

The Good Seed

Every farmer knows the importance of planting good seed, without which he will harvest no fruit. Whether it be wheat or corn, carrots or cucumbers, soybeans or sunflowers or apricots, good seed must be acquired and planted, before any harvest can be realized. This idea is founded in the universal law of sowing and reaping. Good seed contains a gene package that reproduces true over time, for generations no end. Hybrid seed will not perpetuate any species of plant or animal beyond the first generation. Christian, what seed are you planting, corruptible or incorruptible, hybrid or non-hybrid, bad or good? Your future harvest in this life and beyond depends on the kind of seed you are now planting, good seed or bad.

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"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"(1Pet. 1:23).

The Bible speaks much of good seed and bad, which is fundamental to the law of sowing and reaping: "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). This verse is often applied to the Christian life. When we do good (sow righteousness), then we find blessings (reap joy), and so on. This verse is rightly used as the undergirding for countless lessons on how we should live our lives.

Young men are admonished against wasting their young years by "sowing wild oats" because, when we "plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, [we] reap the same" (Job 4:8). Rather, we are taught, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy" (Hosea 10:12).

All these and many more verses in the Bible can rightly be used to teach the law of sowing and reaping. Kind "after his kind" is found ten times in the first chapter of Genesis alone. Jesus taught this law in two parables of the good seed.

Often we take for granted, or worse still, we fail to understand and appreciate, the most fundamental law of sowing and reaping in all the universe. That law is the good seed and the bad seed, both germinating and growing together throughout history, even from the very garden of Eden itself. Learn the lesson today of the good seed and the bad. Learn the most fundamental meaning of the law of sowing and reaping, taught by Jesus Christ himself, in two parables.

The first parable is concerned with the type of ground receiving the good seed, whether wayside soil, or rocky ground, or thorny ground, or finally good ground. The second parable is about a field called the world wherein is sown the good seed, yet later tares are discovered among the wheat. In both parables, the good seed is sown first. Later, and only in the second parable, do tares appear. Good seed is that which reproduces faithfully, never as hybrid. Good seed is that which will germinate and grow true to its kind, generation after generation.

What then is the good seed of the parables? Let Jesus tell us:

"The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field" (Mat 13:24).

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way" (v. 25).

Christ later explained to his disciples that: "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

"The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels" (v. 37-39). Yes, the devil sowed his bad seed among the wheat beginning in the garden of Eden, and the seed of the Serpent has multiplied as tares among the wheat ever since. Few Christians today fully understand and appreciate the meaning of the good seed and the bad.

We are not free to interpret these verses. We are free, however, to read the words of the Bible and believe what we read. We must remember that "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (2Pet. 1:20).

In the second parable, "The field is the world," we are told. "The good seed are the children of the kingdom," who are "chosen. . . in him before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:40).

These are the elect of God, who have also received the good seed of the first parable, which is "the word of the kingdom." The "children of the kingdom" (good seed, physical) receive and understand "the word of the kingdom" (good seed, word of God, spiritual) and bear fruit, "some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (v. 23).

"But the tares are the children of the wicked one," who have no part in the kingdom, because they cannot receive the good seed "word of the kingdom" of the first parable. Of these, Jesus said, "Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word" (John 8:43). "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (v. 44).

In short, there are good seed called wheat, "the children of the kingdom," who also receive the "word of the kingdom." There are bad seed, called tares, "the children of the wicked one." "The children of the kingdom" (good seed, physical) who receive "the word of the kingdom" (good seed, word of God, spiritual) are saved and experience regeneration. The process is called, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1Pet. 1:23), our text for this lesson.

The idea of being "born again" is the idea of a new birth, with new "genetics," as in "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). We are "born again," literally, given new spiritual "genes"--regenerated--from above, when we trust Jesus for personal salvation. Now our old corruptible genes still remain in our flesh bodies, subject to death and decay, even after we receive the new birth with new genes in the spirit. The good seed (physical) produces genuine wheat, though corruptible, that is, these are subject to death and decay. The good seed (word of God, spiritual) is "incorruptible," and our new birth regenerates (literally, re-genes) us with eternal life, through "the word of God. . . [which] liveth and abideth for ever." This "incorruptible" good seed can be nothing short of the genuine word of God. By "his abundant mercy hath [he] begotten us again [re-generated us] unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1Pet. 1:3).

Tares were also sown among the good seed called wheat, as the second parable teaches. Did you know that tares also reproduce themselves from generation to generation. These always reproduce of like kind, but to no good end. Tares produce a tiny, black, bitter and poisonous seed, good for nothing. Tares are hated by farmers. The seed of the tares cannot be ground into flour. Tares will make no bread. Tares are useless, good for nothing.

Now, Christian, learn the most fundamental lesson of all, concerning the good seed. Learn today how you can never obtain a grain of wheat from planting a tare, no matter how hard you try. Further, you can never be born again or "re-generated" unless you are of "the children of the kingdom," the good seed (physical, "corruptible"), who have been regenerated by the "incorruptible" good seed, called the "word of the kingdom." That is, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God."

The word of God transcends time and eternity. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89). How do we know that this rebirth, this personal regeneration, is "incorruptible," that is, not subject to death and decay? Though "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa. 40:8). Alleluia!

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever" (Psa 12:6-7).

We have learned that "the children of the kingdom" receive and spread the good seed, "the word of the the kingdom." Would the bad seed, "the tares. . . the children of the wicked one" (Matt. 13:38) not also be expected to receive and spread a false message opposite "the word of the the kingdom?" Yes, and what we expect is precisely what we find in the Bible. Now we can learn the most astounding lesson of all concerning the good seed and the bad.

The one "begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14), who is Jesus Christ, has an arch enemy in time and history. His name is Satan, who "abode not in the truth" (John 8:44). His minions are the bad seed of the Serpent (Gen. 3:15), the tares, who spread their bad seed called lies. These minions have their own wicked plans, sponsored by their own wicked "father the devil" (v. 44).

It all began in the garden of Eden when Satan first corrupted the word of God, and thereby turned the good seed "word of the kingdom" into a lie. To Eve, Satan spoke: "Yea, hath God said. . ." (Gen. 3:1). He questioned and negated the very truth of God. He opened God's pure word up for revision. He gave his own "preferred reading." He corrupted the purpose and intent of God, ever so subtly. He utterly deceived Eve by casting doubt on what God had plainly said. He planted both the tares (physical), "the children of the wicked one" (Gen. 3:15), after he had planted the tares (spiritual, Gen 3:1), "words of falsehood" (Isa. 59:13). He "abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. . . for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

"Yea, hath God said. . ." became the very first bad seed (lie) that began the deception of mankind and has continued since the garden of Eden. It is only the good seed, or the pure word of God, "the will of God [that] abideth for ever" (1John 2:17), which is "the word of the kingdom."

Now every Christian must realize this awesome truth: "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89). God's word is forever! You see, Satan messed around with something far above his opinionated, rebellious nature. He twisted the very words of God, which have more power than Satan himself. Those very words he twisted will send him reeling into hell, into "the blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 13).

His helpers have plied their father's trade since the beginning. The words of God have been corrupted in every generation, by those who understand not that "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Yet through the power of God, His pure words have been preserved because "the word of the Lord endureth for ever" (1Pet. 1:25), despite all corrupting efforts of Satan and his minions.

This truth is of enormous significance, when we carry it to its logical end. Truth is, we have the words of God today, preserved in their completeness, purity and perfection, which are found in the English language in the King James Bible. This Bible corrected every error of every previous English Bible in its lineage. The King James Bible is your word perfect Bible for the English language today. Feel free to change even one word at peril of receiving God's judgment. Separate yourself from all "revised" Bibles, and from men who refused the pure words of God, just as Satan refused to hear those words in the Garden of Eden. Steer clear of all churches who change the words of God and the true canon of scripture.

Separate yourself from affinity with great churches who have historically corrupted the words of God, such as the church of Rome, who commissioned and later accepted and enthroned the corrupt Latin Vulgate of Jerome (4th century). Even at this early date, there was established a line of Unholy Bibles, hybrid seed, "words of falsehood," which were "tares among the wheat" (Matt. 13:25). These Unholy Bibles continue today in the Reims-Douay version, and nearly one hundred other "translations" who follow the hybrid seed line of corrupt texts, spawned by the very words of Satan to our mother Eve, "Yea, hath God said." No salvation, no regeneration, and no fruit is born in churches who refuse to hear and preach "the words of the LORD." Such churches have great pomp, great array, great emphasis on formalism and ritual, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2Tim. 3:5). Churches today who use hybrid Unholy Bibles are not part of the living church of Jesus Christ. "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ" (2Cor. 2:17). Churches with their false words, their bad seed, their Unholy Bibles are not preparing their members to resist the coming One World church and the mark of the beast.

Christian, learn the great lesson today of the good seed and the bad. Enthroned the pure "word of the kingdom" in your heart and know that you have received the good seed. Do not be deceived by the bad seed perversion of the tares, which claims: "Yea, hath God said. . ." Reject the corrupt seed, the tares of falsehood, the lie, promoted by many great false churches and their harlot daughters, which can bear no fruit. Receive, plant and cultivate the good seed today and every day.

Christian, hear, receive and heed the good seed today.

the Days of Noah When GIANTS ruled

~~~The GIANTS were inhabitants on earth from the earliest days of old. There's numerous references to the land of the giants in the Bible, and throughout ancient myths and history from nearly every culture of antiquity. They lived on earth at the same time the Sons of God came down and mated with the daughters of men.. [Gen. 6] Many of these children were also of giant stature and many were barbaric and cruel, after these beings inhabited earth for a time they corrupted their ways even further by mating with the animals, bringing forth the incredible creatures we view in ancient myth. Many of these creatures were worshipped as gods. The DEVIL and his host of adverse ANGELS, the SATANS, the BAAL'S had already brought forth violence and death into our world and into our minds, after their expulsion from the heavens. The SONS of GOD brought forth hidden knowledge. The mating of humans and those who descended resulted in some

extraordinary hybrid Creatures. Bringing forth many Evil Spirits from within physical bodies. These demonic hybrids began to completely corrupt and destroy the human race, they sinned not only with the daughters of man, they began to sin against the animals, beasts, birds, and reptiles, bringing forth the half human half animal creatures, which are so widely known throughout ancient cultures and civilizations and many worshipped as gods. A time when ALL FLESH corrupted it's ways. See.. ANIMAL..HUMAN-LIKE Beings And after a time, resulting in the Great Flood / Deluge, .."the end of all flesh"..Which also brought an end to innerbreeding between nations. [Genesis 7:22] All in whose nostrils was the breadth of life, of all that WAS IN the DRY LAND..... From the Bible and ancient legends we see there were beings of a half human half fish nature; DAGON was one worshipped as a god by the Philistines. Who were these nephilim / giants and their fathers? In Numbers we see a fleeting picture of the character of these "mighty men." The Israelites brought up an evil report of the land saying, The land is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of 'great stature'. And there we saw giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." In Deut. we see, "And when thou comest over against the children of Ammon distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon (Egypt) any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. That Egypt also was accounted a land of giants: Giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead." The children of the sons of God and human women were quite tall and fierce. They were living in Egypt before the destruction of the flood, there was a remnant which inhabited Ammon, Moab, Edom and Bashan with it's fortified city with high walls and gates with bars, just to name a few who yet inhabited earth after the flood. Reasons behind the continued wars and great slaughters with total destruction in Biblical times. Was this in any way connected with the people trying to control mother nature through and with these entities and their children? Of course it was. The destruction caused by the great flood, the end of the last age was a result of the increasing evil done by humans, adverse gods and fallen angels, and their children from the forbidden knowledge of those who came down had brought with them. And that evil and corruption increased with their appearance on earth. These angels which "kept not their first estate, and left their habitation" is referring to either the fallen angels or the Sons of God. There are countless stories of visitors and or entities from the universe throughout our ancient history to date. Sacred books and folklore of widely seperated lands all tell of gods who visited earth wrapped in clouds or conveyed by fiery chariots.

~the ANGELS that SINNED:

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment... Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after STRANGE FLESH, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." 'How fearful is the place and how terrible to look upon!' Then Uriel answered me, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto me: 'Enoch, why hast thou such fear and affright?' And I answered: 'Because of this fearful place, and because of the spectacle of the pain.' And he said unto me: 'This place is the prison of the angels, and here they will be imprisoned for ever.'" ENOCH.. [Chapter 19] 1 And Uriel said to me: 'Here shall stand the angels who have connected themselves with women, and their SPIRITS ASSUMING MANY DIFFERENT FORMS are defiling mankind and shall lead them astray into sacrificing to DEMONS as gods, (here shall they stand,) till the day of the great judgement in 2 which they shall be judged till they are made an end of. And the women also of the angels who went astray shall become SIRENS.' Go to..Creatures in antiquity

