

14. This attack will completely destroy the religious headquarters and kill all humans associated with the organization in Rome.
15. As a symbol of world religion and thus the epicenter of idolatry, the compound is completely populated by demons or fallen angels assigned there under Lucifer's direction.
16. When headquarters are destroyed, all human operatives will be killed resulting in all the demons who indwelt them returning to the status of disembodied spirits.
17. In the postdiluvian civilization, all demons are disembodied spirits, and therefore limited to the following functions: **(1)** demon possession, which is the demon invasion of the human body and controlling it, and **(2)** demon influence, which is the infiltration of satanically devised false doctrines into the human thought process (1 Timothy 4:1-2).
18. The seraph observes the fact, that after the fall of religious Rome, its demolished remains become the "habitation of demons and the prison for every unclean spirit."
19. All these demons, who once indwelt the worker bees at Cosmic Viewpoint Central, are now restricted within the boundaries of the former religious enclave.
20. Disembodied, they are restricted to the geographic area of the former headquarters of ecumenical religion.
21. Very important principles are derived from this situation as they apply to the Angelic Conflict.
22. From Revelation 18:2, we are able to discern the constraints placed on demons by the plan of God.

The Implications of *Phulaké* in the Angelic Conflict

1. The word "prison" in Revelation 18:2 is the nominative singular, direct object from **φυλακή (*phulaké*)**.

2. Its definition is “to keep watch; to do guard duty as a sentry; the place where one guards as at a prison.”
3. The Abyss, a compartment of Hades, is said to be the prison for Satan during the Millennium in:

Revelation 20:1 - Then I saw an angel [**officer of arms**] descending from heaven, holding the key to the Abyss and great shackles and chains in his hand.

v. 2 - And he violently seized the dragon, that ancient serpent of old [**Genesis 3:1–6**], who is the devil [**δράκων (drákōn): the accuser**] and Satan [**Σατανᾶς (Satanás): the adversary**], and bound him for a thousand years.

v. 3 - Then he threw him into the Abyss. He both locked and sealed it over him for the purpose that he should no longer deceive the nations, until the thousand years were completed. After these things, Satan must be released for a short time.

4. Revelation 20:1–6 is a parenthesis giving details on the completion of the first resurrection which includes believers who died during the Tribulation. They are called “priests of God and of Christ” during the Millennium.
5. The context of verses 1-3 resumes in:

Revelation 20:7 - When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison.

v. 8 - Then Satan will go out with the purpose to deceive the nations which include the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle [**πόλεμος (pólemos): warfare**] whose number [**Satan recruits an enormous army of disaffected people who rebel against the Lord’s leadership during the Millennium**] is as the sands of the sea.

v. 9 - Then they advanced over land and surrounded the bivouac of the saints and the city of Jerusalem, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them [**Jesus personally sees to it that they all die in a fire**].

6. Whereas the Abyss is described as a prison for Satan during the Millennium, the ruins of the religious enclave becomes a prison for his demons.
7. Since all the bodies that were indwelt at ecumenical Babylon are dead, these demons are restricted to the enclave in Rome thus depriving them of new bodies to occupy.
8. Since demonism functions through duplicity and deception, it becomes important for us to understand some of its mechanics.
9. First of all, how may a person come under the influence of demonism? There are two ways: **(1)** demon possession and **(2)** demon influence.
10. Demon possession is where a demon actually takes up residence inside the body of an unbeliever.
11. Demon possession can result in strange and bizarre behavior as per Mark 5's report on the antics of the buck-naked man who lived among the tombs in the Gerasenes.
12. Demons disguise themselves as "servants of righteousness" in 2 Corinthians 11:15, a tactic used widely in the twenty-first century by those indoctrinated into Progressive ideology.
13. Demon influence is able to attack both unbelievers and believers.
14. Ignorance of truth allows believers' souls to be openly attacked from the inside by negative volition or from the outside by propaganda.
15. Since the attacks are primarily directed toward the soul's inventory of ideas, it becomes obvious that success is dependent upon each person's volitional consent.
16. What commonly initiates demon activity is negative volition to the gospel and/or Bible doctrine.

17. The stage is set by rejection of truth described by Paul in:

Ephesians 4:17 - I tell you this and demand by means of the Lord, that you must no longer continue walking as the Gentiles do in the futility [ματαιότης (*mataiotēs*): human viewpoint] of their thinking [characterizes the biblically benighted; emptiness of divine viewpoint],

18. The Greek word “*mataiotēs*” is in the locative of sphere having connotations of emptiness. Where there is an absence of divine thought then a vacuum is created in the *kardía*.
19. In that vacancy is drawn the doctrines of demons which are so convincingly presented, oftentimes with threats of divine wrath absent restraint or compliance, that the benighted are frightened into behaving themselves.
20. In our current environment, people are frightened by the taboos that restrain or prohibit certain categories regarding opinion or behavior, e.g., climate change, evolution, race, hate crimes, rising sea levels, immigration, taxes, welfare, certain types of flags, monuments, street names, nicknames, female pronouns, collectivism, and humor.
21. The unrelenting assault of dire threats to our way of life may or may not be significant in every circumstance, but the widespread loss of thought among the American people is true and indeed dire.
22. The mental vacuousness that has been created by Progressive propaganda has led us to the present hour. This attack from the Dark Side may be defined as Operation *Mataiotēs*, the absence of either establishment or doctrinal viewpoint in the soul.
23. The absence of truth in one or both categories causes the accumulation of the lie and resultant human viewpoint which gravitates into all sorts of evil.

Ephesians 4:18 - having become continuously darkened [σκοτίζω (*skotízō*): absence of mental clarity] in their way of thinking, excluded [ἀπαλλοτριόω (*apallotriōō*): alienated and estranged] from the life of God because of the ignorance [ἄγνοια (*ágnōia*): oblivious to establishment or divine viewpoint] which keeps on being in them because of the hardness [πώρωσις (*porōsis*): callousness, blindness, insensitivity] of their *kardía*; (EXT)