



Spiritual Warfare

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Satan, the Machine

This chapter will be about Ezekiel 28, but first I want to share something with you. Now, I necessarily do not agree with all the views of this author. In fact, this chapter is only the beginning. In the next chapter I will teach about the Nephilim, the watchers, and how they relate to what many reality shows are now trying to make money from. I am sure there are some serious and sincere people exploring paranormal activity, ghostly encounters, and things they cannot explain that go ‘bump in the night.’ That topic has become popular on television, but those people do not have a clue what they are dealing with and how they are being manipulated, even though it makes for good TV, I guess.

However, part of this series explores what the watchers created with the daughters of men, who became the giants of the land prior to Noah’s flood, and the reason why the flood destroyed everyone except one family. Do you ever stop to think of the pressures that were on that family? Everything was destroyed; giants, humans, the animal world, everything was destroyed.

In the world, there are legions upon legions, millions upon millions of demons. Many people like to classify demons as fallen angels, but I will show what the differences are. Satan and his band of evil spirits must be rejoicing because they have been classified incorrectly. Demons and fallen angels are different types of beings and Satan is a cherubim. You need to know the differences. Things that go ‘bump in the night’ are not necessarily fallen angels. Most of the time, evil spiritual beings that possess individuals are not fallen angels. They do not need to possess bodies because they have their own. However, there is a certain type of spiritual evil being that needs to possess other bodies, which we will explore in future chapters. There is much confusion about this topic mostly because of the Middle Ages and the classification of the different types of angels that happened around that period.

For now, I want you to know that it is important to understand Satan and his evil forces. They are a serious thing to comprehend. Do not limit God through your own preconceived notions of what things ought to be. Once again, I necessarily do not agree with everything that this author says, but one thing this author has done for me is bring me to the point of understanding how little I do understand, especially about these unseen evil forces out to destroy us. They are powerful beings. We are no match for them, but we are more than conquerors if we reside in the blood of Jesus Christ. His blood is the great neutralizer, it is the key.

You may wonder how this relates to Ephesians 6 and Spiritual Warfare. We are in verse 12 that reads, ***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, [the Greek has it reversed, blood and flesh] but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”***

Ephesians 6:11 describes Satan as a being with a multitude of methods or strategies against us. He is an intelligent being, far superior in intelligence than any of us. We are no match for him. At one time, before sin, I believe Adam was more than a match for Satan. Satan had to walk on hot coals for instance, even in his approach to Adam and Eve. If he tried a face-to-face confrontation with them, I think Adam and Eve were warned about Satan’s methods and

strategies, so Satan had to sneak in and confuse them by possessing whatever the serpent was. I am sure the serpent was another unique being created by God that communicated verbally with the understanding of something that Eve had never heard before. And because of her lack of understanding, she felt that God was trying to hide something from her that would expose God for what He was. Satan convinced Eve that God was someone who was not truthful and had not fully disclosed to them all their possibilities, that they could be like God and not serve God.

Now we could go on for hours trying to explain the garden story, but that is not the purpose of this chapter, which is to demonstrate what we are dealing with. And that is something so incredibly originally wonderful, but because of his pride and sin of wanting to be like God, and even greater than God, turned into an evil monster. If he could not have it his way, he would destroy everything that God created. That describes what we would call an evil heart. I do not know if Satan has a heart or not, but I do not believe he does. He was not built like us; he was not created like us, but he has some emotional factor that controls his spiritual being that makes him hate the way he does.

Remember, Satan was a unique being created by God, and I am not too sure all cherubim are created equal because he was a chief cherubim. He was a strange looking creature. He was incredibly large with four wings and four faces among other attributes.

Here, this author is writing about the transporting cherubim. He writes,

“If Satan is a cherubim, he is four-faced. [You find that in Ezekiel.] Forgive the pun, but if Satan is a cherubim he is a strange looking creature; a being incredibly large with four wings and four faces. When the prophet Ezekiel began writing his book, he actually was an eyewitness to a cherubim. In fact, Ezekiel was called to be a prophet of Israel upon having his encounter with this cherubim. His detailed description of a cherubim is the best in scripture.”

Go to Ezekiel 1:4. It says, ***“And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.”***

Ezekiel 1:13 goes on to say, ***“As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.”***

There have been many pictures by artists trying to paint this image on canvas. I do not think anybody could truly capture what a cherubim can be, what they can turn themselves into, and what they are truly like. I would not even know how to begin trying to describe that on canvas if I was an artist painting what a cherubim would look like and what their capabilities would be.

