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**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
GOD VS. THE CHAOS MONSTERS**

2 SAMUEL 7:18–29; PSALM 89:5–10

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Davidic Covenant***



DAVIDIC COVENANT

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2 Sam. 7:12–16

Psa. 89

1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16

1 Chron. 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c

1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam. 7:13b

1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

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NET note: 9 tn Hebrew “in the assembly of the holy ones.” The phrase “holy ones” sometimes refers to God’s people (Psa. 34:9) or to their priestly leaders (2 Chron. 35:3), but here it refers to God’s heavenly assembly and the angels that surround His throne (see vv. 6–7).

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פֶּלֵא' *pele'*

comm masc

sing constr

wonder, cfr.,

Isa. 9:6

Psa. 89:6, “For who **in the heavens can be compared to the LORD?”**

Who among **the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?”**

**Psa. 89:7, “God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints [‘holy ones’],
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.”**

**Psa. 89:9, “You rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still them.”**

יָם *yam*

comm

masc sing

abs sea

Psa. 89:10, “You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;

You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.”

רַהַב comm masc sing abs *Rahab, Rahav*

רַחַב proper *Rahab, literally, Rachav, name*

This term shows up in in Job 9:13; Job 26:12; Psalm 89:10; Isaiah 51:9. TWOT describes the verbal form in this manner:

“The verb occurs only four times in the OT and signifies storming at or against something. The fundamental idea of rahab appears in the proverb, ‘Make sure thy friend’ (Prov. 6:3 KJV), literally, storm him; ... It denotes a tempestuous, and then arrogant, attitude.” TWOT

Job 9:13, “God will not turn back His anger;

Beneath Him crouch the helpers of *Rahav.*” [NKJV allies of the proud]

Job 26:12, “He quieted the sea with His power,

And by His understanding He shattered *Rahav.*” [NKJV ‘storm’]

Psa. 89:10, “You Yourself crushed Rahav like one who is slain;

You scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.”

Isa. 51:9, “Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;

Awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago.

Was it not You who cut Rahav in pieces, Who pierced the dragon?”

NK *Rahav* and Dragon [*tannin*] are parallel.

3. We have several of these key words used in similar passages, *tannin*, which is often translated in the Greek versions as *drakon*, i.e., the dragon, sometimes sea creature, or serpent

