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Made By King Shaddai Upon Diabolus for the Regaining  
of the Metropolis of the World

Or

The Losing and Taking Again of the Town of Mansoul

# Class Format

Segment	Time
Review the week's assignment	10 minutes
Class discussion	15 minutes
Specific lesson on theme from the week's assignment	10 minutes

Week 1

Beginning

to

Opening of the gates to Diabolus

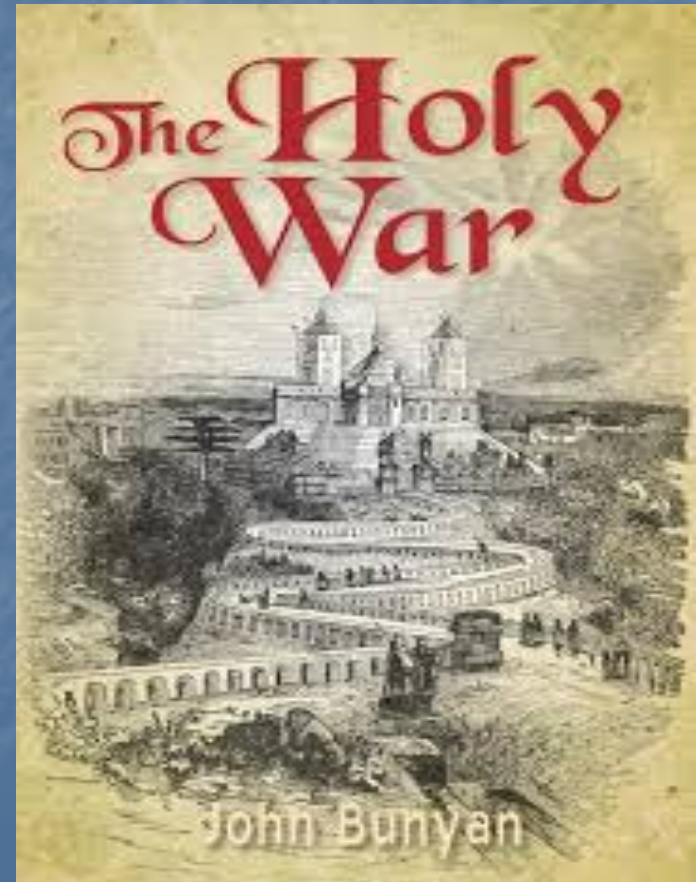
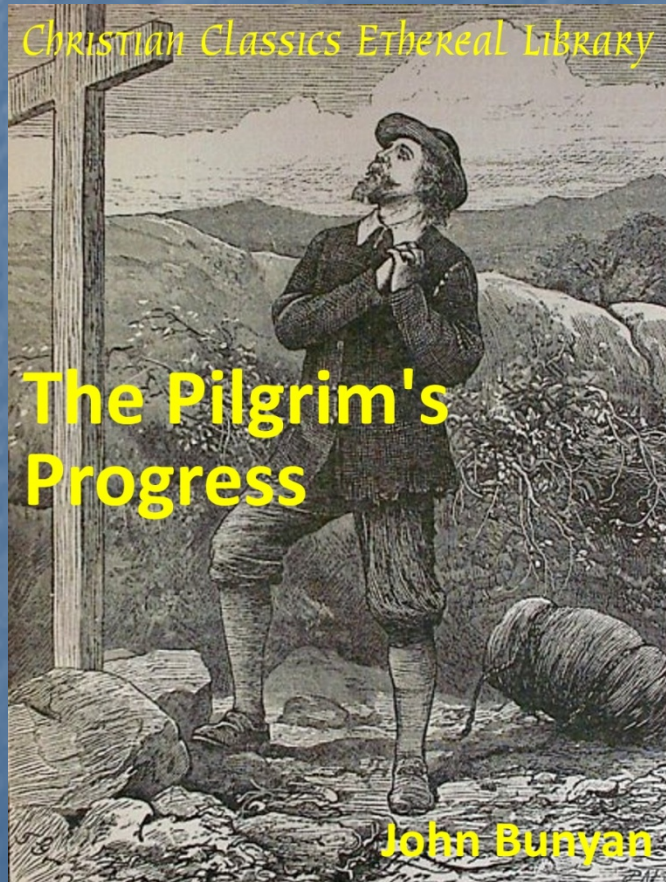
# Introduction

- John Bunyan (1628-1688)
- Written sometime during the first six years of his incarceration in Bedford Prison.



