

The Attackers: Review: Commentary on Verses that Emphasize the “Struggle” against Satanic Forces: 2 Cor 4:3–4; 2 John 7; Matt 22:29; Rev 12:7–9; 20:3; the “Struggle” Is Not against the Visible but the Invisible; People Are Lured into the Dark Side’s Agenda as Useful Idiots; the Real Enemy Is the Army of Fallen Angels

2 Corinthians 4:3 - Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

v. 4 - in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 John 7 - For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Matthew 22:29 - “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Revelation 12:7 - And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

v. 8 - and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

v. 9 - And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 20:3 - Then the seraph threw Lucifer into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer ...

22. This collection of passages defines the strategy and the tactics of the unseen enemy. The target is your soul and your biblical worldview – if you have one.
23. All of these passages confirm Paul’s opening comment in verse 12 which is best translated, “Because our combat.” The opponents in this conflict are said *not* to be “flesh and blood.”
24. All major English translations have this phrase backwards. The Greek manuscripts have the opposite beginning with the pronoun in the accusative of opposition: **πρός (pros)** translated “against.” It is followed by the noun **αἷμα (haima)**, translated “blood,” plus the conjunction **καί (kai)**, translated “and,” and the noun **σάρξ (sárx)**, translated “flesh”: “against blood and flesh.”
25. When “blood” and “flesh” unite to form a unit it refers to the physical nature of man: that which is alive, i.e., “blood,” and visible, i.e., “flesh.”
26. Our combat in the Invisible War is not really with people. Sure, they are the physical representatives of Lucifer and they convey his propaganda throughout the devil’s world.
27. But cosmic viewpoint has to have an origin. Just as divine viewpoint has its origin in Scripture, cosmic viewpoint obtains its viewpoint from the Dark Side.
28. The central issue in this combat is thought and that which originates the thought is the hierarchy of authority that commands each side in the dispute.

29. The hierarchy for the Light is the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They communicate to us through the Bible, the only source for divine viewpoint and absolute truth.
30. The Bible describes each Member's involvement in its construction: "the Word of God" (Hebrews 4:12), the "mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16), and the "voice of the Holy Spirit" (Hebrews 3:7).
31. The hierarchy for the Dark Side is commanded by Lucifer and the officer corps of his demonic army. They and their rank and file are the invisible warriors we engage in the Invisible War.
32. One's ability to discern historical trends, to evaluate the thinking of the Progressives, and to analyze current events comes from a clear understanding of what influences them.
33. The people who are involved are minions, tools, and emissaries for the Dark Side. They are unwitting in their participation because they have been so propagandized by the lie that they believe its ideas, conclusions, and standards are derived from their own brilliance.
34. All of these strategies and tactics are presumptively from "blood and flesh," but they are only the conduits. The source of their philosophies, ideologies, and worldview is Lucifer and his demonic officer corps.
35. Therefore, to emphasize the true source of cosmic didactics, Paul provides the identities of those in the demonic table of organization.
36. Paul uses the structure of the Athenian military to define the ranks in Satan's armies. Here is the NASB translation with the various ranks emphasized:

Ephesians 6:12 - For our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers [ἀρχή (*archē*)], against the powers [ἐξουσία (*exousía*)], against the world forces of this darkness [κοσμοκράτωρ (*kosmokratōr*)], against the spiritual forces of wickedness [πνευματικός (*pneumatikós*)] in the heavenly places.