**Beast,
Dragon,
Leviathan,
Rahav, and also
Sea**

4. Key ideas which play out throughout Scripture, so let's look at the end game in Revelation.



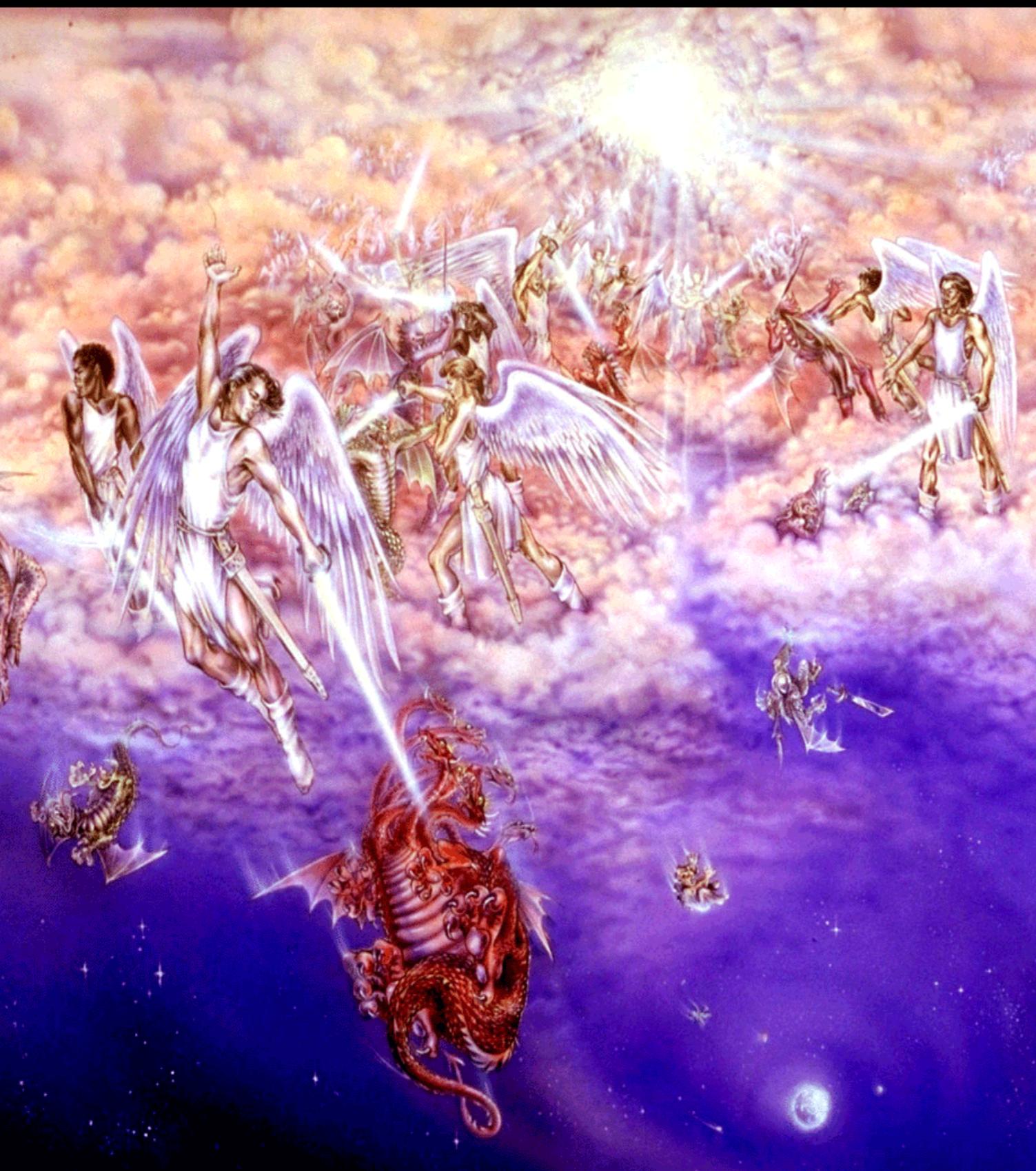
Rev. 12:3, “Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.”



Rev. 12:4, “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.”



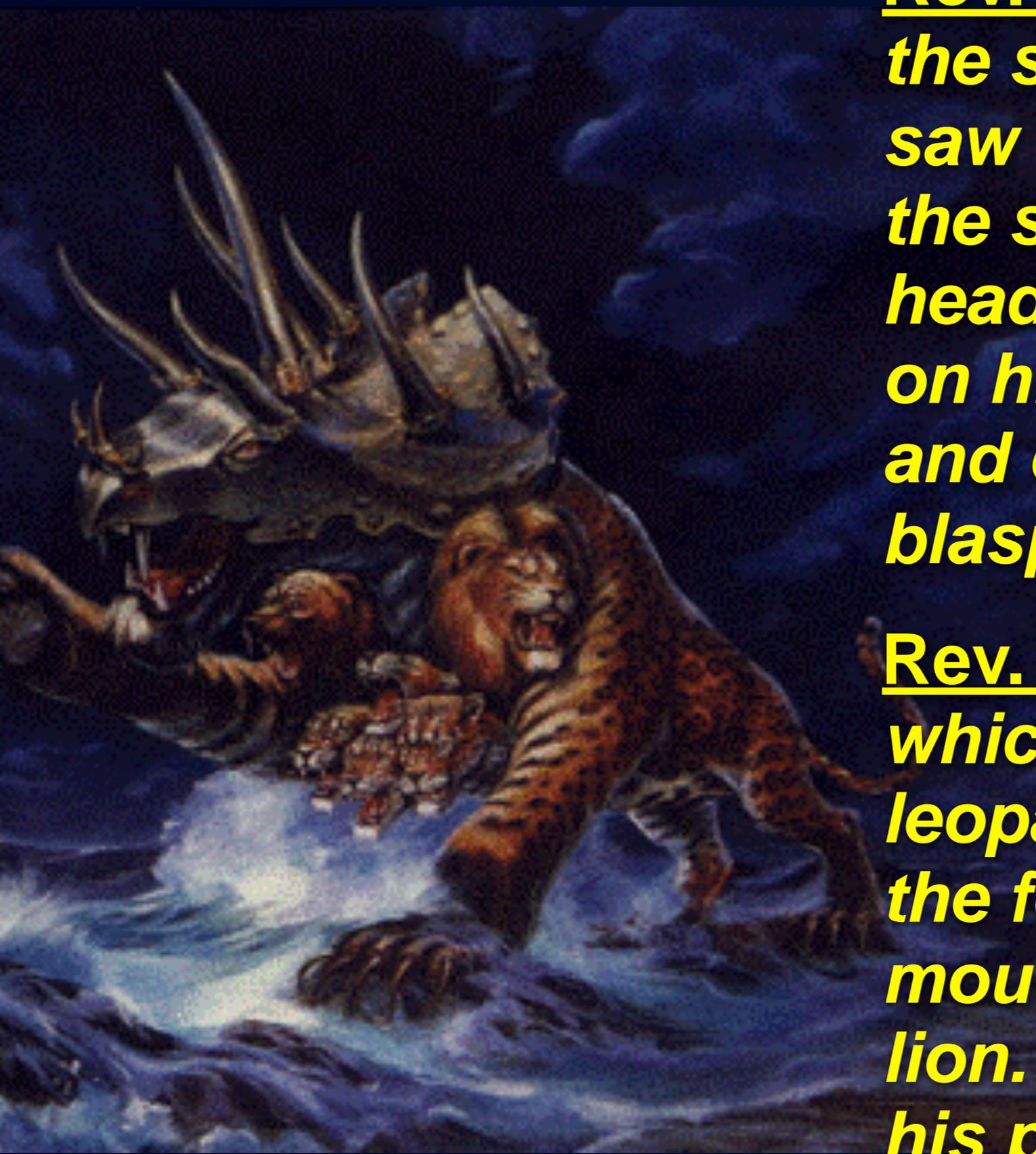
Rev. 12:7, “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,”



