

KIB 501 – Raising Deborahs & Defending the Word: Spiritual Warfare for the Last Days

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1. Prophetic Truths in the First Song of Moses

Exodus 15:1–3 (ESV)

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. **The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.**

The Exodus story is a story of the ongoing war that fallen angels and their offspring (Nephilim of Genesis 6) have been waging since prehistory (Genesis 1:2). God is a warrior and has been at war long before humanity came on the scene!

A true biblical worldview is a warfare worldview. This was the worldview of the ancient Israelites and was the view of the early Church. (Recommended book for the month, [God at War: The Bible and Spiritual Conflict](#) by Gregory Boyd)

- Adam was equipped as both a shepherd and a warrior.
- When Abram matured into Abraham, he became a warrior who took on the soldiers of four armies to free Lot and his family.
- David, a man after God’s own heart, was both a shepherd and a warrior before he was a king. (A type and shadow of the Messiah).
- Moses took a shepherd’s staff down to Egypt and waged war against the fallen spirits that governed Egypt.

- Jesus came as the good shepherd with his staff of authority, and the cross was the strategic move of unprecedented spiritual warfare in the greater battle.
- The Apostles were at war, aiming to win souls for Christ (taking back the nations from fallen spirits) and to teach their disciples how to walk in another Kingdom, becoming warriors in the Kingdom.

2. Level of Warfare

a. A War Against the Word of God

Historical Review of the War Against God:

- God's Word has been abandoned and forgotten by God's people (because they got involved in the Mystery Religions).
- God's Word has been outlawed (to include the Roman Catholic Church).
- God's Word has been lied about and discredited by those lost in darkness.
 - Just a book written by men.
 - Just a book assembled by men.
 - Twisting the Word to their own destruction.
 - They take scriptures out of context and redefine phrases to mean what they want.
 - The attacks continue from every side.

b. The Reality of the Word

- The Word of God is a supernatural book. There are around 2,500 prophecies in the Word of God (Old and New). To date, 2,000 of them have been fulfilled. No other book in human history can make this claim!

The Word of God is a special revelation from God.

- It had to be given through men to be available to men. If an angel had delivered it, it would have been considered too holy for men and locked up out of humanity's reach.

- It had to be given through devout men of God so that men could receive it.
- It had to be assembled by men. What other agents would God have used?

3. What the Word of God does in Our Lives

Here is a short list of the things that the Word of God does in our lives

1. The Word of God Brings Life and New Birth

1 Peter 1:23 – “You have been born again... through the living and abiding Word of God.”

→ The Word imparts **spiritual life**, transforming hearts and bringing people into the new birth.

John 6:63 – “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

→ God’s Word is not just information—it’s a **living force** that brings life to the spirit.

2. The Word Cleanses and Sanctifies Us

John 15:3 – “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

Ephesians 5:26 – Christ sanctifies the Church “by the washing of water by the Word.”

→ As we receive and obey the Word, it **purifies** our hearts, renewing our thoughts and desires.

3. The Word Protects and Defends

Psalms 119:11 – “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

Ephesians 6:17 – “Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

→ The Word is both **defensive and offensive armor**, guarding us from deception and temptation.

4. The Word Guides and Illuminates

Psalms 119:105 – “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Proverbs 6:23 – “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light.”

→ God’s Word gives **clarity, wisdom, and direction** for every area of life.

5. The Word Heals and Strengthens

Psalms 107:20 – “He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”

Proverbs 4:20–22 – “They are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.”

→ The Word brings **emotional, spiritual, and even physical healing** as faith is activated.

6. The Word Judges and Discerns

Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

→ The Word acts like a **mirror and a scalpel**, exposing what’s in us so we can repent and grow.

7. The Word Builds Faith

Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

→ Faith isn't manufactured—it's **born through the hearing** of God's living truth.

8. The Word Transforms and Renews the Mind

Romans 12:2 – “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

James 1:21–22 – “Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”

→ The Word reprograms how we think, shaping us into the **image of Christ**.

9. The Word Equips and Empowers for Every Good Work

2 Timothy 3:16–17 – “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God... that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

→ Scripture provides the **training, correction, and wisdom** needed for effective Kingdom living.

10. The Word Produces Fruit and Accomplishes God's Will

Isaiah 55:11 – “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void...”

Luke 8:11–15 – The Word is the **seed** that produces the fruit of the Kingdom in receptive hearts.

→ When we align our hearts with the Word, **God's purposes come to pass** through us.

4. The Prophetic Word and Warfare

Psalms 22:1–18 (ESV)

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. **3** Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!” Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Prophetic Significance

Psalms 22 was written **about 1,000 years before Jesus’s crucifixion**, yet describes details such as:

- Hands and feet being pierced (v. 16)
- Mockery by onlookers (vv. 7–8)
- Casting lots for garments (v. 18)

These details align precisely with **New Testament crucifixion accounts**, making Psalm 22 one of the most cited **messianic prophecies** in Scripture.