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INTRODUCTION

SECTION 1: GIANTS

Did dinosaurs exist? We know they did because their bones have been dug up and discovered around the world. But here is another question. Have tribes of human giants ever walked this Earth? Most modern-day scientists would say, “No, because no bones have ever been unearthed.” But is that true? Have bones of giants never been discovered?

Those who believe that the Bible is inspired by God’s Spirit can find that the Bible says there were lots of giants in ancient Israel and the surrounding nations. Early rabbinical sources also spoke of living giants. Trusted ancient historians wrote about the existence of giants.

Renowned early explorers who surveyed North and South America wrote in their journals about actually meeting giants. The Greek version of the Old Testament translated by rabbis 200 years before Christ (Septuagint) testifies of the biblical narrative about giants.

But did you know *The New York Times* and countless other reputable newspapers reported many discoveries of giants’ bones in the Americas? They wrote about archaeological digs and museums where giants were being displayed. That is until the 1950s. Then the giants disappeared. Yes, disappeared.

According to modern anthropologists and other scientists, there were never any giants because man evolved from smaller matter to larger matter—smaller beings to larger beings. Admitting that giants once roamed this Earth doesn’t fit their evolutionary theory of mankind.

Nevertheless, with all the documented reports of giant bones being dug up in the 19th and 20th centuries—the question is, where are they? Did museums, such as the Smithsonian, just dump the giant bones that had been brought to them? Over the last number of generations, skeletons that were once documented and reported in leading newspapers (copies of which can still be found on the Internet) and even scientific magazines and papers have either been removed from the museums or they’ve simply gone missing.

But if bones of giants really exist and have been found, would it not be

reasonable to suppose that more bones will still be discovered in the ground? Even if this is true, if the bones are found on what is considered to be Federal or Native American tribal ground, they are still not available for research. According to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, a 1990 United States law, anyone who discovers ancient gravesite bones must turn them over to Native American tribes for reburial, on penalty of a prison term and/or a large fine.[1] So any bones, even if they were centuries old, would belong to the Native American people. This could prevent further investigation or public disclosure of such discoveries.

Yet, there are other indications that provide additional weight to the existence of giants in centuries past. They are the vast and unfathomable number of megalithic structures found throughout the world. Megalith literally means "giant stone." In the ancient cultures of the past, there are hundreds of sites with megalithic stone circles, walls and structures that date back several thousand years. The stonework is so massive and precise that even with the use of sophisticated modern technology, it would be almost impossible to duplicate.

The methods suggested by conventional archeology that enabled the ancients to move the gigantic blocks of stone in place—often many miles away from the quarry—are simply attempts to make some kind of sense of these giant architectural structures. Were these stone-cutters Neolithic Stone Age cavemen who used primitive tools? Or did this architectural intelligence come from some other source? We will investigate these megalithic structures, which are amazing enigmas of the past.

So we come to the question: Did giants have any involvement in the construction of the megalithic structures found in every part of the globe?

This book will explore the credible sources and facts about giants—ancient and modern—collected from around the world for the last 4,000 years. Most important is that we investigate the significance of these giants to us in our generation. I emphasize here that their meaning is of extraordinary consequence to us today. You will see how critically important this subject is to the future of our planet—and ourselves. For example, if giants once existed, could science bring their bones back to life?

SECTION 2: ANGELS

During the last century, the world has become obsessed with UFOs, aliens, celestial beings and paranormal phenomena. It's impossible to keep up with all the movies, TV shows, Internet video sightings and books on the subject. In section 2, we'll tackle the subject of aliens, which would appear that the Bible reveals as fallen angels. How do these aliens connect with our study of giants, especially with what the Bible and ancient books say about them?

The first extraterrestrial film, "The Trip to the Moon" was created in 1902. The silent movie script included finding and capturing a lunar inhabitant. The first talking movie on aliens was released in 1951, and from then on, there has been no end to ghosts, goblins, giants, and aliens from outer space and the occult. Hollywood knows this subject is a big-time winner at the box office, so the film industry spends millions of dollars producing and promoting new alien movies.

However, the study of giants and aliens—the real ones—can give insight that you may not have known existed. This information will not come from some movie, but from the Bible and other ancient texts.

I am convinced the Bible brings to light the source of these mystifying megalithic structures found worldwide. For this reason, we will explore the subject of who were "the sons of God" as described in the Book of Genesis. Were they human beings or were they aliens from another world?

And what are the differences in the thoughts and actions of good angels and bad angels? What specifically did the bad angels do? Does the Bible give any indication that these mysterious evil beings had a part in God's decision to annihilate them in the Great Flood of Noah's day? Could the danger they posed have been connected to Satan's plan to completely corrupt the human race, and especially the Jewish people?

The truth about angels is unquestionably known through Scripture, but as we search these Scriptures, even people of faith may be challenged to reconsider preconceived ideas about angels and aliens.

SECTION 3: NEPHILIM

One of the greatest sins on Earth began with the desire to create super humans, which Charles Darwin and Adolf Hitler tried to do. They were believers in eugenics, which is the creation of a super race. Thus, in the name of evolutionary

science, six million Jews were murdered to accomplish this “super race.” Through selective breeding experiments, Hitler isolated groups of people in order to create a “master race”—a biologically “pure race.” His final solution to purify mankind was known as the Holocaust.

Today, modern man has a fascination for super humans or super heroes who could be like gods—Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, Transformers, Vampires and others, even though these are fiction. Yet, today, are you aware that genetic scientists are seriously working to create god-like humans? Science fiction or not, we are heading into a future of attempting to make a super god-like race.

So just who were the Nephilim (meaning the “fallen ones”) recorded in the Bible? Could they return into the world through genetic engineering? Is there a connection between the sons of God, fallen angels, giants and the Nephilim?

An intriguing phenomenon today is that the majority of scientists have bought into the theory of evolution. Therefore, they do not believe in the God of the Bible or the veracity of the Bible. They also do not believe in the Bible’s record of giants, evil spirits and such events as the Flood in Noah’s day. However, they boldly state they believe there are aliens “out there in space” and are spending untold amounts of money searching the heavens to make contact with those aliens.

These same scientists have unraveled the genetics of life and now are making hybrids of vegetables, fruit, animals and even reviving extinct species. The Human Genome Project (HGP) has unraveled human DNA. No doubt, it is just a matter of time before medical science will be splicing genes together to produce hybrids that are both mechanical and biological. We must be aware that the media industries, as well as secular universities, are consciously or unconsciously preparing today’s generation to receive and accept human hybrids and aliens. We will see that the Bible warns us against what will appear in the “last days” before Jesus’ return to Earth and the Judgment Day. A question we must explore is why Jesus emphasizes repeatedly that we must not be deceived in these last days. Whatever form the deception takes, we can be sure it will not be something simple that all believers will instantly identify.

Genetic engineering will provide the way for genetic hybrids. Unfortunately, the dark side of this science is that it involves fallen angels and the coming deception associated with them. In this book, you will be able to examine the

evidence that points to the fact that it may not be long before the Nephilim return to Planet Earth. Satan, the adversary of the One True God and of whom the Bible states is the “god of this world” is still determined to destroy God’s creation and His plan of redemption. This is a fact that is clearly stated many times in the Bible. And just consider this: Jesus did not come to redeem hybrids—only humans. The reader will be alerted to and prepared for the great deception that is coming on the horizon as revealed in Revelation 12:8.

WHERE DOES THIS LEAD US?

The last subject I wish to bring before you is that this study will help you understand what the Middle East conflict is all about and why Satan—and the world—loathe the Jews. It will provide amazing insight as to why Satan has attempted to corrupt and destroy the seed of the Jewish people throughout history—the nation chosen to bring forth the Messiah, Who is the One Hope for the human race to receive Eternal Life.

If you catch the full significance of this book, your eyes will be opened to the invisible world, and you will become aware of the dangers that await civilization in the near future through the preternatural activity of Satan. If you’re already a Christian, this information will help you to become a stronger member of the Armies of the Lord as Jesus prepares to return to Earth. It is He, Who will destroy the kingdom of the god of this world and set up the Kingdom of God.

SECTION I
GIANTS

Chapter 1

GIANTS IN THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT GIANTS

According to the Bible, giants have existed since the beginning of man. There are many written records of individuals in excess of eight feet tall. They existed before the Flood in Noah's day, and we read about them even after the Flood. This section will focus on the Nephilim, those giants that existed before the Flood and are first mentioned in Genesis, chapter 6.

> "The Nephilim were on the Earth in those days—and also afterward."[2]

The Hebrew word "Nephilim" in Genesis 6:4 means "the fallen ones" or "causing to fall." These giants will be our topic throughout this book.

The Bible reveals that some giants were human, and some were angelic beings while others seem to be a biogenic hybrid. The word for giant is translated from the Hebrew and appears in the King James Version in a number of forms. They are "Nephilim,"[3] "Repha'im,"[4] "Raphah" (singular of repha'im) found in 1 Chronicles 20:4, 6, 8, or "Raphah" (singular with slightly different spelling) found in 2 Samuel 21:16, 18, 20, 22.

GIANTS AFTER THE FLOOD

What is fascinating is that giants also appear after the flood, and Scripture reveals they became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times. Moses, who wrote the Book of Genesis some 850 years after the Flood, reveals that these giants had been around for a long time.

Giants are embodied in every culture around the world. They are in the legends of old. However, today, we are led to believe that these legends and traditions are considered only to be mythological creatures that never really ever existed, except in the imaginations of the ancients. We will consider their existence later on in chapter six. Let us first acquaint ourselves with the giants

after the Flood and through the period of the kings of Israel, according to biblical text.

REPHA'IM GIANTS

In Genesis 14:5, we read about a race of giants called the Repha'im. The word rapha'im is used some 25 times in the Old Testament, and in each place where it is used, it refers to giants. These giants lived at the time of Abraham and Lot. They were a race of giants (Deuteronomy 3:11) who lived to the east of the Jordan River. They were apparently the original inhabitants of the land before the immigration of the Canaanites and were conquered by King Chedorlaomer (Genesis 14:5). Their territories were promised to Abraham as a possession. (Genesis 15:20). We read,

> "In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and subdued the Repha'im in Ashterothkarnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shavehkiriathaim" (Genesis 14:5, RSV).

They are mentioned in other passages including: Joshua 15:8; 18:16; 2 Samuel 5:18; 23:13; 1 Chronicles 11:15; 14:9, and Isaiah 17:5.

THE EMIM GIANTS

The Emim were another warrior tribe of giants who were also defeated by Chedorlaomer and his allies. This also occurred around the time of Abraham, who lived shortly after 2000 B.C. and about 400 years after the Flood. The Emim giants also lived east of the Jordan.

> "The Emim had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. They were also regarded as giants, [Refa'im] like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim" (Deuteronomy 2:10, 11).

After warring against the cities of the Plain, King Chedorlaomer went on to plunder the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. At Sodom, among the spoils of war, he took Lot and his entire household captive. When Lot's uncle, Abram, received news of what happened, he assembled a battle unit of three hundred

plus men who pursued the Elamite forces north of Damascus. Abram and his forces defeated King Chedorlaomer and took back all that had been taken. (Genesis 14:8-16).

ZUZIM OR ZAMZUMMIM (PLURAL) GIANTS

Likewise, the Zuzim were a tribe of giants that Lot's descendants destroyed near Ammon, east of the Jordan River.

> "That [land allotted to Lot, Abraham's nephew] was also regarded as a land of giants [Refa'im] giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the Lord destroyed them before them, and they dispossessed them and dwelt in their place" (Deuteronomy 2:19-21).

ANAKIM GIANTS

In the Book of Numbers, we read about yet another group of giants when the spies encountered the seven sons of Anak as they entered Canaan. The name Anak was given to a Canaanite tribe, who were descendants of "the sons of Anak." The Anakim were sons of Anak who was the son of Arba, who apparently was a distant son of Amorreus, who was the son of Canaan, who was the son of Ham, the son of Noah. The Anakim, Zamzummim, and Emim were of the family tree of the Nephilim. (The "im" in these words signifies, plurality, as does "s" in English.) We read,

> "There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight" (Numbers 13:33).

When Israel entered the Promise Land, God told Joshua to wipe out everyone from four tribes. One of the tribes was the Anakim, who lived south of Israel, near Hebron. They were defeated by the Israelites under Joshua.

> "The LORD said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel, slain' ... Everyone

> in it they put to the sword. They totally destroyed them, not sparing anything that breathed, ... And Joshua came at that time, and wiped out the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities" (Joshua 11:21, RSV).

GOD AND GENOCIDE

Is God prejudiced? Does God get angry and commit random acts of genocide, as we read in Deuteronomy 3:5-7 and in 7:1-3? Many people, even Christians, are shocked by this command. Why would God give such an "evil" directive to kill all the women and children? Certainly part of the reason is that both before and after the Flood, God was directly involved in the destruction of the giants. God was on an empire-breaking-campaign, much like when He destroyed the Egyptians at the time of the Exodus. The reason for their destruction is not stated directly, but like Goliath, these men always seemed to be in opposition to God and to His people Israel.

However, as we shall see, God's primary purpose was to preserve the posterity of the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—who through King David of the tribe of Judah, was promised that his seed would bring forth the Messiah—Christ. Second, Israel was on a cleanup assignment. The inhabitants of the land were involved in satanic rituals, including sacrificing and burning their babies in worship to their pagan gods. (Preserving the family line or the seed of King David and his descendants will be covered in Section II.)

From the beginning of time, Satan has been seeking to destroy the seed which would bring the Promised One into the world, Who will one day crush Satan's power (Genesis, chapter 3 and Revelation, chapter 20). Satan has not given up. He is still seeking to destroy the seed (offspring) of those God has a covenant with—all the followers of the Messiah—Christ.

ABRAHAM AND MOSES ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S INTEGRITY

In Genesis, chapter 18, we find God's response to Abraham's inquiry regarding God's integrity. Apparently, the purpose of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was that they were totally polluted and contaminated. As a result,

judgment must come. However, because of one man's intercession for his family, we discover in chapter 19 that God makes a way of escape. Yet, even then, not all accept the way of escape. (Verses 14, 29).

A couple of chapters later, in Genesis, chapter 20, we read the story of King Abimelech and Abram's wife Sarai, where God was about to destroy the King and his kingdom for violating marital laws of sexual behavior in taking another man's wife. But God was just in sparing the King from judgment, when the King reminded God of his innocence. The bottom line: God is a just God, whether we understand the situation or not.

Later we read,

> "'The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.' In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now."' (Numbers 14:18, 19, NIV).

KING OG

As we continue our study of the giant genealogy in Scripture, we read about a giant whose bed was between 13 and 14 feet long.

> "King Og of Bashan was the last survivor of the giant Repha'im. His bed was made of iron and was more than thirteen feet long and six feet wide. It can still be seen in the Ammonite city of Rabbah" (Deuteronomy 3:11; Joshua 12:4).

Again giants appear on the scene when the Canaanite King Chedorlaomer fought with a number of local kings included the Zuzim (Zamzummim) in the town of Ham in the Dead Sea area. Those giants, who apparently descended from Canaan (the descendants of Noah's son, Ham) through a man named Anak, eventually became extinct. King Og of Bashan was the last of them to inhabit Palestine, east of the Jordan River (Deuteronomy 3:11).

We all know the story of the 12 spies that Moses sent into Canaan to search out the land and prepare the entry of the 12 tribes of Israel into their Promise

Land. But it was the sight of huge giants that caused 10 of the spies to rebel against crossing into their land.

> "And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, 'The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the Nephilim (the descendants of Anak who came from the Nephilim); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight'" (Numbers 13:32, 33).

There were four primary tribes with the descendants of the Nephilim in the Promise Land, and Joshua was instructed to wipe them out. However, it took time before most—but not all—of the giant tribes were removed from the land. Later, Joshua was able to record that the greatest giant of the Anakim tribe—a man named Arba—was defeated and the land had rest. (Joshua 14:15, NIV).

GOLIATH AND HIS BROTHERS

A thousand years after the patriarchs lived, the Bible records that giants were still around. Of course, the most famous giant in the Bible was Goliath, whose height was six cubits and a span. Depending on the length of a cubit (17 ½ - 20 ½ inches), Goliath could have been anywhere from 9 ½ - 13 feet tall. Goliath was a descendant of the race of giants that traced back from the Repha'im, a vestige of the Nephilim. Later in 2 Samuel, chapter 21, we read about Goliath and his four brothers.

> "Ishbi-benob was a descendant of the Rapha.[5] His bronze spearhead weighed more than seven pounds, and he was armed with a new sword. He had cornered David and was about to kill him. But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David's rescue and killed the Philistine. Then David's men declared, 'You are not going out to battle with us again! Why risk snuffing out the light of Israel?' After this, there was another battle against the Philistines at Gob. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed Saph, another descendant of the Rapha. During another battle at

> Gob, Elhanan son of Jair from Bethlehem killed the brother of Goliath of Gath. The handle of his spear was as thick as a weaver's beam! In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants. But when he defied and taunted Israel, he was killed by Jonathan, the son of David's brother Shimea. These four Philistines were descendants of the Rapha of Gath, but David and his warriors killed them" (2 Samuel 21:16-22, NLT).
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> This story is also told in 1 Chronicles 20:4-21:1.

A TWELVE FINGERED GIANT

In the above passages of Scripture, we read of a giant who had six fingers on each hand. There are many legends among North American Indians of giants and even giants with six fingers. One legend relates that the Indians, when greeting a stranger, would hold up their hand for the purpose of checking out the number of fingers the stranger had. Those with six fingers were considered to be associated with "mythological creatures" of the past and were considered dangerous.[6]

SAMSON'S STUNNING SAGA

The life of Samson is one of the amazing sagas in the Bible that counters the arguments of those who would discount the Bible accounts of ancient heroes as being nothing more than mythological folklore. Although there is no mention of Samson being a giant, he did in fact have some of the same physical traits as giants when it comes to his strength. The Bible reveals that it was God Who gave Samson his strength.

In the Book of Judges, we read the incredible account of his life. Samson displayed superhuman feats of physical strength unparalleled in the life of any other biblical character. His story began with an amazing introduction. An angel appeared to his mother and announced Samson's birth and mission.

> "For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite [dedicated] to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of

the Philistines" (Judges 13:5).

Then the angel ascended up the flames of a sacrifice being offered and disappears. Next, we read about Samson's extraordinary exploits.

> "But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron" (Judges 16:3).

Samson tore out a giant set of city gates and posts that were sunk into the ground, along with the cross beam that held them together. The two gates would have been enormously heavy, since they would have had nail studs and were covered with metal to prevent them from being burned during an attack. Their weight could be compared to the weight of a car. Samson lifted the city gates onto his shoulders and carried them some distance.

In another episode, Samson killed 1,000 men with a jaw bone, after he had killed a lion. Samson was a remarkable man, but he was a flawed man. His character was weak and deficient. After being captured by his enemies and losing his eyes, he humbled himself and asked God to give him one more opportunity to destroy his enemy with his physical strength. His final exploit was bringing the Philistines' public house down, killing 3,000 people on the roof of the temple (not to mention those killed underneath the roof) where Samson's enemies were worshiping their heathen gods, while celebrating his capture.

Is this story fiction? If so, then where does one start in believing all the supernatural accounts in the Bible? Obviously, the story of Samson parallels many of the legends of ancient mythology, which suggests that such historical records may have a core of truth. This would mean that there is much more to learn about the ancients and their stories of the giants and heroes of antiquity.

Chapter 2

SUPERSIZED GIANTS

HOW BIG?

In Numbers 13:28-33, we read where Caleb says, “We can take them even though we are the size of grasshoppers compared to them.” When the Israelites left Egypt they encountered many giants, including the Repha’im, Horim, Avim and Anakim. The Repha’im, Horim, Avim occupied the hill country of northern Canaan, while the Anakim dominated the South. The spies, therefore, were extremely frightened of these giants everywhere they went.

It’s interesting that Moses makes mention only of the Anakim giants—apparently because they struck more terror in their hearts than all the rest. The Anakim must have been more ferocious and daring, and they set the standard by which all the other giants were measured. Moses noted their superiority when he wrote in his book this famous proverbial saying: “Who can stand against the sons of Anak?” (Deuteronomy 9:2).

Even though the Israelites had just witnessed the Red Sea opening for them, and they had seen all the miracles associated with their deliverance from Egypt in the Exodus, as well as witnessing the awesome power of God at Mount Sinai, it is easy to understand why the spies were so afraid when they saw the Anakim. The spies were not exaggerating. All of the terminology used in Numbers 13, clearly reveals that the Israelites encountered fierce giants of enormous size.

> “Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them, though they were tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks. I destroyed their fruit above and their roots below.” (Amos 2:9, NIV).

Giants are generally portrayed as being somewhere between 10 and 15 feet. However, cedars and oaks are considerably taller than 10 to 15 feet. The Cedars in Lebanon grow over 100 feet tall. Could it be that Giants exceeded 20 and even 30 feet in the past? Furthermore, they were not just tall; they were also as strong

as an Oak tree. Remember Samson? We don't know if he was tall, but we do know he was amazingly strong.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS

In order to feed giants, one must consider the enormous appetites they would have had. According to one dietician, for such a giant to enjoy a comfortable diet he would need to consume over 12,000 calories per day if he did not engage in any significant labor. Yet, we know that King Og was a warrior, which means he needed about 20 large pizzas or 100 Big Macs to call it three square meals a day. Think of the difficulties when there was a famine in the land. Perhaps that is what is meant when the spies said, "the land devours itself" (Numbers 14:32). In other words, the giants were eating everything in sight. Understanding this matter of size helps us to understand Scripture when we read,

> "They gave Moses this account: 'We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.' … '… All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them'" (Numbers 13:27, 28, 32, 33, NIV).

The same idiom "grasshoppers" is actually used in Isaiah 40:22 to describe how much bigger God is than man. In Judges 7:12, a similar image is used—locust—to describe both size and number referring to a vast multitude of giant Amalekites.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GIANTS?

The purpose of the Flood was to cleanse the Earth of its moral and spiritual contamination. After the Flood, God began a cleansing campaign in destroying the post-Flood giants. This cleansing campaign included "voluntarily drafting" man to be part of God's army. We read in Leviticus 20:7, 8—God wanted Israel to be an elite group of people—an army that was disciplined and holy. Any elite group, whether athletes, musicians or soldiers, must separate themselves and

even isolate themselves to become elite.

God gave Israel a unique ethical and moral system that would set them apart. They would be different from the rest of humanity. They were chosen and separated unto God for bringing about God's plan of redemption for unredeemed man. This separation helped to preserve Israel through the ages from being absorbed and assimilated into the nations that had captured them and enslaved them. This "voluntary draft" provided man the opportunity to learn to trust God. God would encourage His children to step out of their comfort zones and trust God to "walk on water."

As a result of God's cleanup squad, the war against the giants led to a gradual removal of their presence from the land. Eventually, giants were scattered to the four corners of the world and have become campfire stories with occasional reports of sightings throughout history. The Bible, in Joshua 11:22, reveals that the giants were removed from the land, except in some isolated areas such as Gaza and Gath, which continued to pose a threat to the Israelites until several hundred years later when God raised up a shepherd boy, who had the faith to slay lions, bears and giants. His name was David, and he became the King of Israel.

CONCLUSION

The giants mentioned in the Scripture, including Repha'im, Emim, Anakim, Zuzim and the Nephilim[7] may have been a remnant of a once expansive, human giant race, beginning before the great Flood of Noah's day, but also reappearing after the Flood. Anthropologists have found evidence of giants existing in the far distant past from various civilizations. These giants lived, but have since died out. As we shall see in the following chapters, testimonies about these giants exist all around the world. We find the Lord continuing to command Israel to destroy these giants from the time when Joshua and the Israelites entered the Promise Land. Interestingly, the Bible gives warning that giants will appear at the end of the age.

QUICK OVERVIEW

Besides Genesis 6:4, a list of references in the Bible that describe giant men and even whole tribes or nations of giants include:

1. Deuteronomy 2:10, 11, 20, 21— “This giant tribe Jehovah had destroyed before the Ammonites.”
2. Deuteronomy 3:11— “For only Og, king of Bashan, remained of the remnant of the giants”
3. Joshua 11:21, 22— “During this period, Joshua routed all of the giants ...”
4. Joshua 13:3, 12— “... Remnant of the giants ...”
5. Joshua 15:8— “... Valley of the giants ...”
6. Joshua 17:15— “... The land of the Perizzites and of the giants, ...”
7. 1 Samuel 17:4-7— “Then Goliath, ... He was a giant of a man measuring over nine feet tall ...”

Samuel 21:18-22— “... A giant with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot defied Israel ... These four were from the tribe of giants ...”

INTERESTING QUOTE

ı an ancient Jewish text, we read an astonishing description of giants whom the elites conquered. The text tells us of a leading Rabbi, Johanan ben Zakkai, who d during the first half-century following the destruction of the Temple, and his ɔunter with the Roman Emperor, Hadrian. This event occurred in about A.D. , soon after the Roman victory in the Bar Kochba war, when the Jews rebelled inst the Romans. The text reads:

> “The wicked emperor Hadrian, who conquered Jerusalem, boasted, ‘I have conquered Jerusalem with great power.’ Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai said to him, ‘Do not boast. Had it not been the will of Heaven, you would not have conquered it.’ Rabbi Johanan then took Hadrian into a cave and showed him the bodies of Amorites who were buried there. One of them measured eighteen cubits [approximately 30 feet] in height. He said, ‘When we were deserving, such men were defeated by us, but now, because of our sins, you have defeated us.’” [8]

this nonsense—30 feet tall? The bones of these men were still in existence ng the time of Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century. The following ement is from Josephus.

AVIUS JOSEPHUS

osephus, who was born in Jerusalem and recorded Jewish history with a special phasis on the first century AD, writes on giants.

"For which reason they removed their camp to Hebron; and when they had taken it, they slew all the inhabitants. There were till then left the race of the giants, who had bodies so large and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, unlike to any credible relations of other men…"[9]

otice there is no sensationalism. Josephus provides a matter of fact account, ch documents the existence of giants of the past. In addition, the Jewish rabbis ıed seven tribes of giants found in the Bible and commented about each.[10]

1. Nephilim = (napal) violent or fallen ones, because they cause the world to fall and fill themselves.
2. Repha'im = (dead) because their sight makes people fearful and melt like wax; example Goliath of Gath and his brothers.
3. Anakim = (sons of Anak) because they wore huge necklaces in great numbers.
4. Zamzummin = because they were great warriors and inspired fear.
5. Emim = because of their great size whoever saw one was seized with terror.
6. Gibborim = because their brains (cranium) were large.
7. Avim = because they destroyed the world and were themselves destroyed.

Now we shall turn our attention to eyewitness reports and what geology has to say about the existence of giants.

Chapter 3

GIANTS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

THE WORLD'S TALLEST MEN

Although it is rare today, giant men in excess of eight feet live in our present world. It is becoming a common sight to see professional basketball players who stand well over 7 feet tall. Occasionally, a person will grow to be over 8 feet tall. Although these present day "giants" may be a result of "genetic miscues" it is true that because of the high standard of living, medical advancements and vitamin enriched diets, the size, strength and height of mankind is rising each decade.

Radhouane Charbib, born in Tunisia, October 27, 1968, was recognized by the *Guinness Book of Records* as the tallest living man at 7 feet 8.9 inches. Then, on January 15, 2005, Bao Xishun of China was measured as being nearly an inch taller. Even today, Allum Tena of Pakistan is one of the world's tallest men, and stands at 8 feet 3 inches. His shoes are nearly two feet in length. Here, we may have a glimpse of the pre-Flood conditions, which were conducive to grow stronger, healthier, and larger creatures, including mankind. Also living today in the Ukraine is Leonid Stadnik, 8 feet 7 inches tall. He is still growing. Robert Pershing Wadlow was born, educated and buried in Alton, Illinois. His height of 8 feet 11 inches qualifies him as one of the tallest people in modern history, as is recorded in the *Guinness Book of Records*. At the time of his death, he weighed 490 pounds and wore a size 37 shoe.[11]

Taking a look into the past, we learn from the historian Herodian, who wrote *Roman History,* that the Roman Emperor Maximinus was 8 feet 6 inches tall.[12] Herodian, a contemporary of Maximinus, mentions him as a man of greater size, noting that: "He was in any case a man of such frightening appearance and colossal size that there is no obvious comparison to be drawn with any of the best-trained Greek athletes or warrior elite of the barbarians."

Besides the Scriptures and modern-day examples there are many additional records of individuals whose height were in excess of eight feet. Of course,

many of these reports have been classified by evolutionary historians and humanistic educators as myths and legends because they do not fit into the evolutionary worldview.

It is obvious that the legends of old cannot be relied upon to be totally true and accurate accounts of history. However, there are reoccurring themes in many legends of giants that suggest there may be a core of truth. These reappearing themes have been interwoven with inaccurate and exaggerated additions over the centuries. This is true with the flood legends compiled from around the world. Although there are over 250 flood legends that have been collected from around the world, only the Flood account in Genesis is a trustworthy record. Yet, the fact is that a multitude of civilizations testify of the flood, however altered that story has become—that the Bible clearly proclaims happened. And multitudes of civilizations testify that there were once giants in their land.

WHAT DOES GEOLOGY SAY?

We read in Job, “Look to the rocks, they will teach you” (Job 12:8). The testimony of the rocks also reveals that men grew to be very large at one time. Many human footprints have been uncovered in river beds; footprints that are very large, the largest being 25 inches long. Proportionately, this would place the maker of the print at about 10 feet tall.

Scientific discovery confirms biblical revelation at this point. There were giants in the past. Near the heart of Texas, on the Paluxy riverbed, outside of the small town of Glen Rose, Texas, discoveries are constantly being made. Tourists visit the state park by the thousands every year to see the footprints of more than a dozen different types of dinosaurs that are embedded in the cretaceous limestone banks of the river. The finds include dinosaur footprints along with the footprints of humans. Not just one or two footprints, but dozens and dozens of human footprints in various locations, some even crossing the paths of dinosaurs. Occasionally, a human print is found inside a dinosaur print. One amazing quality of these human footprints is that some of them are enormous in size. Numerous certified geologists have verified that the large human prints are genuine. For years, reports have come out of Glen Rose about giant human footprints among the dinosaur prints in the Paluxy River. These giant footprints seem to confirm the biblical statement that there were giants in the past.

As a result of these footprints, Glen Rose has become a scientific battlefield. The findings have attracted international attention, making it an arena of scientific debate. The giant foot impressions have been interpreted by many creation scientists without a doubt to be from a man because the forms of the toe section, with a narrow arch, and a rounded heel of the human foot verify they are human.

The human footprints found in the riverbed come in three distinct sizes: 9, 15 and 25 inches. All were under limestone and about four inches of marl clay before becoming exposed through erosion. By evolutionary dating, the limestone rock material is dated at 135 million years old and long before man ever set foot on the Earth. Yet, the statistics keep piling up. Around 50 human-like tracks have been excavated. Thirty human prints of 15 inches each suggest the individual who made them stood at least 8 feet tall and weighed as much as 400 pounds.

EYEWITNESS REPORTS

Charlie Moss, a Glen Rose resident, found the first human tracks in the Paluxy riverbed in 1910. Ernest Adams, an anthropologist, documented the existence of these tracks. Through the years, other footprints have been discovered by other residents of Glen Rose, such as Jim Ryals, Emmit McFall and his son, J. C. McFall, and others. The human tracks were again verified in the 1940s by geologist Clifford Burdick, Ph.D. For years, Dr. Cecil Daugherty led tours so that people could see these human tracks firsthand. In recent years, other scholars have documented the tracks and substantiated their validity—Stan Taylor, Wilbur Fields, Mike Turnage, Fred Beierle, John Morris, Ph.D., Carl E. Baugh, Ph.D.,[13] and Clifford A. Wilson, Ph.D. These people have impeccable credentials, and all have confirmed the validity that the footprints are human.

The soft limestone banks of the Paluxy River have been eroding, leaving footprints exposed in the stone. As time goes by, even the footprints erode and disappear. However, more prints keep appearing as the river continually cuts and erodes the rock. To accelerate the discovery of prints, creation scientists have been leading expeditions by utilizing teams of students and hydraulic equipment to remove the rock to expose footprints of dinosaurs, other animals and humans.

ARE THE IMPRESSIONS GENUINE?

Some of the human footprints found on the Paluxy River have been excavated and sliced into segments to examine the surface below the print to determine if the print is a forgery. There are a number of points of interest that verify the genuineness of the human prints:

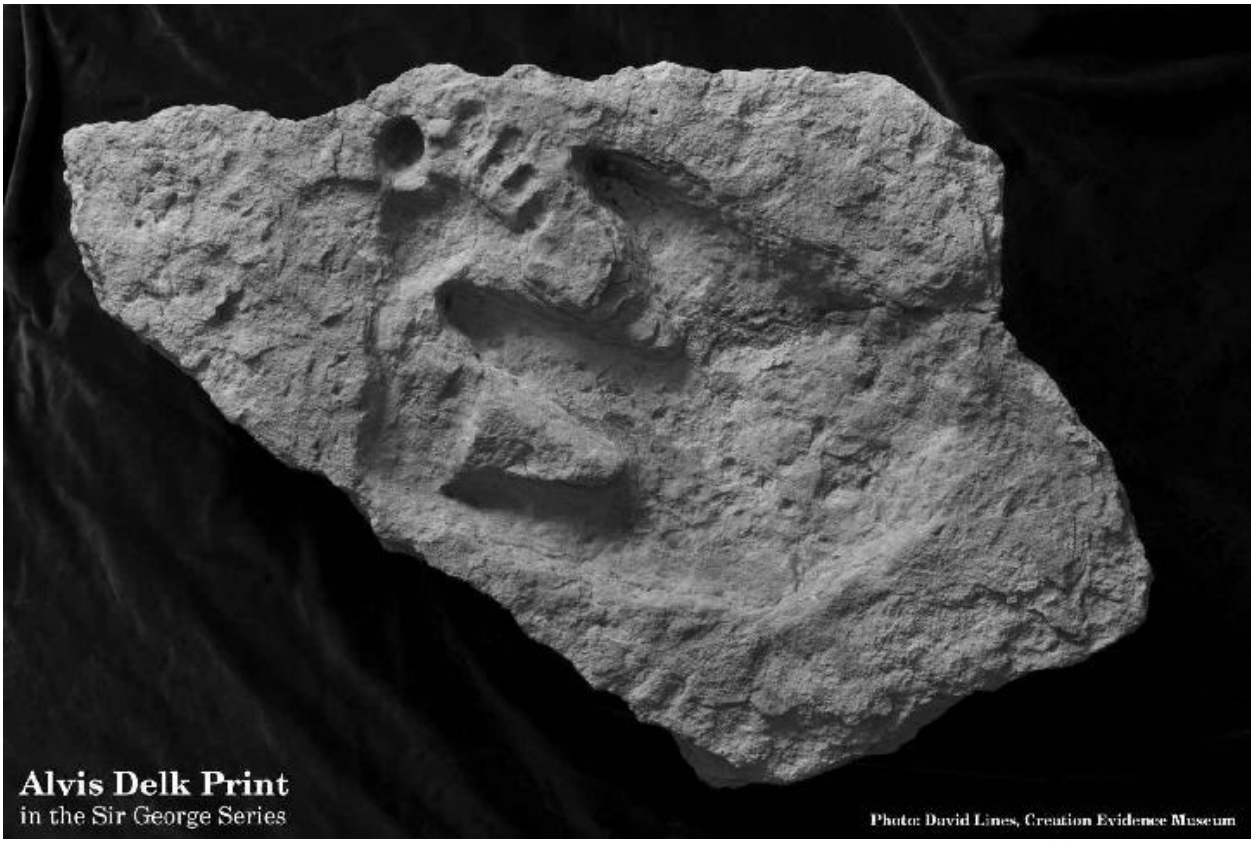
1. The impressions are normally exposed only by bulldozers or soil erosion.
2. They are widely distributed in various locations.
3. The rock particles found underneath the impressions are more compressed than the particles surrounding the prints, meaning they have not been carved by a forger.
4. The pushed up mud around the print proves the footprints are genuine.
5. The sequence of prints, one footprint after the other, denotes they are authentic.
6. The constant stride of a left—right, left—right pattern shows they are real.
7. The sizes of the prints, as well as the stride distance, are constant.

The barefoot human imprint is not like the imprint of any other creature. That it is human can be seen in the ball of the foot, the heel, the arch, the big toe, the toe line, and the toe depressions and ridges.

ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT

Over the years, evolutionists have tried to dismiss these human footprints as mere carvings or erosion markings. However, carved footprints are distinctly different in a number of ways, one being the characteristic of the step. Expeditions that were directed by creation scientists have offered evolutionary scientists, as well as reporters and other witnesses, the opportunity to watch as fossil tracks are uncovered. When several tons of limestone must be removed by a bulldozer and hydraulic jack to uncover prints, no one argues they were forged. A podiatrist (foot specialist) has confirmed the footprints to be correct

anatomically in every respect to human feet.



Human footprint within a dinosaur footprint, July, 2000, Glen Rose, Texas.[14]

I WAS A PERSONAL WITNESS

During the early 1980s, I had the privilege of witnessing several of the digs alongside the Paluxy River. I have personally seen numerous dinosaur and human footprints uncovered, just inches away from each other. On a couple of occasions, the press was on location with their cameras filming as teams physically removed a 12-inch layer of limestone. Weathered tracks led up to the edge, and it was believed they would continue under the limestone ledge, and they did. In 1982, both the press and many evolutionary scientists were invited to a dig. The press came in numbers, and their reports were somewhat favorable to the creation scientists' conclusions. In fact, the headlines of the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* read,"Tracks Step on Evolution."[15]

But the invited evolutionary scientists did not show up! In fact, they did not come until many months later; however, by that time, the human tracks had been considerably enlarged because of their exposure to the atmosphere and to the

eroding effects of the rain, wind and weather. Limestone begins a crumbling process as soon as it becomes exposed to the air, and it will dissolve when it comes in contact with rainwater. The limestone these tracks are preserved in is very porous, and therefore, erodes quickly. Since it takes only about a week of exposure before a freshly excavated track (human or dinosaur) begins to weather in the soft limestone tracks, which have been weathering for several years, are essentially worthless.

