

Ascension

Ephesians 6:11-12 Notice the Apostle Paul doesn't just say "the devil" here, rather he warns about rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, and spiritual forces of evil.

Psalms 89:5-7; Job 1:6-7; 38:4-7 According to these verses there are heavenly beings beside God, including the sons of God and Satan

Genesis 6:4; Deuteronomy 4:19-20; 32:7-9; Daniel 10:12-14; 12:1 We can glean a few details about these heavenly beings. God may have assigned these heavenly beings to serve as guardians over the nations.

Psalms 82:1-8 These "gods" did not guide the people aright; instead they showed partiality to the wicked! As a result of this behavior, God will judge them.

1 Corinthians 10:19-21 It could be that the idols of the nations were not merely statues, but physical pointers to powerful spirits.

Ephesians 6:11-12 Regardless of what the backstory is, it is clear that these spiritual powers are real, and we need to take them seriously.

Christ has defeated them through his ministry (John 12:31-33; 14:30-31), crucifixion (1 Corinthians 2:6-8), resurrection (Colossians 2:13-15), and ascension (Ephesians 1:19-23).

Ephesians 2:4-6; Colossians 2:10 We are seated with him in heavenly places, above all rule and authority.

Colossians 3:1-4 This fact should affect how we live, giving us both confidence and victory.