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No. 1 Two major opposing kingdoms.	
<u>Ephesians</u> , God's people are presented through the following pictures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* a legislative assembly,* a family,* a temple,* and as the bride of Christ.	
Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full Armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.	
verse 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood... <ul style="list-style-type: none">* 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)	
New American Standard Version. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, <ul style="list-style-type: none">* but against the rulers,* against the powers,* against the world forces of this darkness,* against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.	
The Living Bible , which is not exactly a literal translation but a paraphrase, reads as follows: 12 For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood... <ul style="list-style-type: none">* but against persons without bodies—* the evil rulers of the unseen world,* those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.	



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<p>The King James Version verse 12 states, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood.”</p>	
<p>Matthew 12:22–28 (NIV)</p>	
<p>The word translated “<i>dominion</i>” is the Greek word <i>exusia</i>, which means “<i>authority</i>.”</p>	
<p>Number 2. Where is Satan’s Headquarters?</p>	
<p>Ephesians 6:12 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities,</p>	
<p>Isaiah 55:10-11 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be”</p>	
<p>Genesis 1:14-17: Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth. The psalmist referred to this second heaven when he wrote, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork”</p>	



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<p>Psalm 19:1 Jesus said that at the very end of time, “The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from</p>	
<p>2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (NIV) ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.</p>	
<p>Revelation 21:10 (NIV) ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.</p>	
<p>Job 1:6–7 (NIV) ⁶One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. ⁷The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.”</p>	



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<p>Job 2:1–2 (NIV) On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. 2 And the Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.”</p>	
<p>2 Corinthians 11:14, Paul said that Satan is transformed as <i>“an angel of light.”</i></p>	
<p>Revelation 12:10 (NIV) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”</p>	
<p>Revelation 12:11-12 (NIV) 11 They overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.</p>	



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<p>The Hebrew word for heavens is shamayim. “Im” is the plural ending.</p>	
<p>2 Chronicles 2:6 (NIV). But who is able to build a temple for him [the Lord], since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him?”</p>	
<p>Where the translation says, “the highest heavens,” the Hebrew says, literally, “The heaven of heavens.”</p>	
<p>2 Corinthians 12:2–4 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. 3 And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— 4 was caught up to paradise.</p>	
<p>Number 3. The Fight with Angels</p>	



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<p>Daniel 10:2–6 (NAS) states the following: 2 In those days I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. 3 I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all, until the entire three weeks were completed. 4 And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,</p>	
<p>5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. 6 His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.</p>	
<p>Verse 12 (NAS) Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.”</p>	



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<p>13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days [The angel took twenty-one days because he had resistance and opposition in the heavenlies]; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes [or archangels], came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.</p>	
<p>Daniel 12:1 (NAS) Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise.</p>	
<p>The New American Standard says the following: 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh.</p>	



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<p>4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.</p>	
<p>The King James Version 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [fleshly or physical], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.</p>	
<p>Where the New American Standard says “fortresses,” the King James says “strong holds.”</p>	



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Prejudices and Preconception

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.