

Satan & Devils

Introduction

This doctrinal study on Satan, the devils, and the race of giants that are found throughout the bible at different times.

The word demon is not found in the bible, so we will steer clear of it in our study as we strive to be as biblical as possible.

This study will no doubt anger Satan, so I suggest you pray for wisdom, discernment and protection as you endeavor to learn more about your enemy so that you may live a victorious life.

Some have said, "We should not study the devil at all, because the bible says, we are to be simple concerning evil". This is partially true, because it is used out of context in this way.

Romans 16:19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

We are not to learn how to drink, or how to smoke, or how to cuss, because we are to be simple in that respect towards evil.

As far as knowing your enemy and his tactics is concerned, God has given us passage after passage on Satan and his cohorts so that we might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

One may ask, Why does God allow evil? or Why did God create the devil? Can I tell you a little secret that the devil has been trying to keep from the human race for the last two thousand years?

It is the same secret that God had originally been keeping from Satan for the first four thousand years since before the world began.

This secret was revealed to the apostle Paul a few years after the resurrection of Christ which was the answer of God to these very questions.

* It has to do with the one new man found in Ephesians:

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the

scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

* More on this subject later.

Chapter One

Satan's creation

In order to begin a chronological study on this vital subject we shall first look to the oldest book of the bible, which is the book of Job, not Genesis. In its pages we shall find the title of Satan's race of beings which were originally known as the sons of God.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

From these scriptures we can see that the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy at the laying of the cornerstone of the earth.

This would mean they were created before man was on day six. They are very possibly the first things created once time and space were created to accommodate them.

I personally believe that they were created not between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 as some believe, but three words earlier back in verse number one.

I believe that the morning stars and sons of God were created right after the heaven was created, and just prior to the earth's creation.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven (*RIGHT HERE*) and the earth.

God has two programs found in the bible, the prophecy program (that which was written from the foundation of the earth) dealing with Israel and the law,

and the mystery program (That which was kept secret from the foundation of the earth).

The prophecy program has to do with God reclaiming the earth through the Messiah and the nation of Israel, while the mystery program has to do with the reclaiming of the heavenly realm through the body of Christ (the church) and its head, Jesus Christ.

The mystery program was revealed to Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, in his thirteen epistles and it concerns the dispensation of the church age which was hidden from the writers of the prophecy program, i.e., the prophets.

The Morning Stars

Who exactly are the morning stars that all sang together on that glorious day? Scriptures leave us very little information on this subject other than to clarify that Jesus himself is called the bright and morning star in Revelation 22:16.

Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Many cults have wrongly assumed because Jesus is referred to as the angel of the Lord at times, and here as the bright and morning star that he himself is an angel.

Joseph Smith the founder of the Mormon church (a cult) has wrongly concluded that Jesus and Lucifer were both created as angels and they teach they are actual brothers.

Hebrews should clear that up for you:

Hebrews 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

The book of Judges makes mention of stars arrayed in courses battling in the spirit realm as actual battles are being fought on earth such as the case of Jabez when she slew Sisera.

Judges 5:20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

Lucifer, after he had become Satan (the Adversary) said he would exalt his throne above the thrones of the stars of God, which denotes that a realm of authority has been given to these beings by God.

Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

* Notice Satan's location when he makes these five proclamations.

He is out of heaven and below it because he says he will ascend into heaven. So he was on Earth at the time he said this.

Daniel records how that Satan empowers the antichrist during the tribulation period by giving him power over some of the host of heaven and the stars of heaven to cast them down to the earth to stop the Jews from sacrificing in the temple to God because Satan wants their worship. Satan is called the prince of the host.

Daniel 8:9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. 10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. 11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

John in the book of the Revelation tells of two groups of stars. The first group represents the twelve tribes of Israel and the other stars are the angels that the dragon (Satan) drew down to the earth at the mid-point of the tribulation period. This is still yet to be fulfilled in the future:

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns

upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

This event many believe happened at the birth of Christ, but according to the account in Matthew Jesus was two years old when Herod had all the children of Bethlehem slain to try to kill the Christ child.

Since the woman represents more than one person, the nation of Israel, then the man child could also represent more than one person. Don't take my word for it take your time and study it out in scripture. Keep reading.

We all have been told that the man child is Jesus, and he does fit the description very well, but it is not Jesus. It is not an individual, but a group of people, just as the woman is not an individual but a group of people, Israel.

Remember Revelation is not a historical book, it is a prophetic book of future events.

The man child that comes from Israel (the woman) is the 144,000 male Jewish virgins that preach the gospel of the kingdom for the first three and half years of the tribulation period before they (the man child) are caught up unto God, and to his throne. Bear with me, and I'll prove it.

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Notice how these fallen angels are referred to as stars being cast down to the earth, and they are referred to as the dragon's angels which fought with the dragon against Michael and his angels.

A more in-depth study into just what the morning stars are and what their function is will be discussed in later chapters but for now we will devote our attention to the most infamous angel of them all, Satan, formerly known as Lucifer, the son of the morning before his fall.

Chapter Two

His fall

The prophet Ezekiel while prophesying against the king of Tyrus begins to attribute things to Tyrus that are not humanly possible to have happened.

So we can ascertain by the context that Ezekiel is now talking about the power that was behind the king of Tyrus which was none other than Satan himself:

Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and

I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Lucifer is called in this passage the anointed (set apart) cherub that covereth, which simply meant that he was created as a cherub angel to cover the throne of God.

