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SERMON DATE
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Spiritual Warfare & the End Times

Zephaniah 2:1–3 (NIV84®)
1 Gather together, gather together, O shameful nation, 2 before the appointed time arrives and that day
sweeps on like chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you, before the day of the Lord's wrath
comes upon you. 3 Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek
righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.

I. The Conclusion Emerges from Conflict

Revelation 1:1–6 (NIV84®)
1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He
made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word
of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and
blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.
4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was,
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful
witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has
freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and
Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

A. Conquering King

Revelation 19:11–16 (NIV84®)
11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True.
With justice he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He
has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and
his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed
in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.
"He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16
On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

B. Our Objective

Revelation 21:7–8 (NIV84®)
7 "He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the
unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all
liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Romans 12:21 (NIV84®)
Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

II. A Life of Conflict!

A. Jesus, a Man of Peace?

John 14:27 (NIV84®)
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33 (NIV84®)
"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take
heart! I have overcome the world."

B. Another Gospel

2 Corinthians 11:4 (NIV84®)

For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

Galatians 1:6–7 (NIV84®)

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

C. Deceivers & Deception

Micah 2:11 (NIV84®)

If a liar and deceiver comes and says, 'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,' he would be just the prophet for this people!

Matthew 24:4–5 (NIV84) Mark 13:5-6, Luke 21:8

4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."

D. Unexpected Gifts From God

Romans 1:28–32 (NIV84®)

28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, **he gave them over to a depraved mind**, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

2 Corinthians 12:20–21 (NIV84®)

20 For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder. 21 I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NIV84®)

1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

E. Good News!

Colossians 2:15 (NIV84®)

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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