



CUNNING  
Week 1: In the Beginning  
Wednesday Night Crew  
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**CUNNING**  
**The Spiritual Battle from Genesis to Revelation**  
*I am sending you out like sheep amongst wolves...Matthew 10:16*

**CUNNING:**

Having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by deceit or evasion.

Synonyms: Crafty; wily; artful; guileful; deviously; **knowing**; scheming; designing; tricky; slippery; slick; manipulative; Machiavellian; deceitful; deceptive; duplicitous; Janus-faced; shrewd; **astute**; **clever**; **canny**; **sharp**; sharp-witted; **skillful**; **ingenious**; **resourceful**; **inventive**; **imaginative**; **deft**; **adroit**; dexterous; savvy; fiendish; sneaky; fly; pawky; slim; subtle; vulpine; canny.

**WHO is supposed to be CUNNING?**

**Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

There are three Spiritual Kingdoms here on earth:

1. GOD'S: In which He placed Christ as King
2. THE ENEMY'S: Which God allows for a short time
3. OUR'S: Which we were given at creation (Shown by the gift of freewill)

**GOD CREATED:**

**Act 1 HIS RULE:**

(A) **His realm** (or scope of His rule) is transcendent [supreme, constant, supernatural] ; that is, not only does it include the entire physical universe, it exceeds it. He existed before all creation, He expands beyond it, and by virtue of having begotten it, **He encompasses all that it is.**

(B) **His reign** (or the power by which He rules) is exercised by:

- a. His **will** [His character, Supernatural laws, ... , ]
- b. His **word**, [Scripture]
- c. His **works**. By His own will He creatively decides and designs; by His own word He speaks creation into being; and by His own works, His Spirit displays His unlimited power. [What He HAS done and What He DOES and What He says He will Do.]

(C) **His regency** (or authority to rule) is in His preexistence and holiness. He is there *before* creation “in the beginning.” Thus, as its Creator, He deserves to be its Potentate. His benevolent intent in creating things “good” reveals His holy nature (that is, complete and perfect), and thus His moral right to be creation’s King. **All kingdom power and authority flow from Him.**

Hayford, J. W. 1995. *Hayford's Bible handbook*. Thomas Nelson Publishers: Nashville

**GOD CREATED:**

**Act 2 ANGELIC BEINGS**

**The Enemies Kingdom**

**Isaiah 14:12-15 The Fall of Lucifer**

**A. We Have An Enemy**

SATAN: (sah-tahn); To be an opponent, or the Opponent

The hater; the accuser; adversary, enemy; one who resists, obstructs, and hinders whatever is good.

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*Satan* comes from the verb which means “to be an opponent,” or “to withstand.” As a noun, *satan* can describe any “opponent” (2 Sam. 19:21-22). However, when the form *ha-satan* (the Adversary) occurs, the translation is usually “Satan,” not his name, but his accurate description: hateful enemy

- Revelation 12:3-4 Lucifer was thrown down from Heaven with a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the angels.
- Revelation 12:7-9 Satan thrown out of Heaven
- Matthew 25:31-41 Hell was created for the devil and his angels.
- Matthew 13:40-42 Fiery Furnace
- 2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 6 Devil and his angels

### B. He Hates Us

John 10:10a; 1 Peter 5:8

### C. We Are Living In His World

1 John 5:19 (John 12:31; John 17:15; Galatians 1:4)

**2 Corinthians 11: 14** Angel of Light

**2 Corinthians 4:4** God of this age who blinds

John 12:31 Ruler of this world.

Ephesians 6:12 Wrestle against principalities and powers.

**1 John 4:4 He that is in you is GREATER than he that is in the world**

## GOD CREATED:

**ACT 3 HIS CHILDREN** (Mankind)

### A. God's Original Intent

Genesis 1:26-28 – God's creation

Genesis 2:16-17 Mankind's delegated dominion.

Sojourners: 1 Chronicles 29:15, Leviticus 25:23, Psalm 39:12, Hebrews 11:13-14, 1 Peter 2:11

God Created: Isaiah 45:18, Romans 8:18-28, 2 Peter 3:4-7

**B. Repercussions of Original Sin** Genesis 3:16-24

**C. Life After the Flood** Genesis 8:20-9:17