He covered it not because it needed protection, but rather so that those other created beings did not look upon God in all his glory. Lucifer shielded them from looking directly at God. His position was most likely for the angel's protection, not God's.

The fact that he was full of wisdom meant that the others were not, and the fact that he was perfect in beauty meant that nothing was as beautiful to look upon in all of God's creation as was he.

It mentions that all the grandest of precious stones were a part of his covering or attire, some even suggest that they were a part of his very make up and being.

He was able to lead heaven in the praise and worship of God from the very beginning of his creation as God put inside him how to play the harps and pipes which were possibly even a part of his make-up and being as well.

Lucifer fell because he allowed his beauty and brightness to cause his heart to be lifted up in pride against God and he began to ponder sinful thoughts that led to sinful deeds.

He is said to have been in Eden in all of his glory which would have had to have been after Adam and Eve's creation because after God breathed in them the breath of God it says that it was then that God planted the garden of God in Eden and not before.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

This would mean that the fall of Lucifer would have had to have happened after the sixth day. His wisdom became corrupted by his beauty and it is now the course that is followed by the lost world today.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The prince of the power of the air is just one of the many titles possessed by Satan today along with the title of the god of this world:

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

It was pride in his beauty, power, and wisdom that led him to utter these five damning statements in his heart which are found in the writings of the prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Lucifer now becomes Satan and begins to initiate his five-point plan to be like the most High, which if you will notice are all focused on Satan's plans in the heavens and not on the earth. At least not yet!

In order to secure these positions Satan enlists a third of the angelic host to follow him in his rebellion against God. How does he do this you may wonder?

Well for starters he is second only to God in wisdom and beauty, which gives him a distinct advantage over all other created beings, and secondly, he lies to them.

No one is stupid enough to believe that Satan just went right up to all these angels and said, Hey, does anyone want to follow me in a battle against God which we can never possibly win?

And he would have never said, Oh yeah, I forgot, If you do decide to join me you will all get to go to the Lake of Fire to burn for an eternity for your sin, so who is with me?

No, Satan used everything he had in his power to deceive these beings into following him into this rebellion. He used his beauty, power, and his wisdom to draw a third part of them unto himself.

Which angels was it that Satan drew along with him? Just ask yourself this question, If you were Satan and you were going to lead a rebellion against God, who would you try to get on your side, the weakest angels or the most powerful angels?

Of course Satan went after the most powerful of the beings created by God which would make perfect sense and is also backed up by scripture.

In the book of Daniel the angel Gabriel is talking to Daniel and he describes a battle that he was in and the only other chief angel that was available to help him was the arch angel Michael:

Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Scriptures declare that a third of the angelic host followed Satan in his rebellion on this day and sealed their eternal destiny in everlasting fire:

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Prior to Satan and his cohort's imprisonment in the lake of fire, they presently occupy the very thrones they secured at their initial rebellion against God in high places mentioned in Ephesians.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

These principalities were ordained of God in his perfect wisdom and they were corrupted by Satan and his corrupt wisdom when he rebelled in heaven.

Satan and his cohorts occupy a third of the thrones and dominions in the spirit realm and especially those that have to do with earth:

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

These positions are being usurped today by Satan and his minions, but they will be re-taken at the mid-point of the tribulation period when Satan and his crowd are cast out of heaven:

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Chapter Three

His title

While Satan was observing God's latest creation, man, he no doubt heard God say words that sent an angry chill up his prideful spine:

Genesis 1:28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

How dare God give dominion of the earth unto man and not unto someone as beautiful, intelligent, and powerful as himself, the devil must have thought?

And with as much dedication as Satan put towards acquiring thrones and principalities in heavenly places, he equally dedicated himself into devising his plan for the overthrow of earth and man.

It didn't take long for Satan to find a way to bring down mankind, because once man was in the garden of Eden God gave Adam a rule to follow.

Satan surmised that if this rule was broken then man would fall as well because Satan knew that God had created us all with a free will to choose to follow him or not.

Genesis 2:15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16. And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

If you are wondering where God is in all this, just remember that he has a secret that he is going to reveal to the apostle Paul concerning the resurrection of Christ that he was hiding from Satan for another four thousand years.

See the book of Ephesians or just keep on reading and it will be explained in greater detail as we go along in our study.

Genesis is the book of first mentions, and here Satan is revealed to us as temporarily possessing the body of a serpent. Satan is not a serpent today.

Adam had nothing to fear from any beast however for he had been given dominion over them and they feared him, but this was no ordinary creature.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2. And the woman said, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Have you ever heard the saying, "He fell for the oldest trick in the book"? Well most people have but they don't have a clue as to what that means.

The book referred to is the bible, and the oldest trick is Eve falling for the devil's lie. First, Satan sets her up by deliberately questioning God's word:

"Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Then Satan flat out contradicts God by saying:

4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Notice, we have a serpent here that can talk. Now I know I am arguing from a position of silence, but I don't believe any of the other animals had the gift of speech, sorry Disney fans.

So Satan uses a serpents body to claim to be another authority other than God. What an interesting concept. This authority claims that we can run our own lives apart from God.

We can determine for ourselves what is right or wrong. After 6,000 years we are still falling for this same old lie.