Rev. 12:9, “And the **great dragon** was thrown down, the **serpent of old** who is called the **devil** and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

Rev. 13:1, “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

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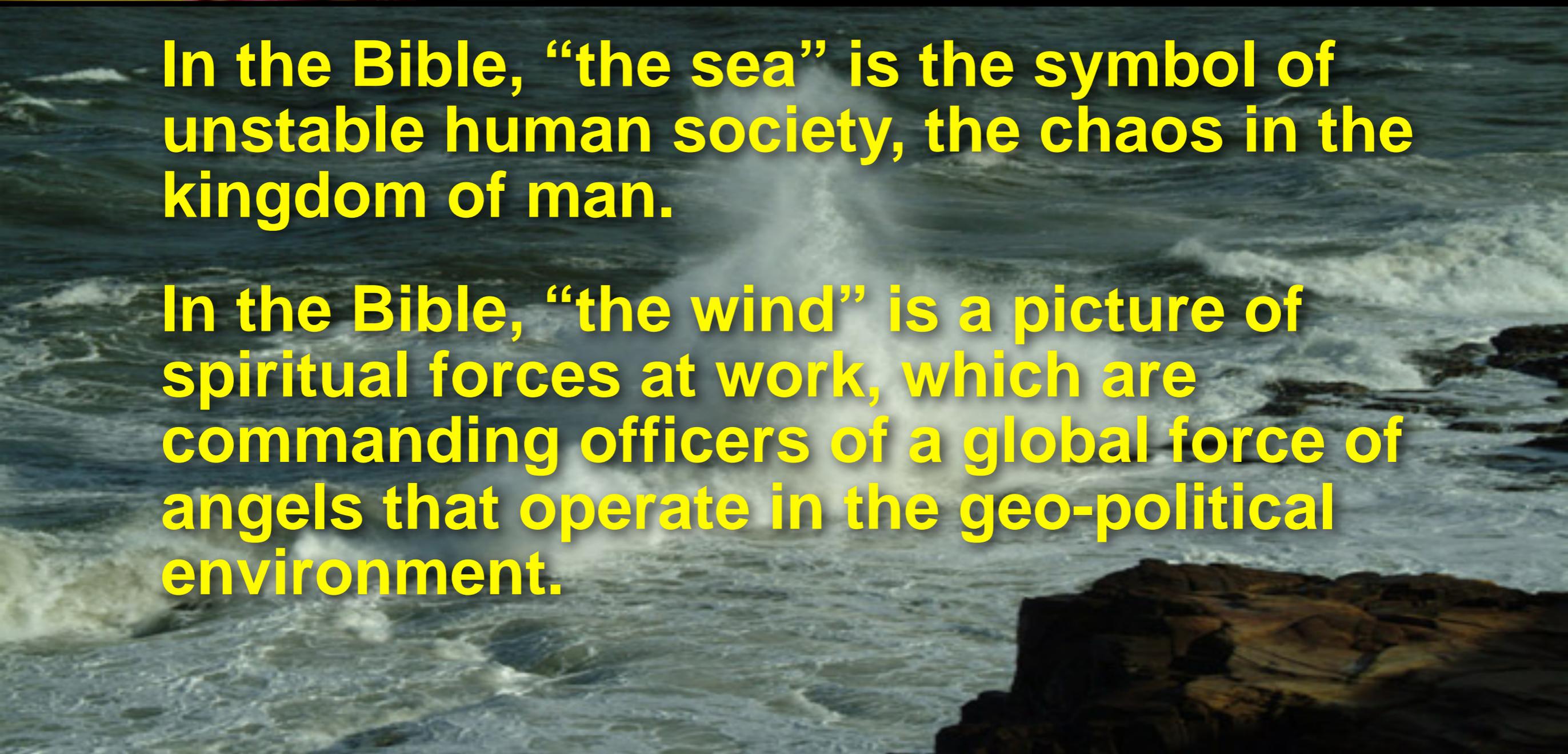
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“Daniel said, ‘I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.’ ” (7:2)