Arriving so long after the tracks were uncovered, the evolutionists didn't have much to inspect at this site, and thus, were, as expected, quite skeptical. Evolutionary paleontologists do not challenge the dinosaur prints, but they do challenge the human prints. They insist dinosaurs and humans could not have walked together, let alone giant individuals. The fact is that those imprints were dug out with the press and many others watching. Casts were made under video supervision; there was no possibility of cheating or faking those human footprints. But when evolutionary scientists are driven by their ideologies, they cannot accept facts—literally on the ground—even before their very eyes.

Chapter 4

FOSSILS AND RECORDS OF GIANTS IN NORTH AMERICA

NORTH AMERICA

Accounts of giants have been collected throughout North America. The North American Indians believed that the first race of human beings were giants. One of the most colorful figures of the American Old West, who lived in the 1800s, was William Frederick, nicknamed “Buffalo Bill” Cody.

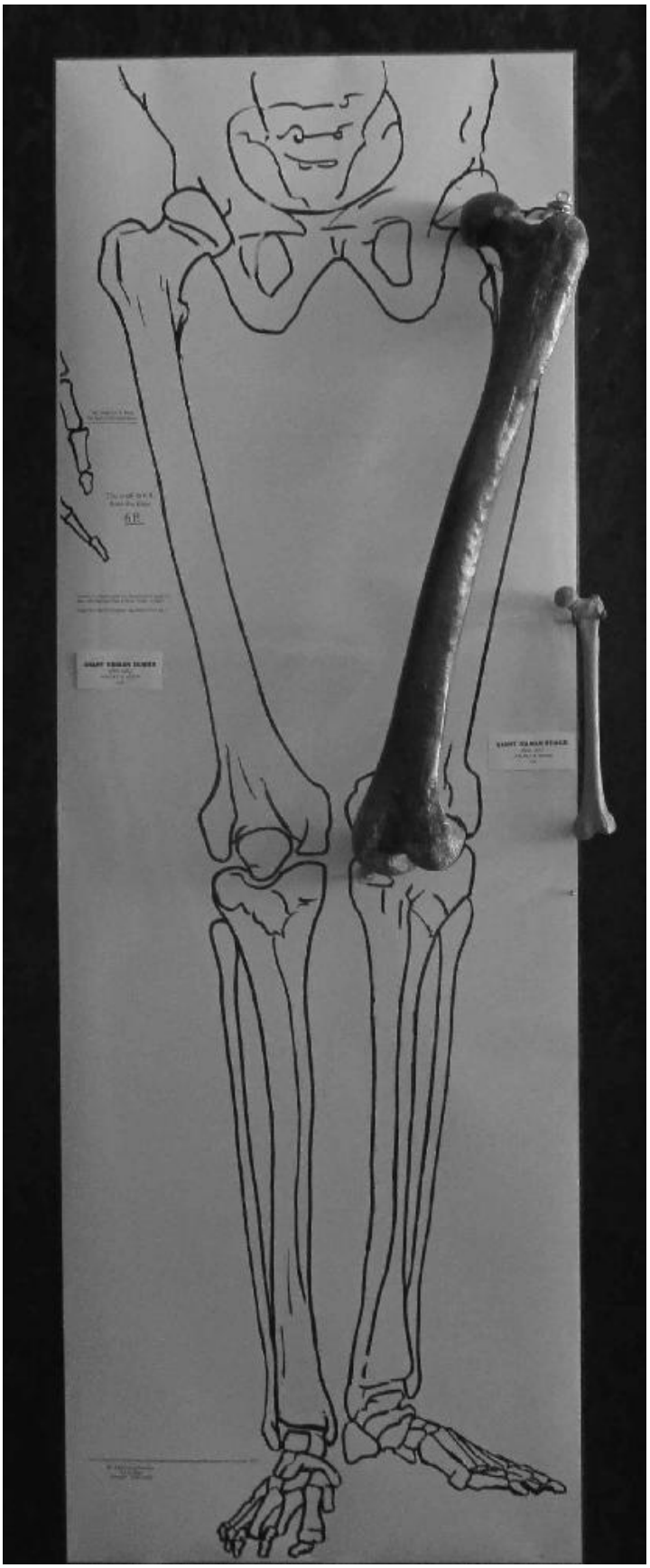
In his autobiography, Cody writes that while camping on the South Platte in the American Midwest, a Pawnee Native American came into the camp with what the army surgeon pronounced to be a giant thighbone of a human being. When Cody asked where such a bone might have come from the Native American replied that long ago a race of giants had lived in the area. This race of men had been three times larger than normal men.

Cody also recorded the Native American’s traditions about the Flood. Cody writes,

> “These giants denied the existence of a Great Spirit, so he caused a great rain storm to come, and the water kept rising higher and higher so that it drove these proud, and conceited giants from the low ground to the hills, and thence to the mountains, but at last even the mountain tops were submerged and then those mammoth men were all drowned. After the flood had subsided, the Great Spirit came to the conclusion that he had made man too large and powerful, and that he would therefore, correct the mistake by creating a race of men of smaller size and less strength. This is the reason, say the Indians, that modern men are small and not like the giants of old, and they claim that this story is a matter of Indian history, which has been handed down among them from time immemorial.”[16]

What an amazing parallel to the biblical account of the Flood. The bones of the giant were said to be in the possession of Buffalo Bill, who gave them to a

museum, but since that time, have been lost or hidden, even though there are written testimonies of many who claimed to have seen them. Although this tradition is not to be accepted as absolute truth, it does, in fact, have similarities in part to the account of the Flood of Noah's day. To give an indication of the size of the leg bone, there is a similar one in the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in West Texas, which displays a 47-inch thighbone of a human femur from a giant skeleton. Curator Joe Taylor, who runs the museum and is an expert on the subject, says the fellow would have been about 16 feet tall. The museum is located in Crosbyton, Texas.



47-inch human thighbone at the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in West Texas.[17]

THE UNITED STATES

Across North America there have been numerous reports of the remains of giants who have been documented in newspapers and journals. Although the reports are still circulating, much of the evidence of each report has been lost over time. Nevertheless, the reports are still available and a portion of them are included in this chapter and the one following.

PENNSYLVANIA: The *American Antiquarian* (Antiquarian—one who studies antiquities) reports on a Smithsonian Institution discovery near Gastersville, Pennsylvania, where a large, well-preserved skeleton measuring 7 feet 2 inches was found.[18]

WISCONSIN: An article entitled “Race of Giants Lived Here—Skeletons of Mammoth Human Race unEarthed in the County” records the discovery of a big mound containing hundreds of giant skeletons near the outlet of Lake Noquebay, in NE Wisconsin. The article states, “One skull was about three times the size of the ordinary human and other bones were correspondingly big.”[19]

INDIANA: Two giant human skeletons were discovered in the Stone Burial Mound near Brewersville, Indiana, in 1879. The skeletons were 9 feet 8 inches. At the time of the discovery it was carried in the *Indianapolis News.*[20]

TENNESSEE: Large bones in stone graves in Williamson County and White County, Tennessee, were discovered in the early 1800s. The average stature of these giants was 7 feet in height.[21]

MISSOURI: According to *Scientific American* the *Pioneer* newspaper writes that near the junction of the Hart and Missouri Rivers is a 100-acre cemetery that has human bones of a race of giants.[22]

LOUISIANA: Buried beneath heavy layers of shell, some 30 miles south of the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mr. J. M. Clay found unmistakable evidence of a prehistoric race. Huge bones similar in every respect to a man’s were found

embedded in thick layers of clam shells. As many as a score (20) of skeletons were found intact. Every skeleton was fully nine feet high."[23]

ARIZONA: Near Crittenden, Arizona, workmen excavating for a commercial building came upon a huge stone sarcophagus, which had a mummy more than 12 feet tall, with 6 toes on each foot.[24] Another skeleton, 12 feet tall, was reported in many papers near Tucson, Arizona in 1891. The man had 6 toes, long hair and a bird-shaped headdress.[25]

CALIFORNIA: In 1833, soldiers digging at Lompock Rancho, California, discovered a male skeleton 12 feet tall. The skeleton was surrounded by carved shells, stone axes and other artifacts.[26] The skeleton had double rows of upper and lower teeth. The remains were reburied due to objections by the local Indians.[27]

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) declares that if the remains are said to be the ancestors of Native Americans, it is illegal to possess those bones. Any time Native American remains are found they are given to their Native American descendants for re-burial. NAGPRA makes it a criminal offense to keep or sell Native American human remains or Native American cultural items obtained in violation of the Act or without right of possession. Penalties for a first offense may reach 12 months imprisonment and a $100,000 fine. Taking this into consideration, it seems logical why the remains are not available for viewing today.

REPORTS OF GIANTS

The following list of articles from *The New York Times* present examples of reports of a large number of well-documented discoveries of the remains of giants. Notice that over a period of 100 years, *The Times* reporters wrote credible articles about giants. After 1947, *The Times* virtually ceased to publish articles on the subject. The question of course is where did all the bones go? Apparently, the doctrine of evolutionism was coming of age.

ARTICLES FROM *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

1. Skeleton Of Giant Found (Nov. 21, 1856).
2. Reported Discovery Of A Huge Skeleton (Dec. 25, 1868).
3. The Early American Giant (Feb. 8, 1876)
4. Bones Of Alleged Brooklyn Giants (Feb. 6, 1880).
5. Two Very Tall Skeletons (Aug. 10, 1880).
6. The Bones Of A Giant Found (May 25, 1882).
7. The Graveyard Of The Giants (July 10, 1883).
8. The Carson Footprints (Aug. 15, 1883).
9. Skeletons Seven Feet Long (March 5, 1885).
10. Monster Skulls And Bones (April 5, 1888).
11. Skeletons Of A Former Race (June 30, 1888).
12. Skeleton Of A Big Indian (Aug. 17, 1889).
13. A Race Of Indian Giants (Feb. 9, 1890).
14. Mound Builders' Skeletons Found (April 19, 1891).
15. Mr. Jefferson's Cyclops; A Giant Skeleton Unearthed At Buzzard's Bay (July 5, 1891).
16. The Wisconsin Mounds (Aug. 10, 1891).
17. In The Wisconsin Mounds (Sept. 27, 1891).
18. A Race Of Giants In Old Gaul (Oct. 3, 1892).
19. Giants Of Other Days (March 3, 1894).
20. Relics Of The Aborigines (Aug. 12, 1894).
21. A Tall Skeleton Found Near Phoenix (March 22, 1896).
22. Wisconsin Mound Opened (Dec. 20, 1897).
23. Giant Skeletons Found (Feb. 11, 1902).
24. Unearthing Revolutionary Bones At 181st Street (June 22, 1902).
25. Find Giant Indians' Bones (Sept. 7, 1904).
26. Giant Race In Greenland (Dec. 19, 1904).
27. A New Race Of Giants (Dec. 25, 1904).
28. Giants' Skeletons Found (May 4, 1908).
29. Strange Skeletons Found (May 4, 1912).

30. Found Giants In China (Jan. 27, 1914).
31. Giants' Bones In Mound (July 14, 1916).
32. Not Human Skulls With Horns (July 16, 1916).
33. Unearths Skeleton Of Indian Giant (June 14, 1923).
34. Oldest Skulls Yet Found (Oct. 28, 1923).
35. Find Skeleton Of Giant (March 17, 1924).
36. Mummies Found In Caves (Feb. 7, 1925).
37. Find Florida Giants' Bones (Feb. 15, 1925).
38. Put Man's Age Back Ten Million Years (April 20, 1925).
39. Giants' Bones In Mexico (June 21, 1925).
40. Giants Survive The Age Of Fable (July 12, 1925).
41. Headless Giant Bodies Found In Paris Graves (Aug. 7, 1925).
42. Old Royal Tomb Unearthed In Ohio (Sept. 12, 1925).
43. Unearth The Bones Of Ten-Foot Giants (May 14, 1926).
44. Find Bones In Mounds (Feb. 21, 1927).
45. The Gobi Gives Us A Monster (Sept. 2, 1928).
46. Taking Thought About Stature (April 20, 1929).
47. 'Oldest Human Footprint' Points To Primitive Giants In Africa (Oct 2, 1929).
48. Skeleton Of Giant Early Man Reported Unearthed In Mexico (June 9, 1930).
49. Reports Find Of Bones Of Men 8 Feet Tall (Dec. 2, 1930).
50. Eight Mt. Carmel Skeletons Reach London (Jan. 11, 1933).
51. Indian Burial Mound Yields Many Relics (Aug. 26, 1934).
52. Bones Of Huge Man Reported (Feb. 14, 1936).
53. Chilean Fossil Man Seen (Nov. 16, 1941).
54. Hints 'Giant' Ancestors (July 15, 1946).
55. Giant Bones In Russia (Jan. 29, 1947).

ACTUAL *THE NEW YORK TIMES* ARTICLES:

GIANTS' BONES IN MOUND.

Scientists Unearth Relics of Indians Who Lived 700 Years Ago.

Special to The New York Times.

BINGHAMTON, July 13.—Profesor A. B. Skinner of the American Indian Museum, Professor W. K. Morehead of Phillips Andover Academy, and Dr. George Donohue, Pennsylvania State Historian, who have been conducting researches along the valley of the Susquehanna, have uncovered an Indian mound at Tioga Point, on the upper portion of Queen Esther's Flats, on what is known as the Murray farm, a short distance from Sayre, Penn., which promises rich additions to Indian lore.

In the mound uncovered were found the bones of sixty-eight men which are believed to have been buried 700 years ago. The average height of these men was seven feet, while many were much taller. Further evidence of their gigantic size was found in large celts or axes hewed from stone and buried in the grave. On some of the skulls, two inches above the perfectly formed forehead, were protuberances of bone. Members of the expedition say that it is the first discovery of its kind on record and a valuable contribution to the history of the early races.

The skull and a few bones found in one grave were sent to the American Indian Museum.

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WISCONSIN MOUND OPENED.

Skeleton Found of a Man Over Nine Feet High with an Enormous Skull.

MAPLE CREEK, Wis., Dec. 19.—One of the three recently discovered mounds in this town has been opened. In it was found the skeleton of a man of gigantic size. The bones measured from head to foot over nine feet and were in a fair state of preservation. The skull was as large as a half bushel measure. Some finely tempered rods of copper and other relics were lying near the bones.

The mound from which these relics were taken is ten feet high and thirty feet long, and varies from six to eight feet in width.

The two mounds of lesser size will be excavated soon.

The New York Times
Published: December 20, 1897
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GIANTS' SKELETONS FOUND.

Cave in Mexico Gives Up the Bones of an Ancient Race.

Special to The New York Times.

BOSTON, May 3.—Charles C. Clapp, who has recently returned from Mexico, where he has been in charge of Thomas W. Lawson's mining interests, has called the attention of Prof. Agassiz to a remarkable discovery made by him.

He found in Mexico a cave containing some 200 skeletons of men each above eight feet in height. The cave was evidently the burial place of a race of giants who antedated the Aztecs. Mr. Clapp arranged the bones of one of these skeletons and found the total length to be 8 feet 11 inches. The femur reached up to his thigh, and the molars were big enough to crack a cocoanut. The head measured eighteen inches from front to back.

The New York Times
Published: May 4, 1908
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A Race of Giants in Old Gaul.

From the London Globe.

In the year 1890 some human bones of enormous size, double the ordinary in fact, were found in the tumulus of Castelnau, (Hérault,) and have since been carefully examined by Prof. Kiener, who, while admitting that the bones are those of a very tall race, nevertheless finds them abnormal in dimensions and apparently of morbid growth. They undoubtedly reopen the question of the "giants" of antiquity, but do not furnish sufficient evidence to decide it.

The New York Times
Published: October 3, 1892
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TWO VERY TALL SKELETONS.

From the Harrisburg (Penn) Telegraph.

The following was copied verbatim from a note made in his pocket almanac by the late Judge Atlee: "On the 24th of May, 1798, being at Hanover (York County, Penn.,) in company with Chief-Justice McKean, Judge Bryan, Mr. Burd, and others, on our way to Franklin, and, taking a view of the town, in company with Mr. McAlister, and several other respectable inhabitants, we went to Mr. Neese's tan-yard, where we were shown a place near the currying-house from whence (in digging to sink a tan-vat) some years ago were taken two skeletons of human bodies. They lay close beside each other, and measured about 11 feet 3 inches in length; the bones were entire, but on being taken up and exposed to the air they presently crumbled and fell to pieces. Mr. McAlister and some others mentioned that they and many others had seen them, and Mr. McAlister, who is a tall man, about 6 feet 4 inches high, mentioned that the principal bone of the leg of one of them, being placed by the side of his leg, reached from his ankle a considerable way up his thigh, pointing a small distance below the hip bone."

The New York Times
Published: August 10, 1880
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EVOLUTIONARY DILEMMA

Aside from the legends and traditions of ancient man, there are well-documented reports of giant humans who have been discovered. These documented reports of the remains of giants were constantly reported in

respected newspapers as previously noted such as in *The New York Times*. Unfortunately, it seems the remains of these discoveries have disappeared and *The New York Times* has lost interest in the subject. It is said the subject is not of interest to the public any longer. Rather, should we say, the evolutionary community has lost its interest in the subject?

Perhaps these documents and artifacts have been placed out of the way in back rooms of museums and universities, or simply "lost" because evolutionists do not know exactly what to do with them, especially since they do not fit into the evolutionary family tree of man's upward ascension from knuckle-walking primates to modern man?

According to the theory of evolutionism, man is on an upward climb, both physically and intellectually, and could never have descended from such large ancestors. The truth of the matter is the Bible and the fossil record reveal just the opposite. Man is on an ever-downward descent, both physically and morally. Up to this point, we are not attempting to explain whether giants of the past were good or evil. We are simply attempting to document the existence of giants having lived on Planet Earth in the past.

CONCLUSION

Thousands of reports of the discovery of giants in America, not to speak of the rest of the world, were published. These and other reports about giants that once existed in North America agree with the biblical account of giants who lived in the past. Whether or not all these reports are totally accurate, the fact remains the number of reported accounts provides substantial credibility to the existence of giants in the past.

Chapter 5

GIANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CENTRAL AMERICA

Not only are there reports of giants living in the past in North America, but as we shall see, there are reports of mighty men of giant proportions, which come from around the world. Our first report is from a Spanish Conquistador, Bernal Diaz de Castillo, who witnessed the events, which he relates in his book. The volume covers the discovery and conquest of Mexico and was written in the 16th century AD. Surprisingly, there is an account about a race of giants.

> "Our friends told us how and whence they came into this country, and how they had settled themselves there; how it came that, notwithstanding their vicinity to the Mexicans (Aztecs), they resembled each other so little, and lived in perpetual warfare with each other. The tradition was also handed down from their forefathers, that in ancient times there lived here a race of men and women who were of immense stature with heavy bones, and were a very bad and evil-disposed people, whom they had for the greater part exterminated by continual war, and the few that were left gradually died away. In order to give us a notion of the huge frame of this people, they dragged forth a bone, or rather a thighbone, of one of those giants, which was very strong, and measured the length of a man of good stature. This bone was still intact from the knee to the hip joint. I measured it by my own person, and found it to be of my own length, although I am a man of considerable height. They showed us many similar pieces of bones, but they were all worm-eaten and decayed; we, however, did not doubt for an instant, that giants once inhabited this country.
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> Cortes observed, that we ought to forward these bones to his majesty in Spain by the very first opportunity."[28]

SOUTH AMERICA

Two additional volumes, which provide accounts of giants in South America, are *Nomads and Empire Builders*[29] and the *History of the Inca Empire.*[30] These accounts were written by early explorers and their expeditions, which includes Fernando Magellan, during the early 16th century on the history of South America. These explorers kept daily records of their experiences, which the captain and his crew encountered. They are written in a matter of fact fashion that one would expect from a historian. There is little emotion or sensation, which lends to the credibility of the record. The following excerpts, compiled by Carleton Beals, uphold the accuracy of the Genesis account for the existence of giants in bygone days.

GIANT PEOPLE—BIG FEET

In Charleton Beals' book, *Nomads and Empire Builders,* he states the following:

> "In 1501-1502, Goncalo Coehlo and his crew on this voyage saw giant men at 52 degrees south along the coast of South America, which is presently called Argentina. In 1520, Fernando Magellan sailed along Patagonia and through the Straits of Magellan, and discovered the giant, Big Feet people, the Patagones. At 34 degrees (the Rio Plata), which is where Buenos Aires, Argentina, presently exists, Giants were encountered. Coehlo wrote: 'One of these men, huge as a giant, came to the captain's ship to find out if the others could come. This man had a voice like a bull … These people did more with one step than we could do at a bound ...'"
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> "At 49 degrees south [present-day San Julian] another encounter with giants both men and women took place. The Spaniards went on a hunting party with the giants. The captain named these people Patagons (because of their big feet). One giant was converted and was baptized."[31]

FORMER INHABITANTS OF ARGENTINA

The traditions of the Argentine Indians have vestiges of giants living in the land both inland and by the sea. Where they came from, and how they may have arrived there, is not certain. The first Spanish conquistadors found human bones of such enormous size that it was evident to them that the bones were from

giants. Some of the limbs were four spans (3 feet) in length. During the conquest of Tucuman (located in Northern Argentina) a vault was found, which had over 100 human bodies in it, and all the bones were from giants of unusually large proportions. These vestiges of giants throughout the Americas seem to have died out about the time that the Incas began to reign around 1200 A.D.

PERU: RECENT DISCOVERY—BABY GIANT

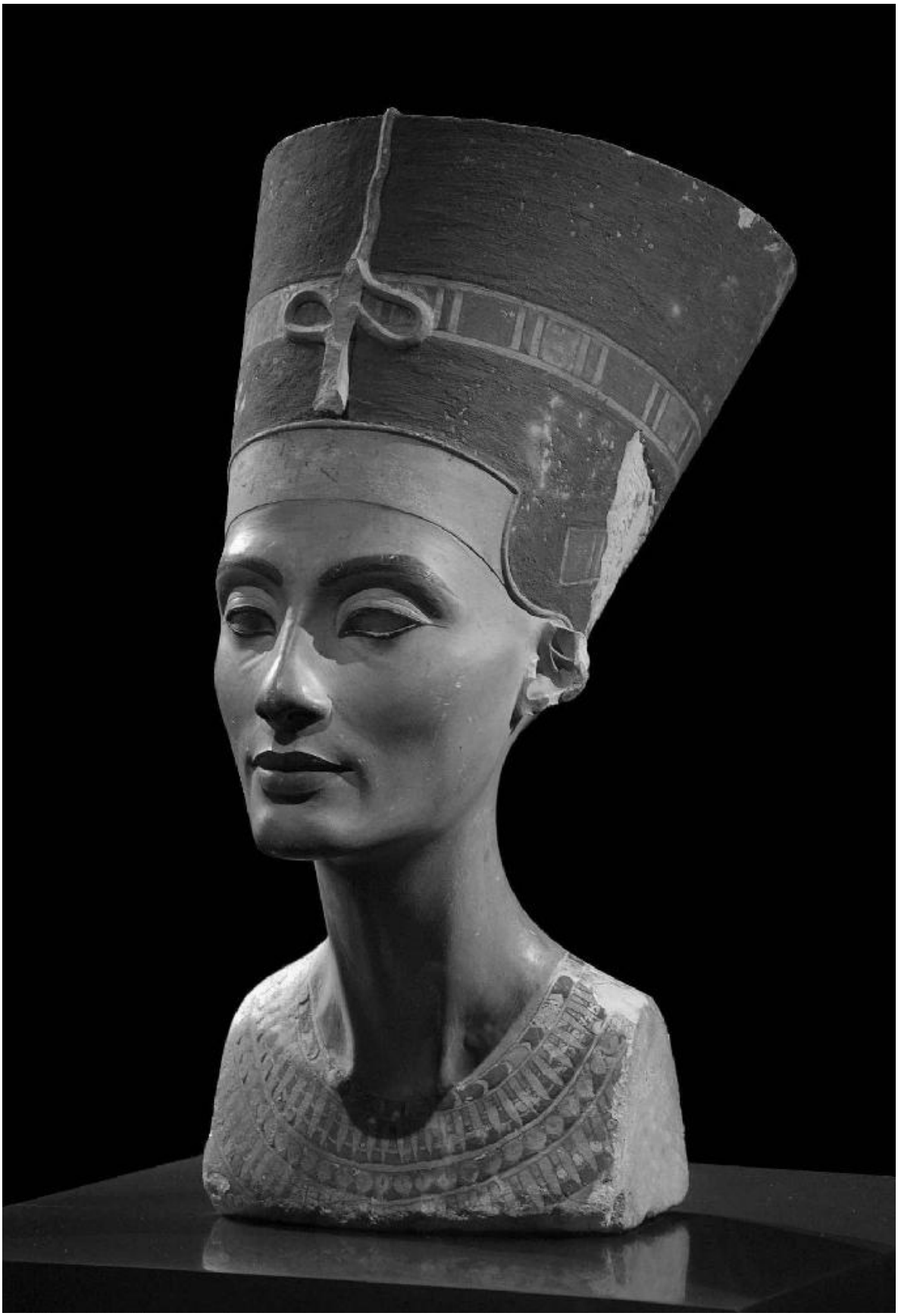
Peruvian researchers are puzzled over a recent discovery of an oddly formed mummy found in the Cuzco region in the heart of the Incan civilization, which apparently does not seem to appear human. The mummy is now displayed in the Ritos Andinos Museum in Andahuaylillas southeast of Lima, Peru. Anthropologist Renata Davila explained some of the strange features of the mummy.

> "It's 20 inches tall, which doesn't coincide with the stereotypes of humans. Its head is triangular and the eye cavities are too big. The lower front part of the jaw has a kind of fin that doesn't exist in any ethnicity in the world. The opening at the top of the head also calls for attention, and it has wisdom teeth and molars that also don't coincide with any human being."[32]

Anthropologist Pablo Bayabar explained, "We are looking at a child under two years old with an enormous head." The mummy does not fit with the version of history that has been taught by humanistic scientists. Some scholars have suggested that the shape of the head is a result of an Indian tradition known as skull binding. However, the skull of the baby does not fit the pattern of this tradition.

THE ENIGMA OF ELONGATED SKULLS

Elongated skulls have been discovered throughout the world. Some of the most impressive reliefs and sculptures have been found in Egypt. The images and sculptures of Nefertiti reveal an unusual cranium.[33]



Queen Nefertiti – a fancy headdress or an elongated skull?[34]

Is Queen Nefertiti wearing a fancy headdress or does she have an elongated skull? The weird-shaped skulls are often depicted in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics both of the parents and their children, whom they are holding on their laps.



Many ancient civilizations had elongated traits.[35]

Not only do Egyptians demonstrate these elongated traits, but so do other cultures from around the world including Peru, China, Siberia, Korea, Iran, Turkey, Iraq, the island of Malta in the Mediterranean, Easter Island in the Pacific, Mexico, Bolivia, and from the ancient civilizations in the past, such as Sumer and Mesopotamia. In fact, in Peru, even now, hundreds of these elongated heads are being dug up and are shown on numerous YouTube clips.

Anthropologists explain that local inhabitants “cradle-boarded” their newborn

children by placing a board on their foreheads and pressing it into the skull by tying a string or rope around the head. These boards might be left on the skull for several years until the skull grew into an elongated deformation.

Historians point out that these countries did not interact with one another in the past, and therefore, these traits were independently developed in cranial deformation.

The question is, why? If they were born with normal heads, then why did they want to bind and reshape the skulls of their offspring?



Elongated skulls in the Regional Museum of Ica, Peru.[36]

Some researchers have conjectured that perhaps they were copying the head-shapes of ancient giants born with their humanoid head-shapes and who tended to be rulers wherever they lived. In other words, even in the tradition of head-boarding, there could be a connection with the Nephilim.

One additional archaeological site of interest is the ruins of Pachacamac, which is located 60 miles southeast of Lima, Peru. Tradition from Inca Indians has it that giants built the large beautiful temples with iron tools. Their tradition claims these giant men had no women in their group and were later consumed in

a fire from Heaven. The mention of “having no women in their group” is interesting because most of the time ancient traditions speak of gigantic men—although there are isolated reports of giant women by the Spanish conquistadors, as we shall see.

BOLIVIA

Two individuals, Don Cieza de Leon and Agustin de Zarate, wrote and published the reports of the Spanish conquistadors on South American giants. Their writings tell about the native traditions of these men, who were so tall that from the knee down they were as big as a man and their eyes were the size of plates.

The Incas of the area called these giants Titicaca, like the Lake named Titicaca, today, which is located high in the mountains between Bolivia and Peru. The ancient city of Tiauanacu in western Bolivia displays huge statues of giants with six fingers and toes to this day. There is a stone-carved door that is dedicated to the Sun, which is the main entrance to a temple and includes a carved image of Viracoca, a white-bearded god, the creator of not only the ancient race of giants, but who is said to have created the whole world.

BRAZIL

William Turner, (1508–1568), was an English physician and a natural historian. In his journals of his travels he mentions that on the coast of Brazil, near the river Polata, he saw a tribe of gigantic naked savages, one of whom he estimated to be 12 feet tall.[37]

CHILE

Raveneau de Lussan, (born 1663 in Paris), was a French buccaneer. Lussan reported making contact with natives of Chile who were of enormous bulk and stature. The natives of the coast of Chile claimed that some of the Indians living inland stood 9 feet high. An account from Captain George Shelvock, on his voyage in 1719 to the Island of Chiloe off the coast of Chile, saw Indians which stood 9-10 feet high.[38]

MAGELLAN

Antonio Francesco Pigafetta, chronicler and historian of Magellan's voyage around the world, recorded the following dialogue in the ship's log:

> "We had been two whole months in this harbor without sighting anyone when one day (quite without warning) we saw on the shore a huge giant, who was naked, and who danced, leaped and sang, all the while throwing sand and dust on his head. Our Captain ordered one of the crew to walk toward him, telling this man also to dance, leap and sing as a sign of friendship. This he did, and led the giant to a place by the shore where the Captain was waiting. And when the giant saw us, he marveled and was afraid, and pointed to the sky, believing we came from heaven. He was so tall that even the largest of us came only to midway between his waist and his shoulder, yet he was well proportioned. He had a large face, painted round with red; his eyes were ringed with yellow and in the middle of his cheeks were painted two hearts. He had hardly any hair on his head, what little he had being painted white ..."[39]

In 1761, P. Joseph Tarrubia wrote in his book, *Gianthologia*, about the utensils that were found in South America. They were of such enormous size that giants could only have used them. Spanish settlers told of having witnessed monstrous men, who ranged in height from 9-10 feet. Tarrubia further related that, "One fourth of the South Americans had a body of soldiers, consisting of about four hundred men, the shortest of whom was not shorter than 9 feet and the tallest about 11 feet."

Twenty years before Magellan came, Amerigo Vespucci and some fellow sailors sighted several giants off the coast of Venezuela. Amerigo, for whom approximately one-third of the world was later named, recounted this experience:

> "Thus sailing along, we came upon an island [Curasao] which was situated fifteen leagues from the mainland. At our arrival, since we saw no people and the island looked favorable to us, we decided to explore it, and eleven of us landed. We discovered a trail and set ourselves to walk on it two leagues and a half inland; we met with a village of twelve houses in which we did not find anyone except seven women. They were of such great stature that there was not one of them who was not taller than every one of

us by a span and a half [about 19 inches]. When they saw us they were very much afraid of us. The chief one of them, who was certainly a discreet woman, by signs hauled us up to a house and made them give us refreshments. When we saw such noble women, we determined to carry off two of them, who were young women, fifteen years of age, and make a present of them to the king. They were creatures whose stature was certainly above that of average men." [40]

"While we were thus plotting, thirty-six men arrived, who entered the house where we were drinking, and they were of such lofty stature that each of them was taller when upon his knees than I was when standing erect. They were of the stature of giants in their great size and in the proportion of their bodies, which corresponded with their height. The story unfolds as follows.

"When the men entered, some of our fellows were so frightened that at the moment they thought they were done for. The warriors had bows and arrows and tremendous oar blades, finished off like swords. When they saw our small stature, they began to converse with us to learn who we were and whence we came. We gave them soft words for the sake of amity and replied to them in sign language that we were men of peace and that we were out to see the world. In fact, we judged it wise to part from them without controversy, and so we went by the same trail by which we had come. They stuck with us all the way to the sea and until we embarked."[41]

CONCLUSION

Beyond all reasonable doubt, it appears that there were giant people who inhabited the Americas in the distant past. Early settlers, who we now call Native Americans, encountered these people, as well as the European explorers. There were conflicts between the giants, early settlers and explorers, and ultimately, the giants were eventually killed off. These reports help to explain the large kings and chiefs written about by early European explorers. These giants may have been what were left of the dying giant tribes.

Besides the credible records kept by ancient historians and interesting professional journals written by early explorers, Greek mythology and other legends of past civilizations are also abounding with accounts of giants who

lived at one time. These accounts have degenerated into legends with all sorts of mythical exaggerations as a result of being passed on from one pagan generation to the next. Although the myths and legends are interwoven with fiction and fantasy, there is likely a core of truth throughout these testimonies, just as there is a core of truth throughout the flood legends about a deluge that once came upon mankind.

These accounts of giants are no doubt indications of a giant race of people who lived throughout many parts of the world, but have in the last few hundred years seemingly disappeared from the face of the Earth.

As one reviewer of scientific books wrote:

> "The worlds of academia and evolutionism have played their part in refuting the reports of giants and have practically succeeded in banishing real giants from the pages of history. Even though professors find the mythical giants incredibly fascinating, these humanistic scholars have ridiculed to death any belief that a race of huge people once existed and terrified the inhabitants of Earth."[42]

Chapter 6

HEROES OF THE ANCIENTS

LEGENDS OF GIANTS

> "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. *They were the heroes of old, men of renown*" (Genesis 6:4, NIV) [emphasis added].

The word for "renown" literally means "men of fame," that is, men who gained a reputation and were renowned for their strength, bravery, ungodliness and evil deeds. Who or what were these mighty men of renown? Could they be the mighty men revealed in the mythologies of the ancients such as Hercules, Achilles, Zeus and the Titans, to name a few?

Giants are embodied in every culture around the world. In the legends of old there are always traditions of mythological creatures. These creatures were partly terrestrial and partly celestial and gave rise to the mythological creatures of the ancient cultures. In other words, they were hybrids.

No doubt, Noah's three sons would have been the source from where the stories originated about the giants and the Nephilim. However, throughout history, imaginary and fictitious additions were added that have provided us with an endless number of legends, all containing an exaggerated aspect of the story.

GREEK MYTHOLOGY

When considering the many legends of the ancients, one learns that the Greeks worshiped many gods, and they believed their gods were superhuman beings. They believed these gods came down to Earth and intermingled with humans, and their offspring became their heroes. How unbelievable are legends that claim the gods in the heavens had sexual relations with the women on Earth?

Where do all the ancient legends of the Greeks, Romans, and others come from that tell of heavenly beings who begot offspring by mating with women? What is very interesting is that this angelic view of sexuality is found among the ancient legends of all of the civilizations throughout the world, including Sumer, Assyria, Egypt, Mayan, Greece, Bolivia and the Sioux Indians. In other words, these ancient civilizations seem to be echoing the Bible.

For example: Around the World

1. The ancient Sumerian records tell of gods descending from the stars and fertilizing their ancestors. Such interbreeding is supposed to have produced the first men on Earth.
2. In the Epic of Gilgamesh, from the Middle East, we learn that "watchers" (angelic beings) came to Planet Earth and produced giants as offspring! ("Watchers" is the same expression used in the book of Enoch, which we will examine in Chapter 17.)
3. An early Persian myth tells of the Earth becoming corrupted by demons that joined themselves with women.[43]
4. In India ancient Sanskrit texts tell of "gods" begetting children with women of Earth, and how these children inherited "supernatural" skills and learning from their "fathers."
5. The Koreans believe that a heavenly king, Hwanin, sent his son, Hwanung, to Earth; he married a woman of the Earth and gave birth to a son, whose name was Tangun Wanggom.
6. In the Far East, the Japanese believe that their Emperor descended from the sun god.
7. South Sea islanders trace their ancestry back to a god from Heaven who they claim visited them in an enormous "egg."
8. The native inhabitants of Malekula, in the New Hebrides Islands, (between Fiji and Australia), believe that the first men were direct descendants of the sons of Heaven.
9. The South American Incas believed they were the "sons of the Sun."

Although these ancient beliefs have been corrupted and distorted over time, most likely, their origins were not inventions of the human imagination—even though students are taught this today by humanistic professors in secular universities. Evidently, mythology is rooted in something that happened in the past and after many centuries has been clouded in mystery. However, Genesis tells us exactly what happened.

THE BIBLE FILLS IN THE CRACKS

The Bible fills in the cracks with the rest of the story. Let us review these Scriptures once more:

> "When men began to increase in number on the Earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the Lord said, 'My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years.' The Nephilim were on the Earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old (Hebrew—HaGiborim), men of renown" (Genesis 6:1-4).

One must not confuse the rebellious angels with the Nephilim. The rebellious angels were the parents. They represent the sons of God. The Nephilim were the offspring.

THE MEANING OF NEPHILIM

The term Nephilim occurs only twice in the Bible. First, in Genesis, chapter 6, which occurred before the Flood, and second, in Numbers, chapter 13, which occurred after the Flood. Nephilim in the Hebrew means "the fallen ones" supernatural beings. In Hebrew: nphil, from naphal, denotes a bully or tyrant—giant. *Nephal* means "to fall, be cast down, to fall away, defected and abandoned."

The Hebrew word, *HaGiborim*, in the text means "heroes," or "men of renown," or "the mighty ones," and is used hundreds of times in a positive sense. For instance, it is the same word that describes all of King David's army of mighty men. In fact, this is the word used today in Modern Hebrew for "hero."