Notice that after Adam and Eve sinned their eyes were opened, and they were ashamed of their nakedness because they now possessed the knowledge of good and evil, The Bible says that, "they knew that they were naked". This was not a good thing as the Mormons like to teach.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Notice that they made aprons to cover what they perceived to be their nakedness, but look what happened when God came on the scene:

8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

The Hebrew word voice is also the same as the word "Word" found throughout the scriptures. You can't hear a voice walking, but you can hear the Word of God (Jesus Christ) walking in the garden.

This I believe was none other than a pre-incarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ physically walking in the midst of the garden. Theologians refer to this as a Theophany

9. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Now, wait a minute! Why did Adam say that he was naked when he and Eve just made themselves clothes out of fig leaves?

Because they were clothed enough for themselves to feel comfortable in until God showed up and conviction set in. Notice also that Adam hid himself "amongst the trees," he didn't want God to see any of his nakedness.

12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The serpent lost its legs as a reminder to us today when we see it that the devil is sneaky. Verse fifteen is a prophecy of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, (the seed of a woman). All other humans are of the seed of their Father except Jesus Christ.

This is because the Saviour of all mankind must not be born as a sinner like you and I are because of Adam's fall. Praise God, it doesn't say the serpent will bruise the seed of the woman's head (which is Jesus).

The bruising of Jesus' heel is in reference to his crucifixion while the reference to the bruising of Satan's head is for when he is cast into the lake of fire for ever and ever.

Another response to the fall of Satan was the creation of hell as a place of judgment for their rebellion.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Ladies don't blame your husband in the delivery room for all the pain you went through, Eve had a lot to do with it. You can bring it up to her when you meet her one day.

Notice also that God further explains the role of the husband and wife in this verse. I wonder how different it might have been for women today if Eve hadn't listened to the devil?

17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The earth was cursed because of Adam's sin of listening to his wife instead of listening to God, but the curse upon Eve and the earth will be lifted during the kingdom when the king claims his rightful kingdom which Adam lost for him.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. 22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Dominion has now been lost by man and he must leave the capital of his former kingdom before even his first human subject to rule over was ever born.

Not only was dominion lost, but dominion was also handed over to Satan and he now becomes the god of this world and all the kingdoms of the world would one day belong to him.

Satan consolidated power as the prince of the power of the air and now is the god of this world. He is ruling a third of the angelic host in the heavenlies and mankind and will continue to do so until Christ returns to repossess this earth.

In case you do not believe that Satan is in control of this world system and that he gives it to whomever he pleases consider his words and the words of Christ at the tempting in the wilderness:

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Notice that Jesus challenged Satan every time he incorrectly applied the scriptures, but he never challenged Satan when he claimed that all the kingdoms of this world were his.

Another important thing to note is that Adam and Eve did not die physically on the same day that they ate of the tree, and so many have said that they just died spiritually, but hold on a minute.

They did die physically in the day they ate thereof just not on the day they ate thereof. What I mean by this is that according to God a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day according to 1 Peter 3:8.

Ask yourself this, did Adam, or any other sinner, live longer than one day in God's eyes? No! They all died in the day that they were born in God's eyes.

No one ever lived to start a second day in God's eyes. They all died short of a thousand years which proves that God keeps his word. Brethren be not ignorant of this one thing; a day is with the LORD as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day.

Chapter Four

His Accomplices

Genesis 4:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Because of Adam's sin a death sentence was passed down to everyone. Romans 6:23 says, For the wages of sin is death. And Ezekiel 18:20 says, The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Mankind was originally intended to live forever as was discussed earlier but now sin had entered into the picture and so death would now have its say in everyone's life.

People were living for over nine hundred years, which presented a major problem after just a short time if you can imagine.

People were being born on a daily basis, but people were not dying as quickly to sustain a proper balance. God's word says it best when it says, men began to multiply.

If you spend about five minutes with a calculator trying to figure out how many people there may have been alive at the time of the flood, you can easily conceive of a number possibly in the billions.

The Sons of God

2. That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Here is another portion of scripture that has been the subject of many debates. Just who were the sons of God and the daughters of men?

For the answer we must let the bible interpret itself. What I mean by that is that too many cults have latched onto a verse or portion of scripture as the Mormons have done with this verse and have tried to make it say something that the Bible in other places says something to the contrary.

First of all let me say that God is not the author of confusion, Satan is! Satan is the one that wants the scriptures to be misapplied and misunderstood.

Let's deal with the part of the verse that talks about the daughters of men first. For this we do not need to do any spiritualizing at all, they are what they

say they are, the daughters of men, period. Nothing in scripture points to any other conclusion.

Their thoughts and actions were evil continually as the scriptures point out, but they were normal human beings just like Eve was.

The problem arises when people begin to guess and to give their individual theories to others instead of seeing what the bible has to say about who the sons of God were.

Let me explode the most popular unsubstantiated myth floating around today regarding this subject first. Scripture does not teach that these sons of God were believers who simply married some heathen women and magically produced giant offspring.

If that were so, then why don't we still see it occurring today? Many deceived people who are saved today marry people who are not saved. Yet we see normal children as a result of these forbidden unions.

The sons of God were angels that had intercourse with human women and produced this type of offspring. Angels do not marry in heaven, because they are all male, but these left their first habitation or estate.

They cannot reproduce without human help! All the angels that were around then are still around now. No angel has ever been born or ever will be born! Scripture says nothing of any further angels being created other than the ones created initially.