~~~So who were the ancient aliens/strangers who visited and are possibly still visiting earth? At least one nation inhabits earth below the ocean in the Bermuda Triangle. The Bible refers to BEL (Marduk), who is from Jupiter, NERGAL, who came from Mars, and NEBO, with his 52 sons who had strange wives, which bore children, many were Mighty men, with Lionlike features, the Moabites and Gadites are included in this race. II SAMUEL 1:8,13,14] "And he (Saul) said to me, who are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite. Then David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he answered, I am the son of an ALIEN, an Amalekite." We have to note, that all nations were not totally destroyed in ancient times, God allowed some to flee and dwell in the depths before their destruction. The remnant which remains as inhabitants of the Bermuda triangle now dwelling in the depths of the ocean. There are many sightings and phenomenon to prove this hypothesis. Some were granted wings in which they may flee. Full details in the complete chapter. 1 CHRONICLES [20: 4-8] And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at GEZER with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew SIPPAL, that was of the children of the GIANT: and they were subdued. And there was war again with the Philistines; Comments welcome and encouraged.

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~~Pharoah THUTMOSE III.. Egyptian ancient writings show: "One winter morning around the year 1,482 B.C. Thutmose III first saw a 'UFO'.... Described as; " a CIRCLE OF FIRE", emitted no sound, it had no voice', according to inscriptions. After some days had passed, these things became more numerous in the skies than ever. "Were extremely bright or more...than the brightness of the sun, and were relatively small about 16' in diamater. Thutmose III was taken aboard and flew up to the sky and learned the secrets of Heaven.. It is also known in Feri Lore that entities from the stars came to Earth and stayed. Elders teach that the "Star Guardians" mated with the daughters of Mankind and were the origin of the Feri folk. It is no coincidence that the legends of another branch of mankind tell the same story. Here is the Christian slant on the Nephilim, the fathers of Feri. "As The Days of Noah Were The Nephilim..." [Genesis 5:24] And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Before the deluge he wrote down teachings and advised his grandson NOAH. Enoch was once again, "raised aloft from among those who dwell on earth on the "Chariot of Spirits".

~~THOSE WHO CAME DOWN... ||GENESIS [6:4] There were GIANTS in the earth in those days; and After that, when the SONS of GOD came in unto daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became MIGHTY MEN which were of OLD, men of RENOWN..... "They Took Themselves Wives".. Male members of God's heavenly court are mentioned three times in the book of Job: called bene ha Elohim ("sons of God"), they twice present themselves (Satan among them) before God. The sons of God then "came in unto" these earthly wives, and "they bare children to them." The story of the sons of God and the daughters of men is used in Genesis to depict the earthly

wickedness brought on because of two hundred (Enoch) fallen angels or Sons. The Devil and his host's first desire was to eliminate mankind through whatever forces available. With the hybrids and creatures coming forth from this connection of the spiritual and the flesh along with hidden knowledge of seduction and destruction, this behavior led to God sending the Flood. 1 Enoch [6-14], the sons of God are called the Watchers, angels who take earthly women for themselves and fathered giants, which brought forth, evil spirits who continue to plague mankind. God has the fallen angels bound inside the earth till the day of judgment in which they will be put into the fiery abyss. In the New Testament, [2 Peter 2:4] tells how these angels were cast "down to hell, to be reserved unto judgment," and [Jude 6] refers to the angels who "kept not their first estate" and are "in everlasting chains" till judgment day. It would also seem to be Genesis's lustful sons of God to whom Paul refers in [1 Cor. 11:10] praying or prophesying women should have their heads covered, says the Apostle, "because of the Angels." The Genesis Apocryphon, one of the texts uncovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls, also contains references to the angels interbreeding with human women. In this text, a conversation between Lamech, the father of Noah, and his wife Bathenosh is detailed. Lamech questions his wife because he thinks that the conception of Noah was due to either an angel or one of their offspring, a nephilim. The Bible, along with the apocryphic texts of; The Book of Enoch, Josephus, the Book of Jubilees, along with the countless others and stories told by the Babylonians, Sumarians and the Meso-American cultures only to name a few, all clearly show that the common understanding of ancient time was that the fallen host had committed fornication with women in the period before the flood. The legend of the TITANS... from Greek mythology, the Titans were a family of giant gods who were the offspring of Uranus (heaven) and Gaea (earth). The most famous of the Titans was Cronus, who killed his father. The Titans were imprisoned in a section of the underworld called Tartarus. The apostle Peter states that for their sins, these angels had been tartaros, (translates literally as "confining them to Tartarus" (also known in the Bible as "the Abyss"). This is the same Tartarus where Greek mythology says the Titans were imprisoned. Legend also informs us that Tiahuanaco was built by a race of Giants after their homeland had been destroyed by a great flood. The idea that evil angels mated with human women and had offspring (the nephilim) appears far-fetched to us in this modern era, but it seems to have been widely accepted as fact in the ancient world. ~Minister Andra D. D. offering spiritual guidance and direction. Comments and questions encouraged: E-mail

THEY WERE REAL~~THEY WERE HERE. Their desire to continue these hybrids and to mate with humans again, still reigns, but innerbreeding was changed after the flood. "Ministry of New Reality Beginnings". Visit our main CHAT Forum Sundays and Tuesdays 9 A.M. & 8 P.M. p.t. Images lead you to the forbidden zone of hidden knowledge. ~Cain and the Serpent, the Devil's seed, followed the Baal's, ultimately leading to human sacrifice, and Tenochtitlan: ~Aliens have been visited earth for thousands of years, who were they? Who are they? They were the sons of God who came down, Alien Nations and Ufo's:

#### **CAIN the DEVIL'S SEED\*RISE of the BEAST and HUMAN SACRIFICE**

CHAT FORUM meets on Sundays and Tuesdays 8 a.m. & 8 p.m. pacific time.. Link Below.. Top of site= Cain & the SERPENT.. HUMAN & BLOOD SACRIFICE below center.. Free and interesting links throughout.. ~~~~~CAIN'S Birth through the SERPENT; that OLD DRAGON and EVE, brought forth Murder, the Lie, Evil thought and Death into our physical world, by following the Baal's, ultimately leading to BLOOD and HUMAN Sacrifice. Worshipping the BAAL'S.. The Exiled Angels, Man's adversaries, which rebelled against mankind had no power over us before the fall in the Garden of Eden. There were two trees in the Garden of specific importance, one bore the knowledge of Good and Evil (physical wantonness), the other bore Immortal or Everlasting Life (immortal life Jesus offered). Later the Sons of God came unto the daughters of men and they bore Giants, which with them came along hidden knowledge, levitation and physical violence, which in turn ultimately brought forth human sacrifice, wars, weapons. Early Worship of other gods came into being by the Fallen Angels who had been hurled onto earth, This was the beginning of greedy and jealous desire and thought within human minds. These entities, were the Devil, that olde Dragon and his exiled host. In time the Sons of God descended onto earth and united with the daughters of men brought forth abominations, retrobrates and bastards, referred to as perverted persons Biblically. Children in which, many were incredible half human Beasts which were being worshipped as gods. Go to: Half Man-Half Beast Beings of antiquity with free links if interest>

~~~~~CAIN.. was essentially doomed to wickedness from the beginning of his conception, yet, the Vita does inform us; At the time of his birth; Eve cried out in pain and there came twelve angels and two virtues who stood by Eve, and while the archangel Michael stroked her face, she bore a son and he was Shining: and at once the babe rose up and ran and bore a blade of grass in his hands, and gave it to his mother. All of the blessings necessary for righteousness had been sent to him, yet his passion lie with the fleshly desire. Through the serpent, Cain was the physically born son of Eve through that Old Dragon, who was in reality called the devil and 'Satan' man's own adversary. [Reve 12:7-9] And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon: and the dragon and his angels fought, But they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. The seed of evil was implanted in Eve in the garden of eden. Our adversary to life was in actuality, the tree of good and evil knowledge, which Eve chose to inherit, rather than Jesus Christ, the tree of everlasting life.. Through this connection the devil had gained a foothold into the physical world, enabling him to put into effect the powers of destruction to men, through men, on our earthly plane. The first born son on earth was of the devil's seed.. The word serpent has many meanings, it also refers to hidden knowledge, and, he who knows or solves secrets, which includes many of the mysteries of the workings of the universe, many still are, unknown to human beings. And, as long as we continue to confine our minds to only the teachings of science, in which if it can't be seen, it does not exist, we will never attain the knowledge of the universal workings, and, it is because of the boundaries we instill on ourselves and our minds. In this way we limit ourselves to only the mortal things of life.. I found it highly interesting that chapter five of the Bible begins by reminding us of the Godly line: It clearly makes no mention of Cain and his

descendants, regarding any descendants of Adam. [5:1] This is the book of the genealogy of ADAM. In the day that God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. (in the likeness of God refers more to the rightness of God's way, not necessarily to the physical attributes, what's in your heart and soul) Allowing us to realize that Cain was NOT of the likeness of God. [5:2] He created them, male and female..and called them Mankind, referring only to Adam and Eve. Adam lived 130 years and begot a son in His own likeness, after His Image, Seth. Cain's line was MUSIC (sound vibrations) and METALLURGY (weapons of war). Music was of particular importance in ancient times, for through specific vibrations they were levitating and raising the enormous stones, in which their temples were raised. This unknown knowledge arrived with the sons of God who came down and took the daughters of men as wives and they bore the Giants / Nephelim. Among these alien nations were warlike Mars "Nergal", the knowledgeable and lawless Jupiter "Bel" / Marduk, along with Mercury ruled "Nebo" representing science, the intellect and the brain. Through the manipulation of sound vibrations the Tibetans also raised large stones above mountains with the use of extremely long trumpets and very large drums, along with the ancient Egyptians among other cultures..

ALIEN NATIONS..the SONS of GOD

In [Hebrews 11:3,4] Through Faith we understand that the 'WORLDS' were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. In [Jude 11] Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of 'Balaam' for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. BIBLICAL Gods in Ancient Time

Cain built the first city before the great flood and when Enoch was born, he named the city after his son. This is most probably the forever ancient city of; T'ENOCHTITLAN (with the T being silent, lan means; land of /place) 'land of Enoch', in Mexico. This was one of the pre-history beginnings of ancient Civilizations descended of Eve through the Serpent. Most assuredly these first cultures of the Mexico/South America's were regarded as the Ammonites, biblically. Little is known of this culture, and although there were people of Ammon living in the Jerusalem area, they also dwelt beneath the 31st parallel, where the SERPENT ruled. Very possibly the land of NOD, there are many parallels between these two cultures from across the world, they were connected. Thus, the Baal's, our adversaries began to demand BLOOD and HUMAN Sacrifice in exchange for favors.. Go to.. Human Blood Sacrifice The city of TYRE was ruled by one of the evil adversaries, along with the prince. The King was an anointed cherub who had previously been in Eden. The sacred knowledge of the spirits which were set over certain duties, were sought after, and many of the hidden workings of the universe were made known through the serpent, worshipping the sun, the moon and the serpent were in total contrast to the universal workings of God's reason for creation. Possessing powers over things which are hidden and unseen for monetary use. The devil who possessed a vast amount of knowledge unknown to humans, knowledge of the hidden forces and spirits that rule and control the actions of the earth along with the universe. Much of the understanding and wisdom the Creator himself possessed, Satan and his fallen angels were aware of. Serpents are particularly important in Meso-American religious tradition. The most famous Meso-American serpents are Quetzalcoat (Aztec and Toltec) and Kukulkan (Maya). "The Feathered Serpent name expressly means 'Quetzal feathered.' Quetzal also means precious; a term used for an adored loved one. In Maya, Kukulkan means; by pun and cognate, feathered serpent, precious sky, or Sacred Knowledge." These combinations resulted in War, Human sacrifice and Blood offerings to the gods, who in reality were our adversaries from the beginning. Link below to; Alien Nations and the Sons of God.. who brought forth the hidden knowledge, and many were worshipped as gods and demigods.. THEY WERE REAL..THEY WERE HERE.. Well known in ancient Greece, Mesopotamia and the South America's more..

ALIEN NATIONS..the SONS of GOD

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has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God does not sin; for His seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: whosoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he that does not love his brother. Not as Cain, who was of the WICKED ONE, and murdered his brother. VISIT the CHAT FORUM on Sundays and Tuesdays 8 A.M., 8 P.M. Pacific time.. discuss ALIEN NATIONS. BIBLICAL BEINGS of Antiquity. NOAH & the GREAT FLOOD. ALL CURIOUS MINDS SEEKING TRUTH & KNOWLEDGE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO JOIN.. All information within is taken from ancient history and texts, pseudigraphic and apocrypha along with geological evidence, etc., and most importantly the Bible~ In Depth, Extraordinary CASSETTE TAPES are available for an offering of \$10.00. Subjects include: #1. CREATION.. #2. THOSE WHO CAME DOWN.. #3. ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS.. #4. ANCIENT CITIES.. #5. WARS of GOD, GODS and MEN Forward details with address, etc. or requested tape..

HUMAN SACRIFICE the following of the BAAL'S* CAIN, the DEVIL'S first born son begotten to Eve, through the DRAGON / SERPENT, brought forth the demand for human and blood Sacrifice for the gods exiled angels. ~SERPENTS were particularly important in Meso-American religious tradition, as in many other cultures. The most famous Meso-American serpent/s are Quetzalcoatl (Aztec and Toltec) and Kukulcan (Maya). "The Feathered Serpent name expressly means 'Quetzal feathered.' Was Cain endowed with wings as the mark God set upon him, a throwback to the serpent in the garden of eden, while still in Dragon form? Quetzal also means precious; a term used for an adored loved one. In Maya, Kukulcan means; by pun and cognate, feathered serpent, precious sky, or Sacred Knowledge." The ancient god was a feathered Serpent who emerged from the ocean. [Micah 3:2-3] You who hate good and love evil; who strip the skin from My people, and the flesh from their bones; Who also eat the flesh of My people, flay their skin from them, break their bones, and chop them in pieces like meat for the pot, like flesh in the cauldron." I think there may also be a connection to the feathered serpent and human sacrifice as to the gods.. in Ezekiel 14: which I am now researching.. UPDATE LATER..

Cain knew from experience that blood was the essence of life and maintained a connecting force within itself that was perceived by God and his host in the heavens, he knew this from his murder of his brother. The Lord had heard Abel's blood crying out to Him from the earth. It was a Satanic, somewhat rebellious worship of blood that was offered to these adverse entities by Cain and his descendants. It was his perverse way of maintaining his connection with the Almighty, while maintaining contact and acquiring additional hidden knowledge via the adverse deities. The devil and his fallen host, man's natural enemy demanded the lives and blood sacrifices in exchange for certain hidden powers and knowledge in which spirits, nature and destinies could be empowered to the will of man. Controlling the forces of nature for the momentary benefit of one's flesh was highly sought after in times of old, just as it is now. Dwell into: BIBLICAL Gods in Ancient Time . Cain being the first earth born son of a human being through the serpent, by the devil's guile, a fallen angel, it's no wonder God was so angered. Although, had Cain refrained from doing evil, God would have loved and accepted him. Just as he loves and forgives each and everyone of us today. But Cain followed all the ways of the flesh by following the Baal's. View: Cain the SERPENT: in the **UNSPOKEN** Where Serpent and Sun worship dominated, below the 31st parallel, also the domain of ENKI... The Mayan calendar begins at 3,114 B.C. when the gods came down to them. ~South American Cultures~ ~The land of Enoch; Tenochtitlan lies underneath today's Mexico City, although to date not known as the oldest civilization, where further digs cannot be performed. The information we have of the ancient cultures that existed here, is undoubtedly scarce at best considering what yet lies beneath present ruins. The collected storage of lost and unknown knowledge, which many ancient cultures possessed at one time, but are now lost, may possibly still lie below a yet powerful city. The Aztec's were the first to use the term Mixica which the word itself incinuates a mixing of tribes / cultures / gods), when referring to themselves. The Aztec's with the Mayan's and Toltec's worshipped the Feathered Serpent. The Success of their culture was predominately due to their highly developed level of Technology, economics and religious organization (heavenly secrets). The exchange of hidden knowledge on the dark side for the sacrifice of men was common practice in many cultures. The Aztec culture in northern Central America has many parallels to the Canaanite belief system brought forth by Cain through the devil's influence. In order to receive the hidden knowledge, blood and death was demanded. These evil teachings to mankind were considered by many men miraculous and desirable. These gods being worshipped always demanded blood and human sacrifice in exchange for the secrets in which to control and or change the forces of nature, to personal will. See: ALIEN NATIONS..the SONS of GOD . The will and desire of lust always brings forth ultimate destruction regarding man's future. What the devil regarded as a small exchange of information would only ultimately allow him more power to destroy mankind in our physical plane, his forces were regarded by many, as being the ultimate of power, but in reality they are the lesser powers. The AZTEC religion.. Perceived the relationship between humans and supernaturals: Every fifty two years fires were put out, cooking implements, hearthstones, and idols were thrown out of the house, individual blood sacrifices were performed and a human sacrifice was performed by priests personifying the deities in a cosmological attempt to renew the universe, avoid darkness and avoid celestial monsters coming down to eat all humans Berdan 1982:119). The cyclical conception of time, mythological foundation of rituals, and active, rather than passive, posture in relating to the supernatural" and preserving the universe were typically Aztec (Id.). Human fate was influenced by actively performing rituals, and omens, divination, and astrology. Deities were plentiful, diverse, and like Aztec society were arranged hierarchically. The majority were human-like. There were five directions (which included the center) and 13 tiers above the earth and 9 below (Id.). Ometecutli ("Lord of Duality") and Omecihuatl ("Lady of Duality") initially created all life and produced four sons named Tezcatlipoca who represented different cardinal directions and who were associated with different colors. Two of the sons, Quetzacoatl and Huitzilopochtli created fire, the first humans, the calendar, the underworld and its gods, the heavens, water and its gods, and the earth (Id. at 120) . Four ages, periods, or "suns" of 2,028 years ensued and were terminated with cataclysms. Different humans in each period were destroyed or transformed. In the fifth or current "sun" Tezcatlipoca and Quetzalcoatl recreated heaven, earth, and the inhabitants. Some deities required human blood for nourishment such as Tonatiuh, the sun god, and Huitzilopochtli, patron of the Mexica, and so war to obtain captives was undertaken and blood sacrifices including heart extraction were performed (Id. at 128). Maya-like murals have been found that

indicate blood sacrifices related to religious beliefs as well as battle murals. The codex survived the book burning of the Spaniards. As in the other Meso-American societies, religion served to give authority to the rulers and elites to justify war and provide social unity. The desire to obtain captives for human sacrifice justified expansion of the Aztec state and eventually led to the downfall of the Aztecs who made many enemies among the people they subjugated.

~BLOOD was considered the essence of life, the most sacred: more sacred than water. This culture cut out people's hearts. The evil influence of the devil's desire lay with the destruction of mankind, and through torturous sacrifice's many innocent lives were lost, and the cries to heaven for the righteous were astounding. In these cultures the majority of sacrifices, were captured warriors of other states. Once a year one captive was chosen and treated like royalty, he learned to play gods Flute, for one year, (Jubal, the son of Lamech and Adah was the father of all those who play the flute) he had great dignity, special attention was paid to his clothes, he wore many jewels. He was very honored during this time: His reward was that upon his sacrifice he would go to the heaven of the SUN. The last twenty days of his life he was allowed four women considered to be goddesses. By the day of his sacrifice to the gods he was to be spiritually willing. Aztec warriors also wore the skins of the enemies they had captured for twenty days, the facial skin was worn as a face mask. They thought in "wearing the skins one would obtain godlike powers. In the Bible Micah 3:] Makes mention of this belief system.. You who hate good and love evil; who strip the skin from My people, and the flesh from their bones; who also eat the flesh of My people, flay their skin from them, break their bones, and chop them in pieces like meat for the pot, like flesh in the cauldron. This is another connection between the people of Ammon, the Ammonites, and South American culture. There's a 136,000 + skull rack dedicated to the great temple in the capitol city. In 1,487 A.D. the city sacrificed thousands in one day. The gods were then fed by human blood, the essence of life, the most sacred.. For receiving life the gods ask for a small portion back. They sacrificed to all gods. The Aztec's worshipped the feathered serpent, and the butterfly goddess. Believers in practicing the art of blood letting, with the extraction of the heart, death by drowning and stoning, then decapitation, and shooting them with arrows. According to the scant excavations now uncovered and deciphered they invaded the valley of Mexico on the high plateau in 1,300 A.D. and thrived until 1,521. They Built their stunning Capitol city of Tenochtitlan. Although with present dating of the site only bearing an establishment date of circa 1,300 A.D., the theory of this being Cain's people could not be right. But on the other hand, we cannot base all evidence on present dating, for several reasons, but the most important being, only a small percentage of evidence of ancient cultures has been uncovered, possibly as little as only twenty per cent, possibly as little as two per cent regarding this area, along with all excavation points. And even at that there are too many objects found still un-deciphered, leaving yet unknown, the true meaning of the artifacts, the buildings, alignments or the real meaning behind the structures, with it's relationship to the solar system and or belief systems. And most, incredibly the cover-up to the actual discoveries, meanings and finds. We already know that ancient civilization after ancient civilization built upon the already old, existing structure's over hundreds of centuries. Much as we are doing now, dynamiting gigantic city structure's and rebuilding over the same sites. We also know there was a great flooding over the entire world, how much of the ancient civilization's have been carried away? The Bible tells us many, many Nations were utterly destroyed, so to deny us of the actual circumstances of life at that time. City/States dispersed over and into hundreds of miles of land and waters, and eventually into the oceans. There's evidence to support there was a great volcanic destruction, and earthquakes in areas over the earth, with so much destruction and devastation, cultures on the other side of the world have been affected. The information we have of this and other ancient cultures is elusive at best. The Aztecs adopted the ideas of their Predecessors and the cultures around them and evolved them to further their own advancement. The most valued works of art left were great carved stones including the well known calendar stone. The spanish invasion between 1519/1521 A.D. brought a violent end to the magnificent empire. The last of the great Meso-American civilizations. Spanish conquerors demolished religious monuments and used the materials to construct their own buildings. The Aztec culture was composed of many distinct ethnic groups. ~There are numerous Meso-American civilizations that existed over millennia. Many, resembling the belief systems of human sacrifice in the near east. We have to remember that while these cultures were developing, cultures were on the rise in the near East along the same time periods, descended of Seth. Pyramids in South America actually pre-date those of Egypt. In the lands of the ancient Mayan, Aztec and Toltec civilizations archaeologists have discovered amazing similarities in artifacts and architecture found in Tiahuanaco and Egypt, offering further proof these two civilizations had a common source or connection. Sacred books and folklore of widely separated lands found in these ancient civilizations all tell of the days when the earth was visited by gods, in clouds, or fiery chariots. These gods along with the inhabitants of their nations descended and dwelt on earth before their captivity or destruction by God during the wars in the Old Testament. Some were allowed to escape before the destruction. Some were told to go 'Dwell in the Depths' by the Lord, some of these former nations would be the now, still existing ancient undersea remnants of old, possibly as far back as ATLANTIS, underneath the BERMUDA TRIANGLE, "Flee get far away! O inhabitants of HAZOR, these included BEN-HADAD, ASHERAH; lady of the sea, Dedan was also offered an escape from total destruction. Many nations were taken into captivity, many will be brought back in the latter days.. Many of these ALIENS still make an attempt to remain in contact with humans, Many still want to breed offspring, which our Lord ended during the FLOOD, along with our 1,000 year lives, a day in the sight of GOD. Our aliens ufo's of today.. Visit: HALF-MAN HALF-BEAST , the offspring of antiquity. Half Man-Half Beast Beings~~

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<Click Image to go to Main CHAT FORUM ~~The GODS and FALLEN ANGELS of the Bible and Ancient History are ABUNDANT, as well as many, being exceedingly MYSTERIOUS. The real inner-meaning of these DEITIES is well hidden within the pages of our BIBLE. There is an entire understanding we can fully comprehend with a little help and knowledge. Here in layman's terms is a better understanding to the days of ancient time, in NOAH'S day when people followed many GODS and LORDS and worshipped EVIL exiled ANGELS. ~the GODS~~ [1 Chorus 8:5] For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods

and many lords), Yet for us there is one God, the Father.. [Judg 5:8] They chose new gods; then there was war in the gates; [8:33] So it was, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel again played the HARLOT with the BAAL'S and made Baal-Berith (a Philistine lord of the covenant) their god. During the long period of trade between the Canaanites/ Phoenicians and the Egyptians, Baal was associated with several Egyptian gods. One is AMON, the Ram headed god of fertility, agriculture, air or breath of life, whose name means "hidden," just as Baal is sometimes hidden among the CLOUDS. Baal was the principle SUN GOD, his temple of the sun in Baalbec / Heliopolis may also be a connection to the gate of the sun in South America. Visit: The Descendants of Cain and HUMAN SACRIFICES to the gods BAAL was the son of EL. El was depicted as a kindly aged man wearing bull horns, he was the master of time, the father of years. El's consort and wife was ASHERAH, lady of the sea, a mother goddess of the Caananites. She may have been worshipped as Maachah, Asa's grandmother, she was worshipped in the groves regarded as the tree of life. "The merciful one, who dead to life raises". These rituals included lewd and obscene sexual rituals centered on sex. Her sons were the pounders of the sea. [Zeph 2:11] The Lord will be awesome to them, for He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; [Mala 2:] Judah has profaned the Lord's holy institution which he loves: he has married the daughter of a foreign god. He seeks godly offspring. [Jere 43: 12, 13-44:8] "I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, "He shall also break the sacred pillars of Beth SHEMESH (house of the Sun) that are in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he (Nebuahadnezzar) shall burn with fire." "In that you provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to dwell, [Isaiah 19:1] "The idols of Egypt will totter at his [the LORD's] presence" "For the idols speak delusion" [Zech.10:2]. [Levi19:] 'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 'And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall

you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. Wouldn't it be wonderful to live under these sort of circumstances today, rather than the wicked, selfish and greedy ways we live in today? Much of the reasoning behind all lewd and sexual acts among these beliefs was to insure the continued inbreeding between humans and gods.

Athtart/Astarte/ASHTORETH/Ashtar.. She is a consort of Baal, and lesser goddess of war and the chase. Outside of Ugarit, many nude goddess statues have been tenuously identified with her as a goddess of fertility and sex. In Sidon she merited royal priests and priestesses. There she served as a goddess of fertility, love, war and sexual vitality and to that end had sacred prostitutes. She was the Phoenician great goddess and was identified with Aphrodite by the Greeks. Go to: Beings of myth legend ANATH/Anat.. 'the merciful'. Baal's sister and consort, the daughter of El, the bull. Goddess of war, the hunt, and savagery. She is an archer. Her victories in battles were vicious and bloody. She and Athirat are nursemaids to the gracious gods. When Baal was out hunting, she followed after him and copulated with him in the form of a cow. In a graphic but fragmentary text from Canaanite Ugarit (excavated at Ras Shamra in Syria), the triumphant Baal and Anath make love, with Anat giving birth to a wild ox or buffalo, MATH'. Biblically [Jdgs 3:31] it was SHAMGAR, the son of Anath who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel, during the time Deborah was judging Israel. Beth (means house) Anath was a fortified city. Anath and El cut gashes in their skin in rituals. Baal has also been depicted as a mating bull. "Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord" [Psalm 86:8] "Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. When the children of Israel went "a-whoring after other gods" [Judg. 2:17], as they often did, they went generally after Baal and Astarte. Baal (evil lord) the Canaanite god of fertility. He had many local manifestations,

such as Baal of Peor (lord of the gap-Num. 25:3) and Baal-berith, "lord of the covenant," at Shechem [Judg. 8:33]. A storm god, Baal died in the spring, wailed over and buried by his consort, the love and war goddess Anath (compare the women mourning for Hadad-rimmon, i.e. Baal, in Zech. 12:11, and those weeping for Tammuz/Dumuzi, the dying fertility god of Babylon, in Ezek. 8:14). But in the fall Baal revived, vanquishing Mot, the god of death and drought, and bringing with him the autumn rains. Astarte (Babylon's Ishtar, Sumer's Inanna), love goddess of the Phoenicians, is named in the Bible Ashtoreth, combining the consonants from Astarte and the vowels from boshet, Hebrew "shame." She was also known and worshipped in Judah as the Queen of Heaven. Among others King Solomon, went after Ashtoreth [1 Kings11:5].

~~MAMMON: According to the society we now live, it's obvious that all of these gods and fallen angels were not destroyed, nor were they taken into captivity. One of the fallen angels which is definitely (shall I say,) alive, well and flourishing, and cunningly taking financial advantage of people's desperate situations in their times of trouble. Even though he was being worshipped as a god, evil and dark, MAMMON was a fallen angel. In [Luke 16:] 'For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. "No servant can serve two masters; "You cannot serve God and mammon." The pharisees, who were lovers of money, derided him. Luke said, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. Mammon, the Prince of greed and love of money, a powerful prince of hell, he has done GREAT SINS. Rimmon is a fallen angel who joined Lucifer in the war in heaven. He has been associated with Attorneys since antiquity, who are only in it for the money. With our judicial and government machines the way they are this day, it's easily understandable that this is one prince of hell we have allowed too much control, and, we, the majority of people, should exceedingly Fear. The Djiin are his most faithful servants. He was the Aramic god of wealth and profit..