Obviously, the word can refer either to good or evil people, as the emphasis is on one's physical strength.[44]

WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?

In the above passage, the offspring appear to have all been males. They became the mighty men, not the mighty women, in the Bible. Why isn't there mention of "women of renown?" Each human gamete (the cell that begins creating or assembling a person or creature) has 23 pairs of chromosomes (a part of a cell that contains the genes which control how a person grows and what they become): the male has both "Y" (shorter) and "X" (longer) chromosomes; the female, only "X" chromosomes. The sex of a fertilized egg is determined by the sperm fertilizing the egg: "XY" for a male child; "XX" for a female. Thus, the male supplies the sex-determining chromosome. Could the fallen angels have had only the "Y" chromosome or something similar to determine their offspring?

To make things even more perplexing, some of the South American explorers reported that they did see women giants, and in mythology, we learn that many of the gods were female hybrids. It is of course possible that the first generation of descendants from the fallen angels were only male. Nothing in the Bible disallows that girls could be born to the Nephilim line in future generations. Nevertheless, the Bible itself speaks only of male giants. There is one Scripture that seems to refer to wicked female angels. We shall consider that possible exception later in chapter 15.

When this word "Nephilim" is translated into the Greek it is "giganteus," which is translated in our English Bibles as giants. The word *giganteus* comes from the Greek "gigas" and means Earthborn. The Septuagint Greek translation of the Old Testament renders the Hebrew term "Nephilim" as "gigantes." In Greek mythology, the gigantes were the sons of Gaia, a savage race of giants, who were eventually defeated by the Olympian gods.

THE TITANS AND THE CLASH OF THE OLYMPIAN GODS

Greek mythology conveys that the gods came down and seduced women and their offspring were partly celestial and partly terrestrial. Zeus had a whole list of gals he seduced, and their offspring were giants, and this is who the Bible calls the Nephilim. For example, Hercules and Atlas were Nephilim. They had parents

who were part human and part of a god.



Greek gods/deities at the national university of Athens, Greece.

A very interesting case in point of these “mythological” giants is described in the legend of the Titans. The Titans were a family of giant gods who were the offspring of Uranus (the god of heaven) and Gaea (the god of Earth). They were a race of powerful deities that ruled during the times of Greek mythology and legend. They were supposedly immortal, huge beings of incredible strength. Zeus was the offspring of the Titans.

The most famous of the Titans was Cronus, who killed his father. Cronus later led the Titans in their losing war against Zeus and the Olympian gods. After their defeat, the Titans were imprisoned in a section of the underworld called Tartarus, also known as “The Abyss.”

In his second epistle, the Apostle Peter uses terminology to explain the fate of the condemned fallen angels that parallels terminology used in the above Greek legend. Peter states that for their sins, these angels had been confined to a place called Tartarus.

> “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, [Tartarus] putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment” (2 Peter 2:4).

THE “UNSINKABLE” TITANIC—WHERE DOES SHE LAY?

There is an interesting parallel between the invincible Titan gods and the infamous ship, the “unsinkable” Titanic. The name Titan is not advantageous to one’s welfare. In 1898, an author, Morgan Robertson, wrote a novel entitled *Futility, The Wreck of the Titan*. The book consisted of greed, pride and stupidity, and described the maiden voyage of a transatlantic luxury liner named the Titan. Although the ship boasted of being unsinkable, it strikes an iceberg and sinks with much loss of life. Amazingly, some 14 years later in 1912, the Titanic, a transatlantic luxury liner that also boasted as being unsinkable, strikes an iceberg and sinks with great loss of life on her maiden voyage.



Postcard depicting the ill-fated Titanic.

The name Titan was actually well-known by the people of antiquity to be Satan who was the spirit of wickedness and the originator of moral evil. According to the early Greek writers, Homer and Hesiod, Titan and his brethren are the exact counterpart of the Scriptural account of Satan and his angels. Homer says, “all the gods of Tartarus,” or Hell, “were called Titans.” Hesiod explains that the Titans were “gods of hell.” The chief of the Titans committed an act of wickedness against his father, the supreme god of heaven. With the support of many others of the “sons of heaven,” that father “called them all by a convicting and dooming name, Titans.” A curse was pronounced on them, and then, in consequence of that curse, they were “cast down to hell,” and “bound in chains of darkness” in the abyss.

The Bible speaks about war in heaven when Satan is cast out (Revelation 12:7). We also read in the book of Jude (1:6) that the Angels who abandoned their proper positions of authority were confined to chains of darkness until the final judgment. In 2 Peter 2:4 we observe that the place of darkness is *Tartarus*

in the Greek and translated Hell in English.

While this is an early account of the origins for the Titans among the Greeks, we find that, in the Chaldean tradition, Titan is a derivative of the Chaldean word *Shitan*, which comes from the Hebrew word *Satan*, the evil Serpent or Dragon, who was regarded as the author of all wickedness. It seems evident that the origin of the Titans is identical with the Dragon, or Satan and the fallen angels.

It was said that not even God could sink the Titanic. God is not in the business of sinking ships, but Satan is. It seems Satan couldn't pass up this challenge! The Titanic sank into Satan's domain, the abyss or the *Tartarus* of the underworld.

Unfortunately, the tragedy of the Titanic was not the iceberg. The tragedy was the lack of sufficient lifeboats, which was something that should have been anticipated. Not being prepared is inexcusable. The same must be said of Christians who are so wrapped up in the world that they fail to see what is coming on the horizon, particularly regarding Satan's final push of deception. As Jesus reminded the disciples, so He reminds us, "Watch out that no man deceive you." Christ has "life preservers" for the coming judgment on Planet Earth. Do you have one? They can be found at the foot of the Cross.

Unfortunately, a similar disaster, which occurred in Noah's day, involved the people who heard Noah's warnings, but failed to take heed. As a result they perished in the catastrophic Flood.

An interesting insight to Genesis 6:4 is the following translation:

> "The Titans were on the Earth in those days and also later. The sons of God had come to the daughters of man and had fathered them. [The titans] were the mightiest ones who ever existed, men of renown."

Other similarities:	Titan (fiction)	Titanic (non-fiction)
Month of the wreck	April	April
Passengers and crew	3,000	2,207
Lifeboats	24	20
Tonnage	75,000	66,000
Length	800 ft	882.5 ft.
Propellers	3	3
Speed at impact	25 knots	25 knots

Chapter 7

MEGALITHIC MONUMENTS

MYSTERIES OF THE PAST

A related subject that is associated with our study of giants is the megalithic structures, which are found throughout the world. Megalith literally means “giant stone.” In the ancient cultures of the past, there are hundreds of sites with megalithic stone circles, walls and structures that date back several thousand years. The stonework is so massive and precise that even with the use of sophisticated modern technology, it is difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate. Some of these megalithic monuments are the technological equivalents of our Apollo Space Program. The methods suggested by conventional archeology for manipulating the gigantic blocks of stone for the megalithic architecture is truly a fascinating collection of entertaining opinions. Was early man primitive or brilliant? Were they Neolithic Stone Age cavemen, who used primitive tools or did they have knowledge from other sources? What is the evidence for ancient intelligence? Let’s take a look and visit the past. First up are the great Pyramids of Egypt, which are one of the most amazing enigmas of the past.

PYRAMID PUZZLE

The Great Pyramids of Egypt are truly a marvel of science. One of the fascinating mysteries concerning the pyramids is the never-ending debate among archaeologists as to who and how the pyramids were constructed. No one is sure. There have been all sorts of conjectures as to how these ancient wonders of the world were constructed.

The educational and scientific communities have taught that they were built by droves of slaves who were illiterate; yet, they were able to accomplish this massive task by using primitive tools, ramps, chisels and hammers.

However, what is certain is that the people who built these structures did so with advanced knowledge about how to construct them with the knowledge of precision—laying a foundation, cutting and laying the blocks, as well as lifting

and setting them with precise alignment to the Sun, Moon and stars.



As of 2008, 138 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt.

The stones are even accurately aligned with the points of a compass. Yet, the experts claim they do not understand how the pyramids could have been built without using laser technology because of their accuracy. There is only two-hundredths of an inch spacing between the 100-ton stones. How could the ancients have constructed such impressive structures?

FOUNDATIONS

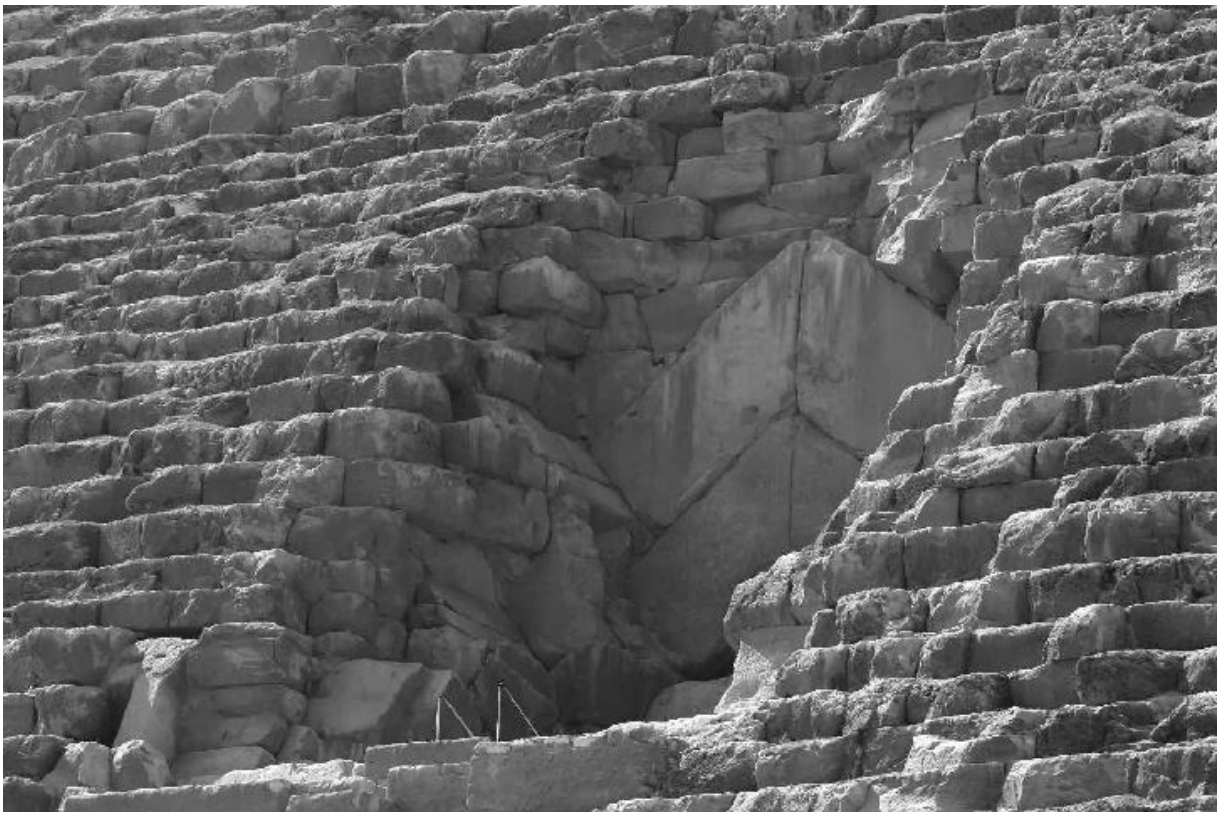
Without having an understanding of modern geology, it is inconceivable that a structure this size could have been built that would not crumble, sag or lean from the lack of a proper foundation. Under such massive weight, structures normally sink slowly into the ground. Today, engineers find that modern buildings settle at an average rate of 6 inches per 100 years. We all know about the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the sinking city of Venice in Italy. On the other side of the world, Mexico City’s historic Cathedral of Guadalupe has sunk so much that it is now

condemned. Even the United States Capitol building has sunk 5 inches in the last 200 years.

Yet, in the last 5000 years, the great pyramid, which weighs approximately 6 million tons, has settled less than ½ an inch. The blocks on each side of the pyramid are at the same level, and they are equally level all the way to the top. Evidently, the ancients had knowledge of the stability of the surrounding terrain and the necessary understanding for preparing a foundation that surpasses the expertise of modern-day engineers. Other terrain near the great pyramid could not have supported the immense weight of the structure.

MEGALITHIC BLOCK MOVING TIME

The traditional view of the construction of the great pyramid is said to have taken 20 plus years. With 2 1/4 million blocks, this means each stone would have had to be cut, transported and put into place in less than a minute. In addition, there are giant blocks that weigh between 50 and 70 tons, which are located inside of the Pyramid in the King's Chamber.



Pyramid in the King's Chamber

Placing them into position would be no small achievement. Once the pyramid was constructed, there was another issue concerning illuminating the various interior passageways. Oil lamps would not have been successful because of a lack of ventilation. Reflecting light, with the use of mirrors, would not have worked either because of a loss of light that is due to the refraction around each turn.

HOW MANY SIDES?

Recently, a pilot flew over the pyramid and discovered that the great pyramid of Giza has eight sides instead of four. The eight sides can only be clearly seen from the air on the dawn and sunset of the spring and autumn equinox when the Sun casts shadows on the slightly concave sides. Where did the ancient Egyptians obtain this knowledge? The Egyptians left us some 3,000 years of written materials and pictorial history, which covers virtually everything that happened in their culture, from the birth of babies, plowing, harvesting, building, weaving, sacrificing, praying and embalming. But there is nothing recorded about the construction of the pyramids! Located closely to the pyramids is the largest monolithic structure in the world. The Sphinx is over 60 feet in height and 240 feet in length. It is carved from a single piece of limestone, and no one has a clue as to who created it or for what purpose it was carved.

THE TEMPLE OF KARNAK

In the southern part of Egypt in the city of Luxor is a temple that defies explanation. The columns are indescribable. The most impressive attribute of the Temple is the carved hieroglyphics on the obelisk. The symbols are incredibly meticulous, being engraved on granite, as if they’d been done by a machine. There are carved slots that are 0.1 inches wide and half an inch deep. The bottoms of the cuts appear to have been made by a rotating tool. The tools that the ancient Egyptians supposedly used could never have carved these impressions. It is said that the human hand, no matter how skilled, is not capable of making engravings with such precision. The impressions reveal 21st century technology.



Columns of the Temple of Karnak



Colossi of Memnon

THE COLOSSI OF MEMNON

Across from the Temple of Karnak on the other side of the Nile River are two massive monolithic statues—Colossi of Memnon—each carved from a single block of stone and weighing an estimated 1,000 tons.

The statues were quarried near modern-day Cairo and transported 420 miles over land without using the Nile, as they were too heavy to transport on the Nile at the time.

VALLEY OF THE KINGS

A short distance away from the Colossi of Memnon statues are the tombs of the Pharaohs, which are located in the Valley of the Kings. Over 100 pyramids have been found that were built by 40+ pharaohs throughout Egypt; yet, not one Pharaoh has been found in a pyramid. The tombs are lavishly decorated and amassed with royal treasures, all for the glory of the Pharaohs, who were considered gods at that time.

ABU SIMBEL TEMPLES

Further south are two massive rock temples. One is dedicated to Queen Nefertiti and the other to King Ramses II. The inner chamber of the temples is again without its equal. The pharaohs amassed incredible wealth, apparently, in hopes of taking it with them in the afterlife. The glory of ancient Egypt is truly one of incredible knowledge, technology and skill. Where did these ancient Egyptians receive their understanding and expertise in erecting these magnificent monuments? Accordingly, the timeline of history has previously just left the stone-age and entered into the age of intelligence or the Bronze Age, which is said to be around 3000 B.C.

A MYSTIFYING MARVEL

One of the most fascinating discoveries that baffle modern man's intelligence is an unfinished obelisk in the Aswan quarry that is located 500 miles south of Cairo. It measures 137 feet (the height of a 10-story building) and weighs in at 1,200 tons! What was the plan to move the megalithic stone? The project was abandoned before it was completed, not because it was too massive, but because the stone had a flaw that surfaced. They apparently wanted one without any structural defect. The sheer size of this object is what makes it remarkable. It would have been a third larger than any other ancient obelisk known to us. There are very few modern cranes that could move such a massive object—so how exactly did the ancient Egyptians plan on transporting and erecting it?

"STONE AGE" DESCENDANTS TESTIMONY?

Consider the following remarkable achievements in building the pyramids. Do these architectural exploits suggest a primitive society whose ancestors previously lived in a Stone Age culture?

1. Each side of the base of the Great Pyramid is perfectly squared with 90-degree angles.
2. The angles of the slopes of the sides are precise.
3. The Pyramid's cornerstones have balls and sockets built into them.

4. The outside surface stones are cut within 0.01 (1/100th) inch of being perfectly straight and at nearly perfect right angles on all six sides. They were placed together with an intentional gap between them of 0.02 inch.
5. The longitude and latitude lines that the Great Pyramid lies on are 31-degrees north by 31-degrees west.
6. If the perimeter of the pyramid is divided by two times the height, the result is exactly equivalent to the number of pi (i.e., “3.14”).
7. On the first day of the summer’s solstice, the Sun sets exactly centered between the Great Pyramid and its neighboring pyramid.
8. The weight of the Great Pyramid is staggering. It has been estimated to weigh 6.5 million tons.

GIANTS ENTER INTO THE EQUATION

One possibility for the construction of these megalithic structures that has been overlooked and has not been considered by the evolutionary community is giants. Hieroglyphics are common throughout the ancient Egyptian culture and depict the life and times of the ancient Egyptians of the past. These engraved inscriptions portray the ancient Egyptians as being both small and great in size. There are even engravings of individuals who are hauling blocks of stone on their shoulders. If the blocks of stone resemble anything that is close to the size of the stones on the pyramids, then the individuals carrying them were Giants. Of course, the conventional interpretation of such depictions is that these larger-than-life-size individuals are simply representations of the pharaohs and gods of the land. However, there is a clear and obvious indication that these huge individuals may actually be giants. Obviously, the contemporary pyramidologists have no place for such an idea.

Chapter 8

MORE MEGALITHIC MYSTERIES

OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE EARTH

Besides the massive pyramids and other megalithic monuments in Egypt, there are mammoth memorials found on the continents and islands around the world, which are astounding. Every single continent has megalithic stone monuments with blocks that weigh more than 125 tons. Thousands of these megalithic structures and stones have been placed all around the world, and many still stand, even though they are said to have been constructed over 5,000 years ago during what is called the Neolithic Age or the “Stone Age.”

Let’s take a look at some of these sights, and we will see that the idea of primitive people being the architects and creators of these projects is erroneous. On the opposite side of the world from Egypt, in the continent of South America, there are several mind-boggling archaeological ruins that are astonishing. The pyramids of Egypt and the surrounding monuments are all crude compared to the workmanship that is found in the ruins of Puma Punka Bolivia, which is located nearly 13,000 feet in elevation in the Andes Mountains.

BOLIVIA—PUMA PUNKA

The ruins at Puma Punka display megalithic granite blocks, which are among the largest found on the planet. They reach over 25 feet in length and weigh over 100 tons. Yet, there is something amazing about the blocks. They are precision cut, smoothly polished, held together with metal clamps in sockets and artistically decorated. The fashioning accuracy can be compared with that of our modern-day technology.

The intricate stonework, precision and exactness cause the 21st century mind to ponder, “How did these primitive people accomplish such a task?” For example, there are tiny penetrations that are evenly spaced in straight-line grooves that are just millimeters in width and are perfectly cut, a feat which

cannot be done with Stone-Age chisels. The lines cut into these rocks are precisely the same depth and exactly the same distance apart. The stone is granite or diorite, both just about as hard as a diamond. Tools would have had to be tipped with diamonds for cutting such precise incisions. These were master builders with technological understanding. Furthermore, these blocks had to be moved and stacked in their final resting places. Some of the stones weigh hundreds of tons. Archaeologists claim that the stones were mined over 60 miles away. The elevation is 12,000 feet. There are no trees above that level for rolling the stones on logs. So, from where did the knowledge come?



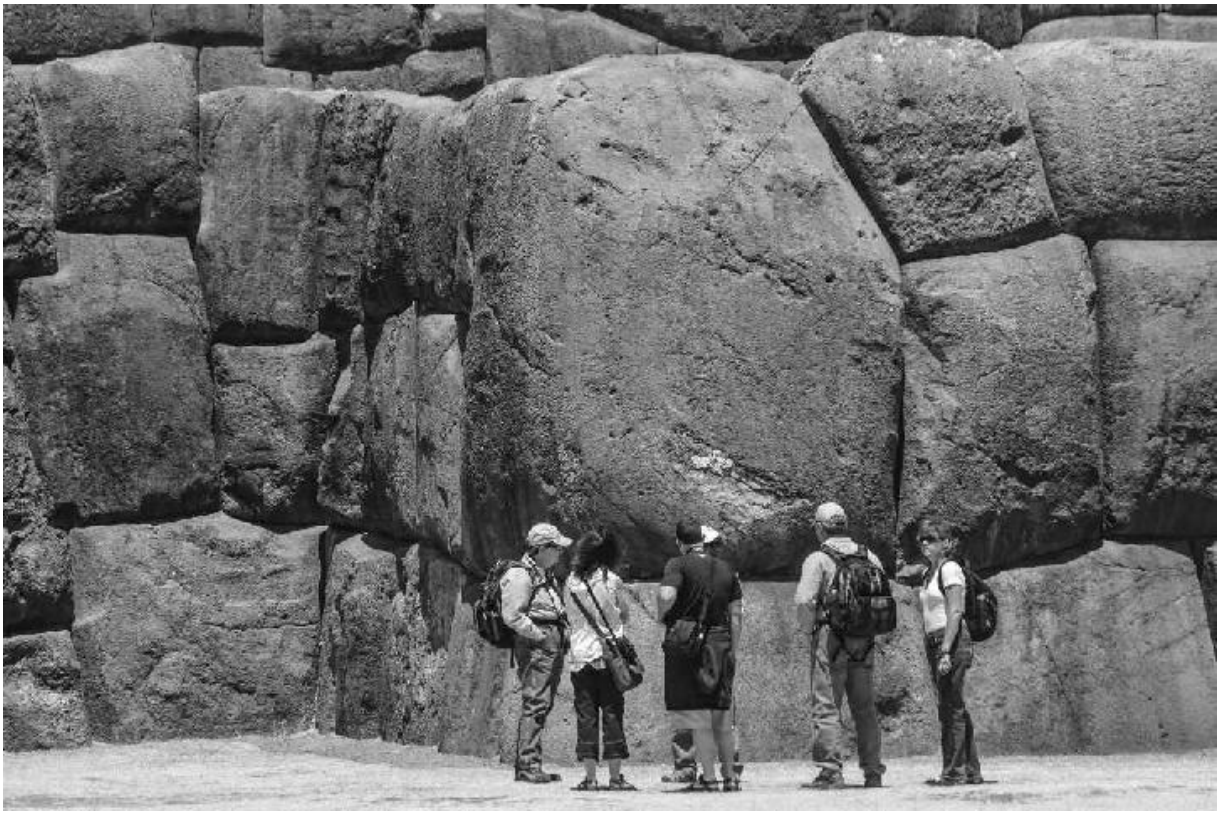
Megalithic stones with intricate carving in the complex Puma Punku, Bolivia.

Even more amazing are the “H” blocks. Each block was carved from a single stone. There are no chisel marks on the blocks. Everything is so precise, so perfect. The technological achievement is that they are made to interlock one with the other, much like the present-day dovetail work that is accomplished in assembling wood drawers. The blocks were so precisely cut that they perfectly interlocked with one another like the pieces of an elaborate puzzle.

Were these engineers primitive Indians? Again, what reasonable answer can modern science give as to where these people received the knowledge and skills to construct such amazing works of intelligent design? How was the intricate work done on each stone? Mainstream archaeology says that simple Indians did the work. The quality of the stonework and the immense size of the blocks is so incredible and perfect that it appears as if they used modern day machinery. This just proves that mainstream archaeology hasn't the foggiest notion as to how the work was accomplished or where the knowledge needed for the achievement originated.

PERU—SACSAYHUAMAN

One of the most impressive megalithic monuments in the Americas is the Inca "fortress" of Sacsayhuaman, which is located above Cuzco, Peru. It astounds all who see it with its distinctive construction, which utilizes scores of gigantic (10-300 ton) boulders that are perfectly fitted together with irregular joints. The question of how it was done has amazed researchers and tourists alike for centuries.



Megalithic Monument in Cuzco, Peru.

It is said to have been constructed by the ancient Inca Indians. Most everyone has heard about the ruins of the ancient city of Machu Picchu, which is also said to be of Inca origins and is located high in the Andes at 8,000 feet. It is a tough place to get to. Although the ruins have incredible architecture, it doesn't compare to Sacsayhuaman, which is at 12,000+ feet and an even tougher place to reach. It is a megalithic monument that is built out of huge stone blocks and is 1,500 feet long and 54 feet wide. It is said that it takes about 10 men to move a 1-ton block. The largest stone is 28 feet high. Talk about precision, one block is cut to fit perfectly with 12 other blocks. All the blocks are fitted together so precisely that a thickness gauge could not be inserted between them. They appear to have been molded together like putty. Yet, there is no mortar used in the construction.

A short distant away is another structure that defies conventional archaeology. This structure is located at the ancient Inca complex of Ollantaytambo. There are 6 red granite megalithic blocks that are so precisely fit together that a human hair cannot fit in-between them. Think about it: a pre-Inca fortress, composed of rock walls of tightly fitted blocks that weigh between 50 and 100 tons that were removed from a quarry that was located across the valley 7 miles away, lowered down the mountain, moved over a river canyon, and then, moved up a 1,000 foot sheer face of a cliff on the opposite side of the mountain.

Most of the blocks consist of hard diorite, which has been said, has the consistency and hardness of a diamond. All of this was at an altitude of around 12,000 feet.

Archaeologists the world over insist that the megaliths of Machu Picchu, Ollantaytambo and Sacsayhuaman are the product of many hands, which used primitive tools over many years. However, it is absurd to suggest that primitive people, who only had fiber ropes and stone tools to use, could somehow cut some of the hardest stones on Earth, and build giant structures with a level of precision that could hardly be matched today, and all at extreme altitudes. There has to be another more reasonable explanation.

PERU—NASCA LINES

Another enigma in South America is the mysterious Nasca Lines in the

Peruvian desert to the south. The Nasca Lines are massive carvings or drawings on the landscape of the desert that are scattered over nearly a 200-mile area. The lines were made by removing the iron oxide-coated pebbles on the surface which lie on top of a white layer of hardened limestone. The longest line extends nearly 9 miles and is perfectly straight. There are depictions of animals, birds, fish and insects. There are over 70 creatures. The largest creature is the size of nearly 3 football fields in length. There are over 800 straight lines and over 150 geometrical shapes. All of these shapes make no sense nor can they be seen at ground level. It's only from the air that they can be seen and understood! Why and who created them?

CENTRAL AMERICA / MEXICO

Moving northward, we find more amazing discoveries. Most people know that Central America is covered with ancient pyramid ruins of the Aztecs and Myans. Over 1,000 have been located. The pyramid of the Sun, which is located north of Mexico City in the ancient ruins of Teotihuacan, is a well-known tourist sight, but not so well-known are the stone orbs of Costa Rica that are strewn across the land. Known as Las Bolas Grandes (The Giant Balls), the total count is well over 1,000 in number, with some of them weighing more than 16 tons and being over 10 feet in diameter.



Las Bolas Grandes, Costa Rica, Central America.[45]

One has to wonder why and for what reason were they made. Scientists from Harvard University have studied the stones and marveled at their near perfect, spherical shape, regardless of their size. One of the largest balls has a diameter of 6 ½ feet, and its circumference has only 2/10 of 1 percent error in being a perfect sphere.

EUROPE—BOSNIA

Yet, Central America is not the only place where these stone orbs are found. More recently, more than 40 stone balls have been discovered in Bosnia across the ocean in Europe. The existence of the balls in this region was not known until an earthquake in the early 2000s revealed them. They vary in size with the largest measuring over 5 ½ feet. The balls have been buried and only an accidental discovery is what has brought them to light.

RUSSIA—CHAMP ISLAND

In addition, dozens more stone balls have been found on Champ Island in Russia, which is located in the Arctic Ocean. They are perfectly round and dot the landscape where they are found. Who carved them is still a mystery.

Chapter 9

AROUND THE WORLD

EUROPEAN MEGALITHS

Europe is dotted with “prehistory” 5000+ year old megalithic stone structures that are perplexing and baffling to the conventional archaeologist. These massive stone structures consist of some of the most famous and visually spectacular archaeological discoveries in the world and signify extensive technical ingenuity and organization that are essential to their construction. For example Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Spain, Greece, Portugal, and Malta all have megalithic Stone Age monuments, burial chambers, dolmens and other standing megalithic multi-ton rocks.



Brownshill dolmen in Ireland

France has the largest collection of standing stones in the world with more than 3,000 that weigh up to 350 tons each and stand at a height of 65 feet. England’s well-known Stonehenge is constructed of 40 to 50 ton megaliths with pins and sockets to hold the crossbars in place. The megalithic stones were transported some 150 miles from Salisbury Wales.



The Stonehenge Monument, Wiltshire, England.

Megaliths take many forms. They are distinguished by massive stone monoliths, which are their main structural components. Pyramids and obelisks are the most common and easily recognized. The other common megalith types include dolmens, menhirs and tumuli. Dolmens are rock vaults, which usually contain one or more rooms that are thought to be used as burial chambers or temples. Tumuli are similar to dolmen and are tombs, which are covered with earth and stones to form mounds. Menhirs are large standing stones, or groups of standing stones, that are arranged in circles. Statues and other large, single-standing stones are often monoliths. Each site has a legend of its origins, but archaeologists differ between themselves as to how such structures were constructed or even why they were constructed.

PACIFIC MEGALITHS

In the Pacific are stone megalith structures. For example, on the island of Tonga, there is a stone structure with 35-ton blocks. In Micronesia on the island of Palikir, there is a 7-mile, man-made island of basalt logs that were created on top of the coral reefs. It is called Nan Madol. Each basalt log column weighs between 5 and 50 tons. The columns of basalt are up to 25 feet high and 17 feet thick. The weight of the entire project is estimated at 750,000 metric tons. Moving 2,000 tons a year would require three centuries for the Islands of Nan Madol to have been created. Why in the world would and how could islanders accomplish such a task?



Ruins of Nan Madol in Pohnpei Island.[46]

Over 10,000 miles away is Easter Island, which is one of the most remote inhabited islands on Earth. It is known for one of the most famous mysteries.

Easter Island possesses nearly 1,000 large stone statues called “moai.” The largest ever erected statue in antiquity weighs in at over 80 tons. On its head is an 11.5-ton hat. The statue once stood at a height of nearly 38 feet (10 meters).



Easter Island’s large stone statues called “moai.”

Archaeologists have debated for decades the methods that the ancient islanders might have used to extract, transport (up to 12 miles—20 kilometers—across the island) and erect them.

Archaeologists do not know why the statues were created, how they were transported and erected and why many of them were abandoned and unfinished.

Yet, there is still an unanswered challenge—“El Gigante,” The Giant. This unfinished massive statute is still in the quarry and would stand over 70 feet in height (a six-story building) and weigh over 270 tons. This is equivalent to almost exactly what a giant Boeing 777 airliner would weigh, fully loaded and fueled for takeoff. It would have been the largest statue ever erected. How The

Giant was meant to be moved and erected by using simple methods is still a mystery to conventional archeology.

The legend of the islanders insists that the statues “walked” upright from the quarry to their final destination; aided by a mysterious supernatural force they call *mana*. Exactly what part did this magical power play in the actual transport? Could it be something related to the supernatural power of the fallen angels?

ASIA MEGALITHS



Megalithic stone jugs of Laos

We find megalithic structures throughout Asia. India and Indonesia have megalithic stone structures. Japan has an ancient burial chamber that is made with 60-70 ton stones. In the country of Laos, thousands of megalithic stone jugs are laying openly in the fields.

The local legend says the drinking vessels were for giants who used to inhabit the area. They are up to 10 feet in height and weigh up to several tons each. Korea has the highest concentration of dolmens (burial chambers) in the world,

with over 30,000 with megaliths that weigh 30,000 pounds.

MIDDLE EAST MEGALITHS

Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Ethiopia, and Senegal all have megalithic stones that were supposedly erected by the ancients 5,000 years ago. Recently, in 1994, stone circles were discovered in Turkey that were supposedly constructed in 10,000 B.C. This was located in southeastern Turkey, in Sanliurfav, when a shepherd boy spotted the tip of the stone sticking out of the ground. He dug and unearthed a 19-foot pillar whose edges were precisely cut and had a relief carving of a strange animal on it. The pillar was fashioned by talented stonemasons, who worked with advanced tools. Since 1994, only 5 percent of the area has been uncovered—circles upon circles of stone monoliths, 19-foot columns high, weighing 15 tons each, claiming to be thousands of years older than Stonehenge of England and the great pyramid of Egypt. There have been no agriculture implements found at the site or stone-cutting tools. The place is 350 miles from Mount Ararat. The site was buried under 20 feet of sand until discovered.

Lebanon is another place that grabs the attention of the archaeologists. The little-known ruins at Baalbek, Lebanon, are among the most astounding artifacts of the ancient Roman world. The site possesses an enormous megalithic extravaganza of 10 and 20-ton blocks of stone that are stacked like ordinary bricks. In addition, there are 6 gigantic columns that weigh 230 tons each, and they are all that remains of the Temple of Jupiter-Baal, which is the largest ever erected by the Romans. Adjacent to it is the Temple of Bacchus, which is about the size of the Parthenon in Greece. Its remains are the best-preserved Roman temple in the world. It is well-known for the genius of the Roman engineers. However, there is something more fascinating in the ruins of Baalbek.



The Temple of Bacchus, at Baalbek in Lebanon.

Underneath the Temple are foundational megaliths, which have been given the name “Trilithon.” The “Trilithon” is a trio of 900-ton stones that form a part of the temple’s platform. Below them lies a huge enclosure of 24 blocks, which weigh 400-tons each, and seem totally unrelated to the Roman project.

These megaliths are among the largest ever assembled, and there is reason to believe that they are not to be credited to the Romans, but are the work of a previous unknown earlier culture.

Amazingly, there is another unfinished megalith, the famed “Stone of the South,” that is still waiting for transport from the nearby quarry. It weighs in at 1,200 tons, and has been thought to be the largest cut stone in the world, that is until recent excavations disclosed a previously buried 1,500-ton neighbor! The question proposed to us is who might have done all this incredible work, why and when?

Chapter 10

MOVING STONE MOUNTAINS

A NEW ROCK STAR

The question that has yet to be answered is how were some of these mega rocks moved from their place of origins and placed precisely on top of each other? Even with modern-day machinery, it would take several dozen, heavy-duty cranes to lift and transport many of these massive rocks. It would take at least a couple of dozen men just to move a 1-ton rock. So then, what would it take to actually lift and move a 350-ton rock? Let’s see.

The Levitated Mass, Los Angeles County Museum.[47]

There is a 340-ton boulder perched above a long walk-through trench at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The installation, called Levitated Mass, is a new work of art that is now open to the public. It is said, “As one walks down under the enormous boulder, one feels a sense of the huge monolith that’s kind of levitated magic.” The New Age movement is captivated by these megaliths.

The real “magic” was moving the monolith some 60 miles from the rock quarry. The transportation vehicles measured some 300 feet long (which is the length of a football field), and it had 22 axles and about 200 tires. The vehicle chugged along at about 5 miles an hour at night with a crew of 12 and a police escort. It was far more difficult than expected because of the physics that was required, not to mention the 11-day journey and a cost of $10,000,000.

What were the “primitive” ancients thinking? Were they unusually strong or clever? Did they receive outside help from another world? The public has been led to believe that primitive people, who used primitive tools, somehow were able to carve, cut, move and lift these massive stones into place. However, is it possible that ancient civilizations had some kind of supernatural or extraterrestrial help?

Another question that comes to mind is why did the ancients build pyramids at ancient sites all over the Earth for a period of time, and not just in Egypt, but then suddenly abandon them? What caused the ancient builders to vacate the structures? Could it be that once Satan captures the hearts of individuals, he then seeks to destroy them through suicide, human sacrifice or other destructive methods? Many of these temples were places where human sacrifices were offered to their gods, the demons of Satan. As Scripture declares, those who practice such evil customs and rituals will be vomited out by the land (Leviticus 18:25).

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

Many megalithic monuments are said to have been built by individuals of the Neolithic age (Stone Age) when farmers some six thousand years ago were learning how to grow crops, herd cattle and make pots to cook in. In other words, primitive conditions existed. Why Stone Age farmers constructed megalithic structures baffles modern archaeologists. Some of the suggested

reasons for erecting these megalithic monuments were for keeping track of the calendar, paying respect to the dead, religious ceremonies, celebrations and for artistic enhancement of their dwellings.

Nevertheless, the secular “experts” say the cultures that constructed these megaliths possessed neither the tools—saws, hammers, chisels, measuring tools or finishing tools—nor the skills to build them. They say the massive construction and the materials used are impractical, the construction sites are seemingly without logic, and the construction methods which were required, it is believed, were unknown to those cultures. Are the experts suggesting magic? Could it be that giants were involved with these ancient civilizations and could it be that they may have had contact with supernatural beings, such as fallen angels, who provided them with the knowledge and power they would need to construct such megalithic structures?

To recap the observations and construction skills during that time we know that many of the world’s megaliths are constructed with blocks that have been carved and shaped to perfectly fit into random patterns. Sometimes the blocks had to be ferried across rivers to reach their destination. The structures have not shifted a millimeter over the thousands of years of their existence. It is said that written language had not yet been invented at the time of the construction of many of these ancient megalithic monuments. However, it is claimed that the ancient “unskilled” labor force, without the use of tools, did this consistently over the entire globe.

A MISSING INGREDIENT OF PROGRESSION

One of the most perplexing aspects of ancient construction to the modern intellectual scholar is the absence of progression in the process of construction development from the beginning of time. There is no evidence that there was a development of knowledge over time from the Neanderthal mentality to an advanced level of construction methods. What was the state of progress and sequence of events from the simple gathering and assembling of rudimentary structures to the more complex and advanced construction? Centuries later, many of these megalithic structures were dismantled for use in inferior building projects. It is always easier to dismantle something than it is to construct it.