The term son of God, or sons of God, mean they are direct creations of God. Adam is the only man that is called a son of God in this sense, because he was a direct creation of God, making God his father.

Adam had no earthly father, neither did the angels which lets you know why they are often called, sons of God because they are direct creations of God making him their father as well.

Scripture does support the idea however that fallen angels are capable of possessing lost individuals and inhabiting their bodies.

The demoniac of Gadara for example did not want Jesus to cast him out of a man unless he would allow him to go and possess the bodies of a herd of swine. Fallen angels crave to inhabit a warm body, preferably human.

They understand that we are the crowning achievement of God's creation and the prime recipients of his love, and they want what they cannot have, so they take what is offered to them from men who give themselves over to a reprobate mind and possess them.

They can never become human but somehow this ungodly union produced a genetic nightmare and they all had to be destroyed by God in the flood initially and later by the nation of Israel in battle.

The Mormons believe that these were God's children actually having physical intercourse with the daughters of men. God has only one Son (begotten or otherwise)!

Jesus had no wife (He never has, and never will)! He has never had nor will ever have physical intercourse with a woman.

Mary was a virgin even after she was found with child. She relinquished her virginity with her husband Joseph and he was the only one to ever know her in a physical way.

Mormons have a different Jesus than that of the bible, just as the Christian Evolutionist does. There are many false christs gone out into the world.

3. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

God will not continually strive with us in the flesh because He has numbered our days for our own good. We were originally created to live forever but sin entered into the picture in the garden.

God limited our life span to around 1000 years of age because the wages of sin is death Romans 6:23. After the flood, God reduced that number much lower as an act of love down to 120 years (today it is 70 years).

What evil one man could accomplish if he was to live a thousand years as in the days before the flood. For more on this subject go back and reread chapter three.

Many believe that this statement in verse three is a time clock for judgment. That God was saying through Noah that the flood would come in exactly 120 years.

4. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Notice that verse four says that there were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that (i.e., the flood). Goliath was a post-flood descendant of the sons of God coming in unto the daughters of men.

These would have had to have been another batch if you will of these ungodly unions, because this first batch all died in the flood.

5. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

If we think we have it tough today, we are wrong. Noah had it bad. Noah, in spite of all his circumstances still did the right thing.

God is looking for someone who will take a stand when everyone is taking the easy way out. He is looking for someone to speak out for Him while the rest of Christianity remains silent.

9. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The Jews were the descendants of Shem while those living on the African continent were descendants of Ham, and the Europeans were the descendants of Japheth.

Notice the statement that God said about Noah that he was perfect in his generations, he did not say in his generation which makes a big difference.

What God was saying was that Noah's generations were not infected by the inbreeding of these sons of God with the daughters of men. The rest of the

world however had been and they all had to be destroyed to protect the future generations.

11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

God was very gracious to Noah and his family by saving his family from the flood that was about to come as a judgment upon the earth.

God had given man 120 years to repent under the preaching of Noah, but they kept on intermingling with these fallen angels (the sons of God) until only Noah's family remained untouched by them.

Once they were destroyed in the flood, Hell received its biggest one-day addition it has ever seen, or ever will see. Millions were added to its rolls on that day, possibly even billions.

A special place however was prepared for those sons of God which left their first estate and intermingled with the daughters of men according to the book of Jude:

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

The book of Job also says that Satan and the sons of God have to give regular reports to God of their actions on the earth. Remember that sons of God can be both good and evil angels.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Notice Satan that was and is able to go to and fro in the earth, and that he can walk up and down in it. He is not in hell today, he is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air.

He is the accuser of the brethren according to Revelation chapter twelve, that continually stands before God against us as our prosecutor throwing our sins before God, but thank God we have the best defense attorney that has fulfilled the law on our behalf:

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Chapter Five

His enemy

Genesis 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. **2** And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. **3.** And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. **4.** And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Here we see mankind deliberately disobeying God's command to fill the whole earth by choosing to stay in one place where God knew that Satan would use this to consolidate his control on man once again.

The gentiles were building a tower to the god of this world and they were following his course for it which is mentioned often in Paul's writings:

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

5. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. **6.** And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Through unity you can accomplish almost anything! These people however, were trying to accomplish their own will and not the Creator's.

Today there is a big push amongst ecumenical circles to unite together and tear down denominational barriers that separate the body of Christ.

God however establishes all kinds of barriers to divide truth from darkness to protect us. We cannot yoke up with unbelievers or those who say that salvation is through our works or church membership! God forbids it!

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

* He also has this to say to those who quote Psalm 133:1

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

God says in Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Unity is great but not at the expense of truth. Isn't it amazing that the very same people who are saying doctrine divides are either the liberals, or the tongues (Babel) crowd?

7. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. 9. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

No explanation is needed here, you just accept God's word by faith. You don't try to explain away the miraculous because in doing so you rob your hearers of the glory of God in the situation.

It was not long after the flood that God began to give up the gentile nations to their uncleanness so that he might begin to re-establish his dominion on this earth through a unique nation that would bring forth the Messiah to redeem what Adam had lost.

What seemed like a total loss for God in the giving up of all except Abram was really a brilliant move on God's part.

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment

of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Three times it is said that God gives up the gentiles or that he gives over the gentile nations to walk after their own desires. It is at this time that God once again starts over with just one person.

This time it is Abram who later becomes Abraham:

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

As God begins his plan of action to redeem the earth which has been kept secret from the foundation of the earth he takes Abram and starts a nation from his loins that will give us the Messiah, who will redeem this earth from the curse.