Returning to Ezekiel 1:14 we read, ***“And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.”***

Verse 16, ***“The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in***

the middle of a wheel.” A wheel in the middle of a wheel. How would you visual that? Some describe this as a UFO. Maybe, maybe not.

Verse 18, ***“As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.”*** What four? The four faces? The four wings? I cannot even try to describe them. If anything, I probably would have fallen on my face out of fear if a cherubim approached me. It may even have the ability to change its features.

Verse 22, ***“And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature [that was surrounding this cherubim] was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.”***

Verse 24, ***“And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.”***

Verse 26, ***“And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the stone was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.***

And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of the loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.”

What kind of creature are we dealing with here? We know Satan is a cherubim and not just any cherubim. He was the cherubim of cherubim’s. What kind of creature are we dealing with?

Let us continue with the author:

“The lower parts of the cherubim had wheels, wings, pillar-like extensions and fire with lightning. The upper parts of cherubim incorporated a transparent canopy and even contain seats or thrones.”

Have you ever tried to imagine any of this before? That is why I said a few moments ago that artists’ renditions do not come close.

“Today we associate all these features [The lower parts of cherubim having wheels, wings, pillar-like extensions, fire with lightning. The upper parts of cherubim having incorporated a transparent canopy and even contains seats or thrones] with machinery. More specifically they resemble a vehicle, a living piece of machinery.

Centuries prior to Ezekiel, King David also was an eyewitness to this type of thing. He confirms that this was some sort of living vehicle. David confesses that at one time he was even rescued by a cherubim and transported by it. David writes, ‘And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:’”

David wrote this in Psalms 18:10, *“And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.*

He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.” [Who? The cherub! The cherub shot out his arrows and scattered David’s enemies.]

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.”

Returning to the author, we read,

“If anything like this were seen today, it would without a doubt be classified as a UFO. [an unidentified flying object] Yet a cherubim is not just a vehicle, it has the ability to self-navigate, to sense danger, plan operations, and has the power to blast holes in the sea even through the seabed.

Like Ezekiel, Daniel also saw the Lord transported by something presumed to be a cherubim. Daniel says in Daniel 7:9, ‘I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.’”

Does that sound familiar? *“his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.”*

“God himself transported by a cherub? Yet if Satan is a cherub, this means that Satan is some type of living machine. Even worse, he is a machine gone awry.”

To say the least! Just think about it; Satan, the machine. I want you to expand your mind. I do not necessarily agree with everything said here, but the possibilities could be there. We think we know how God created a cherub; how God created Satan. We know some of his purposes for creating them. We know what Satan became and what he is trying to do with us, but what is a cherub and what is a cherubim? If you do not know, will that affect your salvation in any way? No, but this written in God’s Word to enlighten us; to give us more knowledge of what we are facing; and to be aware of how powerful these beings are. And so far I have just read to you about a cherub. I am not getting into others beings yet. I think Satan, being the chief cherubim, had the greatest power of all the angelic beings. Maybe his only match was Michael. If Michael was not that, he will eventually be given the power to bind Satan in chains and cast him into the pit or abyss for 1,000 years.

But, can Satan be a living machine? Think about it! Some read the Bible and never ask any questions or rely on artistic renditions or what preachers preach about it. We are talking about the being itself. I am not talking about the spiritual evilness of that being and what he is trying to do with all his capabilities and power. I am talking about Satan, the machine! Could it be possible?

This author states,

“With the insight, the strange part of Ezekiel’s oracle to the king of Tyre [Zor, as the Hebrews would say] begin to become logical.”

Go to Ezekiel 28:13 and pay careful attention to its description. It reads, ***“Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, [Not just a few, but every precious stone was thy covering.] the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold:”***

I remember back 30 to 40 years ago when the big IBM main frames were the only computers. Back then, it was considered the super computer, and I remember pulling out the cards of these individual devices. There were control units, the main-frame, tape drives, all kinds of peripherals that attached to the main frame of the computer. Big rooms full of computers. Now it has changed, but back then, information traveled quickly because the precious metal, gold, was used. It was not corrupted and was used for the processes of moving information from Point A to Point B.

Satan had all those precious stones and then some -- topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, emerald, carbuncle, and gold just to name a few because he had **every** precious stone. This is just a small list described in Ezekiel 28:13.