Why did widely scattered and diverse cultures all over the planet have a

strikingly similar obsession with using gigantic building blocks in their original construction projects? When one sees identical twins, one realizes they have the same mother and father. The same is true in construction. The similarities between the temples constructed in both Cambodia in Asia and Guatemala in Central America tell us they originated from the same source. The same is true with the step pyramids in Egypt, Mexico and Indonesia. The stone work in the megalithic walls of the Incas and the Egyptians are identical. The source of knowledge has to be one and the same.

And the most important question is also the most perplexing. Why does the construction evidence overwhelmingly point to a higher level of intelligence? In short, were these megalithic structures constructed by the giants we read about in the legends of mythology? And did these giants and ancient humans receive assistance and knowledge from supernatural beings?

Chapter 11

ANCIENT WONDER IN ISRAEL



The Gilgal Refa’im, Israel’s “Stonehenge.” (The black speck is a cow.)[48]

ISRAEL’S “STONEHENGE”

One of the great, but barely known wonders of the ancient world is a Stonehenge-like monument that sits at the top of Israel’s Golan Heights, called Gilgal Refa’im (The Circle Of The Refa’im Giants) in Hebrew, and also called the “Stonehenge of the Levant.” The ancient megalithic monument consists of 5 concentric stone rings whose diameter is more than 500 feet and consists of more than 40,000 stones, totaling some 37,500 metric tons. Some of the stones that were used to create the rings weigh 20 tons, which is equal to 10 cars of average size. The outermost wall is about 8 feet high, and at its center is a heap of earth about 15 feet tall, placed over what is believed to have been an ancient

tomb.

The monument is located some 10 miles east of the Sea of Galilee, in the middle of a large plateau. The site is dated by archaeologists to be from around 3000–2700 B.C. No one can see the shape of the monument from ground level, and there are no hills nearby to gaze upon it. The monument can only be appreciated from above! An aerial perspective is necessary to see the complete layout. It is said that the stone circles on the Golan Heights pre-date the pyramids and the Babylonian temples, which makes them the oldest astronomical complex in the Middle East.

The question is, “Why would anyone have undertaken such a massive building project?” It was most likely built as a cultic or burial site. However, one fact stands out. It is claimed that the local nomadic tribes of the time did not build any other remotely similar monument in the region. Circular building was not a fashion of the era among the herdsmen, and that, combined with their unsuitable, primitive technology, seems to rule out their construction of the circles.

As mentioned, it has been suggested that one function of the circles may have been used as an astronomical observatory and stellar calendar. It has been discovered through computer simulation that in 3000 B.C., the first rays of the summer solstice would have appeared directly through the northeast opening. Such astronomical observations were essential for planting and harvesting grain. At the same time, the southeast opening provided a direct view of Sirius, as it rose above the horizon, which is the brightest star in the night sky. Interestingly, the Canaanites had a connection with Sirius. The Sidonians called Mount Hermon, “Sirion.”

Sidon, or Zidon, is an ancient city located on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, about half way between Beirut and Tyre. It was founded after the Flood as a Canaanite city, named after Noah’s great-grandson, Sidon. Ham was the father of Canaan. Canaan became the father of Sidon, his first-born, and the territory of the Canaanites.

Cult towers and a host of other complexes were constructed shortly after the Flood by the ancients to worship the stars, Sun and planets. They are scattered around the world. Why were the ancients interested in building structures connected with observing the movement of the Sun and heavenly bodies? Why were giants propagating the land that was promised to Abraham and his

descendants? It is becoming clear that after the Flood, Satan was determined to keep the prophetic promise of God—the coming Messiah—from being fulfilled.

WHO CONSTRUCTED THE CIRCLES OF THE REFA'IM?

If the local inhabitants didn't construct the rings, then who did? What is really fascinating is that apart from the Bible, the stone circles are the source of legends about "a remnant of the giants" or Refa'im, who had a giant King named Og. There is good evidence that the biblical giants or Refa'im were the architects and engineers who constructed the monument.

As we have previously familiarized ourselves with giants in the Bible, and the various terms used, now consider the following biblical clues for the source of the giant stone circles.

1. In Genesis 14:5, we are told the Refa'im inhabited the place called Ashtaroth-Karnaim, which is just 10 miles from the rings and is the site of an ancient Canaanite city called Ashtaroth. This city is named after the Canaanite goddess of fertility, love and war, and who was the daughter of the god El and the goddess Asherah.
2. In Joshua 12:4, we learn that "King Og of Bashan, the last of the Refa'im, who lived at Ashtaroth, ruled a territory that stretched from Mount Hermon in the north."
3. In Deuteronomy 3, we are given the description of the size of King Og's bed, which measured nearly 14 feet long and 6 feet wide.
4. In Chronicles 20, the last of the Anakim was killed. These giants were descendants of the giants of Gath and were killed by David and his soldiers.
5. The respected Jerusalem biblical author, Rabbi Yisrael Herczeg, who is hardly an advocate of ancient alien theories, confirms the possibility that giant, heavenly beings or their descendants may have constructed the circles.
6. The Jewish oral tradition says "Og, the King of Bashan, descended from the Nephilim, who were deities who fell from the heavens." Sound familiar? Is Rabbi Herczeg speaking of fallen angels?
7. Jewish tradition also states that Og had children, who were hybrid

> giants called the Anakim or Refa'im. Could they have built the giant stone circles at Gilgal Refaim?[49]

Bottom Line: It seems apparent that giants were involved in the construction of the stone circles, known as the circles of Refa'im giants.

DIM-WITTED BARBARIANS?

It appears that the ancient builders were masters in their technical knowledge and skills. On the other hand, children's fairy tales such as *Jack the Giant Killer* have formed our modern perception of giants as stupid and violent monsters, sometimes said to eat humans. The ogre in *Jack and the Beanstalk* is often described as a giant, who was not very bright. However, a number of giants may have been intelligent and assisted in the construction of the incredible structures of the ancients.

The Zuzims, who were of a tribe of giants (Deuteronomy 2:20-23), were known as the achievers or accomplishers and performers. They may be the source of the construction of some of the megalithic structures that are found around the world.[50] We find the Zuzims listed in Genesis 14:5, 2 Samuel 21:18, and Deuteronomy 2:10.

Furthermore, one Arabic manuscript states that the city of Baalbek, which we covered previously in this chapter, was built by giants, and the city was named in honor of Baal the god of the Moabites and worshipers of the Sun.[51] Looking at the megalithic structures that are presently in Lebanon, it is easy to imagine that they could have been built by giants.



The largest fashioned stone on Earth, Baalbek Lebanon.[52]

BEFORE THE FLOOD

One theory that describes the Earth's atmosphere before the Flood of Noah's day hypothesizes there was a dense canopy of water that surrounded the Earth (Genesis 1:6-9). This canopy would have obstructed a direct view of the visible Sun as seen today.[53] After the Flood and with the collapse of the canopy, cultic towers were constructed all around the world for the worship of the sun god. Actually, the Hebrew word for Sun is first mentioned in the Bible after the Flood. (Genesis 15:12) No doubt the Sun, at the time which immediately followed the Flood, would have been visible to the naked eye, like it is presently seen today.

Likewise, Scripture reveals that no one can look at God and live, and after the Flood, the Sun would have been considered to be a god in the heavens that no one could or should gaze upon. Therefore, people quickly learned that one could not stare directly at the Sun or blindness would result. It makes sense why these

ancient structures were being constructed around the world after the Flood. These temples were dedicated to the sun god. The worship of the Sun led to the construction of these temple towers found around the world. The Sun became the most powerful deity in the heavens. Many ancient cultures believed this god rode in his chariot of fire around the Earth each day. Helios was the sun god of the Titans.

SATAN'S COVERT MISSION

If we ponder the purpose of God to plant the nation of Israel in the land God called "My Land" (Ezekiel 36:5), it would seem perfectly reasonable, even probable, that Satan's counter plan would have been to have his giants propagate the land of Israel in order to prevent the Jewish people from possessing the land.

It would seem that Satan planted giants in the land in the hopes of infiltrating and occupying the nation in order to maintain control of his abducted Earth. Satan's plan was to contaminate any offspring of the Jewish people through whom the Messiah, the Savior and Redeemer of the world, would come. Satan implemented his plan to contaminate Abraham's "seed" when he learned that his seed would one day be crushed by the "Seed of the Woman" (Christ), which was to come through Abraham. Satan's plan was to occupy Canaan with "his own seed" in advance of Abraham's seed. So, when Abraham entered Canaan, we read in Genesis 12:6,

"The Canaanite was then (that is to say, already) in the land."

Also in Genesis, we see other attempts by Satan to interfere with Abraham's seed before the birth of Isaac, as told in both Genesis 12:10-20 and in Genesis 20:1-18.

Chapter 12

ENTER STAGE LEFT—AGENT SUPERNATURAL

ONE MORE PART OF THE GIANT EQUATION: ALIENS

We have considered the evidence surrounding the involvement of giants in the construction of the megalithic moments that are erected around the world, but where did the advanced knowledge come from in order for the ancients to accomplish these incredible structures? The Bible reveals that the ancients were far more intelligent than they are given credit for and even superior to what the modern technological man is today. Think about what the Bible has to say about early man. In Genesis, chapter 4, just after mankind was created, we can see all that was accomplished within only seven generations:

- Zoology—Genesis 2:19, 20
- Baker—Genesis 3:19
- Agriculture—Genesis 4:2, 3
- Husbandry—Genesis 4:2, 3
- Engineering—Genesis 4:17
- Foundry Pressman—Genesis 4:22
- Construction—Genesis 6:14
- Administrator—Genesis 6:19, 20
- Musician—Genesis 4:21
- Culturally Polished—Genesis 2:11, 12
- Poet—Genesis 4:23, 24

Early man was lacking, but only in regards to the centuries of accumulated knowledge we take for granted today.[54] This idea, of course, is preposterous to the conventional evolutionary community. The only alternative to the conventional view of early man's genius is they must have had knowledge from supernatural beings.

The Bible reveals that there are supernatural beings that have supernatural powers. They are angelic beings. The Bible reveals there are virtuous and evil

angelic beings. The evil beings represent the fallen or rebellious angelic beings. The secular world calls such beings “aliens or extraterrestrials.”

Because the theory of evolutionism is coming up empty in the search for scientific evidence for the origins of life on Planet Earth, the secular world is now turning to the heavens for the origins of life on Earth. Now the secular community suggests…

1. Life exists elsewhere in the universe; however, they have yet to prove this theory scientifically.
2. “Intelligent” life exists elsewhere in the universe, but they can’t scientifically prove this theory.
3. Intelligent extraterrestrial life has visited Earth; however, this theory hasn’t been proven scientifically.
4. Such visitations occurred in human antiquity, but this has yet to be proven scientifically.
5. Extraterrestrial visitors have interacted with humans; however, they have yet to prove this theory scientifically.
6. Among those interactions were construction projects, but they have yet to prove this theory scientifically.
7. Such interactions resulted in works, which are otherwise impossible to humans; however, they have yet to prove this theory scientifically.

On the other hand, the Bible declares that there are two camps: virtuous angels and fallen angels. In addition, associated with the fallen angel camp are demons. They most likely are the spirits of the Nephilim. Both camps have supernatural powers available at their disposal.

BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR “ALIEN KNOWLEDGE AND POWER”

What is the evidence from a biblical worldview that supernatural power existed in the past? The Bible reveals the amazing power of the ancients. In the Book of Exodus, one finds supernatural power that today is either myth or attributed to the black magic of seers, clairvoyants or psychics, soothsayers and mediums. Exodus begins with a rod that turns into a snake, the Nile river turns into blood, every first born child and animal dies in one night, the sea opens up

so that several million people can walk across on dry ground, and then the enemy army is swallowed up by the same sea, food falls from the sky every day —except one day—a week for 40 years, water suddenly gushes out of a rock for millions, the ground opens and swallows a bunch of rebels, a river suddenly stops flowing so that several million people can cross and the fortified walls of a city suddenly collapse and is ransacked when a trumpet blows. Is this mythology? Or is it the power of the supernatural at the hands of an individual who believes in the supernatural Creator God?

The Bible speaks very clearly of God's power, and it also warns us of the evil supernatural powers that exist. We read about the magicians of Egypt:

> "Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts" (Exodus 7:11).
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> "But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said" (Exodus 7:22).

Later we read about a witch and her powers to call up the spirits of the dead:

> "Saul then said to his advisers, 'Find a woman who is a medium, so I can go and ask her what to do.' His advisers replied, 'There is a medium at Endor.' So Saul disguised himself by wearing ordinary clothing instead of his royal robes. Then he went to the woman's home at night, accompanied by two of his men. 'I have to talk to a man who has died,' he said. 'Will you call up his spirit for me?'" (1 Samuel 28:7-14).

In the New Testament we read about another sorcerer:

> "A man named Simon had been a sorcerer there for many years, amazing the people of Samaria and claiming to be someone great" (Acts 8:9-11).

SCRIPTURE WARNINGS

Scripture warns against becoming involved with evil powers of the supernatural:

1. Deuteronomy 13:1, 2: “Suppose there are prophets among you or those who dream dreams about the future, and they promise you signs or miracles, and the predicted signs or miracles occur.”
2. 2 Thessalonians 2:9: “This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.’
3. We learn from the Book of Revelation that there are evil, supernatural powers who can perform miracles. Revelation 16:14 says, “They are demonic spirits who work miracles …”
4. God’s Word reminds us to not become involved with the supernatural powers of evil that are available today such as: sorcery, secret knowledge, pyrokinesis, telepathy, levitation, telekinesis, black magic, astrology, horoscope, yoga, fortune-telling, omens, witchcraft, spell casting, psychics and many more.
5. “When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, be very careful not to imitate the detestable customs of the nations living there. For example, never sacrifice your son or daughter as a burnt offering. And do not let your people practice fortune-telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord. It is because the other nations have done these detestable things that the Lord your God will drive them out ahead of you” (Deuteronomy 18:9-12).
6. “Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:11, 12).

FINAL WARNING: AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man coming” (Luke 17:26; Matthew 24:37).

Jesus tells His disciples what it will be like here on Earth, just before He returns. The Lord reminds them that it will be just like it was before the Flood

during Noah’s day, when God had to wipe out the wickedness that surrounded the entire world. The wickedness then included:

1. Increase fallen angel activity
2. Production of Nephilim offspring
3. Creation of hybrids
4. Advanced technology
5. Rebellion and hostility toward God
6. Corruption of God’s creation
7. Inter-dimensional portals
8. Worship of gods other than Yahweh
9. Men thinking of themselves as gods
10. Worldwide judgment on the horizon

SECTION II
ANGELS

Chapter 13

THE TRUTH ABOUT ANGELS

ARE WE ALONE?

No, we are not alone! There are other beings God created because He is the Creator of the universe and all that dwells in it. Christians and even those who don't believe in the Bible or the Church believe in angels, and a great number of scientists believe we are not the only living creatures in the universe. Evolutionists who do not believe in God are searching the heavens in hope of finding life. In fact, the world has a hypnotic fascination with angels and is quite obsessed with so-called extraterrestrial creatures. Yet, most of the literature on the subject of angels and aliens is fiction. Truth is secondary. For example, angels in the Bible never appear as cute, chubby infants! They are always full-grown in size. When people in the Bible saw an angel, their typical response was to fall on their faces in fear and awe, not to reach out and tickle an adorable baby. What is true about angels is what is recorded in Scripture.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ANGELS?

The Bible clearly declares that everything was created by God.

> "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on Earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17).

Angels are mentioned over 100 times in the Old Testament and over 160 times in the New Testament. Angels are not glorified human beings or those who have graduated to Heaven. The word "angel" actually comes from the Greek word *aggelos,* which means "messenger." The matching Hebrew word *mal'akh* has the

same meaning. There seems to be ranks among the angels in Scripture, perhaps seven levels, with Seraphim, Cherubim and the Archangels being at the top.

Angels are essentially "ministering spirits," to believers in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:14), and do not have physical bodies like human beings.

> "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14, NIV).

Angels can take on the appearance of a human as we learn in the book of Hebrews,

> "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13: 2, NIV).

We learn that Abraham was visited by three heavenly messengers who appeared in the form of men (Genesis 18). At first he probably welcomed these three angelic guests as nothing more than travelers. Yet, soon Abraham became aware that they were not ordinary men. In the following chapter (Genesis 19), two of the three angelic beings went to Sodom to rain down fire and brimstone upon it. In this case, authority was given to the angels to control and override the laws of nature, causing major upheavals in the physical world, even destroying human beings.

Since angels are spirits, rather than physical beings, they are not always visible. We read in the Old Testament when Elisha prayed for his servant to see the armies of angels that were surrounding the city, the young man's eyes were suddenly opened to see the invisible world of angelic beings! (2 Kings 6:17).

ANGELIC APPEARANCES

Sometimes an angel appears to have unusual features. Daniel saw an angel with arms and legs resembling burnished bronze, eyes like torches of fire, and a face like lightning (Daniel 10:5, 6). Other Scriptures reveal an angel's appearance can be absolutely dazzling white or blazing glory as if covered in light. The angel who rolled back the stone from Christ's tomb was radiating a blinding light with clothes whiter than snow (Matthew 28:3). Some Scriptures

give wings to angels (Isaiah 6:2, 6). Others reveal angels flying (Daniel 9:21). There are holy angels who enjoy the continuous presence of God (Matthew 18:10).

In the Book of Revelation we read the description of some highly unusual creatures that sound like something out of the twilight zone.

> "... In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,' who was, and is, and is to come" (Revelation 4:6-8, NIV).

Scripture reveals that angels are physically stronger than men, but they are not omnipotent like God (Psalm 103:20; Hebrews 1:13). They possess greater knowledge than men, but they are not omniscient like God (2 Samuel 14:20; Matthew 24:36). Neither are angels omnipresent like God. The Bible makes it clear that angels can only be in one place at a time. They must have some localized presence.

We have been given the names of two powerful angels: Gabriel and Michael. Gabriel is mentioned three times in Daniel and twice in Luke, introducing himself to Mary as, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God" (Daniel 8:15, 16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26). Michael, who also is mentioned three times in Daniel, is described as "the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people (Israel)" (Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1).

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Every angel has an appointed function and purpose. The Bible describes their main activities:

1. To declare: Serving as messengers to communicate God's will to men, they assisted God in revealing the law to Moses (Acts 7:52-53), and

served in delivering much of the information in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

2. To guide: Delivering instructions to Joseph about the birth of Jesus (Matthew, chapters 1-2), to the women at the tomb (Matthew 28:5-8), to Philip (Acts 8:26), and to Cornelius (Acts 10:1-8).
3. To provide: Providing physical needs such as food for Elijah (1 Kings 19:6) and Christ after His temptation (Matthew 4:11).
4. To protect: Guarding God's people from physical danger, as in the cases of Daniel in the den of lions, and his three friends in the fiery furnace (Daniel, chapters 3 and 6).
5. To deliver: Rescuing God's children from danger. Angels released the apostles from prison in Acts, chapter 5, and again with Peter in Acts, chapter 12.
6. To strengthen and encourage: Strengthening Jesus after His temptation (Matthew 4:11), encouraging the apostles to keep preaching after releasing them from prison (Acts 5:19, 20), and confirming to Paul that everyone on his ship would survive the impending shipwreck (Acts 27:23-25).
7. To answer prayer: Answering the prayers of God's people (Daniel 9:20-24; 10:10-12; Acts 12:1-17).
8. To care for believers at the moment of death: In the story of Lazarus and the rich man, angels carried the spirit of Lazarus to "Abraham's bosom,"—a term describing peace and security. (Luke 16:22).

WARNING

You cannot trust every angel. One-third of the angels went with Lucifer when he left Heaven. There is actually a great, unseen conflict that rages in the heavens which goes beyond anything one can imagine. However, it is not a fight between two equal or eternal forces. God, Who created all angels, is so far superior that even comparing a battle between an elephant and an ant cannot accurately describe this reality. Even though Satan has mounted a mighty war against God and His purposes for His beloved human race, in the end, God's justice will reign, and He will bring Satan and his evil angels (demons) to their day of judgment. Satan's cosmic treason is a futile attempt to dethrone God and

His sovereign authority.

> “And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:10, NIV).

Chapter 14

THE SONS OF GOD: ANGELS OR HUMANS?

A VERY UNUSUAL PASSAGE

Let's dig deeper into this fascinating Scripture:

> "Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the Earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.' There were giants (Nephilim) on the Earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown" (Genesis 6:1-4).

There has been much speculation about who the "sons of God" were. There are several interpretations, but two basic views are held among biblical scholars, regarding the identity of the sons of God.

OLDEST VIEW

The oldest interpretation and view is that "the sons of God" were fallen angels who mingled with human women and had sexual relations that produced giant offspring called Nephilim. This view was generally held in the world during the first century AD, and was supported by individuals such as Flavius Josephus, Philo, Eusebius and many of the Early Church fathers, including Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Tertullian, Irenaeus, Athenagoras and Commodianus. These authors were highly esteemed for their writings in their day.

SETHITE VIEW

A view that was hypothesized in the second century A.D. and known today as the Sethite position, this explanation attributes the “sons of God” as simply the male offspring of Adam through his child Seth. In other words, according to this theory, these verses are speaking of human beings and not angels who abandoned their position of holiness.

This view is first traced to Celsus, a Greek philosopher, and Julian, the apostate, in their attacks against Christianity in the second century. Then, Julius Africanus (a Christian historian—160-240 A.D.) adapted this more comfortable theory by suggesting the sons of God might be referring to the descendants of Seth and the daughters of men could possibly be referring to the descendants of Cain who murdered his brother.

The theologians’ traditional interpretation does not consider Cain or his descendants as followers of God. On the other hand, Seth is considered a righteous individual. This traditional view is simply about marriage between believers and unbelievers. Thus, the lineage of Seth represents the sons of God or believers—in other words, the good guys. However, Cain’s lineage represents the daughters of men who are nonbelievers—in other words, the bad guys.

By the fifth century the church father, Cyril of Alexandria, used this theory to reinforce the church’s orthodox position, and it was later advocated by the revered Saint Augustine, who was the Catholic Bishop of Hippo in North Africa. He rejected the concept of fallen angels committing immoral activities with women. In his book, *The City of God*, Augustine promoted the theory that “the sons of God” simply referred to the genealogical line of Seth, who he believed were committed to preserving the true worship of God.

This Sethite view became the view that the Church fully embraced by the fourth and fifth centuries A.D. It is the dominant view held by most modern biblical scholars today.

PROBLEMS WITH THE TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATION

First of all, the contrast between the godly line of Seth and the ungodly line of Cain may be overemphasized. The Bible reveals very little about the spirituality of most of the lineage of Seth. The traditional view infers that Seth was godly, yet the Sethites perished in the Flood. Only Noah’s family of eight was spared.

There were no godly people living other than Noah's family. Everyone else died in the Flood.

So why do most theologians choose this interpretation? Clearly it is because they have serious problems with the concept of angels and sex, which we will investigate in the following chapter.

CHRIST'S WARNING

Christ's disciples asked Him what it would be like just before His return. Christ shared with them some very significant revelations. His response to their question is recorded in three of the Gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke (Matthew 24, 25; Mark 13; Luke 21, 22). Repeated three times, Christ admonishes us that we should give our undivided attention to the subject. Jesus opens and closes His admonition by saying, "Be careful that you are not deceived."

> "Watch out that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4).

Jesus warned that even the elect could be deceived. (Matthew 24:24 NIV). In other words, deception will occur around the world, even among Christians, as well as within the Church. Deception is the theme of the entire presentation of Christ's brief passage, which has to do with Christ's Second Coming. But what really grabs one's attention is Jesus' warning: "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:37).

What did Jesus really mean when he made this statement to his disciples? Unfortunately, it is very difficult to even imagine what the days of Noah were like. While one can say it was a day of great wickedness, we must ask how depraved these people could have been, and what was its source? What device, what form of evil did Satan conceive to cause such awful wickedness that God would choose to destroy every living thing on land and save only one family?

The Book of Revelations gives us clues. However, to understand the clues, we must grasp the meaning of the Genesis passage, which provides us with the fundamental foundation as to what Christ meant when He said,

> "As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the last days just before my return."

Thus, we need an answer to these critical questions: What caused God to literally decimate the Earth? May we suggest fallen angels?

Chapter 15

SEXLESS ANGELS?

NUMBER ONE REASON FOR THE SETHITE VIEW

No doubt, the greatest opposition to the alternate view that the "sons of God" are angelic beings referred to in Genesis, chapter 6, are the passages in Matthew 22:29, 30 and Mark 12:24, 25. These Scriptures clearly teach that angels do not marry—which would logically mean that angels are not involved in sexual behavior. So, therefore, the passage in Genesis, chapter 6 has been interpreted to mean that there can be no sexual union between angels and humans. The passage in Matthew reads,

> "Jesus answered and said to them [the Sadducees], 'You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven" (Matthew 22:29, 30).

Here, one could certainly argue, "angels do not marry, so the sons of God could not refer to angels because Genesis, chapter 6 reveals that the sons of God married." However, it must be pointed out that the verses refer only to angels *in Heaven* who do not marry. There is no mention of angels who were cast out of Heaven. Jesus is speaking of righteous angels in Heaven and not the fallen angels.

We know from Genesis, chapter 3, that Satan had already been cast out of Heaven. So the fall of Satan and his angels happened before the sons of God married the daughters of men. It was not the angels in Heaven who intermarried with humans. In addition, there are no Scriptures intimating that fallen angels could not involve themselves in sexual activities. Fallen angels were at the time already evil, so who is to say that illicit sexual activities would be out of the question for fallen beings?

ANGELIC GENDER

Angels usually seem to appear as males, as they are given the masculine gender, rather than the feminine gender. However, in Zechariah 5:9 there are clearly wicked beings represented as females with wings on their way to build a house for wickedness. Were they hybrids? We cannot answer with complete exactness; however, there seems to be the possibility of something of this nature in Zechariah.

Why are angels always given a gender when mentioned in Scripture? It would seem reasonable that if a creature is given a gender it would suggest that sexual capabilities are feasible. As we have just read, the Lord plainly informed us that angels in Heaven do not marry, and therefore, it follows that they would not have sex. However, what about the ones who are now not in Heaven?

As a result of medical technology, married couples can select the gender of their child before the wife becomes pregnant. With the advancement of bioengineering, the future seems to have no limits on what man will seek to accomplish. Furthermore, we know that demons can possess an individual and control one's thinking and behavior, so who is to say that Satan is not capable of tampering with angelic or even human sexuality?

Could the topic of our controversial subject be at least one of the reasons the angels fell? The fact is, we know little about the different aspects of their rebellion. Did their fall have something to do with violating the designated boundaries assigned to them, whatever those may have been, just as there are prescribed boundaries for sexual activity in the Bible for male and female humans?

Satan was out to contaminate the seed of those through whom the Messiah, the Savior of the world, would come. Therefore, it is understandable why the fallen angels could have been involved in sexual activities with humans.

IT'S ABOUT THE RESURRECTION, NOT SEX

To get a better perspective of what Jesus was saying, let's look at the parallel account of His conversation in the Gospel of Luke.

> "And Jesus answered and said to them, 'The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that

> age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection'" (Luke 20:34-36).

This passage is about what occurs after death when one enters Heaven. Christ's primary intention in His response was to affirm the reality of the resurrection to the religious leaders (Sadducees), who did not believe there would be a resurrection.

One can clearly see from Luke's account of this confrontation that Jesus was making three points about the age to come:

(1) Resurrected humans will not marry, just like angels in Heaven do not marry.

(2) Resurrected humans will be given eternal life, which the holy angels now have.

(3) There is a resurrection.

To interpret these passages to mean that 'evil' angels are not capable of engaging in sexual activities and even procreate, reads more into them than intended.

SONS OF GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The traditional view interprets the "sons of God" in Genesis, chapter 6 to be like the New Testament "sons of God," who are believers who follow Christ. But let us examine the phrase "sons of God" in the New Testament to see if they are one and the same. The term "sons of God" is never used for believers in the Old Testament—only in the New Testament. Theologians, who interpret "the sons of God" as being the descendants of Adam, do so by referring to New Testament believers, who have literally become the sons of God because of their faith.

When John speaks of Jesus Christ in John, chapter 1, he says, "He came unto His own, and His own received him not." John is simply referring to Israel. And the passage continues,

> "As many as did receive Him, to them He gave the power to become sons of God."

It is in John, chapter 3, that Jesus explains that there is a new birth involved when one accepts Him as the Lord and Savior of their life. This is not a figure of speech.

There is actually a creative act that God performs when someone invites Jesus Christ to become Savior and Lord of their life, just as when God breathed into Adam the breath of life and Adam became a living being. This is also the way it is when one is born again and filled with the Spirit of the living God. At the new birth, God's Spirit comes to rest within the new creation, who is a child of God. New believers have become sons of God, and they, as is true of all those who walked with God in the Old Testament, will not be involved in marriage in Heaven.

It is only by a specific act of "adoption by God," as the Apostle Paul puts it, that any created being can be called "a son of God." The Bible declares that which is "born of the flesh is flesh." God is Spirit and that which is "born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). Adam is called a "son of God" in Luke 3:38 because he was a direct creation of God.

This is why angels are called "sons of God" in every other place where the expression is used in the Old Testament. They were created by the direct hand of God. Therefore, it would seem a correct interpretation to state that the "sons of God," in Genesis 6:4, are angelic beings.

THE WEAKNESS OF THE SETHITE VIEW—GIANTS

The Bible indicates that the offspring of the sons of God were Nephilim or Giants. If the term "sons of God" refers to the so-called righteous line of Seth, then they produced giants, and this theory pre-supposes that Seth's line, after marrying into a pagan line, produced giants and heroes. Do believers today who marry unbelievers produce giants? We are not referring to a giant who plays NBA basketball, but rather, a monster man, who is an aggressor, a bully who oppresses and terrorizes the people around him.

THE MISSING ELEMENT—THE SUPERNATURAL

I believe that the Sethite view fails to understand the realm of the supernatural. In effect, the traditional view falls into the same error Jesus pointed out to the religious people of His day, the Sadducees, who did not believe in the

resurrection power of God. When Jesus said,

> "'... You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God ... have you not read what God said to you, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Matthew 22:29, 31,32 NIV).

The point is, Jesus was saying you do not understand the spiritual world, nor the power of God, which would include angels. In other words, do angels have powers beyond human understanding? Think about it. For example, in the Book of Isaiah we read,

> "Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!" (Isaiah 37:36, NIV).

And again, in 2 Samuel we read,

> "So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beersheba died. When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem ..." (2 Samuel 24:15, 16, NIV).

Then, we recall, there are the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah where two angels were sent to destroy them (Genesis 19:13). In other words, there is something far more extensive about the power and capabilities of angels that we can learn. It is essential to lay aside all religious ideas, traditions and preconceived ideas about angels. Proverbs reminds us,

> "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame." (Proverbs 18:13, NIV).

Chapter 16

EXTRA-BIBLICAL RESOURCES AND THE SONS OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

Extra-biblical texts are ancient manuscripts that provide information or content outside of the Bible in both Old and New Testament times. Although these books are not part of the canon, they are valuable resource materials, which serve as ancient commentaries that elaborate on canonized scriptures. Some are even biblically endorsed because the Bible itself either quotes from them or makes reference to them, and in some cases, even mentions them by name. These texts are not accepted as divinely inspired. They are simply written by men.

However, they reflect ancient customs and cultures and contain texts to which Jews had access thousands of years ago, but today no longer exist. Therefore, these ancient books are helpful in understanding what is being said in the Bible, just as we use Christian books and commentaries to help us in our study of God's Word today. They reveal useful details and context for the stories contained within the Bible. If they do not contradict the Bible, then we can find them useful for our study.

These extra-biblical resources are divided into three categories:

1. Historical
2. Pseudepigraphical
3. Early Church Fathers

Historical resources are simply documents written by historians. Pseudepigraphic resources are non-canonical papers ascribed to various biblical authors, but generally thought to be composed approximately 200 years before or after the birth of Christ. Pseudepigraphic simply means unauthentic writings,

attributed to biblical characters or times. Our final resource material will come from the Early Church fathers' writings, who were leaders in the Church after the time of Christ.

Although examining extra-biblical resource materials can be fascinating to read because of the insight for understanding Scripture, it is important to keep in mind that if one is not careful, they also can have a damaging element in reading Scripture because they are not considered to be God-breathed. Ultimately, only the Bible is fully and completely the inspired Word of God.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

Josephus lived shortly after the time of Christ (37-100 A.D.) and was a first-century Roman-Jewish scholar and historian, and was born in Jerusalem. Flavius Josephus recorded the history of the Jewish people in the first century A.D. He writes,

> "Now this posterity of Seth continued to esteem God as the Lord of the universe, and to have an entire regard to virtue, for seven generations; but in the process of time they were perverted, and forsook the practices of their forefathers, and did neither pay those honors to God which were appointed to them, nor had they any concern to do justice towards men. But for what degree of zeal they had formerly shown for virtue, they now showed by their actions a double degree of wickedness; whereby they made God to be their enemy, for many angels of God accompanied [cohabitated] with women and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians called giants. But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and being displeased at their conduct, persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better; but seeing that they did not yield to him, but were slaves to their wicked pleasures, he was afraid they would kill him, together with his wife and children, and those they had married; so he departed out of that land."[55]

Obviously, Josephus believed and recorded that “the sons of God” mentioned in Genesis, chapter 6, were fallen angels. This belief was considered the standard view in the ancient world—that fallen angels were the fathers of the giants. These giants were known for their abusive and contemptuous ways. Notice that wherever giants are mentioned, it is in connection with wickedness.

PHILO OF ALEXANDRIA

Another well-known first century A.D. Jewish writer and philosopher was Philo of Alexandria, who was an acquaintance of the Apostle Peter and respected Peter highly. He shared Josephus’ views on this subject. In his work “On the Giants,” Philo writes,

> “And when the angels of God saw the daughters of men that they were beautiful, they took unto themselves wives of all them whom they chose.”

Philo goes on to challenge his peers about demons,

> “Those beings, whom other philosophers call demons, Moses usually calls angels...”[56]

No doubt, Philo is speaking of fallen angels.

PSEUDEPIGRAPHICAL RESOURCES:

THE BOOK OF ENOCH

The book of Enoch is a collection of pseudepigraphic writings by various authors and believed to be written between 200 B.C. and A.D. 200. Where these authors received their information cannot be determined. They may have had access to books and manuscripts written centuries earlier, but now have been lost or destroyed.

Nevertheless, the book of Enoch was well-known by the Early Church. Jude, the brother of Jesus, quotes from the book of Enoch in his epistle in the New Testament:

> “Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have

committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him'" (Jude 14, 15, NIV).

Where did Jude learn this? Not from the Bible. There is only one short passage mentioning Enoch in the Old Testament,

"When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away" (Genesis 5:21-24, NIV).

Obviously, Jude draws from the book of Enoch 1:9, which reads,

"Behold, he comes with the myriads of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all, and to destroy all the wicked, and to convict all flesh for all the wicked deeds that they have done, and the proud and hard words that wicked sinners spoke against him" (Enoch 1:9).

Note the similarities. The Book of Jude was written between A.D. 60 and 80.

Apparently, Jude felt that the book of Enoch, which he had access to in the first century A.D. was trustworthy, and so did some of the other Early Church fathers. Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria and others also refer to the writings within the book of Enoch. The book of Enoch has survived to our day and provides insight into the meaning of the "sons of God." However, it is not considered to be a part of the Bible as inspired Scripture because some of the contents in the book are questionable and may have been added at some later date.

Another portion of the book of Enoch that possibly sheds light on our subject discusses the sin of the angelic "watchers." According to the book of Enoch and other ancient rabbinic writings, these "watchers" were group of angels God had specifically placed to watch over the Earth. We read in the book of Enoch,

"And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and

beget us children.' And Semjaza, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.' And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations [curses] not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.' Then sware they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon …" (Enoch 6:1-6).

BOOK OF JUBILEES

Another pseudepigraphic writing includes the Book of Jubilees. It, too, was well-known to early Christians, as evidenced by the writings of numerous church leaders and fathers, including Epiphanius, Justin Martyr, Origen, Diodorus of Tarsus, Isidore of Alexandria, Isidore of Seville, Eutychius of Alexandria, and others. A passage similar to the book of Enoch reads,

> "And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the Earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose, and they bare unto them sons and they were giants. And lawlessness increased on the Earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walks on the Earth—all of them corrupted their ways and their orders, and they began to devour each other, and lawlessness increased on the Earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men (was) thus evil continually ..." (Jubilees 5:1-3).

THE GENESIS APOCRYPHON

One additional non-biblical text is a scroll that was found among other scrolls, which were discovered near the Dead Sea in Israel. They are now displayed in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Discovered in 1946, the Dead Sea Scrolls are famous for their verification of the accuracy of biblical text. This was important because the Bible had been copied and recopied scores of times over the centuries, as it was passed down from generation-to-generation.

The most famous of the Dead Sea Scrolls is a scroll of Isaiah, containing all 66

chapters, which proves the reliability of the biblical text we have today. The Isaiah scroll was written in 125 B.C. Until it was discovered, the oldest scroll of Isaiah in existence was dated more than 1,000 years later. Many skeptics had claimed there was no way that over the centuries the text of the Bible could be the same as it was in the original documents. They claimed the text would be so full of scribal errors and added passages that it would be unreliable. However, the scroll of Isaiah found in the cave proved them wrong. It is virtually identical to what we have had available all along.

The Genesis Apocryphon is another text discovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls. It also contains references to angels that co-mingled sexually with human women. In this scroll, there is a conversation between Lamech, the father of Noah, and his wife. Lamech questions his wife regarding their son Noah because he thinks his conception was due to an angelic being. Although this dialogue does not fit the biblical narration, it does show there was an ancient belief that angels co-habited with earthly women.