Satan now has to adapt to this move by God by any means necessary and he does. He first starts by encouraging Abram to let his nephew Lot come along on his journey which is a direct violation of God's command to him.

Satan then secures an Egyptian handmaiden for Sarah while Abram is out of God's will in Egypt whose name is Hagar who later becomes Abram's wife and bears Ishmael. His descendants have not been friends to Israel throughout the ages.

Satan makes an attempt while Jacob's descendants are all slaves in Egypt to kill all the male children to cut off the lineage of the Messiah, so he can never be born. Before Satan can destroy all the male children in Israel God delivers Moses so he can deliver Israel.

Once Israel is about to enter the land and the spies are sent in we find out Satan's plan to try to thwart God's plan. He has already positioned in the land a group of his old friends that we will look at in the next chapter.

Chapter Six

His giants

When Satan knew from the prophecy given to Abraham that the time was drawing near for the children of Israel to be freed from Egypt he commanded some of his fellow sons of God to once again mingle with the daughters of men just as they had done back in Genesis six before the flood.

It is evident from this that Satan is extremely powerful and exercises that power ruthlessly over his minions because we do not hear of any devils rebelling against his authority and refusing to follow his orders.

Even though all of his previous giants were destroyed by God in a flood, that was an act of mercy to help save the human race, the devil had no problem commissioning a brand-new group of angels for this task.

The giants were not in Egypt because that was not the land that Satan was concerned about. They were waiting fully grown in the land that Israel was now returning to as a nation instead of just a family.

Numbers 13:17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain: 18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many; 19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds; 20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes. 21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. 22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. 25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron,

and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

The Anakims were not the only giants that had dwelt in the land, there was also the Emims, the Horims, the Avims, and the Caphtorims but they were destroyed by God.

These mostly as you will see lived in the land immediately after Lot and Abraham first came to it and they were destroyed by God.

This record is not found in Genesis, but it explains the rapid decline in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and God's destroying of them.

Deuteronomy 2:8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have

given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession. 10 The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; 11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims. 12 The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them. 13 Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered. 14 And the space in which we came from Kadeshbarnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them. 15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed. 16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying, 18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day: 19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. 20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; 21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: 22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: 23 And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

God tells Israel that he has already destroyed many of these giants in the past and will do the same for them as they eventually will have to face the sons of Anak.

Deuteronomy 3:11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man. **12** And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites. **13** And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

As you read of Israel's conquering of the land you often hear the critic say, How could God be so cruel as to kill all those people, even the women and children?

This is an honest question, but one that often goes unanswered when there is a perfectly logical answer given to us in the scriptures.

God destroyed those in the flood because Satan had infected the whole human race with the exception of Noah's family for breeding the sons of God and the daughters of men and he does the same thing here in destroying these descendants of the giants before they can infect the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 9:1 Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, **2** A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak! **3** Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee. **4** Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. **5** Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them

out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

God makes it very clear that these descendants of the sons of God and daughters of men were being destroyed for the exceeding wickedness that they practiced far above anything that Israel had ever done.

While the nation of Israel were slaves in Egypt her daughters did not have the opportunity to mingle with these sons of God which helped to maintain the purity of the Jewish race thus enabling the lineage of the Messiah to stay untainted with this wicked seed.

Joshua was obedient in going after these descendants of the giants all of his days.

Joshua 11:21 And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. 22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

Caleb also as an old man knew God would give him a great victory against them not because Caleb was anything, but because God wanted them destroyed. He just wanted a man of faith to do it.

Joshua 14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

Joshua 14:15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

We learn from Joshua that the giants descended from Arba, who was Anak's father. Hebron used to be called Kirjatharba as it was named after its most famous resident.

Joshua 15:13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

Hundreds of years had passed and yet the giants that had remained in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod had continued and were a thorn continually in the side of Israel throughout the period of the Judges as they would align themselves with the Philistines to fight with Israel.

David and his servants destroyed Goliath and his seed.

2 Samuel 21:16 And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.

1 Chronicles 20:4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued. 5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. 6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant. 7 But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

This is the last we hear of giants in the bible and in the land of Israel. Satan takes on a new method of attack just prior to Christ coming on the scene and that is the devils begin to possess humans as they give themselves over to them.

Chapter Seven

His comrades

One of the signs given to the nation of Israel for them to identify their Messiah and king is that he will set those in spiritual bondage free, those who were possessed with devils.

He would have the ability to cast out devils. This was important to Israel and their kingdom promises because they knew Satan had been opposing them all this time and that in the kingdom Satan would be powerless because their King would cast Satan and his devils out of the land.

Revelations chapter twelve tells us just what will happen in the spirit realm during the middle of the tribulation period.

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Notice how in this account of the birth of the man child the devils are referred to as stars being cast down to the earth.

Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Why did the Spirit of God lead Jesus to be tempted if as the bible says God doesn't tempt any man? First of all Jesus is not just any man. He is the Son of God. Secondly, Jesus must be tempted in all points as we are, in order to be our Saviour.

Matthew 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth

out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Satan knows that Jesus will be the King of kings and so he offers him what is going to be his one day anyway except Satan is offering them to Jesus without having to go to the cross. He offered a crown without the cross.