Verse 13 also says, ***“...the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.”***

Most often this is related back to just a vocal expression. That is why he is classified as a chief musician. Now Satan might have been the chief musician, but is that what this verse is really saying?

Reading on to Ezekiel 28:14 we see, ***“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; [If you recall from the beginning chapters of this series, the ‘anointed cherub’ covered the Ark of the Covenant.] and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”***

To end this chapter, this author states, ***“Ezekiel does say this covering cherub is made of these elements [these precious stones that he was covered with] and if Satan is technically one of these cherubim [which I believe he is] then a scenario begins to unfold. We may now be able to detect that Satan is not a bio-spiritual identity such as angels and demons appear to be, rather Satan and fellow cherubim, and perhaps even seraphim, seems to be....”***

To be continued...

Nephilim, Part 1

Ephesians 6:10 states, ***“Finally, my brethren, be strong [strengthened or empowered] in the Lord, and in the power [or the *kratos*, the force] of his might [*ischus*].”*** Once we become empowered, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit who energizes the weapons listed beginning in verse 14. Without the Holy Spirit, and without God’s power in us through the Holy Spirit, those weapons are worthless against our unseen enemies. They are there, but they must be energized or else they are useless weapons to us.

Verses 11 and 12 tell us, ***“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles [the *methodeia* in the Greek; the methods, the strategies, the schemes] of the devil [who is *diablos*, the accuser, the slanderer].***

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [in the Greek it is written ‘blood and flesh’], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

This chapter will be about the last part of verse 12, ***“against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*** In one translation, the note about spiritual wickedness stated:

“Spiritual wickedness: ‘The spiritual things of wickedness in high places’ more literally ‘in the heavenly places’ is used in the general sense of the sky or the air.”

From that we know this is not necessarily ‘heavenly places’ as we would think or is taught in churches around the world. Often the heavenlies are thought of as something way out there, the untouchable area of God’s creation, but *‘in high places’* is the air around us. These spiritual wicked beings are around us in the sky. Yes, they have access to the heavenlies, but they are in the sky and air around us moving around us to harm us mentally and physically. So, a better translation for ***“against spiritual wickedness in high places”*** would be ***‘against wicked spirits,’*** and the purpose of this chapter is to find out who they are. Also, it is because of this misunderstanding that so many failures happen, whether it is exorcisms, haunting programs, ghost hunters, or paranormal programs that try to get rid of unexplained strange activity. Of course, people will go through all the explanations, like a residual haunting, trying to explain why certain things happen. But, if you truly have a haunting and wicked spirits are roaming your area, some of the things that you see on television to rid your home of these spirits is nonsense. These beings must be laughing at the creation called Adam. People do not know what they are dealing with. When Jesus came upon a demon-possessed individual, the demons knew who He was. I say ‘demons’ because we like to classify everything that is spiritually wicked in the category of demons, but you cannot, and by the time I am done with this subject you will see the reason why.

We must know who our enemy is. I am never satisfied knowing the generalities of any subject. I try to go as deep as possible to try to find the specifics in God’s Word, how He explains it, and what is meant with the information that is given and available to us. Look at this phrase again, ***“...against spiritual wickedness in high places [or wicked spirits].”*** I like the way one

translator translated it: ‘*against huge numbers of the wicked spirits in the spirit world.*’ His translation is the closest.

Before I discuss who these wicked spirits are, I want to share with you a book by Warren Wiersbe, The Strategy of Satan. It has some good information in it, but then I got so frustrated when it came to this part. That is why I do not recommend many books. This author is talking about Satan’s army and their origin. He is a very respected individual and has written commentaries and many different books on different subject matters. However, I was totally frustrated when I read this and I said, “Why can’t they go into specifics? Why can’t they know who they are fighting against?”

Yes, the weapons will be energized when God’s Spirit is empowering us, but God did not leave us without the information to know exactly who we are fighting. Satan is a general term. He is the commander and chief of all these evil beings. He dictates everything that happens in the evil side of the world around us. There are specific spiritual beings, not just fallen angels that became wicked and are under his control. If I could point out who those wicked spirits are, I give you one more weapon, one more pebble for your slingshot. I know as soon as I reveal this information to you, Satan and his wicked spirits do not like it, because it exposes them for who they are. I know the attacks and the troubles will come because they will bring it, but I also know the One who makes me more than a conqueror who has empowered me with His Spirit. I come against these evil identities in the name of Jesus Christ and the blood that He spilled. If I did not have that confidence, I would not teach about this subject because that is how much I respect who our enemy is.

