



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired by the movie “The Unseen Realm”

INTRODUCTION

The Unseen Realm is a documentary based on the work of biblical scholar Dr. Michael S. Heiser, which illuminates the supernatural worldview that permeates the Bible. The film argues that modern readers often overlook a vast, active spiritual reality populated by divine beings who significantly shape biblical history. The narrative traces a cosmic war initiated by supernatural rebellion, framing the entire biblical story from the Divine Council to the work of Jesus as God's strategic plan to reclaim the nations from hostile spiritual powers. The film challenges us to read Scripture with the ancient understanding that the visible and invisible worlds are constantly intersecting.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. THE DIVINE COUNCIL AND GOD'S AUTHORITY

- The film argues that God (Yahweh) presides over a Divine Council of supernatural beings (often called elohim or "sons of God") who serve as His administrative family. This structure highlights the scope of God's authority over all spiritual and physical creation.
- Read Psalm 82:1 and Psalm 89:7. How do these passages explicitly reveal the existence of a heavenly assembly? If these "gods" are not equal to Yahweh, what does their function as administrators suggest about God's sovereignty over the entire cosmos, both seen and unseen?



2. SPIRITUAL REBELLION AND THE ROOT OF SIN

- The documentary tracks a series of supernatural rebellions, the Serpent in Eden, the "Sons of God" in Genesis 6, and the rebellion at the Tower of Babel. These events are presented as the spiritual drivers of human history and separation from God.

- Read Genesis 6:1-3 and Deuteronomy 32:8-9. If these rebellions resulted in nations being "handed over" to hostile spiritual powers, how does this provide a deeper, cosmic backdrop for understanding human wickedness and the need for God to choose one nation (Israel) as His own?



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3. JESUS'S MINISTRY AS COSMIC REVERSAL



- The film presents Jesus's life, exorcisms, and the Great Commission as the climax of this cosmic war, directly reversing the effects of the supernatural rebellions. His ministry is seen as reclaiming the nations from the corrupted Elohim who were given charge over them at Babel.
- Read Colossians 2:15. How does understanding Jesus's work as a victory over hostile spiritual rulers (and not just human or internal sin) deepen the significance of His ministry and the establishment of His Kingdom?

4. READING THE BIBLE WITH ANCIENT EYES

- Read 2 Kings 6:15-17. Elisha prays for his servant's eyes to be opened so he can see the angelic armies. How does this account affirm the film's premise that there is an active, unseen realm intersecting with our daily reality?
- What spiritual passages or themes (like spiritual warfare) might you read differently if you consciously approached them with an "ancient worldview"?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Reflect on how much you typically "filter out" the supernatural elements when you read the Bible.

What specific biblical passage might gain a deeper meaning if read through the lens of God's ongoing plan to reclaim creation from a council of hostile spiritual beings?



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, thanking God for His sovereignty over all realms, both seen and unseen.

Pray for spiritual eyes to recognize the active, supernatural reality of God's Kingdom and for the wisdom to stand firm against the powers of spiritual darkness.



CONCLUSION

The Unseen Realm presents a unified biblical narrative where the history of humanity is constantly intersecting with a dramatic, ongoing spiritual drama. The documentary encourages us to embrace the Bible's full supernatural worldview, which ultimately leads to a grander appreciation of God's majestic plan to restore all creation through Jesus Christ.