It is obvious that Satan wanted to be worshiped and agreed to make Jesus his second in command as long as he bows down and worships him. Jesus would have no part of this and now it is Satan who will forcibly bow to the Son of God one day. Amen!

Everywhere Jesus went he was confronted with those possessed with devils and he healed them as a sign to a nation that began with signs that were given unto Moses for them.

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Notice it is the gospel of the kingdom and not the gospel of the grace of God that we preach today! The devil will be bound in the kingdom, so Jesus is showing them that he is their Messiah by casting out demons.

Devils were very prevalent during this period as they will be again during the tribulation period when the gospel of the kingdom is preached again.

Matthew 9:32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. 33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

Devils have the power to cause a person to be unable to speak and as you can see the moment the devil was cast out of this person he could speak again.

Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. 31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

This is a very important part of our study here because not only did the dumb speak and the blind see, but in Jesus answer to the Pharisees he tells

us what I have been saying about why he was demonstrating his power over the devils.

It was because as Satan would one day be bound so these devils were cast out of these individuals.

Matthew 13:36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. **37** He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; **38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; **39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. **40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. **41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

This is added to show us that God has a place of punishment for Satan and his devils that will last for eternity.

Mark 7:24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. **25** For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: **26** The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. **27** But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. **28** And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. **29** And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. **30** And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Jesus did not want anyone to know he was in that area because he was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Tyre and Sidon are in modern day Lebanon.

He did however have a divine appointment with one Gentile who understood that salvation was of the Jews and the only way she as a non-Jew could be blessed was by the crumbs that would fall from the Jews table so to speak.

Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. 35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. 36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

The devils as these verses indicate knew who Jesus was and the power that he possessed. They also knew that he had the power to cast them into the lake of fire one day.

Matthew 17:14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be

impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

In the next passage we learn two very important lessons from the words of the devils themselves as they are about to be cast out by Jesus:

Mark 5:1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. 14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. 15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. 16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. 17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. 18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. 19 Howbeit Jesus

suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

We learn here that the devils want a warm body to possess and more importantly they want to remain in the land where they were sent.

Jesus allows them their request of a warm body, but it doesn't turn out so well for them as the bodies are those of some nearby pigs who after the devils enter them they all commit suey-cide.

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Was Judas a fallen angel that had for a time taken on fleshly form? No! Judas was a like you and I, made of flesh and bones, but Judas was given over to the devil to be used by him because he first gave himself over to him.

John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simons son, to betray him;

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Judas was a thief the bible says for he had the bag, and when he figured Jesus wasn't going to ascend to his throne because of all his talk about going to his Father, Judas now possessed by the devil thought he might as well get a little money out of this.

John 13:27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Judas here is called the son of perdition, this is a phrase reserved exclusively for him and Satan himself:

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. 2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. 3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. 6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

He is the Father of Lies

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

The last recorded incidents of people being possessed by devils in the bible are found in the book of Acts when Paul, the apostle to Gentiles, casts a spirit of divination out of a young damsel, and when seven exorcists got beat up by one, literally.

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

Acts 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews,

exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

We do not hear about evil spirits again until Revelation chapter sixteen when they go out to deceive the kings of the earth to fight against Christ.

Chapter Eight

His crushing

What looked to be Satan's greatest victory as God's Son hung on a cross, turned out to be his biggest defeat, because with the resurrection of Christ he unknowingly aided in the creation of a (new creature) class of people that are neither Jews nor Gentiles.

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

This one new man is neither Jew, nor Gentile, but a new creature, who would upon death inherit the heavens while Israel under the first covenant is promised to inherit the earth.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Because of Christ's resurrection, all that believe solely in his death, burial, and resurrection for their salvation have a new eternal destiny.

The believers destiny today is in the heavenlies, the very place where Satan had his sights set on when he uttered his infamous five I wills (Isaiah 14:13-14).

Prior to the cross, when a person died that was a believer, they went to Abraham's bosom (paradise), and Satan was well aware of that fact, but with the resurrection of Christ, Jesus defeated death once and for all, and it could no longer have dominion over the believer.

They are still awaiting their resurrection which will occur at the beginning of the kingdom. The old testament saints will rule and reign with Christ on earth for a thousand years along with the twelve apostles and all those who were saved under the preaching of the gospel of kingdom.

Israel has an earthly destiny, while the church has a heavenly destiny. I know some of you are saying what about Jesus leading captivity captive?

What about it? That verse does not say what many force it to say. It says what it says, and it means exactly what it means.

When Jesus died on the cross he immediately went to Abraham's bosom, but not to take up a prolonged residence there. He went there on a mission to take the keys of death and hell from Satan.

He went there to make an open show of the devils triumphing over them in a grand victory parade just as a general would do after a great victory over an hated enemy. It was a humiliating experience for Satan and his devilish army.

Colossians 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Jesus Christ literally manifested himself as a man, so that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Chapter Nine

His chief

Luke introduces us to the ring leader of a group of murderers in this chapter that were just pawns in Satan's war against what God was doing on earth at that time.

Satan had taken over the land that God had promised Israel through Rome because Israel had become a rebellious people. He led the religious leaders to crucify their Saviour and now he had his sites on this remnant of Jews that were following the apostles.

Satan goes after them with a vengeance using the most religious man he could find to do the job. Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee of Pharisees.

No one would have expected that Satan's accomplice to the murder of Stephen, would one day become one of Satan's greatest enemies. Especially not Satan!