Someday even Michael will be turned loose because God will energize him as well to be more than a conqueror over Satan at the end of time. When Michael came for Moses’ body, Satan was there, but he would not rebuke Satan in his strength, he did it in the name of the Lord. Michael is an individual spiritual being, created by God with probably similar or equal powers as Lucifer. That is why it is important to know who we are fighting against and that there is not just one type of evil being that we fight against. That is why I want to know who all these evil beings are, what their trademarks are, and how they relate to us. These evil spirits do things to us to destroy our faith, make us believe there is no such thing as a God, and to make us have no confidence in the blood of Jesus Christ. With that, let us begin with this author:

“Their origin: Skeptics try to tell us that there are no such beings as demons, that this whole idea is but a remnant of ancient myths and superstitions. But if we accept the authority of the Bible, we must believe in the existence of demons. The Lord Jesus believed in demonic forces and often delivered helpless people from their power. Jesus taught that there was a definite enemy named Satan, and that he ruled over a kingdom of evil beings. Since Jesus came ‘to testify to the truth,’ we must believe that what he said was truth and not merely accommodation to the superstitions of the people.”

I have no problem with that, but this next statement is where I disagree with this author:

“It seems likely that demons are the angels who revolted with Lucifer and fell with him.”

Be honest with yourself, predominantly that is what the Christian world believes and teaches, and most of you would have told me the same thing. To support his statement, this author used Isaiah 14:12-15 and Revelation 12:3-4. Isaiah 14:12-15 is about the king of Babylon. Those verses read,

***“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”***

These verses are describing Lucifer and his desire to be not only equal with God, but greater than God. Satan wanted to ascend to the heights and be like the most High, but these verses do not connect with the author’s statement. Where does it say anything about demons in these verses? Or is it taking scripture out of context? Read these verses again.

***“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer [This is talking about Satan.], son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [Still describing Lucifer and his condition.]
For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: [This is not talking about demons.]
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.”***

In these verses, in God’s Word, there is not a single reference to a demon. Isaiah is describing Lucifer, Satan. In Revelation 12:3-4, the second scripture that he gives as a reference to the statement he just made: ***“It seems likely that demons are the angels who revolted with Lucifer and fell with him.”*** This is the chapter where the woman gives birth to a son.

***“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. [This is describing an event yet to come.]
And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”***

There is no reference to demons in these verses either. I have no problem with authors and scholars trying to make their point using scriptural references, but they must do a better job than this. In Isaiah, the verses are describing Lucifer, and the verses in Revelation are describing fallen angels, not demons. Knowing that, I continued reading. Next, the author stated,

“Jesus spoke of ‘the devil and his angels’ in Matthew 25:41.”

Go to Matthew 25:41:

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

“and his angels;” There is no reference to demons here. Do you really know what a demon is, or are you just taking it for granted and putting every one of these evil beings together in the same group? Yes, they are all under Satan’s control and they all have their purposes, or really Satan’s purposes in mind to do his bidding, but they are not all the same. You may think the author must be referring to ‘the angels’ and is putting ‘the demons’ in that category too. If that is the case, then why did he leave out the ones who are not in faith that are doomed to the eternal fire because they rebelled against God? I am not referring to us, the ones in faith, but humans who rebelled against God who will not turn from their ways, forever following their own ways, and ignoring God and His Son who died for us. Then, the verse should have read, *‘Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels and demons and Adam-like beings that rebelled against God,’* but it does not say that. This verse is referring to only two different categories of beings at this point. Demons are specific beings that came from a specific event that took place. But to continue reading from the author,

“The description given to demons certainly tallies with what we know of the character of Satan. Demons are ‘unclean spirits’. They encourage people in moral filth. They are called wicked spirits (Matthew 12:45).”

We should check this reference as well. Go to Matthew 12:45. This is about the unclean spirit returns, and we will begin with verse 43.

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.”

Christ was not about confusion when He was trying to get a message across. Yes, I know He taught in parables, but those that can see the light, so to speak, and can understand what God’s Word is saying will not have difficulty with a parable, or with any other subject matter that Jesus taught on like here in Matthew 12:43-45.