~~~"BEL/MARDUK bows down, NEBO stoops ..." [Isai 48:1] Bel and his host descended to earth from the planet JUPITER. Nebo arrived from MERCURY and had 52 sons which had STRANGE WIVES, and some had children, cultures connected with him bore MIGHTY MEN with faces like lions and fast as gazelles. God was greatly distressed when he destroyed the Moabites, he took 'No Pleasure' in their fall. He took the god CHEMOSH into captivity, to bring back in the latter days. Nergal's following inhabited earth from the planet Mars.

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[1 Samuel 5:1-6:2] After the PHILLISTINES had captured the ARK of GOD, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod, they carried it into the Temple of DAGON, the next morning they found their idol laying face down before the ark. They put DAGON back in his place, the next morning they found the idol face down before the ark with his hands and head broken off lying at the threshold; only the body remained of DAGON, an idol of carved stone who had the head and upper torso of a MAN and lower TORSO of a FISH.... The LORD's hand was very heavy upon the people of ASHDOD and vicinity, he brought devastation upon them and inflicted them with tumors. 1068/1067 B.C. [The LXX adds.] "Rats appeared in their land and death and destruction went throughout the city.. When the people saw what was happening they said " the Ark of the God Israel must not stay with us" the rulers gathered and decided to move it to GATH. When they moved it, the hand of the Lord was against that city, both young and old, broke out with tumors. So, they sent the ark to EKRON. Where the people cried out, they have brought the ark to kill us, so they called together the Rulers and said; "send the ark of Israel away; let it go back to it's own place, or it will kill us and our people." Death had filled the city with panic. God's hand was very heavy upon it. Those who did not die were afflicted with tumors, and the outcry of the city went up to HEAVEN... the ark had been in Phillistine territory seven months, and the people called upon their Priests and diviners and asked "what shall we do with the ark of the Lord? Tell us how we should send it back to its place. ~~~OANNES- the FISH-MAN~ Oannes was called Lord of the Waves, by the Babylonians, and was said to be Amphibious, that is having the torso and head of a man with his bottom half resembling that of a fish, complete with scales. Some texts suggest he lived at the bottom of the Apsu or Abyss in fresh water. It has also been said that he was the same entity as ENKI or EA. Depicted as a man or a goat with a fishtail. He is given credit by the Sumerians for giving civilization to man. The Philistines called him DAGON, a name many Bible readers will recall. Dagon = little fish; diminutive from dag = a fish, the fish-god; the national god of the Philistines [Judg. 16:23]. This idol had the body of a fish with the head and hands of a man. It was an Assyrio-Babylonian deity, the worship of which was introduced among the Philistines through Chaldea. The most famous of the temples of Dagon were at Gaza and Ashdod. Dagon's house - [1 Sam. 5:2] or Beth-dagon, as elsewhere rendered [Josh.15: 41; 19:27] was the sanctuary or temple of Dagon. [1 Chr. 10:10] was in the western half-tribe of Manasseh, where the Philistines, after their victory at Gilboa, placed Saul's head in the temple of their god.

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HEAD OF THE SERPENT BRUISED  
BY THE SEED OF THE WOMAN.

*Occasioned By The Death Of Mrs. Martha Gifford, Late Wife Of The Reverend Mr. Andrew Gifford, Preached January 14, 1733.*

**GENESIS 3:15.**

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: It Shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

THIS book of *Genesis* is, in order, the first of the inspired writings, and gives us an account of the first principles of all things: It informs us that the world had a beginning, and is the produce of a wife and powerful agent, and not the effect of blind chance, or owing to the confused jumbling of fortuitous atoms, contrary to the notions of many philosophers. In this we learn who the first man was; and when, and by whom the several parts of the earth were peopled: It gives us the best light into the rise of the first and early monarchies, about which there has been so much contest, and leads us into the true origin of moral evil among men; concerning which there has been so much dispute in the world. In short, it is the fountain of all sound divinity, true history and philosophy.

The *three* first chapters especially, are an epitome both of nature and grace, and give us, in one view, the rise, ruin, and restoration of the world. *They* may be considered as the *text*, on which all the following parts of scripture are the *comments* and *expositions*.

