Satan Part 5:
Satanic Power in the World

1 John 5:19: We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

1) Satanic Power in Nature & Sickness

- **Job 1:12, 18-19:** [12] And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord….[18] While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, [19] and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

- **Luke 13:10–16**: [10] Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. [11] And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. [12] When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." [13] And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. [14] But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." [15] Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? [16] And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

2) Satanic Power over People & Nations

- ***People***

  Luke 22:3: [3] Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.

  Luke 22:53: When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

- ***Nations***

  Ephesians 6:12: [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

  Luke 4:6-7: [5] And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, [6] and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. [7] If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Behind it all is really Satan, whose primary goal is to "bring in confusion and to bring in chaos" by producing lawlessness, pride, greed, and selfishness among individuals and nations. (Martyn Lloyd Jones, “The Devil and the Nations”)

3) Satanic Power in False Religion

1 Corinthians 10:19–20: [19] What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? [20] No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

Exodus 7:11–12: Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. [12] For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs.

Mark 13:22….For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.

4) Satanic Power through Demonic Possession

- ***What is Demonic Possession?***

- ***How Do We Know?***

- ***Can a Believer be Possessed?***

Luke 11:24-26: “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ [25] And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. [26] Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

- ***Practical Things***