CONCLUSION OF EXTRA-BIBLICAL SOURCES

The book of Enoch, the Book of Jubilees, and the Genesis Apocryphon, all clearly show the common understanding at the time of Jesus was that fallen angelic beings had sexual relations with women in the age before the Flood. These books give us a tremendous amount of detail concerning the activities of the fallen ones. They also reveal the entire Earth and everything on it had been thoroughly corrupted by the effects of the fallen Angels. In fact, it got so bad that the only recourse for God was to wipe everything out and start over.

EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

As previously mentioned, many early Christian writers accepted the angelic view in which the book of Enoch attests to be true. Let’s examine the writings of two of them.

JUSTIN MARTYR

Justin Martyr (A.D. 100–ca.165), was an early Christian apologist who lived shortly after the twelve disciples of Christ had all died. Justin was regarded as the foremost interpreter for understanding Logos (the Word), which is Christ.

Justin Martyr is considered a saint by the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. Here is what Justin had to say in chapter 5 of his Second Apology, entitled How the Angels Transgressed:

> "God, when He had made the whole world, and subjected things Earthly to man, and arranged the heavenly elements for the increase of fruits and rotation of the seasons, and appointed this divine law—for these things also He evidently made for man—committed the care of men and of all things under heaven to angels whom He appointed over them. But the angels transgressed this appointment, and were captivated by love of women, and begat children who are those that are called demons; and besides, they afterwards subdued the human race to themselves, partly by magical writings, and partly by fears and punishments they occasioned, and partly by teaching them to offer sacrifices, and incense, and libations, of which things they stood in need after they enslaved [mankind] by lustful passions; and among men they sowed murders, wars, adulteries, intemperate needs, and all wickedness …"[57]

This is pretty descriptive and follows our assumption that the "sons of God" in Genesis, chapter 6, were fallen angelic beings.

BISHOP COMMODIANUS

A century after Justin Martyr lived, Bishop Commodianus, another church father from North Africa, made a startling claim concerning the origin of demons. He asserted that demon spirits come from deceased giants—whose spirits wander the Earth, seeking to control human bodies:

> "When Almighty God, to beautify the nature of the world, willed that the Earth should be visited by angels, when they were sent down they despised His laws. Such was the beauty of women, that it turned them aside; so that, being contaminated, they could not return to Heaven. Rebels from God, they uttered words against Him. Then the Highest uttered His judgment against them; and from their seed giants are said to have been born. By them arts were made known in the Earth, and they taught the dyeing of wool, and everything which is done; and to them, when they died, men erected images. But the Almighty, because they were of an evil seed, did not approve that,

> when dead, they should be brought back from death. Whence wandering they now subvert many bodies, and it is such as these especially that ye this day worship and pray to as gods."

The bottom line of both of these sources from Early Church fathers is obviously affirmation to our theme: The "sons of God" were the fallen angels that took human women and had sexual relationships and their offspring were Nephilim who became heroes. A more fitting translation found in the Scriptures:

> "The Nephilim were on the Earth at that time (and also immediately afterward), when those divine beings were having sexual relations with those humans and women, who gave birth to children for them. These children became the heroes and legendary figures of ancient times" (Genesis 6:4, ISV)

CONCLUSION

From the numerous sources we have been examining, it becomes apparent that the general consensus for understanding Genesis 6:1-4, at the time of Christ, was that angels had sinned by involving themselves sexually with human women.

Chapter 17

THE BIBLE AND THE SONS OF GOD

TWO SEEDS

The history and story of the Bible is about two seeds; the seed of God and the seed of Satan. We read in Genesis, chapter 3, that the seed of Satan will bruise the heel of God's seed, while God's seed will crush the head of Satan's seed. As a result, the cosmic chess match of the ages began. Every advancing move Satan makes, God has a counter move that disables Satan's previous move. Eventually, God will make the final move that will checkmate his opponent and the match will be over. What happens to Satan afterward is simply "lights out"—forever (Revelation 20:10).

SATAN'S PLAN: COSMIC TREASON

Before the King arrived on Planet Earth as a new-born baby, Satan planned to bring about an overpowering deluge of wickedness in order to contaminate God's created pure seed of the Adamic race, and ultimately, cause the lineage of man to cancel out God's plan to bring about the birth of Christ. Satan's purpose in his attempted coup was to prevent the promised Son of God from being born. It was to be through Him that the seed of the woman would one day destroy Satan and all his deeds of rebellion. (Genesis 3:15).

Even though we have seen what ancient Jews and Christians understood the term "sons of God" meant in the Old Testament, we must decide from the biblical text itself. We all understand that in the Hebrew text of Genesis 6:1-2, there is no controversy over the phrase "daughters of men." They were simply female human beings. So let us explore what the Old Testament says about "the sons of God."

We find the Hebrew words, "sons of God," always 100 percent of the time, refer to angelic beings. There is no other place in the Old Testament where "sons of God" means something other than angelic beings.

Fortunately, we have a book in the Old Testament that was written around the same period as Genesis—the Book of Job. The term “sons of God” (“B’nai Elohim” in Hebrew) is mentioned three times in Job, and each time it is used, it clearly refers to angelic beings.

> “One day the sons of God [B’nai Elohim] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them” (Job 1:6).
>
> “On another day the sons of God [B’nai Elohim] came to present themselves before the LORD,” (Job 2:1).
>
> “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth...while the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God [B’nai Elohim] shouted for joy? (Job 38:4, 7).

This final passage in Job is written in a literary style called Hebrew Parallelism, which means that the identical thing is said in two different ways. This means morning stars are the same as sons of God. We know that Satan once was called the morning star (Lucifer), which identifies him with the angels.

> “How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! ...” (Isaiah 14:12, NIV).

He was among the morning stars that sang for joy when God created the universe. All the angels are also called the sons of God. It seems clear then that the term, “sons of God,” as used in Genesis would mean angels, since Job also uses this term in the same way.

There are other additional passages in the Old Testament that refer to the “sons of God.”

> “Give to the Lord, you sons of God [B’nai Elohim], give to the Lord glory and might; ” (Psalm 29:1, USCCB).

Another version of this same passage reads,

> “Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings; ascribe to the LORD glory and strength” (Psalm 29:1, ISV).

Psalm 89:6 says the same thing:

> “For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD ... ” (Psalm 89:6, ESV).

As one can see from these references in the Old Testament, whether the term “sons of God” or “heavenly beings” is used, they both refer to angelic beings.

In today’s common vernacular one might call these beings aliens or extraterrestrials. Yes, it appears that these creatures have visited Planet Earth in the past, and as we shall see, in the near future they will begin to appear once more.

Chapter 18

WHY DESTROY THE ENTIRE WORLD?

GENETIC CONTAMINATION

Why did God, Who rules in righteous judgment, destroy the entire world with a flood? Why a worldwide flood? Why would God choose to wipe out the entire human race? Something had to be irrevocably and irreversibly evil.

May we suggest the answer is not only found in the corruption of mankind—spiritual, physical and moral—but also in the genetic contamination which came from the fallen angels. Yes! We are speaking of a DNA contamination in humans that resulted in genetic hybrids—the Nephilim.

CORRUPTING THE IMAGE

This corruption is similar to what occurred in Adam and Eve in the garden when they partook of the forbidden fruit. As a result of their sin, their flesh began to change, mutate and transform into something that was never intended by the Creator. Their bodies began to transform into beings that would become old and withered and eventually die. This transformation may be what occurred with the Nephilim, who were the offspring of the sons of God and the daughters of men. In other words, the sons of God mingled their DNA with the DNA of humans—and that was never meant to be. Dangerous and destructive mutations began to occur within the hybrid offspring of the fallen angels and the humans, which caused them to become inclined toward evil.

Is it possible that Nephilim could have actually been bred from the mixture of humans and non-humans such as angels or even animals? It is fascinating to watch today's news media's continual reports of the scientific experimentation in combining different species in the attempt to create something new. As we shall see, this includes animal-human hybrids. Of course, the purpose of such experimental procedures is always for the advancement of science to cure many sicknesses, diseases and crippling ailments that plague mankind. But with

technical capabilities increasing beyond imagination, who knows what fallen man will try to create? We know that Satan's agenda is to corrupt all flesh and to "provoke the Lord." God had a plan for both animals and humans to reproduce after their own kind (Genesis 1:24). Satan seeks to completely ruin and destroy God's creation and all of life through reproducing after his kind.

God created everything exactly the way He wanted it, and He called it very good. But the fallen angels apparently crossed over the forbidden boundaries and inserted their evil seed into that creation, which corrupted and contaminated both animals and humans. It seems that God severely judged those angels for this act of violating His prescribed rules and guidelines. They were confined to a terrible place, as Scripture states in 2 Peter. In addition to the Bible, there is further insight into the ancient text in the book of Jasher and the book of Jubilees. These books described the practice of genetic engineering, which resulted in all flesh becoming corrupted.

CORRUPTION-FREE CREATURES

In Genesis 6:19, 20 and 7:12-16, we read that God commanded Noah to bring into the Ark both birds and animals after their kind. The phrase "after their kind" does not appear in reference to that which was destroyed by the Flood. (Genesis 7:21-23).

Corrupting all flesh through genetic engineering and the mixing of species that created hybrids was never intended to be. The Bible reveals that God created man in His own image and likeness. Satan cannot create anything from scratch. He can only manipulate that which the Creator has already created.

Satan's goal is to stop God's plan of redemption for the human race. I am convinced that one way Satan has attempted to achieve his goal in the past was through genetic contamination through the fallen sons of God with the daughters of man. Satan's master plan was to contaminate and destroy the path for the seed of the woman to bring forth "The" Son of God, born of a human for the Redemption of mankind. His tampering with the human genome (chromosomes) was for the purpose of contaminating the bloodline of the coming Messiah and contaminated giants were and still are in his plan for the future.

Our 21st century civilization is being inundated by creatures created in the movie industry beginning with *Planet of the Apes*, the creatures from *Star Trek,*

Star Wars, Alien Nation, E.T., Avatar and *Almost Human*, just to name a few of the multitudes of half-human hybrids. These extra-terrestrials are part human and part alien, or something in between, and are in the realm of science fiction. Yet, I maintain that these science fiction creatures are actually preparing our world to accept the real thing. Inspired by Satan, these hybrids and alien beings are definitely on the horizon, and I believe will soon be in our midst!

Chapter 19

WHAT MADE NOAH'S GENEALOGY SO DISTINCTIVE?

NOAH AND HIS "PERFECTION"

Let's take another look at Noah and see if we can understand the reason why only Noah and his immediate family were saved from the Flood. This in turn will provide insight into the meaning of the words of Jesus regarding what will be occurring on Planet Earth, just before His return. Maybe it has something to do with genetic contamination.

> "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37, NIV).

NOAH WAS "PERFECT"

> "Noah was a just man, perfect [tamim] in his generations. Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9).

The Bible tells us that Noah was perfect in his generations. We know that Noah's perfection could not refer to Noah being sinless, because God's Word tells us, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23 NIV). Even King David understood this in Old Testament times when he acknowledged, "we have all sinned" (Psalms 51 and 53). But, being a man of faith, as we can see from his building the Ark, God reckoned him as righteous. Remember the previously mentioned quote from Josephus about Noah being disturbed by the evil in the people surrounding him?

> "But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and being displeased at their conduct, persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better; but seeing that they did not yield to him, but were slaves to their

> wicked pleasures, he was afraid they would kill him, together with his wife and children, and those they had married; so he departed out of that land."[58]

The Bible also describes Noah as [tamim], which usually means having a morally pure heart. However, the word "tamim" can have additional significance. It can also mean, "without blemish, without defect, sound, healthful, without spot, unimpaired." This is the same word used in Numbers 19:2, where we read about the pure red heifer that had no blemish. Here we see that the Hebrew could be referring to something more than only moral perfection.

We know that Noah was righteous because of his faith, but here we see the word could refer to Noah's perfection as being without physical blemishes and not spiritual blemishes—sin. We are not, of course, speaking of physical perfection in suggesting that Noah was without skin blemishes. We are speaking of Noah being uncontaminated physically from the fallen angels.

Let me suggest that through the fallen angels there was genetic contamination in the human family tree. Throughout the Book of Leviticus the words "without blemish" refer to sacrificial offerings to the Lord. The offerings (animal sacrifices) had to be perfect and without blemish. Here again, the Hebrew word "tamim" means without blemish, and is the technical word for bodily and physical perfection—not moral. Hence, it is used in regards to the animals of sacrificial purity. It is rendered "without blemish" in many passages of the Old Testament.[59]

This shows that Genesis 6:9 does not necessarily speak of Noah's moral perfection. In fact, the law was so strict that even people who had physical defects were forbidden from certain activities.

> "Say to Aaron: 'For the generations to come none of your descendants who has a defect may come near to offer the food of his God. No man who has any defect may come near: no man who is blind or lame, disfigured or deformed; no man with a crippled foot or hand, or who is hunchbacked or dwarfed, or who has any eye defect ... and so desecrate my sanctuary. I am the LORD, who makes them holy'" (Leviticus 21:17-23, NIV).

What does this mean to our study? First of all, we know that the perfect sacrifice to redeem mankind had to be morally pure without sin. Second, the perfect sacrifice could not be contaminated physically—that is, the sacrifice could not be part human and part alien. He had to be 100 percent from the human bloodline. This helps us to understand that Noah was perfect and as we shall see later why Mary was a virgin. Noah had not been contaminated by the seed of the fallen angels. I believe it means that genetically, Noah had an unblemished genealogy.

Noah and his ancestors had not allowed themselves to be genetically contaminated with the fallen angels or their offspring—the Nephilim. Noah was just, righteous, and blameless because Noah trusted in God, just as Abraham trusted in God. Scripture also bears out, that in addition to Noah, his wife and sons had not contaminated themselves genetically by becoming involved with the fallen angels. However, what about the wives of Noah's three sons? Could one of them have been contaminated genetically?

Chapter 20

NOAH'S THREE DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

REAPPEARING NEPHILIM

Our next question is this. If the Nephilim were destroyed in the Flood, how did they return after it? We read about the Nephilim appearing after the Flood in Numbers, chapter 13. Let me suggest a view that may seem a bit unusual. Could it be that one of Noah's daughters-in-law had been genetically contaminated?

We believe that Noah's wife was genetically pure, as well as his three sons. However, it may be a different story with at least one of his daughters-in-law—or her parents or ancestors. Scripture states,

> "... the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose" (Genesis 6:2, NIV).

It doesn't appear that the women had much of a choice in the matter of matrimony. Of course, we are speaking speculatively at this point; however, let us consider Scripture which reveals that the Nephilim were on the Earth after the Flood. If the Nephilim, who were on the Earth before the Flood, perished in the Flood, how then did they return on the Earth after the Flood? There is no mention in Scripture of any sexual improprieties from the sons of God after the Flood. Therefore, the question is, could a daughter-in-law have been violated?

Let us first point out the obvious—an individual cannot choose the parents to whom they are born. In addition, the matrimony laws in those days are much the same as they are today in various countries of the world, where daughters have no say in choosing their husbands. Just as a person born with the HIV virus cannot help that he or she inherited contaminated blood, yet, the fact is, the child is infected. And this child can contaminate others.

Therefore, it appears possible that at least one wife could have been genetically contaminated by the Nephilim DNA from her parents who had also been infected. This would provide an explanation as to how the Nephilim appeared after the Flood.

Why, one may ask, would God allow contamination—an evil condition—to enter the Ark? And why has God allowed Satan to continue his rebellion on Planet Earth?

There are many things God has chosen not to reveal to us while we are here on Earth. Yet God has certainly revealed to us one critical reason. If Jesus had not been willing to allow Himself to be killed by wicked men, there would have been no sacrificial lamb to bear the sins of the human race. We do know the day will come when God judges and disposes of him and his evil followers.

So again, we must raise the question. Is it possible that the DNA of one of the wives of Noah's three sons may have carried the contaminated microscopic genetic codes that had been passed on from the Nephilim who were living at the time of Noah before the Flood? Is it possible that God may have allowed the contamination, so that He could ultimately bring about His purposes for a righteous and just Day of Judgment? It appears that God had previously done just that as He allowed the infectious evil to exist in Adam and Eve that was passed on to their children. God did this with a plan in mind—that one day, He would set into motion the actions necessary to complete His plan of Redemption. In fact, we see this principle unfolding throughout the Bible. God is patient and not willing for anyone to perish.

God's plan of the ages is to implement His school of discipleship and faith. God wants His children to become people of faith whom He can raise up to pass on His DNA. A DNA of integrity, love, mercy and true humility in order that His offspring would become giant slayers, and eventually bring judgment on Satan and all his evil angels. The Bible reveals God's children will one day judge the angels (1 Corinthians 6:3). Ultimately, God's plan is for his children to live with Him throughout eternity with no threat of a future rebellion.

THE WAY SALVATION WORKS

It was Noah's faith that saved his children. Noah was both genetically pure and morally righteous, and these attributes saved him and his family. The Bible does not say that Noah's family was also righteous and deserved to be saved. They were spared because of their association with the righteous Noah. This illustrates how salvation works. Jesus lived a life of perfect righteousness. He did not sin, and therefore, He did not deserve to die, either. God raised Him from

the dead, and others can join him simply by associating with Him and His righteousness and be spared from the final judgment. This is confirmed by Paul's writings:

> "For as by one man's disobedience [Adam's] many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience [Christ's] many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).

GOD'S DNA AND THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Question: Does God have DNA or "X" and "Y" chromosomes? We know that in Genesis, God created man in his own image and likeness. Now if we carry this notion on to the genetic level, can God pass on something of His Spirit-self? Let's review again for a minute our DNA. It is similar to a barcode that is on the products we purchase from a store. A man has both "X" and "Y" which are genetic barcodes. Women only have the "X" and "X" chromosome barcode. Therefore, when God made Eve by taking a rib out of Adam, it would appear that God replicated the "X" chromosome barcode.

Now consider this. When the Holy Spirit "overshadowed" Mary and impregnated her with the Y chromosome barcode, thus producing the promised Messiah, could He have added anything of Himself, in order to produce the male child? Genesis 18:14 asks the question, "Is anything too difficult for God?" I don't think so because this is why God is God. Therefore, is this why God did not have an "only begotten daughter" to save mankind, but rather a Son? Of course, we know that God is not physical, so anything He creates that resembles a barcode represents a spiritual dimension of His Being.

Each of us has characteristics which come from our parents' DNA barcode, such as the eye, hair and skin color. We received our entire physical makeup from the combined genetic information of our parent's barcode. In that genetic makeup, we also have personality traits passed along to us. Obviously, we are the offspring of our parents and share much in common with them. The Nephilim may have arisen after the Flood as a result of DNA being transported on the Ark by carriers of one of Noah's sons' wives.

Again we might ask the question, "Do angels have DNA?" Since DNA is simply an information package, like a barcode, it is not hard to imagine that all sorts of created beings have some sort of mechanism within them that stores

their barcode information about their existence. Apparently, the Holy Spirit created and delivered an information package in the form of a seed that impregnated Mary with Christ, just as He did when He created Adam and Eve. Therefore, it is not a stretch of the imagination to assume the same thing is possible with other spirit beings.

THE MAKING OF THE POST-FLOOD NEPHILIM

Now, suppose a son had one parent's chromosomes from a fallen angel and the other parent's chromosomes from a human being. He would have some personality traits from each of them. He would be a hybrid of the two with some kind of influence (physically or spiritually) that did not come from God, and therefore, could not be a part of His plan to be made "after His image." Thus, the child's spirit, no doubt, would have some negative or evil traits, something that God never intended. When he died, his spirit would live on even though his body perished. And his spirit, unless it was judged and sent to some unknown place, would wander about and seek to carry out evil actions. Spirits retain personality traits they received from the host they once inhabited.

It becomes easy to understand how a demon-possessed person can rip off metal chains with their bare hands and throw grown people across a room (Mark 5:1-20). Such things are possible when there is an evil, giant spirit that possesses an individual. If this theory is true, it helps to explain the evil giants after the Flood that warred against Israel. It also helps to explain the "evil inclination" that Adam and Eve, our first parents, passed on to humanity. Theologians call it our sin nature. Obviously, man has an affinity to sin, which is not of God. Therefore, man must be redeemed by the blood—the seed of our Lord the Messiah.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

This topic may provide insight in reference to future contamination that is coming to the Body of Christ. In the New Testament Book of Revelation, Christians are admonished not to accept or receive the mark of the beast—whatever that may be. Those who do will not enter into the Kingdom of God. Believers may not fully understand the significance of the mark of the beast, but they do understand that followers of Christ are not to align themselves with the

kingdom of darkness in any manner.

Chapter 21

POST-FLOOD NEPHILIM

GIANTS AND THE TOWER OF BABEL

In Genesis, chapter 10, we read the account of the Tower of Babel and its creator—Nimrod. This story occurs after the Flood. Cush, the father of Nimrod, grew to be a mighty warrior on the Earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: therefore it is said,

> "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel …" (Genesis 10:8-10).

Was Nimrod simply a strong and powerful man, or was he a giant himself who became a giant hunter of humans and beasts? Maybe he was all three. The spirit of the Nephilim before the Flood revived in him. Nimrod means "we shall rebel" and through the ages, Nimrod's name has become synonymous with the great adversary of God—the antichrist—who is the lawless one "who will do according to his own will" (Daniel 11:36; 2 Thessalonians 2:8).

The word Genesis uses for Nimrod being a powerful man is "gibor," meaning a hero or mighty man. What is significant in this passage is in the Greek Septuagint the same word "gibor" is translated "giant."

The tower Nimrod wanted to build was apparently a geopolitical and religious attempt to control the heavens. Nimrod wanted to create a system to make the world a place where its inhabitants could abide in complete accord with him being the demigod. The place would be Babylon, a city whose name in Hebrew means "confusion." He also built many other cities, including Nineveh. Nimrod's apparition represents the prideful arrogant spirit of humanity, which excluded God from what he desired to accomplish in his own power.

It is probable Nimrod began to rule his world by conquering other tribes. Ancient cultures depict Nimrod as a giant, and record that he subdued other giants to assist in the building of the Tower of Babel. After the Flood, we almost immediately read about giants. The idea that the Tower of Babel was built by

giants is supported in ancient Mesopotamian texts. Arabic legends speak about giant races being dispersed across the lands with the people whose languages were confounded.[60] And the Babylonian creation myth the Sumerian ziggurat (pyramid) called Etemenanki was dedicated to the god Marduk in Babylon and was built by the Anunnaki giants.[61]

NIMROD'S ROOTS OF REBELLION

From the table of nations listed in Genesis 10:15-19, we learn about Nimrod's roots. Noah's great grandson is Nimrod. The family tree: Noah, Ham, Cush and Nimrod. Nimrod's uncle was Canaan, of whom the Bible has much to say. We learn in Genesis 9:22-27 that Ham's son Canaan was cursed. Why? He uncovered his father's nakedness—whatever that might mean. We learn from Leviticus 18:78 and 20:11 that it is an abomination to uncover the nakedness of one's father. These passages intimate that "uncovering one's nakedness" has to do with illicit sex.

Even in the Book of Habakkuk 2:15-16, we read that it is not a good thing to expose one's nakedness as a result of their drunkenness. Whatever his immorality was, Moses was inspired to mention Canaan's sin. Why the curse? Was his DNA contaminated? This may be speculative, but many books of the Old Testament affirm that the descendants of Canaan were wicked.

Canaan gave birth to the Amorites (Genesis 10:15), and is known as the father of the Amorite giants. He would have been a contemporary of Nimrod. Nimrod's uncle, Mizraim (Egypt) became the father of the people whose descendants included the Philistines. The Philistines had sons who were giants in places like Gath, the most famous being Goliath. Chedorlaomer was Nimrod's general. (Genesis 14).[62] Chedorlaomer was the king who attacked the Canaanites living in Sodom and Gomorah and took Lot, Abraham's nephew, captive. Canaan's numerous tribal descendants are listed in Genesis. They include the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites. (Genesis 15:19-21).

Could they have had contaminated genes from the wife of Ham? If so, then it becomes logical why the Canaanites would later be wiped out by the Israelites at God's command, Who said to "utterly destroy" these people groups. Of course, God's command for judgment is always just. A person's prolonged wickedness

results in judgment.

One Arabic manuscript states that Nimrod used giants to build a fortress of Baalbek Lebanon.[63] Considering the massive foundational stones found at Baalbek, using giants to construct the fortress makes logical sense.

There are also carvings and reliefs of giants in the land of Egypt (Mizraim), along with colossal statues that remain there. Are these statues simply depicting the giant egos of those they represented or are they representing creatures that actually existed? Remember, Mizraim was Nimrod's uncle. For many centuries, the post-Flood descendants continued to live long lives—between 200 (Terah's generation) and 425 years (Canaan's generation). This would have provided ample time for those who had the DNA of the Nephilim to grow to be gigantic in size and dominate regions of their territory.

BOTTOM LINE:

Noah's day was not only about violence and blatant sin. Bloodshed and brutality existed since the time that Cain killed Abel. There was something far worse occurring with the fallen angels and the daughters of men.

The commingling of the sons of God and the human daughters of man resulted in the contamination of mankind's DNA. The contamination resulted in the offspring of the Nephilim. One of the Nephilim's genetic defects inherited from the fallen angelic sons of God was forceful violence. This evil aggression led to unusual violence. As a result, God sent the Flood as judgment on the entire world.

> "Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out'" (Genesis 6:11-14, NIV).

The Flood not only destroyed the wickedness and evil in the world, but it destroyed the genetic contamination caused by the fallen angels, except for the

remnant that appears to have been carried on the Ark. God used this to show and teach mankind of the adverse ways of sin and wickedness that comes through the moral and spiritual contamination of Satan, as well as the blessed ways of the gift of eternal life that comes through the uncontaminated Messiah—who would crush the seed of the serpent—Satan.

Chapter 22

PRE-FLOOD CONTAMINATION WITH ANIMALS

THE INCREASE OF WICKED KNOWLEDGE

The Flood not only destroyed the wickedness and evil in the world, but it also destroyed the genetic contamination caused by the fallen angels. Taking another look in the book of Enoch, we discover the use of the words “strange flesh,” which we see in the Book of Jude. There was a rapid increase of perverted knowledge among the humans. Although the text may include wicked elements, it also identifies items that are not, in themselves, evil, but can be used for evil purposes. The central point is that wicked fallen angels are spreading evil.

> “And Azazel taught men to make swords, and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals of the Earth and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and became corrupt in all their ways. Semjaza taught enchantments, and root-cuttings, Armaros the resolving of enchantments, Baraqijal [taught] astrology, Kokabel the constellations, Ezeqeel the knowledge of the clouds, Araqiel the signs of the Earth, Shamsiel the signs of the Sun, and Sariel the course of the Moon. And as men perished, they cried, and their cry went up to Heaven …” (Enoch 8:1-3).

Incidentally, the embellishments of the flesh that in the past were related to primitive civilizations, are sweeping the world today in the practice of tattoos, piercings and color decorations to one’s body. Mutilating and disfiguring the human body is a favored objective of the god of this world. Mutilation of the flesh has also quickly moved to sex alterations by surgery and hormone treatments. Sadly, this is only the beginning.

ANIMAL CONTAMINATION

There is also an indication from the ancient text known as the Book of Jasher that this genetic corruption extended to the animal world, too. The Book of Jasher is mentioned twice in the Bible (Joshua 10:13; 2 Samuel 1:18), where we read the following:

> "And their judges and rulers went to the daughters of men and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the sons of men in those days took from the cattle of the Earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole Earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon Earth, all men and all animals. And the Lord said, 'I will blot out man that I created from the face of the Earth, yea from man to the birds of the air, together with cattle and beasts that are in the field …'" (Jasher 4:18).

Even though the Book of Jasher is not part of the Bible, and no doubt has been corrupted to some extent throughout time, the Scriptures seem to confirm the information contained in this section of the book.

The fact that angels were also involved sexually with animals, perverting and contaminating the heredity and seed of "all flesh" seems to be the reason God destroyed "all flesh."

> "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the Earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the birds of the air; for I am sorry that I have made them" (Genesis 6:7).

Does this seem strange and bizarre to say that angels were involved sexually with animals? It should not be strange as sinful humans presently involve themselves in gross sexual immorality with animals. There are countries throughout the world where one can visit and witness humans engaging in lewd acts of sexual decadence. This is not new. Such vulgar depravity has continued to occur throughout history.

> “God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, ‘I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth’” (Genesis 6:12, 13, NIV).

Understand; Satan hates anything and everything that God created. He is out to destroy all of creation. We are given a few more details in the book of Enoch, regarding animal contamination.

> “Again I saw [a vision] with my own eyes as I was sleeping, and saw the lofty heaven; and as I looked, a star fell down from heaven [Lucifer, or Satan—compare Luke 10:18] but [who managed] to rise and eat and to be pastured among those cows. Then I saw these big and dark cows, and behold they all changed their cattle-sheds, their pastures, and their calves; and they began to lament with each other. Once again I saw a vision, and I observed the sky and behold, I saw many stars descending and casting themselves down from the sky upon that first star; and they became bovids [cattle, or quadrupeds] among those calves and were pastured together with them, in their midst. I kept observing, and behold, I saw all of them extending their sexual organs like horses and commencing to mount upon the heifers, the bovids; and they (the latter) all became pregnant and bore elephants, camels, and donkeys. So [the cattle] became fearful and frightened of them …” (Enoch 86:1-5).

Here it seems that sexual perversion and corruption were on a massive scale that had no boundaries. These non-biblical insights may provide understanding in regards to strange and bizarre fossils that are continually discovered in the records of rocks. Perhaps many of the animals that have become extinct and have been found in the study of geology, died in the Flood. They may have been genetically corrupted, and God did not bring them onto the Ark. Some of the bizarre species of fish that survived the Flood and are living today in the depths of the sea, are so hideous and sinister in their appearance that they may provide us with an indication of the meaning of contamination. Possibly, even some

contaminated species of dinosaurs may have become extinct as a result of the Flood.

Perhaps, we now have a clearer understanding of God's purposes and objectives of the Flood. The worldwide destruction was to destroy both the polluted and contaminated human and animal bloodlines and to eradicate the forbidden knowledge that humanity had learned from the fallen angelic beings. It is important to always keep in mind that Satan was out to contaminate the gene pool of human life in order to destroy God's plan of redemption and the "Promised Seed" that would one day destroy the serpent's power and rebellion.

Chapter 23

BIBLICAL PROHIBITIONS

THE DEFILEMENT OF THE CANAANITES—LEVITICUS, CHAPTERS 18 AND 22

God made a covenant with Abraham and repeatedly warned his descendants not to marry people from the neighboring tribes because they would contaminate them. And when Israel entered the Promise Land, God told Joshua to wipe out everyone from the neighboring tribes.

> “In accordance with the Lord’s command to him, Joshua gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh a portion in Judah—Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron. (Arba was the forefather of Anak.) From Hebron Caleb drove out the three Anakites—Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmai, the sons of Anak” (Joshua 15:13, 14, NIV).

We must once again emphasize that Christ had to be a perfect sacrifice without blemish, morally and physically—genetically. He had to be sinless and uncontaminated by a non-human (fallen angelic beings) and Jewish, meaning of the tribe of Judah and from the line of David. Moses warned Israel:

> “Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord’s anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire. For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession” (Deuteronomy 7:3-6, NIV).

> “But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, then you may be sure that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the LORD your God has given you” (Joshua 23:12, 13, NIV).

DEATH PENALTY ISSUED FOR SEXUAL ACTIVITY BETWEEN HUMANS AND ANIMALS

> “Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death” (Exodus 22:19).

> “Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion” (Leviticus 18:23).

> “If there is a woman who approaches any animal to mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them” (Leviticus 20:16).

> “Cursed is he who lies with any animal. And all the people shall say, ‘Amen’” (Deuteronomy 27:21).

For anyone who involved themselves sexually with an animal, the penalty to both human and animal was death.

JEHOVAH VERSUS THE GODS OF CANAAN

Moses and the Israelites were led by God to make a mockery of the Egyptian gods. God struck down their gods with the 10 plagues He used to destroy the land, livestock, crops, their firstborn and finally the entire Egyptian army.

> “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every

> firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord" (Exodus 12:12, NIV).
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> "... who were burying all their firstborn, whom the Lord had struck down among them; for the Lord had brought judgment on their gods" (Numbers 33:4, NIV).

At the time of the Exodus, the plagues demonstrated Jehovah's sovereignty over all other gods. Now it was Joshua's turn to do the same thing again, to mock the chief gods of Canaan. When Joshua and the Israelites entered the Promised Land, it was at a time when Jericho was celebrating their annual festival to the Sun god, Jericho's most important annual religious ritual.[64] The winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere occurs in late December. This was a time when the season of dormancy, darkness and cold was ending, and the return of the Sun. As a result, the people celebrated each year and dedicated a day to the Sun god. It was not just men fighting men. This was a spiritual battle. There was spiritual wickedness in heavenly places and the "Lord of Hosts" had come to be the Leader (Joshua 5:14), to destroy the false gods of the Canaanites. (Deuteronomy, chapter 11).

THE DEPRAVITY OF THE CANAANITES

To understand why God told Israel to wipe out the Canaanites, beginning with Jericho, one needs to understand what the Canaanite religion and customs were. At the heart of the Canaanite religion was sex in all its perversions. The land was polluted with indescribable immorality. We read from Scripture about some of these perverted customs.

> "'Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.
>
> "'Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.
>
> "'Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with

> it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.
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> "'Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the foreigners residing among you must not do any of these detestable things, for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you"' (Leviticus 18:21-28, NIV).

Chapters 18 and 23 of Leviticus reveal in detail the perversions of the Canaanites. Although Rahab and her family were saved from the destruction of Jericho because she made an affirmation of trust that revealed her faith in the God of Israel, her profession at that time also revealed the degradation of the city of Jericho. She was a prostitute and made her living selling sex. Three times in Scripture Rahab is referred to as "the harlot." The Hebrew term *zoonah* and the Greek word *porne* associated with her life refer to a woman who offers herself wholesale to any man approaching her. Apparently, Rahab offered sexual services to traveling merchants. That could be how the 2 spies came into the city without drawing attention to themselves.

Although the spies were not seeking illicit sexual pleasures, Rahab may have offered the Israelite strangers shelter in hopes of soliciting business for her profession. It was during their stay that Rahab took a step of faith by asking the spies for shelter when they conquered Jericho.

SACRIFICING CHILDREN TO THE GOD MOLECH (LEVITICUS 20)

> "The LORD your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess. But when you have driven them out and settled in their land, and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by inquiring about their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same.' You must not

> worship the LORD your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the LORD hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods" (Deuteronomy 12:29-31, NIV).

The immorality of the Canaanite gods is contrasted with the absolute holiness of the God of the Bible. Paul, in the first chapter of Romans, verse 18, reveals the people's godlessness and wickedness. One might wonder why Jehovah spared them for so long. If the gods they "looked up to" were doing these things, how low must the people have fallen? Can any man rise higher than his gods, especially when he has fabricated those gods in his own mind and described them in his literature?

> "... They aroused the Lord's anger because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths" (Judges 2:12, 13, NIV).

> "I myself will set my face against him and his family and will cut them off from their people together with all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molek" (Leviticus 20:5, NIV).

Molech, Baal and Ashtaroth were the principal gods and goddesses of the Canaanite nations. Baal was essentially associated with the Sun and Ashtaroth with sex and fertility. Molech was the Canaanite version of the Egyptian god Set. The god Set was a homosexual god of evil. He was worshipped during ceremonies that involved human sacrifice, cannibalism and homosexual orgies.

Energized by demonic spirits, the worship of these gods was grossly licentious and extremely cruel. As a result, death and destruction came to the pagan heathens who worshipped these deities. Again, we see God destroying the worthless gods of the pagans. The conquest of Jericho was to overthrow the religious system of the Canaanites and to defile their "holy" and sacred objects.

At the time of the Exodus the plagues demonstrated Jehovah's sovereignty over all other gods. The generation Joshua was leading into the Promised Land had not witnessed those plagues or God's sovereignty over them. They had only heard stories about God's miraculous power in destroying their enemies and

their gods. Now they were given a firsthand opportunity to observe God's supremacy over the gods of Canaan.

FORBIDDING COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

While still in the wilderness, God had given Israel explicit instructions to make no covenants with the Canaanites, and to break their images. In other words, destroy the system.

> "Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces" (Exodus 23:24, NIV).
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> "Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods. Do not let them live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you" (Exodus 23:32, 33, NIV).
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> "But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed. He will give their kings into your hand, and you will wipe out their names from under heaven. No one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them. The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God. Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction" (Deuteronomy 7:23-26, NIV).

So Joshua was promised the same redemptive plan. Just as Jehovah had done to both King Og and Sihon, so He would do for Joshua.

> "At that time I commanded Joshua: 'You have seen with your own eyes all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. The LORD will do the same to all the kingdoms over there where you are going'" (Deuteronomy 3:21, NIV).

Following the fall of Jericho, Israel would have the confidence to conquer all the kings of Canaan. As we read in Numbers 14:9, God said the enemy would be “bread” for them.

TODAY: “THORNS IN THEIR SIDES”

Today, we see a similar situation in the nations surrounding Israel. What do the Golan Heights, Samaria and the Gaza Strip have in common? They are the areas where the Canaanites originally lived, and were like thorns in the sides of Israel. It is no coincidence that these are the areas with the greatest conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Obviously, demons are territorial.

Chapter 24

SPIRITUAL CONTAMINATION AND DEFILEMENT

UNSANITARY TOYS

When a child picks up a filthy object from the street or public place, a parent will immediately grab the object from the child. Babies have no clue as to why they can't chew or swallow whatever they see, and may get quite offended. In the natural, we fear for our children when they touch something dirty. We know that chewing gum, food or an unclean toy picked up off a sidewalk is probably covered with invisible and potentially harmful viruses and bacteria.

