



The Nephilim

AND THE AGE OF DARKNESS

“We saw Nephilim there. (The descendants of Anak are Nephilim.) We felt as small as grasshoppers, and that’s how we must have looked to them”
(Numbers 13:33, GW).

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Who, or what, are the Nephilim? This controversial subject is shrouded in mystery and stranger than fiction; a puzzling complexity of unusual events that transpired during antediluvian (pre-flood) civilizations. There are many hypothetical theories and much hypotheses surrounding the Nephilim debate, of which we prefer not to address in this study. We shall employ information provided in, and related to, Scripture, and historical information pertinent to this journey of understanding. On that note turn the pages of your Bible to the book of Genesis, where you will read:

“There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of [GOD] came in to the daughters of

men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown” (Genesis 6:4–6).

“Giants” is an incomplete description that doesn’t denote the entire meaning of the original Hebrew word, *n^ephiyl*, or *n^ephil*, which means: “... a *bully* or *tyrant* ...” (*Strong’s Concordance* entry no. H5303), and most commonly referred to as *Nephilim*. Yes, there were giants on the earth in those days, as we shall allude to soon, but where did they come from?

Nephilim is traced to the root word *nâphal*, which means: “... to *fall* ...” (*Strong’s Concordance* entry no. H5307).

Keep this mind as we analyse the reference to the “sons of [GOD]”. Who are these sons of [GOD]? There is no dilemma in comprehending who the “daughters of men” are. The difficulty lies with the words “sons of [GOD]”. Three widely used interpretations are as follows:

1. “*Sons of [GOD]*” meant “nobles” or “magnates”. This view is held by a group within Orthodox Judaism; however, there is no scriptural evidence to support this hypothesis.
2. Many famed scholars contend that the “*sons of [GOD]*” are the male descendants of Seth, and that the “daughters of men” are the female descendants of Cain. The *good sons* of Seth (believers) married the *bad daughters* of Cain (unbelievers), and the result of these mixed marriages was a mongrel offspring. However, mixed marriages are common place today and giants haven’t been born to these couples.
3. Some interpret the “*sons of [GOD]*” as fallen angels. These were enticed by the women of Earth and began lusting after them.¹ Many reputable Bible commentators reject this conclusion; but we believe it warrants further investigation.

Sons of GOD

Any interpretation other than the inspired word of GOD would be pure speculation based on faulty reasoning, unfounded and incomplete information. The facts are hidden within the inspired text, and a thorough biblical examination is in order if we are to widen our knowledge of the subject. Who then, are the Nephilim of the antediluvian world?

If “sons of GOD” is a reference to mankind then there would be evidence within the pages of the Bible.

The following scripture reads: “*The son of [Enoch], the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of [GOD]*” (Luke 3:38). Adam is here referred to as the son of GOD only in the sense that he was not born of a woman but created by GOD out of the dust of the earth.

“This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that [GOD] created man, He made him in the likeness of [GOD]” (Genesis 5:1). All of humanity were created in the image of GOD, and therefore after the GOD kind. But Adam was created in the likeness of GOD, Seth in the likeness of his father Adam, and [Enoch] in the likeness of his father Seth.

John 1:12 reads: “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of [GOD], to those who believe in His name.”

In Romans 8:16 we read: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of [GOD].”

To be a son of GOD a person needs the gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. The Bible never refers to any human being (with the exception of Adam) as a son of GOD unless

they've received His Spirit. In the antediluvian world GOD's Spirit, represented by the tree of life, (and because of Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden), was withheld from mankind (Genesis 3:24). GOD's Spirit was given, via the bloodline of Seth, to a selected few chosen for a special purpose; such as righteous Abel, Enoch, who walked with GOD, Noah, etc. "Sons of GOD" in Genesis 6 cannot be a reference to mortal man.

All other human beings at that time were corrupted by evil and wickedness: "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5), but this was not so with Noah, the grandson of Enoch the scribe: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8).

In the book of Job we read: "Now there was a day when the sons of [GOD] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them" (Job 1:6).

"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).

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of [GOD] shouted for joy?" (Job 38:7).

The sons of GOD are undeniably a reference to the angelic realm. The sons of GOD in Genesis 6 are the Nephilim that were on the earth in those days. Nephilim, remember, comes from the root word *nâphal*, which means: "... to *fall*" These Nephilim spirits are the fallen ones, known throughout the Bible as demons.

Now let's go back to the Genesis account and have a look at the scenario in more detail:

“Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of [GOD] saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose” (Genesis 6:1–2).

Daughters were born to men, this part of scripture is clear. Then, when mankind multiplied upon the face of the earth, the sons of GOD (fallen angels) began to lust after the beauty of women and took wives for themselves. IMPOSSIBLE! Well, maybe, but before we come to any conclusions let’s have an unbiased look at the internal evidence. There were giants on earth in those days, and after the antediluvian world, which we can prove from Scripture.

“There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight” (Numbers 13:33).

“They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim” (Deuteronomy 2:11).

“That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim” (Deuteronomy 2:20).

“For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead *was* an iron bedstead. (*Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?*) Nine cubits *is* its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit” (Deuteronomy 3:11). In modern measurements it was 18 feet 6 inches (5.6 metres) in length and 8 feet 4 inches (2.5 metres) wide. This giant was over three times the size of modern man. There is no doubt that giants were on the earth early on in man’s history, the question is how did they get here?

Scripture strongly suggests that the fallen angels took wives for themselves of all whom they desired, and these women bore their giant offspring. “Wives” is a misleading translation translated from the original Hebrew *’ishshâh*, or *nâshîym*. The first form is the feminine of H376 or H582; the second form is an irregular plural; “a woman ... [adulter]ess ...” (*Strong’s Concordance*, entry no. H802). The fallen angels therefore had sexual relations with immoral women who bore children to them. Their offspring are referred to in Scripture, as giants. From here-on-in when we speak of the Nephilim, we are referring to the demons, and the giants will be referred to as the Nephilim giants, the hybrid offspring of the Nephilim spirits. Please note that the original antediluvian Nephilim giants, according to some sources, were much taller than post-flood giants, who were two to three times taller than man.

Sanctity of Marriage

In the book of Matthew we read: “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of [God] in heaven” (Matthew 22:30).

“Marry” has been translated from the Greek *gamēō*, and means: “... to wed (of either sex):– marry (a Wife)” (*Strong’s Concordance*, entry no. G1060).

“Marriage” has been translated from the Greek *ēkgamizō*, and means: “... to marry off a daughter ...” (*Concordance* entry no. G1547).

Angels were never created to procreate among themselves; they do not have procreative organs, and are neither male nor female. God did not ordain marriage between angels! They were created innumerable from the start; man began with two and multiplied on the earth. But this does not mean that they

couldn't have sex with humans, as we shall endeavour to explain shortly.

Speaking of mankind Matthew 19:4–6 explains: “And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘*made them male and female,*’ and said, ‘*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what [GOD] has joined together, let not man separate.”

Marriage is a holy union between a man and his wife. It is a sin to commit adultery (the act of engaging in sexual relations with other women whilst married), or to have sex outside of marriage (which is the sin of fornication). It is also a sin for angels to have sex with women. GOD has given mankind the freedom of choice, either to obey or disobey; He also gave the fallen angels the same freedom.

The question remains: can an angel change from spirit to flesh and have sex with women and bear offspring? Before saying NO! let's consider the following scriptures:

“Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had lamented for him and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the spiritists out of the land ...” (1 Samuel 28:3).

Saul was at war with the Philistines and when he saw their army he was afraid and asked GOD for help; but GOD didn't answer him, either by dreams or by the prophets. So he sought a medium.

“Then Saul said to his servants, ‘Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.’ And his

servants said to him, ‘In fact, *there is* a woman who is a medium at En Dor’ ” (verse 7).

Mediums are swayed by evil spirits, and in this particular case an evil spirit manifested itself as the prophet Samuel, and spoke with Saul.

