
SPIRITUAL MAPPING FOR EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL WARFARE – Part 3

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3. Where Do Territorial Spirits Operate?

One of the major differences that separate Christian beliefs from those of the pagan is our understanding and worship of one God. A religion of mono- theism worships one God, versus the worship and the recognition of many gods.

"But the Lord is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king....Thus shall ye say unto them, 'The gods that have not made the heavens, and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens'." Jeremiah 10:10-11

Many of these gods were recognized as deities that operated over cities or regions. For example:

- "And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, 'Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we, but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they'." I Kings 20:23
- "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I remained there with the kings of Persia." Daniel 10:13

We see gods and goddesses over people groupings.

"Because that they have forsaken Me, and have worship- ed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh, the god of the Moabites, and Milcom, the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in Mine eyes, and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as did David his father." I Kings 11:33

As we study further, we find gods that were associated with other things.

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger." Jeremiah 7:18

"Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north, and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz." Ezekiel 8:14

We see the account of God sending Moses to call down plagues upon Egypt. Each plague demonstrated the power of the One true God, and the impotency of the gods of Egypt.

1. When the Lord called upon Moses, the first sign He gave to him was his rod. His rod, which turned into a serpent, consumed the serpents that had rods of the magicians of Pharaoh. The serpent was the symbol of royal authority to the Egyptians and was even a part of Pharaoh's crown. (Exodus 7:9)
2. Hapi was the god of the Nile, and he was powerless as God turned the water into blood. (Exodus 7:17)
3. Think of the mocking of Heka, the female deity with a frog's head, when God brought forth frogs into the land. (Exodus 8:2)
4. Shu, the god of the air, was not able to stand against God's plague of flies. (Exodus 8:21)
5. The plague against the cattle was a direct assault also, as the Egyptians worshipped cattle. (Exodus 9:3)

6. In the plague where boils resulted as Moses and Aaron threw ashes from the furnace into the air, God blatantly mocked the gods Sutech and Typhon. Their usual offering was the ashes of sacrificial victims. (Exodus 9:18)
7. As hail fell from the sky, none of the gods of heaven could stop it. (Exodus 9:18)
8. Part of Egypt's beauty was the Sycamore trees. God sent the locust and they were all devoured. (Exodus 10:4)
9. The plague of darkness showed the impotency of Ra, the sun god. (Exodus 10:21)
10. Listen to the declaration of the Lord as He was about to destroy the first born. "For I will pass through the land of Egypt on this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment; I am the Lord." (Exodus 12:12)

Every time God had Moses speak to Pharaoh, He had him say, "let My people go, that they may serve Me and worship Me". Remember, the bottom-line for spiritual mapping and warfare is for the saving of souls, in order that all of God's creation would be able to "serve and worship Him."

I feel as if Scripture makes it clear that certain deities or evil spirits work over regions or people groups. I also see in Scripture that God uses His people to come against these deities.

"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider, and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider." Jeremiah 51:20-21

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7

In the book of Judges, God gave clear instruction to Gideon to bring down the stronghold of Baal, his father's god, and to establish the area as the Lord's. The KJV uses the term "altar of Baal", which simply means the place from which that deity was operating.

"Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord, and called it Jehovah-shalom; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that they father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it; and build an altar unto the Lord they God upon the top of this rock in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burn sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down." Judges 6:24-26

In this passage and those that precede it, we understand that Gideon was in awe of God and grateful for His working power. So much so that he built an altar to the Lord. However, as pleased as I imagine the Lord was with Gideon's devotion, God asked more of him. He wanted the altar of another god brought down.

We attend worship service and give testimony of God's love and faithfulness to us. We then drive home passing an abortion clinic and probably two or three places that sell pornography. Is God not requiring of us the same that He did of Gideon? Does He not want us to bring down the altars and groves of pornography, abortion, Masonic works, etc?

God does not intend for us to "serve and worship Him" as we live amiably in the midst of other gods. He is a jealous God and wants us actively working against that which is an abomination to His holiness and truth.

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