

Sabbath School Lesson 4: "War in Heaven"

Title: War in Heaven

Focus: Understanding the cosmic conflict and its relevance to humanity.

1. Joshua's Realization:

- Joshua encounters a heavenly being (Jesus Christ) in Joshua 5.
- He asks, "Art thou for us or for our adversaries?" The response: "Nay, but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come."
- Joshua realizes the battle is bigger than what he's facing; it's part of a **greater cosmic conflict**.

2. The Greater War:

- **Revelation 12:** Describes the heavenly war with Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon (Satan).
- The dragon, representing Satan, is cast out of heaven and into the earth. This war involves not just earthly battles, but spiritual warfare.

3. War as Ideology:

- Satan's rebellion wasn't just a physical fight but a battle of ideologies.
- God has to eradicate the ideology of rebellion, not just the rebel.

4. The Scope of the Conflict:

- **Revelation 12:10:** The accuser of the brethren (Satan) is cast down, accusing us day and night.
- **Isaiah 14:12-14:** Satan's desire to be like God, describing the cosmic rebellion.

5. Elisha's Vision of Divine Protection:

- **2 Kings 6:15-17:** Elisha's servant sees an army surrounding them, but Elisha prays for his servant's eyes to be opened.
- The servant sees chariots of fire, indicating that God's forces are far greater than the earthly enemies.

- But notice, though the battle is cosmic, GOD IS PRESENT WITH US
- **Application:** Even though the cosmic war is vast, we matter to God, and He fights for us.

Conclusion:

- The cosmic battle involves us, and we are not insignificant. God's power and protection are greater than any earthly conflict, and we are precious to Him in this greater war.