In the Bible, “the sea” is the symbol of unstable human society, the chaos in the kingdom of man.

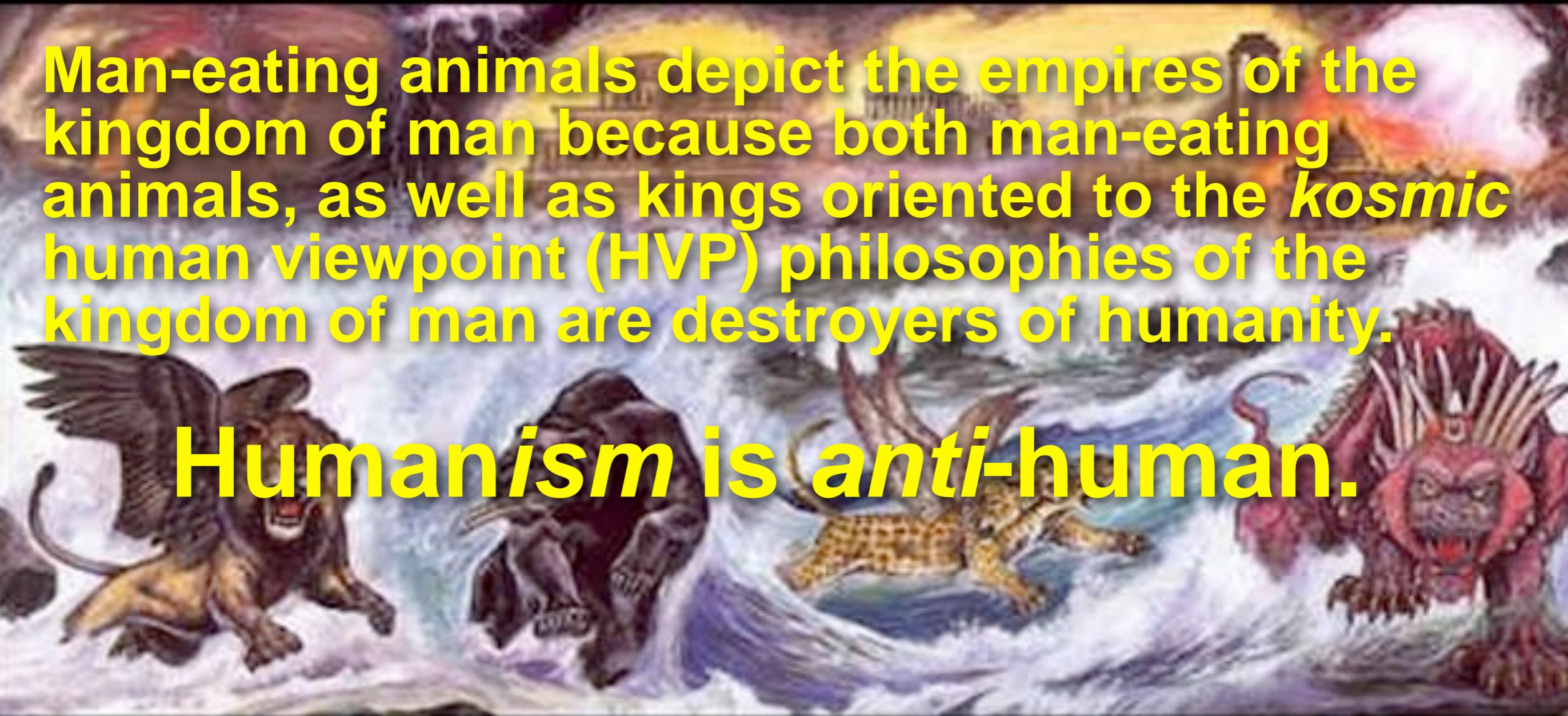
In the Bible, “the wind” is a picture of spiritual forces at work, which are commanding officers of a global force of angels that operate in the geo-political environment.