“And the king said to her, ‘Do not be afraid. What did you see?’ And the woman said to Saul, ‘I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth.’ So he said to her, ‘What *is* his form?’ And she said, ‘An old man is coming up, and he *is* covered with a mantle.’ And Saul perceived that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground and bowed down. Now Samuel [evil spirit] said to Saul, ‘Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up? ...’ ” (1 Samuel 28:13–15a).

Daniel also witnessed such a manifestation: “Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man” (Daniel 8:15).

Clearly demons can transform themselves and appear as human. “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:2). Here we see that angels can not only appear as human but take on physical form.

After the death of Christ we read: “And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing’ ” (John 20:26–27).

What applies to angels applies equally to demons! There is no doubt that the fallen angels of the antediluvian age committed sexual sin with the daughters of men, as the following scripture confirms: “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in ... chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example ...” (Jude 6–7).

The question is no longer: did the fallen angels commit sexual sin, and bear giant offspring, it’s how did the fallen angels impregnate the ovum in the first place?

Demonic Impregnation

The answer to this question is best answered with another question: how did Christ become GOD in the flesh? Prior to the physical birth of Jesus Christ, Christ was known as the Word: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with [GOD], and the Word was God” (John 1:1). Even prior to His human birth the Word was the Son of GOD: “Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His **Son’s name**, if you know?” (Proverbs 30:4, emphasis added).

Note too Christ’s prayer to His FATHER: “And now, O [FATHER], glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had [in the beginning, as the Word] with You before the world was” (John 17:5).

Prior to His human birth the Word was a powerful spiritual entity who was with GOD, His FATHER. He temporarily divested Himself of His former spiritual life, and was fused, via the Holy

Spirit, with an ovum, which travelled down the Fallopian tube to reach the uterus, in which the embryo was nourished and developed into a foetus before birth.

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 1:18).

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the [FATHER], full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

There is no denying that spirit can fuse with an ovum and produce offspring. The fallen angels, although they didn't divest themselves of their spiritual life, did impregnate an ovum with a portion of their evil spirit and produced giant offspring with the daughters of men. But were their progeny in any way human, even if their image and likeness resembled man's? We don't believe that the Nephilim giants can be classed as human, even though there was a similarity in appearance. Here are our reasons why.

Firstly, the giants are never referred to as human **men** (Gen. 6:2, H120) but as **tyrants** (Gen. 6:4). Secondly, Scripture reveals: “... Therefore what [GOD] has joined together, let not man separate” (Matthew 19:6b). GOD did not join the fallen angels together in marriage with the daughters of men, and as such this unholy union is to GOD an abomination. Thirdly, humanity has a spirit within them that imparts to the human brain intellect, giving us the ability to reason, think, and appreciate art and literature, etc.

“... For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? (1 Corinthians 2:11a).

It is doubtful that these giants had a human spirit! Their brains were empowered with the evil spirit that sired them. They were wicked and evil and bent on destruction. They were nothing more than mindless savages with traits characteristic of the evil spirit dwelling within them. Contrary to some Bible scholars the antediluvian giants, although they had superhuman strength, were not an intellectually super-human race. Hybrids that resembled the image and form of man would be a fitting description.

We would like to quote from the book of Enoch, but it's important that we give our reasons for using this composite volume which provides extra-biblical documentation not recorded in the Old and New Testament canon.

“What is the Book of Enoch and where did it come from? Enoch was the grandfather of Noah. The Book of Enoch chapter 68:1 [states:] ‘And after that my grandfather Enoch gave me [Noah] all the secrets in the book and in the parables which had been given to him, and he put them together for me in the words of the book of the parables.’ This makes it possible for the Book to have survived the flood as it's not too hard to accept that Noah would have taken his Great Grandfather's writings with him onto the ark ...

The Book of Enoch was extant centuries before the birth of Christ and yet is considered by many to be more Christian in its theology than Jewish. It was considered scripture by many early Christians. The earliest literature of the so-called ‘Church Fathers’ is filled with references to this mysterious book. The early second century ‘Epistle of Barnabus’ makes much use of the Book of Enoch. Second and Third Century ‘Church Fathers’ like Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Origin and Clement of Alexandria all make use of the Book of Enoch. Tertullian (160-230 C.E.) even called the Book of Enoch ‘Holy Scripture’. The Ethiopic

Church even added the Book of Enoch to its official canon. It was widely known and read the first three centuries after Christ. This and many other books became discredited after the Council of Laodicea. And being under ban of the authorities, afterwards it gradually passed out of circulation ...

We first learn of Enoch in Genesis 5 but it leaves us with questions. Hebrews 11 has the answers and Jude quotes Enoch! How did Jude come to know the words of Enoch? They are not in the Bible. The answer of course, is The Book of Enoch; A book which is actually quoted not only by Jude, but also James the natural brother of Jesus.”²

The book of Enoch provides the following information: “Then addressing me, He [GOD] spoke and said Hear, neither be afraid, O righteous Enoch, thou scribe of righteousness: approach hither, and hear my voice. Go, say to **the Watchers** [fallen angels] of heaven, who have sent thee to pray for them; you ought to pray for men, and not men for you. Wherefore have you forsaken the lofty and holy heaven, which endures for ever, and have lain with women; have defiled yourselves with the daughters of men; have taken to yourselves wives [adulterous women]; have acted like the sons of the earth, and have begotten an impious offspring?”³

Speaking of the fallen angels Enoch continues with the LORD’S revelation: “But you from the beginning were made spiritual ... Therefore I made not wives for you, because, being spiritual, your dwelling is in heaven. Now the giants, who have been born of spirit and of flesh, shall be called upon earth evil spirits, and on earth shall be their habitation. Evil spirits shall proceed from their flesh, because they were Created from above; from the holy Watchers was their beginning and primary foundation. Evil spirits shall they be upon earth, and the spirits of the wicked shall they be called. The habitation of the spirits of heaven shall

be in heaven; but upon earth shall be the habitation of terrestrial spirits, who are born on earth. The spirits of the giants shall be like clouds, which shall oppress, corrupt, fall, contend, and bruise upon earth.”⁴

Continuing, Enoch reveals:

“These are the names of their [fallen angels] chiefs: Samyaza, who was their leader, Urakabameel, Akibeel, Tamiel, Ramuel, Danel, Azkeel, Saraknyal, Asael, Armers, Batraal, Anane, Zavebe, Samsaveel, Ertael, Turel, Yomyael, Arazyal. These were the prefects of the two hundred angels, and the remainder were all with them. Then they took wives, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees ... These [Nephilim giants] devoured all which the [labour] of men produced; until it became impossible to feed them; When they turned themselves against men, in order to devour them; And began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and [fish], to eat their flesh one after another, and to drink their blood. Then the earth reprovved the unrighteous.”⁵

“Moreover Azazel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, breastplates, the fabrication of mirrors, and the workmanship of bracelets and ornaments, the use of paint, the beautifying of the eyebrows, the use of stones of every valuable and select kind, and of all sorts of dyes, so that the world became altered. Impiety increased; fornication multiplied; and they transgressed and corrupted all their ways. Amazarak taught all the sorcerers, and dividers of roots: Armers taught the solution of sorcery; Barkayal taught the observers of the stars Akibeel taught signs; Tamiel taught astronomy; and Asaradel taught the motion of the moon.”⁶

It’s after these events that we read the following:

“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.’ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD” (Genesis 6:5–8).

Righteous Noah

Like Enoch, Noah walked with GOD: “... Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with [GOD]” (Genesis 6:9b).

“Just” is from the Hebrew *tsaddîyq*, and means: “... lawful, righteous ...” (*Strong’s Concordance*, entry no. H6662).

“Perfect” comes from the Hebrew *tâmîym*, meaning: “... *integrity, truth*:– without blemish, complete ... without spot, undefiled ...” (entry no. H8549).

Noah was a lawful and upright man with integrity and truth whose bloodline had not been contaminated by fornication, adultery, or by the Nephilim (fallen angels).

“And [GOD] said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth’ ” (Genesis 6:13).

