

Angels, Women, Sex, Giants, UFOs, Alien Abductions, & the Occult What On Earth Is Going On?

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Chapter One

Did Angels Marry Women Before the Flood?

Is it -- or was it ever -- possible for angels to have sexual relations with human women, and to produce offspring? What is the real meaning of the mysterious verses in Genesis 6 about the "sons of God" seeing the "daughters of men" and desiring them? Did angels cohabit with women? What was the great "sin" of the fallen angels? And what will be the fate of the wicked angels, and Satan their leader?

In the book of Genesis, we read a most mysterious passage of Scripture which has mystified, befuddled, and baffled theologians and Bible students for ages. Controversy rages over the question: Did the angels of God, or some of them, actually come down and have sex with women, producing unusual babies, including the "giants" of olden times? Notice the scripture in question:

""And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the *sons of God* saw the daughters of men, that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were GIANTS in the earth in those days; and also, after that, when the *sons of God* came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown" (Gen.6:1-4).

Who were these "sons of God"? What is this strange passage referring to? Adam, who was created by God, is called the "son of God" in Luke 3:38. However, in the book of Genesis he is referred to as "Adam," or "man." We read, "This is the book [scroll] of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created *man*, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name *Adam*, in the day when they were created" (Gen.5:1-2). Man was formed of the dust of the ground (Gen.2:7). His name "Adam" is in the Hebrew *adam* meaning "ruddy." It comes from the word *adam* which means "to show blood, i.e., flush, to turn rosy."

The "Sons of God" Identified

Adam was a "son of God" by creation. He alone of all men was directly created by God Himself. All other men have been born of a woman. However, God had other "sons" also by His act of Creation. We read in the book of Job, "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up thy loins now like a man: for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof? *When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*" (Job 38:1-7). Moffatt translates this passage in verses 6-7, "What were its pedestals placed on? Who laid the corner-stone, when the morning-stars were singing, and all the angels chanted in their joy?" We also read in Job, of the heavenly court: "Now there was a day when the *sons of God* came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them" (Job 1:6). And again: "Again there was a day when the *sons of God* came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD" (Job 2:1). It is plain that in these Scriptures the term "sons of God" refers to *angels* and not to human beings. Human beings, on the other hand, throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, are referred to as "*sons of men*" (see Psa.4:2; 31:19; 33:13; 57:4; 58:1; 145:12; Eccl.2:3, 8; 3:10, 18, 19; 8:11; 9:3,12, etc.).

A "Close Encounter" of an Unusual Kind

Clearly, angels of God are also called "sons of God." The Scriptures also tell us that angels of God have the ability or capacity to *appear in the flesh*, as human beings. In fact, three angels, appearing as human beings, came to Abraham. We read of the "close encounter" of an unusual kind in Genesis: "And the LORD appeared unto him [Abraham] in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; and he lift up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, and said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant" (Gen.18:1-3).

Abraham recognized one of them. Evidently the Lord, the one who became the Christ or Messiah, appeared to him in a form in which he had seen him before -- as Melchisedek, "king of Salem," who was "priest of the most high God" (compare Gen.14:18-20). Abraham recognized him and prepared a feast for them. At this juncture the Lord promised that Sarah would have a son -- by a miracle -- within the year (Gen.18:4-15). These angelic beings, in human form, are called "men" in verse 16. Notice! "And the *men* rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the *men* turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD" (Gen.18:16-22).

These two angels, disguised as men, went to Sodom, where they encountered Abraham's nephew, Lot. We read in Genesis 19: "And there came *two angels* to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed

upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat" (Gen.19:1-3).

Notice! This event occurred right around Passover, in the spring. Lot was observing the Feast of Unleavened Bread, about 400 years before God revealed this Feast to Israel during the time of Moses, after their lengthy sojourn in Egypt as slaves. Evidently, the knowledge of the annual sabbaths, together with the weekly sabbath, had become LOST while Israel was enslaved in Egypt! The annual holy days of God, however, like the weekly Sabbath, go back to Creation! We read in the book of Jubilees, a very important book in the Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, "And the Lord set the sun as a great sign upon the earth for days, sabbaths, months, *feast (days)*, years, sabbaths of years, jubilees, and for all of the (appointed) times of the years" (Jubilees 2:9). In the New Testament, too, we find that angels can appear disguised as human beings. The apostle Paul wrote in the book of Hebrews, alluding to Lot's entertaining the two strangers, who were actually angels, when he declared: "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb.13:1).

But Can Angels "Marry"?

But can angels mate with women? Is it possible? Jesus Christ once said of those in the resurrection, "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are *as the angels of God in heaven*" (Matt.22:30). Some think this disproves the idea of angels marrying women. But wait a minute. Notice *carefully* what Jesus *exactly* said. He said the "angels of God in heaven" do not marry! That is to say, He was referring to the *righteous, obedient angels* of God, who dwell in heaven! He was not talking about the wicked, unrighteous angels *who rebelled* against God -- the "fallen angels" of Satan, who left heaven to come to the earth, at all! If angels can appear in human form, and look just like a human being, in all respects, then it would seem a small thing that they would also be able to perform *as* a human being, while in the flesh! And the seed of their copulation would be able to join with the ovum of a woman, and produce a child! Did this really happen?

The Testimony of the Ancients

What really happened in those days of yore -- those bygone ancient times? Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, tells us in his epic work *The Antiquities of the Jews*: "Now this posterity of Seth continued to esteem God as the Lord of the universe, and to have an entire regard to virtue, for seven generations; but in process of time they were perverted, and forsook the practices of their forefathers, and did neither pay those honors to God which were appointed them, nor had they any concern to do justice towards men. But for what degree of zeal they had formerly shewn for virtue, they now shewed by their actions a double degree of wickedness, whereby they made God to be their enemy; for **MANY ANGELS OF GOD accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength**, for the tradition is that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants. But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and, being displeased at their conduct, persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better; -- but, seeing that they did not yield to him, but were slaves to their wicked pleasures, he was afraid they would kill him, together with his wife and children, and those they had married; so he departed out of that land" (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, I,3,1).

Further testimony of this fact is recorded in the book of Jubilees, written by a priest about 150 years before the present or common era, in which much very interesting information is given. The author, concerned about apostasy in general among the people of God, gives a history of the human race, back to the time of Adam and Eve, evaluating history from the viewpoint of a priest of the Levitical priesthood. Notice what he says concerning the time of God's servant Enoch: "And he [Enoch] wrote everything, and bore witness to the *Watchers, the ones who sinned with the daughters of men because they began to mingle themselves with the daughters of men* so that they might be polluted. And Enoch bore witness against all of them" (Jubilees 4:22).

The author of Jubilees continues: "And when the children of men began to multiply on the surface of the earth and daughters were born to them, that the angels of the LORD saw in a certain year of that Jubilee that they were good to look at. And they took wives for themselves from all of those whom they chose. *And they bore children for them, and they were the giants*. And injustice increased upon the earth, and all flesh corrupted its way; man and cattle and beasts and birds and everything which walks on the earth. And they all corrupted their way and their ordinances, and they began to eat one another. And injustice grew upon the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all mankind was thus continually evil.

"And the LORD saw the earth, and behold it was corrupted and all flesh had corrupted its order and all who were on the earth had done every sort of evil in his sight. . . And *against his angels* whom he had sent to the earth he was very angry. He commanded that they be uprooted from all their dominion. And he told us to bind them in the depths of the earth, and behold, they are bound in the midst of them, and they are isolated. And against their children a word went forth from before his presence so that he might smite them with the sword and remove them from under heaven. . . . And he sent his sword among them so that each one might kill his fellow and they began to kill one another until they all fell on the sword and they were wiped out from the earth. And their parents also watched. And subsequently they were bound in the depths of the earth forever, until the day of great judgment in order for judgment to be executed upon all of those who corrupted their ways and their deeds before the LORD. And he wiped out every one from their places and not one of them remained whom he did not judge according to all his wickedness" (Jubilees 5:1-11).

The Scriptures themselves tell us more about this judgment of the angels. In the second epistle of Peter, we read, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [Greek, *Tartarus*], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (I Pet.2:4-5). The apostle Jude adds: "And the angels which *kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation*, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

"Preached to Spirits in Prison"

A related commentary on this is found in I Peter where we are told that Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, was raised to life again by the Holy Spirit; but also by the power of the Spirit during the days of Noah, He had preached to the fallen angels, who had been imprisoned. Peter declares, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and *preached to the spirits in prison*; which *some time were disobedient* [that is, in the generation or so before the Flood, when they married with women], **WHEN** once the long-suffering of God waited *in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing*, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water" (I Pet.3:18-20).

In other words, Christ, as the Logos, had preached to these rebellious angelic spirit beings during the time they had been chained and imprisoned, while Noah was building the Ark. He was warning them of the results of their sins and transgressions. This was not something He did when He was dead and buried in the grave for three days and nights. This was a mission He had conducted back before the Flood, during the time of Noah!

Evidence in Other Ancient Jewish Sources

Further evidence that angels mated with human women, is found in a variety of ancient accounts. An ancient Jewish commentary states: "From them were born the giants who walked about haughtily, and indulged themselves in all manner of theft and corruption and bloodshed" (*Pirquei deR. Eliezer* 22).

In another book of the Apocrypha, the Wisdom of Sirach, we also read of the offspring of the angels and women: "He did not forgive the giants of old, who rebelled in their strength" (Sirach 16:7).

The same message is found in the book known as 3 Maccabees, where we read: "You destroyed men for their wicked deeds in the past, among them giants relying on their own strength and self-confidence, upon whom you brought an immeasurable flood of water" (3 Maccabees 2:4).

Similarly, in the apocryphal book of Baruch, we read the following: "There were born the giants, famous of old, tall in stature, expert in war, God did not choose them or give them the way of knowledge. So they perished, because they had no understanding; they perished through their own folly" (Baruch 3:26-28).

Another ancient Jewish source declares: "The interpretation [*peshet*] concerning Azazel and the angels who went in to the daughters of men and bore them giants, and concerning Azazel [who turned them astray to deceit, to the love of] evil and to pass along wickedness . . ." (*Peshet of the Periods* 7-9, from 4Q180, quoted in *The Bible As It Was*, by James L. Kugel, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1997, p.111).

In the ancient world of the Hebrews, it was common knowledge that in the dim recesses of history, angels had come down from heaven, leaving their proper abode, and cohabited with women, producing a race of giants before the Flood.

The Book of Enoch

A great deal more insight is provided into the subject of angels mating with women in the book of Enoch. The apostle Jude himself, in the New Testament epistle which bears his name, quotes from this ancient book. Enoch was the man of God who "walked with God" "after he became the father of Methuselah for three hundred years" (see Gen.5:21-24). This implies that he did not walk with God before the birth of his son Methuselah. In the Wisdom of Sirach, we are told of Enoch, "Enoch pleased the Lord and was taken up from the earth, a *pattern of repentance for all generations*" (Sirach 44:16). Apparently, Enoch came to conversion at the time surrounding the birth of his son. Jude, inspired by the Spirit of God, quotes from the book of Enoch, "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14-15).

Although the book of Enoch as we have it today is not "scripture," Jude found it worthy to quote from -- much as I quoted from a similar book, the book of Jubilees, earlier in this article. Scholars believe much of the "book of Enoch" which has come down to us, preserved primarily in Ethiopia, dates to the pre-Maccabean period, before 165 B.C.E. (before the common era). Latter parts of it appear to be additions made in the post-Maccabean period, down to about 104 B.C.E. It is therefore a composite book representing numerous periods and writers. Portions of it must go back to the time of Enoch himself, since Jude quoted him directly. The text of the book of Enoch from the Ethiopic, literally translated by Richard Laurence, LL.D., Archbishop of Cashel, professor of Hebrew at the University of Oxford, in 1821, states in this passage: "Behold he comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon them, and destroy the wicked, and reprove all of flesh for every thing which the sinful and ungodly have done, and committed against him" (*The Book of Enoch*, chapter 2). This ancient compilation of history and tradition gives us a great deal of insight regarding the fall of angels and their rebellion, and their decision to marry women. None of the account presented in the Scriptures. The book of Enoch is also translated by James Charlesworth and printed in the *Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*. Notice! It gives us these fascinating details: "In those days, when the children of man had multiplied, it happened that there were born unto them handsome and beautiful daughters. And the angels, the children of heaven, saw them and desired them; and they said to one another, 'Come, let us choose wives for ourselves from among the daughters of man and beget us children.' And Semyaz, being their leader, said unto them, 'I fear that perhaps you will not consent that this deed should be done, and I alone will become (responsible) for this great sin.' But they all responded to him, 'Let us all swear an oath and bind everyone among us by a curse not to abandon this suggestion but to do the deed.' Then they all swore together and bound one another by (the curse). And they were altogether two hundred . . ." (Bk. of Enoch 6:1-6).

"And they took wives unto themselves, and everyone (respectively) chose one woman for himself, and they began to go unto them. And they taught them magical medicine, incantations, the cutting of roots, and taught them (about) plants. And the women became pregnant, and gave birth to great giants whose heights were three hundred cubits [evidently a textual error; more probable, 30 cubits, based on other evidence]. These giants consumed the produce of all the people until the people detested feeding them. So the giants turned against the people in order to eat them. And they began to sin against birds, wild beasts, reptiles and fish. And their flesh was devoured the one by the other, and they drank blood. And then the earth brought an accusation against the oppressors" (Enoch 7:1-6).

These evil angels taught women in the ways of *witchcraft*! They taught them to forget God, and His ways, and to worship the forces of nature -- which is witchcraft. The size of these giants, we are told, was humongous. The figure of 300 cubits is probably an error, however, as other evidence indicates a maximum height of about 30 cubits, or about 45 feet. Is this where the ancient legends of huge giants in the earth originated? What about the child's fable about Jack and the Beanstalk? Obviously, these huge giants completely disrupted the ecosphere, and became a curse to habitat earth. Fear, dread and terror would have been rampant, as their appetites turned from fleshly animals to cannibalism -- human flesh and blood itself! As the giant in the nursery rhyme said: "Fee, fie, foe, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" There may be more to this old "legend" than we have been told!

The book of Enoch goes on: "And Azaz'el [Hebrew, meaning "strong one or goat who goes away, or disappears", another name for Satan the adversary] taught the people (the art of) making swords and knives, and shields and breastplates; and he showed to their chosen

ones bracelets, decorations, (shadowing of the eye) with antimony, ornamentation, the beautifying of the eyelids, all kinds of precious stones, and all coloring tinctures and alchemy. And there were many wicked ones and they committed adultery and erred, and all their conduct became corrupt" (Enoch 8:1-2). The people of the earth groaned under the oppression which resulted from the tyranny and brutality of the new "overlords" of the earth. They cried out to God, "You see what Azazel has done; how he has taught all (forms of) oppression upon the earth. And they revealed eternal secrets which are performed in heaven (and which) man learned. (Moreover) Semyaz, to whom you have given power to rule over his companions, co-operating, they went in unto the daughters of the people on earth; and they lay together with them -- with those women -- and defiled themselves, and revealed to them every (kind of) sin. As for the women, they gave birth to giants to the degree that the whole earth was filled with blood and oppression" (Enoch 9:6-9).

According to the story, God then sent an angel to warn Noah, "Hide yourself!" He told him of the coming deluge to destroy all life that had corrupted its way upon the earth. God instructed Noah what he needed to do to preserve his life, and his progeny. And then, we read: "And secondly the Lord said to Raphael, 'Bind Azazel hand and foot (and) throw him into the darkness!' And he made a hole in the desert which was in Duda'el and cast him there; he threw on top of him rugged and sharp rocks. And he covered his face in order that he may not see light; and in order that he may be sent into the fire on the great day of judgment" (see Enoch 10:1-6).

What will the punishment be of the wicked angels who followed Azazel or Satan into rebellion and lawlessness? God says: "And give life to the earth which the angels have corrupted. And he will proclaim life for the earth: that he is giving life to her. And all the children of the people will not perish through all the secrets (of the angels), which they taught to their sons. *And the whole earth had been corrupted by Azazel's teaching of his (own) actions; and WRITE UPON HIM ALL SIN.* And to Gabriel the LORD said, 'Proceed against the bastards and the reprobates and against all the children of adultery; and destroy the children of adultery and expel the children of the Watchers from among the people. And *send them against one another* (so that) they may be destroyed in the fight [Civil War among the giants!], for length of days have they not And to Michael, God said, 'Make known to Semyaz and the others who are with him, who fornicated with the women, that *they will die together with them in their defilement.* And when they and all their children will have battled with each other, and when they have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them for seventy generations underneath the rocks of the ground until the day of judgment and of their consummation, until the eternal judgment is concluded. *In those days they will lead them into the bottom of the fire -- and in torment --* in the prison (where) they will be locked up forever. *And at that time when they will BURN AND DIE,* those who collaborated with them will be bound together with them henceforth unto the end of (all) generations. And destroy all the souls of pleasure and the children of the Watchers, for they have done injustice to man. Destroy injustice from the face of the earth. And every iniquitous deed will end, and the plant of righteousness and truth will appear forever and he will plant joy" (Enoch 10:7-16).

The First Rebellion of the Rebellious Angels

The original rebellion of wicked angels occurred long before there were men on the earth. God had appointed Lucifer, one of the arch-angels, and a mighty cherub, to rule the earth, and gave him a throne. But eventually he rebelled, and turned against God. We read in the prophecy of Isaiah, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations [of angels]! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt *my throne* above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most high" (Isa. 14:12).

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1), and the angels. But sometime after that original creation, Lucifer, who was to be a "light bringer," as his name implies, became dissatisfied with God's restrictions, and His form of government. He plotted sedition and treason. This wicked cherub influenced and led one third of the angels to rebel against God (Rev. 12:3-4). But God cast them down to earth. As a result of that rebellion, a great destruction was wrought in the earth, and stars -- the earth became *tohu va vohu* -- "waste and desolation" (Gen. 1:2). It was not originally created that way, however (Isaiah 45:18). But it became chaotic, leading God to perform a new act of "creation" as recounted in Genesis 1.

The prophet Ezekiel tells us more about this ancient rebellion -- the first true historic episode of the original "Star Wars." He wrote: "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus [a type of Satan or Lucifer], and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou has been *in Eden the garden of God*; every precious stone was thy covering . . . the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the *day that thou wast CREATED. Thou art the ANOINTED CHERUB that covereth*; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, *till iniquity was found in thee.* By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with VIOLENCE, and *thou hast sinned . . .*" (Ezek. 28:12-16).

This Truth HIDDEN from the World!

This truth that angels did cohabit with women before the Flood and sired "giants" -- and "men of renown" -- may seem incredible -- almost unbelievable. But the plain record of Scriptures, together with apocalyptic sources, the history and traditions of the Jews, Josephus the Jewish historian of the first century, and even the very existence of Greek legends of "gods" marrying women, all together combine to bear witness to the unassailable fact that it really did happen! Why has Satan the devil hidden this truth from the world? Why do all the professing Christian churches, including the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches, deny it? Satan's plot, of course, is to deceive all mankind (Rev. 12:9). He doesn't want mankind to know how he has attempted to "tamper" with the genealogical blood-line of the human race. He doesn't want mankind to know that he and his fallen angels have attempted to THWART the plan of God, to prevent the birth of the Messiah. Also, in his own diabolical, devious way, he seeks to do that which God is doing through the human race: *He and his angels planned to reproduce themselves by the only means available to them -- through sexual relations with human beings -- thus producing their own "children," and "family" and "offspring"!*

Think of it! Satan the devil, in his devious wickedness, seeks to be *like God* in every way. He has never lost his desire to be "like the Most High" (Isa. 14:12-14). God created the human race, in His own image and likeness, and is planning to reproduce spiritual *sons of God*, as many Scriptures attest (see Gen. 1:26; I John 3:1-2; Heb. 2:6-9; Rom. 8:14-21). Even so, Satan has planned to imitate, counterfeit, and *duplicate* the plan of God -- to wrest, pervert, and alter the creation of men, by cohabiting with women to produce his own wicked offspring! Could modern-day accounts of "Alien abductions" be an "end-time" revival of Satan's age-old attempt to duplicate and counterfeit God's plan? Could Satan be attempting to have "offspring," today, in a final all-out attempt to thwart and stop God's Plan?

The Original Snake in the Woodpile

In the garden of Eden, after Adam and Eve had been together for seven years, according to the book of Jubilees, Satan began his dastardly plot. At a time when the "seven year itch" was beginning to set in, and Adam and Eve were becoming complacent, Satan -- in the guise of a seductive serpent -- met Eve in a secret rendezvous, or tryst, and began the old "line." He led her to look away from her husband as her guide, away from the Word of God, and began to toy with her emotions, to make promises to her -- and he *seduced* her, causing her to commit sin. Interestingly, in Genesis 2:25 we read that the man and his wife were "both naked," and that they "were not ashamed." The word for "naked" here is *arom* which is literally translated "nude," or "naked." But the same word is used in Genesis 3:1, where we read, "Now the serpent was more *subtil* than any beast of the field." The word for "subtle" here is also *arum*. Meaning "cunning, crafty, prudent." They are the same word. The literal root meaning is actually "smooth" or "slick," as in smooth or slick skin -- i.e., "naked." A "subtle" person is considered "smooth," or "slick," as in "Slick Willy," a nickname for a famous person today. There is obviously a "play on words," here, in the Hebrew language. Eve later admits that "the serpent *beguiled* me" (Gen.3:13). The Hebrew word is *nasha* meaning "to lead astray, to delude, to seduce." Says the *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*, "to lead into error, to cause to go astray, to seduce, to corrupt." Paul in the New Testament says of this strange encounter, "the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty" (II Cor.11:3). The word for "beguiled" here is *exapatao* which means, "to seduce wholly."

According to the Jewish Talmud, the devil copulated with Eve. The "forbidden fruit" which she partook of was not only a real, literal fruit from a forbidden tree, it was a symbol for something else -- an act of illicit sexual congress with the man-serpent, the fallen cherub, Lucifer the Adversary. There is much more to this story of Eve in the garden of Eden than most have ever supposed. Satan, appearing as a seductive, beautiful creature of light, captured her confidence, won her affection, and mesmerized her with his smooth line of loving attention. Perhaps she had felt a little lonely or neglected by Adam, who was out taming the jungle. In this moment of weakness, she was tempted -- seduced -- and succumbed to the charms of the master deceiver and charmer.

Lucifer and his fallen angels did themselves one better. Not only did they rebel against God aeons ago, in the primordial mists of time, but they inaugurated a plan to cause the human race to deviate from its intended godly purpose. Satan was the first "snake in the woodpile," as the old saying goes. He was not only the first liar, and murderer (John 8:44), he was also the first adulterer, fornicator, and sexual deviate in existence!

"The Sons of God"

Some insist that these "sons of God" in Genesis who married the "daughters of men" are nothing more than the line of Seth, the third son of Adam, and that the daughters of men refers to the women born to the line of Cain. This is the view of the Catholic Church, Augustine, Martin Luther, and other conventional theologians of mainstream Christianity. This makes no sense whatsoever. Only by a divine act of specific creation can any creature be called a "son of God." That which is born of flesh is flesh. As human beings, we all have fleshly parents. Adam only was the exception, being made by the hand of God -- therefore he was a son of God (Luke 3:38), by creation. Those of us who are also "in Christ," and have received His implanted Holy Spirit, are also "sons of God" in the spiritual sense (II Cor.5:17; Eph.2:10). We, too, can be called "sons of God" (Rom.8:14-15; I John 3:1). In the Old Testament, however, the term "sons of God" refers to angels (see Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Psa.29:1; 89:6; Dan.3:25). Therefore, we have no authority to take the expression in Genesis 6:2 and to apply it in any other way. Furthermore, the Septuagint version of the Old Testament Scriptures, plainly translates the term in Genesis 6:3 as "angels of God" (footnote, page 7, Alexandrian text). Those who attempt to explain this verse as the sons of Seth marrying the daughters of Cain simply are unable to believe that angels could cohabit with humankind. However, as we will see later, there is no reason Scripturally why this couldn't have happened!

What Really Happened

Jude says these wicked angels left their own "habitation" (Jude 6). The word is *oiketerion* in Greek, and is also used in II Corinthians 5:2 -- "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our *house* which is from heaven." Says Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of this word, it means, "habitation, house." Thus these angels left their own spirit body, and took on human form! That is how they accomplished this despicable, rebellious act of lust and wanton disregard for the laws of God. The result? Tragedy beyond measure. Wickedness supreme. Murder, lawlessness, and mayhem unparalleled in the history of the entire Universe! The progeny of these rebellious angels were called "giants" -- *Nephilim* in the Hebrew. These were monsters of iniquity, and being superhuman in size and character had to be destroyed once and for all. This grievous intermarriage was an insidious attempt by Satan the devil to prevent the coming of the promised "Seed" of the woman to redeem the human race. He thought that he would pervert and corrupt the blood-line of human beings, so that the Messiah could not be born! It was also an abortive attempt to "play God" on the part of Satan and his fallen angels -- to duplicate and copy God's plan of procreation!

Interestingly, these "half-breeds" of angels and women -- these offspring of the union of wicked angels and women -- since they are not truly "human" in the full sense of the word, have no place in the plan of God, and will not be in the resurrection. They will not be resurrected from the grave in the time to come of the great Judgment. The very name, *Rephaim*, in the Hebrew comes from the root *rapha* which means not only "giant," but also "lax," that is, "ghost," "as dead," "dead, deceased." Says *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*, "flaccid, feeble, weak, only in plural." This authority states, "According to the opinions of the ancient Hebrews, void of blood and animal life, therefore weak and languid like a sick person." Isaiah 26:14 speaks of them, but their name is translated "deceased." Notice! "They are dead, they are deceased [*Rephaim*], they *shall not rise*: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish." Isn't it interesting to note that many of the so-called "aliens" which have been "seen" by various people, when described, all appear rather weak, flaccid, limp, and feeble in appearance, lacking energy and vitality?

"Perfect in His Generations"

Only Noah and his family of his generation had preserved their pedigree pure from Adam. "These are the generations [plural, denoting genealogies and family history] of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his *generations*, and Noah walked with God" (Gen.6:9). The rest of mankind had become corrupted through intermarriage with angels, tainted with the biological effects of such contamination, and their hereditary traits were corrupted -- genes and chromosomes were "tainted." Noah, however, was "perfect" in his genealogy or pedigree. The Hebrew word for "perfect" here is *tamim* and means "without blemish." It is the word for bodily and physical perfection. It is rendered "without blemish" (Exo.12:5, etc.), "without spot" (Num.19:2, etc.), and "undefiled" (Psalm 119:1).

The word *Nephilim* itself means, literally, "fallen ones" (from *naphal*, "to fall"). These beings were evidently great in size and great in wickedness. They were superhuman, abnormal beings, and their destruction was necessary for the preservation of the human race. The children of the perverted sexual relationships between fallen angels and women "became [the] mighty men [Hebrew, *gibbor*, meaning "tyrants, the "heroes"], which were of old, men of renown" (Gen.6:4). The word for "renown" literally means "men of the name," that is, men who got a reputation and were renowned for their strength, prowess, ungodliness, and evil deeds.

The Punishment Decreed on Satan and His Angels

The Word of God says, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom.6:23). How will the Eternal God, the Ever-living, Almighty Majesty of heaven, punish Satan and his fallen angels, for their crimes against heaven? How will He destroy this wicked but powerful Lucifer who became vain and self-centered, whose heart was lifted up with vanity and pride, lust and arrogance? What will be the fate of the original "Rebel without a cause," and his minions of rebellious angels? Ezekiel tells us: "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, *till iniquity was found in thee*. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with VIOLENCE, and *thou hast sinned*: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: *and I will DESTROY thee, O covering cherub*, from the midst of the stones of fire" (Ezek.28:12-16). God inspired Ezekiel to write the epitaph of this creature of the night as follows: "I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall DEVOUR thee, and I will bring thee to ASHES upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more" (vs.17-18).

The prophet Malachi describes this awesome day of divine vengeance. He writes: "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud [including Satan/Lucifer, the "king of pride"], yea, and all that do wickedly [the wicked angels, as well as men], shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Mal.4:1). The wicked angels will perish in the flames of Gehenna fire, at the end of this age, along with all the incorrigible wicked among men, and Satan the devil himself. Jesus Christ foretold it when he declared, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire [that is, *aeonian* or age-ending fire which has an everlasting, permanent result!], prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt.25:41).

The Final Fate of Satan

At that time the devil himself will be destroyed. At that time, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, will fulfill the prophecy and "DESTROY him that had the power of death, that is, the DEVIL" (Hebrews 2:14). The word for "destroy" here is *kartageo* and literally means "to reduce to inactivity." Anything which is completely "motionless," and totally "inactive," is DEAD! The word is translated "abolish" in Ephesians 2:15 and II Tim.1:10. It is rendered "is abolished" in II Cor.3:13. It means to annul, abolish, render useless. At that time, all who rebel against God, all who have chosen the way of Cain and the path of Balaam, will perish. As David wrote in the book of Psalms, "Or, I say, *though you are gods, all sons of the Most High, YET, LIKE MERE MEN, YOU SHALL DIE, you shall DIE LIKE A DEMON*" (Psalm 82:6-7, Moffatt translation).

Now notice the Scripture in Revelation 20:10, which describes Satan's fate: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and [they -- the devil and his demons -- see the Englishman's Greek interlinear] shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev.20:10). They shall be tormented forever, until they completely die -- and perish -- and are totally consumed and destroyed and are rendered *totally inactive and motionless -- without a thought, idea, or any activity of any kind that presupposes "life."* This final fate of Satan and his rebellious angels was also revealed to Enoch himself. We read further in the intriguing Book of Enoch: "Enoch, scribe of righteousness, go and make known to the Watchers of heaven who have abandoned the high heaven, the holy eternal place, and have defiled themselves with women, as their deeds move the children of the world, and have taken unto themselves wives: They have defiled themselves with great defilement upon the earth; neither will there be peace unto them nor the forgiveness of sin. For their children delight in seeing the murder of their beloved ones" (Enoch 12:4-6).

The imprisoned fallen angels besought Enoch to intercede for them to God. But God told Enoch to tell them, "Accordingly he has created me and given me the word of understanding so that I may reprimand the Watchers, the children of heaven. I wrote down your prayers -- so it appeared in vision -- for your prayers will not be heard throughout all the days of eternity; and judgment is passed upon you. From now on you will not be able to ascend into heaven unto all eternity, but you shall remain inside the earth, imprisoned all the days of eternity" (Enoch 14:3-5). That is, they will be imprisoned for the ages, *until* the final day of Judgment! God further tells Enoch, "Do not fear, Enoch, righteous man, scribe of righteousness; come near to me and hear my voice. And tell the Watchers of heaven . . . It is meet (for you) that you intercede on behalf of man, and not man on your behalf. For what reason have you abandoned the high, holy and eternal heaven; and slept with women and defiled yourselves with the daughters of the people, taking wives, acting like the children of the earth, and begetting giant sons? Surely you, you [used to be] holy, spiritual, the living ones, [possessing] eternal life; but (now) you have defiled yourselves with women, and with the blood of the flesh begotten children, you have lusted with the blood of the people, like them producing blood and flesh, (which) die and perish. On that account, I have given you wives in order that (seeds) might be sown upon them and children born by them . . . Indeed you, formerly you were spiritual, (having) eternal life, and immortal in all the generations of the world. That is why (formerly) I did not make wives for you, for the dwelling of the spiritual beings of heaven is heaven" (Enoch 15:1-7).

Enoch was also given a vision of the final fate of the rebellious angels, and the demon spirits, which are allowed to exist until the end of this age. Of the final time of great judgment, Enoch wrote: "And I saw a deep pit with heavenly fire on its pillars; I saw inside them descending pillars of fire that were immeasurable (in respect to both) altitude and depth. . . . (Then) the angel said (to me), (This place is the (ultimate) end of heaven and earth: it is the prison house for the stars and the powers of heaven. And the stars which roll over upon the fire, they are the ones which have transgressed the commandments of God from the beginning of their rising because they did not arrive punctually [or, marginal footnote, 'because they did not come in their (allotted) time']. And he was wroth with them, and bound them until the time of the completion of their sin in the year of mystery" (Enoch 18:10-16).

Indeed, they will be tormented "forever" -- until they die! Until they lose consciousness, and perish! Remember, the Greek word "aeonian" can and often means "age-lasting," or "so long as the conditions exist." Similarly, in the Old Testament God said that a man could be another man's slave "forever" -- that is, until his DEATH, or until he ceased to exist. God says the heathen in the land could be the bondmen of Israel "for ever" (Lev.25:46, KJV). The New International Version has God saying to Israel, "you can make them slaves FOR

LIFE." See also Deuteronomy 15:17. The King James translates the Hebrew "olam" as "FOREVER," but the New International Version has "for LIFE." The Hebrew word means "concealed, ie., the vanishing point." It can mean eternal, everlasting, perpetual, or till out of mind, till vanished, gone, lasting, long time. What, then, about Revelation 20:10? In this verse we read that the devil will be cast into the Gehenna fire, "and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." What does this actually mean?

Obviously, the wicked will be tormented, and in torment and anguish, gnashing their teeth, FOR LIFE -- that is, UNTIL THE MOMENT OF DEATH! -- till they VANISH AWAY and are GONE! Day and night, their final penalty of sin will hang over them, tormenting them, until their judgment arrives, and their fate beckons, and they are finally CONSUMED in the flames which destroy them! They will experience the same sort of anguish and torment which grips murderers on "Death Row," as they wait until their final moment of judgment, and their rendezvous with the electric chair, and that final surge of electricity jolts their flesh and burns and terminates their life! They will hang in torment as long as God allows, until that final moment comes.

The Greek Word "Eis"

Thayer's Greek English Lexicon shows that the word "for" in Revelation 20:10 is actually the word "eis" and would more properly be translated as "to, toward, or into." The Greek word "eis" is a preposition and denotes "entrance into, or direction and limit: into, to, towards, for, among." It can simply be rendered "to" or even "towards," Thayer says, "as if it indicated merely MOTION TOWARDS A DESTINATION." Says the Lexicon, "If the surface only of the place entered is touched or occupied, *eis*, like the Latin *in*, may (often) be rendered on, upon, (sometimes by unto . . . to mark the LIMIT REACHED, or where one sets foot." The Lexicon adds, the word "eis" has the sense "of motion into the vicinity of a place; where it may be rendered to, near, towards." Therefore, the punishment of Satan, his demons, and all the wicked, will last up to a point, up until the limit or destination is reached -- that is, total annihilation and termination of being, the end of life itself. In this case, the usage of the word *eis* shows that the torment of Satan will be up to the beginning point of "eternity," that is, the New Heavens and New Earth, which will be created AFTER this present system is totally consumed in a final fiery holocaust. In that age-ending, final conflagration, Satan and his demons will also be "terminated" -- destroyed -- and left utterly abolished, cancelled out, obliterated. They will be destroyed completely, till nothing is left, as Malachi says -- "neither root nor branch." The smoke of their torment will rise up "to" the beginning of the new Age to Come -- as God re-creates the Universe!

Consider this analogy. An earthly traveler goes along a road and comes to the outskirts of a city. He comes to a sign marking the city limits. The sign says "Welcome to Pocatello, Idaho." He has reached the city. He has come to Pocatello. He has been proceeding toward it, and now he has reached it -- but he has not entered INTO it. He has reached the edge of the city ("eis"), but he has not gone into it or passed through to the center or gone on through to the other side! Even so it is with the Greek word "eis." In Revelation 20:10, where it describes the fate of Satan and the beast and false prophet [remember, the Greek says "THEY" all suffered the torment], this word means they suffered UP TO THE THRESHOLD OF "FOREVER." IT DOES NOT MEAN THEY WILL SUFFER THROUGHOUT ALL ETERNITY, but up to the "edge" or outer limits of eternity. They will suffer up to the BORDER of eternity, at which point their suffering, anguish and torment will cease because they themselves will "cease" to exist -- they will die, be destroyed, suffer total annihilation. When the elements melt with fiery heat, and the stars and galaxies, and everything physical, is destroyed, the wicked also -- including Satan and his demons -- will likewise be destroyed. Jesus Himself said the wicked among men would PERISH along with Satan and his demons. He declared, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory, and all nations will be gathered in front of him; he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, setting the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. . . . Then he will say to those on his left [the goats, symbolizing the wicked among men], 'Begone from me, accursed ones, to the eternal fire which has been prepared FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS' (Matt.25:31-41, Moffatt). This final age-ending fire will destroy all the wicked, root and branch! Notice! This fire is prepared for -- who? -- "for the devil and his angels"! This great holocaust will be created *precisely* in order to destroy SATAN and his demonic hordes who followed him in rebellion -- as well as all the incorrigibly wicked among men!

Chapter Two

"There Were GIANTS in the Earth in Those Days . . ."

Ancient history and legend, as well as the Bible, attest to the fact that there were once GIANTS in the earth -- men of awesome dimensions, bulk and height! Where did these gigantic men and women originate? Does their existence relate to the sins of the fallen angels who cohabited with women? Could such mindboggling, incredible events occur again during this End-time? In the book of Genesis we read the blunt, categorical statement: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God [angels] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. . . . There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men [had sexual relations with them], that they bare CHILDREN to them, the same became MIGHTY MEN which were of old, men of renown" (Gen.6:1-4).

Who were these "giants" and men of "renown"? What does the Bible tell us about them? This is a fascinating story -- one that needs to be told! What happens when a spirit being appears as flesh, and unites with a mortal woman, and their two seeds join -- the sperm of the male and the egg of the female? This was a union which God had forbidden -- for good reason. The offspring which resulted, were not only proud, insolent, arrogant, and self-centered -- they were also extremely cunning in some cases -- and they were sometimes GIGANTIC in stature! They disrupted the entire ecology and balance of life of the world before the Flood. Admits the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* "Who, or what, then, were the Nephilim? In the only other passage where the word occurs (Num.13:32-33), it clearly means *giants*, being derived . . . from the mutually related roots of three verbs, yielding the fundamental idea of HUGE, EXTRAORDINARY SIZE. Nor can it be deemed incredible that in the antediluvian age, when, from the remains of quadrupeds and other inferior animals, we see that they were of an immensely larger type than the existing race of them exhibits . . . "Archaeology, too, show, from the traditional fables of the classical poets, as well as from the colossal monuments that are extant, that there were people in remote times of CYCLOPEAN STRENGTH; and whether this . . . was the characteristic peculiarity of a certain class only, various circumstances contribute to warrant the conclusion, that in the world before the Flood there were Titans distinguished by corporeal stature and energies far above the present scale. But although the idea of GIGANTIC POWER does underlie the language of the sacred historian, the term *Nephilim* seems to bear a deeper significance; and if etymology may guide us, it describes a class of men of worthless and at the same time of violent character. . . intimating that the *Nephilim* were marauding nomads -- men of a violent, overbearing, lawless character -- who abused their bodily powers to obtain their selfish ends;

who were constantly roving from place to place in quest of plunder, and, emerging suddenly from their retreat, made attacks both on the property and the lives of men" (*Critical Experimental Commentary*, vol.1, p. 89).

Giants AFTER the Flood, Too!

Men of gigantic stature are also mentioned as existing after the Flood of Noah's time. When the children of Israel sent spies into the land of Canaan, preparatory to invading the land, they were appalled to find *giants* dwelling in the land. They gave to Moses and the people a frightening, dismaying report: "Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. . . . We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are *men of great stature*. And there we saw the GIANTS, the sons of Anak, which come of the GIANTS: and we were in our own sight as *grasshoppers, and so were we in their sight*" (Numbers 13:28-33). The word for "giants" here is the same word used in Genesis 6:4 -- the *Nephilim*. Obviously, therefore, some of them lived after the Flood.

A Second Irruption of Giants

Where did these giants come from? Since all the Pre-Flood giants were destroyed by each other, or before the Flood, these must have been born to disobedient angels who sinned by cohabiting with women soon *after* the Deluge. Says the Companion Bible: "But we read of the *Nephilim* again in Num.13:33: 'there we saw the *Nephilim*, the sons of Anak, which come of the *Nephilim*.' How, it may be asked, could this be, if they were all destroyed in the Flood? The answer is contained in Gen.6:4, where we read: 'There were *Nephilim* in the earth in those days (i.e., in the days of Noah); and also AFTER THAT, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them, the same became the mighty men (Heb. *gibbor*, the heroes) which were of old, men of renown' (lit. *men of the name*, i.e. who got a name and were renowned for their ungodliness). "So that 'after that,' i.e. after the Flood, there was a *second* irruption of these fallen angels, evidently smaller in number and more limited in area, for they were for the most part confined in Canaan, and were in fact known as the 'nations of Canaan.' It was for the destruction of these, that the sword of Israel was necessary, as the Flood had been before. "As to the date of this second irruption, it was evidently soon after it became known that the seed was to come through Abraham; for, when he came out from Haran (Gen. 12:6) and entered Canaan, the significant fact is stated: 'The Canaanite was then (i.e. *already*) in the land.' And in Gen.14:5 they were already known as 'Rephaim' and 'Emim,' and had established themselves at Ashteroth Karnaim and Shaveh Kiriathaim" (Appendix 25).

Satan knew that the promised Messiah would come through the descendants of Abraham. Satan adopted a pre-emptive strategy and bred more "giants" to occupy the Promised Land to prevent the Israelites from being able to occupy it. His plan aborted, however, when the Israelites under Moses and later Joshua conquered the inhabitants of the land, and destroyed the remaining Anakim.

Another Race of Giants -- the Rephaim

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses writes of the land of Moab, "The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; which also were accounted *giants*, as the Anakims" (Deut.2:10-11). The word for "giant" here is *Raphah*, which means "giant." Interestingly, the same word also means "ghost, dead, deceased." The Rephaim were another of the lines of giants which existed after the Flood. Moses tells us of the land of Moab, "That 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" (v.20-21).

Og, the king of Bashan, conquered by Moses and the Israelites on their entrance into the Promised Land, was one of the giants. "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the *remnant of giants*; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits [approximately 14 feet!] was the length thereof, and four cubits [6 feet] the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man [i.e., a normal man -- the normal cubit measured 18 inches]" (Deut.3:11). Bashan, the land of Og, was called "the land of giants"(v.13; see also Josh.12:4, 13:12). The valley of Hinnom, the refuse dump for Jerusalem, a type of the final Gehenna fire, lay eastward of the "valley of the giants" (Josh.15:8; 18:16). Joshua 17:15 mentions the "Rephaim," another branch of the "giants." These dwelt in the region near Sodom and Gomorrah in the time of Abraham (Gen.14:5; 15:20; see also II Sam.5:18,22; 23:13). In an ancient text of the Jews, we read an astonishing description of some of these gigantic Amorites whom the Israelites conquered. In Buber's *Tanhuma, Devarim* 7, the text tells us of a Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai's encounter with the Roman Emperor Hadrian. This event occurred in about A.D. 135, soon after the Roman victory in the Bar Kochba war, when the Jews rebelled against the Romans. The text reads: "The wicked emperor Hadrian, who conquered Jerusalem, boasted, 'I have conquered Jerusalem with great power.' Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai said to him, 'Do not boast. Had it not been the will of Heaven, you would not have conquered it.' Rabbi Johanan then took Hadrian into a cave and showed him the *bodies of Amorites* who were buried there. **One of them measured eighteen cubits [approximately 30 feet] in height.** He said, 'When we were deserving, such men were defeated by us, but now, because of our sins, you have defeated us'" (quoted in *Judaism*, edited by Arthur Hertzberg, p.155-156, George Braziller, New York: 1962). *Thirty feet tall! The bones of these men were still in existence during the time of Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century!*

The "Giants" of Mythology and Early History

These mighty "giants" of old were the source and origin of the Greek legends of gods coming down from heaven and marrying women, having incestuous and adulterous relationships, "Cyclops," and other "Titans" and giants. They may also explain the difficulties engineers have had in explaining the construction of the great pyramid and the movement of the massive blocks of stone weighing hundreds of tons! Says the *Companion Bible*: "If these *Nephilim* . . . were associated with Egypt, we have an explanation of the problem which has for ages perplexed all engineers, as to how those huge stones and monuments were brought together. . . . "Moreover, we have in these mighty men, the 'men of renown,' the explanation of the origin of the Greek mythology. That mythology was no mere *invention* of the human brain, but it grew out of the traditions, and memories, and legends of the doings of that mighty race of beings; and was gradually evolved out of the 'heroes' of Gen.6:4. The fact that they were supernatural in their origin formed an easy step to their being regarded as the demi-gods of the Greeks" (appendix 25).

The *Companion Bible* adds: "Thus the Babylonian 'Creation Tablets,' the Egyptian 'Book of the Dead,' the Greek mythology, and heathen Cosmogonies, which by some are set on an equality with Scripture, or by others adduced in support of it, are all the corruption and perversion of primitive truths, distorted in proportion as their origin was forgotten, and their memories faded away" (*Companion Bible*,

appendix 25). The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, eleventh edition, provides more insight into the giants of old. Although the editors of the Britannica did not endorse the idea of real "giants" as having lived in the past, they put together a very interesting description of a theme which runs throughout ancient times -- that of real living giants.

Notice: "When reading in Homer of 'the Cyclopes and the *wild tribes of the Giants*,' or of Odysseus in the cave of Polyphemus (Homer, *Odys.* vii, 206; ix), we seem to come into view of dim traditions, exaggerated [sic] through the mist of ages, of Pre-Hellenic barbarians, godless, cannibal, skin-clothed, hurling huge stones in their rude warfare. *Giant-legends of this class are common in Europe and Asia*, where the *big and stupid giants* would seem to have been barbaric tribes exaggerated [sic] into monsters in the legends of those who dispossessed and slew them. *In early times it was usual for cities to have their legends of giants*. Thus London had Gog and Magog, whose effigies (14 ft. high) still stand in the Guildhall; Antwerp had her Antigonus, 40 ft. high; Douai had Gayant, 22 ft. high, and so on" (v.11, p.926). The Roman historian Pliny relates that an Arabian, Gabbarus, was about 9 and one half feet tall, and he also mentions a Posio and Secundila who were half a foot taller. Why should this seem so strange or unbelievable to moderns? The Scriptures tell us that David slew Goliath (whose name means "an exile"), a famous giant of the city of Gath, who was probably descended from the ancient Rephaim, of whom a remnant took refuge among the Philistines (Deut.2:20-21; II Sam.21:22). Goliath's height was "six cubits and a span," making him 9 feet and 9 inches tall!

Possible footprints of ancient gigantic men have been found in places like the Paluxy riverbed in eastern Texas. A tooth weighing 4 and three quarters pounds, and a thigh bone 17 feet long were found in New England in 1712, and were at that time thought to be evidence of the existence of ancient men of prodigious size in the antediluvian world. Giants in the streets of Basel, supporting the arms of Lucerne, seem to have originated from fossil bones found in 1577. Examined by the physician Felix Plater, they were pronounced as having belonged to a giant some 16 or 19 feet high.

According to ancient English history, the giant effigies (dating from 1708 and replacing those destroyed in the Great Fire of London) of Gog and Magog in Guildhall were the survivors of a race of giants. Says the *Recuyell des histoires de Troye*, Brute [Brutus] and his companions, when they fled ancient Troy, sailed through the Mediterranean, and up the coast of Europe, eventually invading England. "Gog and Magog" were among a race of giants they encountered. After the giants were defeated, these two were brought to London (Troy-novant or "New Troy") and compelled to officiate as porters at the gate of the royal palace. According to Geoffrey of Monmouth, Goemot or Goemagzot (either corrupted from or into "Gog and Magog") was a giant, who, along with his brother Corineus, tyrannized in the western horn of England until slain by foreign invaders ("Gog," *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 11th edition, vol.12. p.190). The Jewish historian Josephus, writing of the time of the Exodus and conquest of Canaan, tells us further:

"There were till then left the RACE OF GIANTS, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. *The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, unlike to any credible relations of other men*" (*Ant.*, V,ii,3). Josephus relates that remnants of the race of giants still lived in David's day, about 1000 years before Christ. After one particular battle when king David made war against the Philistines, putting them to flight, he was tired and left alone, and one of the enemy saw him, "whose name was Achmon, the son of Araph; he was *one of the sons of the giants*. He had a spear, the handle of which weighed three hundred shekels, and a breastplate of chain-work, and a sword. He turned back, and ran violently to slay [David] their enemy's king, for he was quite tired out with labour; but Abishai, Joab's brother, appeared on the sudden, and protected the king with his shield, as he lay down, and slew the enemy" (*Ant.*, VII, xii,1). The handle or staff of this giant's spear weighed about 75 pounds!

Why Do Skeptics Scoff?

Is it really so unbelievable that angels would marry and have sexual intercourse with women before the Flood, producing "giants" and "men of renown"? Where do all the ancient legends of the Greeks, Romans, and others come from which relate that heavenly beings sired offspring by mating with women? Ancient Sumerian records tell of gods descending from the stars and fertilizing their ancestors. Such interbreeding is supposed to have produced the first men on the earth. The native inhabitants of Malekula, in the New Hebrides, believe that the first men were direct descendants of the sons of heaven. The Incas believed that they were the descendants of the "sons of the Sun." The Japanese believe that their Emperor is descended from the sun god. South sea islanders trace their ancestry back to a god from heaven who they claim visited them in an enormous "egg." The Koreans believe that a heavenly king, Hwanin, sent his son, Hwanung, to earth, who married a woman of the earth and gave birth to a son, Tangun Wanggom. In India ancient Sanskrit texts tell of "gods" begetting children with women of earth, and how these children inherited the "supernatural" skills and learning of their "fathers." In the Epic of Gilgamesh, from the Middle East, we learn that "watchers" -- the same expression as used in the book of Enoch - came to planet earth and produced giants as offspring! An early Persian myth tells of the earth becoming corrupted by demons who allied themselves with women.

Early Christians and Jews Both Believed Angels Cohabited with Women and Produced Giants!

Why is this so hard for many "moderns" to believe? The Jewish rabbis and sages invariably interpreted the "sons of God" expression in Genesis 6:1-4 as referring to angels. Says archaeologist William F. Albright, dean of Biblical archaeology, "The Israelites who heard this section (Gen.6:2) recited unquestionably thought of intercourse between angels and women" (Albright, *From the Stone Age to Christianity*, p.226). The Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria, who was an acquaintance of the apostle Peter and who respected Peter highly, wrote a treatise on this subject, entitled "Concerning the Giants." He renders the expression "sons of God" as "angels of God." Philo took the passage in Genesis as historical fact and did not question or doubt it. He explains that the word "angel" refers to both good and bad beings. The bad angels, who followed Lucifer, at a later point in time failed to resist the temptation of physical desire, and gave in to their lusts. Philo says the story of the giants is not a myth, but is in the Scriptures to teach us that some men are earth-born, and some are heaven-born, but the highest are God-born, or born of God (i.e., have the Spirit of God within them!). According to Philo: "But he [Moses] relates that these GIANTS were sprung from a combined procreation of two natures, namely, from angels and mortal women; for the substance of angels is spiritual; but it occurs every now and then that on emergencies occurring they have imitated the appearance of men, and transformed themselves so as to assume the human shape; as they did on this occasion, when forming connections with women for the production of giants. . . ." (*The Works of Philo*, page 811).

The earliest church fathers also believed in the literal truth of the fact that angels cohabited with women before the Flood. Among those who believed in the truth of this historical fact, and Biblical reference, were such early church leaders as Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Athenagorus, Tertullian, Lactantius, Eusebius the church historian during the time of Constantine, and Ambrose.

According to the Clementine Homilies, in *The Ante-Nicean Fathers*, we read: "But when, having assumed these forms, they convicted as covetous those who stole them, and changed themselves into the nature of men, in order that, living holily, and showing the possibility of so living, they might subject the ungrateful to punishment, yet having become in all respects men, they also partook of human lust, and being brought under its subjection they fell into cohabitation with women; and being involved with them, and sunk in defilement and altogether emptied of their first power, were unable to turn back to the first purity of their proper nature . . . But from their unhallowed intercourse spurious men sprang, much greater in stature than ordinary men, whom they afterwards called giants; not those dragon-footed giants who waged war against God, as those blasphemous myths of the Greeks do sing, but wild in manners, and greater than men in size, inasmuch as they were sprung from angels; yet less than angels, as they were born of women" (vol.8, page 273). In fact, this opinion was universal in the ancient world. Nowhere before the 5th century A.D. do we find any other interpretation for "sons of God" in Genesis 6:2 other than that of "angels." Nowhere.

If the writer of Genesis had wanted to refer to the "sons of Seth," instead of calling them "sons of God" (which would have been a great misnomer), he would simply have called them "the sons of Seth"! Why is this so hard for so many people to grasp? The Bible interprets itself -- and throughout the Old Testament, "sons of God" refers invariably and always to "angels"!

What Does It All Mean?

Is there a lesson in these fascinating facts for us, today? Satan the devil has always been out to destroy the plan of God, and to eradicate the human race. His attempts have fallen short of the mark. However, the Bible warns us that once again, in these "last days," he is going to make one final all-out attempt to destroy the work of God! In ancient times, fallen angels were experimenting with human women -- attempting "breeding experiments" with them. Is it possible that even today, in the guise of "humanoids," or "extraterrestrials" who claim to come from other planets, that Satan and his demons and fallen angels are once again trying to revive their age-old experiments? Is Satan and his legion of spirit beings striving to solve the riddle of human procreation, in order to out-wit God who has made them incapable of reproduction among themselves? Is it possible that some of the strange accounts of bizarre "flying saucer" abductions, and stories told by "survivors" of such encounters, is really an end-time manifestation of this ancient phenomenon?

Perversion of Animals, Too!

Clearly, the Biblical record demonstrates that wicked, fallen angels cohabited with women before the Flood -- which was a major cause why God had to destroy that wicked world! But not only women, there is evidence that angels also had sexual relations with animals -- cattle and quadrupeds -- further perverting and contaminating the heredity and seed of "all flesh." The sin was so rampant that God declared, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; *both man and beast*, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made *them*" (Gen.6:7).

Why was God upset even with the creation of the animal world? Because it, too, had become contaminated! We read, "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, IT was CORRUPT; for *ALL FLESH* had corrupted his way upon the earth" (Gen.6:12). We read: "And God said unto Noah, the end of *ALL FLESH* is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence *through them* [the fallen angels, having instructed mankind in the ways of violence, and producing violent offspring!]; and, behold, I will destroy *THEM with the earth*" (v.13). Because of the great lawlessness rampant in the earth, God decided to destroy *ALL* flesh -- not just human beings! This indicates that all flesh had become contaminated to some degree.

The book of Enoch fills us in on a few of the details. We read: "The angels of your heavens are now committing sin (upon the earth), and your wrath shall rest upon the flesh of the people until (the arrival of) the great day of judgment" (Enoch 84:4). "Again I saw (a vision) with my own eyes as I was sleeping, and saw the lofty heaven; and as I looked, a star fell down from heaven [Lucifer, or Satan -- compare Luke 10:18] but (managed) to rise and eat and to be pastured among those cows. Then I saw these big and dark cows, and behold they all changed their cattle-sheds, their pastures, *and their calves*; and they began to lament with each other. Once again I saw a vision, and I observed the sky and behold, I saw *many stars* descending and casting themselves down from the sky upon that first star; and they became bovids [cattle, or quadrupeds] among those calves and were pastured together with them, in their midst. I kept observing, and behold, I saw all of them extending their sexual organs like horses and commencing to mount upon the heifers, the bovids; and they (the latter) all became pregnant and bore elephants, camels, and donkeys. So (the cattle) became fearful and frightened of them . . ." (Enoch 86:1-5).

Here was sexual perversion and corruption on a massive scale -- experimentation which knew no bounds. Because of these wicked angels, God determined that not just mankind, but "all flesh" had corrupted His way upon the earth (Gen.6:12), and that He would have to destroy "both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air" (verse 7) -- God was sorry that He had made "them" (same verse)! As a result of that Flood, "Every *living substance* was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark" (Gen.7:23). Sexual genetic cross-breeding with angels was a sin that God could not tolerate or countenance. Virtually the whole earth had to be destroyed! This indicates that animals, as well as mankind, had been the victims of angelic experimentation, and had become corrupted by the disobedient angels!

An allusion to the nature of this great sin is found in the book of Jude. When we read Jude carefully, we notice that the fallen angels were guilty of the *SAME SINS* as were being committed by the wicked Sodomites -- sexual perversions of every kind. Notice: "And the angels which kept not their first estate [heaven], but left their own habitation [house or body, changing into flesh], he hath reserved in everlasting chains . . . *EVEN AS Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them IN LIKE MANNER, giving themselves over to FORNICATION* [Greek, *pomeia* meaning "whoredom, adultery, sexual immorality," and sexual deviation and perversion of all types], and *going after STRANGE FLESH* [i.e. even bestiality and sexual intercourse with *animals!*], are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 6-7). Thus Satan the devil was the first and the original "sexual deviate" -- the first sexual "pervert"! He was not only a liar and a murderer from the beginning, as Jesus Christ said (John 8:44), but he was also the first to "defile the flesh" (Jude 8). He and his angels, "as brute beasts," corrupted themselves (Jude 10), and led mankind down the same rebellious path, despising the dominion of Heaven! (verse 8).

"As It Was in the Days of Noah"

Jesus Christ made a remarkable prophecy which correlates with this ancient phenomenon. He declared, in the Mount Olivet prophecy, detailing the signs of His impending Second Coming, that in the "last days" of this earth civilization once again things would become so bad, so out of control, that they would be comparable to the days of Noah -- *in every way!* Notice! Speaking of these "End times," He declared,

"For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, *such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time*, no, nor ever shall be. And *except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH be saved*: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt.24:21-22). Did you get it? These last days were prophesied to be *EVEN WORSE than the time of Noah!* Unless they are cut short, once again God would have to destroy the whole world in a final conflagration of fiery judgment! Moffatt translates this verse: "Had not those days been cut short, *not a soul would be saved ALIVE*; however, for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short" (Matt.24:22, Moffatt).

But Jesus went even further. In a very pointed statement He declared: "But **AS THE DAYS OF NOAH WERE**, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt.24:37-39). "And **AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:26-27). What's wrong with eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage? Nothing, so long as they are done in accordance with the divine laws of God! God did not punish the antediluvian world because they were merely carrying on life as "normal." The fact is, they were NOT "normal" -- everything was *perverted!* They were eating the wrong things -- even cannibalism and human flesh and blood! They were entering the "forbidden zone," and performing the *wrong kind of marriages!* Some of these evil marriages involved wicked, fallen angels and women (Gen.6:1-4)! Others involved "homosexual marriages"! But notice! Jesus said, "*so it shall be also in the days of the Son of man!*"! Once again, in our day, history has already begun to repeat itself!

Another "War in Heaven"

Once again, within the next few years, there is going to be "war in heaven" and Satan the devil will be cast out, and down to this earth. In the book of Revelation we read that in the time just ahead of us, Satan is once more going to stage an attack on God's throne in heaven. John records: "And there was **WAR IN HEAVEN**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out *into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him*" (Rev.12:7-9). History repeats itself! Just as angels were cast out of heaven aeons ago, and left their first estate during the time of Noah, and performed wicked acts upon the earth, so once again -- in **OUR TIME** -- they will again be cast down to the earth, after suffering defeat in a great cosmic conflict -- war in heaven! Satan's final battle to seize God's Throne in heaven will fail, and he and his angels will be hurled down to the earth, filled with seething hatred. John goes on: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev.12:7-12). At that coming time Satan will launch a persecution of the people of God such as has never before occurred in all history. It will be a time of terrible tribulation and suffering. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman [the church of God, those truly zealous and obeying the commandments of God] were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place [a place of safety, security and refuge!], where she is nourished for a time, times, and half a time [three and one half years], from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to **MAKE WAR** against the *remnant of her seed*, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev.12:13-17).

"A THIRD Irruption"

When Satan and his demons are cast back down to this earth, filled with boiling hatred and seething violence, they will once again seek to pervert and destroy mankind. In a final attempt to avert their fate, they will embark on a program of sexual experimentation, deviation, and programming to attempt to find a "magic bullet" to enable them to defeat God, and His Plan! Demonic accounts of the rape and seduction of human beings by "flying saucer" aliens, today, is just the beginning of another round -- a "third irruption" -- of angelic beings cohabiting with women. Once again, the fruits will be devilish -- confusion, chaos, sensuality, strife, and every evil work (James 3:14-16). There may not be literal "giants," physically, this time. But like other human beings. The strange absorption of the motion picture industry today with demonic rape and seduction -- movies such as "Rosemary's Baby," the "Amityville Horror," and others like "Independence Day," "Armageddon," and "Alien" -- seems to be focussing the world's attention on such concepts, in a perverted manner. Once again, Satan the devil and his angels are "pulling out the stops" and going "all out" to get their "revenge" on God by perverting the ways of God upon the earth, as they did in Noah's time! Jesus meant literally what He said! "*As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man!*"!

But Jesus Himself said: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

Chapter Three

Eve and the Serpent What really happened in the Garden?

What really happened in the Garden of Eden? Why did Eve state, when Cain was born, "I have gotten a *man* from (or with) the Lord"? There may be much more to the story of Cain and Abel than modern men have remotely begun to realize! Consider the following: We read in the Tanakh in concise, cryptic, mysterious words, "Now the man *knew* his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have *gained* a male child with the help of the LORD. She then bore his brother Abel. Abel became a keeper of sheep, and Cain became a tiller of the soil" (Gen.4:1-2). The Hebrew word for "knew" in this verse is *yada* and often means to know or experience in a sexual sense. The Hebrew word for "gained" is *qanithi*, which is connected with "Cain."

The King James Version here has, "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a *man* from the LORD." The Hebrew word for "man" is *ish*, and means "a man as an individual or a male person" (*Strong's Concordance*, #376). The same word is used in Genesis 2:23-24 where we read that Adam said, speaking of Eve, "She shall be called Woman [Heb., *Isha*], because she was taken out of Man [Heb., *Ish*]. Therefore shall a *man [ish]* leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Notice that the word "man" literally refers to a "man" or "manly" person, generally to an adult male person.

This comment by Eve concerning her first-born son has stirred commentary from scholars and early Biblical exegetes, and Jewish scribes and commentators, as being very strange. A straight-forward reading of the text would seem to suggest that Adam had sexual congress with his wife Eve, and the logical assumption is that this led to the conception and birth of Cain, her first-born son. But why did Eve refer to Cain, as a swaddling baby, as a "man"? And why, also, does she say that she got him "from the LORD"? And why did she name him "Cain," meaning "acquired," "possession," "get," by translation into English?

The Antiquities of the Jews

Josephus, the Jewish historian, tells us in his *Antiquities of the Jews*, about the story of Cain and Abel. He writes: "Adam and Eve had two sons. The elder of them was named Cain, which name, when it is interpreted, signifies *a possession*; the younger was Abel, which signifies *sorrow*. They had also daughters. Now, the two brethren were pleased with different courses of life; for Abel, the younger, was a lover of righteousness, and, believing that God was present at all his actions, he excelled in virtue, and his employment was that of a shepherd. But Cain was not only very wicked in other respects, but was *wholly intent upon getting*, and he first contrived to plough the ground" (Book 1, II, 1). Josephus goes on to tell us of how Cain murdered his brother Abel in a jealous rage and fit of violent anger. Notice:

"He slew his brother on the occasion following: -- They had resolved to sacrifice to God. Now Cain brought the fruits of the earth, and of his husbandry; but Abel brought milk, and the first-fruits of his flocks; but God was more delighted with the latter oblation, when he was honoured with what grew naturally of its own accord, than he was with what was the invention of a *covetous man*, and gotten by *forcing the ground*: whence it was that Cain was very angry that Abel was preferred by God before him [the first-born]; and he slew his brother, and hid his dead body, thinking to escape discovery. But God, knowing what had been done, came to Cain, and asked him what had become of his brother, because he had not seen him of many days, whereas he used to observe them conversing together at other times. But Cain was in doubt with himself, and knew not what answer to give to God. At first he said that he himself was at a loss about his brother's disappearing; but when he was provoked by God, who pressed him vehemently, as resolving to know what the matter was, he replied that he was not his brother's guardian or keeper, nor was he an observer of what he did. But in return, God convicted Cain as having been the murderer of his brother, and said: 'I wonder at thee, that thou knowest not what is become of a man whom thou thyself hast destroyed.'

God therefore did not inflict the punishment [of death] upon him, on account of his offering sacrifice, and thereby making supplication to Him not to be extreme in his wrath to him; but He made him accursed, and threatened his posterity in the seventh generation. He also cast him, together with his wife, out of that land" (*ibid.*). Josephus goes on to describe how God "set a mark" upon Cain, identifying him, that he might be known to whomever he encountered, so that they would not kill him. And Cain departed and traveled over many countries, and finally built the first city, called Nod, where they eventually settled down, and had children. Josephus continues: "However, he [Cain] did not accept of his punishment in order to amendment [repentance and changing his evil course of life], but to *increase his wickedness; for he only aimed to procure EVERYTHING that was for his own bodily pleasure, though it obliged him to be injurious to his neighbors*. He augmented his household substance with much wealth, by rapine and violence; he excited his acquaintance to procure pleasures and spoils by robbery, and became a great leader of men into wicked courses. He also introduced a change in that way of simplicity wherein men lived before; and was the author of measures and weights. And whereas they lived innocently and generously while they knew nothing of such arts, *he changed the world into cunning craftiness. He first of all set boundaries about lands, he built a city, and fortified it with walls, and he compelled his family to come together to it [the first attempt to create a One World Government under man's authority]*; and called that city Enoch, after the name of his oldest son Enoch" (chap.II, 2).

Obviously, Cain became the ringleader of a great apostasy away from the truth and ways of God -- the first great world apostate religious and political leader -- setting up boundaries, confiscating land, and erecting a huge city for his extended family and followers to dwell in. He became the world's first Dictator, Tyrant, and Despot. He inaugurated the first "New World Order" by rejecting the laws and teachings and government of God, and built his own wicked, devilish Empire before the Flood.

The Wickedness of Cain and His Descendants

Josephus concludes, saying, "Nay, even while Adam was alive, it came to pass that the posterity of Cain became *exceedingly wicked, every one successively dying one after another, more wicked than the former. They were intolerable in war, and vehement in robberies.*" We read of Cain in the New Testament, where Jude, the brother of Christ, says of the masses of false teachers, religious leaders, and worldly people who follow the doctrines, teachings, political institutions, and philosophy of take, seize, get, acquire, grab, steal, rape, pillage, and murder, in order to satiate their own lusts and animal appetites: "Woe unto them! for they have *gone in the way of Cain . . .*" (Jude 11).

The apostle John, in the New Testament, also makes a very strange and striking statement about Cain. We read, "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning [even from the book of Genesis and time of Creation], that we should love one another. ***Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.*** And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous" (1 John 3:11-12).

What did John mean when he said, in plain words, that Cain was "of the wicked one"? Of course, the "wicked one" here refers to Satan the Devil, that old antagonist and adversary of mankind, the one who deceived, and seduced Eve in the Garden of Eden!

The Serpent in the Garden

In Genesis chapter two we read that after God created Adam and Eve, "they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Gen.2:25). They seemingly had no awareness yet of sex, and were still discovering and learning all about the new world into which they had been created. They were like newborn children -- full of desire to learn, to explore, to grow. They were, of course, created as mature male and female, but were much like children in their innocence, naiveté, and simplicity of mind. No one had ever lied to them. They did not even know the real meaning of evil, violence, robbery, seduction, lying. They were true "innocents." In the book of Jubilees, we read that this state of inquisitive learning and innocence lasted for precisely seven years, before "TROUBLE" entered Paradise in the form of a deceiving, cunning, crafty "serpent." We read: "And during the first week of the first Jubilee Adam and his wife had been in the garden of Eden FOR SEVEN YEARS tilling and guarding it. And we gave him work and we were teaching him to do everything which was appropriate for tilling. And he was tilling. And he was naked, but he neither knew it nor was he ashamed. And he was guarding the garden from the birds and the beasts and cattle and gathering its fruit and eating. And he used to set aside the rest for himself and his wife. And what was being guarded he set aside.

"At the end of SEVEN YEARS which he completed there, *SEVEN YEARS EXACTLY*, in the second month, on the seventeenth day, the serpent came and drew near to the woman. And the serpent said to the woman, 'The LORD commanded you, saying, "You shall not eat from any tree which is in the garden.'" And she said to him, 'The LORD said, "Eat from all of the fruit of the trees which are in the garden." But the LORD said to us, "You shall not eat from the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, and you shall not touch it lest you die.'" And the serpent said to the woman, 'It is not [true] that you shall surely die because the LORD knows that on the day you eat of it your eyes will become opened and you will become like gods, and you will know good and evil.'

"And the woman saw the tree that it was pleasant and it was pleasing to the eye and its fruit was good to eat and she took some of it and she ate. And she first covered her shame with a fig leaf, and then she gave it to Adam and he ate and his eyes were opened and he saw that he was naked. And he took a fig leaf and sewed it and made an apron for himself. And he covered his shame" (Book of Jubilees 3:15-22). The author of the book of Jubilees goes on to describe the scene when God confronted Adam and Eve with the deed they had done. "And the LORD cursed the serpent [Satan the devil, see Revelation 12:9], and he was angry with it forever. And he was angry with the woman also because she had listened to the voice of the serpent and had eaten. And he said to her, 'I will surely multiply your grief and your birth pangs. Bear children in grief. And to your husband is your return and he will rule over you.' And to Adam he said, 'Because you listened to the voice of your wife and you ate from that tree from which I commanded you that you should not eat, the land shall be cursed because of you. Thorns and thistles shall sprout up for you. And eat your bread in the sweat of your face until you return to the earth from which you were taken because you are earth and to the earth you will return'" (vs.23-25).

What Really Happened in the Garden?

What really happened in this encounter with the snake in the garden? The book of Jubilees parallels the Scriptural account, but adds the details that this event occurred seven years after the creation of Adam and Eve. Eve, we are told, ate of the forbidden fruit which God had commanded them not to eat, and gave to her husband, and Adam ate of it also (Gen.3:6-7).

The apostle Paul uses this example as a warning to true believers and followers of the Messiah, saying, "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, *as the serpent BEGUILED Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be CORRUPTED from the simplicity that is in Christ*" (II Cor.11:2-3).

The Greek word translated "beguiled" here is *exapatao*, and means "*to seduce wholly, beguile, deceive*" (*Strong's Concordance*, #1818). This word is composed of two Greek words -- *ex* which means "fully, wholly, completely," and *apatao* which means "beguiled, seduced, or deceived." It is a powerful word denoting complete and utter deception -- both morally and mentally, and spiritually!

In the King James account of the garden episode, Eve said to God, "The serpent *beguiled* me, and I did eat" (Gen.3:13). Here the Hebrew word for "beguiled" is *nasha*, meaning "to lead astray, i.e. (mentally) to delude, or (morally) to seduce -- beguile, deceive" (*Strong's* #5377). *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldea Lexicon* defines this word as "to lead into error, to cause to go astray, whence: 1) to deceive . . . 2) to seduce, to corrupt." Taking these words at their full meaning and value, then, we find out that Eve was "totally deceived," "completely seduced," "utterly beguiled and corrupted," by the influence of Satan the devil in this incident. Is there more to this incident than meets the superficial eye, in reading over these Scriptures?

What Did Adam "Know" about His Wife?

In many ancient commentaries and books of ancient Jewish and Christian interpreters and theologians, a remarkable case is made that much more may have occurred in the garden than a superficial reading would indicate. One early question that arose was why did Eve say of Cain, "I have gotten a MAN with the LORD"? (Gen.4:1). Why refer to a newly-born son as a "man"? The word "man" in Hebrew does not simply mean a "male person," and certainly does not mean a "male child." Different words are used for "child," or "baby," or "infant." But "man" means a "man," that is, a "grown-up male." What could Eve have meant by using such a word for Cain? One interpreter, in the *Life of Adam and Eve*, concluded: "And she bore a son and he was lustrous. And at once the infant rose, ran, and brought in his hands a reed and gave it to his mother. And his name was called Cain" (*Life of Adam and Eve (Vita)*21:3).

Cain was obviously a very precocious, prepossessing child -- very unusual and with unexpected abilities. But, as we know, Cain became the fount of wickedness and evil -- the arch-conspirator and apostate leader of men before the Flood. The question arises, was Cain influenced by Satan the devil from birth? In Genesis 4:1, we learn that "Adam *knew* his wife." The word to "know" here does not necessarily mean that he "knew" her in the Biblical sense -- in a sexual sense -- it can also mean that he "knew" or "discovered" something about her.

Remember, the apostle John in I John 3:10-14, John tells us that Cain was "**of the evil one**" -- meaning Satan, the devil! Could it be that Cain actually was the product of an illegitimate union of Satan, appearing in angelic or beautiful human form, who seduced Eve during the incident when he enticed her to eat the forbidden fruit? Could it be that when she ate that fruit, it caused her to become sleepy, or unconscious, or had a "drug-like" effect on her, and that the devil took advantage of the situation and had sexual intercourse with her?

Did Angels Cohabit with Women Before the Flood?

At first glance, this may seem like a strange thing to suggest. But in Genesis 6:1-4, we read that in the time before the Flood, "The *sons of God* saw the *daughters of men*, that they were fair; and they *took them wives* of all which they chose" (Gen.6:2). As we have already shown in this book, these "sons of God" were angelic beings, who had rebelled against God and His laws! These "sons of God" were alive at the creation of the earth.

We read in the book of Job, "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up thy loins now like a man: for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof? *When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*" (Job 38:1-7).

Moffatt translates this passage in verses 6-7, "Who laid the corner-stone, when the morning-stars were singing, and *all the angels* chanted in their joy?" Clearly, the expression "sons of God," in the Old Testament refers to ANGELIC BEINGS! We also read in the book of Job: "Now there was a day when the *sons of God* came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them" (Job 1:6). And again: "Again there was a day when the *sons of God* came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD" (Job 2:1). It should be very obvious that the term "sons of God" refers to *angels* and not to human beings.

As a result of these illegal and forbidden unions, between fallen angels, who rebelled against God's laws, and their human consorts, "There were *giants* in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the *sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown*" (Gen.6:4). ***The Testimony of the Ancients*** Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, tells us of this ancient time:

" . . . for **MANY ANGELS OF GOD accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength**, for the tradition is that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants" (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, I,3,1). Further testimony of this fact is recorded in the book of Jubilees, written by a priest of the Levitical priesthood. Notice what he says concerning the time of God's servant Enoch: "And he [Enoch] wrote everything, and bore witness to the Watchers, **the ones who sinned with the daughters of men because they began to mingle themselves with the daughters of men so that they might be polluted**. And Enoch bore witness against all of them" (Jubilees 4:22).

In a parallel commentary to the account of the angels marrying women in Genesis, chapter 6, the author of Jubilees writes: "And when the children of men began to multiply on the surface of the earth and daughters were born to them, that the **angels of the LORD** saw in a certain year of that Jubilee that they were good to look at. **And they took wives for themselves from all of those whom they chose. And they bore children for them, and they were the giants . . .**" **And against his angels whom he had sent to the earth he was very angry. He commanded that they be uprooted from all their dominion. And he told us to bind them in the depths of the earth**, and behold, they are bound in the midst of them, and they are isolated. And against their children a word went forth from before his presence so that he might smite them with the sword and remove them from under heaven. . . ." (Jubilees 5:1-11).

This ancient compilation of history and tradition gives us a great deal of insight regarding the fall of angels and their rebellion, and their decision to marry women.

The Book of Enoch

As we saw in chapter 1 of this book, great deal more insight into this ancient, hidden time, is revealed in the book of Enoch, a book the apostle Jude himself quotes in his own epistle in the New Testament. Enoch was a man of God who "walked with God" in the days before the Flood (see Gen.5:21-24). Jude, inspired by the Spirit of God, quotes directly from the book of Enoch, (Jude 14-15).

Although the book of Enoch as we have it today is not "scripture," Jude found it worthy to quote from. The book of Enoch gives us these fascinating details about the intermarriage that occurred before the Flood between angels and the daughters of men: "In those days, when the children of man had multiplied, it happened that there were born unto them handsome and beautiful daughters. And the **angels, the children of heaven, saw them and desired them**; and they said to one another, 'Come, let us choose wives for ourselves from among the daughters of man and beget us children.' And Semyaz, being their leader, said unto them, 'I fear that perhaps you will not consent that this deed should be done, and I alone will become (responsible) for this great sin.' But they all responded to him, 'Let us all swear an oath and bind everyone among us by a curse not to abandon this suggestion but to do the deed.' Then they all swore together and bound one another by (the curse). And they were altogether two hundred . . ." (I Enoch 6:1-6).

"And they took wives unto themselves, and everyone (respectively) chose one woman for himself, and they began to go unto them. And they taught them magical medicine, incantations, the cutting of roots, and taught them (about) plants. And the women became pregnant, and gave birth to great giants whose heights were three hundred cubits [evidently a textual error; more probable, 30 cubits, based on other evidence]. These giants consumed the produce of all the people until the people detested feeding them. So the giants turned against the people in order to eat them. And they began to sin against birds, wild beasts, reptiles and fish. And their flesh was devoured the one by the other, and they drank blood. And then the earth brought an accusation against the oppressors" (I Enoch 7:1-6).

The angel who led this uprising, and rebellion, against the laws of God, was none other than Satan himself. Therefore, it stands to reason that he also performed this illegal act, this wanton despicable deed!

Satan -- Deceiver and Seducer

Therefore, it is possible that Satan had taken advantage of Eve while she was affected by the fruit of the tree, and her deed, and cohabited with her, and the result was the first-born offspring of Eve, Cain -- a result of this unusual "union," and who as a result was a child prodigy with exceptional skills and abilities. In fact, is it not possible that Satan -- *from the very beginning* -- was seeking to subvert and compromise God's Plan of using human beings, made in His image and likeness (Gen.1:26), to "reproduce" Himself and expand His heavenly Family? Perhaps Satan was *jealous* of the Logos, and the Father, and their Plan to create beings "after their own kind" who would eventually become "divine" even as they are. Therefore, he sought to *reproduce* after HIS "own kind," by leading the rebellious angels to cohabit with women, use them as sexual partners, and procreate offspring that were a combination of angelic and human DNA as it were! Very probably the angels had to appear in some sort of human form to do this -- which is perfectly reasonable. We know that angels can at times appear in disguise in human form -- such as the angels who visited Abraham, and who appeared as "three men" (Gen.18:1-5). The apostle Paul also tells us that some have "entertained angels unawares" (Heb.13:2).

Thus when we read that "Adam knew his wife," there may be two meanings hidden here; 1) he knew her in the Biblical sense, and that union resulted in the birth of Abel, the second-born son. 2) It may also mean that *he discovered something about her* --that is, as the first child grew in her belly, her pregnancy became *known* to him -- and he *knew* that he was not the natural father! Is this possible? In *Targum Pseudo-Jonathan* on Genesis 4:1, we read: "And Adam knew about his wife Eve that she had **conceived by Sammael the [wicked] angel of the Lord** [Sammael was evidently another name for Azazel or Satan], and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. He resembled the upper ones [angels] and not the lower ones, and she [therefore] said, 'I have acquired a man, indeed, an angel of the Lord.'" This ancient Jewish commentary on Genesis 4:1 explicitly tells us that what happened in the garden of Eden was a sexual union between a wicked angel of the Lord -- Sammael -- and Eve. This wicked angel was undoubtedly another name for Lucifer, or Satan the devil!

Tertullian, one of the early church fathers, in his treatise *On Patience*, also discusses this event briefly. He says: "Having been made **pregnant by the seed of the devil** . . . she brought forth a son" (*On Patience*, 5:15). In another ancient Jewish commentary, *Pirquei deR. Eliezer*, we read: "The **serpent came into her and she became pregnant with Cain**, as it says, 'And the man knew his wife Eve.' What did he know? That she was already pregnant [from someone else]" (*Pirquei deR. Eliezer* 21).

During the first centuries after Christ, in the Gnostic *Gospel of Philip*, the same idea is stated. We read in this work composed during the first few centuries after Christ: "First adultery came into being, afterward murder. And he [Cain] was begotten in adultery, for he was the

child of the serpent. So he became a murderer, just like his father, and killed his brother" (Gnostic *Gospel of Philip* 61:5-10). Interestingly, in the book of 4 Maccabees, a heroic woman recalls her life, and says, "I was a pure virgin and did not go outside my father's house; I guarded the rib that [Eve] was built [from] . . . *nor did the Destroyer [Satan], the deceitful serpent, defile the purity of my virginity*" (4 Maccabees 18:7-8). Again, the inference is that these ancient people were aware that something more happened in the Garden of Eden than just the eating of some forbidden physical "fruit." As Eve was "totally seduced," or "completely, wholly seduced," this would or could imply that she was also sexually seduced by the devil, appearing as a serpent, or an angelic creature. Interestingly, one of the Hebrew words for "serpent" is *saraph* and means "burning, i.e., poisonous serpent; spec. *saraph* or symbol. creature (from their copper color): -- fiery (serpent), seraph" (*Strong's Concordance*, #8314).

This word describes both heavenly seraphim (see Isaiah 6:2-6), as well as fiery serpents on the earth (Numbers 21:8). Satan must have appeared in a very seductive, alluring form in his seduction of Eve. She obviously didn't know what she was getting into, when she listened to his enchanting speech, and his seductive wooing and "sweet talk." The result? Total seduction -- physical, moral, mental, and spiritual!

The Lesson for Us, TODAY!

What is the lesson for us, today? Why are these things put in the Biblical record, inspired by Almighty God? The apostle Paul tells us: "Now these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor.10:11-12).

Paul also wrote, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures should have hope" (Rom.15:4). Satan the devil, and his fallen host of angels, are very active, and diligently seeking to subvert and destroy God's people, and ruin His plan of salvation for human beings. He hates God's plan. He is jealous -- mad with rage and fury. As John wrote in Revelation, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. . . Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down to you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev.12:9-12).

The time of great deception is upon us! *We need to wake up!* The apostle Paul warns us that we must be very careful, "*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:* for we are not ignorant of **his devices**" (II Cor.2:11).

Likewise, the apostle James warns us that we must, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. *Resist the devil*, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (Jas.4:7-8). Peter adds, "*Be sober, be vigilant;* because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom **resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (I Pet.5:8-9). Paul exhorts us, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the **WHOLE armor of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles of the devil**. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [or, wicked spirits] in high places. Wherefore take unto you the **whole armor of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore . . ." (Eph.6:10-14). Are you fully aware of Satan's trickery, cunning deceitfulness, and craftiness? Are you putting on the **WHOLE armor of God** -- the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God? (Eph.6:14-17).

Chapter Four

The Baffling Mystery of UFOs

What are "UFOs"? Where do they come from? Incredible research provides a fascinating new look into this baffling phenomena. UFO researchers and scientists are coming to conclusions which provide new insight into the mystery of UFOs and why thousands of "alien abductions" have been reported. New UFO research shows a clear and distinct connection between UFOs and ancient paranormal, occult phenomena. What are the facts? What does it all mean? What light does the Bible shed on this strange, perplexing mystery? UFOs have baffled the public and scientists alike for the past fifty years, especially since an incident in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, when allegedly a strange alien craft crash-landed, and according to reports, the body of an "alien" was found. In film footage shown on Fox TV network in the summer of 1995, the actual surgical autopsy of the alien was depicted in a film called "Alien Autopsy." Was the film an actual documentary? Or an elaborate, remarkably clever hoax? The subject is hotly debated. One thing is for certain, however. Something crashed in 1947 near Roswell, New Mexico, and the Army Air Corps put out a press release that very day that called the crashed vehicle a "flying disk." This created quite a commotion, and eight hours later the Army backtracked and said they had made a mistake, saying it was a "weather balloon."

If indeed something unexplainable by normal human means was found, the government would be very concerned to prevent fear, panic, and anxiety among the citizenry. That would be true whether or not the "evidence" indicated extraterrestrial beings, or some other inexplicable phenomena, were observed and encountered. But what is the latest evidence regarding UFOs? After fifty years of study, observation, and research, what are leading ufologists now beginning to conclude? In a nineteen-year span of time more than 10,000 "UFO sightings" were recorded, analyzed and classified by the United States Air Force in "Project Blue Book." The report concluded: "In our experience, the persons making reports seem in nearly all cases to be normal, responsible individuals. In most cases they are quite calm, at least by the time they make a report. They are simply puzzled about what they saw and hope they can be helped to a better understanding of it. Only a very few are obviously quite emotionally disturbed, their minds being filled with pseudo-scientific, pseudo-religious or other fantasies."

A Strange and Baffling Phenomena

Around the world, hundreds of millions of people believe UFOs exist. No less than fifteen million Americans -- 11 percent of the adult population -- claim to have seen a UFO. Among them are a former President, Jimmy Carter, who filed two reports of UFO sightings while Governor of Georgia. Other notable men who were convinced UFOs needed serious investigation are General Douglas MacArthur, President Dwight Eisenhower, Senator Barry Goldwater, Lester Pearson, former Prime Minister of Canada, and many others. Some 5 to 10 percent of all UFO sightings remain truly unidentified. A leading UFO researcher, and the scientist who headed "Project Blue Book," is Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Dr. Hynek commented, "An expert has studied UFOs long enough to realize he is utterly ignorant. The UFO phenomena is the outstanding strange dilemma of our age. We don't know what they are." Dr. Hynek asserts that he possesses a computerized list of some

63,000 sightings. The Australian computer bank passed the 80,000 mark, as of 1977. Many of these sightings were seen by dozens, even hundreds and thousands, of people at the same time. In 1954 there were numerous reports of UFO landings in France, witnessed by multiple witnesses 85 percent of the time. Says Dr. Stanton Friedman, nuclear scientist and UFO researcher, a "close encounter of the Third Kind" occurs somewhere on planet earth every day. Dr. Allen Hynek, who began studying UFOs as an acknowledged skeptic and who believed all such talk was "nonsense" and "nonscience," twenty years after beginning his study was compelled by the evidence to adopt a totally different viewpoint. He declared: "It is no longer possible to sweep away the whole subject. It reminds me of the days of Galileo when he was trying to get people to look at the sun spots. They would say that the sun is a symbol of God; God is perfect, therefore the sun is perfect; therefore spots cannot exist: therefore there is no point in looking."

Today, Dr. Hynek says, "I can establish beyond reasonable doubt that they [UFOs] are not all misinterpretations or hoaxes." But what are they? Could they be visitors from outer space, from another galaxy, or another planet?

Visitors from Space?

The most common explanation offered to account for UFOs is, of course, the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. According to this belief, UFOs come from amazingly advanced civilizations out in the cosmos which are seeking to study, contact, and influence mankind on the earth. However, editor Gordon Creighton of the British journal *Flying Saucer Review*, a widely hailed leading UFO publication which has investigated the phenomena for forty years, founded in 1955, and which has viewed the subject objectively and thoroughly, now says: "There seems to be no evidence yet that any of these craft or beings originate from outer space."

Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clark agrees. He says, "One theory that can no longer be taken very seriously is that UFOs are interstellar spaceships." Two of the most highly respected and qualified researchers, Jacques Vallee and Allen J. Hynek, have discarded the 'Extraterrestrial Hypothesis' completely. They point out with sense and rational logic:

"If UFOs are indeed somebody else's nuts and bolts hardware, then we must still explain how such tangible hardware can change shape before our eyes, vanish in a Cheshire cat manner (not even leaving a grin), seemingly melt away in front of us, or apparently 'materialize' mysteriously before us without apparent detection by persons nearby or in neighboring towns. We must wonder too, where UFOs are 'hiding' when not manifesting themselves to human eyes" (Hynek, *Edge of Reality*, p.xii-xiii).

Many people, however, seem to desire to believe the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs. Some scientists use this as a means to gain funding for research to look for "life out there" in space. There has been no evidence whatsoever that such extraterrestrial life exists, however. Other theories include the ideas that UFOs are simply the result of misunderstanding natural phenomena, or are in some cases deliberate hoaxes.

A third theory, which is beginning to receive much study and analysis, is that UFOs represent contact with another *dimension of reality* - what could be called a "parallel universe" or a "spiritual/psychic dimension."

Tens of thousands of UFO reports involve "close encounters" with UFOs, where the observers actually see UFOs or even their occupants at close range. Thousands of more reports actually claim incredibly bizarre and life-changing experiences, that literally shake up the individual in a powerful manner. Many of these include the individual actually reporting that they were "abducted" and taken aboard UFO craft for "medical experiments" and often involve "sexual" research of one kind or another. Thirdly, thousands of other people report that they actually are in personal contact with UFO aliens or entities. These are called "contactees" in the literature.

Interestingly, those who have studied the subject in detail report that UFOs appear to be slowly, in a calculated manner, deliberately revealing themselves to the world more and more, as we approach the end of this millennium. UFO reports occur in most all nations, and many major countries are engaged in official secret and serious investigation of the phenomena. Government agencies and the military are often involved.

Declare John Ankerberg and John Weldon, in "Behind the 'Alien Abduction Syndrome,'" "In the U.S. alone, tens of millions of dollars have been spent in official UFO investigations by the CIA, FBI, Defense Intelligence Agency, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Intelligence, Naval Intelligence and other organizations.

Lawsuits filed under the Freedom of Information Act prove this in spite of the denials by such agencies" (published in *After Dark* magazine, originally titled "UFO Encounters" and published by the Spiritual Counterfeits Project in Berkeley, California. SCP publishes a nationally awardwinning journal that addresses today's latest spiritual trends. Their address is: SCP, Inc., Box 4308, Berkeley, CA 94704).

Behind the Close Encounters UFOs are a concern for the governments of France, Russia, Britain, and other nations. Many years ago, French Foreign Minister of Defense, Robert Galley, stated that the number of reliable UFO sightings and landing-occupant reports was "very great" in his country and "quite disturbing." He declared: "The ubiquitous UFO phenomenon [is] a phenomenon that has caused grave concern at high levels of many of the world's governments, despite their statements to the contrary" (*ibid.*). Say Ankerberg and Weldon, UFO Encounters are classified into seven major categories:

1. Distant sightings -- anomalous lights in the sky, etc.
2. Close Encounters of the First Kind -- sighting of a UFO itself and/or occupants at a distance of 500 feet or less.
3. Close Encounters of the Second Kind -- UFOs that leave physical evidence such as burned "landing" sites, broken limbs of trees, etc.
4. Close Encounters of the Third Kind -- seeing UFOs with occupants at close range, including landed craft.
5. Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind -- involving UFO abductions of human beings, taken aboard UFO craft for experimentation, consultation, communication, etc. Such events are generally forgotten until revealed later through "hypnosis."
6. Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind -- involving "contactees," people who claim to be in personal contact with UFO entities.
7. Close Encounters of the Sixth Kind -- involving injuries or deaths resulting from a close UFO encounter (their own classification).

But what are these strange phenomena? What have we learned concerning these bizarre and baffling phenomena?

Far From "Friendly"

Author Whitley Strieber, in his best-selling book *Communion*, tells of his own weird UFO abduction and claims that he experienced harrowing contact with strange and terrifying beings, who, he said, "are already having a staggering but largely hidden impact on our society." He says "their presence should be taken with the utmost seriousness." After fifty years of observation and research, what have we learned about UFOs? Are they benevolent "aliens" from outer space, a far-flung galaxy, studying mankind in hopes of "helping" us through future world crises? There is a serious problem with this quaint, naive viewpoint. Say Ankerberg and Weldon: "Yet we have a problem here. The truth is that the UFO phenomenon simply does not behave like advanced but supposedly benevolent aliens who will 'save' our planet

from destruction. Their purpose seems to be anything *but* open contact -- in the sense that we would expect friendly contact from advanced civilizations in space. Rather their goal seems to be psychological and social manipulation.

A few of the leading UFO researchers have recognized this, among them Vallee (*Messengers of Deception*), as well as John Keel (*The Eighth Tower; UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*). These researchers believe that the UFO entities are deliberately programming their human observers with false information in order to hide their true nature and purpose" (*After Dark*, p.10). Dr. Vallee, who has written eight books on UFOs, and has spent two decades in serious UFO research, "has put his finger on the lowest common denominator of UFO contacts -- *deception* -- and also on the most common parallel to UFO phenomena -- *paganism and demonology*. Vallee puts forth the idea that UFOs are purposely hoping to 'change our belief systems' and that they are engaging in a 'worldwide enterprise of *subliminal seduction*'" (*ibid.*).

Says Dr. Vallee, UFOs are putting "human beings under the control of a strange force that is bending them in absurd ways, forcing them to play a role in a *bizarre game of deception*." They are not only making an impact on our social reality, but also seem bound to change our "political realities as well." ***Masters of Deception*** Brad Stieger, another UFO researcher, believes that very likely "we are dealing with a multi-dimensional parapsychical phenomenon which is largely *indigenous* to planet earth." Many researchers now believe that the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis is impossible. They point out that most believable UFOs conform to the following theory:

1. They are an intelligent life form.
2. They have been with mankind from the beginning of time, although assuming different forms throughout history.
3. They do not originate from advanced civilizations in outer space, but rather come from another *dimension* of reality that coexists with mankind in an unseen world invisible to human eyes.
4. They represent a psychic phenomenon with the capacity to operate, at least at times, on a physical level.

In fact, Ankerberg and Weldon declare: "Indeed, few unbiased researchers can logically deny that UFO experiences are of an *occult nature*. If we catalogue the basic characteristics of the occult and compare them to UFO phenomena, we discover an *essential similarity*. "Consider just a few *parallels between classical demonology and ufology*. An examination of 19th Century literature on the occult, such as Francis Barret's authoritative work *The Magus, Book 2* (1801), describes FALLEN ANGELS OR DEMONS in the following manner: "... some that are near to us wander up and down in this obscure air; others inhabit lakes, rivers and seas; others the earth and terrify earthly things . . . and vex not only men but also other creatures; some being content with laughter and derision only, do contrive rather to weary men than to hurt them; some heighthening themselves to the length of a giant's body, and again shrinking themselves down to the smallest of pygmies, and changing themselves into different forms, do disturb men with vain fear."

In another book dealing with the occult written in 1876, G. H. Pember says that the occultist is "brought into intelligent communication with the spirits of the air, and can receive any knowledge which they possess, or any false impression which they choose to impart" (from *Earth's Earliest Ages and Their Connection With Modern Spiritualism and Theosophy*, quoted by Ankerberg and Weldon).

UFOs and Classic Demonism

A growing number of researchers formerly committed to believing the Extra-terrestrial Hypothesis, are now leaning toward the psychic, occult explanation for UFO phenomena. Raymond Fowler, who has written five books on UFOs, admits that he has watched with dismay as a number of respected UFO researchers have moved from a physical to a parapsychological explanation of the phenomenon. He adds, "Now I am being forced to re-examine the UFO phenomenon in light of its apparent parapsychical nature."

Says Dr. Vallee, "I do not believe any more that UFOs are simply the spacecraft of some race or extraterrestrial visitors. This notion is too simplistic to explain their appearance, the frequency of their manifestations throughout recorded history, and the structure of the information exchanged with them during contact." State Ankerberg and Weldon: "In Vallee's third book, *Passport to Magonia*, he describes 923 UFO landings from 1868-1968. Again and again we discover references to a wide variety of OCCULTIC phenomena while the DEMONIC NATURE OF UFOs is evident throughout. In *Messengers of Deception* he observes that an 'impressive parallel [can] be made between UFO occupants and the popular conception of demons' and that UFOs can 'project images or fabricated scenes designed to change our belief systems.' In *The Invisible College* he argues that the source of power behind UFOs constitutes a powerful worldwide force that has been influential in shaping human beliefs throughout history; 'Human belief . . . is being controlled and conditioned,' 'man's concepts are being rearranged' and we may be headed toward 'a massive change of human attitudes toward paranormal abilities and extraterrestrial life.' In *Confrontations* he points out: The 'medical examination' to which abductees are said to be subjected, often accompanied by sadistic sexual manipulation, is reminiscent of the medieval tales of encounters with DEMONS. It makes no sense in a sophisticated or technical or biological framework: any intelligent being equipped with the scientific marvels that UFOs possess would be in a position to achieve any of these alleged scientific objectives in a shorter time and with fewer risks" (*ibid.*, p.11).

Dr. Vallee concludes, "The UFO beings of today belong to the *same class of manifestations as the entities that were described in centuries past*." That is, DEMON MANIFESTATIONS!

John Ankerberg and John Weldon point out that the typical UFO encounter may include the following paranormal aspects -- the subject himself or herself has an occult background; dramatic manipulation of mental experiences; poltergeists; the experience of supposedly "missing time"; mental terror; profound and drastic personality changes in the person involved; social stigma; after-effects and continuing contact with the entities; an initial "intuitive sense of tremendous fear and frequently evil; and numerous correlations to ancient PAGANISM which 'haunt' the relationship."

The Harrowing Story of Whitley Strieber

A vivid example of one who experienced UFO contacts is Whitley Strieber. He wrote of his personal experience with UFO entities: "I became entirely given over to extreme dread. The fear was so powerful that it seemed to make my personality completely evaporate. . . 'Whitley' ceased to exist. What was left was a body and a state of raw fear so great that it swept about me like a thick, suffocating curtain, turning paralysis into a condition that seemed close to death. . . I died, and a wild animal appeared in my place."

Strieber went on, "I had an awful feeling. I felt their presence. It was palpable. Most upsetting, I could smell them." They smelled, he said, like sulfur. He went on to describe one of the alien entities as "what seemed almost to be a demon with a narrow face and dark, slanted eyes. It spoke to me in a high, squeaky voice." He wondered about their motives and purposes in contacting him. He asked himself: "Why were my visitors so secretive, hiding themselves behind my consciousness? I could only conclude that they were using me and did not want me to know why. Frankly, I found this idea deeply disturbing. What were the visitor's motives? . . .

What if they were dangerous? Then I was terribly dangerous because I was playing a role in acclimatizing people to them.” Streiber eventually realized he was involved in a battle of life and death. He declared, “So far the word demon had never been spoken among the scientists and doctors who were working with me.” He asserted, “Alone at night I worried about the legendary cunning of demons.” He met many others who have had similar hellish experiences with the UFO “entities.” He declared, “Those who have had the experience must learn to ride a sort of psychological razor.” Declare Ankerberg and Weldon regarding people like Streiber: “There are thousands of them -- and they too have *sensed something evil and demonic*. And even years after such an experience it continues to haunt and influence these people in harmful ways; they have become brutalized. They have been mentally (and sometimes physically) raped at the impersonal whim of alien forces. Never again in their lives do they feel security. They fear any time they may be manipulated at will by forces beyond their control” (p.14).

The authors point out, “Not everyone can successfully integrate the kinds of horrors that UFO experiences may bring. Streiber himself confesses that the experience of contact is so stressful that people who are unable to integrate it ‘are often shattered.’ The terror, confusion and permanent insecurity can break people; indeed many people have gone insane from pressures less than these. But the UFO entities themselves don’t seem too concerned.”

A Different Dimensional Reality

Writes Jacques Vallee in *Messengers of Deception*: “Why is it, I wondered, that the ‘occupants’ of UFOs behave so much like the denizens of fairy tales and the elves of ancient folklore? Why is the picture we can form of their world so much closer to the medieval concept of Magonia, the magical land above the clouds, than to a description of an extraterrestrial planetary environment? And why are UFOs becoming a new religious form?” (p.8). Vallee declares, in summation of the facts concerning UFOs and their existence: “The UFO phenomenon represents a manifestation of a reality that transcends our current understanding of physics. . . The UFOs are physical manifestations that cannot be understood apart from their PSYCHIC and symbolic reality.

What we see in effect here is not an alien invasion. It is a *control system which acts on humans and uses humans*” (*ibid.*, p.209-210).

I.D.E. Thomas, author of a fascinating book entitled *The Omega Conspiracy: Satan’s Last Assault on God’s Kingdom*, agrees that there is far more to UFOs than mere visitors from other planets and galaxies in outer space. He notes that there is more and more consensus that these strange and weird “visitors” are actually “spiritual entities” -- and that UFO phenomena is a “spiritual” or “paraphysical phenomenon.” He notes: “Scientists of late . . . are referring more and more to these visitors as spiritual entities -- and indeed to the whole UFO activity as a spiritual or paraphysical phenomenon” (p.70-71).

This was also the conclusion of the “Condon Report,” a document published by the Air Force at the University of Colorado in 1969. Although criticized widely at the time by UFO buffs and believers, this prestigious report arrived at three salient and significant conclusions: 1) It demolished the idea that earth was being visited by creatures from other planets and galaxies, concluding that there was no hard evidence that UFO space ships were from extraterrestrial civilizations.

2) It concluded that the objects seen in the sky and sometimes on the ground were just as “material” as any other physical objects, although maybe only temporarily so -- i.e., a “material” manifestation.

3) It further concluded that UFOs and their occupants should be attributed to paraphysical phenomena, and belong in the same category as spiritist movements, seances, etc. -- that is, they are “paraphysical.”

Declares I.D.E. Thomas in *The Omega Conspiracy*: “Since 1959, there has been an accumulating mountain of evidence that would place UFO activity *within a spiritual and religious framework*. Many of the contactees when asked to describe what happened to them, referred to occult mysticism, psychic manifestations and telepathic communications. So pronounced have been the religious and cultic references, that a number of religious and semi-religious groups have crystallized around these alleged UFO sightings and communications. Some of these groups go by such names as the Aethesious Society, the Urautia Group, the Solar Cross Foundation, the School of Thoughts, plus hundreds of smaller and more secretive groups” (*ibid.*, p.72).

In the preface to an official document compiled by the U.S. Air Force titled “UFOs and Related Subjects: An Annotated Bibliography,” Lynn E. Catoe summarizes existing UFO literature in these words: “A large part of the available UFO literature is CLOSELY LINKED WITH MYSTICISM and the METAPHYSICAL. It deals with subjects like mental telepathy, automatic writing, and invisible entities, as well as phenomena like poltergeist manifestations and POSSESSION . . . many of the UFO reports now being published in the popular press recount alleged incidents that are strikingly similar to DEMONIC POSSESSION AND PSYCHIC PHENOMENA *which has long been known to theologians and parapsychologists.*”

What are these “UFO aliens,” then? Scientists and doctors don’t know. Researchers see similarities to occult phenomena but are also baffled. This sort of encounter goes beyond their own experience. A woman who attended a meeting held in Los Angeles by Streiber, Elaine Morganelli, came up with a chilling answer. When she arrived at Streiber’s rented house in Hollywood, she said she felt a “sense of evil” in the room. She concluded he was being contacted by demons and said, “People can be duped by devils. A spirit can tell you anything. They love to fool you. These people [the UFO abductees] are being taken over. The more you go along with it, the harder it is to get away from it.” She declared, “I think they’re being used to get an anti-Christian movement going.” She added, “What got me was when he [Whitley] referred to the Lord and his angels as ‘Nazis of the air. When he said that I thought, ‘Oh boy, that’s it. I’m out of here.’”

Los Angeles journalist Stuart Goldman, who has talked with Whitley on several occasions, and reported the Elaine Morganelli episode, observes: “Certainly, one could write Morganelli off as some sort of Christian fanatic. However, she’s not the only one who’s come to the conclusion that Streiber’s visitors -- and in turn the beings who are abducting countless thousands of people -- are nothing more than good [*sic*] old-fashioned demons, doing what they do best. Stealing souls.”

Goldman, a skeptical, hard-nosed reporter and journalist, concludes: “. . . the unpleasant fact is, fifty thousand people cannot be lying. *Something* is here -- probing people, inspecting them, and planting thoughts in their minds, manipulating their bodies -- treating them, in a sense, like so many cattle. Is it all simply a gigantic cosmic joke, or is there a *more sinister PLOT at hand?* Are we seeing the formation of a new and highly destructive CULT, one whose view posits the ELIMINATION (the New Agers call it ‘spiritual cleansing’) of people who are ‘unfit’ to exist in the coming New World? . . . Are there really demonic entities hovering about, searching for likely candidates whose brains and minds they can invade, filling them full of fairytales and lies -- fattening them for the kill?” (p.15).

Goldman wonders, and questions, and searches for the answers. Scientists can't explain UFOs and their mysterious behavior, and the bizarre accounts of "contactees" with alien beings which seem to mimic occult phenomena of parapsychology. But there is a revealed answer which explains the widespread increase in UFO activity around the world. The true answers concerning UFOs are contained in the Scriptures. It's time we look into God's Word, to see what in actual fact is going on, why it is happening, and what the future really holds. Chapter Five

What the Bible says about UFOs

What do the Scriptures tell us about "UFOs" and similar related phenomena? Is it discussed in the Bible? What about "angels" and "Ezekiel's wheels"? Do beings from other dimensions really exist? Is there a relationship between "UFOs" and "angels"? What does this revelation mean to you -- and to mankind as a whole? The Bible carefully documents the existence of a world alien to the physical world around us, a "spiritual dimension" of reality -- a world inhabited by spirit beings known as angels and demons. From time to time angels, messengers, or demonic spirits from this other dimension have contacted men and women, revealing themselves in various manifestations.

Sometimes angels of God have appeared like human beings, so that you would be hard pressed to distinguish them from another human (Gen.19:1-4; Heb.13:1). Angels have appeared to various men of God, such as Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, the parents of Samson, and to the prophets such as Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, and in the New Testament to Joseph the father of Christ, the parents of John the Baptist, to the apostles, and others.

The Bible records that when Elijah and his servant Elisha were talking, "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven" (II Kings 2:9-11). This was certainly unusual phenomena, recorded in the pages of Scripture. One could refer to it as "unexplained UFO activity"! Imagine -- chariots and horses "of fire" descending from heaven in a whirlwind, and then ascending, with a human passenger! An angel of God appeared to Manoah and his wife, and foretold the birth of Samson. The angel spoke to Manoah, but would not eat of his bread, nor would he reveal his name, telling him that if he desired to offer a burnt offering, he must offer it to the LORD and not to himself. As Manoah took a goat with a meal offering, and offered it to the LORD, "the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar" (Judges 13: 15-23).

Ezekiel's "Wheels"

The prophet Ezekiel was given visions of the very throne of God in heaven, where he saw incredible beings, called cherubim -- angelic beings with countenances which resembled the faces of a lion, an ox, and an eagle, as well as that of a man -- which travelled on vehicles referred to as "wheels" which only travelled in straight lines. Ezekiel declares: "And I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. And their feet were straight feet . . . As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side, and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle" (Ezek.1: 4-10).

Ezekiel goes on: "And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went" (v.12). He adds, "And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning" (v.14). These were angelic beings known as cherubim (Ezek.10:19-22). These seem to be very similar to some of the sightings of UFOs, which also travel only in straight lines, making 90 degree angles. Connected with the heavenly creatures were things called "wheels." The prophet relates: "Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. And the appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. . . . As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes [portholes?] round about them four" (verses 15-18). Such heavenly "chariots" could be linked to some of the UFO manifestations, apparently being transportation devices of angels.

The Angels in Heaven

How many angels in heaven are there? Innumerable multitudes. The prophet Daniel records a vision he had of the throne of God, saying: "I beheld till . . . the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: this throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands [millions] ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand [which equals 100 million] stood before him" (Dan.7:8-10).

In addition to the angels of God, however, the Bible also depicts the revolt of a major cherub, whose name was Lucifer, whom God cast down to the ground (see Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezek.28:12-19). Jesus Christ declared, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Job records, "yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight" (Job 15:15). Angels are also called "stars" in the Scriptures (Rev.1:20; Job 38:7).

In the book of Revelation, we read that when Satan was cast out of heaven, "his angels were cast out with him" (Rev.12:9), and that "his tail drew the *third part* of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth" (verse 4). Thus as many as one third of the angels apparently followed the archangel Lucifer in his rebellion, against God, and were cast to the earth along with him! This could number in the scores or hundreds of millions. These became known as "fallen angels," the "angels that sinned," who "kept not their first estate" (Jude 6; II Pet.2:4). They are now reserved for their final judgment at the end of the age (same verses). Some of these angels were disobedient during the time of Noah, leading mankind into gross sin before the Flood, bringing upon the earth the cataclysm of universal judgment (I Peter 3:18-20).

Some of these wicked angels actually cohabited with human women, giving rise to offspring known as "Nephilim," or "giants" of ancient times. This amazing story is alluded to and described in the book of Genesis where we read that "the sons of God [a term for angels in the Old Testament -- see Job 38:7] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose" (Gen.6:1-2). The account goes on, "And there were *giants* in the earth in those days" (v.4). These were the *Nephilim*, which in Hebrew means "the fallen ones." They were a cross-breed of angels and mankind, a form of life God had never intended and forbid. This was one of the major sins before the Flood which lead to divine wrath, intervention and destruction.

Says the *Jameson, Fausset and Brown Critical, Experimental Commentary* about this passage: This is a difficult passage, and various modes of interpreting it have been proposed. 1. An opinion extensively adopted is, that the 'sons of God' denote angels, 'daughters of men,'

women generally; and that the transaction referred to was, that the angels who had been appointed to guard Eden and perambulate the world, becoming enamoured with women, mingled familiarly in their society, and cohabited with them. This view is of *great antiquity*, having been entertained, according to Josephus, in the later ages of the Jewish Church, and eagerly adopted by Justin, Athenagoras, Clemens Alexandrinus, Tertullian, and Lactantius . . .” The Septuagint version of the Old Testament, translated into Greek about 250 years before Christ, during the time of the second Temple, translates Genesis 6:2 as follows: “the angels of God, having seen the daughters of men, that they were beautiful, took to themselves wives of all whom they chose.”

The Companion Bible says about this verse: “. . . angels are called ‘sons of God’ in every other place where the expression is used in the Old Testament. Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7. Ps.29:1; 89:6. Dan.3:25 (no art.). We have no authority or right to take the expression in Gen.6:2,4 in any other sense. Moreover, in Gen.6:2 the Sept. renders it ‘angels.’ ‘Angels are called ‘spirits’ (Ps.104; Heb.1:7, 14), for spirits are created by God. That there was a fall of angels is certain from Jude 6. The nature of their fall is clearly stated in the same verse. They left their own [habitation]. This word occurs only in II Cor.5:2 and Jude 6, where it is used of the spiritual (or resurrection) body. The nature of their sin is stated to be ‘in like manner’ to that of the subsequent sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, Jude 7. The time of their fall is given as having taken place ‘in the days of Noah’ (I Pet.3:20; II Pet.2:7), though there may have been a prior fall which caused the end of ‘the world that then was’ (Gen. 1:1-2; II Pet.3:6). For this sin they are ‘reserved unto judgment,’ II Pet.2:4, and are ‘in prison,’ I Pet.3:19.

“Their progeny, called *Nephilim* (translated ‘giants’), were monsters of iniquity; and, being superhuman in size and character, had to be destroyed. . . . This irruption of fallen angels was Satan’s first attempt to prevent the coming of the Seed of the woman foretold in Gen.3:15. If this could be accomplished, God’s Word would have failed, and his own doom would be averted” (Appendix 23). Thus modern reports by “contactees” and “abductees” of UFO beings having sex with them, raping them, and molesting them, in sexual experimentation, is but a new version of Satan’s old attempt to thwart God’s plan and purpose with mankind. It all happened long before, in ages past!

The Origin of "Demons" Where do “evil spirits” or “demons” come from? Some think they are merely fallen angels, now deprived of their angelic bodies. Others claim they don’t exist. But the apostle Peter tells us that the angels that sinned are now “cast down to hell [Greek, *tartaroo*, meaning a deep abyss],” where they are “delivered into chains of darkness, reserved unto judgment” (II Pet.2:4). If the angels which sinned are presently bound in chains, then what are demonic spirits which roam the earth? Evil spirits are not the same thing as “fallen angels,” as many have long believed. Rather, since fallen angels are now BOUND IN CHAINS of darkness until the day of their judgment, we must look for another explanation consistent with the Scriptures to explain the existence of demon spirits which have no corporeal body. Where, then, do “evil spirits” come from -- those spirits called “demons” in the Scriptures?

Says the book of Enoch, in explanation of the origin of these evil “spirits” -- “But now the giants who are born from the (union of) the spirits and the flesh shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, because their dwelling shall be upon the earth and inside the earth. *Evil spirits have come out of their bodies*. Because from the day that they were created from the holy ones they became the Watchers: their first origin is the spiritual foundation. They will become evil upon the earth and shall be called EVIL SPIRITS. The dwelling of the spiritual beings of heaven is heaven; but the dwelling of the spirits of the earth, which are born upon the earth, is in the earth” (Enoch 15:8-10).

Jesus spoke of these evil spirits -- He cast out many demons from people, throughout His ministry, and gave this same authority to His servants. Early in His ministry, He encountered an extremely violent and super-strong demoniac who dwelt among the tombs near the sea of Galilee. “When he reached the opposite side, the country of the Gadarenes, he was met by two demoniacs who ran out of the tombs; they were so violent that nobody could pass along the road there. They shrieked, ‘Son of God, what business have you with us? Have you come here to torture us before it is time? Now, some distance away, there was a large drove of swine grazing; so the demons begged him saying, ‘If you are going to cast us out, send us into that drove of swine.’ He said to them, ‘Begone!’ So out they came and went to the swine, and the entire drove rushed down the steep slope into the sea and perished in the water”

(Matt.8:28-32, Moffatt translation). As God’s servants, with the Holy Spirit of God dwelling within us (Rom.8:9-10; 5:32), we do not have to fear or be afraid of these demonic spirits. Jesus gave His disciples power and authority to CAST OUT demons, just as He did, setting an example!

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

This commission and charge was not just for the original disciples and apostles. It was an on-going commission and commandment for the Church of God throughout the ages! Notice! In His final instructions to the disciples, Jesus declared: “And he said to them, ‘Go to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature:

he who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who will not believe shall be condemned. And as for those who believe, these miracles will follow: they will *cast out demons in my name* . . .” (Mark 16:15-17, Moffatt). The existence of these evil spirits, derived from the fallen angels, and their relations with women, is a fact which modern psychiatry cannot explain. Modern psychiatrists cannot fathom the real explanation of “split personalities,” “multiple personalities,” all inhabiting the same person, or the ability of such people to speak in total foreign languages which they have never heard or learned, or how they can have knowledge of previous “lives,” or existences. But demonic possession and influence perfectly explains all of these puzzling, mysterious phenomena! These are the wicked “spirits” of the deceased “giants” who once roamed the earth! On the other hand, it is also possible for fallen angels to deceive, delude, and take over the bodies of human beings -- that is, those fallen angels which have not already been bound in chains. Apparently multiple millions of angels followed Lucifer in his original rebellion (Rev.12:3). Many of them still occupy high spiritual offices on this earth, under their “god” Satan (Eph.6:10-18; Eph.2:2; II Cor.4:4).

The Existence of "Demons" Jesus Christ encountered many demons during the years of His ministry, and cast them out of people, repeatedly. These, remember, are *spirit beings* -- and are involved in all sorts of occult phenomena, including ghost appearances, water witching and “dousing;” Ouija boards, seances, often masquerading as the “spirits” of departed loved ones. They hate human beings and are intensely jealous of the plan God is working out with human beings. On one occasion two demon-possessed individuals met Jesus “coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” The demons begged Him to cast them into a herd of swine, unclean animals, and Jesus allowed them to enter the herd and drive it over the cliff and into the Sea of Galilee (Matt.8:28-32).

Jesus gave His disciples power to cast demons out of possessed individuals (Matt.10:1; Mark 16:15-18; Matt.12:28-30). Jesus warned against taking demons lightly, as the modern world is wont to do. He declared: "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits, *more wicked than himself*, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation" (Matt.12:43-45). We, also, live in a very wicked and deceitful generation. This period of time, about 6,000 years after the Creation of Adam and Eve, is known in the Bible as "the time of the end," and "the crisis at the close" (Dan.12:9, 4). A new irruption or avalanche of demonic activity and infestation and deception is prophesied for our day, in the Scriptures. ***Increased Demonic Activity Prophesied*** Jesus Christ Himself, in the Mount Olivet prophecy, foretold that in the days immediately prior to His second coming, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matt.24:11). He added, "For there shall arise false Christs [Messiahs or "Deliverers"], and false prophets, and shall shew *great signs and wonders*; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before" (verses 24-25). Paul warned that in the last days of this age, just before Christ's coming, that a GREAT APOSTASY and falling away from the truth would occur (II Thess.2:1-5). He went on, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work . . . And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is *after the working of Satan with all power and signs and LYING wonders*, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (II Thess.2:7-10).

Satan the devil is the master of deception. He has "deceived the WHOLE WORLD" (Rev.12:9). He is the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph.2:2). He is the "god of this world, [who] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (II Cor.4:4).

As the master of deception, Satan's whole purpose is to deceive, seduce, and destroy mankind. He seeks to lead men and women into every foolish and vain false religion and pseudo-spiritual experience, including UFO encounters. The apostle Paul writes: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall DEPART FROM THE FAITH, *GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS, and doctrines of DEMONS*; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron . . ." (I Tim.4:1-2). "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim.3:13). "***Three Spirits Like Frogs***" The deception will become so intense and so believable that the whole world will be sucked up into it. All nations will be deceived and mesmerized. The apostle John writes in the book of Revelation: "And I saw *three unclean spirits like frogs* come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the SPIRITS OF DEMONS, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Rev.16:13-14).

Thus Satan the devil will once again lead the world -- this time all the nations of the earth -- bringing them under his "New World Order," his Nuovo Ordo Seclorum, and lead them in rebellion against the coming Christ, when He returns. Undoubtedly, Satan will accuse Christ of being an Extraterrestrial Invader from outer space -- a Space alien -- a Counterfeit "Christ."

Luke records of our times: "And there shall be SIGNS in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:25-27).

Isn't it obvious that Satan the devil, restless and rebellious, overflowing with hostility and hatred, knowing that Jesus Christ is coming soon to replace him as king over all the earth, is using UFOs and a vast increase in all kinds of occult and paranormal phenomena to create a "diversion," and to mask and hide the true coming of Christ, to deceive the nations into thinking that Christ is a "UFO" -- an invader from another galaxy!

By his subterfuge and devices, he will marshal the millions of mankind to fight against the "heavenly apparition" that appears in the skies. He will lead them to a place in the Middle East, called "Armageddon." The apostle John declares: "And he gathered them together unto a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Rev.16:16). These armies of mankind, the United Nations World Army, will converge in a place called Har-Megiddo, the fortress of Megiddo, in the Valley of Megiddo. John describes it: "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the TEN HORNS [ten world regions, or ten armies of ten military powers of the UN] which thou sawest are ten kings [or kingdoms], which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. *These shall MAKE WAR WITH THE LAMB, and the Lamb shall overcome them*: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (Rev.17:11-14).

These events are soon to come to pass. World events appear to be speeding up, heralding the day of God's intervention in the affairs of mankind. The Word of God says it is time for all men to repent of their sins and blasphemies, and to return to the laws and commandments of God. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to REPENT" (Acts 17:30). God's Word challenges us all: "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12).

UFO activity is increasing around the world, with more and more instances of abductions reported, and more and more people becoming "contactees" with alien life forms, surrealistic beings, paranormal, psychic phenomena, poltergeists in the form of strange and bizarre creatures. Such movies as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Rosemary's Baby," "ET," "Men in Black," and television programs such as "The X Files," "Star Trek," and "Babylon 5," all touch on similar themes -- and are preparing mankind to reject Jesus Christ, the Messiah, when He returns, thinking He is an invader from the cosmos seeking to enslave mankind.

In particular, the recent movie "Independence Day," viewed by millions around the world and the number-one box office smash hit of 1996, depicts aliens invading the earth, and being fought off by a united federation of nations -- a world defending itself against what appears to be an alien intergalactic plot to subjugate and rule the earth. Satan is evidently preparing the nations, through movies such as these, to actually view Jesus Christ and the angels with Him, when He returns from heaven, as if they are really *invaders from the cosmos*, and to fight against Him when He comes! What about you? Will you, too, be deceived? Will UFO phenomena pull the wool over your eyes? Will lying wonders trick you? Chapter Six

The Source of Psychic Occult Power

Many people today are intrigued by people like Jeane Dixon, Edgar Cayce, Ruth Montgomery, Nostradamus, and similar noted "sleeping prophets," astrologers, and psychics. Even Nancy Reagan had a favorite astrologer plan the daily activities and meetings of President Reagan! Is there such a thing as a "Christian clairvoyant" or "Christian medium" who consorts with and consults "spiritual guides" and "channelers"? And what can we do to *conquer* Satan and all his demonic hordes? How can we have POWER over demons and the occult?

Many people today are looking to "Eastern Mysticism" to advance their knowledge beyond the "kindergarten" stage of spiritual growth which they think is taught in the Bible. To them, the Bible is merely one of many "holy books" which have been written and inspired for the nations. It is a Western book, whereas the Orientals have their own divine revelations which we can learn from. In addition to this, many today believe that Jeane Dixon, Edgar Cayce, and Ruth Montgomery, to name but a few, are actually "Christian clairvoyants" with a mysterious gift from God. One woman wrote to me saying, "God has not told us everything in the Bible. It is a Western book with only an elementary school level PART of the story." The writer went on, "Jesus was absent from the West for 18 years. Maybe he was in the East getting instruction in the other PART."

This same person said, "If Ruth Montgomery and Edgar Cayce are giving us information that we in a larger level of maturity (and circa 2000 years after Christ) need NOW, then they are with us and not against us."

What about this line of reasoning? Is it correct? Is Ruth Montgomery a person we should follow and listen to? What about Edgar Cayce, or Nostradamus?

The Only True Standard for Judgment

The Bible is our standard for "judging" all things. It is the Word of God. It is the "Alpha and the Omega." Those modern soothsayers and channelers and so-called "Christian" clairvoyants must be judged by their fruits, as Jesus Christ said. In Matthew 7, Jesus warned, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt.7:15-16).

What are the "fruits" of Jeane Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, Edgar Cayce, and others? Are they sources of divine truth? Or are they deceived sources of error and deception? Anyone who has followed Jeane Dixon's prophecies in the *National Inquirer*, or her books, knows that many of her prophecies have been grievously in error. But God is not the author of confusion and error (I Cor.14:33).

In the book *Edgar Cayce on Prophecy*, we read that Jeane Dixon called Cayce "the expert" Many of Edgar Cayce's teachings and prophecies were based, at least in some degree, on the teachings of the Bible and Scripture. His messages dealt with God's law of love, giving, serving, as well as predictions of tribulation to come, and the coming of a New Age in 1998, after a period of troubles from 1936 to 1998.

Cayce also spoke of the moving of the earth's axis, and the "changing of the poles," which prophecy also alludes to. Cayce also spoke of Atlantis arising once again, which Bible prophecy also indicates will occur (Acts 3:19-31). Cayce's "knowledge" of this ancient continent and earth history, however, can only be from angelic beings who were alive at that time. Since the Scriptures give not even a hint of God's righteous angels communicating with men in such a fashion, through sleep, dreams, or clairvoyant speaking, the true source of such "knowledge" must be from an altogether different group of beings. Where did Cayce get his "knowledge" and his "prophecies"?

The Rebellious Angels

In the Word of God, we read, "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" (II Pet.2:4). Jude continues this thought, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

There is a "spirit world" on this earth. These fallen angels and "demons," or "disembodied spirits," wander through the earth, seeking rest but finding none. They like to enter into people, and possess their minds, and give them "psychic ability," a counterfeit of the gifts of the Spirit of God (see I Cor.12:1-6; 14:1-2).

Jesus Christ cast these unclean spirits out of people throughout His ministry. "When the even was come, they brought unto him MANY that were possessed of demons: and he CAST OUT THE SPIRITS WITH HIS WORD, and healed all that were sick" (Matt.8:16). Later, two men possessed with demons met Jesus on the hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The demons besought him, saying, "If thou cast us out suffer us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go," and they "went into the heard of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters" (Matt.8:28-34). Jesus later instructed His disciples, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and finding none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself *seven other spirits more wicked than himself*, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be to this wicked generation" (Matt.12:43-45).

Witchcraft in the Bible -- the Witch of Endor In the Old Testament we find that king Saul "had put away those that had FAMILIAR SPIRITS, and the wizards, out of the land" (I Sam.28:3). But when the army of the Philistines gathered together to fight him, he became afraid, "and his heart greatly trembled" (v.5).

Saul inquired of God, but God answered him not a word, neither by dreams, by the Urim and Thummim (on the high priest's ephod), or by prophets. Notice what happened! "Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a WOMAN THAT HATH A FAMILIAR SPIRIT (a demon), that I may go to her, and INQUIRE of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. "And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment and he went and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, DIVINE UNTO ME BY THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT, and bring him up, whom I shall name unto thee" (verses 7-8). This woman was a soothsayer, a future prognosticator, a "clairvoyant." She was an ancient "psychic." She had certain ability, by means of the evil spirit within her, to foretell the future, or to reveal hidden knowledge. The spirit in her knew who Saul was, and revealed it to the woman. When Saul asked her to bring him up Samuel, who had recently died, and she saw the apparition of one whom she thought was Samuel, she exclaimed, "Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul." Saul replied, "Be not afraid; for what sawest thou?"

And the woman replied, "I saw gods ascending out of the earth." Saul asked, "What form is he of?"

She answered, "An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle." The Scriptures then say, "Saul *PERCEIVED* (thought or believed) that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself" (verses 9-14). This wasn't really Samuel, but a

demon cloaked as Samuel -- a Satanic illusion or "ghost." No demon has the power to raise the dead; only God can do that. And since God was not answering Saul at all (I

Sam.23:6), He certainly would not have brought back Samuel from the dead to confront him! No, this was a demoniacal spirit, or a fallen angel, disguised as Samuel, to deceive Saul. This spirit then carried on the charade, the masquerade, pretending to be Samuel. It then spoke the TRUTH about Saul's rebellion against God, and then TRUTHFULLY prophesied the defeat of Israel on the battlefield, and the deaths of Saul and his sons (I Sam.28:15-19). Here was a clear case of "clairvoyance," if you wish to call it that. It was accomplished through an ancient "witch." With her "magic," she communed with familiar spirits, and received "messages from the dead."

End-Time Satanic Counterfeits

Having a degree of spiritual truth and understanding, clearly, does not validate the message or method of a medium or "witch." Nor does the ability to "know" the occult, or ancient history, or even the future. Such knowledge is clearly available to those who wish to consult lying spirits and the demonic world, which God condemns as an abomination. God says: "*Regard not them that have familiar spirits* [e.g., Jeane Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, Edgar Cayce, who mix truth with error, which is a poisonous brew], *neither seek after wizards, to be DEFILED BY THEM: I am the Lord*" (Lev.19:31). "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (Exo.22:18). The word for "witch" in Hebrew is and means "to whisper a spell, i.e., to enchant or practice magic," "sorcerer," "witch." God commands, moreover, "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or daughter to pass through the fire, *OR THAT USETH DIVINATION*, or an observer of times (astrological "signs"), or an enchanter, or a WITCH, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an ABOMINATION unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth DRIVE THEM OUT from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect [upright, sincere] with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto OBSERVERS OF TIMES, and unto DIVINERS: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do" (Deut.18:10-14).

Isaiah adds, "And when they shall say unto you, SEEK UNTO THEM THAT HAVE FAMILIAR SPIRITS, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY: *if they speak not according to THIS WORD, it is because there is NO LIGHT IN THEM*" (Isa.8:19-20). Seeking knowledge and truth through the occult, or through the crystal balls of even so-called "Christian psychics," and "Christian witches" -- I cannot think of a greater non sequitur or oxymoron -- is deadly and lethal game only fools would play.

God says, "There is NO LIGHT in them"! Although I have read some of the books about Edgar Cayce, and Nostradamus, and Jeane Dixon, it is clear to me that their basic premise is faulty and in error. They do not obey the laws of God. They do not adhere to the Biblical Sabbath. They do not obey the Holy Days of God. They are bound up in pagan symbolism and festival observance. Their source of spiritual knowledge is not the Word of God! We should judge their writings by the standard -- measuring rod -- of the Bible itself.

Ruth Montgomery's "incorporeal guides" were nothing more than sweet-talking, whispering demons in angelic guise (II Cor.11:13-15). John commands us to put these "spirits" to the acid test (I John 4:1-2). He warns us, there are MANY ANTI-CHRISTS around -- seductive spirits or "guides" who seek to lead us astray.

Paul warns us seriously, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS, AND DOCTRINES OF DEMONS; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. . ." (I Tim.4:1-2).

Satanic, Clever and Ingenious Devices Satan is always seeking to beguile the unwary and uncritical. Satan always makes his way look good on the surface, and sound good to the ears; but it is the same old malarkey,

nonetheless (see Gen.3:1-6). The serpent beguiled Eve; she fell from grace. She disobeyed the command of God. Beware lest that old serpent, the master of guile, use his infamous legerdemain and machinations on you, and thus beguile you into calamitous folly, to where you are unable to recover from his snares. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (II Cor.11:3). Satan is capable of blinding the mind (II Cor.4:4). If we disobey God, and neglect His law, we become fodder for the devil. We must be obedient in all things, and FORGIVE THOSE who have wronged us -- "LEST SATAN should get an advantage over us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Cor.2:11).

Can a true Christian or believer in the Messiah consult witches, mediums, even those who profess to be Christian, and come away without being burned? Just which "spirits" inspire the likes of Jeane Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, Edgar Cayce, and others? Do they teach obedience to the laws of God? God says, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if peradventure God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the SNARE OF THE DEVIL, who are taken captive by him at his will" (II Tim.2:24-26). The Bible is NOT an "elementary book" for Western society, nor does the information from Montgomery or Cayce serve to lead us into "higher grades." Rather, 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, FOR REPROOF, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works' (II Tim.3:16-17). The Word of God says, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? "And what agreement hath the temple of God with IDOLS? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell with them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. "Wherefore COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (11 Cor.6:14-18). God wants His children to have nothing whatsoever to do with the unfruitful works of darkness. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather REPROVE THEM" (Eph.5:11), "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (v.12).

Ruth Montgomery Ruth Montgomery, a supposed "Christian psychic," in her book *A Search for the Truth*

wrote that one of her "incorporeal guides" told her "The Christmas season is the most splendid times of the year, not only because it reminds us of the saintly Man in Bethlehem, but also because men's hearts are opened to others. It is the spirit of Christmas to put others' needs above one's own. That is why the spirit of Christmas must never be removed from the image of Christmas. Mold your thoughts to the true meaning of this holiday season -- the blessedness of giving rather than receiving" (pp.189-190).

What does the Almighty God in heaven say about the "spirit of Christmas"? Is it really so saintly and holy?

Even a minimum of serious research will show that the celebration of Christmas is a pagan-carryover which precedes the birth of Christ by thousands of years, in honor of the ancient "yule" or sun-god. Write for my special issue of *Prophecy Flash* dealing with the subject of "Christmas -- Christian or Pagan?" The Christmas "wreath" is an emblem of the circular shape of the sun. The ancient pagans observed the 25th of December in honor of the waning sun, looking forward to its revival in the following days. Even the Christmas tree comes from ancient pagan Germany and Egypt, where it was a symbol of pagan adoration and worship.

Alexander Hislop's book *The Two Babylons* describes in detail the origins of this pagan, wicked holiday which appears so saintly and innocent on the surface. Surely Satan the devil wants us to become beguiled into observing this pagan practice, and he would just love for us to call it "Christian." By this devious machination he has deceived the entire world (Rev.12:9). Thus he has finessed the entire "Christian" world with his sleight of

hand, stratagems, and dissimulation. He has masked the real truth about Christmas -- its evil pagan heart beat -- and concealed its truly diabolical nature, which leads to the spirit of desperation, despair, depression, loneliness, and even suicide. *Any "Christian" or "psychic" who endorses "Christmas" or any of the world's pagan holidays is really serving the hidden designs and occultic purposes of Satans the devil!*

Thus the whole Western world embraces a fraud, a deceit, a clever contrivance, and has fallen into the trap of Satan the devil, the "god of this world" (II Cor.4:4). Instead of observing the true BIBLICAL HOLY DAYS, such as Passover, Pentecost, Rosh Hoshanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot -- the Feast of Tabernacles -- it observes a pagan-originated "Christmas," derived from the Roman Saturnalia, and a pagan "Easter," the very name of which belongs to a German goddess of spring and fertility! Write for our article, "Which Days Should We Keep?" What does the Word of God say about our adopting and "baptising" pagan observances, and calling them "Christian"? Just because you call a "dog" a "cat" doesn't make it a cat! God says, "Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God. When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; TAKE HEED TO THYSELF THAT THOU NOT BE SNARED BY FOLLOWING THEM . . . and that thou not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt NOT do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods . . . What thing soever I command you, OBSERVE TO DO IT: THOU SHALT NOT ADD THERETO, NOR DIMINISH FROM IT" (Deut.12:28-32). God never commanded or established a festival on December 25! This was a pagan celebration in honor of pagan gods! God says His people are NOT TO WORSHIP HIM AFTER THE MANNER OF THE PAGANS! He says He hates their customs! Also, God commands, "Learn NOT the way of the heathen . For the customs of the people are VAIN . . ." (Jer.10:2-3). He then goes on to describe the popular custom of cutting down an evergreen tree from the forest, taking it home, decorating it, setting it up so it cannot move, and "worshiping" it. Remind you of something familiar? Rather, God commands His people to observe *His* annual holy days forever (see Exodus 12:14-16; all of Leviticus 23). He commands us NOT to ADD TO HIS LAWS, including His FESTIVALS, such pagan contrivances as Christmas, Easter (named after the goddess Astarte, Ishtar, or "Easter"), nor to diminish from or cease from celebrating *His* Festivals!

But all modern so-called "Christianity" has done both -- they have embraced pagan customs, calling them "Christian," and they have ignored totally the Festivals commanded by God!

Further, God commands all His people, "Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. "YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH OUGHT FROM IT, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deut.4:1-2).

We are to diligently obey the commandments of God. We are not to add to them, or to subtract from them. We are not to add pagan celebrations such as Christmas or Easter, and subtract God's own holy festivals, such as Passover, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement or Tabernacles (Lev.23).

These pagan festivals were inaugurated and taught to the pagans by their gods -- their national demons -- ages ago. They are the *worship of demons!* No wonder, then, that "Christian" demons encourage their worship and observance, today! The demon "guide" speaking to Ruth Montgomery was merely encouraging her to teach

people to remain in their pagan ways of worship, yet calling it "Christian." God calls this way of worship an abomination to Him! It is an affront to His holiness. It is pagan sacrilege! God says of such "clairvoyants," who claim to receive messages from Him, "A man also or a woman that hath a FAMILIAR SPIRIT, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them" (Lev.20:27).

Beware of Deceiving Psychic Messengers

God says, further, in dealing with such people, "If there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods (their customs and practices), which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; THOU SHALT NOT HEARKEN unto the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord thy God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. "And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, shall be *PUT TO DEATH* because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God . . . to take you out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee" (Deut.13:1-5). God looks upon such activities as heinous wickedness and despicable abomination, worthy of the death penalty. There was to be sudden judgment -- no mercy. The crime was of enormous implications to the welfare of the state of the nation. Today, in the United States, we witness the folly of the Armed Forces actually not only allowing traditional Christian and Jewish ministers to serve as clergymen to the men under arms in the military, but now the Pentagon has issued guidelines for Buddhist chaplains and even witches and wizards in the military, to conduct their religious services and practices for their followers!

No wonder God has removed His blessing from our land! No wonder God is fed up with modern Israel, including the United States and British Commonwealth, the descendants of ancient Joseph, Rachel's firstborn son! God hates paganism -- and witchcraft! In His holy eyes, the two go hand in hand; they go together like hand in glove!

Modern Babylon the Great -- a Haunt of Demons

This modern Babylonish world is filled with witchcraft and demonism in the highest places. It is not all underground Satan worship by weird fanatics and wild teenagers, fascinated by the occult. It is not all the worshippers of Charles Manson, or the Hillside Strangler, with his preoccupation with pentagrams and mystical symbols. God says of modern United States and Western World -- the end-time Babylon the Great, the "daughter of the Chaldeans," the "lady of kingdoms" (Isa.47:5), "But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the MULTITUDE OF THY SORCERIES, and for the GREAT ABUNDANCE OF THINE ENCHANTMENTS" (Isaiah 47:9). God tells this great end-time World Empire, which has tentacles around the world, "Stand now with thine ENCHANTMENTS, and with the multitude of thy SORCERIES, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth . . . Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. LET NOW THE ASTROLOGERS, THE STAR GAZERS, THE MONTHLY PROGNOSTICATORS, STAND UP, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the FIRE SHALL BURN THEM; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame ... none shall save thee" (verses 12-15).

This great society toppling to destruction is also described in Revelation 18. The apostle John writes,

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power. . . And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of DEMONS, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" (Rev.18:1-2).

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her. . ." (v.3). God commands His people, of this foul, witchcraft-laden, sorcery filled system of worship, "*COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye*

receive not of her PLAGUES. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Rev.18:4-5). "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double" (v.6). All the Jeane Dixons, Ruth Montgomerys, Edgar Cayces, and sorcerers, witches, wizards, and psychic "channelers," and occultic practitioners, will not be able to deliver this modern Babylonish system from the judgment of Almighty God!

Chapter Seven

Witchcraft and Demons in the New Testament . . . and Today!

The likes of Dixon, Montgomery, and Edgar Cayce are mentioned in the New Testament. The apostles had a run-in with their type in the book of Acts. Witches, mediums and psychics are also very common today. They advertise on billboards, on television, and newspapers -- and command a vast following. What can we as true Christians do about them? How can we overcome their evil and wicked influence? What tools can we use to overcome Satan and his legion of evil spirits, demons and fallen angels? Here is vital information you need to know! In the book of Acts we read, "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel POSSESSED WITH A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION met us, which brought her masters much gain by SOOTHSAYING: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this she did many days. But Paul, being grieved, tamed and said to the spirit I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour" (Acts 16:16-18).

Notice! This woman could "prophesy," and give "occult" information, much like Jeane Dixon, Ruth Montgomery, and Edgar Cayce. She spoke some truth, as well. The demon in her confessed that Paul and his group were messengers sent from God, bring the way of salvation. Sometimes these artful demons even preach the truth! Nevertheless, the spirit of divination is wrong -- an ABOMINATION! And Paul finally felt moved to cast it out of the young woman. In another account, some Jewish exorcists attempted to imitate the apostle Paul and cast out demons following his example. The story would be funny, if it were not so tragic.

"Then certain vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did no. "And the evil spirit answered and said, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' "And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. "And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and BURNED THEM BEFORE ALL MEN: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver [the equivalent of a quarter million dollars, in today's money!]. "So mightily grew the word of God, and prevailed" (Acts 19:13-20).

The Source of Spiritual Power

Those who are seeking spiritual power by studying the books of Edgar Cayce, Ruth Montgomery, Jeane Dixon, and other practitioners of the occult, even if it be the so-called "Christian" occult, are in great danger! Any spiritual power which comes from any other source than the Spirit of God is demoniacal and deadly in its final revelation. The person who wrote to me on this subject stated, "Power is power, and one can learn HOW to use it by observing many practitioners." To that I say, balderdash and hogwash! There is evil power, as well as good power. Power itself is not "neutral." *Power derived from an evil source is EVIL. Any power used to further the purposes of Evil, is inherently EVIL!* You cannot use the power of God for evil purposes. Nor can the power of demons be truly used for good purposes, except as a ruse to deceive the naive, simple, and unwise. *To dabble, delve, and play around with the occult and witchcraft, may seem like a pathway to power to some, but it is the roadway to death and destruction forever and ever.* Witchcraft is spiritual fornication with the demons of this world. It is the "depths of Satan" which God warns about (Revelation 2:20-25). Many women get involved in this terrible deception, and lose their salvation like Jezebel, who considered herself a prophetess and seduced the servants of God into spiritual fornication, eating at idolatrous festivals such as Christmas and Easter, and sinning against God. Let's come completely out of these things!

What To Do about Demon Problems

Since we know from the Scriptures that demons do exist, and sometimes "possess" people, or "bother" them, what can and should God's people do about them? As we should know, from studying the Word of God, God the Creator has ALL POWER, and He has given ALL POWER into the hands of Jesus Christ, who said, "ALL POWER is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt.28:18). He also gave authority to His servants and ministers, saying, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, CAST OUT DEMONS: freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt.10:8). And, He declared, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; *IN MY NAME* they shall cast out demons" (Mark 16:17). Not all, of course, would have this "authority" or "power." It is a gift of God. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but

the same Spirit" (I Cor.12:4). "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same spirit; to another the GIFTS OF HEALING by the same Spirit . . ." (I Cor.12:8-9).

As a minister of God, and His Servant, in these last days, I believe in God's power, and His might, and His authority, and His love and compassion and caring. I know He cares for every living human being, and wants to see everyone free of demon influence, demon possession, and completely healed. I believe in His promises. I believe in His healing power. I also know that His promises are conditional, based on FAITH. As Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt.9:29).

Faith and Believing Prayer

To have demons removed from the premises, or cast out, we must believe, and we must EXERCISE our faith. We must BELIEVE, as a matter of fact, and we must PERSEVERE and PERSIST and tenaciously HANG ON to God's Promises, and our faith -- ENDURING, fighting, never-giving up, using our mind to FOCUS on what God is doing and is going to do for us. Jesus Christ declared in plain words, "Have faith in God [marginal reading, "have the faith of God" -- God's very own faith]" (Mark 11:22). In other words, we need the very faith of God, which is His Gift, one of the very attributes of God's own Holy Spirit (Gal.5:22-23). That faith is the very faith of Christ Jesus Himself abiding within us. As the apostle Paul himself said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal.2:20). This faith, Paul said, comes from Christ Himself. Paul wrote, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law [and like filthy rags by comparison -- see Isaiah 1:18; 64:6], *but that which is THROUGH THE FAITH OF CHRIST*, the righteousness which is of God *by faith*" (Philippians 3:8-9). The power of this faith CONQUERS Satan the devil and ALL his host of demonic angels evil spirits, and their obsessive influences! Jesus goes on in Mark's account, describing this miracle-working FAITH! He declared, "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but *shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith*. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, *BELIEVE that ye receive them, and ye shall have them*. And when ye stand praying, *forgive*, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11:23-25).

The POWER of God

God works these miracles through the Holy Spirit! And He GIVES His Holy Spirit to those who repent of their sins, forsake their sins, depart from wickedness, and who OBEY His commandments (Acts 5:32). That Spirit is "the Spirit of POWER, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND" (II Timothy 1:6-7).

And when the evil spirit or spirits are cast out, and have left, and a person's mind and body have been cleansed -- a person's mind and body are swept clean -- that person must NEVER ALLOW themselves to fall back into their old habits of thinking, and dwelling on negative things, and demonic influences -- lest they once again become "infested" or "infected." They must RESIST the devil and his demons, and resist any and every "demonic attack" which Satan attempts, to "reclaim" his body and mind. Once cleansed, one must "CLEAN HOUSE" AND KEEP IT CLEAN, by continual and daily study of God's Word, prayer, and filling their mind and life with positive and uplifting things. As Paul wrote, "Finally, my brethren, *whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, THINK ON*

THESE THINGS" (Phil.4:8). As Paul goes on, "*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, DO: and [then] the God of peace shall be with you*" (v.9). **We Must RESIST the Devil** The apostle James says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will FLEE FROM YOU. DRAW NIGH TO GOD, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and PURIFY your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:7-8). Peter also wrote: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: *whom RESIST STEADFAST IN THE FAITH*, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (I Pet.5:8-9).

If a person faithfully heeds this advice, and does the things I have said, I am persuaded fully that they will be completely healed, and can remain healed, and be no longer bothered with demons. *But we must do our part*. And God will SURELY do His! **In Christ's Name, REBUKE Satan!**

If, or when any demon tries to bother you, do as Jude said, saying, "The LORD God, YHVH (YAHVEH) REBUKE YOU!" (Jude 9), and say to that demon, "In the name of Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha Moshiach), I rebuke you!" Tell that spiritual entity, "In the name of God the Father and Jesus Christ, Begone, get out of here, and LEAVE ME ALONE!" "GET AWAY FROM ME, AND STAY AWAY FROM ME! So I order, direct, and command you in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah!"

With all the power and determination you can must, calling on God for help and inspiration, tell that evil spirit, "*Get thee hence, Satan, and all his demons, in the name of Jesus Christ, according to the Word of GOD!*"

The Whole ARMOR of God

Study the Scriptures concerning faith and healing. BUILD up your faith, by constant and concentrated Bible Study (Rom.10:17; II Pet.3:18), and by faithful prayer (Luke 18:1-8). Raise your hands raised to God in heaven, calling on Him for the faith and spiritual strength you need, and for forgiveness of all your sins (Lamentations 3:40-41). As Paul said, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (I Tim.2:8). "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD" (Psalm 134:2; II Chron.6:12-13, 29). Indeed, as Paul said, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against . . . wicked spirits in high places. Wherefore take unto you the *WHOLE armor of God, that ye may be able to WITHSTAND in the evil day*" (Eph.6:11-13, etc.).

We live in "evil" days. So we must be busy, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph.6:16). We must do as Paul said, and "Fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim.6:12). It is a fight -- a struggle -- a wrestling match. We must be like our forefather Jacob, who fought all night, wrestling with an "angel," who turned out to be Christ, the Logos, the Son of God, showing his perseverance and tenacity, so that Christ changed his name to "Israel," which means "Prevailer, Overcomer, Prince of God."

And, as Peter said, we must GROW in the things of God, giving all diligence to add to our faith virtue (spiritual power), knowledge, self control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and the true love of God (II Pet.1:4-7). For, he said, "If these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall *neither be barren nor unfruitful* in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v.8).

With the power of God, we can overcome ANY spiritual adversary. God will not fail us nor forsake us. Indeed, "There be more with us than there are with them." When Elisha and his servant were surrounded by armies, and a great host camped against them, his servant, wakening in the morning and seeing the awesome sight, exclaimed, "Alas, my master! what shall we do?" And Elisha responded: "FEAR NOT: *for they that be with us are more than they that be with them*" (II Kings 6:16).

Satan and all his demons have only "puny" power AS COMPARED TO THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD! Satan and all his demonic hordes may be arrayed against us; but on our side is the CAPTAIN OF THE HOSTS OF THE LORD -- YESHUA HIMSELF -- AND GOD THE FATHER, CREATOR AND RULER OF THE UNIVERSE! With us, fighting on our side, is the LORD God of Hosts, the Ruler of the entire far-flung Universe, and Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation, who rose from the dead, who now sits at the right hand of the Father, as our High Priest in heaven, who Himself on the battlefield of the wilderness of Judea, after forty days of fasting and praying, DEFEATED Satan the devil in pitched spiritual battle 2,000 years ago! (Matt.4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13). Jesus Christ *totally* vanquished Satan, the prince of demons, and qualified to replace him as ruler of the world, when He gave His life for us, at the cross, giving His life and shedding His blood to pay for and cover our sins. So NOW HE RULES SUPREME, *with the Father!*

And Jesus promised: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and *greater works than these*, shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And *whatsoever ye shall ASK IN MY NAME, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in MY NAME, I will DO it. If ye LOVE me, keep my commandments*" (John 14:12-15).

"*According to Your Faith . . .*" These are God's Words -- His instructions. If we seek His help, deliverance, and intervention, on our behalf, in fighting demons or any other adversary, then we must get on our knees before Him, and claim His promises, with our hands raised to heaven, and implore Him to rebuke the evil, and ask Him to completely remove the evil from our life, and then KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, completely and fully, all of them, and He will receive us, and bless us, and give complete and total healing.

It is, bottom line, a matter of our faith and dependence on God. Like Abraham, our forefather, we must live by and exercise faith. "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was STRONG IN FAITH, giving glory to God; and being FULLY PERSUADED that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform*" (Rom.4:19-21). Faith is the "bottom line." Crying out to God, even with the "faith born of desperation," can work miracles. I have seen it. I know it is true. It is, however, between each one of us and God.

"*Help Thou My Unbelief!*" When a father brought a young demoniac to Christ, he said to him, in sheer desperation, "Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; *and they could not.*" Jesus answered him, "O faithless generation, how long shall I bear with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me." The account continues: "And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but *IF THOU CANST DO ANY THING, HAVE COMPASSION ON US, AND HELP US.*"

Do you see His lack of faith and real belief here? Do you sense the doubt and fear that the father had? Jesus responded, as the Moffatt translation has it, "'If you can!' *Anything can be done for one who believes.*" The account continues: "At once the father of the boy cried out, *'I do believe; help my unbelief.'*" It was a beginning point. He admitted, confessed his weakness and unbelief. He cried out for help and mercy. It was all Jesus needed. The narrative goes on: "Now as Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, he *checked* the unclean spirit, 'Deaf and dumb spirit,' he said, *'leave him, I command you, and never enter him again!'* And it did come out, after shrieking aloud and convulsing him violently. The child turned like a corpse, so that most people said, 'He is dead'; but, taking his hand, Jesus raised him and he got up.

"When he went indoors, his disciples asked him in private, 'Why could we not cast it out?' He said to them, 'Nothing can make this kind come out but prayer and fasting'" (Mark 9:17-29). One must be close to God, through prayer, and even fasting, in order to do the works of God. This is not an "e-ticket ride" on a Disneyland children's roller coaster. Casting out spiritual entities is serious business!

The *Modern Language Bible* has this passage as follows: The father begged Jesus, "but if You can do anything, help us; take pity on us!" Jesus answered, "If You can do anything? Everything is possible for the person who believes!" The father at once exclaimed, "I believe. *Help me because of my unbelief.*" Then Jesus, seeing a mob collecting, said to the spirit, "Dumb and deaf spirit, I order you: Come out of him and never again enter into him." The story goes on, "Shrieking and throwing fit after fit, he came out. The boy looked like a corpse, so that many declared that he was dead; but Jesus, taking him by the hand, raised him and he stood up.

"After He had gone indoors, His disciples asked Him privately, 'Why were we unable to cast it out?' He told them, 'This kind cannot be expelled except through prayer.' First, that we *must believe. FAITH is absolutely required.* Second, that *if we lack faith, we can CALL ON GOD for the very faith that we need, and He will give it to us!* Thirdly, indeed, ALL THINGS are possible through the power and intervention of God, for those who have faith, and *believe!*

The apostle Paul put it very succinctly: He said, "*I can do ALL THINGS through Christ which strengtheneth me*" (Phil.4:13). Also, he declared, "But my God shall supply ALL YOUR NEED, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus" -- *Moshiach Yeshua* (Phil.4:19). **For those who request prayer for healing, and prayer for eradication of demon influence and possession, we send out special "anointed" prayer cloths, with instructions on how to use them, following the example of the apostle Paul (Acts 19:11). A person should use the prayer cloth as it is needed, which sick, suffering a debilitating illness, or if they are being bothered by Satan or one or more of his demons.**

There is indeed a whole "world" out there -- another "dimension" -- what may be called "a parallel universe." It is composed of spirit beings, and inhabited by angels. Sometimes that world and our physical, mundane world intersect -- collide, as it were -- and beings from that other dimension can influence affairs in our physical Universe. This fact was revealed in the Scriptures from the very beginning. It is only the ignorance of mankind in our modern, faithless generation, that has led to universal doubt, unbelief, and ignorance of that other world. We have too many rocket scientists and not enough true Bible students. Too many nuclear physicists and not enough Torah researchers.

Nevertheless, God has given us His Word. And He commands us to use it -- to learn about Him, this other dimension, and the purpose He plans for you, and the destiny of mankind. God says: "*Study* to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing the word of truth*" (II Timothy 2;15) In the pages of this book, you have learned much new truth. What are you going to do with it? How are you going to use it? May God help you to make *wise* decisions!