“And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.” (7:3)

Man-eating animals depict the empires of the kingdom of man because both man-eating animals, as well as kings oriented to the *kosmic* human viewpoint (HVP) philosophies of the kingdom of man are destroyers of humanity.

Humanism is anti-human.





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Rev. 13:4, “So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’ ”



Rev. 19:15, “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.”

Rev. 19:19, “And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Rev. 19:20, “Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev. 19:21, “And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

Rev. 20:1, “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.”



Rev. 20:2, “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;”



Rev. 20:10, “The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Rev. 20:13, “The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”

Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ ”

Job 3:8, “May those curse it who curse the day,

Those who are ready to arouse Leviathan.”

Job 41:1, “Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook,

Or snare his tongue with a line which you lower?”

**Job 7:12 , “Am I a sea [*yam*], or a sea
serpent [*tannin*],
That You set a guard over me?”**

**Job 9:8, “He alone spreads out the heavens,
And treads on the waves of the sea;”**

**Job 9:13, NKJV “God will not withdraw His anger,
The allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath Him.**

**Job 9:13, NET “God does not restrain his anger;
under him the helpers of Rahav lie crushed.”**

**Isa. 27:1, “In that day the LORD with His
severe sword, great and strong,
Will punish Leviathan the fleeing
serpent,
Leviathan that twisted serpent;
And He will slay the reptile [*tannin*] that
is in the sea.”**

Liberal or Human Viewpoint (HVP) Theology
vs.
Divine Viewpoint (DVP) Interpretation

1. HVP is a thought system based on the rejection of the biblical God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as revealed in the 39 books of the Hebrew Scriptures and the 27 books of the New Testament.

2. Thus HVP by definition must reconstruct reality, what Paul calls “suppressing the truth of God in unrighteousness.”

Rom. 1:18

3. Thus, HVP must challenge the authority and truth of the Bible at every step, at every point. [This is what your children and grandchildren are taught in school. This is what you were probably taught, but like them, did not recognize it.]

4. In HVP, the ancient stories created by ancient peoples to explain their origin and the meaning of life, created legends and myths. They rejected God and in His place worshipped nature deities.

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

5. HVP claims that the Bible, which was first written down *ca.* 1800 BC–1400 BC, is a natural book like all of these other books and stories, and since it is later, it was influenced by these more ancient myths and legends.

6. The presupposition of HVP: anti-supernaturalism.

- **God does not actually speak or act.**
- **The Bible is not God's communication to mankind, but mankind's record of his various experiences with what he can't explain and calls God.**

7. The Bible, therefore, borrowed from myth. The Egyptian, Babylonian, Canaanite, and other ancient myths influenced the Bible.

8. But DVP states that even though the Bible is not written until around ca. 1800–1400 BC, there were earlier records going back to Creation.

And God revealed an infallible, inerrant record of that history.

9. DVP claims that the myths of the pagans were corruptions of the original historical events and revelation.

HVP: The Bible borrowed from Egyptian, Canaanite, and Babylonian myth rather than these myths distorted and corrupted what actually happened as recorded in the Bible.

HVP: The stories of the Bible are the result of an evolution of mythology.

10. Thus ancient myth texts are equal in all areas to the Bible.

- **God does not speak**
- **No objective truth**
- **Human reason and empiricism are absolute, not God.**

11. DVP: The Bible gives us the actual history.

Example: The heroes in Gen. 6, the “*men of renown:*” Hercules, Prometheus, Pandora, were corruptions of actual historical events.

12. These developed combat myths to explain the evil in the world.

Babylon: Marduk vs. Tiamat

Canaanite: Ba'al vs. the Sea, *YAM*

Egypt: Horus vs. Seth

Greece Apollo vs. the Puthonos

Fertility and order vs. chaos, sterility

Prosperity vs. poverty