Now picture the way God deals with His children. Think of the spiritual realm. Our Heavenly Father inevitably sees us reaching out to touch some unclean thing … something that will hurt or even destroy us. God is concerned with His children touching spiritually unclean or toxic things. The first such occurrence we read about in Genesis,

> "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'" (Genesis 3:3).

Hopefully, we can understand the reasons God gave to Israel such an extensive list of ceremonial rules and regulations. His instructions to which the Israelites had to conform are seemingly without number and each one is repeated numerous times. What was God saying? The problem was the ever-present danger of spiritual and physical contamination of the human race with the seed of Satan, which had been passed on through Adam and Eve's sin. God is a holy and righteous God. There is no evil whatsoever in Him. He went to extremes to protect Israel so His people wouldn't be exterminated by His holy presence.

> "You must be holy because I, the Lord, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own" (Leviticus 20:26).

A rather simplistic example would be like a homeless individual who wanders into a banquet held at some prestigious occasion where the head of state is speaking. What do you think would happen to the poor soul? Yet, God has a plan of restoring each of us as homeless individuals to be able to come into His presence, and become His sons and daughter, who will live with Him in His Kingdom forever and ever.

SCANDALOUS AFFAIR

Imagine if you can a story involving a child who never knew his mother or his father and grew up in a foster home. As a teenager he became involved in drugs and gangs. One night after breaking into a home, he abducted a young lady who was living there and murdered her. Then, he stuffed her body into a garbage sack and threw her in a trash bin.

It wasn't long before he was caught and given a life sentence in prison. After some time, he became involved in a Bible study group and eventually gave his heart to the Lord. Sometime later, the warden of the prison became acquainted with the young man and developed a relationship. One day the warden met with the prisoner, spoke with him and saw that he truly had a repentant heart. Surprisingly, the warden offered a pardon to the young man, and then invited him to become one of his own family by adopting him as his own son.

It wasn't long before this man discovered that the young lady he had murdered was the warden's only child. Who was that young man? It was me; it was you, and every other living human being. Once you begin to see the reality of this story, you realize how it parallels the story of the Gospel message.

How could the God of the universe offer the same kind of pardon to all of mankind when we are the ones who are responsible for murdering His only Son? And if that wasn't enough, then He offers to adopt every repentant human being to become one of His children in His family to live with Him forever? God's plan of redemption is seemingly a scandalous affair because every sin is an act of cosmic treason. But His plan is truly an amazing story. This is why it is and has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

Chapter 25

THE TESTIMONY OF JUDE

THE WEIGHT OF WITNESSES

Scripture will always self-authenticate and confirm itself by several witnesses. Thus, when one attempts to explain a Scripture, it is important to have several witnesses to verify the truth of one's interpretation.

> "... A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses" (Deuteronomy 19:15, NIV).

> " ... so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses'" (Matthew 18:16, NIV).

We shall consider three witnesses: the Books of Jude, Peter and the Septuagint. The first witness, Jude, provides three insights in his letter to the early believers regarding angels who apparently trespassed beyond their designated boundaries.

INSIGHT 1: ANGELS COMPARED TO SODOMITES

> "And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged [left their habitat]. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment" (Jude 6, 7).

Jude's first insight reveals the wickedness of the angels. The examples compare the wicked angels to the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here the Greek text introduces a comparison, which shows a likeness between the angels and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It reveals the fact that both the cities and the angels were guilty of the same identical sin—sexual perversion.

INSIGHT 2: ANGELS LEFT THEIR "ABODE" —THEY TRESPASSED

Jude reveals the trespassing of the angels. These angels abandoned their own home, which means vacated, deserted and forsook. They forsook their assigned boundaries of purpose and function and engaged in forbidden "pleasures" with the human race.

They left their "house," and crossed over into a home forbidden to them, only to suffer judgment. They were intruders and trespassers. They corrupted themselves by engaging in fleshly behavior that was forbidden— sexual activities with the daughters of men—thus, they defiled themselves and produced the fallen ones. No doubt, the rebellious angels were in alignment with Satan's cosmic treason and attempt to foil God's plan of redemption for humanity. Now they are condemned and kept in bondage for judgment.

It is amazing how many times God told the Israelites not to cross the boundaries around Mount Sinai where a Holy God was visiting His people. Seven times in Exodus 19, God mentions boundaries around Mount Sinai that the Israelites were not to cross. Crossing the boundaries meant death.

> "Set boundary lines the people may not pass, and tell them, 'Beware! Do not go up into the mountain or even touch its boundaries; whoever does shall die'" (Exodus 19:12, TLB).

Obviously, the angels were also well aware of the boundaries and limits God had set for them.

INSIGHT 3: PURSUING "STRANGE FLESH"

From another translation, we read what Jude labeled the pursuit of "strange flesh:"

> "Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in

> the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh [literally different or other flesh], are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire" (Jude 7, NAS).

SODOMITES' STRANGE ATTRACTION

When we read of the angels God sent to destroy the city of Sodom, it is clear they assumed a human-like form, and that their sex was masculine. Angels, therefore, can look convincingly like men. The homosexual men of Sodom were very capable of identifying sexuality. They were attracted by the 'male' angels that were sent by God to help Lot.

It is reasonable to believe Lot was aware of the abnormal evil occurring in the city. Imagine Lot offering his two virgin daughters to the perverted crowd who had surrounded his home when they noticed these new angelic visitors.

Yet, the men of Sodom did not want the women. They wanted the "strange flesh." It seems the citizens regarded the angels as prizes. Obviously, God's judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah came swiftly. What was left is still yet to be discovered by the scientific community of antiquities and archaeology.

Chapter 26

THE TESTIMONY OF PETER

WITNESS 2: ANGELS IMPRISONED

> "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness (Tartarus—gloomy dungeons) to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others ..." (2 Peter 2:4, 5, NIV).

Peter echoes the same sentiment Jude states, but offers new insights. Peter calls the place where these angels are being held as Tartarus, and he ties it to the Flood of Noah's day. Tartarus only appears in this one place in the Greek New Testament. The Greek term "Tartarus" is referred to as a pit of darkness in the unseen world. In Homer's *Iliad*, written in the eighth century B.C., which is known for its account of the Trojan War with the Trojan Horse, we find the term Tartarus explained,

> "... as far below Hades as the Earth is below Heaven …"[65]

This is the same Tartarus we read about in Greek mythology, where the Titans were imprisoned. It's most improbable that Peter would have used such an analogy if this pagan legend wasn't based on the truth. It would be like a place comparable to where nuclear waste is deposited, far away from anything that could be contaminated by it.

The idea that fallen angels had sexual encounters with human women and had offspring (the Nephilim) appears most improbable in our day and age. However, as we have seen over and over, this is what the ancient world accepted as fact.

PETER'S REVELATION AT CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Many know about Peter's famous revelation of Who Jesus is, but they do not necessarily know where it took place or the significance of that location in Israel.

The passage of Scripture reads,

> “When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in heaven’” (Matthew 16:13-19).

THE HISTORY OF THE AREA

The city of Caesarea Philippi is located in northern Israel. Located nearby is a massive rock wall well over 100 feet straight up and about 500 feet wide. This site was the location of several temples dedicated to Roman and Hellenistic gods including Pan, Zeus, Dionysus and Artemis. The city of Caesarea Philippi was built on top of this enormous rock to give honor to the gods, Caesar and Pan. Jesus uses a city on a hilltop as an example to the disciples,

> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).

Flowing out of this rock is a fresh water spring, the main source of water that feeds into the Sea of Galilee. The water originates from a grotto named after the god Pan. The Greek and Roman cultures had many gods, and Pan was worshiped at this grotto. Pan, the half-man, half-goat god of fright (panic), is often depicted playing the flute. He was the god of sexual perversion, involving himself in lewd activities. The grotto was a center of pagan worship to the fertility gods. Beginning in the third century B.C., sacrifices were cast into the cave as offerings to Pan.

The pagans living in the area thought the grotto created a gateway to the underworld—to Sheol, Hades, Tartarus, where the fertility gods lived. At this

location, people committed wicked acts of worship, including prostitution, sex with goats and sacrificing animals, which allowed the blood to flow through the water to the “underworld.” The pagans were seeking to please these gods of the underworld. They saw water as a symbol of the underworld and thought their gods traveled to and from that world through this rock cave. Tradition named it the ‘Gates of Hades’ because it was believed that Baal entered and left the underworld through places where the water came out. Matthew, in the Book of Matthew, also mentions the Gates of Hades.

PAGAN GOD PAN VERSUS JESUS

It is no coincidence that Jesus chose this place to ask Peter this most important question—the question that leads every person to eternal life. “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” It was at this place the Holy Spirit quickened Peter’s heart, and he replied, “... You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16, NIV).

It was at Caesarea Philippi where Jesus came to proclaim He would build His Church, which would point to the True Chief, the True Master and Lord, the One True God. It was here Jesus gives Simon the name change “Petros,” which means stone or rock in the Greek; to assist the Great Rock, the Messiah, to help in the work of building His family—the Church. While the rock that Caesarea Philippi was built on is an impressive sight, Peter, by Christ’s decree, becomes an even greater Rock because Jesus Christ works through him to build His Church to honor the One True God. Jesus concludes,

> “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven... ” (Matthew 16:18, 19, NIV).

Chapter 27

THE TESTIMONY OF THE GREEK SEPTUAGINT

WITNESS 3: SONS OF GOD ARE ANGELS

Our third witness is the ancient Old Testament Hebrew text that was translated into the Greek language and is known as the Greek Septuagint. The title Septuagint means “70” as does the Roman numeral “LXX” and refers to the seventy Jewish scholars who are said to have completed the translation as early as the late second century B.C. This translation is often quoted in the New Testament, particularly in the writings of the Apostle Paul and also by the Apostolic Fathers.

Greek was the most widely used language at that time, as it had been forced on the known world due to Alexander the Great. Greek was the common language, and the language of the business world. The highly authoritative translation, the Septuagint, was accepted by the entire Jewish community, including the followers of Jesus.

The 70 Jewish translators of the Septuagint also make it clear in Genesis 6:2 and elsewhere that the sons of God are angels. Since these angels married earthly women, the text implies that the “sons of God,” who were fallen angels, came down and were sexually involved with human women. In short, in the Septuagint, the sons of God are always translated as “angels of God.”

BOTTOM LINE:

It becomes obvious that the ancient translators of the Old Testament understood that the Nephilim were a race of super-humans or hybrids, who were the product of this evil angelic invasion of the Earth.

Chapter 28

SERVANTS OF SATAN: HELL'S ANGELS

KICKED OUT OF THE KINGDOM

> "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12, NIV).

The passage in Jude about angels in chains cannot be referring to demons and evil spirits, as they are locked down, imprisoned. So, who are the demons of today, and where do they come from? Although we cannot say with absolute certainty, it seems reasonable and logical to suggest that demons come from the spirits of the Nephilim, who were destroyed in the Flood. We do not read anywhere that the spirits of the Nephilim were assigned to hell. Therefore, it seems plausible that the disembodied spirits continue to exist and are presently roaming the Earth, seeking whom they can embody. Some scholars speculate there were several billion people on the planet in the days of Noah. If many—if not most—of the people were contaminated as a result of the sins of fallen angels, then there would be myriads of disembodied spirits of the dead Nephilim roaming the Earth, "seeking whom they can devour."

TORMENTORS

Why are demons known to be tormentors? Both the biblical and extra-biblical texts represent giants as violent tyrants in their day. They were overbearing, lawless characters that preyed on others. They used their bodily powers to obtain their selfish ends. They were marauding nomads, constantly roving from place to place in quest of plunder. They were bullies of torment. Similarly, a tormenting spirit is often implied of demon spirits. We read in Scripture of a father who asked Jesus to heal his tortured son:

> '"Lord, have mercy on my son,' he said. 'He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water"' (Matthew 17:15, NIV).

HALF HUMAN, HALF ANGEL

When human beings die, their bodies die and decay; yet, their spirits end up in Heaven or hell. But if the Nephilim were half human and half angelic beings, where would they end up? Again, may we suggest they went nowhere; their spirits were confined to the Earth. Therefore, it certainly seems probable they are the demon spirits that walk about the Earth today, searching for bodies to inhabit. As it is with Satan, who knows that Scripture foretells the end of his rebellion, so it is with the demons, which are aware that one day they will be cast into the pit when their time comes.

JESUS AND THE DEMONS

In the New Testament we read of a man possessed by many demons. When Jesus cast them out of the man, it appears the demons were fearful that Jesus might cast them into Tartarus, for they begged Jesus not to send them into the abyss. (Luke 8:31) Matthew describes this scenario when the demons cried out to Jesus,

> "... Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" (Matthew 8:29).

If demons are the disembodied spirits of the dead Nephilim, no doubt they would have known about Tartarus and the bottomless pit. They would not have been part of the original judgment imposed upon their parents, the fallen angels, who were cast into the bottomless pit as we read in Jude. Their judgment is reserved for a later time.

DEMONS AND PERVERSION

It is the nature of demons to gravitate to sexual immorality. When one becomes involved in sexual immorality, demons gather like flies on a carcass. This helps us understand the nature of the demon-possessed man of Gadarenes who was naked. When the demons left him, he clothed himself (Mark 5:15).

Again, we learn that Mary Magdalene, who had been a woman of the street, had opened herself up to seven demons (Mark 16:9). Sexual perversion can open a door into the mind and will for demons to enter and gain control over thoughts and actions.

Some of the most heinous crimes that have been committed by mass murderers were done because they were in bondage to demons. How in the world could someone murder dozens of people? What could possibly make them perpetrate such horrendous acts? The answer is clear. Sexual sins defile an individual and expose them to the control of demons. When you shut the door to immorality and sexual sins, you close the door to demons of sexual perversion.[66]

NO SALVATION FOR HUMANOIDS AND DEMONS

Since the Nephilim were humanoids, there is no Scriptural basis to presume they can be redeemed as salvation has been promised only to human beings. The fallen angels had once stood in the very presence of the Creator of the Universe. They chose to rebel. They and their seed will not have a second chance.

Isaiah 26:14 seems to concur they will not be eligible for the resurrection because Jesus brought salvation to the human race, not to hybrids.

> "They are now dead, they live no more; their spirits do not rise.You punished them and brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of them" (Isaiah 26:14, NIV).

There is an appointed time for the punishment of demons, but it is not now, and this is the reason from time-to-time one encounters demonic spirits.

DEALING WITH DEMONS AND FALLEN ANGELS

Whereas demons are to be cast out under the direction of the Holy Spirit, there are still evil angels who have control over nations—as is seen in the Book of Daniel. They can be thwarted by God's people here on Earth, but only with deep and intensely focused prayer.

These still active, evil angels are obviously not the same as the fallen angels who are already chained in the abyss. Indeed, evil angels are at work as the sons of God in the Book of Job.

When we see the warfare that goes on in the heavens, we are to do what Daniel did and pray.

> “Then he (the angel) continued, ‘Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia’” (Daniel 10:12, 13, NIV, emphasis added).

Chapter 29

BASHAN AND THE CROSS

The circular megalithic monument, which is known as Israel's Stonehenge, in Bashan where King Og—the last of the Repha'im—was no doubt inspired by demons and built using the Nephilim. There is a verse in Psalms that may relate to Bashan and the Rephaite giants and prophesied events in Jesus' life.

Jesus Christ's first coming fulfilled over 300 specific prophesies, many of them found in the Psalms. Psalm 22 contains numerous Messianic verses, descriptions of Jesus' agony on the cross:

- Verse 1: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? I groan in prayer, but help seems far away."
    - Fulfillment: Matthew 27:46—At about three o'clock Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- Verse 7: "All who see me taunt me; they mock me and shake their heads."
    - Fulfillment: Luke 23:35—"The people also stood there watching, but the rulers ridiculed him, saying, 'He saved others. Let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!'"
- Verse 15: "The roof of my mouth is as dry as a piece of pottery; my tongue sticks to my gums. You set me in the dust of death."
    - Fulfillment: John 19:28—"After this, Jesus, realizing that by this time everything was completed, said (in order to fulfill the Scripture), "I am thirsty!"
- Verse 18: "They are dividing up my clothes among themselves; they are rolling dice for my garments."
    - Fulfillment: Matthew 27:35, 36—"When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes by throwing dice. Then they sat

down and kept guard over him there."

- Verse 16: "Yes, wild dogs surround me—a gang of evil men crowd around me; like a lion they pierce my hands and feet."
    - Fulfillment: John 20:25, 27— "The other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he replied, 'Unless I see the wounds from the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the wounds from the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe it!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and examine my hands. Extend your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue in your unbelief, but believe.'"

Yet, there is one more verse that may refer to Satan and his host of demons:

Verse 22: **"Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me."**

Could Christ possibly be seeing a hoard of demons surrounding him, mocking and scoffing Him while He was on the cross? Is this what Jesus was sensing when He cried out?

DO NOT FEAR DEMONS

When Jesus arose from the dead, He paid the price to redeem all who follow Him. As God's children, with the Holy Spirit of God dwelling within us (Romans 8:9, 10; 5:32), we do not have to be afraid of demonic spirits. Jesus gave His disciples power and authority to cast out demons, just as He did.

> "And summoning his twelve disciples he gave them power over unclean spirits, power to cast them out and also to heal every sickness and disease" (Matthew 10:1).

This commission and charge by Christ was not just for His original 12 disciples and apostles in the Early Church. It is a continuous and ongoing commission and commandment for the Church throughout the ages! In His final instructions to the disciples, Jesus declared:

"And he said to them, 'Go to all the world and preach the gospel to

> every creature: he who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who will not believe shall be condemned. And as for those who believe, these miracles will follow: they will cast out demons in my name ..." (Mark 16:15-17).

DEMONS AND AUTHORITY

Demons understand authority. Even though a newborn baby's intellect has not been developed, children learn quickly about authority. They quickly learn to obey a command from their parent. Another example is that of an atheist, who according to the Bible, does not think or act rationally.

> "The fool says in his heart, 'there is no God'" (Psalm 14:1 NIV).

But even if an atheist does not believe in God or His moral law, such a person will generally abide by the laws of the land to avoid being incarcerated or fined.

The same is true with demons. Even though they have rejected God and cannot think rationally or reasonably, they still understand authority. There is no need to attempt a sensible conversation with a demon; yet, they do understand the authority of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

The believer's authority over demons can be compared to an animal trainer and a den of lions. The trainer has a whip and with his voice he commands the animals to obey. For the most part they are firmly aware he is the boss. Occasionally, a lion may attempt to challenge the trainer. But the trainer has a weapon, a gun at his side that is available to constrain the animal, if needed, with a fatal shot. Likewise, the believer has a "gun" at his side, the Word of God, and demons understand its authority.

CASTING OUT DEVILS

The very first sign Jesus said would follow each and every believer was, "... In my name shall they cast out demons …" Jesus was simply saying that in His Name believers would have authority over the devil. They could break the power of the devil over their own lives and the lives of their loved ones. They could be free from the enemy by exercising authority over him.

Our confession should be, "I'm a believer, and these signs follow me. I cast

out demons. I keep them out of my path. I break the power of the devil over my life. I break the power of the devil over the lives of my loved ones. I walk free of the enemy, because I exercise authority over him. Any confrontation with the Goliaths in my life will be as David said just before he slew the giant."

> "... 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands'" (1 Samuel 17:45-47, NIV).

SNIPING GIANTS

David was an expert slinger, and in David's day, skilled slingers could kill a target up to 200 yards away. Medieval paintings reveal slingers hitting birds in flight. Judges 20:16 relates that expert Israelite slingers were accurate within a hair's breadth. Ballistic experts say that a stone hurled by an expert slinger from 35 meters away would have hit Goliath's head with more than enough speed to penetrate his skull and kill him. Goliath had as much of a chance against David as any Bronze Age warrior would against an opponent with a 0.45 caliber handgun. The same is true with a demon against a Christian. As long as a believer relies on his armor and knows how to use his weapon of defense—God's Word—the enemy is defeated.

Chapter 30

SATAN'S PLAN OF ATTACK

TRANSFER OF THE TITLE DEED TO EARTH

The Bible reveals that God created the heavens and the Earth. Afterward, He created man and gave him dominion over the Earth. This simply means God gave man the responsibility to have control over Planet Earth. God handed Adam and his descendants the title deed with the authority to govern and rule the Earth.

The fall of man, when Adam and Eve capitulated to Satan's cunning command, resulted in the transfer of that title deed and authority from man to Satan. There is a spiritual law that determines our destiny, which declares that whatever force or authority we obey becomes our master. As the Apostle Paul told us:

> "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (Romans 6:16).

When Adam and Eve fell for Satan's suggestion to eat from the forbidden tree, Satan became their master and all their authority over the Earth was legally transferred to him.

It is certainly not difficult to acknowledge that evil rules the world. The Earth is filled with evil because Adam and Eve gave Satan the authority to rule the Earth.

As a result of man's disobedience to God, contamination, decay, disease and death entered the Earth. But God had a redemptive plan to rid creation of contamination. Satan knows this plan, and he knows that his days are numbered. Therefore, he is continuing to do everything within his power to keep the judgment appointed for him from being carried out or at least to alter the plan of judgment.

SATAN'S ATTEMPT TO CORRUPT THE SEED OF THE MESSIAH

Before the birth of Christ, Satan ferociously attempted to destroy the Hebrews. While the children of Israel were in Egypt, Satan implanted his hatred of the Hebrews in the heart of Pharaoh. Pharaoh ordered a systematic killing of all of Israel's male children because they carried the seed that would one day bring forth Mary, who in turn would give birth to the Messiah, Who would one day crush the seed of Satan.

> "Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: 'Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live'" (Exodus 1:22, NIV).

We know God spared many of the children, including Moses, who eventually led the children of Israel out of Egypt's bondage. Once they entered into the Promised Land the Israelites began a long series of battles against a host of enemy nations that had giants in their ranks, beginning at Jericho:

> "When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you," (Deuteronomy 7:1).

Later, we learn from history that Satan sought to annihilate the Jewish people again with the armies of Assyria, and then the Babylonian captivity in 586 A.D. This was followed by another puppet of Satan, Haman, who plotted to murder the Jews throughout the kingdom of King Xerxes, who reigned over 127 provinces that stretched from India to Ethiopia.

SATAN'S OLD TESTAMENT ATTACKS

From the time of Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden, we clearly see Satan's spiritual warfare strategies of contamination and corruption. It was a plan to corrupt mankind, and fallen angels were one of his tools. Look at the number of Satan's attempts—even before the children of Israel reached their Promised Land:

- Corruption of Adam's line—Genesis, chapter 6
- Canaanites populated God's Promised Land before Abraham arrived—Genesis 12:6
- Corruption of Abraham and Sarah, Pharaoh and King Abimelech—Genesis, chapters 12, 20
- Famine to force the Jewish people out of the land—Genesis, chapter 41
- Destruction of the male line in Moses' day—Exodus, chapter 1
- Pharaoh's pursuit—Exodus, chapter 14
- Balaam's evil advice (intermarry with the Hebrews)—Numbers, chapter 22

Then from the time of God's promise to Abraham until Moses, Satan had 400 years to thwart God's plan, so he populated Canaan with a "minefield" of the remnants of the Nephilim. (Genesis 15:13-21).

It seemed successful when Moses sent his 12 spies to survey the land of Canaan, only to discover the huge Nephilim living in the land (Numbers 13:33). Ten of Moses' spies feared those terrifying creatures, which resulted in Israel's wandering in the desert for four decades. God removed the 10 unbelieving spies from the Israelites and his chosen people from any further mental contamination. These Repha'im, Anakim, and Nephilim seemed to have been a ploy by Satan to stand as a guard to obstruct Israel's possession of the Promised Land.

However, Satan's plan was aborted when the Israelites, under Moses and later Joshua, conquered the inhabitants of the land and destroyed the remaining giants. Unless we comprehend the gravity of the situation, we will not understand why God gave Joshua the command to wipe out certain tribes of every man, woman and child. There was a gene pool problem. They were contaminated, both spiritually and genetically.

Again, Satan tried to destroy the royal line of King David, knowing that from David's descendants the Messiah, the King and Savior of the world would be born. (2 Samuel 7:16). The royal house of King David is singled out for Satan to attack:

- King Jehoram, from the line of David, kills all of his brothers—2 Chronicles, chapter 21

- Jehu killed King Ahaziah—2 Chronicles, chapter 22
- Athaliah killed all royal heirs of David, but missed the child Joash—2 Chronicles, chapter 22
- King Hezekiah assaulted by Assyria—Isaiah, chapters 36, 38
- King Josiah killed by King of Egypt—2 Chronicles, chapter 35
- Haman's attempt to kill all the Jews—Esther, chapter 3
- King Jehoahaz taken prisoner to Egypt, where he died—2 Kings, chapter 23
- King Jehoiachin taken prisoner to Babylon—2 Kings, chapter 24
- King Zedekiah taken prisoner by Nebuchadnezzar, who put his eyes out—2 Kings 24

THE HOLOCAUST CONTINUES

Satan continued his attack in the New Testament. At the time of the birth of Christ, Satan once again plays his cards through King Herod, who issued a command to kill all the baby boys who were two years and younger. However, this time the Lord revealed the plot of Satan to Jesus' parents, Joseph and Mary, and warned them by an angel to flee in the night to safety.

Satan continued his crusade of aggressive hatred during the life of Jesus with the final act of insanity, convincing the Roman army to crucify Christ. Thinking he had won a great victory, Satan surely had a type of cardiac arrest when Christ rose from the dead. His celebration was short-lived.

Yet, Satan did not give up. He carried on throughout the history of the Jews and the Church, and against those Gentiles who have been grafted into Israel, into Israel's olive tree. Both the Jews and true Christian followers have been persecuted by the institutional Church throughout the last two thousand years. Today, Satan's focus not only continues to be against the true Church of Jesus Christ, but particularly toward the Jewish people.

Most everyone acknowledges that during the Holocaust of World War II, the murder of six million Jews is an historical fact. However, the loss of those Jewish lives is only a part of the chronicle since the time of Christ where Satan has massacred millions more Jewish people.

In 70 A.D. when the Romans conquered Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple and burned the city, historians state as many as one million Jews were slaughtered.

The Crusades during the Middle Ages murdered tens of thousands more. The Spanish Inquisition claimed thousands more lives and expelled another million Jews. In more recent years, Christians have become part of the wrongdoing, being deceived and involved in the persecution of the Jewish people by adopting a heretical doctrine known as replacement theology—the belief that since the Jews rejected Jesus, God has replaced them with the Church.

The seductive power of Satan to gain recruits against the Jewish people is truly amazing. All of the following historical hostile aggressions and many more against the Jews occurred after the time of Christ.

- Joseph fears to take Mary as his wife (Matthew, chapter 1)
- Herod's attempt in killing the babies (Matthew, chapter 2)
- Jesus' temptations by Satan to destroy Him (Luke, chapter 4)
- At Nazareth, attempts to throw Jesus off the cliff Luke, chapter 4
- Two satanic inspired storms (Mark, chapter 4; Luke, chapter 8)
- Jesus' temptations on the cross (Matthew 4:1-13)
- Book of Revelation: Dragon's (Satan) agenda to deceive the world, yet to come (Revelation 12:9)

Today, and over the last 60 years, Israel has faced many wars, including attacks from Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, as well as attacks from inside the country, including Arafat's Palestinian intifadas, Hezbollah and Hamas. This is not to mention Iran's race toward nuclear weapons and its continuous threats to wipe Israel off the map. In fact, 97 percent of the United Nations' members automatically condemn Israel with their votes.

On the one hand, the amazing miracle of Israel's survival from attempted extermination throughout its 4,000 year existence is beyond parallel. But even more astounding is the fact that the Jewish people have not been absorbed by the cultures of the nations that overtook them at various points throughout history. For example, pagan tribes and even Christian Arabs over the last 1,500 years were Islamized—many times by the sword. Yet, the Jews, who lived in virtually every part of the Arab world for many hundreds of years, have kept their identity. This evidence is a clear picture of God's faithful protection. There is no other people group in history who has survived without a country to call their own. Isaiah confirms God's hand over the nation.

> “In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean” (Isaiah 11:11, NIV).

THE SEED PROMISED

Since the moment God pronounced the curse, Satan realized his days were numbered, and that he exists under a sentence of punishment, eternal damnation, and separation in a terrible penitentiary of the universe—hell. As a result, Satan continues his rebellious insurrection by trying to do everything within his limited power to cause harassment and to take as many people as possible with him by blinding them to God’s wonderful plan of redemption.

Chapter 31

BLOOD CURSES

WHAT IS A BLOOD CURSE?

Adam and Eve were created to live forever; they were not supposed to die. Unfortunately, they broke the one rule that God gave them to live by,

> "Do not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... in the day that you eat of it you will surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

The penalty for violating that one rule was clear. Although they didn't physically die that very day, the intimate relationship they had with the Spirit of God was broken. In other words, their spirits died. Today, we know that our spirits need to be made alive through the new birth, which is described in the New Testament when Jesus explains to Nicodemus, "...You must be born again" (John 3:7).

Later, Paul, the apostle, describes what happens to a person when they are born again:

> "When you were dead in your sins … God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins," (Colossians 2:13, NIV).

So what actually took place when Adam and Eve sinned? Something happened in their physical body—in fact to all creation. A curse was pronounced on all life, subjecting all creation to the law of physical death. From a purely physical standpoint, the blood of Adam and Eve became defective and vulnerable to decay and disease.

> " ... the life of the flesh is in the blood ..." (Leviticus 17:11).

In reviewing the first sin, when Adam ate the forbidden fruit, we might ask, "What was he doing?" Paul tells Timothy that Eve was deceived, but Adam was

not. He knew what he was doing. Did Adam love Eve so much that he was willing to die with her, and so he chose to be with her? Such a notion sounds romantic and commendable. The only problem is that all sin ultimately brings destruction and heartbreak, even if sacrifice is involved.

Yet, even though Adam sinned, God already had a plan for him, his wife and their offspring—they would bring forth a Redeemer. God had prearranged and designed a plan of restoration and salvation even before He created the world, as we read about His Son Jesus, "Who was ... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

Jesus Christ took care of the curse on Adam:

> "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'") (Galatians 3:13).
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> "For he [God the Father] has made him [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

THE DRIPPING CROSS

Some of the old hymns that are still sung in churches are pretty gruesome. For example, "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;" "What can wash away my sin? Nothing, but the blood of Jesus." In the *Old Rugged Cross*, "stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see." These lines seem pretty gruesome, but they are uplifting praises of thanksgiving and gratitude for what God has accomplished. The blood's splattering from the Old Testament sacrifices was like graffiti spelling out, "death is the only currency that can pay for sin." Yes, it was Christ's death, the ultimate sacrifice, which revealed that atonement comes by the shedding of blood. Yes, there is life in the blood of Christ, which dripped from the cross. Resurrection Sunday comes after Good Friday. We must never forget that atoning blood of Christ and what it has done.

Leviticus 17 reveals that it is the blood that represents life, and it is the blood that atones for mankind's sin, freeing all from guilt, condemnation and the

penalty of sin—death and separation from God. It is the blood that provides redemption for mankind, which restores fellowship between him and his Creator. This indicates to us why Satan was after the human bloodline in order to contaminate it with his fallen angels. It is the bloodline that was cursed physically for violating God's law and this curse was transferred to Adam's offspring. We read,

> "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12).

Our first parent's offspring, likewise, received the contaminated seed from Satan that eventually led to their physical death. This cursed blood has been passed down from generation to generation. The only way one can overcome this curse is to be free from Adam's bloodline and family and moved into God's bloodline and the family of God by having a "blood transfusion" from the Messiah—the Savior. We read in the book of Romans,

> "For as by one man's [Adam's] disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [Jesus Christ] shall many be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).

We also know that it was Jesus Christ Who took care of the curse on Adam as we read,

> "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree" (Galatians 3:13).

And finally we discover in Paul's writings to the Corinthian believers,

> "For he [God the Father] hath made him [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

SPIRITUAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Just as a blood transfusion saves a physical life, so the blood and seed of Jesus is a spiritual transfusion. It's His blood that saves our spirits. The blood of Jesus

removes the sin from our lives, just like a blood transfusion is necessary to remove disease from our blood cells. The difference between a physical blood transfusion and a spiritual one is that we will live for eternity in Heaven with God, even when we die physically.

The New Testament is called “The Good News!” Whenever we receive the gift of forgiveness of sin and we make a decision to obey the One True God and His Son Jesus Christ, we are given freedom from slavery to the evil one. Any curse upon our lives is lifted.

But Satan thought he might succeed in taking the curse on this world one step further to *permanently* restrict any plan of God to redeem mankind. As we have seen, he inserted into the physical human bloodline something of his own rebellion from the evil nature of the fallen angelic beings, for which there is no plan of redemption recorded in the Bible.



Jesus Christ, mankind’s sacrificial lamb, crucified on the cross.

ANCIENT, R-RATED LOVE STORY

It was an obscene and sickening, ancient, R-rated scene. A brutalized individual, bleeding, suffocating and crying out, while mockers laughed. God creates the universe foreseeing a buzzing cloud of flies above the cross. God deliberately creates His own parasites, knowing that His Son will be exploited and taken full advantage of, all in the name of love. God took the most horrifying incident in the universe and turned it into humanity's most incredible power. Jesus Christ paid the death penalty for mankind's sin and redeemed us from the curse of the law by His shed blood. Such love knows no boundaries.

Chapter 32

CURSE ON THE KENNEDY FAMILY LINEAGE

FROM GENERATION-TO-GENERATION

The Kennedys are a very prominent family in the United States. Anyone familiar with the family is aware of the fact that the family line is under some kind of curse and has endured far more than their share of troubles. There is even a secular book that attempts to chronicle the Kennedy curse.[67]

An investigation of their history reveals the source of their troubles. The patriarch of the family, Joseph Patrick Kennedy, lived a lawless and shady lifestyle, working with gangsters and is rumored to have stockpiled large quantities of alcohol just before prohibition was repealed, which made him millions of dollars. He was widely considered a crook, known to be an adulterer with movie star Gloria Swanson, deeply unpopular and distrusted. Making his fortune by selling liquor alone could have brought a curse on the family, as we read in the Bible of the curse on anyone associated with the liquor industry.

> "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors, pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk, so that he can gaze on their naked bodies" (Habakkuk 2:15, NIV).

His actions have caused untold grief to the family's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their spouses.

THE FAMILY'S MISFORTUNES

1941 Rosemary Kennedy: The third child, mentally-challenged Rosemary remained institutionalized until her death.

1944 Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.: The eldest son, died at the premature age 29, killed in action in WWII.

1948 Kathleen Cavendish: The fourth child, husband killed in WWII after being married only four and a half months. She was killed at age 28 in a plane crash.

1963 Jacqueline Kennedy: The wife of President John F. Kennedy, first lady of the White House, gave birth to two stillborn children.

1963 John F. Kennedy: President Kennedy was assassinated in office as President in 1963. He was 46 years old.

1968 Robert F. Kennedy: Robert was assassinated while running for the office of the President. He was 42 years old.

1969 Edward M. Kennedy: Ted was ridiculed his whole life and career because of the Chappaquiddick incident, where he drove off of a bridge into a pond, killing a young lady in the car with him. Ted's wife had a miscarriage and the scandal resulted in him not being able to run for president.

1973 Joseph P. Kennedy II: Joseph was driving a car which crashed.
His passenger, Pam Kelley, was permanently paralyzed.

1973 Ted Kennedy, Jr.: Ted had to have his right leg amputated due to bone cancer at 12 years old.

1984 David Kennedy: Son of RFK, overdosed on cocaine and died. He was only 28.

1997 Michael Kennedy: Died in December, 1997, in a skiing accident at the age of 39.

1999 John F. Kennedy, Jr.: Killed in a plane crash. His wife and sister-in-law also died. John Jr. was only 38.

2009 Ted Kennedy: Died of a brain tumor.

2011 Kara Kennedy: Daughter of Ted Kennedy diagnosed with lung cancer in 2002, died of a heart attack at the age of 52.

2012 Mary Kennedy: Mary, estranged wife of RFK, Jr., committed suicide by hanging at the age of 52.

The Bible has a somber passage about a curse that passes on to the fourth generation.

> "... Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation" (Exodus 34:7, NIV).

Chapter 33

BLOOD CURSE ON KING JEHOIACHIN

CURSED BE THE KING

Another curse pertaining to blood is found in the Messianic line—the family line the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was to be born into. That curse is recorded in Jeremiah 22:28-30. The Kings of Judah had gone from bad to worse, and one of the most unusual and provocative self-contradictory paradoxes in Scripture emerges from the blood curse that God pronounced on King Jehoiachin:

> "This is what the LORD says: 'Record this man as if childless, a man who will not prosper in his lifetime, for none of his offspring will prosper, none will sit on the throne of David or rule anymore in Judah" (Jeremiah 22:30, NIV).

King Jehoiachin was one of the last kings of Judah, and the bloodline through whom the Messiah was to come. But Scripture reveals that there was a pronouncement of a blood curse on that very royal line! Can you image the celebration in the counsels of Satan when they learned of this prophetic word, which seemingly placed God in an unsolvable corner? They must have thought, "How can the Messiah come from the royal line that is now subject to a blood curse?" Now the linage to the Messiah was contaminated. However, God always had a plan to redeem fallen, sinful man.

Chapter 34

GOD'S CALL TO ABRAM: "GO, LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE NEPHILIM"

WHY CANAAN?

In Genesis, chapter 12, Abram, a descendant of Shem (Noah's son), was called by God to move from Ur (part of Nimrod's kingdom) to Canaan—the land where the Nephilim lived. Why Canaan? Most likely God had plans to cleanse that land from the seed of the Nephilim and all the nations that had mingled with the seed of the Nephilim. God had decided in His wisdom and counsel of the ages to make His home there.

> "For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying, 'This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it'" (Psalm 132:13, 14, NIV).

Abram moved to Canaan to a place called Hebron (Genesis 13) where later he buried Sarah, his wife (Genesis 23:19). This place was named after an ancestor of the giant Anakim—Kiriath-Arba.