The first chapter furnishes us with a most divine and beautiful account of the creation, in the order of six days work; by which *we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear*; in which the glory of the divine power and wisdom is so abundantly manifest. We learn from hence, that the heavens and the earth were made out of nothing, and not from any preexistent matter; that *the earth was without form, and void*, a rude and undigested chaos, full of darkness and confusion, until *the Spirit of God*<sup>♄</sup> *brooded upon the face of the waters*, and brought it into a beautiful form and order: Here we are informed when God first commanded light to break forth; when, by a firmament, he divided the superior and inferior waters from each other; when he made the sea, and caused the dry land to appear; when he clothed the earth with grass, and filled it with fruitful trees; when he bespangled the heavens with stars, and hung up his *two great lights*, the sun and moon; *the one to rule the day, and the other the night*; when he filled the several parts of the universe with proper inhabitants the air with fowl, the sea with fish, and the earth with cattle and creeping things; and after all, as the *crown* and master-piece of all his works, that he *made man after his image and likeness*; placed him over all the works of his hands, and *put all creatures in subjection to him*.

The second chapter principally treats of the happiness of man in his state of innocence; and informs us, that the Lord God allotted him an habitation in the most fertile and delightful spot of ground in all the globe, even the garden of *Eden*; which was stocked with all manner of trees, pleasant to the sight, and good for food; and give him liberty to eat of the fruit of them all, excepting one: that the Lord brought before him every beast of the field, and fowl of the air, that he might give names unto them, and provided a proper help-meet for him, one that was *bone of his bones, and flesh of his flesh*; which two being joined together by the Lord himself, spent their happy hours in the service of their Creator, and in their own mutual solace and delight. But then,

The third chapter introduces a strange and sudden catastrophe of things, and opens a dark scene of wickedness and ruin; in which the just now happy pair are involved, through the cunning and subtlety of a serpent: Here we are informed which of the two he attacked; what artful methods were made use of, by which he gained his point, seduced our first parents to eat the forbidden fruit, whereby they ruined themselves and all their posterity. This brought down the just resentment of God against both the deceiver and the deceived; and all three, the serpent, the woman, and the man, are summoned to appear before him, take their trial, and receive their sentence in a judiciary way: and

because the serpent was the instrument of this apostasy and rebellion, he receives his just sentence of punishment first; the account of which we have in the words of my text, and in the preceding verse.

Now, whereas the *serpent* is represented as the contriver and author of this mischief to man, and upon him a judicial sentence, of which my text is a part, is pronounced, it will be necessary, before I proceed any further, to inquire, who we are to understand by it. I apprehend, that by the *serpent* is meant a true and real serpent, and not the mere form and likeness of one, in which the devil might appear for a time. This is evident from its being reckoned among the beasts of the field, ver. 1, from the cunning and subtlety which is there ascribed to it,<sup>[2]</sup> and more especially from the nature of the curse denounced against it in my text, and in the verse before it, which is thus expressed; And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

All which is literally true of this creature, the serpent; it is the most detestable and loathsome of all creatures; it is a reptile upon the earth; it goes upon its belly, however upright it might be before this sentence; it feeds upon what is exceeding mean; and between this and man is an irreconcilable enmity; the sight of a serpent is disagreeable to man, and the fight of a man is as abhorrent to a serpent; the serpent's gall is poison to man, and the spittle of a man is venomous to serpents. This antipathy to serpents, in the human nature, is observed to be still more strong in the female sex; and it is averred, that the bare foot of a woman pressing a serpent's head, never so little, is immediate death to it: and though this creature may, at unawares, bite the heels of men; yet man has such an advantage over it, that he can easily bruise and crush its head; which it being sensible of, is most careful to cover and hide. These are things which naturalists<sup>[3]</sup> say of this creature, and, if true, show that the curse denounced, is literally fulfilled in it; and consequently, that it was a real and proper serpent, which is here intended.

But then let it be observed, that not a mere serpent, or that only, is to be understood, but that as possessed and used by Satan as his instrument: This appears from its having a faculty of speaking; and more especially from its cunning and sophistic way of reasoning; nor is it rational to suppose, that human nature, in its bloom and glory, should be outwitted, seduced, and overcome by a creature so very inferior to it: besides, the writings of the New Testament ascribe the reduction and ruin of man to the devil. Our Lord calls him *a murderer from the beginning*; (John 8:44) and sometimes this seduction is attributed to him, under the name of *the serpent*: (2 Corinthians 11:2.) And it is easy to observe, that the Devil and Satan, (Revelation 12:9 and 20:2.) is called *the old serpent*; to all which agree the sentiments of many of the Jewish writers;<sup>[4]</sup> who acknowledge that Satan, whom they call *Samael*, and the Angel of death, names proper enough for him, was in the serpent, and was the cause of man's ruin, and is principally designed in the curse.

This clears the justice of God, and shows that the punishment of the serpent is not unreasonable; since it was made use of by Satan as an instrument to bring about his wicked designs. If the earth was cursed for man's sake, why might not this creature be cursed for Satan's sake, who had employed it to so vile a purpose? The punishing the instrument, or what is accessory, as well as the principal, does more discover God's detestation of the fact for which they are punished, as may be observed in other instances. (Exodus 21:28, Leviticus 20:15.) But then,

Let it not be thought that the instrument only was punished, and the principal suffered to escape. No, this sentence of punishment, here pronounced, was chiefly designed against Satan, and to be inflicted on him; and every part of it is applicable to him; he is of all creatures accursed of God; he is now cast down from the realms of light and glory, in which he dwelt, and will never be able to rise more and regain his former place and dignity; he lives not upon *angels food*, as formerly, but upon earthly, impure, and sordid lusts. Between him and the woman's seed is an implacable enmity, which will issue in his everlasting ruin; whatever feeble attempts he may be able to make to defend himself, and destroy the kingdom of Christ. But on these things I have already more largely insisted, in a treatise<sup>[5]</sup> published to the world some time ago. I go on to observe, that

These words, *I will put enmity*, etc. are spoken by a divine person; who is called *the LORD GOD*; at whose voice *Adam* trembled, and whose presence he dreaded; by whom we are to understand, either God absolutely, or personally considered; if as personally considered, then either the first or second person in the Trinity is designed. I am inclined to think that the Lord Jesus Christ appeared in an human form to *Adam*, and spoke with an articulate voice to him; for *no man hath seen God the Father* at any time; ye have neither heard his voice at any time, says Christ, nor seen his shape. (John 5:37.)

It is a rule that, perhaps, will meet with few exceptions in the Old Testament; that whenever any visible appearance of Jehovah was made, any shape assumed, or articulate voice uttered, it is to be understood of the second person; who, in the fullness of time, was to be made flesh, and dwell among us; and, indeed, who so proper to carry on a judicial process against these criminals? before whom should they take their trials? and from whom should they receive the sentence of condemnation, but from him who is the Judge of all the earth? For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father: (John 5:22, 23.) And who more fit to bring the first tidings of grace and salvation to fallen man, than he who was to be the GREAT PROPHET in *Israel*? By this means the gospel of our salvation *first began to be spoken by the Lord* in the garden of *Eden*, as it afterwards was in the land of *Judea*, in such a manner, and with such power and authority, as it never was before or since. Add to all this, that the paraphrases anciently used by the Jewish church, seem to incline to this sense; for the *Targums* of *Onkelos* and *Jonathan* read the eighth verse thus: *And they heard the voice of the word of the Lord God walking in the garden*, etc. and the Jerusalem Targum reads the ninth verse after this manner: *And the Word of the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him*, etc. And both *Onkelos* and *Jonathan* paraphrase the tenth verse thus: *And he said, The voice of thy Word I heard in the garden*, etc. By the Word of the Lord, they mean the essential Word, the Messiah, who walked in the garden, called to *Adam*, and whose voice he heard. Now it is the very same person that continues talking with *Adam* and *Eve*, who, in my text, directs his discourse to the serpent; nor ought it to be any objection that he is here introduced speaking of himself, under the character of *the seed of the woman*, that should bruise the serpent's head, since this is not unusual, as appears from *John* 4:10, etc.

The principal thing designed in my text, is the victory the Messiah should obtain over Satan. The enmity put between the woman and the serpent, between his seed and hers, breaking out into open war, was to issue in an entire conquest over the serpent and his seed, in which the Messiah would interest all his people. This, and only this, could be a support to *Adam* in his present state and condition. We are not to imagine, to use the words of an ingenious modern writer,<sup>[6]</sup> "we hear God foretelling, with great solemnity, a very trivial accident that should

sometime happen in the world; that serpents would be apt to bite men by the heels, and that men would be apt to revenge themselves by striking them on the head. What has this trifle to do with the loss of mankind, with the corruption of the natural and moral world, and the ruin of all the glory and happiness of the creation? Great comfort it was to *Adam*, doubtless, after telling him that his days should be short, and full of misery, and his end without hope, to let him know that he should now and then knock a snake on the head; but not even that without paying dear for his poor victory, for the snake should often bite him by the heel. *Adam* surely could not understand the prophecy in this sense, though some of his sorts have so understood it."

It is certain these were not the sentiments of the old Jewish church; for the paraphrases of *Jonathan* and *Jerusalem* understand the words of the Messiah; the former of which says, "There shall be a healing for the heel in the days of the King Messiah;" and much to the same purpose says the latter. The word **awh**, which is rendered *it*, is one of the names of God, and is so used in *Psalm* 102:27, *Isaiah* 48:12, and well agrees with Christ, who is the unchangeable, omnipotent, and eternal HE, the *ajutov*, who is *the same yesterday, today, and for ever*. The work ascribed to him, which is the bruising the serpent's head, is what no other but the Messiah was to do, or could do, and is referred to in *Psalm* 110:6, which *Psalm* belongs solely to the Messiah; where it is said of him, *He shall wound the heads over many countries*; which may be rendered, *He shall wound the head over a large country*; or, *he shall wound him on the head who is over a large country*; which can be no other than Satan, the god and prince of this world. Besides, *in the volume of the book*, *ejk kefali>di bibli>ou*; at the head of the book, in the beginning of it, *it is written of Christ*, that he should *do the will of God*; which was to destroy Satan, the old serpent, with his works, and deliver sinful miserable man out of his hands; and can refer to no other prophesy than this, which stands at the head and front of the Bible; from the giving forth of which the Messiah has *been spoken of by the mouth of all God's holy prophets, which have been since the world began*. Nor can it be any just objection to his being the seed of the woman; that the word *seed* is a collective word, since it is often used to design a single person; as in *Genesis* 4:25, and chap. 15:2, and 21:13. From all which I conclude, that this is an intimation, and the first intimation of the Messiah, and of his work and office.

The manner in which this hint is given, is worthy of observation. It is commonly said, that these words contain the first promise of the Messiah, and of grace and salvation by him to sinful man; but it ought to be observed, that the words are not spoken to man, but to the serpent; not by way of promise to *Adam*, but by way of threatening to the devil: It is true, indeed, *Adam* was present, and heard what dropped from the lips of his Judge, which revived his fainting spirits and trembling heart, and sprung a dawn of light and joy in him, and laid a solid foundation for faith and hope, as to everlasting salvation.

These words contain a declaration of secret enmity between several parties, breaking out into open war, and the event of it.

The declaration of this mutual enmity is thus expressed: *I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed*; that is, "I will put between you, and raise up among you an implacable and irreconcilable hatred, which shall not lie secretly burning in your breasts, but shall break out into open acts of hostility, one against another; there shall be a perpetual war between you." Now in this battle there are two pair of combatants.

The one is the serpent and the woman; who is designed by the serpent, has been observed already: By the *woman*, cannot be meant the church, who is sometimes so called, both for her weakness and fruitfulness in her present state. Could this allegorical sense be admitted of, some passages in the twelfth chapter of the *Revelation* would serve as a proper comment on our text; particularly ver. 4, 13-15, 17.

