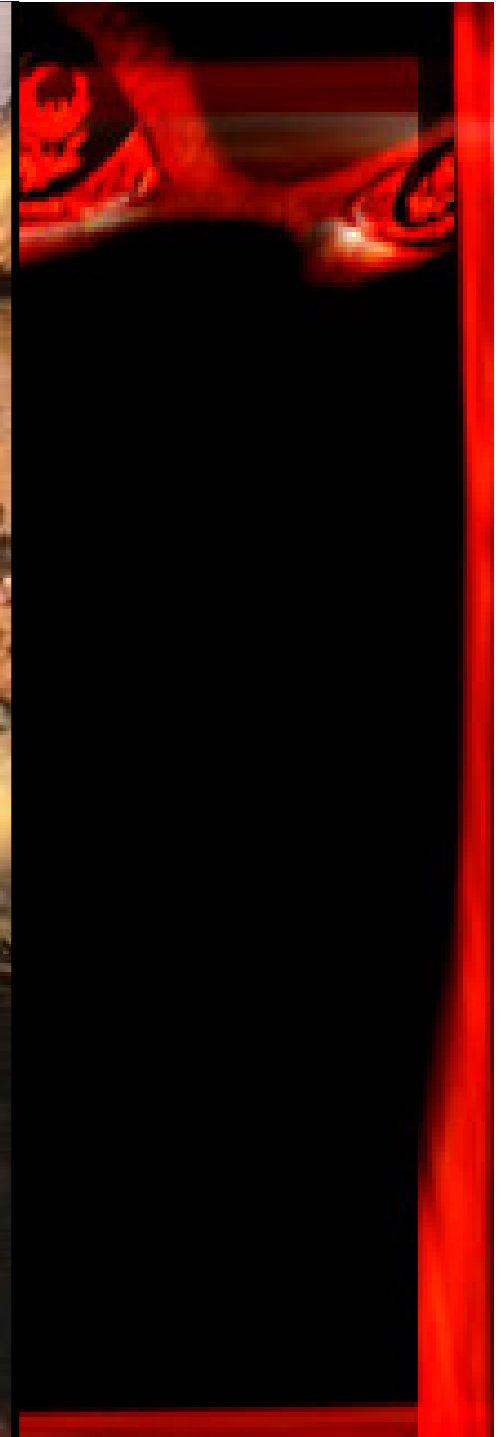




GETTING THE DEVIL OUT FOR
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!

Acts 19:13-16

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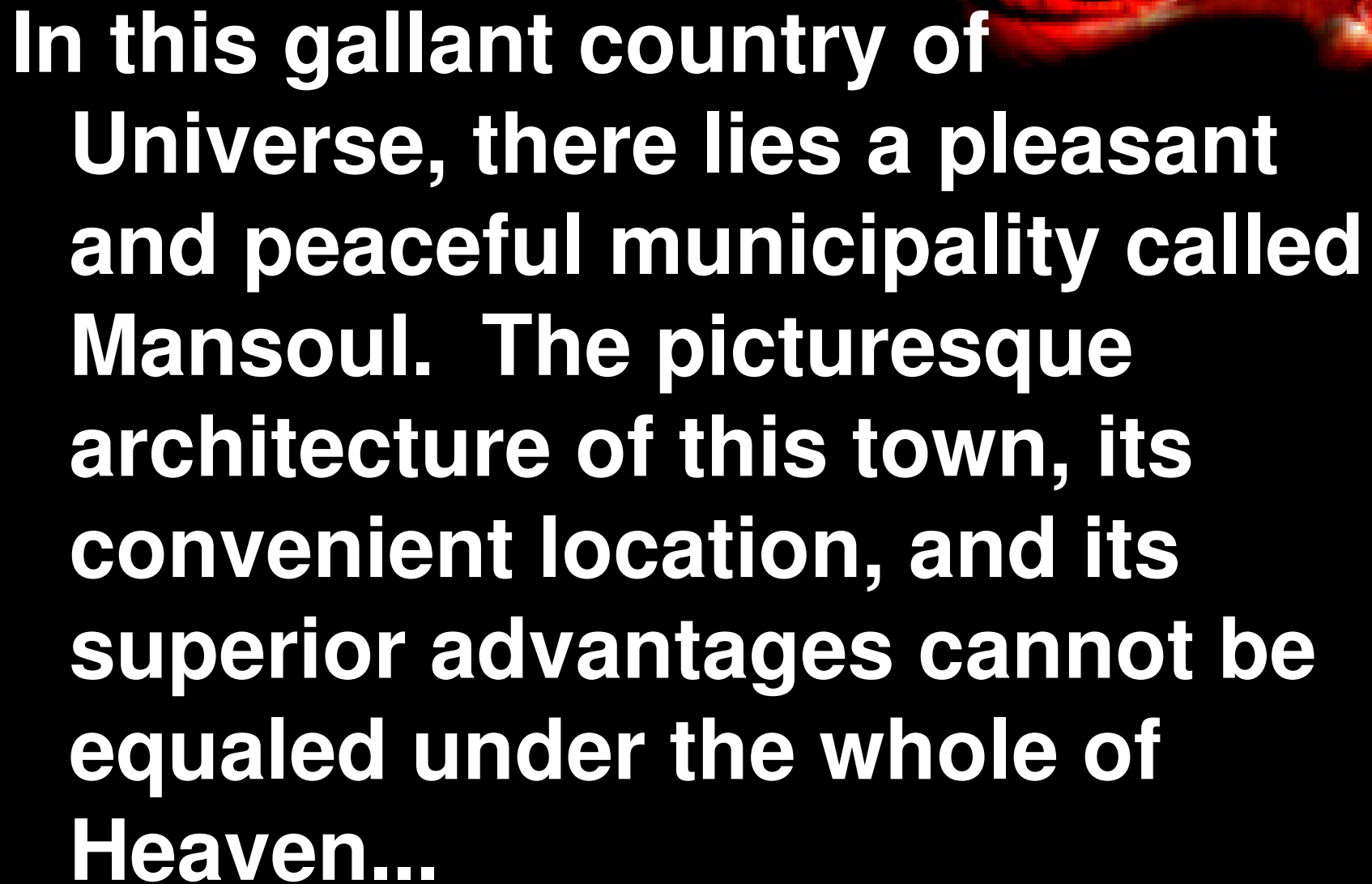