A MOTLEY CREW OF DARK AND EVIL BEINGS

Unfortunately, shortly after moving to his new home, Abram encounters a motley crew of evil kings who were mostly giants in the area. Genesis, chapter 14, is an incredible chronicle of war with a host of evil and dark characters. The names listed mean wickedness, lion-like and sayer (declarer) of darkness.

Genesis, chapter 14, is truly a clash of the titans, a war of giants who were kings at that time. Then to the south, ruled the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah, which were settled by the children of Canaan. These two cities have since disappeared off the face of the Earth, after they were judged to be wicked and an abomination by God. (Genesis 10:15-19). The entire horde of giants had to be

descendants of Noah's grandson, Cush, and specifically with the offspring of Canaan. These wars took place some 450 years after the Flood.

God strategically called Abram to move to Canaan, so he and his descendants could lead a cleanup operation of the land from the evil descendants of Canaan.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

God makes Abraham three promises:

The Land Promise: "I will give you a land that I will show you."

The National Promise: "I will make you a great nation."

The Spiritual Promise: "All the families of the Earth shall be blessed through you."

The Covenant God made with Abraham required circumcision—the "dispenser of seed" (Genesis 17). A covenant is always sealed in blood, and serves as a permanent reminder to remain pure and uncontaminated. The Jewish people not only survived over the centuries as a people group, but also never assimilated into the surrounding nations, even when they became subjects and slaves of their conquerors. The fact is that the Jewish law and their traditions helped to protect them from becoming contaminated spiritually, morally and genetically.

The words of Joseph to his brothers while they were in Egypt were Spirit-led when he said, "What men meant for evil, God meant for good." God was protecting the seed of the Jewish people from being contaminated so that the perfect sacrifice, the Messiah, might be born. The Messiah would provide to the human race a way of salvation and restoration from sin and evil and allow an intimate relationship with the One and only perfect and pure Creator of the universe.

Chapter 35

COVENANT-KEEPING CIRCUMCISION

WHY WAS JESUS CIRCUMCISED?

When the Patriarch Jacob wrestled with an angelic being, which appeared as a man, Jacob asked him his name. However, the Man would not reveal His name:

> "Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there" (Genesis 32:26-29, NIV).

Jehovah did not reveal His personal name to Jacob because this special name was not to be known until a future time. God was saying, "I cannot tell you My name now. My name is connected with My Covenant. One day, I will be born on Planet Earth, and I will cut the Covenant by being circumcised Myself. At that time, My name will be revealed."

That time would come when the "image of the Invisible God" would be born into the world as the Messiah (Colossians 1:15). The Word of God actually became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested as a human being (1Timothy 3:16).

GOD'S NAME

> "On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived" (Luke 2:21, NIV).

In Hebrew the name "Yeshua" means "salvation," because as the angel said,

“He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus was not only born, but He was also circumcised. Circumcision is to the Jewish people what a marriage ring is to a wedding. It is a sign that God’s Covenant has been firmly established.

JEWISH IDENTITY

Circumcision is the sign of the Covenant, the very fabric of Jewish identity. The circumcision is connected to the Covenant, and the Covenant is connected to Jesus. Jesus entered into the Abrahamic Covenant through circumcision, just the way Abraham did.

When Jesus was circumcised, He became committed to the Covenant with Abraham. He had already been committed to the Covenant with Abraham when His divine nature walked through the cut pieces of sacrificed animals in Genesis 15:17, sealing the Covenant. At circumcision, He became committed to the Abrahamic Covenant in His human nature. Jesus’ circumcision demonstrates His commitment to the Jewish people. The fact His Name “Yeshua” was proclaimed at the time of circumcision demonstrates that Jesus’ identity as a human being is connected to a Covenant commitment to the Jewish people. The Jews are a chosen people—His chosen people.

MOSES HAD A PROBLEM

Moses was the great deliverer of the people of Israel. He had personal prophecies, spiritual authority, and an ordained mission from God. There was just one problem—Moses forgot that his great spiritual mission was due to God’s faithfulness to His Covenants with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Exodus 2:24). He had failed to circumcise his own son. God got Moses’ attention by bringing him almost to the point of death. Only by circumcising his son did the great prophet recover. (Exodus 4:25). Without that Covenant, Moses was a dead man. Circumcision symbolized the promise of a coming Savior. (Genesis 22:18). It was no small event.

Great spirituality does not eliminate the need for covenant faithfulness. Jesus was circumcised to show God’s faithfulness to His Covenants. This does not mean a Gentile needs to be circumcised. (Galatians 6:15). However, Christians

are taught in the Scriptures that they should be circumcised in their heart—meaning that a believer must be cleansed from hardness and rebellion. (Romans 2:29).

Jesus, Who made the Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the same Jesus Who made the new Covenant of salvation to all who will believe. The promises of the Abrahamic Covenant are the foundation of the New Covenant. The promises of the New Covenant to all nations are integrally connected with Jesus' faithfulness to the Jewish people in the Abrahamic Covenant. Both Jews and Christians can rejoice in that fact. Covenant faithfulness is an essential attribute of biblical faith.

Chapter 36

GOD'S END RUN–BREAKING THE CURSE

THE FAMILY TREE OF JESUS

In the New Testament we discover two genealogies of Jesus Christ. Matthew, a Jew, focuses on Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God and God incarnate (fully God).

Matthew begins his written genealogy with Abraham and follows the royal line through David, with the first surviving son of David and Bathsheba, Solomon, and continues the genealogy on to Joseph, the legal father of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-16).

On the other hand, Luke, who is a doctor, focuses on Jesus as the Son of Man (fully human), and traces the genealogy beginning with Adam—the first man—and then onward to Abraham and after that to David. From Abraham to David, the two genealogies are identical. However, when Luke gets to David, rather than continuing through Solomon, Luke follows the line from Nathan, the second surviving son of Bathsheba (1 Chronicles 3:5), and continues his genealogy to Mary the mother of Jesus. (Luke 3:23-38). The virgin birth, prophesied in Isaiah (as well as the hint of it in Genesis 3:15), is thus an "end run" around the blood curse on the descendants of King Jehoiachin.

TWO GENEALOGIES— TWO PURPOSES

The two genealogies of Jesus in Matthew and in Luke serve two different purposes. The Gospel of Matthew shows the genealogy of Joseph. Luke gives us the genealogy of Mary. The two genealogies solve a problem that occurred in Jeremiah 22:30. Joseph's Lineage—the curse on King Jehoiachin's bloodline.

As previously mentioned in the account of Jeremiah, God placed a curse on the royal bloodline of King Jehoiachin, saying that no child of his would prosper on the throne of David. The problem is that King Jehoiachin is in the bloodline of Joseph. The legal line was through Solomon. In order for Jesus to be the King

of Israel, He had to be in the royal line of David; He must come from the legal line through Solomon, in order to have the legal rights of King David. But the blood curse disqualified anyone who had blood from King Jehoiachin to prosper. So, what can be done? The answer is adoption.

Mary was the actual mother of Jesus. Joseph adopted Jesus. This allowed him to pass on the royal or legal rights of King David to Jesus without passing on the blood curse of King Jehoiachin. Jesus is the legal heir to the throne of David because of Joseph's family tree, which was through King Solomon. This is why the Gospel of Luke shows the genealogy of Mary. This is the bloodline of David, but through his other son, Nathan. So, Jesus has the actual blood of David, but without the curse. Joseph's blood was cursed because he was a descendant of Jehoiachin. Mary's bloodline was not cursed.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

It is essential to realize how God fulfilled His promise of hope in Genesis, chapter 3. The promise would be accomplished through the seed of the woman and not the seed of the man. Yet, it is a known fact that the "seed" comes from the male. It is the male seed that fertilizes the female egg. But in this prophetic promise of the coming Savior, we are told that it would be the "seed of the woman" and not the seed of the man. The only way the Redeemer would be born of a woman is to be born of a virgin. Thus, the prophetic word was about the virgin birth of the Messiah. Here is where God's royal "blood" enters the picture.

WHO WAS JOSEPH'S FATHER?

In Luke 3:23 we learn Joseph's father was Eli. But in Matthew 1:16, we read that Joseph's father was Jacob! The solution to our problem of identification was that Jacob was Joseph's biological father, which makes Eli, Joseph's father in-law. The Greek word "as was supposed" used in Luke is *ennomizeto* and it means "reckoned by law." It was a custom in Israel for the father of the bride to adopt the groom.[68] The legality of this custom was based upon a story in Numbers 27:1-11 and Joshua 17:3-6, which is about adoption.

CHRIST'S LINEAGE MIRRORS OUR "GENEALOGY" AS BELIEVERS

The different genealogies in Matthew and Luke do not create a problem. They

solve one! What follows opens our eyes to a “type” or model of believers. In the same way that Joseph’s blood was cursed, we also are cursed. In order for us to be accepted into the family of the King, we must be adopted by One, Who has pure and true blood. There is only One Who is qualified to adopt us into the house of Israel: our Kinsman Redeemer, Who gave His blood for us on a cross two thousand years ago!

SECTION III
NEPHILIM

Chapter 37

PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF THE NEPHILIM

OUR GLOBAL PREDICAMENT

We are being plunged into a period of time that the Bible says more about than any other period in history, including when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee or climbed the mountains of Judea. We are on the threshold of a worldwide storm. The problem is global. The Middle East is a seething cauldron of explosives. A nuclear war appears inevitable.

In addition, another giant catastrophe in the making is the world's economic problems, which cannot be resolved. Europe is on the verge of collapse economically. The impending collapse of America is also a giant scourge. The fatal malady in America is not a political issue, but rather an economic issue, which cannot be resolved. It is beyond the point of no return.

Iran represents an end-time giant meltdown. Iran is pursuing nuclear capabilities and developing ballistic missiles, which are threatening not only Israel and the Middle East, but the entire world. Although the political ideal would be an internal realignment in Iran's government, most likely that will not happen. Second, it would be ideal if the U.S. would assist in an attack against Iran. But most likely that won't happen, either. The worst case scenario for the world would be a preemptive attack on the part of Israel, which is the most logical of the three. Unfortunately, because the United States' political stance has become very negative toward Israel, the only option left is for Israel to defend herself.

Iran now has technology capable of releasing cruise missiles, which can easily reach Israel. They can be launched from land, sea and air. The cruise missile is said to have a range of over 1,200 miles, so reaching Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa would not be difficult.

The jihadists surrounding Israel in Gaza, Syria, the Sinai, Jordan and Lebanon all have one goal—to destroy Israel. Whether it is Hezbollah, Hamas, Al-Qaida, the Muslim Brotherhood or the many other jihadist groups, they all have one

unified end-goal.

According to the current rate of birth among Muslims living in Europe, it will be a very short time before nations such as France and England reach a tipping point and Muslim voters will be able to elect Muslim politicians to rule these countries. The all-encompassing attempt to enslave the citizens under these rulers will be through the institution of Sharia law.

The country of China has ratified its support of Iran and Syria's regimes. This is the nightmare scenario that Israel faces. Israel has determined she will not allow another Holocaust to take place. As a result, Satan is about to unleash a curveball that will deceive the world—hybrids, Giants and Nephilim. This begins with genetic engineering. The appearance of a world leader—the antichrist—is imminent.

Chapter 38

THE TECHNOLOGICAL GIANT: MOVING TOWARD GENETIC ENGINEERING

SCIENCE AND THE NEXT GENERATION

What will life be like in 20 years? What forms of energy will be available to us?

Breakthroughs in science will transform our lives. Many of the innovations will use atomic energy. There will be quantum computers billions of times more powerful than today's PCs. Some inventions are already interfacing with contact lenses that will beam data into our eyes.

Technology is advancing from every direction and is moving faster with each passing day. There will be an increase of knowledge in the last days:

> "... roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge" (Daniel 12:4, NIV).

The Hebrew word, "to increase," means to multiply. In other words, there shall be an explosion of knowledge.

3-D PRINTING

Imagine printing a solid object, into a 3-D format. 3-D printing is a device that manufactures a three-dimensional object, layer by layer. Instead of ink, it uses plastic, metal, nylon or other substances. On a standard printer, a nozzle passes over the paper that builds a picture line-by-line. The nozzle on a 3-D printer lays down layers of material that builds a solid object.

Most manufacturing processes produce things by cutting and drilling, removing material until what remains is the desired size or shape. 3-D printers do the opposite, adding to the item in stages until it's complete. This makes it very efficient, as there is almost no waste.

The potential for 3-D printing is huge. Some have described it as the third industrial revolution. Today, companies use 3-D printing to make prototypes of items they intend to manufacture. For example, 3-D mockups of new shoe designs are printed in order for designers to see what works and what does not work. This allows them to make the necessary revisions before they create the actual shoe, which greatly speeds up the preproduction process and saves a lot of money.

But there is a dark side to this amazing invention. How do you stop people such as criminals or terrorists from using 3-D printers to produce illegal items? Guns, which were built from over 30 stainless steel and nickel parts, have already been printed and tested in Austin, Texas. They are lethal weapons and can be used by good or evil people.

SELF-DRIVING CARS

There are technologies that exist on vehicles today such as cruise control, lane guidance, assisted brakes and automated parking. Self-driving cars are being tested on U.S. roads, and there is already an automated car system in place at Heathrow Airport's Terminal Five in England. Even with all of the questions we might ask, self-driving cars around the world are proving to be more capable than human-driven vehicles.

POWER WITHOUT THE WIRES

Technological advancements mean there will be no need for cables to plug into your mobile devices to charge batteries. The future of wireless power is on the horizon. Presently, one is able to place their phone on a charging mat and the battery replenishes itself. This is an important invention for charging electric car batteries. Electric cars will refresh their batteries while they drive past a recharging station without stopping. A wireless future could be more imminent than we think.

THE RISE OF THE ROBOTS

Robot vacuum cleaners roam the house without human supervision. Today, robots can run like a cheetah and even make their own decisions. Amazingly, they can even look like real human beings. One robot, if it's knocked over or

stumbles, can regain its balance, as well as walk on slippery ice without falling.

Hollywood movies about robotic creatures are a dime a dozen. The progressive growth of robots and drones pose a serious threat to society, which could limit one's personal privacy and civil liberties, as well as basic human rights. The benefits of such innovations will be eroded by the development of new robot technologies for monitoring, checking and following humans. How do you think the antichrist will use such technology?

Soon, we are told, fully autonomous machines could be fighting our wars and selecting kill targets with no human intervention. How robots affect our future remains to be seen, but the fact is they provide us with the possibility to go beyond the limits of human progress. It may not be very long before colleagues are made of steel, rather than flesh. The U.S. military is pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into bionics research, partly because of military victims who have lost their limbs.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS

Technological innovation is advancing the limits of what modern prostheses can do. For salamanders, losing a limb isn't so bad because they just simply grow another one. Scientists are busy studying salamanders in order to pin down the biological process behind the regeneration capacity, in the hope that one day it will be replicated in humans. Recently, a man who lost his nose to cancer had it replaced with one that grew from stem cells. In a north London hospital, scientists are growing noses, ears and blood vessels in the laboratory in a bold attempt to make body parts by using stem cells.

MAN-MADE BRAINS

The human brain makes 100 trillion calculations per second. By 2050, we are told a desktop computer will have the equivalent processing power of 9 billion brains. We are in the midst of a powerful acceleration in computer technology, and when computers gain artificial intelligence, with the ability to reason and communicate ideas like a human can, it will change everything.

The question is, will computers dominate humans or will humans still control the Earth? Within 30 years, science will produce the hardware and the software to create super human intelligence. These machines will be vastly superior to

human intelligence.

QUANTUM COMPUTING

Quantum models could one day replace today's supercomputers. We are heading toward smaller, faster processors with more hard drive capacity. The number of transistors on integrated circuits is doubling every two years. Quantum computing harnesses the power of atoms and molecules to perform memory and processing tasks. The potential of quantum computing is light years faster than the conventional computer used today.

NANOTECHNOLOGY

Just what is a nano? A nano is one billionth of a meter. A nano is to a meter as a marble is to the Earth. Scientists are working on tiny computer chips called smart dust, which will cover the infrastructure of a city or town and monitor everyone's moves to know when and where each and every person is at any given moment. When one enters their office building, the smart dust will boot up their computer and open doors automatically for their every move, including opening the elevator door and ringing their floor. The iPhone is an early sample of what is to come. Technology not only involves non-living microchips. It also involves biological "chips." Nanotechnology includes duplicating microscopic molecules like the one cell bacteria flagellum for the purpose of attacking deadly diseases in the human body such as cancer cells. Nanotechnology is inevitable and is going to be a huge part of our lives soon.

THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

The human genome project was one of man's greatest scientific achievements in the 20th century. The aim of the project was to map all of the genes that make up the human being, which carry the detailed instruction manual of our bodies that is within every cell. This hereditary information is coded in the DNA. It is in the DNA where the human genes are found that provide instructions essential for life. The DNA molecule contains around 24,000 genes. The project mapped the function of each gene. The benefits of this project will help in preventing disease.



The human genome project enables mankind to unravel the DNA molecule.

This mapping will be common knowledge, just as one's blood type can be known. As a result, medical breakthroughs offer hope to those who are suffering from inherited diseases. A defective gene can be replaced, eliminated or made inactive and a gene can be introduced into the body to help fight a disease. The genome project was an international venture with scientists from 20 countries working on it. The job was completed in 2003, 50 years after the discovery of the DNA molecule.

The dark side of this amazing endeavor is when mankind begins to tinker with human genetics, where are the boundaries? Can an embryo with a defective gene be treated before birth? That would be wonderful! But the potential side effects producing lasting complications are unknown. In humanistic hands, mankind will be able to manipulate the human body to be altered from God's original plan.

BECOMING BIOLOGICAL MACHINES?

Are we already becoming machines? We wear digital earpieces. We seem lost

without our wireless devices. Contacts are now being created to fit over one's eye to connect to the Web. Robotic exoskeletons are now being made to perform everything man does manually with great ease.

Technology empowers the disabled to live a normal life. Robotic legs can allow an individual to walk who has no physical legs. Sightless individuals now have the ability to see. Contact lenses are now being created that will provide a stream of data to guide one through life—data that is literally projected in front of their eyes. They are called electronic contact lenses. The display will not be confused with one's perception of the world. Voiceless people now have the ability to speak, and now, we can implant chips in the brain of a stroke victim, which allows them to control a robotic arm. The computer decodes the victims' neural signals in the brain that connects with the implanted chip. Technology is reshaping human history.

TATTOOED TECH

Scientists are also working on creating an electronic tattoo that would be implanted on the throat of an individual enabling him or her to communicate with smart phones via Bluetooth connections. The tattoo would include a microscopic microphone and power source. The invention would allow individuals to communicate via voice commands without having to wear an earpiece or headset. The device would allow one to communicate in a crowded noisy room, as well as listen to music without earphones. In addition, Google's glass technology is producing a wearable computer with a smartphone display that lets the user text, browse the Web, take photos and run other apps, all hands-free.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In a few decades, living beings as we know them might not be the only intelligent life on our planet. But what does that mean to us? Will these intelligent machines be able to think? Thinking is what separates men from the machines. In the latter, what goes in goes out. Whatever the machine is programmed to do, it will do, which allows it to make calculations that can even outsmart mankind. For example, artificial intelligence really captured the public's imagination in 1997, when the supercomputer Deep Blue beat world

champion Gary Kasparov at chess. The society we live in already has plenty of functional intelligent-design systems. Have you ever used the Siri app on the iPhone? It's just a matter of time before artificial intelligence runs our lives, even though it doesn't respond emotionally with feelings of gloom and despondency.

Artificial intelligence is inevitable. Digital creatures have been created in the computer. These computerized images make decisions on their own—when to turn, eat, rest, etc. They are able to pass on this info in their digital brains to their offspring. Each generation gets smarter, so they can survive longer. Experts claim by the year 2035, human level intelligence will exist in these robotic creatures.

Robots will look and act more and more like humans. In Japan, humanoids are being produced today in the laboratories. They respond exactly like their human twin. They speak identically to their creator, even mirroring every twitch of the eye. Robots will be commonplace in the future society with realistic humanoids, whose intelligence will rival our own. We will not know which is human when we pass one on the street or in the office.

TELEPORTING A HUMAN

Most everyone has heard of Star Trek's science fiction technology of a person being transported to a distant location through what is called a teleportation machine, commonly known as being "beamed up." Is such an idea possible from a scientific standpoint? We all know how easy it is to copy and cut-and-paste a phrase using a computer and then send it through cyberspace on the Web. Is it possible that quantum mechanics can "cut and paste" and then transport living matter?

In 1997, a team of scientists at the University at Innsbruck in Austria demonstrated quantum teleportation, transmitting and reconstructing the state of a photon over a distance. It seems that science is attempting to accomplish what we read about in Scripture. The Bible provides examples of what mankind is attempting to accomplish in the natural—the prophet Elijah being translated in a fiery chariot (2 Kings 2), Philip being translated from place to place (Acts 8:39), and Christ Jesus' ascension into the heavens (Acts 1:9).

NANOTECHNOLOGY, ROBOTICS AND GENETICS

Mankind is developing three technologies that will eventually converge and function together. First, there are nanotechnologies, which involve molecule-sized machines. These are tiny, tiny biological and mechanical microscopic machines. Second, there is the technology of robotics, which is self-modifying (altering, changing) sentient (conscious) machines. These machines are computer-driven devices that can reprogram themselves. Third is genetics, and this involves self-replicating (copying) entities (humans) that can manipulate and maneuver other mechanisms and devices.

These three technologies are destined to converge and interconnect with one another. The goal to converge these technologies is to create self-copying, conscious machines that can be directed to target diseases or specific groups or individuals. For example, a virus will be engineered that will attack only certain combinations of DNA. The evil side of this is the misuse of such technology in the hands of fallen man.

Chapter 39

FORERUNNERS OF THE NEPHILIM

SYMBOLS OF THE GODS

Obviously, the ancients believed in demigods of the mythological world. But have not people of the modern age evolved beyond the cult of hybrid demigods? Apparently not, as we have named our planets, days of the week and months of the year after the Nephilim. Europe is named after the Greek god, Europa, and our Atlantic Ocean is named after Atlas the Nephilim. Also, we have named many chemicals after these strange creatures of the past. Examples include:

1. Helium: Helios, Greek Sun god
2. Titanium: Titan
3. Cobalt: a spirit or goblin
4. Nickel: copper demon
5. Selenium: Selene, moon goddess
6. Tellurium: Tellus, goddess personifying the Earth in Roman mythology
7. Cerium: Ceres, goddess of harvest
8. Europium: Europa, Phoenician princess abducted to Crete by Zeus
9. Tantalum: Tantalus, Phrygian king who was condemned to remain in Tartarus
10. Thorium: Norse god, Thor
11. Uranium: Uranus, the personification of Heaven and ruler of the world
12. Neptunium: Neptune, ancient Roman god of the sea, identified with the Greek god Poseidon
13. Plutonium: Pluto, Roman god of the Underworld, Hades.

BRANDING THE NEPHILIM

Have you noticed that on every Starbucks cup there is a picture of a hybrid of the Nephilim? What you see is a Siren, a mermaid who is half fish, half woman —a hybrid. Sirens were said to lure sailors to their deaths with their songs.

Starbucks simply copied a 15th century Siren. Over time, they have used a little bit of artistic imagination to slightly change the image.

One of the biggest events of our planet that brings the nations together is the sports competition at the Olympics, which is named after the Olympian gods. It was the Olympic gods who defeated the Titans and ruled from Mount Olympus. This event was a tribute to the Nephilim.

The logo, Nike, is a sports brand for sporting goods. Nike is the goddess of victory who is another one of the Nephilim. You can see this goddess engraved in stone at Ephesus in Turkey. Ever hear of the Odyssey? You may be thinking of the car by Honda. However, *The Odyssey* is a Greek epic about the ancient Nephilim. How about Versace—an Italian symbol of a most luxurious brand? Versace is a woman with a head of snakes who turns its victims into stone. She is a hybrid of the Nephilim.

What about Amazon.com—a place to buy stuff online? Actually the Amazons were supposedly a race of female warriors whose name meant "without breast" (Greek a-mazos) or "killer of men" (Androktones). They were hybrids of Ares/Mars. These Nephilim would cut off one or both of their breasts, so that they could fight more viciously. They were feared everywhere.

The Achilles' heel is the tendon named after the demigod Achilles, who was a hybrid son of the goddess Thetis and Peleus (a friend of Hercules). Thetis attempted to make Achilles immortal and invincible by dipping him in the river Styx—the river that separates our world from Hell. However, Thetis held him by the ankle, which was then left vulnerable. As a result, in one battle where Achilles was shot, he was killed. He was struck in the heel. Today, a person's weaknesses are called his "Achilles" heel.

HOLLYWOOD LOVES THE NEPHILIM

Obviously, Hollywood is in love with the demigods. Arnold Schwarzenegger played Hercules in the cinema in one of his early roles. A new version of the movie with another superman came out in 2014. *Twilight* features a vampire who breeds with a female human to produce a hybrid. *X-Men* is about genetically engineered superhuman hybrids.

Today, people spend a fortune to see these Nephilim creatures in the movies. Even in the Christian allegory *Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis, one can find

hybrids featured. There is a Satyr, which is a half-man/half-goat in the film. Also, there is a Centaur, which is a half-man/half-horse. For the old-timers who can remember *Planet of the Apes,* there were genetically engineered apes that possessed human genes for intelligence. With the evolution of these hybrids there is a film entitled *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*. There is *Edge of Tomorrow* starring Tom Cruise who finds himself in a battle with aliens, repeatedly dying and rising from the dead. The movie entitled *When Aliens Come ... What Do They Want?* suggests that they want human genes for manipulation. The hybrids want to make genetically modified organisms.

Hollywood loves genetic engineering. Does Hollywood's inspiration only come from the past that we read about in the Bible or is it possible that there is yet something looming on the horizon?

Chapter 40

THE RETURN OF THE NEPHILIM GIANTS

PROPHESIES OF DANIEL: IRON AND CLAY

The great king Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about a massive statue made of gold, silver, and bronze with feet of mixed iron and clay.

> "Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay" (Daniel 2:31-33, NIV).

Daniel interprets the dream to the King, explaining that the part of the statue made of iron and clay represents a fourth and last kingdom:

> "Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay" (Daniel 2:40-43, KJV).

What is the kingdom of iron mixed with miry clay? Clay represents dust. Man is made out of the dust of the Earth. Iron represents mechanical creatures. Daniel reveals that the seed of man is mingled (mixed) with the iron. Daniel uses the words "shall not cleave," which is a Hebrew idiom used in Genesis 2:24 to describe the joining of a man and woman in marriage. Let us look at this

Scripture again:

> "As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the **seed of men**; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay" (Daniel 2:43).

What or who are these iron/clay creatures? They cannot be human because the Aramaic text clearly states they cannot be the same as the seed of men. Are they like the Nephilim?

MERGING BIOLOGY WITH MACHINE

When human beings cross the threshold into an era of creating thinking machines, Man will have the power the Greeks associated with the gods. Paul explains that in the end-times, Satan will have the power to display amazing phenomena.

> "For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie ..." (2 Thessalonians 2:7-9, NIV).

The antichrist or world leader soon to come will have all power to perform amazing accomplishments, signs and wonders. Satan will still be around at the time of the end until his day of judgment puts an end to his infamy. Until then God must allow Satan to deceive and perform miracles and execute atrocities with demons because he was given rulership of this world when Adam and Eve obeyed Satan instead of God.

All of these events will separate those people who know their God and belong to the Kingdom of Heaven and those who live for themselves and belong to the kingdom of darkness. Those who follow God and His Son Jesus have been given spiritual weapons (found in the Bible) to defeat the purposes and actions of

Satan. God’s people have protection for themselves and their families, and those under their authority.

BOTTOM LINE

At the moment, Satan’s schemes through the use of robotrons, hybrids, mechanical men and interbred bionic bio-generic creatures may be beyond our imagination. But we have been assured that God will slay the technology giant and the civilization that created it. The statue in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream was crushed and smashed to bits by a Rock that is clearly the Rock of Ages—a symbol of God.

> “While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace... ” (Daniel 2:34, 35, NIV).

Chapter 41

CLONING AND STEM CELL RESEARCH

HELLO DOLLY

In 1996, Dolly, the sheep, was born in Scotland. She was cloned using a cell taken from a healthy six-year-old sheep. Dolly was made by taking the nucleus (DNA) out of the egg of a sheep. Next, a healthy cell was removed from a male sheep, and its DNA was removed and placed in the egg of the original sheep. Now we have a clone.

Cloning is all about DNA. Man does not create DNA; it is already there. Question: Was anything new created with Dolly? No. All that was used is existing DNA. Unfortunately, Dolly did not live very long. She died at the young age of six. Why did she die so young? The problem is that the chromosomes in the DNA are programmed to die. In fact, all life is programmed to die. I wonder from where that originated? Could it have been in the Garden of Eden?

A clone is a genetically identical copy of a living organism, such as with Dolly. It is very much like having an identical twin. This process is called genetic engineering. All the information is already there. Man is just shuffling the information around. Man has cloned a number of creatures such as calves, mice, mules, pigs and cats.

It took 277 tries to get Dolly. In other words, 276 attempts failed. Question: If it took that many tries to get a sheep, how many failures will it take to produce a human? Then we must ask ourselves, do we think there will be a problem with scientists attempting to produce a human in a non-biblical, humanistic-based country, where there are no biblical-based restrictions or laws? And, if a human being is cloned, how long will it live? In the past, America has led the world with establishing biblically based safeguards to protect man from being able to produce another “Frankenstein.”

Genetic engineering appears to be heading down a pathway where long-sought medicines are emerging for many of mankind’s most elusive diseases. There is a war against disease including AIDS, mental illness, obesity, Alzheimer’s,

Parkinson's, Lou Gehrig's disease, heart disease, cancer, mental retardation, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, leukemia and an assortment of hundreds of other diseases. There truly are some astonishing advances in molecular biology that will affect all of us—for better or for worse. Worse, because who is there who can stop the cloning of human beings? Newspapers are already reporting on the possibility of baby factories coming in the near future. Today is a new day. The doctrine of atheistic humanism has pervaded the world, and biblical safeguards are disappearing from the nations of the world.

If there is no biblical standard for enforcing safeguards, then who or what will protect the world from another Hitler and his experimentation on humans in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany?

REVIVING EXTINCT SPECIES

National Geographic recently carried an article entitled, "Bringing Them Back To Life."[69] The opening sentence began with, "The revival of an extinct species is no longer a fantasy …" The opening page carried a picture of an extinct Bucardo (a wild goat). The Bucardo lived in the Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain. Recently, scientists attempted to clone the Bucardo using DNA extracted from its remains. A clone was birthed, but it died within minutes after the delivery. The fact is, the scientists reversed time and brought the animal back from extinction for a brief moment. The birth came from a surrogate mother who was a hybrid created from an ibex and a goat.

Bringing vanished species back to life has only existed in science-fiction movies of the past. This recent attempt to bring back an extinct species is reality catching up to science fiction.

In recent years, scientists have taken the remains of mammoths in Siberia and are working to bring back these giant extinct beasts. With the new cloning technologies, experts hope to extract DNA from the mammoth tissue of bones, hair and skin, and then implant the mammoth's DNA into a surrogate elephant. After extracting the elephant's DNA from the nucleus of the egg and implanting the mammoth's DNA in the egg, the embryo will be carried in the surrogate elephant.

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National Geographic article on scientists resurrecting extinct animals.[70]

This is not science fiction. This is occurring in science laboratories around the world. Scientists are still in the early days of research and experimentation, much like the early days of computer technology. It is just a matter of time before great advances in both knowledge and understanding of how to create creatures of the past, as well as creatures of the future—even creatures that do not presently exist and have never been known to exist—will create genetically engineered organisms. Science may be on the verge of creating science fiction Frankensteins, which up until now have only been known in movies like *The Lazarus Project*. The term Lazarus, of course, was borrowed from the biblical story when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11).

CLONING RISKS

The problems with attempting to clone a living creature are too many to list here, but three crucial challenges include:

1. High failure rate: 97-99 percent.
2. Malformations: deformities, severe birth defects.
3. Abnormal emotions and mental status: Overly aggressive behavior that is mad, erratic, strange and unpredictable.

STEM CELLS

Another type of cloning is the reproduction of stem cells. Stem cells are the body's master cells. Stem cells have the ability to self-regenerate—that is, they can make copies of themselves. Stem cells have the capability of reproducing any kind of cells in our body, whether it is a skin cell, bone cell, heart cell or eye cell. Think about what this means! Any damaged cell can be regenerated anywhere in the body through stem cells. In other words, anything that goes wrong in the body can be fixed with stem cells. Stem cells have all the instructions in the cell to become any part of the body.

STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH

The future of medicine has unlimited horizons with the new discoveries in

stem cell research. Stem cells seem to be the future for medical care, which offers the possibility of mending damaged hearts, replacing brain cells that have been lost to Alzheimer's or repairing paralysis in spinal cords. Researchers now have shown that they can create stem cells cheaply and easily. Stem cells can be made from a person's skin or blood. In theory, this means the doctor could scrape some cells off the arm of a heart attack patient and turn them into stem cells, which then could become healthy heart cells. Eventually, they could be implanted in the heart where they could take over for damaged ones. The new research reveals that the body has an incredible ability to heal itself through stem cells.

THE JESUS CLONE PROJECT

A few years ago, there was an eccentric group of zealots who mockingly claimed they would attempt to clone Jesus. They refer to it as "The Second Coming Project." Here's the explanation from the group's website:

> "The Second Coming Project is a not for profit organization devoted to bringing about the Second Coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, as prophesied in the Bible, in time for the 2,000th anniversary of his birth. Our intention is to clone Jesus, utilizing techniques pioneered at the Roslin Institute in Scotland, by taking an incorrupt cell from one of the many Holy Relics of Jesus' blood and body that are preserved in churches throughout the world, extracting its DNA, and inserting into an unfertilized human egg (oocyte), through the now proven biological process called nuclear transfer. The fertilized egg, now the zygote of Jesus Christ, will be implanted into the womb of a young virginal woman (who has volunteered of her own accord), who will then bring the baby Jesus to term in a second Virgin Birth. If all goes according to plan, the birth will take place on December 25, 2001 ... No longer can we rely on hope and prayer, waiting around futilely for Jesus to return. We have the technology to bring him back right now: there is no reason, moral, legal or biblical, not to take advantage of it. In order to save the world from sin, we must clone Jesus to initiate the second coming of Christ."

Although reported by Fox News and several leading newspapers, the whole

thing was obviously a fool-hearted hoax. But let us consider what an amazing miracle it would be to the world and to one's community, if cloning any extinct creature could take place. Then let's consider the possibility of Satan and his followers. What if they created a satanic clone from an ancient giant's skeleton as part of their end-time agenda?

CLONING THE ANTICHRIST

The antichrist or the replacement of Christ is Satan's goal. In Revelation, chapter 17, we read about something that could involve genetic engineering. The chapter enigmatically speaks of a king that once existed, and now reappears. Although he was one of seven kings, he mysteriously becomes an eighth king. He is both a king and "the beast." Is the beast a clone of one of the other seven?

> "The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction" (Revelation 17:11, NIV).

The Apostle Paul speaks of the son of destruction in his second letter to the Thessalonians. This son of destruction is the man of lawlessness who exalts himself and defies God, tearing down and destroying all worship, except to himself. Could this be a hybrid clone of Satan whom mankind, after being deceived, will follow? Paul warns that this creature will claim to have power to do miracles that will deceive the entire world. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-6; 9, 10).

Chapter 42

THE EVIL SIDE OF GENETIC HYBRIDS

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

Many movies and television shows depict mutants and superhuman hybrids saving the world. However, it's ironic how many of these "good" superheroes always seem to be fighting mutated "bad" super villains. On the one hand, mutations can make one into a powerful good-guy capable of saving humanity. But on the other hand, mutations can also cause one to become incredibly evil.

In *The Amazing Spider-Man*, a brilliant scientist has lost part of his right arm as a result of being injured in combat while serving in the U.S. Army. He becomes interested in understanding the biological secret of limb regeneration in lizards. He discovers a secret on the genetic level and concocts a serum that uses lizard DNA and injects it into himself. This serum works and his arm grows back. Unfortunately, there is an unforeseen side effect. He mutates into a large reptilian monster known as The Lizard and gains new abilities that include super strength, speed and agility. He also has the ability to quickly heal from wounds. His teeth become razor-sharp and his nails become claws. He can leap vast distances and his tail can shatter concrete.

The Nephilim in ancient literature also have many of the same attributes as our lizard mutant. After the scientist who is depicted in the movie injected himself with the DNA of another creature, he went from being a friendly humanitarian to becoming a giant and a viciously evil monster. Sounds like Genesis 6:5:

> "... and God saw that the wickedness of man was great, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

In another movie, *Splice*, scientists intermingle humans with animals. The result was an animal/human hybrid, the female they called "Dren." By the end of the movie, this creature turned into a male demon. Is that what was happening in the pre-Flood world? Could it be that this movie depicts something that may occur in the near future?

The Book of Revelation is a fascinating saga of end-time events. There is

much speculation on when each event will occur and what will actually happen. In light of the latest scientific discoveries, we see new possibilities as to how these things could actually come to pass.

GARAGE LABORATORIES

There are no safeguards to prevent a startup, garage-laboratory business gaining patents on discoveries that can assist in destroying diseases. There will be all kinds of issues associated with genetic engineering and the creation of cross species, such as the devolvement or passing on of unknown diseases and complications in research. As the number of these laboratories increase around the world, there will certainly be opportunities to have a “Frankenstein” emerge.

Tampering with the human genome will cause unexpected problems. Remember the meaning of the term giants mentioned in the Old Testament? The Hebrew word means “the fallen ones.” These creatures were of the Earth. In addition, you will recall that another Hebrew word for giants is “Raphah,” or “Repha’im” which means the “living dead” or “ghostly spirits.” In other words, something that was a living creature was actually not alive in the sense of being fully a human being. It was alive, but not human.

SCRIPTURAL WARNING

For those of us who have decided to follow the One True God and His Son Jesus Christ, we have great hope even though the future will be stormy and fraught with danger. The Apostle Paul offers us this admonition:

> “Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and
> the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every

sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They [the people on Earth] perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness (2 Thessalonians 2:9-11).

