

**Key Scripture:** 1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT All these men **understood the signs of the times** and knew the best course for Israel to take.

#### The Long War Daniel 10:12-14 NASB

12 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. 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief

princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. 14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

#### The enemy and his schemes...

• Liar, tempter, deceiver, murderer, thief, prideful, cruel, accuser, etc. 2 Corinthians 11:14 NLT

Even Satan *disguises* himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 2:11 NASB

that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

✓ **<u>Deception</u>** & Disinformation

1 Timothy 4:1 NLT

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times <u>some will turn away from the true</u> faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

<u>Division</u>

Matthew 12:25 NASU ..."Any *kingdom divided against itself* is laid waste;

and any city or *house <u>divided against itself</u> will not stand*.

✓ **<u>Dishonor</u> & Disgrace** 

#### Psalm 44:15-16 NKJV

15 <u>My dishonor is continually before me</u>, And the <u>shame of my face has covered me</u>,
 16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles,
 Because of the enemy and the avenger.

#### ✓ Doubt

Matthew 4:3 NIV

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God ... "

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SIGNS of the Times

Warfare

# Fight the good fight!

1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV

<u>Fight the good fight of faith</u>, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

## 1. Fight the enemy with what God has given you.

#### Ephesians 6:12 TLB

For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, 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.

- ✓ Gear: Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of the Good News of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation
- ✓ Weapons: Sword of the Spirit and Prayer

#### Ephesians 6:17-18 NIV

17 Take the helmet of salvation and <u>the sword of the Spirit</u>, which is the word of God.
18 And <u>pray in the Spirit</u> on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

## 2. Fight with faith and a good conscience.

1 Timothy 1:18-19 NKJV

18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them <u>you may wage the good warfare</u>,
 19 having *faith and a good conscience*, which some having rejected,

concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck

## 3. Fight by submitting to <u>God's</u> authority.

James 4:7 NKJV

7 Therefore *submit to God*. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

#### Luke 10:18-20 NIV

18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

### 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the

*power of the enemy;* nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but *rejoice that your names are written in heaven*."

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