

Lucifer's Officer Corps: Commissioned Officers, Special Forces, Fifth Columns, & Rank & File, Eph 1:21; Christ over All Things but Lucifer Ruler of the World, v. 22

14. The next rank mentioned is "authority," the Greek noun **ἐξουσία**, **exousia**, which refers to commissioned officers: colonels, majors, captains, and lieutenants.
15. Members of the next group function as special forces designated by the noun **δύναμις**, **dunamis** which means "power." These demons have retained the phenomenal, superhuman talents and abilities they enjoyed before their fall but these possess special assets that Lucifer utilizes to carry out special assignments. These are best illustrated by demons who are identified in Scripture as violating the rules of engagement for the Invisible War: (1) the "sons of God" (**בְּנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים** **bene ha'Elohim**) of Genesis 6:4, and (2) the demon assault army released from the Abyss in Revelation 9 commanded by a demon prince named Abaddon (Hebrew) or Apollyon (Greek).
16. The next category is referred to as "dominion," which translates the Greek noun **κυριότης**, **kuriotēs** whose basic meaning is "rule of the lord." Jesus Christ is referred to as **Κύριος**, **Kurios**, translated "Lord."
17. *Kuriotēs* in this context refers to a special class of demons referred to as "bearers of the ruling power"¹ and indicates that these demons infiltrate human government through demon possession.
18. Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords with command authority over all creation, however, Lucifer is the "ruler of this world" and his agents infiltrate human governments to manipulate and control the affairs of men. Lucifer has these "ruler demons" implanted as fifth columns in the governments of the world: locally, regionally, and nationally.
19. The final category is referred to as "and every name," the phrase **καὶ παντὸς ὀνόματος**, **kai pantos onomatos**: this refers to the "hosts" or "armies" that function under these leaders and includes the rank and file of noncommissioned demons.
20. The phrase "not only in this age" means that this military-type arrangement among the fallen angels is not only functional in the Church Age but also the next dispensation. This is indicated by the final phrase "but also in the one to come," i.e., the Tribulation. The corrected and expanded translation of our verse reads this way:

¹ Walter Bauer, William F. Arndt, and F. Wilber Gingrich, "κυριότης," in *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, rev. F. Wilber Gingrich and Frederick W. Danker, 2d ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1957, 1979), 461.

Ephesians 1:21 - (Jesus Christ is) over and above all demon general officers, commissioned officers, special forces, fifth columns, and the rank and file, not only during the Church Age but also in the Tribulation yet to come.

1. The next verse addresses the Lord's command authority over all things:

Ephesians 1:22 - And He [**God**] put all things in subjection under His [**Jesus Christ's**] feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church. (NASB)

2. God has a predesigned plan that was decreed in eternity past. It is so structured that while allowing human and angelic volition to remain free, the final outcome will result in God's glory through the superiority of Christ over all things.
3. The verse begins with the aorist active indicative of the verb **ὑποτάσσω**, *hypotassō*. This word denotes subordination to senior ranking authority.
4. The aorist tense is gnomic and is defined as follows:

The gnomic aorist is not used to describe an event that "used to take place," but one that "has taken place" over a long period of time.²

5. This indicates that the plan of God includes the elevation of the resurrected Christ to a position of absolute authority over all things and as a result forces the angelic creation to submit to that authority.
6. Lucifer is the "ruler of this world" but that rulership has an expiration date in the divine decree called the Second Advent.
7. This event is a reality in the divine decree but historically remains prophetic until its fulfillment. In the meantime, Lucifer maintains control of this planet but only under rules of engagement enforced by Jesus Christ.
8. Knowing this, Lucifer must continue his opposition against the human race and with intensified vigor against believers in order to delay the inevitable.
9. This is why the Church Age is the intensified stage of the Angelic Conflict. In order that believers might be equipped to deal with amplified demonic strategies we have been given the same power system utilized by Jesus Christ in the Incarnation.

² Daniel B. Wallace, *Greek Grammar beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 562.