However, Enoch reveals that the Nephilim giants were destroyed prior to the flood: “To Gabriel also the Lord said, Go to the biters, to the reprobates, to the children of fornication; and destroy the children of fornication, the offspring of **the Watchers** [fallen angels], from among men; bring them forth,

and excite them one against another. Let them perish by mutual slaughter; for length of days shall not be theirs.”⁷

It is also interesting to note that just as the highest ranked fallen angels taught the antediluvian sinful world about astrology, sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees (herbs used in witchcraft, and as hallucinogens), so too did God’s angels teach the righteous (via Seth’s genealogy), about the universe.

Here is an excerpt from the book of Enoch: “The book of the courses of the luminaries of the heaven, the relations of each, according to their classes, their dominion and their seasons, according to their names and places of origin, and according to their months, which Uriel, the holy angel, who was with me, who is their guide, showed me; and he showed me all their laws exactly as they are, and how it is with regard to all the years of the world and unto eternity, till the new creation is accomplished which dureth till eternity⁸ ... And after this law I saw another law dealing with the smaller luminary, which is named the Moon. And her circumference is like the circumference of the heaven, and her chariot in which she rides is driven by the wind, and light is given to her in (definite) measure. And her rising and setting change every month: and her days are like the days of the sun, and when her light is uniform (i.e. full) it amounts to the seventh part of the light of the sun⁹ ... And I saw another course, a law for her, (and) how according to that law she performs her monthly revolution. And all these Uriel, the holy angel who is the leader of them all, showed to me, and their positions, and I wrote down their positions as he showed them to me ...”¹⁰

This knowledge was passed down from Enoch to Noah, and after the great flood Noah passed it on down through his generations.

Second Incursion of the Nephilim

“There were giants on the earth in those days [pre-flood], and also afterward, when the sons of [GOD] came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them ...” (Genesis 6:4a).

The original Nephilim demons were cast into a prison of darkness and chained until their prophesied release: “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in ... chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day” (Jude 1:6).

Other demons after the great flood also left their natural state and cohabited with the sinful and adulterous women of Sodom and Gomorrah and bore their giant offspring, but these second Nephilim giants were not as tall and did not spread through the entire earth. Their domain was limited to a few nations.

“Several tribes are encountered in the campaign of the Five Kings in Abraham’s day that some argue might be Nephilim or hybrids of Nephilim. They are described as having become several tribes occupying the lands around the Valley of Siddim (Dead Sea) and evidently intermixed with the Canaanites.

Genesis 14 and Deuteronomy 2 name these tribes as the Rephaim (‘titans’, children of ‘Rapha’), Zuzim or Zamzummim (‘terrible ones’), Emim, Horites, and Anakim (‘crushing tyrants’). The tribe of the Anakim are directly connected with the Nephilim [giants] in the false report of the spies described in (Numbers 13:33). The context of the passages suggest that the other tribes of giants were relatives of the Anakim or other lines of Nephilim, particularly the Rephaim whose giant descendant is described as living in Gath along with the Anakim Goliath and Lahmi ... The Rephaim are giants (in fact these peoples are generally described as being tall or large) and seem to have been

thus matched with the Nephilim based on the *English* rendering of ‘giants’ in Genesis 6.

The tribe of the Anakim were descended from a giant named Anak, who was a son or grandson of a giant named ‘Arba’, from which the ancient city of Hebron was originally called ‘Kiriath Arba’ or ‘The City of Arba’ because ‘Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim’. This tribe was so tall, that the weak-kneed spies reported, ‘We are like grasshoppers to them.’

Scripture describes how the tribes of giants were fought and destroyed by the tribes of normal men who replaced them, including the Israelites. Moses killed Og, king of the Rehpaïm who lived on the Golan heights near Mt. Hermon. Og had a bed nine cubits long (13.5 to 15.5 feet [4.1 to 4.7 metres], depending on which cubit was used) and was called ‘last of the remnant of the giants’. Og may be the source of the word ‘ogre’ in the English language.

Joshua drove the three remaining sons of Anak out of Hebron in his first campaign. They evidently reoccupied the city of Hebron while Joshua was waging his campaign against Canaanite cities in the North. Caleb later retook Hebron and killed the three giants.

Later David and Saul fought a remnant of smaller giants who had taken refuge in the Philistine city of Gath. They included Goliath, who was about nine feet [2.7 metres] tall, and his brother Lahmi ‘whose spear had a shaft like a weaver’s rod’. The last of the Gittite giants was slain, ‘In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot — twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha.’

The last Scriptural reference to the giants may be Isaiah 45:14, which prophesies that Sabeans “men of stature” will become slaves in chains of the redeemed Israelites.

The characteristics of these tribes described in Scripture:

- Their height was two or three times the height of normal men.
- They were associated with some kind of unholy intermixing before the Flood.
- They were closely associated with the wicked Canaanites after the Flood.
- In one case they are described as having polydactyl (extra fingers and toes).
- Unlike the Canaanites, there are no examples of Nephilim [giants] who became followers of [GOD].”¹¹

The Nephilim giants were evil spirits; half-flesh half-spirit, walking upon the earth in mortal bodies due to their fathers’ (Nephilim spirit beings) unholy union with the daughters of men, who bore to them these abominable hybrids. They were never human! They did not have a human spirit, and as such will not be resurrected and offered salvation, as the following scripture alludes to:

“O LORD our [GOD], masters [Nephilim giants] besides You Have had dominion over us; *But* by You only we make mention of Your name. *They are* dead, they will not live; *they are* deceased, they will not rise [be resurrected]. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish” (Isaiah 26:13–14).

Enoch relates the following: “And as to the death of the giants, whosoever their spirits depart from their bodies, let their flesh, that which is perish-able, be without judgment”¹²

When a human dies their spirit goes back to GOD: “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to [GOD] who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7). When the Nephilim giants died their bodies turned to dust but their evil spirit returned to the demons that sired them. The spirit is a blueprint of one’s character; in the second resurrection (Rev. 20:12) human beings will rise with mortal bodies having the same moral characteristics they had prior to death. They will be taught the ways of GOD who shall write His laws in their hearts and minds (Jeremiah 31:33; 32:40).

The spirit that was in the Nephilim giants was the spirit of the fallen angels who are alive and have no need of a resurrection. Because of their sin they are now imprisoned in chains of darkness (Jude 1:6), but they shall be released prior to the return of Christ, in the final Age of Darkness that will cover what little light remains barely flickering in this dying world. We will have a look at this third incursion shortly.

The Great Pyramid

“Thirty times larger than the Empire State Building, the Pyramid’s features are so large they can be seen from the Moon. Its base covers 13.6 acres (equal to seven midtown Manhattan city blocks [5.5 hectares]), each side being greater than five acres [2 hectares] in area. A highway lane eight feet [2.4 metres] wide and four inches [10 cm] thick could be built from San Francisco to New York and put inside the Great Pyramid. The oldest structure in existence, having been started 4,617 years ago, it is the sole remnant of the Seven Wonders of the World.”

“... Only a solid stone mountain could endure the Pyramid’s immense weight. And indeed, a flat solid granite mountain happens to be located just beneath the surface of the ground directly under the Pyramid. It is built to face true North. The Pyramid is located at the exact [centre] of the Earth’s land mass. That is, its East-West axis corresponds to the longest land parallel across the Earth, passing through Africa, Asia, and America. Similarly, the longest land meridian on Earth, through Asia, Africa, Europa, and Antarctica, also passes right through the Pyramid. Since the Earth has enough land area to provide 3 billion possible building sites for the Pyramid, the odds of its having been built where it is are *1 in 3 billion*.”

“... Like 20th century bridge designs, the Pyramid’s cornerstones have balls and sockets built into them. Several football fields long, the Pyramid is subject to expansion and contraction movements from heat and cold, as well as earthquakes, settling, and other such phenomena. After 4,600 years its structure would have been significantly damaged without such construction. While the bulk of the Pyramid’s core was constructed of 4,000- to 40,000-pound [1.8 to 18 tonne] blocks of soft limestone, the outer layer of the Pyramid was made of a beautifully bright, protective layer of polished stone. These outer ‘casing stones’ are missing today because about 600 years ago they were stolen by Arabs, (This accounts for the very worn appearance of the Pyramid today, since the inner limestone blocks are not immune to attack by the elements — wind, rain, and sandstorms.) This protective covering was made up of 100-inch-thick [2.5 metre], 20-ton blocks of hard, white limestone, similar to marble but superior in hardness and in durability against the elements.”