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The background of the cover features a dramatic landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, multi-story building with a prominent central tower or spire, possibly a church or a university building. The scene is set against a dark, stormy sky with a bright lightning bolt striking down from the clouds. The overall color palette is dominated by dark reds, purples, and oranges, creating a sense of intensity and conflict.

THE HOLY WAR


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**In this gallant country of
Universe, there lies a pleasant
and peaceful municipality called
Mansoul. The picturesque
architecture of this town, its
convenient location, and its
superior advantages cannot be
equaled under the whole of
Heaven...**




Once upon a time, a mighty giant named Diabolus made an assault upon this famous town of Mansoul. He tried to take it and make it his own habitation. This giant was the terrible prince of darkness. He was originally one of the servants of King Shaddai, who had place him in a very high and might position...




Knowing they had lost their position and the king's favor forever, Diabolus and his rebels turned their pride into hatred against Shaddai and his Son. They roamed about in fury from place to place in search of something that belonged to the King on which to take their revenge...



At last they happened to find this spacious country of Universe, and they steered their course toward the famous town of Mansoul. Considering it to be one of the chief works and delights of King Shaddai, they decided to make an assault upon the town...



When they found the place, they shouted horribly for joy and roared as a lion over its prey, saying; “Now we have found the prize and how to take revenge on King Shaddai for what He has done to us.” So they called a council of war and considered what methods they should use to win this famous town of Mansoul for themselves.



The Apostle Peter put it this way, “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8-NIV)



**Job was a child of
God, therefore...**

- **Satan had to ask permission to even oppress Job.**
- **Satan's actions were limited by God.**
- **Satan never took possession of Job.**



**What does satanic
oppression look like?**

- **Spiritual Conflict**

**Jesus said, “Simon, Simon,
Satan has asked to sift you
as wheat.” (Luke 22:31-NIV)**



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2 Corinthians 12:7, “There was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.” (NIV)




**What does satanic
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- **Spiritual Conflict**
- **Physical Conflict**
- **Relational Conflict**



2 Corinthians 2:10b-11, “I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.” (NIV)



Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

(John 13:35-NIV)

How did Jesus deal with Satan and/or demons?

Luke 4:33-34, “In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ‘Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!’” (NIV)

How did Jesus deal with Satan and/or demons?

Luke 4:35-36, “‘Be quiet!’ Jesus said sternly. ‘Come out of him!’ Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, ‘What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!’ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.” (NIV)

How did Jesus deal with Satan and/or demons?

Luke 4:41, “Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, ‘You are the Son of God!’ But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.” (NIV)

**How did Jesus deal with
Satan and/or demons?**

Immediate

He did not let them speak

They needed Jesus' permission

**How did the Apostles deal
with Satan and/or demons?**

Acts 16:18, “She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit left her.” (NIV)



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

Pray and trust God's wisdom!

2 Corinthians 12:7-9a, "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’” (NIV)

How should Followers of Christ deal with Satan and demons?

2 Corinthians 12:9b-10, “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (NIV)



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

**Resolve conflicts as
quickly as possible.**

**Ephesians 4:26-27, “Don't sin by letting anger control you.’ Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.”
(NLT)**



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

**Submit to God and
resist the devil.**

**James 4:7, “Submit yourselves,
then, to God. Resist the devil, and
he will flee from you.” (NIV)**



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

We must be consistent about our faith.

1 Timothy 3:7, “He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.” (NIV)



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

Don't blame the devil.

James 1:14-15, "Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." (NLT)



**How should Followers
of Christ deal with
Satan and demons?**

Do not participate in demonic activity.

James 3:15, “For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.” (NLT)

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (NIV)

**Spiritual weakness
equals spiritual failure.**

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Ephesians 6:10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (NIV)

**Spiritual strength
equals spiritual victory.**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:11, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.” (NIV)

**Good offense (Armor)
creates good defense.**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (NIV)

Our true enemy is satan, not people.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:13, “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.” (NIV)

Attacks will come, WE MUST STAND!

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:14, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place...” (NIV)

**Know the Truth in your gut;
believe it in your heart.**



**Jesus teaches in Luke 6:45
that what is in the heart
comes out in life.**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:14-15, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” (NIV)

Knowing the Truth

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Doing the Truth

= Peace

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:16, “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” (NIV)

Faith in God’s way, not the temptation.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:17, “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (NIV)

Know,
that you know,
that you know,
that you know you are loved and
forgiven by God, then you can go on
offense (sword).

Ephesians 6:10-18

Ephesians 6:18, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (NIV)

Prayer is an expression of humility before God and dependence on God.