Acts 7:58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

He is mentioned again in the following chapter in only one sentence as the one that consented unto the death of Stephen.

Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

We start to learn more of this man beginning in chapter nine, especially as Peter begins to fade into obscurity in Acts chapter 13 amid the Jewish remnant and Paul becomes the prominent servant used by God to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Acts 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, 2: And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. 3: And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4: And he fell to the earth, and heard a

voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5: And he said, Who art thou, Lord?

Who was it that Saul was breathing out threatening's and slaughter (persecution) against? The disciples of the Lord!

So, if Saul would have thought about that for a second, he would have never asked such a question. Who else but God could zoom in on Saul with a light from heaven and speak to him without being physically present?

He kind of already knew the answer because if you'll notice Saul calls him Lord (Master) before he gets his answer because it is obvious to him that he is not just dealing with some Christian that he is chasing.

Acts 19:5 .., And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6: And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

Oh, what a convicting response to hear on that day as Saul rode about seeking in his own zeal and self-righteousness to rid Judaism of this perceived threat to their very way of life.

Saul thought he was doing God's service only to find out that he was fighting the very thing he thought he was trying to defend.

And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 7: And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. 8: And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9: And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

Notice here that Saul does not hesitate, argue or even question Jesus because he is now his Lord. No longer does he serve the high priest in Jerusalem, nor the sect known as the Pharisees.

What thoughts must have been going through his head? He no doubt came to the realization that he was a murderer. He also must have spent a considerable amount of time on his way thinking of how his nation's leaders, of which he was a part of, had killed the Messiah.

I believe Saul probably did not eat or drink because of these very reasons. What a terrible time of reflection Saul must have experienced during those three days that he was blinded by the presence of the Lord.

If Saul would have been able to see at least it would have provided some momentary visual distractions from the almost constant thoughts of his sin and those of his beloved nation.

10: And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. 11: And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, 12: And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

I'll bet Saul was praying like he never prayed before. A lot of tears were shed those three days in the house of Judas. I'm not sure how much joy Saul had during those three days thinking of the damage he had caused in the lives of so many.

He must have spent some time rejoicing with tears in his eyes that God would choose to save someone who had done what he had done. Isn't the love of Jesus something wonderful?

13: Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. 15: But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Notice here that God tells Ananias that Saul is a chosen vessel, and that he is to bear his name before the Gentiles, these two statements we will look at in greater detail in the upcoming chapters.

Saul was uniquely chosen as the apostle of the Gentiles, and the one to whom God would impart many mysteries concerning the church.

What does Scripture teach us about Paul:

Romans 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Notice that it does not say Paul was an apostle to the Gentiles, but rather the apostle of the Gentiles. There is a big difference as we shall see from other portions of scripture that Paul is our pattern during the church Age.

1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; .., 11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

Notice that Paul says that the gospel was committed to his trust. This was not the gospel of the kingdom that was preached by the disciples during the earthly ministry of Christ, but was rather the gospel of the grace of God (The death, burial, and resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Who could God show more abundant grace to than Saul? No one! This will be made clear to you after reading the next couple of verses. We should show this same abundant grace towards the religious Jews who need mercy for their ignorance of the truth.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Paul's statement that he was the chief of sinners was a comment that referred to his being the leader of the opposition against the church. Paul was a very moral person. His standards would put many Christians to shame today.

Because Paul's attacks against the church was more zealous than any other man alive he became the chief of sinners because he was the leader of the rebellion against God's church.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Paul is the first person that Jesus Christ showed forth all longsuffering to and he became the pattern for us Gentiles during the church age as the apostle of the Gentiles. The twelve apostles were patterns for the nation of Israel at that time.

Where sin does abound, grace does much more abound. Paul was the chief sinner, and therefore, the perfect recipient of God's exceeding abundant grace. If Paul can be saved, anyone can be.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Again, Paul tells us to follow his teachings and his example in this age of grace. To try and follow kingdom theology during the church age will create much confusion.

2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: 9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Here Paul is specifically referring to the elect of Israel that will also be saved. He is not referring to future Gentile believers as the elect.

Paul mentions them both at the same time, but differentiates between the two, so as to help us rightly divide the two and keep our doctrine straight.

Notice how that Paul says that Christ was raised according to his gospel, (the gospel of the grace of God), the kingdom gospel had no reference to the death, burial ,or resurrection in it.

Check it out for yourselves; don't take my word for it. The twelve apostles did not believe the report that Christ was risen, because they were not expecting it. After his resurrection Christ opened their eyes to that truth. Read Luke 9:45, 18:34 and 24:44-46

2 Timothy 4:16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. 17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

People thought that the words Paul was initially speaking were foolish, and no one stood with him until God by his Spirit revealed it unto the other apostles.

Notice verse seventeen says that it would be by him that the preaching (doctrine) might be fully known (understood). Don't get mad at me, Paul said that, not me!

Chapter Ten

His destiny

The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ has more information concerning the destiny of our adversary Satan, than do all the other books of the bible combined.

Currently according to Ephesians 6:12 we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. That's where Satan is today.

But when the rapture occurs, Satan will only have three and a half years before he will lose all his heavenly principalities from which he and his minions rule over this evil world.

He will try to kill as many people as he possibly can before he is cast into the bottomless pit. He will especially set his sights on the nation of Israel during this time.

Revelation 12:6 And the woman (*Israel*) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

Here we have the re-taking of heaven by Michael and his angels, a large portion of which was under the direct control of Satan and the angels that followed him in his rebellion.