“... The casing stones, 144,000 in all, were so brilliant that they could literally be seen from the mountains of Israel hundreds of miles away. On bright mornings and late

afternoons, sunlight reflected by this vast mirrored surface of 5¼ acres [2.1 hectares] distinguished the Pyramid as being visible from the moon ... [Note: For those interested in possible symbolic significance, in Bible prophecy 144,000 is the number of people chosen by GOD as the elect who reign with Christ as the Kingdom of GOD for a thousand years] ...”

“We know from geometry that there is a universal relationship between the diameter of a circle and its circumference. Consider this: The height of the Pyramid’s apex is 5,812.98 inches [147.65 metres], and each side is 9,131 inches [231.92 metres] from corner to corner (in a straight line). If the circumference of the Pyramid is divided by twice its height (the diameter of a circle is twice the radius), the result is 3.14159, which just happens to be pi. Incredibly, this calculation is accurate to six digits. So the Pyramid is a square circle, and thus pi was designed into it 4,600 years ago. Pi is demonstrated many times throughout the Pyramid ... Other numbers are also repeated throughout. Each of the Pyramids four walls, when measured as a straight line, are 9,131 inches [231.92 metres], for a total of 36,524 inches [927.7 metres]. At first glance, this number may not seem significant, but move the decimal point over and you get 365.24. Modern science has shown us that the exact length of the solar year is 365.24 days.”

“All four sides of the Pyramid are very slightly and evenly bowed in, or concave. This effect, which cannot be detected by looking at the Pyramid from the ground, was discovered around 1940 by a pilot taking aerial photos to check certain measurements. As measured by today’s laser instruments, all of these perfectly cut and intentionally bowed stone blocks duplicate exactly the curvature of the earth. The radius of this bow is equal to the radius of the Earth. This radius of curvature is what Newton had long been seeking.”

“Clearly, whoever built the Pyramid had access to information beyond that which earthlings possessed at the time”¹³ Indeed, that knowledge was handed down by GOD’s holy angel Uriel, to Enoch, through Seth’s genealogical line of descent, and passed on by Enoch to Noah and the generations that succeeded him. Most commentaries suggest that the Great Pyramid is 4,000–4,500 years old, these calculations would make the building and construction of the pyramid pre-flood. If these dates are correct, contrary to the belief that the Great pyramid was built by alien beings from another planet, the Nephilim spirits, or their giant offspring, the building would more than likely have been built by the descendants of Seth, under the direction of Enoch, with help from the angels, and by the behest of the Almighty.

However, others date the pyramid much later as the following quote states: “Khufu was a Pharaoh of Ancient Egypt’s Old Kingdom. He reigned from around 2589 to 2566 B.C. Khufu was the second pharaoh of the Fourth Dynasty. He is generally accepted as being the builder of the Great Pyramid of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.”¹⁴

This would make the Great Pyramid approximately 3,430 years old. But the Egyptians, some believe, would not have had the knowledge to mathematically incorporate the astronomical signs into the construction of the Great pyramid:

“One of the enigmas about the Great Pyramid is who built it. There are many theories, but certain factors have to be taken into consideration in answering this question. For example, the astronomical calculations found on the Great Pyramid determine that it was literally impossible for the Egyptians to have designed it. Quoting Max Toth’s book points out his fact. *‘Nonetheless, Egyptians are thought to have been exceedingly backward in astrology; their meteorology and division of the seasons in their system has convinced researchers that no true*

*system of cosmology could have originated among them. These researchers indicate that Egyptian astronomy was primitive' (p. 192)."*¹⁵

Some claim that the Israelite slaves, prior to the Exodus built the Pyramids. After all, Joseph was the favourite son of the Patriarch Jacob (Israel) who fathered the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph's brothers were jealous of their younger brother and sold him to the Ishmaelites who brought him to Egypt (Gen. 37:3, 28). GOD was with Joseph and gave him favour in the sight of Pharaoh and Pharaoh made Joseph ruler over all Egypt (Gen. 41:39–43). Eventually Joseph was reunited with his father and brothers and they lived in the land of Goshen (Gen. 47:1). Joseph's genealogy can be traced back to Seth's bloodline; Enoch was Seth's son and the person GOD chose to reveal the courses of the luminaries of the heaven, their circumference, and their positions. If the Egyptians built the pyramids, Joseph may have been a key figure in drawing the plans for their construction. However, the historical dates for the construction of the Great Pyramid, and the three smaller pyramids of Giza, as officially recorded by historians, do not marry up with the dates officially recorded for ancient Israel's 430 years of slavery in Egypt.

None-the-less the following passage of Scripture may be a reference to the Great Pyramid?

“In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of the oppressors, and He will send them a [Saviour] and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them” (Isaiah 19:19–20).

Demons do not reveal the hidden mysteries of GOD! They pervert the truth, lead people away from things corresponding to

reality, especially the mystery of the Kingdom of GOD and the purpose to which humanity were born, and misinterpret or distort the facts through astrology, lies, half-truths, etc., causing humanity to worship the demonic realm in their physical surroundings.

The following reads: “And changed the glory of the incorruptible [GOD] into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore [GOD] also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to [dishonour] their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of [GOD] for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason [GOD] gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain [GOD] in *their* knowledge, [GOD] gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting” (Romans 1:23–28).

The Egyptians worshipped false pagan gods (idol worship), and were fed lies by spiritual reprobates in high places. Of these fallen angels we read in the book of Enoch:

“... In heaven have you been; secret things, however, have not been manifested to you; yet have you known a reprobated mystery.”¹⁶ The Egyptians therefore would have not understood the mystery of the heavens, at least in regards to the Kingdom of GOD and His plan of salvation. This mystery was given by GOD to Enoch, and passed down from Enoch to Noah, and on through his succeeding generations leading up to the house of Israel.

There is another consideration to take into account too, as the following quote states: “The common name of Egypt in the Bible is ‘Mizraim’. It is in the dual number, which indicates the two natural divisions of the country into an upper and a lower region. The Arabic name of Egypt — Mizr — signifies ‘red mud’. Egypt is also called in the Bible ‘the land of Ham’, Ps. 105:23, 27 comp. Ps. 78:51 — a name most probably referring to Ham the son of Noah — and ‘Rahab’, the proud or insolent: these appear to be poetical appellations. The common ancient Egyptian name of the country is written in hieroglyphics Kem, which was perhaps pronounced Chem. This name signifies, in the ancient language and in Coptic, ‘black’, on account of the blackness of its alluvial soil. We may reasonably conjecture that Kem is the Egyptian equivalent of Ham.”¹⁷

If this is correct then Ham, one of Noah’s three sons, may have had access to the book of Enoch and knowledge of the courses of the luminaries of the heaven. This being so, Khufu aka Cheops of the 4th Egyptian dynasty, might have built the Great pyramid, however, we believe this is highly unlikely due to the sheer scale of the build and the precise mathematical and geometrical calculations incorporated into the structure. Regardless of who actually constructed and built the Great Pyramid the knowledge of its construction was handed down from GOD to Enoch, from Enoch to Noah, and from Noah down through his generations through Seth’s genealogical line of descent.

Final Nephilim Incursion

“But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:37). This passage of Scripture has led some to a belief that the antediluvian Nephilim spirits will again, at the time of the end, have sexual relations with the daughters of men, and Nephilim giants will again roam the earth as the

dominant species. However, evidence contained within the pages of the Bible and in the book of Enoch, refutes this fallacy.

Isaiah 26:13–14 makes it clear enough, but for those who adhere to such illogical reasoning let's look at the prophesied appearance of the Nephilim spirits who bore the antediluvian Nephilim giants and the demons who afterward succumbed to the same sinful desire.