Jesus did not say in verse 45, ***“Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other fallen angels more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”*** I do not believe that the spirits Jesus is referring to are fallen angels. The misconception in demonology is that fallen angels are especially looking for a body to possess. No, they are not; they have their own bodies. Yes, they are able to possess a body, but that is not their primary purpose. Fallen angels are higher in the hierarchy than wicked spirits. Lucifer is the head of the principalities, the rulers of darkness; the wicked spirits would be at the bottom of Satan’s arrangement. It is a misconception that fallen angels are looking for a body to possess. These unclean spirits were not fallen angels that Jesus delivered from many people.

When He had these wicked spirits go into the swine, even the pigs did not want any part of him. They ran off the side of a cliff killing themselves. They were not fallen angels. Think about it, if fallen angels could have possessed a person, would they rather possess a pig? That makes no sense. Fallen angels were powerful beings, and there is no record in God's Book stating fallen angels lost any of their capabilities or power granted to them by God. There are other created beings not created by God, out of the order of God's creation, who were created and classified as wicked spirits. It is unfortunate that author after author has missed this; this includes great scholars. To return to this author, he writes,

“They are called wicked spirits (Matthew 12:45). Apparently there are degrees of wickedness among the demons. It is not difficult to believe that demons are behind the wickedness mankind is committing today. They are also called evil spirits. The word evil, according to the Greek lexicon, carries the meaning of ‘base, worthless, vicious, degenerate.’ Satan himself is called ‘the evil one.’

It is interesting to note that the demons have faith in God. ‘You believe that God is one. You do well; demons also believe, and shudder.’ James 2:19

Demonic faith is certainly something less than saving faith! The demons believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Luke 8:28), and that there is a future judgment awaiting them. They always feared when Christ or one of his servants came on the scene.

Satan is a destroyer and a divider when it comes to the church; but in his own kingdom, he is very well organized. Please do not get the idea that Satan is reigning in hell and that all his agents are sent forth from the pit. Satan is the ‘prince of the power of the air’ (Ephesians 2:2), and he ‘prowls about like a roaring lion’ on the earth (1 Peter 5:8). His army is busy, assisting him in the battle against God and God's people.

Jesus called Satan ‘the ruler of the demons’ (Matthew 12:24). Paul describes Satan's hierarchy in Ephesians 6:12. This is a picture of an organized kingdom, an organized army.

Daniel 10:13 indicates that Satan has special angels assigned to the nations of the earth. The answer to Daniel's prayer was delayed because God's angel had a battle with ‘the prince of the kingdom of Persia.’ This account reveals the importance of prayer in the accomplishing God's will in this world....

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Let me add to this author's statement: *‘If only believers or faithers could only recognize who they are really up against and not just categorize all evil beings into one category somewhere, so you will have a better understanding why certain things are happening and who is in control of it.’* I know that is a general statement, but I will get to more specifics at a later time.

“Satan and his hosts are organized. If only believers could be united in the defense and their warfare, Satan would not win so many victories. Sad to say, Christians are often so

busy fighting one another that they have no time for fighting the devil. As Lord Nelson said to two officers who were quarrelling, ‘Gentlemen, there is but only one enemy- and he is out there!’”

This is all I will share from this author. I thought it was interesting to read from a respected scholar who still has not accurately defined what a demon is.

Returning to Ephesians 6:12, a demon is a wicked spirit in the sky or air around us. They are also under the dominion of Satan. Those doing his bidding are not fallen angels. Think about it, Paul could have categorized every angel except Satan and, therefore, you would only have two levels of evil to deal with in verse 12, but he did not do that. Paul listed in Ephesians, ***“against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness, against spiritual wickedness or wicked spirits in the sky or air above us.”*** There are at least four categories of these evil beings listed in this verse alone. Paul could have grouped them into two categories, Satan and every other spiritual evil being, but he did not do that for a reason. That is why I think it is important that you know who your enemy is.

I am going to tell you right now those wicked spirits are demons. In the fourth category listed here in Ephesians 6:12, the wicked spirits are demons, and that is what Jesus encountered time after time. Yes, He dealt with Satan. Right after being baptized, He went into the desert for forty days and forty nights and Satan himself was tempting Christ. Satan would only do this himself. He is the chief of all spiritual evil beings. He was not going to send a lieutenant to do a general’s job. He is the general and he can do it better than anyone. He was going to be certain that he would tempt Jesus with everything to see if He would break the connection with His Father and become like Satan. Thank God, for our sake, He did not.

