

# The Spiritual City- Spiritual Warfare

## Nation Building Principles

# Principles of the Spiritual City

- The spiritual city is invisible but real, like the human soul, angels and God Himself
- Human volition is the key to understanding the rise and fall of the spiritual city
- God does not change, however his dealings with us change based upon our decisions towards Him as demonstrated by our decisions about his Word.
- The destruction of the spiritual city is the overthrow of the spiritual health and stability of the people

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- The physical city is destroyed by allowing the fruits of sin to reach their natural conclusion. These fruits undermine society by
  - destroying the institutions of marriage and family resulting in social catastrophe,
  - then the breakdown of economic structures resulting in political catastrophe
  - and finally the weakened national structure results in the loss of self determination, the loss of freedom, usually via military defeat by another nation, often a wicked nation specifically called to this purpose
    - Read Habakkuk 1 at home

# Principles of Spiritual Warfare

- Joshua 6:1-5
  - What does God mean in v. 1-2? Not a battle had been fought and the walls of Jericho had not been breached.
  - What does v.1-2 say about power relationships? How can we apply this concept to nationbuilding in the modern black community?
  - What principle is revealed in the use of both the priests and the army-were there one or two battles being fought at Jericho?
    - Which battle was being fought first and which second

# Principles of Spiritual Warfare

- Daniel 10:2,12-11:1
  - What caused the activity of the angels in this passage both for and against Daniel
  - What does this angelic activity tell you about the nature of the spiritual city.
  - What does Daniel 10:20 to 11:1 tell you about the nature of spiritual warfare
    - In spiritual warfare what category of humanity is first under attack

# Principles of Spiritual Warfare

- Actions taken in the spiritual realm have concrete consequences in the physical
  - Daniels Prayer
  - Nehemiah's Prayer
  - Obedience to the Word of God Deuteronomy 28, Leviticus 26
- In fact actions taken in the spiritual realm have greater impact in the physical world than actions taken in the physical world
  - Psalm 127.1

# Principles of Spiritual Warfare

- Spiritual warfare consists in controlling the issues in the spiritual realm (Ephesians 6.12) in order to bring about consequences in the physical realm.
  - Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" NIV
  - Dan 10:13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. NIV

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  - Matt 4:8-9 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." NIV



# Homework

- How is the accurate teaching of the Word of God related to the spiritual health of the church?
- How is the spiritual health of the church related to the health of the community socially, economically and politically?
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