First and foremost we need to establish how many of the angels sinned and pledged their allegiance to Satan. After Lucifer's ill-fated attempt to dethrone GOD his name was changed to Satan. "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground ... For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of [GOD]; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north" (Isaiah 14:12–13).

Speaking with His apostles Christ explained the following: "And He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven' " (Luke 10:18).

Then, we read: "His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth ..." (Revelation 12:4a).

Therefore in the original rebellion against GOD and His angels, one third, or thereabouts, of the fallen angels sided with Satan and together they were cast to the earth. The book of Revelation reveals that war will again breakout in heaven and Satan's demonic hordes will again be cast back down to the earth.

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they

did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer” (Revelation 12:7).

The fourth trumpet blast precedes the Great Tribulation, which we believe will commence at the sounding of the fifth trumpet. Hidden within the language of the book of Revelation are hidden truths that relate to both the physical and the spiritual realm. One such passage is found in the eighth chapter of Revelation, and reads:

“Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a **third of the stars**, so that a **third of them were darkened**. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night” (Revelation 8:12). Here the stars can refer to the celestial or the spiritual. The stars then can be viewed as the fallen angels and the darkness, their state of mind. Could the celestial bodies that we see in the heavens be darkened as a result of the spiritual battle that takes place prior to the Great Tribulation? Could this be the time when the Nephilim spirits in prison are released and united with Satan for their final attempt to destroy humanity?

“And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, ‘Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit ...’” (Revelation 18:2).

The word *Babylon* (Greek **Babulōn**, G897, from the Hebrew **Bābal**, H894) means *confusion* and “is a type of tyranny”. Could this passage of Scripture be revealing that one third of the fallen angels, this number includes the Nephilim spirits in prison, will again roam the earth as they did at the beginning? This means that the antediluvian Nephilim spirits will be released from their prison shortly prior to the return of Christ, united with their evil brethren, and together will make one final push for control of

the earth before GOD sets up His Kingdom, which will never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44).

“And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe [fifth trumpet], woe [sixth trumpet], woe [seventh trumpet], to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!” (Revelation 8:13).

The final Nephilim incursion occurs at a time shortly prior to the return of Christ. There wouldn't be time for these spirits to impregnate the daughters of men and bear multiple offspring as was the case in the antediluvian age (although we cannot rule out genetic enhancement of humans via molecular genetics and genomics; biochemistry, microbiology, neurophysiology and cognitive neurosciences). The former (antediluvian age) will not be like the latter (end-time) in that respect. GOD has wiped all memory of the Nephilim giants from history and will never allow that repugnant union between spirit entities and human women happen again, and neither will He allow the demons responsible the freedom of choice to carry out such an abomination in the future. The prevalent self-centred, destructive, vile and licentious attitudes however, will remain the same, as in the days of Noah.

The third and final Nephilim incursion occurs with the release of the Nephilim spirits who will wage war on GOD's saints, shortly prior to the Great Tribulation, and will wreak havoc and destruction the like of which has never been witnessed in modern times: “For then there will be [G]reat [T]ribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21).

Between now and the sounding of the seven trumpets Satan and the spirit forces that remain with him will destroy the earth,

and kill a vast number of the world's population (possibly up to 85%) by turning mankind against themselves.

Satan is the master puppeteer of the wealthiest elite — bankers, governments, oil companies, leading pharmaceutical companies, chemical companies, major organizations, i.e. inter-governmental, private support, world finance, non-governmental, development agencies, grant makers, etc., and he will use the heads of these institutions to bring about a New World Order. This system of governance will be a communist-fascist-religious dictatorship where the rich and powerful will be the masters and the rest of the population will be the serfs. When this system of governance grips the nations of the world, along with one world religion, then, as if that wasn't bad enough, the original antediluvian Nephilim spirits will be released from their prison, and then all our previous woes will pale into insignificance.

“For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold, and will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions. As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:3–5, Amplified Bible).

“Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless — cheerfully. Be generous with the different things [GOD] gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if

words, let it be [GOD's] words; if help, let it be [GOD's] hearty help. That way, [GOD's] bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything ..." (1 Peter 4:7–11, T M T).

Postdiluvian Nephilim Release

We have established that one third, or thereabouts, of the original angels sided with Satan, rebelled against the Most High, and were thrown down to earth. Although the Book of Jude suggests that some of these fallen angels have been “reserved in **everlasting** chains under darkness”, in the very same paragraph, this is where they remain “until the Judgment of the Great Day”. “Judgment of the Great Day” is a reference to the Day of the LORD and therefore “everlasting chains” is an incorrect translation.

“Alas! For that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it; and it *is* the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7).

“... For strong *is the One* who executes His word. For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; who can endure it?” (Joel 2:11b).

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Joel 2:31).

The Day of the LORD is associated with the events that lead up to the actual judgment of the Great Day — the Day of the LORD. The events that lead up to the Day of the LORD are referred to as Jacob's trouble, the time when Judah — the Jews, and Israel — British Commonwealth and the United States of America, are punished for their disobedience and self-righteous attitude. This

punishment continues prior to and during the Great Tribulation before they are finally “saved out of it” (Daniel 12:7).

“Everlasting” would be better translated as age-lasting. These Nephilim spirits are therefore reserved in age-lasting chains under darkness until the Great Tribulation when they are released by Satan, thus they join their evil cohorts who battle with GOD once again at the time of the end. The book of Revelation is a book for the end times and we are told that one third of the demons will be active upon the earth at the time of the Great Tribulation: “His tail drew a third of the stars [fallen angels] of heaven [their former domain] and threw them to the earth” (Revelation 12:4a). After Christ’s resurrection we read: “... [H]e also went to proclaim his victory to the spirits kept in prison” (1 Peter 3:19, God’s Word translation).

“Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star [Satan] fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit” (Revelation 9:1).

The bottomless pit is a reference to the deepest parts of the earth and is where the Nephilim spirits are imprisoned. “Pit” has been translated from the Greek *phrēar*, which means: “... a hole in the ground ... an abyss (as a prison)” (*Strong’s Concordance*, entry no. G5421).

At the beginning of the Great Tribulation GOD gives Satan the key that unlocks the Nephilim prison, and they are released once again to roam the earth. The Nephilim spirits are not the only demons to be held in prison under the earth; the sixth trumpet marks the release of four angels from the Euphrates: “... Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates” (Revelation 9:14b). These angels are probably demons (fallen angels) as it makes no sense for GOD to imprison His loyal and faithful angelic subjects.

However, prior to the Nephilim spirits being let out of their prison other events are prophesied to precede their release, leading to the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

In the book of Revelation seven seals are opened by the Lamb of God — Jesus Christ. These seals give an explanation of prevailing conditions upon the earth that occur prior to the Great Tribulation. However, these seals are not necessarily in chronological order. For example, the fifth seal describes the Great Tribulation, but the seal itself is not the beginning of the Great Tribulation, which occurs at the sounding of the fifth trumpet blast. Likewise, the sixth seal is an explanation of the Day of the LORD, but not its commencement, which the Bible reveals will occur at the pouring out of the seventh and final bowl plague. For more information on the sequence of events leading to the return of Christ, read our book, *Unlocking the Book of Revelation to the Seven Churches*.

Bearing this in mind let's have a look at the first seal and the prevailing conditions upon the earth that it alludes to as events to occur just prior to the Great Tribulation.

“And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer” (Revelation 6:2).

Firstly, the white horse does not represent Christ as some scholars would have you believe. “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*” (Matthew 24:23). The white horse represents a false peace and symbolises victory. This false peace will be ushered in by a series of false messiahs, culminating with the Antichrist (Matt. 24:24). The one who sits on this horse has a bow with no quiver or arrows. The bow is a symbol of war, but the absence of the arrows implies that the victory is that of the hearts and minds of

humanity (Mark 13:22). The crown given to the rider represents the Antichrist as king, a counterfeit messiah, elected by the world's inhabitants regardless of the cost. He will conquer the minds of the world's populous and cause them to bow down and worship him as GOD (2 Thess. 2:4).¹⁸

This first seal depicts religious deception culminating with the revealing of the false prophet — the Antichrist, who is given power by the dragon, through secret societies working behind the scenes to bring about a New World Order (Rev. 13:2, 11–17).¹⁹

“When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword” (Revelation 6:3–4).