Genesis 6:1 tells us where these wicked spirits came from. It begins,

“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. [In this verse, God is saying, “My Spirit is not in union with man’s ways, so I will give them 120 years to fix their ways. If they do not, destruction is coming.”]

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Note the phrases ***“sons of God”*** and ***“There were giants in the earth in those days;”*** The Hebrew is ***‘nephil’*** where we get nephilim in Genesis 6:4 and also in Numbers 13:33, which reads,

“And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

This word, ***nephiyl*** is used twice in the Old Testament. In Numbers 13:33 after the flood when Moses was leading the people into Canaan, and the first time it is used here in Genesis 6:4, ***‘There were giants’*** or nephilim, the ***nephiyl***, before the flood. Those of you who know more of your Bible than others may wonder about this knowing that God destroyed all the giants during the flood. Yes, He did, but in case you have never noticed before, there is something very interesting in verse 4. It tells us,

“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that[after what?], when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men,”

There is a lot of speculation about why there were giants after the flood. But why do you think God was so adamant about the destruction of the giants once the children of Israel came back to their territory, the land that God promised them? The devil and his fallen angels have continually tried to corrupt the line of chosen people where Christ would eventually come from. Read the early chapters in Genesis 3:15. The devil never forgot what God said. Read it here,

“And I [God] will put enmity between thee [the serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Satan never forgot this. He knew deliverance would come through a chosen race, and like it or not, Israel was chosen. Through the line of the seed of David is where Christ would someday be born and redeem man from the bondage that Satan put us under. If you think that is too difficult to believe, then why do you believe in the resurrection? Why do you believe in a Christ that came to redeem us and through His death, we have salvation and He will come back again? Why believe anything in the Book of Revelation? Talk about a science-fiction book!

Genesis 6:4 tells us, ***“There were giants in the earth in those days; [before the flood] and also after that, [after the flood]....”*** This was possible because the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men before the flood and he came unto the daughters of men after the flood for the only purpose of destroying and corrupting the line, which God has already proclaimed that a savior would come and finally shut Satan up once and for all. The covering for our sins would come through this line and Satan has never stopped trying to either extinguish it or corrupt it.

“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

I want to point out something else. Go back to Genesis 6:2, which states, ***“That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair....”*** Often when something is not understood, some try to explain it away with some silly doctrine that does not really answer the question. Here is what another author says about these ‘sons of God’,

“Who were these ‘SONS OF GOD’? Some claim that they were the Sons of ‘SETH,’ and that the ‘Daughters of MEN’ were the daughters of ‘CAIN,’ and that what is meant is that the Sons of the supposedly godly line of Seth, intermarried with the godless daughters of Cain, the result being a godless race. That the ‘Sons of God’ were the descendants of Seth is based on the assumption that the descendants of Seth lived apart from the descendants of Cain up to a time shortly before the Flood, and that they were a pure and holy race, while the descendants of Cain were ungodly, and their women irreligious and carnal minded, and possessed of physical attractions that were foreign to the women of the tribe of Seth. Such an assumption has no foundation in Scripture. Be sure it says in Genesis 4:26, that after the birth of Enos, the son of Seth, that man began to call upon the Lord, but it does not follow that those men were limited to the descendants of Seth, nor that all the descendants of Seth from that time were righteous. As in the early days of the race it was necessary that brothers and sisters and their near relatives should marry, it was very unlikely that the descendants of Seth and Cain did not intermarry until sometime before the Flood, and stranger still that when they did marry their offspring would be a race of ‘giants’ or ‘Mighty Men.’”

Think about it! They were of the same flesh. Why would they produce a race of giants, mighty men, men of renown by their intermarriage between the sons of Seth, or the daughters of Seth or the daughters of Cain. Why would it produce that? Have these scholars ever stopped to ask that question? How can they base and justify the race of giants or mighty men because of the intermarrying of the different tribal people of Seth and Cain? It does not make any sense. A lot of dumb things are taught in Christianity. And, of course, they say everything so quickly and rationalize it so smoothly that you believe a lie. This will not damn you, but it sure will confuse you and you will not have a good understanding of what God’s Word says about anything. It is all words and no substance. This author continues,

“It is worthy of note that nothing is said of giantesses [or female giants], or ‘Mighty Women,’ which would have been the case if it were simply a union of the sons of Seth, and the daughters of Cain. As both the descendants of Seth (except 8 persons) and of Cain were destroyed in the Flood, it is evident that they were not separate tribes at that time and were equally sinners in the sight of God.”

