmise that he has authority over many different facets of it.

In beginning this study, one of the first important things the reader should note, is how the Devil’s various titles of “prince” parallel each other and collectively reveal THE FAR-REACHING EXTENT OF HIS POWER. Each separate title encompasses an abundance of particulars and details that scripture doesn’t necessarily address. It’s kind of like when a man is called “the President of the United States.” How much power and authority does such a title include? Have you ever thought about that? How many separate things and responsibilities does such a name involve? To say that it’s a lot would be an understatement. But it’s much easier to simply call a man by the title of “President of the United States,” than to call him by the separate names of every little thing the office entails. This same principle applies to the Devil in his capacity as a prince:

- 1.) As **THE PRINCE OF THE DEVILS**, Satan has command and authority over THE ENTIRE DEMONIC REALM.
- 2.) As **THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD**, Satan has command and authority over THE WHOLE WORLD.

3.) As **THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR**, Satan has command and authority over **THE IMMEDIATE HEAVENS WHICH SURROUND THE EARTH**.

The fact that one title of “prince” encompasses a tremendous range of power means the others do as well. In this respect, each name sheds light on the other. The conclusion is that Satan is a prince over (1) a SPIRIT REALM (devils), (2) an EARTHLY REALM (the kingdoms of this world), and (3) a HEAVENLY REALM (the atmosphere of the earth). The other characteristic they all share is that the Bible does not go into detail on any of the particulars of these names. All we can really surmise at this point is that all three titles are significant. The purpose of this book is to try and flesh out the importance of the title of the Prince of the Power of the Air. The various aspects of this ability will be addressed as we progress. Before we get too much into this, however, I want to make clear right at the outset that just because something may happen in the air, with the air, or as a result of the air, doesn’t necessarily mean “the Devil did it.” Maybe he did, but maybe he didn’t. The Bible shows that aerial phenomena can result from several different things. We’ll talk more about this later. The important thing to take away from our introduction is that **THE DEVIL OCCUPIES AN ELITE POSITION IN THIS AREA**. While he certainly doesn’t influence the air at every given second, to ignore him to the extent that most do today (he’s practically nonexistent in the minds of most), is to grossly distort reality. This book has been written to help put the Bible-believing Christian in mind of this. The sections that follow will break down the title and examine the various implications and scriptural evidence of the name. It will also delve into the modern age and look at how this infernal prince could be manipulating it, via his authority over the air, to bring about his eventual world enthronement. Some of the fascinating subjects we’ll explore include: Birds, Earth’s atmosphere, cherubim, air, wind, storms, tornados, lightning, electricity, wisdom, knowledge, technology, aviation, demon activity, demon possession, serial killers, unexplained aerial phenomena, the supernatural and more.



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