But this mystical sense is not suitable; the text designs some certain woman literally understood, **hcah** "that woman," by way of emphasis: Some say, the virgin *Mary*, that famous woman, the mother of Christ, who is said to be *made of a woman*; a woman that both was mother and virgin at one and the same time, who, for the sake of him whom she bore, is *blessed among women*; and upon that account *blessed by all generations*. But rather by this woman, we are to understand *Eve*, the wife of *Adam*, the woman that was then present, who had beguiled her husband, being seduced by the serpent; the woman into whose affections he had ingratiated himself, and with whom he had lately so familiarly conversed: This woman, seeing herself imposed on, and seduced by him, and herself and posterity ruined, is filled with hatred to him; which must be no small mortification to that proud spirit, to have the weak woman opposed, as his match.

The other pair of combatants are, the seed of the serpent, and the seed of the woman.

By the *seed of the serpent*, may be meant either evil angels, or wicked men, or both. Evil angels may truly be called the seed of the devil, since they are of the same nature and principles with him; they are his angels, he is the prince of them; they move at his orders, and obey his commands; and these bear not only a secret grudge, but keep up an open war against Christ and his saints. Wicked men also may properly enough be called his seed; the devil is their father, and they are his children; they imitate him, they do his works, and are called after his name, *serpents, and generation of vipers*. (*Matthew* 22:23.) They hate Christ and his people, and persecute them that are after the Spirit. This has always been, and ever will be the case, as long as this present state of things continues.

By the *seed of the woman*, is not designed her immediate posterity, especially *Cain*; for whatever hopes she might have entertained at his birth, that she had brought forth the Messiah, the promised seed; which some conclude from her words, in chapter 4:1. *I have gotten a man from the Lord*; which they choose to render, *I have gotten a man, the Lord*; and which *Jonathan* the Targumist paraphrases thus; "I have gotten a man, the Angel of the Lord;" I say, whatever hopes of this kind she had encouraged in herself at this time, it appeared plainly afterwards that he was of the seed of the serpent, a child of the devil. Nor by the seed of the woman are we to understand the whole world, though, it is true, that *Eve* is *the mother of all living*; upon which account *Adam* gave her the name of *Eve*; yet many of her natural seed and offspring are children of disobedience, who are taken and led captive by the devil at his will, and in whose minds he works effectually; whatever aversion they may have to him, as he is represented as a frightful and horrible spirit, yet they have none to him, as an impure and wicked one; they love his works, and show themselves to be his children, and will be cursed companions with him in everlasting flames. Nor can I see any reason why the elect of God should be here called the seed of the woman; it is true, believers are called *the seed of Abraham*, in a spiritual sense, *inasmuch as they are partakers of the same faith*, and tread in the same steps of obedience: They are also called the seed of the church frequently; (*Isaiah* 43:5, and 44:3, and 59:21, etc.) and *Jerusalem*, which is above, is said to be *the mother of them all*, because they are born in her, and nursed up at her side; but they are never called the seed of *Eve*, in any particular and distinct sense from the rest of the world; the grace by which they are regenerated, not descending to them from her by natural generation. I conclude then, that by the seed

of the woman, is meant the Messiah: I have given my reasons already; it is the same seed whom God afterwards promised to *Abraham*, more clearly and distinctly, saying, In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (Genesis 22:16.) which the apostle (Galatians 3:16.) *Paul* directly applies to Christ. It will not now be improper to consider in what sense Christ is called *the seed of the woman*.

Some think, he is so called because of his birth of a virgin, since he is said to be the seed of the woman, and not of the man; which agrees with what is said of Jesus, that he was *made of a woman*: But the phrase does not seem to design the miraculous conception and birth of the Messiah; at least, it was not so understood by *Eve*, if it can be thought, as some learned men are of opinion, as has been before observed, that she had entertained some hopes and faith too, that she had got the Messiah; which she could not, had she known that he was to be born of a virgin; nor does it appear that there were any intimations of this kind, at least, any clear ones, until the times of *Isaiah*, who prophesied thus, Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14.)

It may be, this phrase, *the seed of the woman*, is only designed to express the truth of Christ's incarnation, the reality of his human nature, that he should partake of the same flesh and blood with us; and, perhaps, the peculiarity of the expression may intend his assumption of a nature, and not a person; for Christ assumed not an human person, but an human nature, which is called that *holy Thing born of the virgin, the seed of Abraham*; and as here the *seed of the woman*. If Christ had taken to himself an human person, there must be two persons in him, which was the monstrous and absurd error of *Nestorius*, bishop of *Constantinople*, who lived in the fifth century, and was condemned by several councils. The human nature of Christ never subsisted of itself, which is proper to personality; it always was in union with the second person, subsisted in him, and was never separate from him since it had an existence. Besides, if Christ, as man, is a separate and distinct person, his actions and obedience, as such, would be of service to none but that single person; whereas, through Christ's assumption of an human nature in personality with himself, as the Son of God, all his actions, obedience, and sufferings as man, have a divine virtue and efficacy put into them, which renders the benefit of them communicable to as many as he pleases.

But to proceed: This phrase, *the seed of the woman*, seems to be used on purpose to comfort *Eve*, under her present sorrowful circumstances; that though she had beguiled her husband, through the seduction of the serpent, and was the cause of his, her own, and their posterity's ruin; yet one descending from her, of her seed and offspring, should avenge this wrong done her, by bruising the serpent's head, and thereby deliver her from his power, and save her with an everlasting salvation. The apostle refers to this, when he says, And Adam was not deceived; but the woman being deceived, was in the transgression, notwithstanding she shall be saved in child-bearing; (1 Timothy 2:13, 14.) which last part of the text I would choose to render thus, *Notwithstanding she shall be saved, or there shall be salvation for her, dia- th-v teknogoh>av, by the birth of a Son;*[7] that is, by the promised seed, the seed of the woman, the Lord Jesus Christ. Take the words in the other reading, and they furnish out no good sense at all, neither with respect to temporal or eternal salvation: If they are to be understood of temporal salvation in child-bearing, this is not true; since many good women, as *Rachel*, and others, have died in child-bed; nor can they be understood in any sound sense of eternal salvation, seeing bearing of children can never be thought to be either the cause or condition, or means of that, and which, as is by a learned man rightly observed, would be small comfort to those who bear none; but read the words, as I have observed they may be read, there is a glare of gospel light in them, and give us reason to conclude, that *Eve*, who was first in the transgression, was nevertheless saved, through the Messiah, and that all other women, who believe in the same glorious person, shall be saved also. What a mortification must this be to the devil, to hear, that though he had drawn the woman into the transgression, yet she should be saved from it; that though, through his temptations, she had been the cause of man's ruin, yet there should be one who would spring from her, that would be the author of salvation; and that the seed of that woman, whom he had deceived, should be the ruin of him. Now between Satan and his seed, evil angels and wicked men, on the one side, and Christ the seed of the woman, and the Head of the elect, on the other, there is a rooted enmity. The serpent and his seed hate Christ; those proud spirits could not bear that the human nature should be advanced to union with the Son of God, and be exalted above that of theirs; this is thought, by some, to be that which occasioned their apostasy from God. As soon as they had an intimation of this, they broke away from him in rage and wrath, and with a disdainful pride, left their first habitations of bliss and glory, and fell into mutiny and rebellion against their Maker, and into plots and conspiracies to hinder the salvation of man by the incarnate God; though all in vain, and to no purpose. As soon as the man Christ Jesus was born, Satan stirred up *Herod* to seek the young child's life to destroy it; and when he was grown up to the estate of man, he had the front to solicit him to destroy himself; he put the Jews more than once upon stoning of him, and, at last, put it into the heart of *Judas Iscariot* to betray him; by which means he attained his end, so as to bring him to death, though it issued in the destruction of himself. The same hatred and malice are to be observed in all his seed.

On the other hand, Christ, the seed of the woman, who loves righteousness, and hates iniquity, cannot but hate all the workers of it; whose trade and business it is to commit sin: He hates Satan and all his followers, maintains a war against them, in which he is the mighty conqueror; all his enemies will fall into his hands, to whom he will say, *Go, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels*.

This leads me to consider the issue and event of this mutual enmity, discord and war; the Messiah, the seed of the woman, *shall bruise the serpent's head*; and the serpent, the devil, *shall bruise the Messiah's heel*; a vast disparity this; great are the advantages of the one over the other. I proceed to inquire,

What may be meant by *bruising the serpent's head*. Perhaps, what the author of the epistle to the *Hebrews* says, will give us some light into it, when he observes, that forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. (Hebrews 2:14.)

What is expressed in metaphorical terms in my text, is, in this scripture, signified without a figure; the bruising of the serpent's head, is the *destruction* of the devil himself, by which must be understood, not an annihilation of his being; for though that is in the power of the woman's seed, yet he will preserve him as a monument of his wrath and vengeance, to be a tormentor of others, and to be punished himself; therefore not an annihilation of him, but a destruction of his power, authority, dominion, and works, is intended. It may be, a passage of the apostle *John's* may instruct us in this matter yet more clearly, when he says, For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8.)

The works of the devil are sinful works, which he, in all ages, has been plotting and contriving, soliciting men unto, and engaging them in. Christ was manifested in human nature to destroy these works; that is, to put away the sins of his people, make reconciliation for them, finish them, and make an end of them by the sacrifice of himself; and thereby save them from them, and from the wrath of God, which they deserve; in doing which, he has bruised the serpent's head, and confounded a design of his, which was to involve them in all the miseries of an eternal death, from which Christ has secured them; for he has *abolished death*, another of the devil's works, and brought life and immortality to light by the gospel.

There is a threefold death, which sin is the cause of, and has introduced into the world, and which are the just wages of it, a corporal, spiritual or moral, and an eternal one; all which are, in some sense, abolished by Christ. Though his people, whilst in a state of nature, are *dead in trespasses and in sins*, yet he having procured spiritual life for them, puts it into them, preserves and secures it, so as they shall never die more, in that sense. They die, indeed, a corporal death; they are not exempted from the general decree of heaven, and lot of all men; they are brought to death, to the house appointed for all living. Daily instances confirm this, Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live for ever? (Zechariah 1:5.) But then the sting of death is taken away, the curse is removed; death is not inflicted on them as a penal evil, or by way of punishment for sin, that being fully satisfied for by Christ. Death is one of the believer's privileges; it frees them from the troubles of this world, and lets them into the glories of another; wherefore, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their works follow them. (Revelation 14:13.) Nor shall they always abide under the power of death; their bodies shall be raised immortal, incorruptible, and glorious; when, being reunited to their souls, they shall be received into the everlasting kingdom and glory of Christ, and spend an endless eternity with him in joy and praise; where they shall be forever secured from the second death, which is the eternal death; Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power. (Revelation 20:6.) This is all owing to Christ, *the resurrection and the life*; who says, He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. (John 11:25, 26.) This is comfortable to a believer, living and dying.

Moreover, by the head of the serpent, we are not to understand the devil singly and alone; but the whole posse of devils with him, even all the powers of darkness, all the fiends of the infernal lake, who came out in a body, and attacked the Lord of life and glory, the seed of the woman, the true Messiah, when he hung on the cross; at which time, he *spoiled principalities and powers*, apekdusamenov, "unclothed them," stripped

them of their armor, and left them naked and defenseless, and made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it; (Colossians 2:15.) which, when he had done, he *ascended on high; and led captivity captive*.

Again, The head being the seat of power, which commands the body and the members of it, may here intend the power, authority, and dominion, which the devil, as the god of this world, has usurped over mankind; and has endeavored to establish among them, and in which he arrived to a very great pitch in the Gentile world; as is very evident from that universal idolatry which he spread over it, and which continued there for many hundreds of years. There was scarce any sort of creature in the world, but he prevailed upon the<sup>[8]</sup> heathens to worship, even some the most mean and contemptible; for they not only worshipped the heavens, and the host of them, the sun, moon, planets, and fixed stars, and the four elements, fire, earth, air, and water, but even fishes of the sea, fowls of the air, four-footed beasts, and creeping things; nay, even vegetables, trees, plants, and roots, and such as leeks and onions; which made the poet<sup>[9]</sup> deride them for their garden gods. Nay, the devil so far prevailed, as to obtain worship and adoration for himself, and that sometimes under<sup>[10]</sup> the name and form<sup>[11]</sup> of a serpent, or in a<sup>[12]</sup> real one, in remembrance of that which he had used as an instrument<sup>[13]</sup> to ruin mankind. In our Lord's time, Satan fancied he had such a power over the world, as to dispose of it at his pleasure; and therefore, in an insolent and audacious manner, offered the kingdoms of this world, and the glory of them, to Christ, if he would fall down and worship him. The sacrifices which he instituted, and which were not only impure and trifling, but cruel and barbarous; such as the sacrifices<sup>[14]</sup> of human creatures themselves, is a full proof of what power and authority he had over men, and how much they were devoted to him, and infatuated by him: But now his head is bruised and crushed by the seed of the woman; he has not the authority he had in the Gentile world, Christ having sent his gospel thither, has dispelled the former darkness and ignorance, which has opened their eyes to see their folly and madness, and has been the means of their shaking off the devil's yoke, of delivering them from the power of Satan, and of turning them from their idols to serve the living God.

Another way by which the devil got power and authority in the Gentile world, and which, for some time, he secured and established, was by setting up<sup>[15]</sup> oracles in many places; the most famous of which were those of<sup>[16]</sup> *Jupiter Ammon* in *Egypt*, and of *Apollo*, the same with<sup>[17]</sup> *Apollyon*, one of the names of the devil in *Revelation* 9:11, at *Delphos* in *Greece*. These seem to be set up in imitation of the oracle of God, at which the people of *Israel* received answers by *Urim* and *Thummim*. The responses which the Gentiles received at their oracles, were generally delivered in a dark, intricate,<sup>[18]</sup> and ambiguous manner, so as to be sure to preserve the credit of the oracle, and the good opinion of the votary. These continued in great vogue for a time; but upon the coming of Christ, *the seed of the woman*, were struck dumb; the Gentiles<sup>[19]</sup> were sensible of it, but were ignorant of the cause. The fullest proof of the ceasing of these oracles, and the reason of it, is the application of *Augustus Caesar* to the oracle at *Delphos*, after the birth of Christ, who, when he had offered some hundreds of sacrifices, urged *Apollo* to give him an answer, who should reign after him, which was the last, as it is said, he ever uttered, and was delivered in three Greek verses to this purpose:<sup>[20]</sup> "An Hebrew child that rules the blessed gods, hath commanded me to leave this dwelling, and go immediately to hell, from henceforward therefore depart in silence from our altars." It is also said,<sup>[21]</sup> that *Augustus* upon his return to *Rome*, set up an altar in the Capitol, with this inscription on it, *The altar of the first-born of God*. A very considerable instance is this of the seed of the woman's bruising the serpent's head, for by silencing his oracles, his power and authority were greatly diminished. Now in some sense may be said the judgment of the Gentile world, and the prince of it to be cast out, as he was out of his oracle-temples: We have an account of something of this kind in the *Acts* of the apostles, (Acts 16:16-18.) where we read, that as the apostles went to prayer, a certain damsel, possessed with a spirit of divination; it is in the Greek text a spirit of *Python*, the same with<sup>[22]</sup> *Apollo*, met them, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying; to which spirit Paul turned and said, I command thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her; and he came out of her the same hour. The old serpent not being able to stand before the seed of the woman, Christ Jesus, in the ministry of his apostles.

The power of Satan over the bodies of men in the land of *Judea*, was very considerable about the time of Christ's being upon earth: It was a strange and uncommon dispensation; doubtless, those frequent and numerous possessions by devils were suffered, that the Son of God might have an opportunity of giving full proof both of his Deity and Messiahship. It is certain, that *he went about, and healed all that were possessed with devils*; they were obliged to quit their habitations at his order; he dispossessed them wherever he came; they dreaded him, as their tormentor and destroyer; he turned out a legion of them at once from one man; the whole posse of them was not able to stand before him. Since those times, it is remarkable that possessions of this kind have been very rare; which shows that *the seed of the woman has bruised the serpent's head*, and crushed this part of his power. Christ has not only dispossessed Satan of the bodies of men by his power, but of the souls of many by his gospel, both among Jews and Gentiles; has delivered them from the power of darkness, and translated them into his own kingdom.

The author of the epistle to the Hebrews observes, that the devil had *the power of death* formerly; this may be ascribed unto him, because he introduced sin into the world, which brought in death; he tempts to sin, and then accuses of it, and terrifies for it with the fears of death; and, in the Old Testament-dispensation, he was sometimes employed by the Lord to inflict death upon offenders; he was God's executioner of it, so we read of some who murmured and were destroyed of the destroyer; (1 Corinthians 10:10.) the destroying angel, *the angel of death*, as the Jews were used to call the devil; by reason of this multitudes in that day were under a servile spirit, and, *through fear of death* in this way, *were all their lifetime subject to bondage*. But now this power of Satan's is crushed, which he had either by usurpation or permission; the serpent's head is bruised; Christ the seed of the woman, has took into his own hands *the keys of hell and death*.

I take no notice of Satan's being called, *the prince of the power of the air*, (Ephesians 2:2.) because that does not refer to any power he has, or ever had, over the air in raising of winds, and the like; but of his dominion and government over the rest of the devils, who have their dwelling in the territories of the air, until they receive their final doom.

Once more: As the head is the seat of wisdom, by the serpent's head, and the bruising of it, may be meant his cunning and crafty schemes, all which have been, or shall be baffled and confounded by Christ, the seed of the woman. He once formed a scheme to ruin all mankind, which was drawn with so much cunning, and managed with so much craft and subtlety, that it succeeded so far, as that he thought all was sure; when, on a sudden, it was declared, that a Savior was provided, who, in due time, was sent into the world, and saved his people from sin, law, hell, and death. He forms another scheme to take away the life of Christ: This was so craftily laid as to succeed; but then, through the death of him, Satan, who had the power of death, is destroyed. When the gospel was carried into the Gentile world, he opposed it with all the cunning he was master of: He stirred up the greatest wits of the age against it, but all in vain; *for it pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe*; and though the apostles preached *Christ crucified, to the Jews, a stumbling-block; and to the Greeks, foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God*; and maugre all the opposition made against their doctrines, *the weapons of their warfare were not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strong holds, calling down imaginations; and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*. Satan is still framing many devices and stratagems against the saints, and makes use of many artful wiles and methods to ensnare their souls, distress their minds, and disturb their peace; he lays many snares and temptations in their way; but Christ, the seed of the woman, as he has both an ability and a heart to *succor them that are tempted*, so he will never *suffer them to be tempted above that they are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape*; and, in a little time, as he has bruised the serpent's head under himself, so he will bruise it under the feet of his saints; they shall never more be hurt or harassed by that enemy of their souls.

In a word, the whole empire of Satan is crushed by the Messiah; he is no more the god of this world, as he was before the Messiah's coming; the prince of this world is judged, condemned, and cast out, and will still have less power than he now has, when *the Lord shall be King over all the earth, and his name one*; which will be when the Jews are converted, and *the fullness of the Gentiles is brought in*.

There is but one thing more to be taken notice of, and that is the bruising of the Messiah's *heel* by the serpent, which is the other part of the event, following the enmity, hatred, and war, between the devil and the seed of the woman. Some<sup>[23]</sup> think, by the Messiah's *heel*, is meant hypocrites, who profess to be members of Christ's body, and are not, whom Satan gets an advantage over, draws with his tail, and casts down to the earth; but the heel of Christ, though it is the lowest part of his body, yet it is a part of it, which hypocrites are not. Others think, that the people of Christ, his members on earth, are designed, who are exposed to persecutions, raised by Satan and his emissaries, against whom they kick, and sometimes bruise. But, perhaps, some *slight trouble*, which Christ himself met with from Satan, may be intended; such as his temptations in the wilderness, where he *fasted forty days and forty nights*, from whence he was carried by the devil into the holy city, and set upon a pinnacle of the temple, and from thence to an exceeding high mountain; or his agony in the garden, his conflict with the prince of darkness there, when *his sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling to the ground*, and his soul was *exceeding sorrowful, even unto death*; or rather by the *heel* of Christ may be meant his human nature, which, as his divine nature is the *head* and chief in him, this is the *heel*, the inferior and lowest nature in him, and what was frequently exposed to Satan's insults, temptations, and persecutions, and which he much struck at; and so far prevailed, as to bring him to a shameful and an accursed death; *the iniquity of his heels*, the sins of his people, which *he bore in his own body on the tree, then compassing him about*; but though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God; and though he was put to death in the flesh, yet was quickened in the Spirit, whereby he got an entire victory over Satan, and became *the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him*.

From the whole of this passage we may learn, that the Messiah was to be God and man, to suffer, die, and rise again, and so become the Savior of his people: If he had not been man, he would not have had a *heel* to be bruised; and if he had not been God, he could not have bruised the head of the serpent: His *sufferings* are fitly expressed by *the bruising of his heel*; his resurrection from the dead, after which *he ascended on high, and led captivity captive*, by his bruising the serpent's head; and, from the whole, it appears that he is *able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Oim, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them*. I have done; I conclude my subject.

It may now be expected that I should say something concerning the deceased, whose death has occasioned this discourse. I understand she was verse to great and long encomiums; and, for my own part, I ever had a disinclination to them: However, what I shall say in this way upon the testimony of those that knew her, I believe, is just, and to be depended on. It pleased God to call her, by his grace, very early, and to

engage her heart betimes to give up herself, not only to the Lord, but to a church of Christ, by the will of God, to walk with his people in all the ordinances of the gospel; and as it was through the preaching of the doctrines of grace that she was at first wrought upon, so she ever retained a value for them, and an esteem of them. God, in his providence, indulged her with a plenty of worldly substance; but this fullness was without forgetfulness of her God, or pride and haughtiness towards her fellow-creatures. As she was of an easy temper and disposition, and in easy circumstances of life, so the former was without indolence, and the latter not without industry. She had firmness and resolution of mind, both in the affairs of religion, and in the things of life, but without obstinacy and stubbornness. She was constant and zealous in the exercise of religious duties, but without dependence on them, or ostentation in them. In her last hours, this passage of scripture I have been discoursing from, and indeed the whole chapter, were very refreshing to her, when, as she said, the adversary was very busy; but Christ, the seed of the woman, who has bruised the serpent's head, appeared to her relief, and graciously assured her, that he that comes to him, *he will in no wise cast out*; and that he had *loved her with an everlasting love, and therefore with loving-kindness had drawn her to himself*; from whence there is reason to conclude a comfortable and well-grounded hope of her everlasting salvation and happiness; wherefore it becomes her relatives and friends, not to *sorrow as others, which have no hope*; for *if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him*.

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#### FOOTNOTES:

[1] As the hen, or any other fowl, broods upon its eggs or young, which is the sense of the word *tpjrm*, according to the Jewish writers as R Sol. Jarchi, R. Aben Ezra, R. Levi Ben Gersom, in Genesis 1, 2.

[2] See Matthew 10:16.

[3] All these instances of antipathy are observed, by the learned Mr. Joseph Mede, from naturalists, in his works, Book 1. Disc. 39. p. 295. Vid. Franz. Hist. Animal. Part 4. 100:1. Topsel's. History of Serpents, p. 604, 606.

[4] Zohar in Genesis 3. fol. 127, 1, 2, Targum Jon. in Genesis 3:6. Vid. Aben Ezra in Genesis 3:3.

[5] The prophecies of the Old Testament respecting the Messiah, literally fulfilled in Jesus, chap. 1. p. 5, 6, etc.

[6] "Sherlock's use and intent of Prophecy, p. 70, 71.

[7] See Kidder's Demonstration of the Messiah, Part 1. p. 24, 25. and the notes of his learned editor, Mr. Bedford.

[8] Vid. Alex. ab Alex. Genial. Dieram, 50:3, 100:12, and 50:6, 100:26.

[9] Quis nescit Volsi Bythinice qualia demens Aegyptus portenta colat: Crocodilon adorat Pars haec: illa pavet saturam serpentibus Ibin; Illic caeruleos hic piscem fluminis illic Oppida tota canem, nemo veneratur Dianam. Porrum & caepe nesas violare & srangere morsu: O sanctas Gentes, quibus haec nascuntur in hortis Numina. — Juvenal. Satyr. 15.

[10] Para foinikwn de ki< ferekudhv labwn twv aformav, egeologhse pri tou par autw legomenou Ofiwnewv Qeou ki< twv Ofiwnidwn. Euseb. Prepar. Evangel. 50:1. 100:10. p. 42. Ed. Paris. L. Vives in Aug. de Civ. Dei, 50:14. 100:11. reports from the same Pherecydes, of whom Eusebius speaks, that this god Ophioneus, or Serpentinus, was the price of the demons, or devils, whom Jupiter cast down from heaven.

[11] Ipsa novissime sacra & ritus initiationis ipsius, quibus Sebadiis nomen est, testimonio esse poterunt veritati: in quibus aureus coluber in finem dimittitur consecratis, & eximitur rursus ab inferioribus partibus atque imis, Arnob. adv Gevtes, 50:5. p. 203. Ed. Elmenhorst. Vid. Clement. Alex. admon, ad Gentes, p. 11. Ed. Paris. & Jul. Firmic. de error. Proph. Relig. p. 18. Ed. Oxon. & Justin. Martyr. Apolog. 2. p. 70, 71. Ed. Paris. The figure of the Egyptian god Typhon, was in this manner: His upper part was human, his lower part was in the form of a serpent; he was represented with serpents coming out of his hands, and many others wrapping themselves about his body, Chartar. Hist. Deorum, p. 186. Imag. 71. AEsculapius was also worshipped in the form of a serpent, and is called by Ovid, Phoebeius anguis, Metamorph. 50:15. fab. 50. And by Horace, Serpens Epidaurius, Sermon. 50:1. Satyr. 3. who, in the shape of a snake, was brought from Epidaurus to Rome, to free the city from the pestilence, an. U. C. 462. Vid. Liv. 100:11. Brev. & Sext. Aurel. Victor. de illustr. viris, 100:25. The Genii, which belonged to any place, city, or country, were painted in the same form. Virgil. AENEID. 50:5. 5:95. & Servius in ib. p. 896. Vid. Pers. Satyr. 1. 5:113.

[12] Colebant enim bestias sere omnes, quas portentorum mater Aegyptus alebat, in his & serpentes & dracunculos, quos illi Agathodaemonas vocabant. Pignorii mens. Isiac. Expos. 100:1. p. 5. Osiridis subsequentis caput ornat sacra serpens in tabula ita frequens, ut in mentem veniat mirari hominum stoliditatem, qui a Deo opt. max. ita aberrarent, ut sordidum hoc animal venerarentur. Neque vero Aegyptii tantum huic dementiae assines. Indi enim Phoenices, Arabes, Babyionii, Poeni, Baeotii, Epirotae, Sicyonii, Epidaurii, Romani, è nostris haeretici quidam & novi orbis in colae huic insaniae manus dedere. Ibid. 100:3. p. 23. 24. Vid. p. 26-28. & Tomasin. Cecropii votum, p. 46, 47, 55. Serpents were sacred to Jupiter. Herodot. 50:2. 100:74. and to AEsculapius, Pausan. 50:2. p. 106, 136. and to Ceres and Minerva Chartar. Imag. Deorum, p. 100, 162.

[13] Dionuson mainolhn orgiazousi Bakcoi wmfogia ten ieromanian agontev ki< teliskousi tav krewnomiav twv fonwn anesemmenoioiv ofesin epololuzontev Euan ekrinhn di hn h planh parhkolouqhse ki< semeion orgiwn bakcikwn ofiv evi tetelesmenov autika goun kata thn akriqh twv Ebraiwn fwnhn to onoma tou Euia dasunomenon ermhneuetai ofiv h qhleia.. Clemens Alexandr. admon. ad Gentes. p. 9. Of the use of the word Eva, and the repetition of it in the Bacchanalian rites, when the idolaters appeared with serpents platted on their heads, see Virgil. AENEID. 50:6. 5:518, 519. 50:7. 5:388. Pers Satyr. 1. 5:101, 102. and Catull. Epithal. Theddis. Hence Bacchus is called Evius, Horat. Carmin. 50:2. Ode 11. 5:17.

[14] Vid Caesar. Comment. 50:6. Porphy. de Abstinent. 50:2. §. 54-56. Ed. Cantabr. Minut. Fel. Octav. p. 33. Ed. Oxon. Clement. Alex. admon. ad Gentes, p. 27. Tertull. Apol. 100:9. Lactant. de fals. relig. 50:1. 100:21. Alex. ab Alex. Genial. Dierum, 50:6. 100:26.

[15] Herodotus takes notice of several oracles among the Egyptians, where, besides that of Jupiter Ammon, were the oracles of Hercules, Apollo, Minerva, Diana and Mars, and what was had in the greatest esteem, the oracle of Latona in the city Butus, 50:2. 100:83, 152, 155. Ed. Gronov. among the Grecians, besides that of Apollo Pythias at Delphos, were the oracles of Branchidae, or Apollo Didymaeus at Miletus, of Trophonius in Labadia, and Amphiarus in Thebes, and others at Abae and Dodona, 50:1. 100:46. and 2. 52. and 8. 134. The

same author makes mention of the oracles of Mars and Bacchus among the Thracians, 50:7. 100:76, 111. and of several among the Ethiopians, 50:2. 100:139. Pausanias observes, that there was an oracle of Apollo Thyrkxeus at Cyaneis, upon the borders of Lycia, 50:7. p. 440. Ed. Hanov. of Mercury at Pharae in Achaia, *ibid.* of Hercules Buraicus at Bura, *ibid.* p. 449. of Apollo Ptous at mount Ptous, near the city Acraephnum, which Herodotus, 50:8. 100:135. calls Acraephia, 50:9. p. 576. and of Bacchus in Thrace, *ibid.* p. 589. with others. Besides, there was an oracle at Delos, one of the islands called the Cyclades, and another at Patara in Lycia, which is a place mentioned in Acts 21:1, and of Apis in Egypt. Vid. Alex. ab Alex. Genial. Dierum, 50:6. 100:2.

[16] Concerning which, Vid. Herodot. 50:2. 100:55. Pausan. 50:3. p. 195. Q. Curt. 50:4. 100:7.

[17] They both have their names from a word which signifies to destroy, *ton dj Apollwna wv apoluonta hmav twn noswn h apelaunonta af hmwn autav h apollunta tauthv tetuchkenai thv proshgoriav.* Phurnutus de natura Deorum, p. 92. Ed. Gale. Macrobius, gives us the several etymologies of the name of Apollo, which, according to him, is the sun, and, among the rest, mentions this: *Alii cognominatum Apollinem putant, wv apollunta ta zwa. 24 Exanimat enim & perimit animantes, cum pestem intemperie caloris immittit.* Saturnal. 50:1. 100:17. O Apollwn ek tou apollein onomazetai. Eustathius in Homer. Iliad. a.

[18] Apollo was called Loxiav, from the intricacy and ambiguity of these oracles; *Loxwn de ki< priskelwn ontwn twn crhsmwn ouv didwssi Loxiav wnomasai,* Phurnutus de natura Deorum, p. 94. Vid. Schol. Aristophan. Plut. p. 2. Ed. Genev. fol. Clemen. Alexandr. Strom. 50:5. p. 556. where the same reason is given for this name. The common instances of these ambiguous responses are, that which was given to Croesus, king of Lydia, *Croesus Halyn penetrans magnam pervertet opum vim;* which left it uncertain whether he should overcome the great army of the Persians; or Cyrus, who lay on the other side of the river Halys, should conquer the army of the Lydians; also that which was delivered to Pyrrhus, king of Epirus, *Aio te AEacida Romanos, vincere posse.* From whence it could not be concluded whether he who was a descendant of AEacus should conquer the Romans, or the Romans conquer him. Much such another oracle was that which was given out to another, *Ibis, redibis nunquam per bella peribis;* where, by placing a comma either before or after *nunquam,* the words have a different sense; and in much such a way did the old serpent impose on our first parents, when he said, *Ye shall be as gods, or angels;* in which sense the word is sometimes used, knowing good and evil; where it is not certain whether he meant angels of light or darkness; most probably the latter, and that they should be like himself, and the rest of the apostate angels. See more instances of this ambiguous way of speaking, used in these oracles of the Gentiles, in Pausanias, 50:8. p. 474, 475.

[19] Vid. Ciceron. de Divinatione, 50:2. p. 1996. Ed. Gothofred. Porphy. in Euseb. Prepar. Evangel. 50:5. 100:16. p. 204, 205. And Plutarch. Ari twn ekleloipotwn crhvhran.

[20] *Paiv Ebraiov keletai me Qeoiv makaressin anasswn Tonde dumon prolitein ki< aidhn auqiv iJkeoqai Loipopn apiqi sigwn ek bwmwn hJmeterwn.* Suidas in voce Augousov, Tom. 1. p. 377. Ed. Kuster.

[21] Suidas in *ibid.* Ryckius de Capitol Roman. 100:36. p. 427, 428. 25

[22] Apollo was called Pythius, from the coming of the people to him, to inquire of him, and consult with him about difficult matters; his oracle is called so for the same reason; *Kai eureqen t eno Delfoiv manteion tw| Apollwni prwsonomasan Puqion apo tou dero tuouv anqrwpouv ercomenouv punqaneoiqai ta kaq eautouv.* Phurnutus de natura Deorum, p. 94. Vid. Schol. Aristoph. Plut. p. 6. Ed. Genev. This is rejected by Macrobius, Saturnal. 50:1. 100:17. He is rather called so from the Hebrew word **ztp** Pethen, which signifies a serpent; and Apollo is said to have his name Pythius, from his killing the serpent Typhon, or Python, as appears from some verses in Homer. *Thn d autou katepus imeron menov helioio Ex ou nun Puqw kikhsketai oi de anakta Puqion kakleousin epwnumon.*—Homer. Hymn. in Apoll. 5:372-374. Vid. Ovid. Metamorph. 50:1. fab. 8. Hygin. fab. 140. Hence the city of Delphos, where was the oracle of Apollo, was called Pytho, Pausanias. 50:10. p. 619. The she prophet that sat on the golden Tripod, and delivered out the oracles, Pythia; the place of the oracle Pythium; and the feasts and plays instituted to the honor of Apollo, *Pythii ludi & festa Pythia;* vid. Alex. ab Alex. Genial. Dictum, 50:6. 100:2.

[23] Vid. Mede's Works, Book 1. Discourse 39. p. 299.