Even though it was a righteous line, not all the sons of Seth were saved in that flood. They too were carried away with the evil that encompassed the world at that time, or else God would have saved more. God could have had Noah build several arks or a bigger ark, but only eight were saved. There were only eight up to this point that God was pleased with, but not all the offspring of Seth lived a righteous life, even though they came from a righteous line. This author goes on to write,

“As both the descendants of Seth (except 8 persons) and of Cain were destroyed in the Flood, it is evident that they were not separate tribes at that time and were equally sinners in the sight of God.

If the sons of Seth and the daughters of Cain were meant why did not Moses, who wrote the Pentateuch, say so? It is not sufficient to say that the men of Moses’ time knew what he

meant. The Scriptures are supposed to mean what they say. When MEN, we are told, began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, the ‘Sons of God’ saw the ‘daughters of MEN.’ The use of the word MEN signifies the whole Adamic race, and not simply the descendants of Cain, thus distinguishing the ‘Sons of God’ from the descendants of Adam. There is no suggestion of contrast if the ‘Sons of God’ were also men.

Four names are used in Genesis 6:1-4. ‘Bne-Ha-Elohim,’ rendered the ‘Sons of God’; ‘Bnoth-Ha-Adam,’ ‘daughters of men’; ‘Hans- Nephilim,’ ‘giants’; ‘Hog- Gibborim,’ ‘Mighty Men.’ The title ‘Bne-Ha-Elohim,’ ‘Sons of God,’ has not the same meaning in the Old Testament that it has in the New. In the New Testament it applies to those who have become the ‘Sons of God’ by the New Birth. In the Old Testament it applies exclusively to the angels, and is so used five times. Twice in Genesis and three times in Job, where Satan, an angelic being, is classed with the ‘Sons of God.’ (Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7). A ‘Son of God’ denotes a being brought into existence by a creative act of God. Such were the angels, and such was Adam, and he is so called in Luke 3:38. Adam’s natural descendants are not a special creation of God. Adam was created in the ‘likeness of God’ (Genesis 5:1), but his descendants were born in his likeness, for we read in Genesis 5:3, that Adam ‘begat a son in HIS OWN LIKENESS, AFTER HIS IMAGE.’ Therefore, all men born of Adam and his descendants by natural generation are the ‘SONS OF MEN,’ and it is only by being ‘BORN AGAIN’ (John 3:3-7), which is a ‘NEW CREATION,’ that they can become the ‘SONS OF GOD’ in the New Testament sense.

That the ‘Sons of God’ of Genesis 6:1-4 were ANGELS was maintained by the ancient Jewish Synagogue, by Hellenistic Jews at, and before the time of Christ, and by the Christian Church up until the Fourth Century, when the interpretation was changed to ‘sons of Seth’ for two reasons. First, because the worship of angels had been set up, and if the ‘Sons of God’ of Genesis 6:1-4 were angels and fell, then angels might fall again, and that possibility would affect the worship of angels. The second reason was, that Celibacy had become an institution of the Church, and if it was taught that the angels in heaven did not marry, and yet that some of them seduced by the beauty womanhood came down from heaven to gratify their amorous[desires], a weakness of a similar kind in one of the ‘earthly angels’ (Celebrates) might be more readily excused. In the Eighteenth Century an ‘Angelic Interpretation’ was revived, and is now largely held by Biblical scholars.”

In other words, because of the worship of angels, the meaning of scripture was changed. They tried to convince the church world at that time that this is the sons of Seth, because angels would not do such a thing. The angels would not act in any kind of way described in Genesis 6:1-6. But, why not? Satan did, and we know there were fallen angels that followed behind their leader, Satan. We are not to worship angels. We are to worship God and His Son, Jesus Christ, but the church world had ‘the sons of Seth’ to be translated in these verses because they believed only man could fall into this type of temptation, not angels. These verses are not about the sons of Seth. Even to this day, half the commentaries state that they are the sons of Seth. Unfortunately they have been influenced by the fourth century church world and their worship of angels. Do not be fooled. The sons of God are not the sons of Seth. The sons of God are a group of angels who looked down upon this earth and saw that the daughters of men were fair or beautiful. They took wives and chose who they wanted as their mating partner and produced giants, the *nephyl*,

the nephilim, in the earth prior to the flood. These evil beings still tried, because they did not lose any of their power or capabilities. You may have thought that angels were sexless, but where does it say that in scripture? By the way, what gender are angels? The phrase 'sons of God' gives that answer in itself. They were male. It does not say 'daughters of God,' it says the 'sons of God.' I know some feminists are going to hate me for saying this, but up to this point, I believe Eve was the first created being, either angelic or Adam-like, that God created outside of the male gender.

