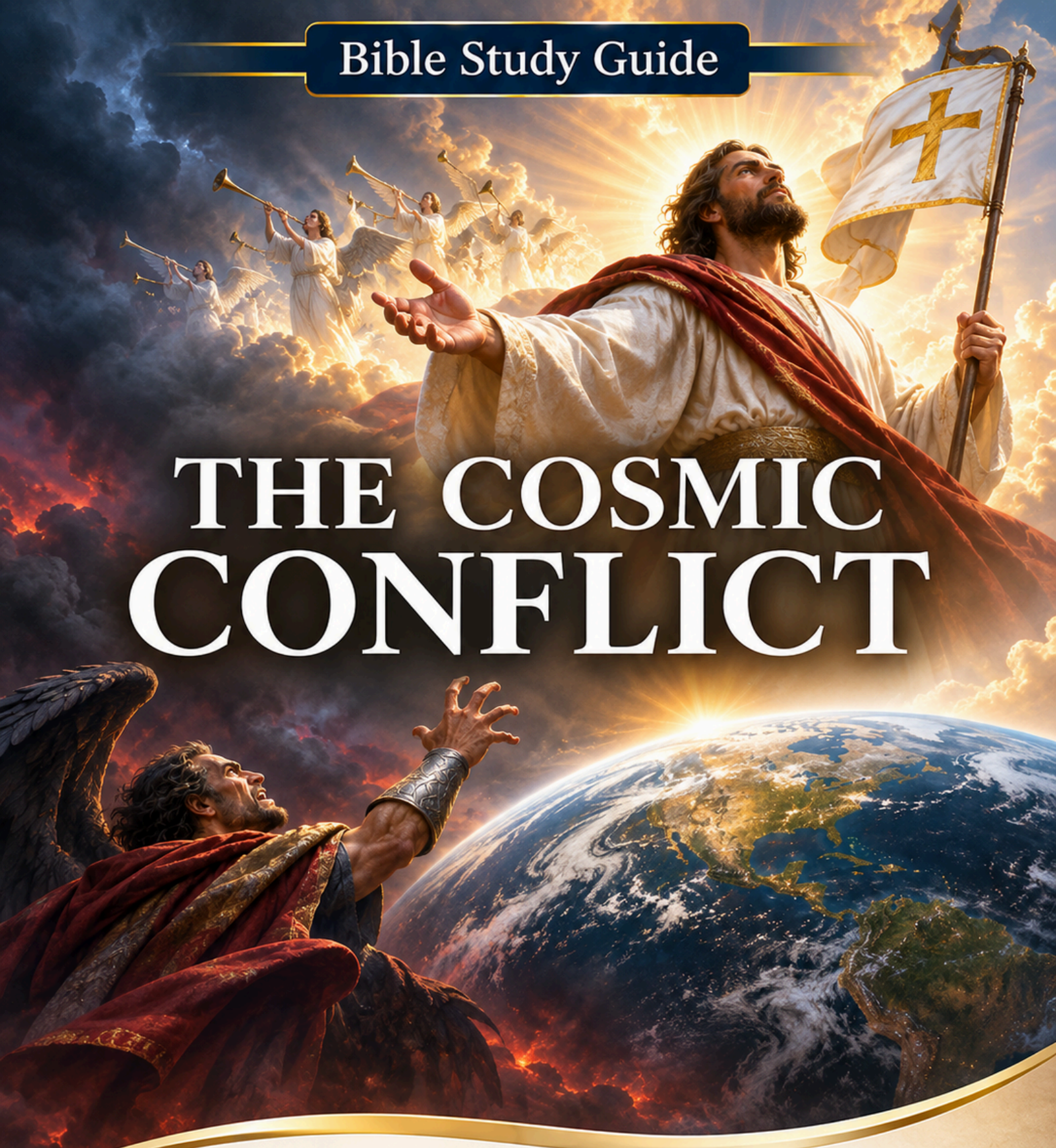
Bible Study Guide



THE COSMIC CONFLICT

A Bible Study on the Great Controversy, Its Origin, and Your Part in the Battle

Introduction

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a great image representing successive earthly kingdoms. At last a stone cut out without hands struck it, and the image gave way to a mountain that filled the earth. God's kingdom is not built by the same methods as human empires. Its King came in humility, and its subjects learn a different measure of greatness.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What ambition is expressed in the description of Lucifer's rebellion?** (Isaiah 14:12-13)

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ... For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will _____ above the stars of God."

The spirit of rebellion elevates self. The conflict between good and evil concerns the character and government of God.

2 **Where did the conflict between Christ and Satan begin?** (Revelation 12:7)

"And there was war in _____: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;"

Scripture describes a cosmic conflict that preceded its full manifestation on earth.

3 **How was the stone in Nebuchadnezzar's dream cut out?** (Daniel 2:34)

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out _____, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces."

God's final kingdom is established by divine power, not by the ambitions of earthly rulers.

4 **What will become of God's kingdom?** (Daniel 2:44)

"shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be _____:"

Human empires pass away, but God's final kingdom endures forever.

5 **What does Jesus bring at His return?** (Revelation 22:12)

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my _____ is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Christ's return brings the promised reward and the final vindication of faithful living.

6 **How did Jesus describe His kingdom before Pilate?** (John 18:36)

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is _____: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

Christ's kingdom is not established by worldly force. His followers do not rely on coercion to advance it.

7 **Why did the Son of man come?** (Mark 10:45)

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to _____, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Christ's greatness is revealed in service and sacrifice.

8 **What place should God's kingdom occupy in our pursuit?** (Matthew 6:33)

"But seek ye _____ the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The kingdom must govern our priorities rather than become a means of obtaining worldly advantage.

9 **What characterizes the kingdom of God?** (Romans 14:17)

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and _____, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The kingdom is revealed in righteous, joyful lives under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

10 **Where does God promise to write His laws?** (Hebrews 8:10)

"I will put my laws into their _____, and write them in their _____:"

The new covenant internalizes God's law rather than abolishing it.

11 **What does Jesus call the person who would be great among His disciples?** (Matthew 20:25-26)

"... but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your _____."

True greatness in Christ's kingdom is service, the opposite of grasping after domination.

12 **Who will inherit the earth?** (Matthew 5:5)

"Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth."

The kingdom of Christ reverses the world's measure of power and greatness.

13 **What does God call His people to be in relation to uncleanness?** (2 Corinthians 6:17)

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye _____, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

God's people are to reject the world's sinful values while remaining active witnesses to His love.

14 **What does Jesus compare His followers to?** (Matthew 5:13)

"Ye are the _____ of the earth:"

God calls His people to a distinct, beneficial influence in the world.

15 **Whom does the first angel call us to worship?** (Revelation 14:7)

"worship him that made _____, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

The final gospel call points to the Creator, not to human authority.

16 **What did Jesus say about the kingdom in response to the Pharisees?** (Luke 17:20-21)

"… for, behold, the kingdom of God is _____."

The King was present among them; His reign begins through acceptance of Christ rather than outward spectacle. The visible kingdom of glory is still to come.

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18 **What role has Christ entrusted to His followers?** (2 Corinthians 5:20)

"Now then we are _____ for Christ,"

We represent the kingdom of heaven by living and speaking in the spirit of its King.

Appeal

Which kingdom governs the way you think, speak, and treat others? Will you surrender your pursuit of worldly greatness to the King who came to serve?

Commitment

I choose the kingdom of Christ and, by His grace, will seek His righteousness and represent His spirit of service.

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