## Pilgrim's Progress vs The Holy War

- How are these two works similar?
- How are they different?



# Setting

- Like *Pilgrim's Progress*, setting and story told from the perspective of one recounting events that have already taken place.
- But same story is occurring constantly in the lives of believers.
- Bunyan employs his wealth of military experience (terminology and strategy)

# Goals

- To gain a greater understanding of the **spiritual warfare** in which we are engaged.
- To develop a greater awareness of the **methods employed by Satan**.
- To deepen our appreciation for the **grace of God** in saving sinners.
- To learn more about ourselves through empathizing with Mansoul (**Mansoul = me**)



# Key Questions

- What primary Bible passages come to your mind as you read this assignment?
- To what degree does the story accurately depict Bible teaching?

# Synopsis

- 2 Introductory Poems
  - “To the Reader” (summary)
  - “An Advertisement to the Reader” (defense of authorship)

## To the Reader:

When men, let them make what they will their own,  
Till they know this, are to themselves unknown.

...

For my part, I myself was in the town, ...

To the Reader:

Mansoul, the desire of both princes was:  
One keep his gain would, t'other gain his loss.

## To the Reader:

Mansoul! her mighty wars, they did portend  
Her weal or woe, and that world without end:  
Wherefore she must be more concern'd than they  
Whose fears begin, and end the selfsame day;

...

With those, which, if a Christian, thou wilt see  
Not small, but things of greatest moment be.

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# Mansoul

“There is not its equal under the whole heaven.”

- Lies between two worlds
- Built and founded by Shaddai
  - For His own delight
  - The pinnacle of His creation
- Intended to have dominion over all
- Entered through one of 5 gates:
  - Ear, Eye, Mouth, Nose, Feel
- Was perpetually defendable
  - Had well-built walls
  - Had abundant provisions
  - Could not be penetrated except by consent
- Operated under the best law
- Had Shaddai’s constant attention



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# Character Sketches: Main Forces

- **Shaddai**
  - A Hebrew title frequently used of God the Father in the OT
  - Translated "Almighty"
  - Communicates His All-sufficiency
  - Comes from the Hebrew word for breast – nourishment
  - Rightful owner of Mansoul
- **Diabolus**
  - King of the Blacks (Dark world)
  - Great and mighty, but poor and beggarly prince
  - Greek and Latin name for the Devil
  - Signifies the Accuser or Slanderer
  - The head of the whole company of fallen spirits
- **Mansoulions**
  - Natives of Mansoul
  - Parts of the inner man
- **Diabolonians**
  - Intruders, often residing for extended time in Mansoul
  - Elements of the flesh that reside in every believer (even after salvation)

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# Character Sketches: War Council

- **Diabolus** – The Greek and Latin name for the Devil (Accuser or Slanderer).
- **Alecto** – Fierce being, one of the Furies (heathen gods),
- **Tisiphone** – Another Fury of the lake (sister of Alecto). Associated with torment and suffering.
- **Apollyon** – Destroyer
- **Beelzebub** – Lord of Flies / Filth
- **Lucifer** – The Morning Star
- **Ill-pause** – Orator in difficult speeches
- **Legion** – named of those demonizing the man in Mark 5:9

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- **"Assault" at Ear-gate**
  - Death of Captain Resistance and Lord Innocency
  - Opening of Ear-gate and Eye-gate

# Character Sketches: Leaders of Mansoul

The leaders of the town represent the facets of the inner man most immediately involved in responding to sin:

- **Lord Will-be-will** – Emphasizes the role of the will in relenting or resisting
- **Lord-Mayor Mr. Understanding** – Involved in understanding of truth
- **Mr. Recorder** – Memory but particularly Conscience
- **Captain Resistance**
  - Only man of war in the town
  - Resistance to sin
- **Lord Innocent**
  - Innocence before sin entered
  - When they eat the fruit, he dies.

# Application

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