This depicts unprecedented civil unrest on a worldwide scale with a general uprising of subversives and insurgents around the world, who have been slithering into western countries for decades and who will revolt as one against the western powers, disrupting the supply chain and bringing down governments.²⁰ Religious tension will play its role too, spilling over into hostility, causing emotional strain, a state of wariness, and general mistrust. In this respect western religion will be met by the forces of eastern religion and chaos, and coupled with the first seal anarchy will reign worldwide.

“I’ve told you these things to prepare you for rough times ahead. They are going to throw you out of the meeting places. There will even come a time when anyone who kills you will think he’s doing [GOD] a [favour]. They will do these things because they never really understood the [FATHER]. I’ve told you these things so that when the time comes and they start in on

you, you'll be well-warned and ready for them" (John 16:2, The Message translation).

"When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, 'Come and see.' So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, 'A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine'" (Revelation 6:5–6).

"Then the Lamb broke open the fourth seal; and I heard the fourth living creature say, Come! I looked, and there was a pale-[coloured] horse. Its rider was named Death, and Hades followed close behind. They were given authority over one fourth of the earth, to kill by means of war, famine, disease, and wild animals" (Revelation 6:7–8, GNT).

The depiction here is one of worldwide economic collapse leading into anarchy in the west and a collapse of the worldwide financial system, which is already tinkering on the brink. The current social systems will critically degrade and what remains of the supply chain will break down, causing panic. So prior to the Great Tribulation there will be a period of general collapse of religious, social, economic and political order, leaving millions of people starving due to civil unrest and local, regional and national wars resulting in the break down of law and order. The golden age of British and American supremacy will be over, ushering in curfews and marshal law, via UN troops, under the banner of a New World Order, to quell the civil unrest, rioting, looting, vandalising, etc.²¹

The streets of western civilisation will be policed by UN troops and NWO armed forces patrolling public roads, in towns and cities, and any opposition will be met with extreme force.

“He was granted *power* to give breath to the image [religious system] of the beast [NWO], that the image of the beast should both speak [on behalf of the NWO] and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (Revelation 13:15).

The fifth and sixth seals describe events that do not immediately precede the events alluded to in the first four seals. Each seal is a description of prevailing conditions to occur upon the earth prior to the Great Tribulation, events that run side-by-side with the trumpet events, the sounding of the fifth trumpet being the commencement of the Great Tribulation.

“Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power” (Revelation 9:1–3).

Notice carefully that a star has fallen from heaven to the Earth, and is referred to as “him”. So it must refer to someone, because to “him was given the key to the bottomless pit.” This same star is “the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon” (Revelation 9:11).

Abaddōn means “a destroying angel” (*Strong’s Concordance*, entry no. G3, see also H11). The Greek *Apollyon* (*Apōllūōn*) means: “destroyer [no. G623] — (i.e. Satan).”

The star of Revelation 9 is Satan (the dragon), who falls from Heaven to the Earth because war breaks out in Heaven,

shortly before the Great Tribulation. Satan loses the battle and is cast out (Revelation 12:9; 9:1). Then notice: "... Woe [first woe, and fifth trumpet blast] to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time" (Revelation 12:12b).

It is our belief that the 2,300 days in Daniel 8:14 is the time period for the first four trumpet plagues. This is because at the end of the 2,300-day period the sanctuary [GOD'S Church] will be cleansed, or purified (Dan. 12:10). This cleaning/purifying continues for the duration of the Great Tribulation, "a time, times, and half a time", which amounts to three-and-a-half-years. If the 2,300 days occurs before a remnant of GOD'S Church are purified by the fire of the Great Tribulation, and the Great Tribulation is placed after the first four trumpet blasts, it's logical to assume that the first four trumpets occur over a 2,300-day period, which is roughly just shy of 6½ years; therefore a period of roughly six-and-a-half-years elapses before the commencement of the Great Tribulation.

This period is referred to as Jacob's trouble, the downfall of western powers and the rising of a new superpower, referred to by many as the New World Order. Before, or shortly after the sounding of the first trumpet the New World Order would have been set in place, and a semblance of peace ushered in. But the events described to us in the form of the first four seals are beginning to escalate and spill over into the trumpet plagues, and shall continue to do so as the world draws ever closer to the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Appointed Season

“And he said, ‘Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end *shall be*’ ” (Daniel 8:19).

“Appointed” has been translated from the Hebrew **môw’âdâh**, referring to: “... an *appointment*, that is, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* ...” (*Strong’s Concordance*, entry no. H4150).

“And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end; because *it is* still for the appointed [**môw’âdâh**] time” (Daniel 11:35).

The appointed time is a reference to God’s calendar and to the Holy Day festivals marking the appointed assemblies throughout the year, where God’s people are commanded to congregate: “Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25, Amplified Bible).

The events revealed through the opening of the seven seals, the blowing of the seven trumpets, and the pouring out of the seven plagues, commence during God’s festival dates.

Scriptures repeat over and over again that our Saviour’s Second Coming will be heralded with signs in the heavens, in which the sun will be darkened and the moon turn blood red. Pastor Mark Biltz went on the Internet, to a U.S. Government web site, to see if he could find any solar or lunar eclipses over the next few years that might be significant. To his surprise, he found four lunar eclipses and two solar eclipses in the Sabbatical

Year of 2014 and 2015. Also, he noticed that they all appear on [GOD's] Holy Days!

Lunar Eclipses

The four lunar eclipses will occur on:

Passover, April 15, 2014

The Feast of Tabernacles, October 8, 2014

Passover, April 4, 2015 and

The Feast of Tabernacles, September 28, 2015

This is most unusual. It is a rare occurrence for four lunar cycles to happen on successive Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) observances. It will not happen again for hundreds of years. However ... a series of four lunar eclipses on these particular holy days did occur in the twentieth century — not once, but twice! The first set occurred in 1949–1950, the year after Israel became a state! The second set happened in 1967–1968, the year Israel liberated Jerusalem! Such a phenomenon is nigh unto impossible, unless it was set up by Divine design.

In addition to the four lunar eclipses in 2014–15, there will be two solar eclipses. They will occur on:

Solar Eclipses

Adar 29/Nisan 1, March 20, 2015

The Feast of Trumpets, September 13, 2015²²

How interesting! Could these dates mark the beginning of the first four trumpet plagues leading into the Great Tribulation? Christ said to the Pharisees and Sadducees: "... You have a saying that goes, 'Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky at morning, sailors take warning.' You find it easy enough to

forecast the weather — why can't you read the signs of the times?" (Matthew 16:3, *The Message*).

"There will be mighty and violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues: malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating); and there will be sights of terror and great signs from heaven" (Luke 21:11, *Amplified Bible*).

What will mark the commencement of the six-and-a-half-years leading to the Great Tribulation? How can we possibly know when the trumpet plagues are about to sound? The seventh seal is the prelude to the seven trumpets, and in verses five and six of Revelation 8, we read: "The angel took the incense burner, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it on the earth. Then there was thunder, noise, lightning, and an earthquake. The seven angels who had the seven trumpets got ready to blow them" (God's Word translation).

"Earthquake" has been translated from the Greek *sēismōs*, and refers to: "... a *commotion*, that is, (of the air) a *gale*, (of the ground) an *earthquake* ..." (*Strong's Concordance*, entry no. G4578). An unprecedented event that affects the heaven followed by a hurricane or tornado, or both, and an earthquake of such great magnitude will pave the way for the trumpet plagues. The six-and-a-half-years would have begun.

The Signs of the Times

In Matthew 24:36 we are told that no one knows the day or the hour in which Christ returns. But that doesn't mean that we are ignorant of the signs leading up to His return!