SATAN'S FINAL PUSH

Currently, the world we live in has only the faintest glimpse of what is about to come. Hollywood has done its best to give us a taste and insightful preview. In one way or another, Satan is about to breathe and release demons upon the world.

Chapter 43

COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SOON

SATAN'S SINISTER SEDUCTION

The one most amazing feature of God's creation on Earth is that He has given us the ability to reproduce. Obviously, Satan is also searching for power to create. Satan in himself cannot create. Therefore, like a virus, he is seeking a host organism where he can duplicate himself. Obviously, his ambition is to begin propagating more Nephilim.

Remember what God said at the Tower of Babel? Because man spoke one language, there was nothing he couldn't achieve. One language is an important key.

As mankind is about to cross the threshold in understanding the genetic language of DNA, they will have unraveled the knowledge of human life. This will endow them with the ability to understand and the power that enables them to create whatever life forms they may desire. Satan will surely find willing servants on Earth to help him reach his goal of reproducing and making life forms of his own desires.

THE GENETICS OF THE NEPHILIM

Do Nephilim contain genetic material similar to human DNA, only constructed of a different substance, chemicals and properties? Instead of having X chromosomes as earthly humans, could Nephilim and hybrids have a different set of chemical codes that make up their existence? Instead of DNA, could there be something such as XYZ or some other code that packages and produces a different set of genes that makes up the life form of the Nephilim, and this is how the sons of God—fallen angels—were able to reproduce Nephilim? Apparently, the sons of God found a host in human women through which they could reproduce. All life was originally created by God and therefore must have some chemical code that reveals its genetic substance.

If a human and an angelic being can, in fact, reproduce, even if what is produced is something different, then most likely they both have a common origin—God the Creator, even if they, the parents, are different in their composition.

Even couples today who give birth to children may learn that they have a common genetic defect and therefore risk having a deformed baby. Reproduction by a human and an angelic being will produce a humanoid child with a fatalistic birth defect—a being without the possibility of receiving God's redemption.

SEEKING A HOST

Today, we understand how viruses work and reproduce themselves. They are like aliens. Viruses are not considered living because they are not made up of cells and cannot reproduce by themselves. However, when they are connected to a living cell, they are symbiotically alive with the cell. When the virus becomes embedded in the cell, it hijacks the cell, and then the cell begins to reproduce more of the same virus. The virus tricks the cell into making copies of the virus' DNA, so that its genetic material becomes integrated with the genetic material of the host and reproduces itself. This process is the path a virus uses to create sicknesses, deformations and all kinds of evil.

GENETIC ENGINEERING—SPIDER GOATS

The experimentation of producing humanoids is being crafted around the world. These experiments, we are told, are for the good of humanity in order for man to live longer. There are also voices that say there is a way to make man immortal, and to enhance his intelligence order (knowledge is power) to "make him like god."

What do you get when you cross a spider with a goat? It may sound like it should be the start of a joke, but in actuality, the spider goat project reveals a genetic hybridization venture. We know that a spider's cobweb silk is one of the strongest fibers known to man. The idea was to cross the spider with a goat that will enable it to produce silk in greater quantities for the needs of humanity. Researchers from the University of Wyoming have developed a way to incorporate spiders' silk-spinning genes into goats, allowing the researchers to harvest the silk protein from the goats' milk for a variety of applications. For

instance, due to its strength and elasticity, spider silk fiber could have several medical uses, as in making artificial ligaments and tendons, for eye sutures, and for jaw repair. The silk could also have applications in bulletproof vests and improved car airbags.[71]

There are already creatures mankind has created, such as the Liger, bred from a lion and a tiger. The Donkra was bred from a donkey and a zebra, and the Cama was bred from a camel and a llama. There are dozens of such creatures and many more on the way.

Science and technology have produced 150 animal hybrids grown in UK labs. By taking some of the genetic strengths of animals, like the sight of a hawk, the speed of a cheetah, and the strength of an elephant, man will be able to produce marvelous biological wonders.

Will man involve himself in major experimental research by mixing his DNA with that of animals? Because there is a worldwide shortage of organs for clinical implantation, about 20–35 percent of patients awaiting replacement organs die on the waiting list. It is believed that animal transplants could save thousands of patients who are waiting for donated organs.

There is a growing use of humanized animals in medical research. Scientific experiments insert human genes or cells into animals in hopes of discovering solutions to medical problems in humans. For example, a mouse has been produced with a grotesque appendage growing out of its side that resembles a human ear. It was bred in an experiment for the purpose of growing an artificial liver.

The Bible has much to say about future visitations to Planet Earth by creatures that are definitely not human. The question is this. Will these creatures be involved in instructing how to mix human genetics with animals and even with their own kind? We know that Jesus warned us to be careful to not be deceived and not identify with the antichrist.

FUTURE HYBRIDS

With the media reporting that man is creating hybrids in their labs, one can only ponder what is taking place concerning experiments of which we are not being told. What we do know is scientific research in pagan humanistic countries having few moral restrictions and few safeguards against abuse, in the name of

scientific research, are playing God by tampering with human genetics. We know Jesus did not die for animals, humanoids or angelic creatures, but for humanity. Any attempt to change humans from the beings who were made in “the image of God” is not of God and is contrary to His plan of redemption.

Satan failed to stop the birth of the Messiah. But now he can still work to prevent the people of Earth from being redeemed through genetic engineering.

Chapter 44

ALIENS AND THE COMING DECEPTION

ALIEN APOCALYPSE

Leading scientists say aliens will visit our planet in the near future. Nick Pope, a former executive officer with the British Ministry of Defense says, “I am convinced there is intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.” Even though man has been listening for E.T. since 1960, which is over 50+ years, and today’s technology is advanced 100 trillion times since those early days of listening, still there has been no life discovered anywhere in the universe outside of Planet Earth. Nevertheless, the experts say, “It’s just a matter of time before we are visited by extraterrestrials.”

This opinion comes not from science fiction, but science. Experts from Nassau to the Pentagon say aliens will come, and they may not come in peace. Renowned astrophysicist, Stephen Hawking states, “Advanced aliens would perhaps become nomads looking to conquer and colonize whatever planets they can reach.”

These experts claim when aliens show up, the Earth may be in big trouble. If they succeed in landing, they surmise the aliens will have overwhelming technology and the power to help themselves to whatever they need and want.

Top astrophysicists and military defense consultants reveal that leading countries of the world have plans to deal with an alien invasion. From the Pentagon to the United Nations, aliens are taken seriously. If there is an attack, there is going to be chaos “with every man for himself,” as we have seen with other widespread disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the Japanese tsunami. It will take time to respond.

SATAN’S COUNTERFEIT PLAN OF REDEMPTION

The History Channel’s *Ancient Aliens* series, as well as many other shows and books, promote the whole concept of *anunnaki* (giant mythological gods) and

their return in the near future. This would harmonize with the Bible's predictions of the coming great deception.

ARE WE ALONE?

Paul Davies, the director of Beyond Center for Fundamental Concepts in Science at Arizona State University and author of *The Eerie Silence: Renewing Our Search for Alien Intelligence* commented, "There could be as many as 40 billion habitable planets in our galaxy," a number which hardly makes a dent in 1 trillion times trillion planets in our galaxy. Davies went on to say, "The universe is teeming with life."[72] The astronomer, Godfrey Marcy, of the University of California at Berkeley responded, "It represents one great leap towards the probability of life, including intelligent life in the universe."

Jesus warns us in Matthew 24:24, 25, in the last days,

> "... false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible."

Could Jesus be referring to the times when people would see strange, supernatural phenomena and manifestations in the sky, not to mention people having strange encounters in the middle of the night in their bedrooms?

Many people think the subject of aliens is a fringe issue, and should be left to those in the fringes of society, such as cults. However, this subject has become a real world issue. Governments are spending billions of dollars on the search for extraterrestrial life.

U.S. GOVERNMENT ON ALIEN LIFE

Recently, the U.S. government had a hearing on the odds of alien life. Massachusetts Institute of Technology planetary science and physics Professor Sara Seager told the House Science Committee, "The chance that there's a planet like Earth out there with life on it is very high."

Answering a question from Rep. Ralph Hall, R-Texas, who asked, "Do you think there's life out there, and are they studying us?"

Seager answered, "The question is: Is there life near here, in our neighborhood of stars? We think the chances are good."

Others who testified were NASA astrobiologist, Mary Voytek, and science historian and astrobiologist, Steven J. Dick, of the Library of Congress. Dick

said, “I think the guiding principle holds that what’s happened here has happened elsewhere in our huge universe,” the *Washington Post* reported. The 90-minute hearing, called by committee Chairman, Lamar Smith, R-Texas, brought praise and respect from congressmen.[73]

THE MEDIA BLITZ

The most popular movies and TV shows of all time are science fiction. *Star Trek: The Next Generation* is the number one syndicated program in the history of television. Science fiction is the most entertaining genre of all time. Unfortunately, Christians do not realize the power of the media in influencing our ideas and our thoughts, and sci-fi is the key element in influencing the public’s ideas about extraterrestrial life.

The belief in the reality of UFOs is spreading rapidly at all levels of society throughout the world. There are books and periodicals, which appear at an ever-increasing rate. There are documentaries and major films being made now by young people of the UFO generation, who were born just after World War II and grew up with flying saucer stories. Both Christian and secular individuals believe in extraterrestrials, but the difference today is terminology. Christians may use the word spiritual, supernatural or preternatural, whereas the secular individual uses terms such as paranormal and paraphysical to describe UFO phenomena.

PHYSICS AND SPACE TRAVEL DON’T MIX

The secular and humanistic media and university professors who speak and teach on the subject of aliens tell us they come from other galaxies and could be visiting the Earth in a real physical spacecraft. In the 1950s and the 1960s, the idea of aliens evolving on other planets became popular. But as we understood more about the enormous size of the universe, it became obvious that aliens could not travel thousands or even millions of light years across the universe according to the law of physics. It would require multiple generations to make the trip. This simply means that if you traveled at the speed of light, it would still take 100,000 years to cross just one galaxy, not to mention traveling from galaxy to galaxy.

The top speed of a space shuttle is only 17,900 mph, and the shuttle is the

most powerful engine man has ever built. It is beyond the realm of reasonable thought for these alien spacecraft to be coming from other galaxies according to the universe's laws of physics. Other scientific ideas include notions such as a "wormhole" which is similar to a worm boring through an apple. Supposedly, it is thought there may be holes bored through the universe connecting galaxies.

The problem with space travel is that it would take the energy of 98 Hiroshima atomic bombs to propel a tiny 500-gram ball to 50 percent of the speed of light. At this speed, it would take 4 million years to reach the nearest galaxy, Andromeda, from our own Milky Way. Then there is the problem with objects in space. There are hundreds of thousands of dust particles for every cubic kilometer of space. At one-tenth the speed of light, the impact would be equivalent to 10 tons of TNT. A pea-sized object would produce kinetic energy equivalent to 2.2 atomic bombs. One can look at the panels of the Hubble spacecraft and see the impact from all the tiny space dust that hit the craft while it was out in space.

Another problem with traveling in space is changing directions. One g is equivalent to the Earth's gravity. Nine g's could possibly kill an Air Force pilot. Changing directions at the speed of light would exert millions of g's upon the occupants, which translates into "lights out" permanently for all passengers. Still another problem is cosmic radiation. Prolonged exposure is fatal, and traveling at the speed of light would massively increase exposure.

The number one objection to flying around the universe at the speed of light is being able to reach the speed of light, which is impossible. You couldn't get enough energy to propel you to the speed of light. Physics teaches that as speed increases, mass increases, which means it is impossible within the natural laws of physics. It is simply fantasy—science fiction.

DID GOD CREATE ALIENS?

The late Carl Sagan, one of the most famous, humanistic scientists of the modern era, hypothesized in the opening statement to his classic book, *The Cosmos*, "The Cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever will be." The evolutionist, Alan Guth, made a similar statement in the *Discovery Magazine* in April, 2002, when he said, "The universe burst into something from absolutely nothing—zero, nada. And as it got bigger, it became filled with even more stuff

that came from absolutely nowhere." Can you imagine a more stupid hypothesis? But if you ask these scientists why they believe this, they will answer, "Because there is no other alternative."

Here, we learn from two respected, educated men the humanistic worldview of the secular part of society. What is the alternative? It is the most profound passage of Scripture—Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth." Right from the beginning, God was there. If we conclude, as previously discussed, that aliens are unable to visit Planet Earth from a natural, physical standpoint, then an alternative explanation is that they are not physical, but rather something of another dimension.

The interdimensional hypothesis states that aliens could be visiting the Earth from other dimensions. This overcomes the travel distance problem. This theory has religious appeal, particularly to the New Age movement. If aliens do not have bodies like humans, they do not need to travel like humans. There are even Christians who have embraced this view because they think it fits with Scripture —the universe is made up of multiple dimensions. After all, the Bible does speak of "heavens" in the first verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1, NIV).

So what is there to do with the reports of people claiming to experience strange occurrences involving supernatural phenomena? Indeed, what does the public hear from governments about such things? How can they explain what they do not understand? They simply say something like, "There is no threat to national security."

Today, more and more of the supernatural acts of the Bible are being explained away by humanism and naturalism. In other words, there is no need for a supernatural God. Humanism provides an alternative to the meaning and purpose of life. It is believed aliens will be able to provide us with solutions for the problems of the world because of their advanced technology. After all, the public has been led to believe that life may have arisen on Planet Earth as a result of aliens visiting our world a few billion years ago.

Keep in mind, we have indeed had extraterrestrial visitors from another dimension come to Planet Earth. These are angelic beings, not to mention the Creator of the universe, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus told us in His Word,

> "My kingdom is not of this world ... but my kingdom is from another

place” (John 18:36).

Miracles throughout the Bible were performed by God’s angels—sometimes seen, but mostly unseen.

Another amazing supernatural event occurred in Scripture, known as the transfiguration, when Jesus appeared in His heavenly glory and a voice spoke from above and said, “This is my son in whom I am well pleased.” Later, the disciples said to the people,

> “We were eyewitnesses to these events and are not sharing cleverly invented stories” (2 Peter 1:16).

COMING SOON: THE GREAT DECEPTION

The stories of many individuals who claim to have had supernatural experiences are strikingly similar to those who are possessed with demons, as described in the Bible. The devil and his demons can, according to the Bible, manifest themselves in almost any form and can physically imitate anything from beautiful angels to monsters with glowing eyes. In other words, what we are speaking about is the age-old deception, as we read in Genesis, chapter 3, where Satan entered a snake and spoke to Eve.

In 1 Timothy 4:1, we read,

> “The Spirit clearly says that in the latter times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.”

Be careful of being deceived by the “wisdom” of this world. Suppose you heard someone say that a little fairy woke them up at night and told them about their future. No doubt, we would write such a person off as a bit weird and avoid them the next time we saw them.

However, people now believe stories about having visions of angels who tell them they are a very special individual and they have been chosen for some great purpose. Obviously, such an experience would be a life-changing experience. This is why it is so easy to be deceived today, particularly for the individual who does not know who Jesus is, is not a part of a believing congregation or has not ever read the Bible. This mystical experience would be a defining moment that could easily cause one to be deceived.

The Bible reveals there is absolutely no truth in evil aliens or extraterrestrial-type angels with a message in opposition to the Word of God:

> "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned" (Galatians 1:8).

A good example of such an encounter is the story of Joseph Smith, (founder of the Mormon cult) who had an encounter with an "angel" who called himself Maroni. This angel had a different gospel, and his job was to "sort out the apostate church." Supposedly, Mohammed was given some extra-biblical revelation from an angel who claimed to be Gabriel, which became the *Koran*. These are examples of what Jesus meant when He said, "For false christs and false prophets will appear … to deceive even the elect." In the days before the return of Christ, we can expect many visitors who will also claim to be from other dimensions, galaxies and places unknown, who have words of wisdom, knowledge and power and who will be able to perform amazing signs and wonders. The Bible declares they are from the liar who has no truth in him—Satan and his angels.

Jesus warned about ,

> "Men's hearts failing them for fear and the expectation of those things which are coming upon the Earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

For those who are dedicated followers of the God of the Bible, demons can do no harm to humans unless they can interact with them. Sin is the starting point, and from there the door is open for a demon to entrap and take control of its captive.

The way to stop an encounter with a fallen angel or demon is to simply call on the Name of Jesus. What is it that makes the Word and Name of Jesus so abhorrent to aliens? It is the power of the resurrected Christ, who has the ultimate power and authority over Heaven and Earth.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Many Christians have difficulty in reading the Book of Revelation. They say

that the language is beyond comprehension. And because so many theologians have differing interpretations, the Church has become divided on the subject. But Revelation reveals the greatness of Almighty God, and shows us that His purposes for mankind are good and just. God's wonderful plan is for His people to dwell with Him in paradise that never ends.

Once the Church understands today's ensuing battle is "as it was in the days of Noah ..." then believers will be able to fight intelligently against what is happening in the heavens and on Earth. The return of the Nephilim in our modern end-times world will be similar in scope to what happened after the Flood. Nephilim will appear again at the end of time, as stated in the Book of Revelation.

Revelation records the release of four angels who were bound. (Revelation 9:13-16). These four angels are released at some point in the last days wreaking havoc on mankind. But a puzzling portion of this passage describes 200 million horsemen killing one-third of the world's population. The idea of 200 million horsemen presents a problem today because there are only about 70 million horses presently in the world. Would horses be any kind of a real threat anyway in today's world of high-tech warfare? Theologians have suggested that 200 million warring individuals are going to be Russian, Chinese or Muslim. Revelation, chapter 9, presents another idea—locust-like creatures prepared for battle. The creation of genetic Nephilim, added to the equation, changes everything.

CHRIST'S CONCLUSION ON END-TIMES

As Jesus concluded his briefing on the end-times, He pointed out:

> "For there will be persecution such as the world has never before seen in all its history and will never see again. In fact, unless those days are shortened, all mankind will perish. But they will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen people" (Matthew 24:21, 22, LB).

Satan's ultimate purpose is to destroy the entire human race. But because of God's redeemed people, Jesus Christ will rescue His own out of the Earth to be with Him forever. After that God will once again have to destroy the entire world in judgment because of its unrestrained wickedness. It will be everlasting

disaster and calamity to those who live for themselves and the pleasures of evil during their lifetime on Earth.

> “For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matthew 24:38, 39, NIV).

Chapter 45

WRAPPING UP THE HISTORY OF PLANET EARTH

GENESIS ROSETTA STONE

Understanding Genesis, chapter 6, and the Nephilim is similar to what the discovery of the Rosetta Stone in 1799 did in understanding ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. The Rosetta Stone is an ancient Egyptian *stele* or stone slab inscribed in three scripts: ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, Demotic script (a simplified form of ancient Egyptian everyday speech) and Ancient Greek. Because it presents essentially the same text in all three scripts, it provided the key to understanding Egyptian hieroglyphs.

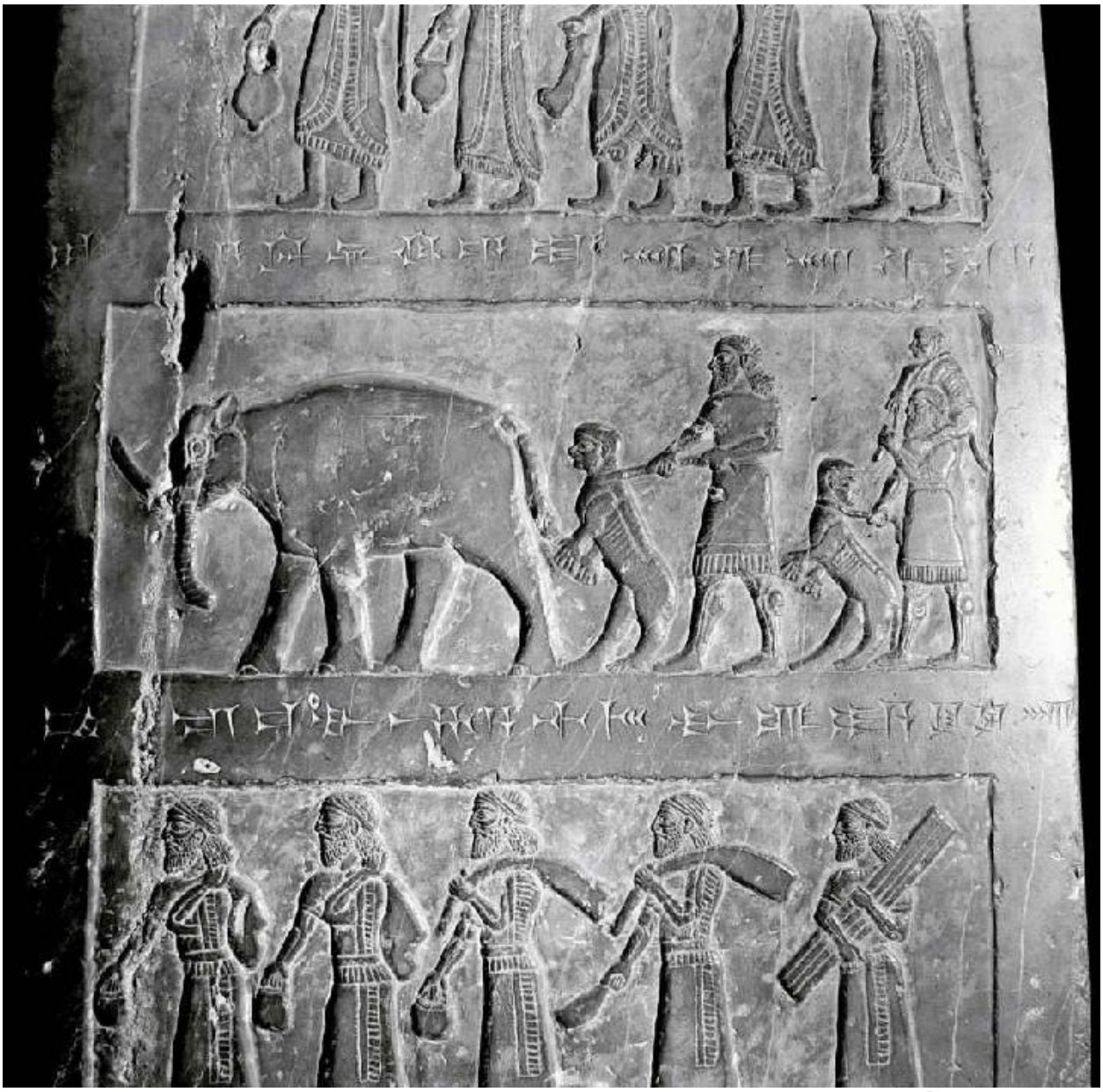
Likewise, understanding Genesis, chapter 6, provides an understanding of the Old Testament prophecies, the Book of Revelation and the plans of Satan. Genesis and the giants are the key to understanding Satan and his future plans, as outlined in the Book of Revelation. It seems giants are woven throughout the history of civilization.

Today, we know that genetic manipulation is taking place in laboratories around the world. We also know that through surgical implantation it's possible to insert man's seed into the bodies of women. There is no sexual copulation involved. The events of Genesis, chapter 6, were a direct response by Satan to the prophecy of Genesis 3:15. Satan was attempting to corrupt the seed of the woman in order to keep the Messiah—the promised Deliver—from being born and fulfilling His purpose on Earth. Satan attempted to implant his seed from the fallen angels into human females and produce his kind.

Blending species and messing with the human genome is becoming more prevalent in our day. Man is once again attempting to blend "kinds" that were never meant to be blended together. The genetic codes of animals, fish, plants, and even insects, as well as human beings, are being mixed together in labs around the world to create hybrids. Satan's plan is to corrupt the image that God

originally created.

At the time of Moses, the Egyptians were able to perform supernatural acts and manifestations, which created living creatures, such as turning wooden sticks into living serpents. (Exodus 7:12). Obviously, it was demonic magic. Is it possible that Egyptian wizards and sorcerers were able to create hybrids, such as lion-type men that are depicted on the walls in the form of hieroglyphics? Displayed in the British Museum is the black obelisk of Shalmaneser III (the king of northern Iraq), which reveals lion-men tied to leashes being escorted by giants walking behind elephants.



An obelisk of Assyrian King Shalmaneser III (825 B.C.) and lion-like men.[74]

Even in the Scriptures it mentions lion-like men of Moab: “He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab” (1 Chronicles 11:22). There are similar lion-men depicted in the ancient world, such as in the Hittite civilization.

These depictions are on artifacts located in the Anatolian Museum in Ankara, Turkey.



The Assyrian god Lamassu, 721-705 B.C., is the bull at Chicago's Orient Museum.[75]

If you were to visit Athens, Greece, you would see the remains of temples and the gods the people worshiped, depicting animal-human hybrids, such as satyrs (a man with a goat's ears, tail, legs and horns), minotaurs (a monster with the head of a bull and the body of a man), and centaurs (a creature with the head, arms, and torso of a man and the body and legs of a horse).

The Bible speaks of goat demons and dancing satyrs (Leviticus 17:7; Isaiah 13:21-22).



A Centaur, half-man and half-horse, ancient Greece.

But what does the future hold? We read in Revelation 9:7-10 about creatures who have the appearance of locusts with faces of men that are prepared for battle. They have teeth like lions and tails like scorpions. This is a description of a chimera, which is half-animal and half-human. Here we have a description of a locust like a centaur. The word locust is often used to describe vast multitudes. Thus, we have a vast multitude of humanoids coming up out of the bottomless pit—a place like Tartarus that Peter refers to (2 Peter 2:4). These creatures are

prophesied to return.



A winged sphinx, the palace of Darius the Great, Persian Empire, Susa in 480 B.C.[76]

SATAN'S LAST GASP

There is going to be "war in Heaven" and Satan will be cast out, and down to this Earth. We learn that Satan will once again stage an attack on God's throne in Heaven. John records:

> "Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him" (Revelation 12:7-9, NIV).

Satan isn't finished yet, but he knows his time is short. For those who worship and serve the Creator, the God of Israel, it is time to prepare ourselves as never before. As Jesus Himself said,

> "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28, NIV).

GOD WILL SLAY THE FATHER OF ALL HUMANOID GIANTS

> "And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10, NIV).

FINAL THOUGHT

Will fallen angels and humans once again breed in the end-times, producing vile Nephilim hybrids? We read in the Book of Revelation:

> "People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, 'Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?'" (Revelation 13:4).

Turning to antichrist traditions outside of the Bible, there is commentary on

Revelation in the early Jewish and Christian traditions. There are two basic traditions related to the nature of the antichrist. In one tradition the antichrist is born of natural human parents. In the other tradition he is born from an evil spirit and a prostitute. He would be a human instrument that is tutored by Satan himself.

Many of the features of the antichrist's appearance were related with ancient Greek perceptions of unashamed individual behavior. The ancients associated physical characteristics with both temperament and character and the antichrist would be physically ugly and out of normal bodily proportions.

During the time preceding the antichrist's birth, there would be an increase in moral decadence, wars, plagues, famines and other disasters. There would also be signs in the day and night skies (e.g., Blood Moons). He would come as a mighty warrior, proclaiming false doctrines and with great power to deceive. He would perform miracles, and proclaim himself to be the Messiah. In some traditions he would even perform a pseudo resurrection and a pseudo-Pentecost.

There are a couple of additional pseudepigraphal apocalyptic books that are not a part of the Bible, but they add light to the theme of our book on the Nephilim. They are the books of Esdras. They are not part of the biblical canon and are dated as late as the second century A.D. Esdras is another form of the name Ezra.

According to an ancient Jewish apocryphal script, 4th Esdras, there was a certain archangel named Uriel who uttered some rather detailed prophecies concerning the end times similar to the words Jesus spoke. Uriel informed us that in the end times, "Pregnant women will give birth to monsters." (4th Esdras 5:8-9). In the same prophecy, Uriel also predicted a time when there will be famines, wars, plagues and tribulations. Uriel identified this as "the beginning of sorrows." (4th Esdras 16:18). Uriel's description of "the beginning of sorrows" is distinctly parallel to Christ's prophecy concerning the end-times, where we read,

> "Nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in diverse places, famines and hard times. These are the beginning of sorrows" (Mark 13:8).

Jesus uses the same phrase that Uriel used—"the beginning of sorrows." The

words of Jesus may also give insight to the words of Uriel, “pregnant women will give birth to monsters,” by stating in the very same prophecy, “Woe to those who are pregnant and nursing babies in those days,” (Mark 13:17), which might suggest that pregnancies during those challenging times will be uncharacteristically abnormal, because of hybrid offspring being born.

It is in this passage that Jesus also reminds His listeners,

> “Just as it was in Noah’s day before the flood … when they were marrying and giving in marriage … it will be like this when the Son of Man comes” (Matthew 24:38, 39).

From this we are able to determine, that Genesis, chapter 6, will repeat itself in the end-times before the return of Christ. Fallen angels will marry and be sexually involved with human women and produce frightening offspring.

In another non-biblical tradition, it is said that Michael, the archangel, prophesied that the antichrist will be a giant, similar to the giants of Genesis, chapter 6, and he will be created from the union of a fallen angel with a human women. From this, many have concluded that the antichrist will not be totally human, but rather an angelic hybrid. Here is a quote from the prophecy:

> “His mouth is from fingertip to elbow, his teeth from pinky to thumb, his fingers are like scythes, his feet are eighteen inches wide, and upon his forehead is the label ‘antichrist.’” (The Greek Apocalypse of Ezra 4:29-32).

When the Israelites entered the Promise Land they were told to wipe out certain inhabitants who were living there. As pointed out in this volume, it was because there were Nephilim inhabiting the land. Their disembodied spirits as a result of perishing in the Flood, are what we call demons. We are fast approaching the time of Jacob’s trouble. In other words, what is happening today mimics what happened in the days of Noah.

In closing, God is allowing man to continue to slip deep into the abyss of sin and evil. With what is happening throughout the world with earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, oil spills, economic uncertainty, wars and rumors of wars and what is happening in Israel and the Middle East, while most of the world casually lives as business as usual, obviously points out the soon return of the Messiah. For those of us who have discerning eyes to see, He can’t be far off …

POSTSCRIPT

GOD’S LOVE FOR ISRAEL

ISRAEL: GOD’S CHOSEN PEOPLE

> “The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 7:7, 8).

How in the world could the tiny nation of Israel survive 3,000 years of religious conflicts, horrific attempts at ethnic cleansing and continual border disputes? The disproportional influence that Israel has had throughout history is amazing, even though it has been physically dwarfed by a massive landscape of enemies right up to today. Obviously, God has had His hand on this tiny stretch of real estate and on this small, vulnerable community. But Scripture is clear from the beginning that God is teaching His people important truths. Israel cannot take credit for its survival. Instead, it is God who has been and is choreographing Israel’s survival and success—all for His ultimate purpose and plan.

Throughout history, the Jews have been victimized by Satan, who has attempted to exterminate their entire race. However, since God has the power to bring about His plan, nothing Satan has attempted to do to wipe out the Chosen People, has succeeded.

How is it that the Jewish people have survived throughout the ages from the attacks of the Amalekites, Jebusites, Philistines, Canaanites, Pharaohs, Assyrians, Babylonians, Haman, Herod, the Romans, the Crusaders, the Spanish Inquisition, the Russian pogroms, Hitler, Saddam Hussein, Arafat, and now Iran?

The fact that the Jewish people have not been annihilated or at the very least absorbed completely into the cultures of other nations that have ruled over them at various points throughout history is one of the greatest evidences of God's existence, and His faithfulness to keep His promise to Abraham, the father of Israel. He not only has been faithful to preserve the Jewish people as a nation, but is fulfilling His Word even today to bring them back to their own land He Himself gave them nearly 4,000 years ago.

WHAT WERE GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE CHOSEN TO DO?

- God chose the Jewish people to make a permanent record of His Word —the Bible—for the human race.

- God chose the Jewish people to bring redemption to the world through the Messiah, Jesus, and to share the message of salvation with the Gentiles.

- God chose Israel to be a light to the nations. (Isaiah 60:1-3). Paul, a devout Jew, proclaimed to the Gentiles, "For so the Lord commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the nations that you should be for salvation to the ends of the Earth'" (Acts 13:47). Paul was quoting from the many promises of the Old Testament that Israel would bring the truth of the One True God to the people of the Earth.

> "I will keep you and give you a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles" (Isaiah 42:6).

That is why Paul foretold in Romans, chapter 11, that when the appointed time for fullness of the calling of the Jewish people appears on the world's stage, there will be a great spiritual awakening throughout the nations. Paul called it life from the dead.

God has chosen the Jewish people to bring about the return of Christ back to Planet Earth. Satan knows this, and this is why he is still seeking to annihilate the Jewish people. He knows what Jesus said about His return.

> “For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’” (Matthew 23:39, NIV).

GOD’S GIFTS TO ISRAEL

Each time the Jewish people returned to their homeland, God gave them a blessing. The first time the children of Israel returned from Egypt, God revealed Himself on Mount Sinai with a voice that shook the mountain. God gave the Ten Commandments and Moses’ face shone with the glory of God’s presence. As a result of that first homecoming, the Jewish people received the Torah, the five books of Moses, and later the Prophets and the Psalms.

The second time the Jewish people came home was from their exile in Babylon. This time, God revealed Himself in a baby who was born in Bethlehem with a host of angels announcing the birth of the Savior. When the baby was grown, He offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sin of mankind and gave opportunity to all to become sons and daughters of the living God of Israel. In addition, His Holy Spirit made available the New Testament to mankind. It was during Christ’s earthly ministry that God gave us a glimpse of His resurrected glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. When the disciples witnessed His glory, it caused them to fall on their faces and worship Him.

If the first two homecomings of the Jewish people proved to have such awesome results of the glory and revelation of God, what will the third homecoming of the Jewish people (which is happening now) produce? One can imagine what a glorious reception God has planned for His kids when He reveals Himself this time. Can you imagine? The entire Bible is about God’s love for His creatures—mankind. He wants to have a close and affectionate relationship with them, the same kind of intimacy we read about in the Garden with Adam and Eve, and again, when Mary sat at the Lord’s feet in John, chapter 10.

> “You must worship no other gods, but only the LORD, for he is a God who is passionate about his relationship with you” (Exodus 34:14, NLT).

THE WORLD’S MOST AWESOME TOUCHDOWN

There was no precondition for the first coming of Christ, but there is for the

Second Coming of Christ. Only when the Jewish people cry out, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” will Christ return. This is what God is referring to in Hosea, chapter 6. God is going to redeem Israel, but they must cry out to Him with all their hearts.

If Satan could wipe out the remnant of the people of God, then he would checkmate God’s promises for the human race. Actually it is quite probable that in his blind pride he actually thinks he can pull it off. Is there another country so tiny, so easily wiped off the map with one nuclear bomb? Or thrown into the sea by a horde of determined jihadists supported by the United Nations? This is why his battle against Israel and the Jewish People is so fierce. Satan continues to try to destroy the Jews at all cost.

Satan’s shock was to learn that his seductive crusade in arranging for the crucifixion of Christ has only opened the way for the salvation of both Jews and the Gentiles to receive eternal life with God. Now, Satan’s battle plan continues in the hopes of thwarting Christ’s Second Coming and he is aware the Jewish people will play a major role in fulfilling this great event.

Satan knows what the Word of God says, and he knows when Christ touches down on the Mount of Olives at His Second Coming, it’s all over for him. Jesus will march through the Golden Gate of the old walled city of Jerusalem, straight to the Temple Mount and claim ownership, especially since He already has the keys to the Kingdom! You talk about a celebration. It will be a place where people from every nation will come and worship the Messiah—Christ—because this is the site where God has proclaimed to be His home forever. (Psalm 132:13, 14).

It is no accident that Jerusalem is back in the hands of the Jewish people today. We are told that spiritual blindness (Roman 11:25-27) of the Jews, must come off of their eyes, and then the Messiah will return. The blindness is being lifted. Jewish Messianic congregations are springing up all over Israel and around the world. The Jewish people are finally beginning to recognize their Messiah. His return is getting closer. His goal is to give every person in the world the opportunity to hear the Truth about God, His Son Jesus and His great desire to bring each individual the opportunity to escape the consequences of this wicked and evil world.

“To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen” (Jude 24, 25, NIV).

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"he who made all the people rebel against God" (Pes. 94b). As the first hunter, he was the first to eat meat and to make war on other peoples (Mid. Ag. to Gen. 10:8), and he eventually became a king (PdRE 24). His physical prowess came from his coats of skin, which God had made for Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:21) and which Noah had preserved in the Ark. When the animals saw Nimrod wearing these coats, they knelt before him. He became the first man to rule the whole world and he appointed Terah, Abraham's father, his minister (PdRE 24). Elated by his glory, he became an idolator (*Sefer ha-Yashar*, Noah 9a, 1870). He built the Tower of Babel (which is called by the rabbis, "the house of Nimrod") for idol worship (Av. Zar. 53b) and he had the whole world pay divine homage to him (Mid. Hag to Gen. 11:28). When informed of Abraham's birth, Nimrod ordered all male children to be killed (*Ma'aseh Avraham*, in: A. Jellinek, *Beit ha-Midrash*, 2 (19382,118f) and he later had Abraham cast into a fiery furnace because he refused to worship fire (Gen. R. 38:13).

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www.theamericancause.org/patadecisionbasedondeceit.htm). Yes, the walls of Jericho had become an altar—or a high place—to a pagan god, and this was contrary to the commands of the true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. God was and still is a jealous God—He wants our love adoration and worship to be reserved for Him, not a stone relic or something we have conjured up in our minds. In several places, including the very first of the renowned Ten Commandments, God tells us that we must not worship any other gods (Exodus 20:1-6). He expresses His concern about the idolatrous and vicious practices of worshipping Moloch, and also removing the high places set up to these pagan gods, in other passages in the Bible. "You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech," Leviticus 18:21, NASB; p. 32, bk. 1, ch. 3, 72-74, *The Antiquities of the Jews*, translated by William Whitson.

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