**“Principalities and Powers”**

**Luk.12:11** “And whenever they might bring you to the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, be not anxious…”

Earthly-religious (concrete individuals)

**Luk.20:20** “… so that they might take hold of His word for delivering Him up to the rule and the authority of the governor.”

Earthly-secular (abstract characteristics)

**Rom.8:38-39** “… neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers nor authorities, neither things present nor things about to be, neither height nor depth, neither any other creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Earthly – religious & secular. (NB angels are God’s messengers to earth)

**Rom.13:1-5** Let every soul be subordinated to superior authorities. For there is not authority except from God. And those being authorities are ordained by God. So that the one insubordinating against the authority opposes the arrangement of God, and those opposing will receive judgment to themselves. For the rulers (*archōn*) are not a fear to those of good works, but to those of evil ones. But you should want not to fear the authority – by the doing of good you also will have high praise from him. For he is a servant of God to you for good. But if you should do evil, fear! For he wears not the sword in vain, for he is a servant for wrath punishing the one doing evil. Therefore it is a necessity to be subordinated, not only on account of the wrath but also on account of the conscience.

Earthly – secular.

**1 Cor.15:24-28** Then the end, whenever He may have delivered up the kingdom to the God and Father, whenever He may annul all rule and all authority and power (*dunamis*). For He must reign until whenever He may have put all the enemies under His feet. Death is annulled as last enemy. For He subordinated all things under His feet. But whenever it may say that all things have been subordinated, *it is* manifest that it is outside the One subordinating all these to Him. And whenever all these may be subordinated to Him, then also the Son Himself will be subordinated to the One subordinating all these to Him, so that God may be all these in all.

Earthly kingdom – earthly & heavenly enemies (NOTE: Satan locked up for the Millennium, released a short season, then consigned to Lake of Fire)

**Eph.1:20-21** “… and seated Him at His right in the heavenlies, up above every ruler and authority and power and lordship and every name named, not only in this age but also in the one about to be.”

“In the heavenlies” suggests the scope of dominion of these rulers and authorities. Just as Israel will be “up above” the nations (Deu.26:18-19; 28:1) when the Jews finally fulfill their divine purpose, Christ has been up above these heavenly rulers for almost two millennia. If seated, then He also rules over them in some fashion. And Christ will also rule the nations as King of Israel. Although Jesus said after His resurrection, “Was given to Me every authority in heaven and upon earth” (Mat.28:18), it was also said of Him later, “You subordinated all things underneath His feet. For in the subordinating all these to Him, He left nothing unsubordinated to Him. But now we do not yet see all these having been subordinated to Him. (Heb.2:8)” It would seem that having the authority and exercising the authority are not the same – just like the difference between *dunamis* and *energeia*.

**Eph.3:10** so that might be made known now to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenlies through the church the multifarious wisdom of God.

“In the heavenlies” provides the scope of their dominion.

**Eph.6:12** because to us the wrestling is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spirituals of the wickedness in the heavenlies.

“In the heavenlies” describes the seat of their dominion. Spiritual rivals, not blood and flesh.

**Col.1:16** because by Him were created all these things, those in the heavens and those upon the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities, all these were created through Him and for Him.

Heavenly (the invisible) and Earthly (the visible).

**Col.2:10** and you are filled by Him Who is the Head of every ruler and authority

Ambiguous – immediate context does not resolve it.

**Col.2:15** having stripped the rulers and the authorities He made an example with boldness triumphing over them by it (the cross).

Heavenly – no record of His stripping Earthly powers.

**Ti.3:1** Remind them to be subordinate to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work…

Earthly - secular

**1 Pet.3:22** Who (Jesus) is at the right of God, having gone into heaven, having been subordinated to Him angels and authorities and powers.

Heavenly, and possibly Earthly based on Heb.2:8.

**Jud.6** Also angels, not keeping their own rule, but leaving their unique dwelling, He keeps for judgment of a great day by enduring chains under *the* dark.

Heavenly.

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**Mat.28:18** And having come forward, Jesus spoke to them saying, “Was given to Me every authority in heaven and upon earth.”

**Luk.4:5-6** And having led Him, he showed Him all the kingdoms of the inhabited world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I shall give You all this authority and their glory, because it has been delivered to me, and to whom I may desire I give it.”

**Luk.4:36** And there came amazement upon all, and they spoke together with one another, saying, “What word is this, that with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come forth?”

**Luk.5:24** “But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority upon the earth to remit sins –“

**Luk.9:1** And having called together the twelve disciples, He gave them power and authority over all the demons and to cure diseases.

**Luk.10:19-20** Behold, I give you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and upon the whole power of the enemy. And nothing will injure you by any means. Further, rejoice not in this, that the spirits are subordinate to you…

**Luk.19:17** And he said to him, “Well, good slave, because you became faithful in *the* least. Be having authority up above ten cities.”

**Luk.22:53** By day My being with you in the temple, you did not stretch out the hands against Me. But this is your hour and the authority of the darkness. [cp. Col.1:13]

**Joh.5:27** And He gave Him authority even to execute judgment, because He is Son of man.

**Joh.17:2** according as You gave Him authority *over* all flesh, so that all whom You gave Him He gives them life age-abiding

**Joh.19:10-11** Then said Pilate to Him, “Do You not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to free You, and I have authority to crucify You.” Jesus answered, “You were having not authority in anything against Me, except what was given to you from above.” (see Rom.13:1-4 above)

**Acts 1:6-7**  They, indeed then, having come together, asked Him saying, “Lord, is it at this time You restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father appointed by His own authority.”