“But you are not in [given up to the power of] darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief” (1 Thessalonians 5:4, Amplified Bible).

At the sounding of the first trumpet the extent of the prevailing conditions upon the earth described to us in the opening of the first four seals is not known. What we do know is that the six years or so prior to the Great Tribulation will be turbulent to say the least.

FIRST TRUMPET

“The first angel blew [his] trumpet, and there was a storm of hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth. And a third part of the earth was burned up and a third of the trees [were] burned up and all the green grass was burned up” (Revelation 8:7, Amplified Bible).

To understand the trumpet plagues we need to grasp an understanding of the signs in heaven. The asteroid belt is the largest source of meteors in this solar system, so the storm of hail hurled toward earth most likely refers to the asteroids from the asteroid belt, which contains large amounts of water ice.²³ Note the following facts:

Forests cover a third of our planet’s land ... Total **forest area** in 2005 was estimated to be around 30% of the planet’s land area, just under 40 million km². This corresponds to an average of 0.62 ha (6,200 m²) per capita, though this is unevenly distributed. This estimate was based on data on forest area reported by 228 countries and territories.²⁴

The world’s forests will be obliterated by an asteroid dust and particle shower and all green grass will be dried up and burned.

This will affect the ecosystem, soil and water resources, and cause floods, avalanches, erosion and drought.²⁵

Overlap the prevailing conditions upon the earth described via the first seal with the first trumpet plague, and a graphic picture begins to emerge.

SECOND TRUMPET

“The second angel blew [his] trumpet, and something resembling a great mountain, blazing with fire, was hurled into the sea. And a third of the sea was turned to blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea perished, and a third of the ships were destroyed” (Revelation 8:8, Amplified Bible).

This great mountain, blazing with fire, is a particularly large asteroid striking the sea. An asteroid of this size would cause massive devastation from earthquakes, tidal waves on the surrounding coastal areas, and would of course wipe out all life in the impact area and for some way beyond²⁶, the blood from those who lose their lives, and from the dead fish in the sea, being a major factor in the sea turning to blood. These events will run side-by-side with the prevailing conditions upon the earth described by the opening of the second seal.

THIRD TRUMPET

The third angel blew [his] trumpet, and a huge star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it dropped on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. And the name of the star is Wormwood. A third part of the waters was changed into wormwood, and many people died from using the water, because it had become bitter” (Revelation 8:10–11, Amplified Bible).

One single object cannot fall onto a third of the rivers and springs of water, so it is more likely this object releases some sort of toxin into the air, possibly as it explodes whilst travelling through earth's atmosphere; this toxic debris then falls onto the rivers and springs of water, carried by our atmosphere's wind currents, much like the Tunguska meteor.

The **Tunguska event**, or **Tunguska blast** or **Tunguska explosion**, was an enormously powerful explosion that occurred near the Podkamennaya Tunguska River in what is now Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia ... The explosion is believed to have been caused by the air burst of a large meteoroid or comet fragment at an altitude of 5–10 kilometres (3–6 mi) above the Earth's surface. Different studies have yielded varying estimates of the object's size, with general agreement that it was a few tens of metres across²⁷ ... Although the meteoroid or comet burst in the air rather than hitting the surface, this event is still referred to as an impact. Estimates of the energy of the blast range from 5 to as high as 30 megatons of TNT (21–130 PJ [petajoules]), with 10–15 megatons of TNT (42–63 PJ) the most likely — roughly equal to the United States' Castle Bravo thermonuclear bomb tested on March 1, 1954, about 1,000 times more powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, and about one-third the power of the Tsar Bomba, the largest nuclear weapon ever detonated. The explosion knocked over an estimated 80 million trees covering 2,150 square kilometres (830 sq mi). It is estimated that the shock wave from the blast would have measured 5.0 on the Richter scale. An explosion of this magnitude is capable of destroying a large metropolitan area.²⁸

The name of the star is referred to as wormwood, or *Artemisia absinthium*, which is, in its pure form, a very strong poison.

Symptoms of Poisoning:

- delirium
- epileptic-like convulsions
- giddiness
- hallucinations
- permanent mental deterioration²⁹

Wormwood, and its derivative, absinthe, are both known for their bitter taste. In effect, a massive amount of concentrated absinthe, will be discharged from an object burning like a torch, entering earth's atmosphere and releasing this poison, or something like it, or even more toxic, into one third of the rivers and springs of water. Ingesting this poison will cause sickness, restlessness, confusion, giddiness, and hallucinations, resulting in permanent mental deterioration and possibly death. This event, remember, runs side-by-side with the prevailing conditions upon the earth described in the reading of the third seal, making the problems we face today pale into insignificance.

FOURTH TRUMPET

“Then the fourth angel blew [his] trumpet, and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that [the light of] a third of them was darkened, and a third of the daylight [itself] was withdrawn, and likewise a third [of the light] of the night was kept from shining. Then I [looked and I] saw a solitary eagle flying in mid-heaven, and as it flew I heard it crying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the rest of the trumpet blasts which the three angels are about to sound!” (Revelation 8:12–13, Amplified Bible).

This can only be a reference to an asteroid winter. The raging fire storms and plumes of toxic dust will rise into the atmosphere blocking out one third of the light from the sun, moon, and stars.

The immediate results would be catastrophic destruction and an impact winter, with widespread death of plants and the large terrestrial animals — including humans ... As a result of the impact, the atmosphere would become loaded with nitric oxide, causing massive amounts of acid rain. As they become acidified, the lakes and rivers would have reduced amounts of dissolved organic carbons, which would allow much greater penetration of ultraviolet light.

At first, of course, the ultraviolet rays would be blocked by the dust cloud, which sets the stage for a greater disaster later on. Many animals depend on some exposure to ultraviolet light to keep operational their biological protective mechanisms against it — without any such light, those protective mechanisms would be eroded or lost. During the extended winter, animals across the biological spectrum would become weaker, starved and more vulnerable. Many would die.

Then comes ultraviolet spring, shining down on surviving plants and animals that have lost their resistance to ultraviolet radiation and penetrating more deeply, with greater intensity, into shallow waters than it ever has before.

“By our calculations, the dust cloud would shield the Earth from ultraviolet light for an extended period, with it taking about 390 days after impact before enough dust settled that there would be an ultraviolet level equal to before the impact. After that, the ozone depletion would cause levels of ultraviolet radiation to at least double, about 600 days after impact.”³⁰

There is scriptural evidence that a period of just over six years will precede the Great Tribulation. During this time period religious tension shall increase and civil unrest ignite worldwide, followed by worldwide economic collapse and anarchy in the west, and causing a break down in the supply chain. These prevailing conditions eventually run side-by-side with unprecedented forest fires, earthquakes, tidal waves, tsunamis, toxic contamination of the world's water supply, and plumes of toxic smoke, dust and debris rising into the atmosphere blocking out the light from the sun, moon, and the stars, resulting in an asteroid winter on a global scale. As these events unfold, and before the sounding of the fifth trumpet — Great Tribulation, the New World Order will have been established, culminating with the arrival of the Antichrist.

It is then that we are warned: "... Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound! ... Woe [first woe — fifth trumpet blast] to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time [3½ years]" (Revelation 8:13b).

Lunar and Solar Dates

The Lunar and Solar eclipses to occur in 2014/15 cannot be just mere coincidence. These eclipses are signs in the heaven that indicate an appointed time for something to happen. They will not occur again for hundreds of years; and the fact that such an event takes place at the time of the end — our generation — is quite significant. Assuming that our premise is correct, and the 2,300-day period as recorded in the book of Daniel is the time period for the first four trumpet events, and that the fifth trumpet is the commencement of the Great Tribulation, how

would the 2014/15 dates fit into the end-time scenario discussed thus far?

SCENARIO ONE

If the worldwide financial collapse occurs in 2012/13, which many financial experts have predicted, then the 2014/15 Lunar/Solar eclipses could mark the beginning of the 6½ years prior to the Great Tribulation. Adding the duration of the Great Tribulation (3½ years) to this figure, we have 10 years. Add this figure to the 2014/15 Lunar/Solar eclipses dates and we have a possible year for the return of Christ, 2024/25; the Great Tribulation thus commencing in 2020/21. Scripture reveals that we cannot know the *day* or the *hour* of Christ's return, but nothing is said of the *year*!

