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SUNDAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING

# The HOLY WAR

Made by Shaddai Upon Diabulous for the  
Regaining of the Metropolis of the World

or

The Losing and Taking Again of the  
Town of Mansoul

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*"I have given symbols..."* Hosea 12:10

*[After Prince Emmanuel had given Mansoul their Chief Teacher, the Lord Secretary, and instructions for their behavior toward Him, He cautioned them how they should behave toward the high and noble captains that He had, from His Father's court, sent or brought with Him, to...]/the famous town of Mansoul.*

“These captains,” said He, “love the town of Mansoul, and they are chosen men, picked out of abundance, as men best suited, and who will most faithfully serve in the wars of Shaddai against the Diabolonians for the preservation of the town of Mansoul. I charge you therefore,” He continued, “oh, you inhabitants of the now flourishing town of Mansoul, to act not harshly to or ungraciously toward My captains, or their men; since, as I said, they are picked and choice men— men chosen out of many for the good of the town of Mansoul. I say, I charge you, that you do not behave ungraciously toward them; for though they have the hearts and faces of lions, anytime they might be called forth to engage and fight with the King's foes and the enemies of the town of Mansoul, yet, a little discountenance cast upon them from the town of Mansoul will discourage them and cast down their faces; weakening and taking away their courage. Do not, therefore, oh, My beloved, be unkind to My valiant captains and courageous men of war. Instead, love them, nourish them, support them, and lay them in your bosoms, and they will not only fight for you, but cause all to fly from you— all those Diabolonians who seek, and will, if possible, be your utter destruction.

“If, therefore, any of them should at any time be sick or weak, and so unable to perform that office of love which, with all their hearts, they are willing to do— and will do also when well and in health— do not slight them, nor despise them, but rather strengthen them and encourage them, though weak and ready to die (Heb 12:12); for they are your fence, and your guard, your wall, your gates, your locks, and your bars. And although, when they are weak, they can only do a little with your help, rather than your expecting great things from them, yet, when well, you know what exploits, what feats and warlike achievements they are able to do, and will perform for you.

“Besides, if they are weak, the town of Mansoul cannot be strong; if they are strong, then Mansoul cannot be weak; your safety, therefore, lies in their health, and in your kindness toward them. Remember, also, that if they are sick, they catch that disease because of the town of Mansoul itself (Rev 3:2; 1 Thess 5:14).

“These things I have said to you because I love your welfare and your honor: observe, therefore, oh My Mansoul, to be punctual in all the things I have given in charge unto you, and that not only as a town corporate, and so to your officers and guard, and guides in chief, but to you as individuals whose well-being, as single persons, depends on the observation of the orders and commandments of their Lord.

“Next, oh My Mansoul, I warn you, even though a reformation has taken place in you at present, there are things about which you must be warned. Therefore, hearken diligently unto Me. I am now sure, and you will know hereafter, that there are still Diabolonians remaining in the town of Mansoul; Diabolonians who are stubborn and difficult to tame; and while I am already with you, they will study, plot, contrive, invent, and jointly attempt to make you desolate— even more so than when I was away from you— and so they desire to bring you to a state far worse than that of the Egyptian bondage. They are the avowed friends of Diabolous, therefore look around you. They used to lodge with their prince in the castle in times past, when Incredulity was the Lord Mayor of this town (Mark 7:21-22). Since I came here, however, they lie more in the outsides and walls, and have made themselves dens, and caves, and holes, and strongholds therein. For this reason, oh Mansoul, your work in this endeavor will be so much the more difficult and hard (Rom 7:18). That is, to take, mortify, and put them to death according to the will of My Father. Nor can you utterly rid yourselves of them, unless you should pull down the walls of your town, which I am by no means willing you should. Do you ask Me, ‘What shall we do then?’ Why, be diligent and act like men. Observe their holes. Find out their haunts. Assault them and make no peace with them. Wherever they haunt, lurk, or abide, and whatever terms of peace they offer you, abhor, and all shall be well between you and Me. And that you may better know them from those who are the natives of Mansoul, I will give you this brief list of names of the chief of them, and they are as listed: the Lord Fornication, the Lord Adultery, the Lord Murder, the Lord Anger, the Lord Sensuality, the Lord Deceit, the Lord Evil-eye, Mr. Drunkenness, Mr. Rioting, Mr. Idolatry, Mr. Witchcraft, Mr. Strife, Mr. Jealousy, Mr. Wrath, Mr. Contention, Mr. Dissention, and Mr. Heresy. These are some of the chief, oh Mansoul, of those who will seek to overthrow you forever. These, I say, are the lurkers in Mansoul. Look well into the law of your King and there you will find their facial features and such other noticeable characteristics by which they certainly may be known.

“These, oh My Mansoul, and I gladly desire that you should certainly know it, if they are allowed to run and range around the town as they would, will quickly, like vipers, eat out your bowels; yes, poison your captains, cut the sinews of your soldiers, break the bars and bolts of your gates, and turn your now most flourishing Mansoul into a barren and desolate wilderness and ruinous heap. Therefore, so you may take courage in apprehending these villains wherever you find them, I give to you, My Lord Mayor, My Lord Willbewill, and Mr. Recorder, with all the inhabitants of the town of Mansoul, full power and commission to seek out, to arrest, and to cause to be put to death by the cross, all, and all manner of Diabolonians, whenever and wherever you find them lurking within or ranging outside the walls of the town of Mansoul.

“I told you before that I had placed a standing ministry among you. Not that you only have these with you, for My first four captains who fought against the master and lord of the Diabolonians who was in Mansoul, they can, and if need be, and if they are required, will not only privately inform, but publicly preach to the corporation both good and wholesome doctrine, and such as shall lead you in the way. Yes, they will set up a weekly, yes, if need be, a daily lecture in you, oh Mansoul; and will instruct you in such profitable lessons that, if heeded, will ultimately do you good. And take good heed that you do not spare the men you have been commissioned to take and crucify.

“Now, as I have set before your eyes the vagrants and rebels by name, so I will tell you, that among yourselves, some of them shall creep in to beguile you, even such as would seem, and that in appearance are, very devout and zealous for religion. And they, if you are not watching, will be mischievous against you, of such mischief as at present you cannot imagine.

“These, as I said, will show themselves to you in another hue or color than those described before. Therefore, Mansoul, watch and be sober, and do not allow yourself to be betrayed.”

When the Prince had thus far given this new model to the town of Mansoul and instructed them in such matters profitable for them to know, then He appointed another day in which He intended for the townfolk to come together, to bestow a further badge of honor upon the town of Mansoul; a badge to distinguish them from all the people, kindreds, and tongues that dwell in the kingdom of Universe....

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