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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

**Our Testimony to the Angels
Angelic Rebellion—Part 2
Ephesians 3:8–11**

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Eph. 3:8, “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

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εὐαγγελίζω *evangelizō* aor mid infin

“to proclaim good news;” the *good news* here is more than simply what we must do to be justified and have eternal life. But involves the good news of our position in Christ, our wealth in Christ, our walk in Christ, and the provision for our spiritual warfare.

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Eph. 2:17, “And He came and preached [proclaimed the good news of] peace to you who were afar off [Gentiles] and to those who were near [Jews].”

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- 2. to reveal the administration of the mystery**

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**οἰκονομία *oikonomia* fem
sing nom “administration, management, plan;”
two nuances:
a. the position or office of the administrator, and
b. the activity of administering or the strategy of administering**

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αἰών aiōnō

**masc plur gen
“age, eternity”**

ἀποκρύπτω *apokryptō*

**perf perf pass part
neut sing gen
adjectival for**

“mystery”

“to hide, conceal”

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**ἀρχή *archē* fem plur dat
principalities; ruler,
realm, rule; power**

**ἐξουσία *exousia*
fem plur dat
authority, power;
ruling power, root
has the idea of one
who has the
freedom to choose,
i.e., the authority**

Eph. 3:10, “For the purpose that the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known now to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,” [RD]

“Principalities and Powers”

- 1. The combination phrase: *arche* and *exousia* indicates the hierarchy of angels.**

Rom. 8:38, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities [ἀρχή *archē*] nor powers [δύναμις *dynamis*, power], nor things present nor things to come,”

1 Cor. 15:24, “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule [ἀρχή *archē*] and all authority [ἐξουσία *exousia*] and power [δύναμις *dynamis*, power].”

Eph. 1:21, “far above all principality [ἀρχή *archē*] and power [ἐξουσία *exousia*] and might [δύναμις *dynamis*] and dominion [κυριότης *kyriotēs*, dominion], and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, [ἀρχή *archē*] against powers [ἐξουσία *exousia*], against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities [*ἀρχή archē*] or powers [*ἐξουσία exousia*]. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Col. 2:10, “and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality [ἀρχή *archē*] and power [ἐξουσία *exousia*].”

Col. 2:15, “Having disarmed principalities [ἀρχή *archē*] and powers [ἐξουσία *exousia*], He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

Dan. 10:12, “Then he said to me, ‘Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

Dan. 10:13, “ ‘But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.’ ”

Dan. 10:20, “Then he said, ‘Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

Dan. 10:21, “ ‘But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.’ ”

Dan. 12:1, “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”

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Eph. 3:11, “according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,”

1. That this is part of God's plan and God is using the Church as a visible demonstration to teach some things to the angels which in His wisdom, could not have been learned any other way.

1 Cor. 4:9, “For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

1 Cor. 4:10, “We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!”

1 Cor. 4:11, “To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.

1 Cor. 4:12, “And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

1 Cor. 4:13, “being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world [scum of the earth], the offscouring of all things until now.”

2. Angels observe church leaders.

1 Tim. 5:21, “I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.”

3. Angels long to look into what God's grace is accomplishing in the Church Age.

1 Pet. 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”

4. The church, specifically in terms of the unity of Jew and Gentile in the body of Christ.

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