SCENARIO TWO

If the 2014/15 Lunar/Solar eclipses mark the worldwide economic financial collapse then the possible date for the sounding of the first trumpet could be 2016/17. Adding the 6½-year period prior to the Great Tribulation and the duration of the Great Tribulation (3½ years) a possible date for Christ's return could be 2026/27; the Great Tribulation commencing in 2022/23.

We are not implying that the above scenarios are absolutes or predictions, only that the 2014/15 Lunar and Solar eclipses are significant events that warrant serious consideration, as they could mark the appointed time of the end, and the events that lead to the return of Christ.

We know that the Nephilim spirits are released from their prison at the sounding of the fifth trumpet and united with

Satan and their associates, who are thrown back down to earth after battling with GOD's angels, for the remaining 3½ years.

If we survive the catastrophic events and the persecution leading up to their release, then we need to pray that we are counted worthy to escape the greatest time of world trouble to be unleashed upon the earth and its inhabitants. When these evil, violent, and destructive high-ranking and powerful demons are loosed, there will be only one outcome for the elect who are left behind — Death.

“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

Demonic Possession

In Tom and Nita Horn's book *FORBIDDEN GATES* a reference to the drug DTM [dimethyltryptamine] is alluded to: “which is naturally produced in the pineal gland and is present in wild plants found in places like the Amazon basin, [and] has been used for millennia by aboriginal shamans and medicine men to contact the spirit world and to receive information from entities there The pineal gland is called the third eye by biologists and spiritual teachers because it has biological elements that are common with the retina of the eye ... Philosopher and theologian René Descartes understood it to be the physical portal to the spirit world, and occult writer H. P. Lovecraft wrote a famous work called *From Beyond* about a portal device that stimulated the human pineal gland in order to make contact with malevolent spirits. A *National Geographic* journalist wrote about her ingestion of DTM via the traditional ayahuasca tea delivery means within the Amazon jungle ... she described falling into an abyss ... She then encountered three sinister thrones in an infernal region, and heard threatening voices who

told her she could not leave and that there was ‘no hope’. She was ‘rescued’, by her fellow participants, as it is common for adjoining DTM partakers to see the same apparitions”³¹

Before the Nephilim spirits, pre- and post-antediluvian, were cast into the deep dungeons of the earth, they were known as the watchers. These angels were not a part of the original rebellion against God when Lucifer fought to dethrone the Most High. The 2nd century theologian Tatian, *2 Apology* 5, stated, “God committed the care of humans and everything under heaven to angels [watchers] whom he appointed over them. But the angels disobeyed this appointment, and were captivated by the love of women. They produced children who are called demons” [Nephilim]”³² they taught humanity how to use herbs and plants for incantations and sorcery. Referring back to the drug DTM, which is naturally produced by the pineal gland in the brain, and located behind the forehead, certain wild plants, after having been ingested, open forbidden doors in the minds of the partakers allowing evil spirits in.

In the account of Saul, 1 Samuel 28:14 mentioned earlier, a medium contacted the spirits in an attempt to raise the prophet Samuel from the dead. It is very possible that she engaged in some sort of ritual where plants containing DTM were used to make contact with the underworld. As a result a demon, manifesting itself as Samuel, rose up from the earth and spoke with the medium. The fact that the demon rose from the earth is revealing. The Nephilim spirits are imprisoned in the deepest part of the earth, referred to in the Book of Jubilees as middle earth: “And against the angels [watchers] whom He [GOD] had sent on the earth, He had boiling anger, and He gave commandment to root them out of all their dominion, and He commanded us [GOD’s ministering spirits] to bind them in the depths of the earth, and look, they are bound in the middle of the earth, and are kept separate.”³³

Although these evil spirits are bound in prison in middle earth they can temporarily emerge to the surface to experience, for a short while, some relief from their torment. This could explain some forms of demon possession. Vulnerable individuals such as drug addicts, alcoholics, mentally ill persons, depressives, occultists and the like, have their minds open to these demonic forces. The only way for these Nephilim spirits to gain temporary release from their chains is to roam the earth via a human host. It is a known fact that a minority of mentally ill and alcoholic people suffer from hallucinations and hear voices speaking with them, telling them to do things. These hallucinations are more likely demonic manifestation due to a portal opening in the earth to the mind of the victim. Demons that are free to roam the earth do not need a human host to journey from A to B, although they do possess human hosts who carry out their plans for world domination. The Nephilim spirits, and other spirit entities, resent their imprisonment and take their frustration out on their victims by tormenting them.

These spirits may only see and hear the outside world through the eyes and ears of their host, and the unseen portal from their place of incarceration to the mind of a potential victim, allows entrance by more than a single entity: Then He asked him, "What *is* your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name *is* Legion; for we are many" (Mark 5:9). Interesting, after a third of the world's water supply turns to wormwood, the effects of the toxin could open a portal in the minds of those who accept the mark of the beast.

"He [Antichrist/false prophet] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on ... their foreheads" (Revelation 13:16). GOD's people receive the FATHER's name on their foreheads (Rev. 14:1): "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our [GOD] on their foreheads" (Revelation 7:3). In other words demons will

not have control over the minds of the true body of believing saints.

Referring to the elect body of chosen believers we read: “They will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them ...” (Mark 16:18).

Aside from the obvious meaning there is an interpretation that is concealed due to translation from the original language into English. “Take up” is from the Greek *airō* which has a variety of meanings depending on the subject matter: “... *to raise upwards, elevate, lift up*: the hand ... the eyes, the voice, i.e. speak in a loud tone ... *to raise the mind [and] affect strongly (with a sense of fear, hope, joy, grief, etc.) ... to hold the mind in suspense between doubt and hope ...*” (THAYER’S GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON of the NEW TESTAMENT, *Coded with Strong’s Concordance Numbers*, G142).

“Serpents” derives its roots from the Greek *ōphis* which can refer to *malicious, cunning, crafty, and hypocritical* entities, both physical and spiritual (THAYER’S GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON *et al* G3789).

Those who are sealed with the name of the FATHER on their foreheads will be able to lift themselves up and stand against the malicious, cunning, crafty, and hypocritical agents of Satan, whether they are demons or false ministers, and elevate their minds to a higher level of consciousness and awareness that protects against deception. If GOD’S elect were to drink the bitter waters of wormwood the poison would not have a psychoactive effect on their behaviour, and the Nephilim spirits will have no control over them, as they will have with the rest of humanity.

To give you an extent of the turbulent times ahead the following is an excerpt from Noah’s prayer to GOD after the

waters had receded:

“You know how Your Watchers, the fathers of the [Nephilim giants], acted in my day, and as for these spirits which are living [all demonic entities, not just the Nephilim spirits], imprison them and hold them fast in the place of condemnation, and let them not bring destruction on the sons of your servant, my God; for these are like cancer A high ranking representative of Satan then implores GOD by saying: Lord, creator, let some of them remain before me, and let them listen to my voice, and do all that I should say to them; for if some of them are not left to me, I shall not be able to execute the power of my will on the sons of men GOD then gives His reply: He said, ‘Let one tenth of them remain before him, and let nine-tenths of them descend into the place of condemnation.’ ”³⁴

According to the Book of Jubilees, which is said to have been penned by Moses, as dictated to him by an angel of GOD on Mount Sinai, only one tenth of the demons were left to Satan and the other nine-tenths remain imprisoned. The Nephilim spirits beneath the earth — bottomless pit, and other spirit entities that are bound under the sea and elsewhere, are to be released at the sounding of the fifth/sixth trumpet blasts. If you think the world is bad now, the worst is yet to come. The Nephilim spirits will return with fury and unbridled vengeance, and GOD’s faithful followers will be their first point of call. Our faith shall soon be tested: “... as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:37). □

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