**Acts 8:19** Give me also this authority that whomever I place the hands *on* may receive holy spirit.

**Acts 9:14** And here he has authority from the chief-priests to bind all those calling upon Your name.

**Acts 26:10** and many of the holy ones I locked up in prisons, receiving the authority from the chief-priests

**Acts 26:12** going toward Damascus with the authority and delegation which *was* from the chief-priests

**Acts 26:18** to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness toward light and the authority of Satan toward God

**Rom.9:21** Or has not the potter authority over the clay …?

**Eph.2:1-2** And you being dead to the transgressions and the sins in which you once walked, according to the age of this world, according to the prince (*archōn*) of the authority of the air, of the spirit which *is* now operating in the sons of the rebellion.

Satan has a kingdom – Mat.12:26

**Col.1:13** Who rescued us out from the authority of the darkness and removed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. [cp. Lk.22:53]

another Satanic reference

**Jude 25** to the only God our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord *be* glory, greatness, strength (*kratos*) and authority

**Rev.2:26** And the one overcoming and the one keeping until the end of My works, I will give him authority over the nations.

**Rev.6:8** And I saw and behold a pale horse, and the one sitting on it, his name *was* Death, and Hades followed after him. And authority was given him over the fourth part of the earth to kill by broadsword, and by hunger, and by plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

**Rev.9:3** And out of the smoke came forth locusts into the earth. And was given them authority, as the scorpions of the earth have authority.

**Rev.9:10** And by their tails they have authority to injure men five months.

**Rev.9:19** For the authority of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents having heads, and by them they injure.

**Rev.11:6** These [2 witnesses] have authority to lock the heaven so that *there be* not rain the days of their prophecy. And they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every calamity, as often as they might want.

**Rev.12:10** Now came the salvation and the power (*dunamis*) and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Anointed, for the accuser of our brothers was cast down…

**Rev.13:2** And the dragon gave him [wild beast] his power (*dunamis*) and his throne and great authority.

**Rev.13:4-5** And they worshipped the dragon that gave the authority to the wild beast, and they worshipped the wild beast, saying, “Who *is* like the wild beast, and who *is* able to wage war with him?” And was given him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy, and was given him authority to make war forty-two months.

**Rev.13:7** And it was given him to make war with the holy ones, and to overcome them. And was given him authority over every tribe and language and nation.

**Rev.13:12** And he [false prophet] exercises all the authority of the first wild beast before him, and he made the earth and those dwelling in it that they should worship the first wild beast of whom his death-wound was healed.

**Rev.14:18** And another angel came forth out from the altar, having authority over the fire…

**Rev.16:9** And the men were scorched with a great heat, and the men blasphemed the name of God, of the One having the authority over these calamities. And they repented not to give Him glory.

**Rev.17:12-13** And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, those who received not yet a kingdom, but receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. These have one opinion, and they give their power (*dunamis*) and authority to the wild beast.

**Rev.18:1-2** And after these things, I saw another angel descending out from the heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lit up from his glory. And he cried out in strength (*ischus*) of voice, saying, “Is fallen, is fallen Babylon the Great…”

**Rev.20:6** Happy and holy *is* the one having part in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has not authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will reign with Him a thousand years.

**Rev.22:14** Happy are those performing His commandments, so that their authority will be over the tree of life. And they may enter the City by the gatehouses.

**Is mankind an enemy to be subdued under Christ’s feet?**

**Rom.5:10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Rom.11:28** As concerning the gospel, [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers’ sakes.

**Phi.3:18** For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ

**Eph.1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled

**Heb.1:13** But to which of the angels said He at any times, “Sit on my right hand, until I

make thine enemies thy footstool”?

**Heb.10:12-13** But this Man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made his footstool.

**Jas.4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is hatred of God? Therefore, whoever may want to be a friend of the world is an enemy (hater) of God.

**OT Combination of Archē & Exousia**

**Pro.17:14** Sovereignty (*archē*) of righteousness will give authority to words.

**Dan.7:14** And to Him (Son of man) was given the rule and the honor and the kingdom, and all the peoples, tribes and languages will serve Him. His authority *is* an age-abiding authority, which will not pass away, and His kingdom will not be destroyed. Earthly.

**Dan.7:27** And the kingdom and the authority and the greatness of the kings who *are* underneath the whole heaven was given to the holy ones of the Highest. And His kingdom *is* an age-abiding kingdom, and all the sovereignties will serve and obey Him. Earthly.

**Similar:**

**Isa.9:6-7** Because a Child was born to us; a Son was given to us, of Whom the sovereignty came to be upon His shoulder. And His name is called Messenger of great counsel, wonderful Counsellor, mighty God, Potentate (*exousiastēs*), Ruler (*archōn*) of peace, Father of the coming age. For I will bring peace upon the rulers (*archōn*) and his health. And great is His sovereignty and of His peace there is not an end – upon the throne of David and his kingdom to set it right, and to take hold with judgment, even with righteousness (see Pro.7:14 above) from the present into the age. Earthly.