All the thrones and dominions that were usurped on that day when Satan uttered his infamous five I wills in Isaiah 14:12-15 would now be occupied by the new class of people that were neither Jews nor Gentiles, but the one new man. Eph 2:15

Paul tells us that they are a new creature, also called the one new man who are able to dwell in the heavens upon their death unlike the Jews of old that will soon inherit the earth during the millennial reign of Christ.

The heavens are the future abode of the church, which is Christ's body.

Revelation 12:12 Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman

which brought forth the man child. 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Here we see the beginning of the end for Satan as the kingdom begins, but he will be released for a season at the end of the kingdom before he will finally be cast into the lake of fire for ever. This will be the fulfillment of the prophecy program.

The mystery program will have already been completed at the rapture. Always remember that the mystery program is associated with the church, which is Christ's body and it is revealed only in the writings of the apostle Paul (Romans through Philemon).

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

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7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and

brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Hopefully this study has caused you to want to study deeper into the things of God especially concerning the mystery program which is found in the writings of the apostle Paul.

If you are interested in getting a good understanding of God's program for all ages I strongly recommend you study the following three courses: Matthew, Acts, and lastly, Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles.

These are three companion books that complement one another and will help you see God's whole plan from a much clearer angle than you may have ever seen before.

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Chapter One Test

1. Where is the first time the word demon is found in the bible?
2. What is the biblical word for a demon?
3. What is the oldest book in the bible?
4. Who are the sons of God according to Genesis 6?
5. Who are the morning stars?
6. Was Jesus an angel? What verse proves your answer?
7. Where did Satan say he would exalt his throne above?
8. Who is the man-child that was given birth to and taken to heaven at the mid-point of the tribulation period?
9. Who are the stars that the dragon drew a third part of?
10. When in the future do the stars lose their place in heaven for good?

Chapter Two Test

1. Is Satan the devil's name?
2. What was Satan's original name at creation?
3. What was Satan originally and what was his job?
4. When did he fall? Defend your position:
5. What are two new testament titles for Satan today?
6. Where do we find Satan's five "I will" statements?
7. What was prepared especially for the devil and his angels?

Chapter Three Test

1. What was Satan's reaction to God giving man dominion over the earth?
2. What is the oldest trick in the book?
3. What lie did Satan use to get Adam and Eve to fall?
4. What did God say would happen to Satan and Eve?
5. When did Satan become the god of this world?
6. What did God mean when he said Adam and Eve would die in the day they ate of the tree?

Chapter Four Test

1. Who were the daughters of men?
2. Who were the sons of God?
3. What did God do when the sons of God took wives of the daughters of men?
4. What was the offspring of the two when they came together?
5. Why did God want to destroy most of mankind?
6. Why did Noah find grace in God's eyes?
7. Who were the "**them**" that God wanted to destroy?
8. What does Jude 1:6 tell us about where the angels that left their first state are today?
9. What did Satan and the sons of God have to do according to Job 1:6
10. What was Satan doing in heaven concerning the brethren?

Chapter Five Test

1. How did mankind deliberately disobey God at Babel?
2. When you walk according to the course of this world who are you following?
3. What does the verse in Amos tell us about unequal yokes?

4. What did God do to separate the people at Babel?
5. What did God do with the Gentiles after Babel because of their sin according to Romans 1?
6. Who does God start all over with after the flood to make a people and nation out of to serve him?

Chapter Six Test

1. What was waiting for the children of Israel when they returned to the land?
2. Why were there none of these in the land of Egypt when they were there?
3. What happened to the first batch of these creatures?
4. What were the sons of Anak?
5. Name some of the others that were like the Anakims:
6. What king was also a giant?
7. What was the previous name of the city of Hebron and which giant was it named after?
8. Who was the most famous giant?
9. Who killed his four brothers?

Chapter Seven Test

1. Why were there so many Jews possessed with devils around Christ's birth?
2. What was the reason for Christ casting out devils from his brethren?
3. Where will these devils end up one day?
4. Why was the Syro-Phoenician woman's child healed of a devil by Christ?
5. Why could the disciples not cast the devil out of the lunatic child?
6. Why did the legion of devils want to enter into the swine?
7. Are devils territorial?
8. Can the devil put thoughts into your heart? Give an example.
9. What title is Judas called that he only shares with the antichrist?

10. What were the last places where someone with a devil was healed?
11. When will there probably be a lot of possession of people in the future?

Chapter Eight Test

1. How did Christ's death on the cross turn out to be Satan's biggest defeat?
2. Where did the old testament saint go when he died and where is he now?
3. What is the one new man?
4. Where does the one new man go when he dies?
5. What did Christ take from Satan in hell?
6. What does Colossians 2:15 say Christ did with the devils in hell after the cross?
7. For what purpose was the Son of God manifested in the flesh according to 1 John 3:8?

Chapter Nine Test

1. Who was Satan's chief agent to attack the kingdom church after the cross?
2. What does 1 Timothy 1:15-16 teach us concerning this person? Explain in detail your answer.

Chapter Ten Test

1. Who does Satan make war with once he is kicked out of heaven for good?
2. Who will occupy the thrones that Satan's angels now control after the future war in heaven?
3. What happens to Satan immediately after the tribulation period for most of the millennial kingdom?
4. What happens to Satan at the end of the millennial kingdom? Elaborate: