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I. The First Rebellion: Angelic

Isaiah 14:12-15 How you have fallen from heaven, O **star of the morning**, ("shining one" where his name Lucifer comes from) **son of the dawn**! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! 13 But you said in your heart, **I will** ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne **above** the **stars of God**, And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. 14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** make myself **like the Most High**. 15 Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

 Job 38 declares that the morning stars and sons of God – two different orders of angels – were with The LORD when HE created the earth.

Job 38:4-7 Where were you when I laid the foundation **of the earth**?... When the **morning stars** sang together and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy? Stating that angels were created before the creation of the earth.

Then later, after the creation of the earth, this star of the morning or Lucifer, rebelled and was cut down to the earth losing all privileges he had in heaven: I have cast you as profane from the **mountain of God**. These "sons of God" will appear again in Genesis six.

Ezekiel 28:11-20 Speaking also of Lucifers' rebellion, declares that before his fall he was **in Eden**, the garden of God and functioned there as a priest as he wore all the precious stones that later the High Priest Aaron wore on his breastplate. If "the garden" was on earth or elsewhere, or if the LORD has several gardens referred to as Eden, is not clear.

Thus says the Lord God, You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 **You were in Eden, the garden of God**; Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that **you were created** they were prepared. 14 You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were **on the holy mountain of God**; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 You were **blameless** in your ways from the day you were **created** until **unrighteousness was found in**

you. 16 By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you. 18 By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the eyes of all who see you. 19 All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have become terrified and you will cease to be forever

- It reads as if **Eden**, the garden of God was not on earth at the time of their rebellion but elsewhere and was later moved or created there for Adam and Eve to live and rule over. Genesis 2:8 The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. And it is not found on the earth today. Genesis 3:24
- I cast you to the ground and satan thought he was the ruler of the earth. But then Man enters the stage and is given authority to rule and satan has a new enemy.
- II. Man Enters The Stage

Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; and let them **rule over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 27God **created man in His own image**, in the **image of God** He created him; **male** and **female** He created them. 28God blessed them and God said to them, **be fruitful and multiply**, and fill the earth, and **subdue it**; and **rule over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

- Something totally new that had not been seen before was male and female He created them and said to them, be fruitful and multiply.
- Ephesians 3:11 This was in accordance with the **ETERNAL PURPOSE** which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- This is The LORD's plan for humankind one man and one woman the two becoming one - having children and ruling in righteousness over the earth.
- And now satan extended his warfare with The LORD to include all mankind. He set out to do all that he could to prevent man and woman from having children, filling the earth and ruling over it. We clearly see the results of this today with men marrying men and women marrying women . . . no children!

III. The Second Rebellion: Mankind

Genesis 3:1-7 Now the serpent . . . said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said . . . You surely will not die!" . . . **she ate** . . . and **he ate**. . . 14 The Lord God said to the serpent . . . 15 And I will put **enmity** (hatred) between you and the woman, and between **your seed** (children) and **her seed** (children) He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

- This Prophecy, as with many in the Bible, has a present and a future fulfillment. Present: hatred between satan's children and her children. Future: The LORD JESUS CHRIST and the antichrist.
- bruise you on the head: to break, bruise, or figurately to overcome. bruise the heel: a minor wound that would only slow one down.
- "seed" means descendants or offspring. Genesis 22:17, Deuteronomy 10:15, Isaiah 53:10, Romans 4:13 & 16, Galatians 3:29. And for hatred See Revelation 12:17
- Adam believed the LORD and the prophecy that his wife would have children and he named his wife Eve meaning "mother of all living." And also that, one of her children would defeat the serpent.
- Eve, is the mother of all living, therefore "satan's seed" can only come into being through Eve or one of her daughters.
- The Battle Intensifies: Satan, now realizes that one of "her" children, a male child, is going to defeat him. Therefore, his primary objective became to destroy this child or prevent his birth by raising up his

seed, his children, to corrupt and destroy The LORD's people and perhaps **her seed** who would "**bruise his head**."

- This truth is critical for a clear understanding that answers many questions throughout the Old and New Testament, as we will see later in this study.
- That **Satan has offspring** or children is verified in The LORD's statement of the parable of the tares and elsewhere.

Matthew 13:37-43 The one who sows the **good seed** is The Son of Man . . . these are the **sons of The Kingdom**; and the tares are the **sons of the evil one**, and the enemy who sowed them is the **devil** and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. 40 So just as the tares are gathered up and **burned** with fire, **so shall it be** at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will throw them into the **furnace of fire**; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

- And John 8:44 You are "of" your father the devil and you want to do the desires of your father. of -> Greek "εκ" out of, originating from
- Paul refers to one of these "sons of the devil" in **Acts 13:7-10** You are full of deceit and fraud, you **son of the devil**.
- There are many more verses declaring this truth.

IV. Her First Seed

Genesis 4:1-2 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to **Cain**, and she said, I have gotten a man child with the help of the Lord. 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother **Abel**. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

• Cain was the first son in human history and followed by his brother Abel. They became the focus of satan's efforts to corrupt or kill them because of the Genesis 3:15 prophecy. From their father Adam, who walked with the LORD many years in The Garden, these boys surely were told much about what was right and wrong. 4:3 Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground which was cursed and represented the work and efforts of his own labors, "religion." Showing no regard for the LORD and his father's teaching, a form of rebellion and only focused on himself and his ways and wants.
 4:4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering.

4:6-7 Then the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? . . if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.

- The First Murder: Cain was offered mercy but he rejected the words of The LORD, rebelled and killed his brother Abel. This is like the words JESUS spoke to some of the descendants (seed) of Abraham: John 8:37 My word has no place in you.
- Satan won another battle killing one son and controlling the other.

Genesis 4:9 Then the Lord said to Cain, Where is your brother Abel? **I don't know**, he replied. Am I my brother's keeper?

The First human Liar, as was his spiritual father satan, "You surely shall not die?" This reminds me of what JESUS said to a group of non-believers:

John 8:44-45 You are **of your father the devil**, and you want to do the desires of **your father**. He was a **murderer** from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because **there is no truth in him**. Whenever he speaks a lie he speaks from his own nature, for **he is a liar and the father of lies**.

• Lying is of satan. When a true believer lies, it opens a window allowing satan more influence in our lives. Ephesians 4:25 & 27

1 John 3:11-12 . . . we should love one another; not as **Cain**, who was "**OF**" ($\epsilon \dot{\kappa}$) **the evil one** and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his **deeds** were **evil**, and his **brothers** were **righteous**. You will know them by their fruits. Mt. 7:16

Of -> Greek "εκ" denoting the place of origination, where the action proceeds from -> **the evil one**. **Cain was a "seed," a child of satan**.

JESUS verified the fact of Genesis 3:15 and the "two seeds" speaking to Nicodemus.

John 3:3-8 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless** one is born **again** ($\alpha\nu\omega\theta\epsilon\dot{\nu}$ (literally-> **from above** or from the beginning) he cannot **see** ($\iota\delta\epsilon\iota\nu$ - see or **perceive**) the kingdom of God." (**not enter** but **see**)

(4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

- Nicodemus was right in that Jesus was talking about "natural birth." But misunderstood that Jesus was speaking about the origin of a man's natural birth. Nicodemus' interpretation does not prove the correct meaning of Jesus' words, but only his own misunderstanding.
- Often in the Scriptures men misunderstood Jesus. Nicodemus' misunderstanding is clearly seen in vs. 10: Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?

The word for 'again' is (\pi\alpha\lambda\nu - palin) and is used in the New Testament **171 times**.

The word $(\pi\alpha\lambda\iota\nu)$ **WAS NOT** used in this verse, but the word $(\acute{\alpha}\nu\omega\theta\epsilon\nu)$

If $(\dot{\alpha}\nu\omega\theta\epsilon\nu)$ is translated with its regular meaning in this passage then in no place in the New Testament would it be translated "again."

• To translate ($\dot{\alpha}\nu\omega\theta\epsilon\nu$) as "again" is an extrapolation or conjecture.

The Scriptures tell us that there are **several sources of people on this earth**. That is: **not all are born "of" GOD**.

John 1:12-13 To all who **received** HIM, to those who **believed** in HIS Name, he gave the right ***to be** children of God, 13 children born (1) **not "of" blood or natural descent**, (2) nor the will "of" the flesh or **human** decision or (3) "of" the will of man or a husband's **will**, but (4) **born of God**.

- 1, 2 & 3 all speak of natural birth so translation rules dictate that #4 also it speaking of **NATURAL BIRTH.** Not spiritual birth.
- * to be is AORIST tense: the action happened and was completed at a point in the past before the time of speaking. This verb primarily means to begin to be, that is, to have come into existence or simply to be. (from The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament © 1992 by AMG International, Inc. Revised Edition, 1993)

The Apologetics Study Bible agrees that **to be** is the correct translation and **not "become"** which brings the time of action to happen at the time a person believes, which is a theological position and not an accurate translation position.

- The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is a FATHER and HE **chose** His children, His Family before the foundation of the world Ephesians 1:4.
- His children come to believe because they are **born of God**, His Seed.

Genesis 4:16 Then **Cain went out from the presence of the Lord**, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

- Cain turned his back and walked out and away from The LORD.
- Verses 17–24 tell us of Cain's genealogical descendants and that Lamech took to himself two wives, the first recorded to break from the GOD ordained "one man and one woman" (Gen.2:24). Lamech was the father of polygamy, and bragged of killing a man as did his forefather Cain, demonstrating the evil of this lineage.

Genesis 4:25-26 Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him **Seth**, for, she said, "God has appointed me another **offspring** (literal: seed) **in place of Abel**, for Cain killed him." 26To Seth also a son was born; and he called his name **Enosh**. **Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord**.

• From Adam through Seth and his son Enosh, this genealogical line began to call on the name of The LORD.

THIS IS THE CHOSEN LINE, THE SEED, FROM WHICH THE VICTORIOUS SAVIOR WHO WILL BRUISE THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT, CAME.

- We now have two lineages, two genealogical lines of men on the earth. One who has turned away from the LORD and one that has turned to The LORD.
- Genesis 4:25 through chapter 5:32 gives the descendants of Adam through Seth up to Noah. With each descendant named, is the phrase: he had other sons and daughters so the earth was well populated.
- This period from Adam to Noah covered **1,556 years**. Noah was five hundred years old and became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth

V. Satan's Great Attack on "Her Seed" Resulted in the Flood

Genesis 6:1-14 When men began to multiply on the earth (the 1,556 years from Adam to Noah) and daughters were born to them ² the **sons of god** (in the O.T. this term always **means angels**: Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7) saw that the daughters of men were fair, (lusted after them) and they took **wives** of all they chose. (following the example of Lamech the first polygamist taking two wives. Gen.4:19) 4 The **Nephilim** were on the earth both in those days and **afterwards** when the **sons of God** went to the daughters of men and **had children by them**. They (the **children**, the Nephilim) were the mighty men (warrior, tyrant or giant) of old.

- These "sons of God" were angels created by GOD, the fallen ones who followed "Lucifer" in his rebellion against The LORD (Ezekiel 28:12-19) with a goal of destroying all that The LORD had created and loves. Particularly people, created in HIS image.
- Jude 6-7 And angels who did not keep their own domain (or: place), but abandoned their proper abode (or habitation) (driven by lust for the "daughters of men") He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in GROSS IMMORALITY and went after different flesh are exhibited as an example (how much The LORD hates this perversion) in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Satan, being the leader of these fallen angels assuredly told them to take **wives** of all they chose again to DEFILE the blood line, the lineage, the DNA or genetic pool of mankind, to prevent the prophesied seed of the woman from bruising his head.

- As these fallen angels have the power to impregnate women and beget children as Genesis six states means that the **human gene pool** would become corrupt. This is another attack to defile **her seed**
 - The serpent, satan, was and is trying to raise up his seed, his children on earth to corrupt and destroy The LORD's people, her seed. Sexual pleasure was his bait to ensnare mankind. This battle is clearly seen today throughout the world. Every Christian needs to know this and FLEE FROM YOUTHFUL LUSTS and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Tim 2:22-23
- This offspring could be what The LORD stated were the sons of the evil one or the tares sown by the devil. Matthew 13:37-39 The one who sows the good seed is The Son of Man . . . these are the sons of The Kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. And John 8:44 You are "of" your father the devil and you want to do the desires of your father.
- Paul refers to one of these "sons of the devil" in Acts 13:7-10 You are full of deceit and fraud, you son of the devil.

Back to Genesis 6:

⁵ The LORD saw how **great man's wickedness** on the earth had become, and that **EVERY** inclination of the **thoughts** of his heart was only **evil all the time**. ⁶ The LORD was **grieved** and his heart was filled with **pain**. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth — men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air — for I am grieved. ⁸But **Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD**. ⁹ This is the account of Noah. Noah was a **righteous** man, **blameless** among the people of his time, and he **walked with God**. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. ¹¹ Now the **earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence**. ¹² God saw how **corrupt** the earth had become, for **ALL THE PEOPLE on earth had corrupted their ways**. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put

an end to all people, for the earth is **filled with violence** because of them. **I am surely going to destroy both them with the earth**.

- The **Nephilim** so accelerated the moral decay that **EVERY** inclination of the **thoughts** of his (man's) heart was only **evil all the time**.
- ALL THE PEOPLE on earth had corrupted their ways. This was a serious attack on the survival of the human race and the prophecy of the seed of the woman.
- The DNA of the **Nephilim** was half human and half from the apostate angels. This led to their unprecedented wicked, evil nature.

Therefore, the Flood put an end to this scheme of the devil

- However, there was one man left . . . ⁹Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them with the earth.
- Noah's lineage was of the line of Seth whose father was Adam . . . and became the father of a son in his own likeness according to his image and named him Seth. Genesis 5:3
- The flood served three purposes: (1) to destroy the Nephilim (2) to destroy the people whose DNA was corrupted. And (3) All the people who had corrupted their ways.
- When these Nephilim giants died in the flood, and/or later, their spirits were released from their bodies and roam the earth looking for another body to inhabit and promote the same immoral, perverted sexual perversions throughout mankind.

Jesus verified this in Matthew 12:43-45

Now when the unclean spirit goes out (greek: exerchomai / exercism?) of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. Then it says, **I will return** to **my house** from which I came and when it comes it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and takes along with it **seven other spirits more wicked than itself**, and they **go in**

and live there and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.

- The angels who lusted after women and conceived children were condemned to eternal punishment:
 - $\circ~$ Angels were not permitted to marry. Matthew 22:30

Jude 5-6 The Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe, and **angels** who **did not keep their own domain**, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in **eternal bonds** under darkness for the judgment of the great day

1 Peter 3:19 JESUS went and **preached to the spirits in prison** (the angels or sons of God) ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the **days of Noah** while the ark was being built.

Remember: JESUS warned us: Matthew 24:37 As it was in the **days of Noah**, so **it will be** at the coming of the Son of Man

These Evil demonic spirits are still on the earth today. They were not killed by the flood just released from the bodies they inhabited.

All spirits are eternal . . . Eternal fire or Eternal Life. These Evil demonic spirits are looking for any opportunity in anyone, to PROMOTE ALL KINDS OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY and PERVERSION.

VI. The Attempt to Defile the Blood Line of The Savior Continues

Ezra 9:1-4 Now when these things had been completed, the princes approached me, saying, The **people** of Israel and the **priests** and the **Levites have NOT separated themselves from the peoples of the lands**, according to their abominations, those of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the **Perizzites**, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians and the Amorites. (Why?) 2 For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the HOLY SEED (literal) HAS INTERMINGLED WITH THE PEOPLES OF THE **LANDS**; (A believer should only marry a confirmed believer) indeed, the hands of the princes and the rulers have been foremost in this unfaithfulness. 3When I heard about this matter, I TORE MY GARMENT AND MY ROBE, AND PULLED SOME OF THE HAIR FROM MY HEAD AND MY BEARD AND SAT DOWN APPALLED. 4Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel on account of the **unfaithfulness of the exiles** gathered to me, and I sat appalled until the evening offering.

- The Canaanites and all the others were of the line of Noah's son Ham who uncovered his father's nakedness. Ham was motivated or possessed by the Nephilim spirit of sexual immorality. Remember, Ham was before the flood with the Nephilim and the fallen angels.
- His brothers Shem and Japheth refused to look. They were FREE of the Nephilim immoral spirit.
- Noah cursed Ham's son, Canaan and from him came the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, Hivites and more (Genesis 9:22-25; 10:15-20).
- All of Canaan's lineage was carrying the "seed of satan" and the sexual immorality of that line. That is why The LORD said:

Exodus 23:20-33 22 . . . I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. 23 For **MY Angel** will go before you and bring you in to the land of the **Amorites**, the **Hittites**, the **Perizzites**, the **Canaanites**, the **Hivites** and the **Jebusites**; and **I WILL COMPLETELY DESTROY them**. 24 You SHALL NOT WORSHIP THEIR GODS, nor serve them, nor **do according to their deeds**; but **you shall utterly overthrow them** and break their sacred pillars in pieces.

- We should now understand why The LORD said completely destroy them.
- Isaiah 34:5 For My sword is satiated in heaven, behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom and upon the people whom I have **DEVOTED TO DESTRUCTION.** The only way we can understand this is . . .
- The LORD will do whatever is necessary to maintain and prevent the corruption of the Blood line of the "seed of The Woman." Even to destroying a threatening potential enemy of the "seed of the serpent."

A clear example of the above is: 1 Samuel 15:1-3 Then Samuel said to Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the Lord. Thus says the LORD of hosts, **I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel**, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt. Now go and strike **Amalek** and **UTTERLY DESTROY all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey. WHY**?

 Amalek's blood line was "of the seed of satan." Timna was a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz and she bore Amalek to Eliphaz. Genesis 36:12.

And as stated in Malachi 1:3 and Romans 9:13 As it is written, JACOB I loved, but **ESAU I HATED**. **Why?** The LORD knew he was **"of**" the evil one.

This is an example of **John 1:12** But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to **be** children of God (who received Him?) to those who believe in His name, (who? believes in His name? those . . .) 13 **who were born**, (1) **not** of blood, or (2) **of the will of the flesh**, or (3) of **the will of man**, (4) **BUT OF GOD**. (see notes "Born From Above" <u>www.treasurehisword.com</u> page 3)

- According to consistent translation rules, if 1, 2, & 3 are speaking of natural birth then #4 is also speaking of Natural Birth.
- Esau was born of the will of the flesh and the will of man, NOT of GOD. Again, clearly showing there is two sources or lineages of people on earth today.
- Jacob and Esau were twins of Isaac and Rebekah: Genesis 25:23-24
 The Lord said to her, **Two nations** (two different people groups) are in
 your womb; and **two peoples** (two different lineages) will be separated
 from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the
 older shall serve the younger. When her days to be delivered were
 fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
 - Two peoples: Jacob was born of God.
 - Esau was born of the will of the flesh and the will of man

Another Example:

Genesis 16:3-4 Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. 4 He went in to Hagar, and she conceived . . . 11The angel of the Lord said to her, Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has given heed to your affliction (the compassion of The LORD) 12He will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.

- Ishmael was born of the will of the flesh and the will of man, NOT of God. Again, clearly showing there are two sources or lineages of people on earth today.
- Issac was born of God.

Galatians 4:22-29 For it is written that Abraham had **two sons**, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. 23 But **the son by the bondwoman was BORN ACCORDING TO THE FLESH**, and **the son by the free woman through THE PROMISE**. 24 This is allegorically speaking, for these women are **two covenants**: one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is **Hagar**. . . . 26 But the Jerusalem above is free; **she is our mother**. 28 And **YOU** brethren, **like Isaac**, **are children of promise**. . 29 But as at that time **he who was born according to the flesh** (Esau) persecuted him who was **born according to the Spirit** (Jacob) **so it is now also**.

Hebrews 11:9 By faith Abraham lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with **ISAAC** (not his brother Ishmael) **and JACOB** (not his brother Esau) "**FELLOW HEIRS**" of the SAME PROMISE.

1 John 3:8-10 The one who continues to sin is of [Greek ($\dot{\epsilon}\kappa$) out of as a source of origin] the devil . . . No one who is **born** (natural birth) of ($\dot{\epsilon}\kappa$) **GOD will continue to sin**, Why? **BECAUSE GOD'S SEED remains in him**; and he cannot go on sinning (because at some point he will believe) **because** he is **born of** ($\dot{\epsilon}\kappa$) **GOD**. 10 **By THIS** the **children of GOD** and the **children of the devil** are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness **is not of** ($\dot{\epsilon}\kappa$) **GOD**, nor the one who does not love his brother. You will know them by their fruits. Matt. 7:16 & 20

It is ALL about the **genealogy** of "**The Seed**." This is seen in the many genealogies throughout the Bible: Genesis 9 & 10 and ending with Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38.

VII. The Battle of the Two People groups rages today & will grow worse

Revelation 12:17 So the **dragon was enraged with the woman**, and went off to make **WAR** with the rest of her **children**, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

children Greek σπέρμα: sperma (sper'-mah); the male "sperm" literally:
 SEED including by implication, offspring

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood (that is the LORD's responsibility only) but (our battle is) against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand . . . 14 Stand therefore Because, JESUS said:

As it was in the **days of Noah**, so **it will be** at the coming of the Son of Man

VIII. Our Battle Against The Evil Nephilim Spirits

Before Joshua took the Children of Israel into the promised land, speaking for The LORD Moses said: A people **great and tall**, the **sons** of the **Anakim** (also called Nephilim see verse below) whom you know and of whom you have heard it said 'Who can stand before the **sons of Anak**?' **Know therefore** that it is the **LORD** your **GOD** who is crossing over before you as a **consuming fire**. **HE will destroy them** and **HE will subdue them before you**, so that **you may drive them out** and **destroy them quickly**, just as the LORD has spoken to you. Deut 9:2 **WHY? Because they were of The Evil Seed**. • The LORD GOD ALMIGHT is with us wherever we go and wherever HE sends us HE gives us the Victory. 1 Corinthians 15:57 2 Cor. 2:14

When the Children of Israel went into the Promised Land they saw the **Nephilim**, **the giants** these were the mighty men of old, men of renown the children of the fallen angels and the daughters of men of Genesis 6:4.

For a full understanding read Genesis 6 and "Spiritual Warfare and The Two Seeds" on page 5 of the Teaching Notes at: www.treasurehisword@gmail.com

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

Joshua and Caleb believed. The rest however, because of their <u>fear</u> of these giants did not believe The Word of The LORD and "fight the fight" and they lived the next <u>forty years in the wilderness</u>, far short of the full blessings and Promises of The LORD. I think there is a lesson here. How many Believers today are living in the wilderness, far short of the Blessings and Promises???

After the wilderness Joshua took them into the Promised land. Caleb, 85 years old, Believed the Word of the LORD and said: Joshua 14:12 Give me this hill country about which The LORD spoke on that day, for you heard that the **Anakim** were there with great fortified cities. **The LORD shall be with me** and **I shall drive them out** as the LORD has spoken. vs. 14 Therefore Hebron became the **inheritance** of Caleb because he **fully followed** The LORD. vs.15 Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba for Arba was the greatest man among the **Anakim** 15:14 And **Caleb drove out** from there the **three sons of Anak**: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the children of **Anak**. • We need to be like Caleb and DRIVE OUT any and all Nephilim spirits that might harass us or influence us.

However, the rest of the tribes of Israel fell short and DID NOT DRIVE OUT the people living in the territory the LORD gave them. Thus those with <u>MIXED MARRIAGES</u> ALLOWED THAT LUSTFUL EVIL SPIRIT A WIDE INROAD AMONG THE LORD'S PEOPLE. Joshua 15:63 Judges 1:27-36

Therefore the LORD said:

Judges 2:1-5 Now the ANGEL OF THE LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you, 2 and as for you, you shall make NO COVENANT with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars. BUT YOU HAVE NOT OBEYED ME; what is this you have done? 3 Therefore I also said, I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.'" 4 When the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept.

- This evil seed remains with us up to this day.
- Therefore we understand why it is SO IMPORTANT FOR A **BELIEVER** TO BE SURE THEY **MARRY** A TRUE BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST. And avoid premarital sex, pornography, and all lust of the flesh that give the evil lustful spirits an open door.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 **Do not be unequally yoked** together with **unbelievers**. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has CHRIST with Belial? Or what part has a BELIEVER with an UNBELIEVER?

16 And what agreement has the temple of GOD with idols? For you are the temple of the living GOD. As GOD has said: I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their GOD, and they shall be My people. 17 Therefore COME OUT from among them and be separate, says the LORD. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. 18 I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD ALMIGHTY.

Because the Children of Israel DID NOT DRIVE OUT ALL OF THOSE WITH THE EVIL SEED, the Anakim / Nephilim. . . .

Joshua 11:21-23 Then Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab and from all the hill country of Judah and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 There were no Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; ONLY in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod SOME REMAINED. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Thus the land had rest from war.

These giants, the Nephilim, remained in the land, ONLY in Gaza, in Gath and later DAVID DEFEATED one called GOLIATH with his sling:

1 Samuel 17:4 Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named **Goliath**, from **Gath**, whose height was six cubits and a span. Vs.45-46 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in **The NAME of the LORD** of hosts, the GOD of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. 46 This day The LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you.

- I would think that David had been told what Joshua told the children of Israel about defeating all the giants in their promised land. And therefore he believed The Word of The LORD as spoken by Joshua. He knew The LORD was with him and that he would defeat the giant Goliath.
- And this is how we will WIN our battles and DEFEAT these evil giants, these evil spirits that try to tempt us. WE MUST BE OBEDIENT and take the land that the LORD GIVES US. The LORD WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AS HE DID DAVID AS HE HATES THESE EVIL NEPHILIM SPIRITS.
- As HE said to Joshua 1:3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, **I have given it to you**, just as I spoke to Moses.
- Romans 16:19-20 For the report of YOUR OBEDIENCE has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be WISE in what is good and INNOCENT in what is evil. And vs.20 THE GOD OF PEACE WILL SOON CRUSH SATAN UNDER YOUR FEET.

I hope from all of this You now see and understand from the LORD's point of view the IMPORTANCE of COMING OUT from among them and being separate as the LORD says.

DO NOT follow the crowd. **DO NOT** Marry an Unbeliever. Be very careful who your friends are. And Stand Strong against the Giants that come against you and all of us.

Ephesians 4:22-24 In reference to your former manner of life, lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be **renewed in the spirit of your mind**, 24

and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of GOD has been created in **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **HOLINESS** of the truth. 28 **AND DO NOT GIVE THE DEVIL AN OPPORTUNITY**.

IX. More Clarifying / Verifying Verses:

Deuteronomy 10:15 Yet on **your fathers** did the LORD set His affection to love them, and **He chose their descendants** (literal: seeds) **after them**, even **you** above all peoples, as it is this day.

Isaiah 53:10 But the Lord was pleased to crush HIM, putting HIM to grief; if HE would render HIMSELF as a guilt offering, **HE will see HIS SEED** (literally).

• That makes it VERY CLEAR . . . HE will see HIS SEED

Romans 4:13 For the **promise** to Abraham or to **his descendants** (**his seed** literally) that he would be **heir of the world** was not through the Law, but **through the righteousness of faith**.

Verse 16 For this reason it is of faith by grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to ALL the descendants, (seed) not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are OF THE FAITH of Abraham, who is the father of us all

it is of faith by grace -> literal Greek reading. Grace is a free gift. It reads then that faith is a free gift by grace.

Galatians 3:23-27 Before **FAITH CAME**, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up (assured) to **the faith** which was **later to be revealed**. 24Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be **justified by faith**. 25 But now that **FAITH HAS COME**, we are no longer under a tutor. **as children**.

- This declares we were **HIS Children** before **faith came** and we were kept in custody under the law until we believed.
- If **faith comes** then it does not originate with us. It is a gift by grace.

- See also 1 Peter 1: 1-3 Peter . . to those who reside as aliens (foreigners, not citizens) . . who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father . . . who according to HIS Great Mercy has CAUSED US to be BORN AGAIN. 21 who by HIM ARE BELIEVERS in God 23 for you have been born again NOT of SEED which is perishable (human, earthly) but imperishable (heavenly) through the living and abiding Word of God 25 The Word of The LORD abides forever.
- 2 Peter 1:1 writing . . . to those who have **RECEIVED a faith** of the same kind as ours

Galatians 3:26 For you are all **sons of GOD through FAITH in Christ Jesus**.

 We were HIS Children even before we were born by natural birth, and up to the time that "faith came" and we "received that faith and believed." Then at that point we became sons of God, no longer children as The Holy Spirit was "in" us to teach us and give us understanding.

Galatians 3 29 And **IF** you **belong** to Christ (some do not. But we have belonged since **before** we were born as we were chosen before the foundation of the world) then you are Abraham's descendants (seed) heirs according to **promise** (that he would be a father of many nations) Galatians 4:1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child (of God) he does not differ at all from a slave although he **is owner of everything**, 2 but he is under guardians and managers (the law) until the **date set by the father**. 3 So also we, while we **were children** (before we were born again) were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world 4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 **so that** He might redeem **those** who were under the Law, that **we might receive the ADOPTION as SONS**.

- Literally the Greek word translated "adoption" means "adult son placing" like the Jewish Bar Mitzvah when a son reaches the age of 14 he is considered mature.
- "Adoption as Sons" is the Greek word: υἱοθεσίαν (hwee-oth-es-ee'-ah);
 from a compound of υἱός son and τίθημι to put or place

- Therefore the literal translation is: we were children, but at the date set by the father we were PLACED AS A SON - a mature son or daughter when we believed and the Holy Spirit came within us to show and teach us all things.
- We were ALWAYS HIS children, children of God, chosen by HIM before the foundation of the world, and . . . WE WERE NEVER of satan's seed.
 WE WERE NEVER ADOPTED as we know the meaning of the word today.
- The translation of adoption is an incorrect theological position and not an accurate translation of the Greek text.
- Personal interjection within Bible translation is an issue that even affects the 1611 KJV as scholars were **forced to omit and change scripture to comply with the King's guidelines** - one of which was that the KJV could not contradict the Bishop's Bible.
- The definition of adoption is: "To voluntarily take a child of other parents as one's own child."
- True Believers WERE NEVER OF SATAN'S SEED !!!

Galatians 4:6 Because you ARE SONS – Belong to HIM !

- "Born of GOD" John 1:13,
- "Born from above" literal Greek John 3:3,
- Abraham's seed: his descendants (Greek: his seed) Romans 4:13 & 16

Therefore: God has sent forth the **Spirit of His Son** into our hearts (when we were born again) crying, "Abba! Father!" 7Therefore **you are no longer a slave** (held in bondage under the elemental things of the world) **but A SON** (mature son or daughter) and if a son, then **an heir** through God.

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as **HE chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. 5 In love **He PREDESTINED** us to "**be placed as sons**" (the correct translation and NOT ADOPTION) through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the **kind intention** of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of **His GRACE**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. We are what we are, totally one-hundred percent by **His grace** and has nothing to do with our ability, efforts, or works.

To the praise of the glory of **His grace**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1 John 3:1-3 Behold what manner of **love** the Father has bestowed on **us**, that we would be called **children of God**; and we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now (an adverb of transition or emphasis) **we are children of God**. THANK YOU FATHER ! WE ARE SO GREATEFUL !

Hebrews 12 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are **illegitimate children** (from another father, another seed) and not **sons**.

Acts 13:44-48 as many as HAD BEEN APPOINTED to eternal life BELIEVED.

X. The GREAT VICTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, The Prophesied "Seed of the Woman who would Bruise the HEAD of the serpent."

HIS Victory began as HE humbled and emptied HIMSELF giving up HIS Throne, HIS Crown, HIS rights and Heaven, coming down to this earth as a man.

Philippians 2:6-11 He existed in the form of God, yet did not regard **equality** with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a **bond-servant**, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance **as a man**, He **humbled Himself** by becoming **obedient to the point of death**, **even death on a cross**. 9 **Therefore**, **GOD HIGHLY EXALTED HIM**, and bestowed on Him **the name which is above every name**, 10 so that **at the name of JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that **every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, **to the glory of God the Father**.

Colossians 2:13-15 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **HE made you alive** together with HIM, having

forgiven us all our transgressions (How?) 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and HE has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (the result of this was) 15When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

The Cross of JESUS CHRIST, HIS Death, Burial and Resurrection "bruised the head of the serpent."

1 Corinthians 2:8-9 none of the rulers of this age understood; for if they had understood **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**

Hebrews 1:3-4 When He had made purification of sins, **He sat down at the right** hand of the Majesty on high

The VICTORY over Sin and Satan was accomplished and complete.

Hebrews 10:12-14 having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, HE sat down at the right hand of GOD, 13 WAITING from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. 14 For by ONE OFFERING HE has perfected FOR ALL TIME those who are sanctified.

HIS work is Finished and HE is WAITING ON US to Finish our work.

Matthew 24:14 This gospel of The Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and **then the end will come**.

Romans 16:20 **The God of peace will soon crush Satan UNDER YOUR FEET.** By the Authority and Power given to us we **now** participate in "bruising the head of the serpent" day by day.

XI. Living in the End Times:

Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: **Ask Me about THE THINGS TO COME** concerning **My sons**, and you shall commit to Me the work of My hands. Isaiah 45:11

Romans 13:11-14 **Knowing** what a critical hour this is, how it is high time for you to **wake up** out of your sleep (wake up to reality, spiritual reality). For salvation (final deliverance from this present evil age) is nearer to us now than when we first

believed. (12) The night is far gone and **the day** (the Day of the Lord) **is almost here**. Let us then **throw off** the works and deeds of darkness and **put on the full armor of light**. (13) Let us **live** and **conduct** ourselves **honorably** and becomingly as in the day, not in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness, not in immorality and debauchery (sensuality and licentiousness), not in quarreling and jealousy. (14) But **clothe yourself** with the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and **make no provision for indulging the flesh** - put a **STOP** to **thinking about the evil cravings** of your physical nature - **to gratify its desires**, **lusts**.

We are living in a time of spiritual warfare and we need to be like the sons of Issachar:

1 Chronicles 12:23 Now these are the numbers of the divisions **equipped for war**, who came to David at Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. (32) Of the sons of Issachar, men who **understood the times**, with **knowledge** of what Israel (God's people) should do.

• Soldiers, well trained, disciplined, focused on the goal, knew the Masters will, knew the enemies ways, totally committed, even unto death.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come (2) For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, (3) unloving, incompatible, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, (4) treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, (5) holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; **Avoid such men as these**.
2 Peter 3:3-4 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, (4) and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

Matthew 24:4-14 See to it that no one misleads you. (5) For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. (6) You will be hearing of **wars and rumors of wars**. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is **not yet the end**. (7) For **nation** will rise **against nation**, and **kingdom against kingdom**, and in various places there will be **famines** and **earthquakes**. (8) But all these things are merely **the beginning** of birth pangs. (9) Then they will **deliver you to tribulation**, and will **kill you**, and you will be **hated** by all nations because of My name. (this is and has been true of Israel for a long time and also of believers in Hindu and Islamic nations) (10) At that time

many will fall away and will **betray one another** and **hate one another**. (11) Many **false prophets** will arise and will mislead many. (12) Because lawlessness is increased, most people's **love will grow cold**. (13) But **the one who endures** to the end, he **will be saved**. (14) This gospel of the kingdom **shall be preached** in the **whole world** as a testimony to **all the nations**, and **then the end will come**.

Matthew 24:33 when you see all these things, recognize that HE IS NEAR, right at the door.

Matthew 24:34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

The above verses describe the times we are living in today. We must realize and always remember that:

- We are **not** of the world, as Jesus was not of the world. (John 17:16)
- Our **citizenship is in heaven**, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:21)
- We are **strangers** and **pilgrims** on the earth. (Hebrews 11:13)
- We are ambassadors for Christ, in a foreign country.2 Cor 5:20
- Our mission is to complete the mission that Jesus came to this world for:

To **seek** and to **save** the lost - Matthew 24:14; 28:18-20 To be **salt and light** – Matthew 5:13

By the signs of the times, it appears we are now standing at the door of the "last days." This period is known as the tribulation. However, before the tribulation begins, something wonderful happens.

XII. The Great Exodus of the Believers

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, (2) that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the DAY OF THE LORD has come.

- They were living in such difficult times, the Thessalonians thought that the "*day* of the Lord" had come and they had missed "our gathering together to Him."
- This points out that Paul's teaching was that believers would be "*caught up to Him*" before the "*day of the Lord*." And to explain to them that the "*day of the Lord*" had not yet come Paul explains:

3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (the day of the Lord) will not come unless **the apostasy** (falling away) **comes first**, and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the **son of destruction**, (4) who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself **as being God**.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will **fall away** from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons (see 1 John 2:17-19; 2 Peter 2:20-22)

• This had not happened and it is clear that before it does, the true believers will be "gathered together to Him."

Daniel 12:1 . . there will be a **time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, **everyone who is found written in the book, WILL BE RESCUED**.

It appears that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ - all the believers -WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WORLD before the "*day of the Lord*" when great tribulation comes upon the earth.

 Day of the Lord: Isaiah 13:6+; Ezekiel 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31, 3:14; Amos 5:18-20; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Malachi 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10

Matthew 24:37 For **the coming of the Son of Man** will be just like the days of **Noah**. (38) For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah entered the ark**, (before the judgment) (39) and they did not understand until **the flood came** and took them all away; **so will the coming of the Son of Man be**. (40) Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. (41) Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

Just like the days of Noah we should be preparing our ark:

By **faith** Noah, being **warned** by God about things not yet seen, in godly fear **prepared** an ark for the **salvation of his family**. Hebrews 11:7

NOAH and his FAMILY entered the Ark, **The LORD closed the door**, and they alone were protected by the LORD and escaped or were SAVED from the judgment, the tribulation.

They did see, go through, and experience the judgment, but from a safe place from which they "*endured* to the end and were *saved*".

Luke writes the same concerning Noah and then adds the following: Luke 17:28-31 It was the same as happened in the days of **Lot**: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; (29) but **on the day that LOT WENT OUT from Sodom** it rained **fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all**. (30) **It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed**.

 Remember – the LORD said he would not destroy Sodom if righteous men were there (Genesis 18:26-33). So for this final destruction, the righteous will be taken out.

Genesis 19:29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham, **and sent Lot out** of the midst of the overthrow (before it happened), when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived. The Lord protected His elect in Egypt during the judgment and plagues, and then **took them out** of Egypt by the miraculous opening of the Red Sea before the final judgment.

Therefore we understand the following verses to say all true believers will be "**taken out**," referred to by some as the "rapture," **before** the great tribulation, (the word "rapture" is not in the Bible. It is the Latin word used to translate "caught up.")

Revelation 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, **I will keep** you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 For **if we believe** that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will **bring with Him** those who have fallen asleep in Jesus (believers that have died and have been with the Lord, in spirit only, since their death,). (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep (died). (16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first (resurrection of the bodies to be joined with their spirits that have been with the Lord). (17) Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

(18) Therefore **comfort one another** with these words.

The passage continues: Chapter 5:1-11

Now **as to the times and the seasons**, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. (2) For you know full well that the **day of the Lord** (the final great judgment) will come just like a thief in the night. (3) While **THEY** are saying, "Peace and safety!" then **destruction** will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and **THEY will not escape**. (4) But **YOU**, **BRETHREN**, **are not in darkness**, that the day would overtake **YOU** like a thief; (5) for **YOU** are **all sons of light** and sons of day. **We are not of night nor of darkness**; (6) . . . but let us be alert and sober. . . . (8) . . . having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. (9) For **GOD HAS NOT DESTINED US FOR WRATH**, (the wrath is this final judgment. Believers will not be around for it) **but for OBTAINING SALVATION** through our Lord Jesus Christ, (10) who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, **WE WILL LIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM**. (11) Therefore **encourage one another** and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 also speaks of this supernatural event: Behold, I tell you a mystery; **we** will not all sleep (not all die), but **we will all be changed**, (52) **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet**; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead (the dead body of believers. Their spirit has been with the Lord. 2Cor.5:8) will be raised imperishable, **and we** (who are alive on earth) **will be changed**. (53) For this perishable (body) must put on the imperishable (resurrection body), and this mortal must put on immortality. (54) But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about what is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

These following verses help explain the resurrection of the body: 1 Corinthians 15:42-45 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable **body**, it is raised an imperishable body; (43) it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; (44) it is sown **a natural body**, it is raised a **spiritual body**. There is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

At the sound of the trumpet – we will be "caught up to meet the LORD in the air" "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." "And so we shall always be with the Lord."

XIII. THE TRIBULATION

Matthew 24:15-28 Therefore when you see the **Abomination of Desolation** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, let the reader understand, (16) then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. (17) Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. (18) Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. (19) But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! (20) But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. (21) For then there will be a **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. (22) Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect (those who come to faith during the tribulation) those days will be cut short. (23) Then if anyone says to you, Behold, here is the Christ, or There He is, do not believe him. (24) For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. (25) Behold, I have told you in advance. (26) So if they say to you, Behold, He is in the wilderness, do not go out, or, Behold, He is in the inner rooms, do not believe them. (27) For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

• In other words – His coming will NOT BE MISSED BY ANYONE.

Revelation 13:2 And **the beast** which I saw was like a leopard . . . (6) And he opened his mouth in **blasphemies against God**, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. (7) It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. (8) All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. (9) If anyone has an ear, let him hear. . . (11) Then I saw **another** beast coming up out of the earth; ... (12) He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, WHOSE FATAL WOUND WAS HEALED. (13) He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. (14) And **he deceives** those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to **make an image to the beast** who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. (15) And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that **the image of the beast would even** speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be **killed**. (16) And he causes **all**, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given **a mark on their right hand or on** their forehead, (17) and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. (18) Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is **six** hundred and sixty-six.

Revelation 14:9-13 If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, (10) he will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. (11) And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. (12) Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. XIV. Tribulation on the Earth but Celebration in Heaven:

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ.

Romans 14:10 we will all stand before the **judgment seat of God**. (12) So then each one of us will **give an account** of himself to God.

The Judgment Seat of Christ is NOT an issue of being admitted to heaven. Sin has already been judged on the cross (Romans 8:1-3). Only true Believers are there standing before the LORD.

It is a matter of being REWARDED for our work as HIS servants.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must **all** appear before the **judgment seat** of Christ, so that **each one** may be **rewarded** for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 **each man's work** will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and **the fire** will **test the quality** of each man's work. (14) If any man's work which he has built on it **remains**, **he will receive a REWARD**. (15) If any man's work is burned up, **he will suffer loss**; **but he himself will be saved**, yet so as through fire.

REWARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT FOR:

- 1. Our labor in the Kingdom of planting and watering (1Cor.3:8)
- 2. Enduring persecution and insults for Jesus' sake (Mt.5:11-12)
- 3. Living righteously and not for show (Mt.6:1)
- 4. Giving to the poor and not for show (Mt.6:3-4)
- 5. Praying in secret (Mt.6:6)
- 6. Fasting in secret (Mt.6:18)
- 7. Receiving His ministers (Mt.10:41)
- 8. Giving anything even as simple as a cup of water (Mt.10:42)
- 9. Loving our enemies, doing good, lending (Luke 6:35)
- 10. Preaching the gospel (1Cor.9:16-18)
- 11. Whatever we do, doing it heartily as for the Lord (Col.3:23-24)
- 12. Counting the reproach of Christ the greatest value (Heb11:26)

2 John 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may RECEIVE A FULL REWARD.

Revelation 22:12 Behold, **I am coming quickly**, and **My reward is with Me**, to give to every man according to what he has done.

We Will also Receive CROWNS:

- 1. For persevering under trial and loving Him (James 1:12)
- 2. Exercising self-control in all things (1Cor.9:25)
- 3. For those we have won and discipled (1Thes.2:19)
- 4. For being faithful, finishing my race, loving HIM (2Tim4:7-8)

Revelation 3:11 I am coming quickly, hold fast what you have, in order that NO ONE TAKES YOUR CROWN.

2. The Marriage Supper of the LAMB

Revelation 19:7-10 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the **marriage of the Lamb** has come and His bride has made herself ready. (8) It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (9) Then he said to me, Write, Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper of the Lamb**. And he said to me, These are true words of God.

XV. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 24:29-31 But **immediately after the tribulation** of those days the **sun will be darkened**, and the **moon will not give its light**, and the **stars will fall** from the sky, and the **powers of the heavens will be shaken**. (30) And then the sign of the **SON OF MAN** will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they **will see** the **SON OF MAN coming** on the clouds of the sky with **power** and **great glory**. (31) And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and **they will gather together His elect** from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

• The elect here would be those of Israel and of the Gentiles that came to faith during the tribulation.

Revelation 19:11-21 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and **HE** who sat on it is called **FAITHFUL and TRUE**, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. (12) His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems;

and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. (13) He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **THE WORD OF GOD**.

All Believers, His Church, His Bride, shall return with HIM.

(14) And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. (15) From His mouth comes a **sharp sword**, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and **He will rule them with a rod of iron**; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. (16) And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.

(19) And I saw **the beast** and the **kings of the earth** and their armies assembled to **make war against Him** who sat on the horse and against His army.

Doom of the Beast and False Prophet

(20) And **the beast was seized**, and with him **the false prophet** who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two **were thrown alive into the lake of fire** which burns with brimstone. (21) And **the rest were killed** with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Satan is Bound for one thousand years

(20:1) Then I saw an **ange**l coming down from heaven, holding the **key of the abyss** and a **great chain** in his hand. (2) And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the **devil** and **Satan**, **and bound him for a thousand years**; (3) and he **threw him into the abyss**, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, **until the thousand years were completed**; after these things he must be released for a short time.

(4) Then I saw **thrones**, and **they** sat on them (Rev.3:21), and **judgment was given to them**. And I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had **not worshiped the beast** or his image, and had **not received the mark** on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life (their resurrection bodies raised) and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years**. (5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the **first resurrection**. (6) Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these **the second death has no power**, but **they** will be **priests** of God and of Christ and **will reign** with Him for a thousand years.

ALL BELIEVERS WILL REIGN WITH HIM:

Revelation 5:9-10 You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every **tribe** and **tongue** and **people** and **nation**. You have made them to be **a kingdom** and **priests** to our God; **and they will reign upon the earth**.

NOT ONLY FOR A THOUSAND YEARS BUT FOREVER:

Revelation 22:5 And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; **and they will reign forever and ever**.

Our Time on earth is all for the Purpose of Preparing us for our Future Position of REIGNING With the LORD.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials James 1:2

See the following parable Jesus told:

Luke 19:12-14 A nobleman (Jesus Christ) went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return (Jesus has returned to heaven). And he called ten (not all) of his slaves (you and me), and gave them ten minas (gifts & talents) and said to them, Do business with this until I come back. (15-19) When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him (the rapture) so that he might know what business they had done. The first appeared, saying, Master, your mina has made ten minas more. And he said to him, **Well done**, good slave, **because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over TEN cities**. The second came, saying, Your mina, master, has made five minas. And he said to him also, and **you are to be over FIVE cities**.

This Millennial Reign is known as THE DAY OF THE LORD.

2 Peter 3:8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that **with the Lord one day is like a thousand years**, and a thousand years like one day.

XVI. The Final Judgment – At the Great White Throne of GOD

2 Peter 2:5 **He preserved Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others (7-8) and if **He rescued righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (8) for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds (9-10) then the Lord knows how to **rescue the godly** from temptation, and to keep the **unrighteous** under punishment for the **day of judgment**, (10) and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

2 Peter 3:7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the **day of judgment and destruction** of ungodly men. . . . (10) But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief, in which the **heavens will pass away** with a roar and **the elements will be destroyed** with **intense heat**, and the earth and its works **WILL BE BURNED UP**. (11) Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, **WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE OUGHT YOU TO BE IN HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS**,

(12) looking for and hastening the coming of the **DAY OF GOD**, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! (13) But according to His promise **we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells**. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless

Revelation 20:11-21:6 Then I saw a **GREAT WHITE THRONE** and **HIM** who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. (12) And I saw **the dead**, the great and the small, **standing before the throne**, and **books were opened**; and another book was opened, which is **THE BOOK OF LIFE**; and **the dead** were **judged** from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and **death and Hades gave up the dead** which were in them; and **they were judged**, every one of them **according to their deeds**. (14) Then **death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire**. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in THE BOOK OF LIFE, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Matthew describes the above in this manner:

Matthew 25:31-42 But when the **Son of Man comes** in **His glory**, and all the angels with Him, then **He will sit on His glorious throne**. (32) **All** the **nations (all ethnic groups)** will be **gathered before Him**; and He will **separate them** from one another, as the shepherd separates **the sheep from the goats**; (33) and He will put the **sheep on His right**, and the **goats on the left**. (34) Then **the KING** will say to those **on His right**, '**Come**, you who are blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**. (35) For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; (36) naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. . . . (40) **The KING** will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, **you did it to Me**.' (41) Then He will also say to those **on His left**, **Depart from Me**, Accursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil & his angels

• Please note: IT IS NOT OUR JOB to separate the sheep and the goats.

Also, why **eternal fire** for people who just do not believe? Is that sufficient reason for **eternal fire**? ?

The answer is amplified and explained again in the parable of the **Wheat and the Tares**. They do not just "do not believe" they are of the "seed of the devil." Sown by the devil to frustrate the plans of The LORD and to harm in whatever way possible "HIS SEED," HIS CHILDREN. First the flood and finally **eternal fire.**

Matthew 13: 38-43 . . . as for the good seed, these are the **SONS OF THE KINGDOM**; and the tares are the **SONS OF THE EVIL ONE**; (39) and the enemy who sowed them is **the devil**, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. (40) So just as the **tares** are gathered up and **burned with fire**, so shall it be at the end of the age. (41) The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom **all stumbling blocks**, and those who commit lawlessness, (42) and will throw them into the **furnace of fire**; in that place there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**. (43) Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28 **Then comes the end**, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has **abolished all rule** and **all**

authority and **power**. (25) For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. (26) The last enemy that will be abolished is **death**. (27) For **HE has put all things in subjection under HIS feet**. But when He says, All things are put in subjection, it is evident that HE is excepted who put all things in subjection to HIM. (28) When all things are subjected to Him, then the SON Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that **GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL**.

XVII. The New Heaven and Earth

Revelation 21 Then I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. (2) And I saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, (4) and **He will wipe away every tear** from their eyes; and there will **no longer be any death**; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." (5) And He who sits on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new**." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

(6) Then He said to me,

"IT IS DONE. I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."