



**Holy War -
Daniel 8**

A Great Conflict

- Introduction to the vision (10:1-11:1)
- The vision (11:2-12:3)
- God's instructions to Daniel (12:4-13)



Mourning and Fasting

- Seeking to discern spiritual realities behind earthly politics



A Heavenly Being

- An angel who represented God and reflected the glory of God



The archangels Gabriel and Michael are depicted on this Byzantine icon (tenth to eleventh century AD).

God's Holiness and Glory

- If God is gloriously holy then obedience to his will is not a minor matter



A Message Delayed

- Do spiritual beings rule over nations?



"When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance."

-Deuteronomy 32:8-9

“If once the curtain were pulled back, and the spiritual world behind it came to view, it would expose to our spiritual vision a struggle so intense, so convulsive, sweeping everything within its range, that the fiercest battle ever fought on earth would seem, by comparison, a mere game. Not here, but up there—that is where the real conflict is waged. Our earthly struggle drowns in its backlash.”

—Abraham Kuyper

“I would conclude that there are high-ranking demonic powers over various regimes and dominions and governments and realms of the world; and that they work to create as much evil and corruption and spiritual darkness as they can. They strive to interrupt Christian missions and ministry as much as they can.”

–John Piper

Understanding Given from Heaven

- Book of Truth - course of human history as determined by God



Holy War

- God is the divine warrior who fights on behalf of his people
- Reverse holy war?



“Like an enemy he [God] has strung his bow; his right hand is ready. Like a foe he has slain all who were pleasing to the eye; he has poured out his wrath like fire on the tent of the Daughter of Zion. The Lord is like an enemy; he has swallowed up Israel. He has swallowed up all her palaces and destroyed her strongholds. He has multiplied mourning and lamentation for the Daughter of Judah”

-Lamentations 2:4-5

Holy War and Daniel

- God was still on their side and they would be victorious



Holy War and the Victory of Jesus

- The battle will no longer be against flesh and blood enemies of God's people, but Jesus will fight Satan himself

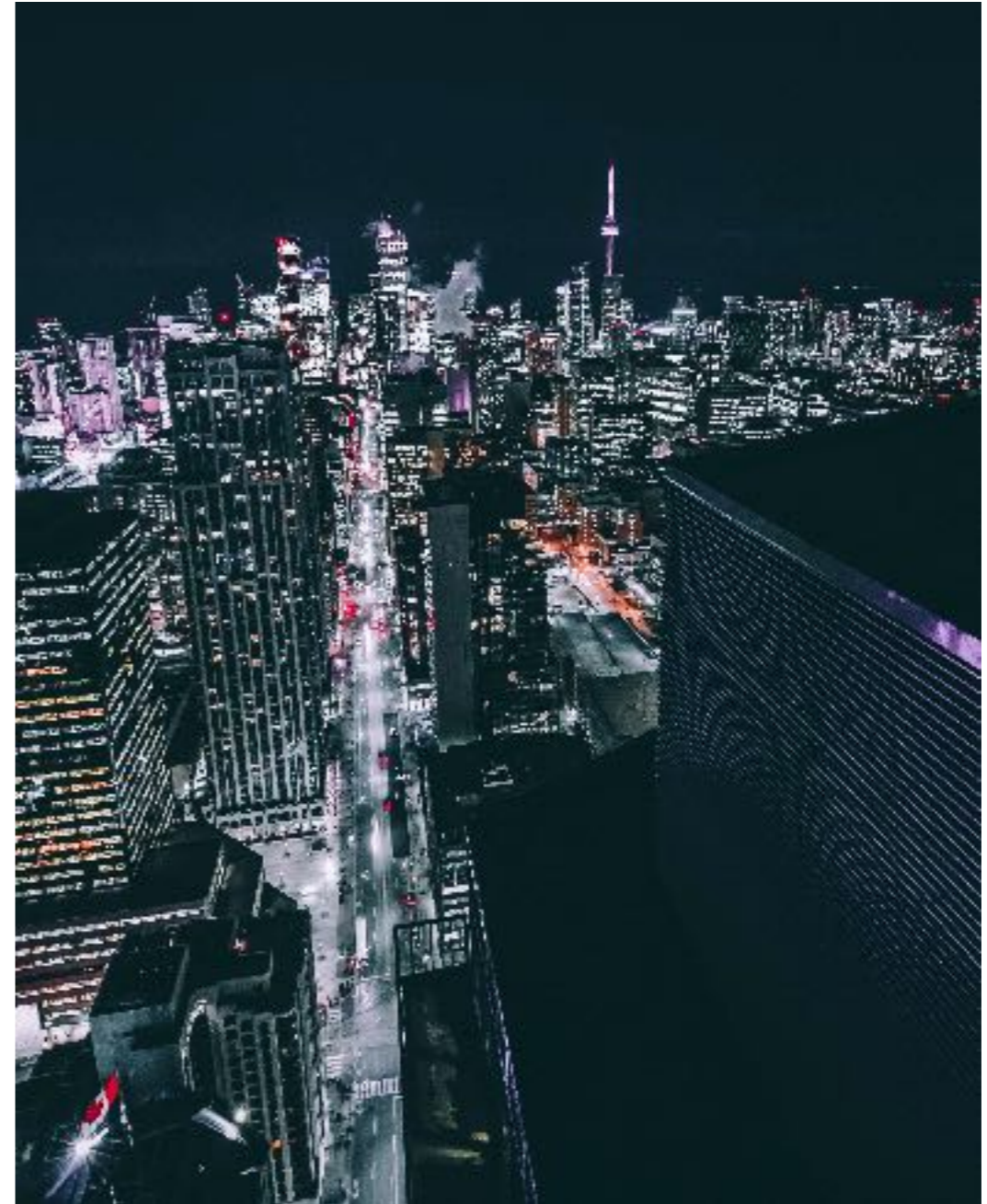


Holy War and the Christian



Holy War and the Christian

- The evil “out there”
- Evangelism
- Between the “old” self and the “new” self



The Weapons of Our Warfare

- Prayer
- Faith