These are all interesting subjects, but the main idea I wanted to point out was that there were giants before the flood and after the flood. If you want to know what that has to do with demons, we have a long way to go and a lot to cover. We are far from over on this subject. The last category of Ephesians 6:12 is wicked spirits, which will be covered in the next several chapters.

To be continued.

Nephilim, Part 2

In the last part of Ephesians 6:12, Paul writes that we fight against the “spiritual wickedness,” or the wicked spirits, in the sky and the air, but *pneumatikos*, as the Greek calls it, are demons not fallen angels. Most want to lump all these evil spirits together into one general category. No, verse 12 says, ***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, [or blood and flesh] but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [or wicked spirits in the sky and air around us].”*** The last description of evil described in this verse, are demons. Within the next several chapters, you will understand why it is my opinion is that these are demons not fallen angels. Fallen angels are fallen angels. There are different levels and different categories of fallen angels, but they are fallen angels. They are not demons. Demons came later. It is important that you know who your enemy is and what type of enemy you are dealing with. With that, I will quickly review Genesis 6:1-5:

***“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
That the sons of God [the fallen angels] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.
There were giants [nephyl in Hebrew, where we get Nephilim] in the earth in those days; and also after that....”***

This verse is telling us that there were giants before the flood and giants after the flood. The Hebrew is quite clear in what it is saying. Giants were created through the intermarriage of fallen angels and the daughters of men before the flood and after the flood. The Hebrew word *nephyl* is used in two places in the Old Testament; in this verse here and in Numbers 13:33. God used the word in Numbers 13:33 to make sure the children of Israel followed His instructions and destroyed the remnants of those giants when they returned to the land of promise after they left Egypt. The giants were probably more localized in one area at that time, because Satan has been constantly trying to pollute the area so mankind would not see where the chosen seed, Christ, would come from. Even though there was rebellion, and even though the children of Israel did not succeed in destroying them, David succeeded many centuries later. It was because the children of Israel did not follow God’s instruction, that David finished their task with much spilled blood, which was one of the reasons why he could not build the temple.

In the last chapter of this series, I also read the reasons why it was not the sons of Seth intermingling with the daughters of Cain, as many scholars would have you believe. These scholars cannot explain why the two groups would produce giants. What genetic makeup would somehow produce giants? The daughters of Cain and the sons of Seth both have the genetic makeup of their parents and grandparents, so how could they produce giants? Some explain this as some spiritual thing that we cannot figure out, it was just because God did not want them to intermingle. One silly commentator explained that the giants were a curse from God because of their inter-relationship, but no chapter or verse was used for their silly explanation.

I will jump ahead here and say that this chapter in Genesis tells where those evil forces came from. But before that, I want to share something with you to continue the story of the Nephilim.

“This is a story so bizarre, so off the wall, that the early Christian church fathers refused to accept it. [Referring to the story in Genesis 6] They preferred to reinterpret whole sections of the Holy Book to avoid this Biblical tale.

I first learned the strange story over two decades ago. I found myself in a Dallas Theological Seminary library telling it to an under-graduate theology student. The student became so upset that other students soon joined the commotion. Years later I learned that theologians are not exposed to this story until they study for a PhD.”

Some who are a part of this ministry might get bored or take for granted this information because they are so well taught on subjects not usually taught in churches. I often receive messages from people saying they have never heard this before. Even though most churches do not see it, I will relate this subject of the Nephilim to demons. Many just group together what Paul is describing in Ephesians 6:12 as all ‘evil’ and deal with it by coming against it in Jesus’ name. That is fine; I have no problem with that. It is only through God’s power energizing us that we can come against and have victory over any of these evil forces. We must come in the Lord’s name. Remember, even Michael would not confront Satan in his own power; he came in the name of the Lord, and scripture does not group these evil forces into one category. It is only in Ephesians 6 where Paul lists these into four different categories. Obviously, he wanted us to understand the different levels of evil that we are dealing with. Paul could have listed the armor first and all the weapons in the armor used against the evil forces that come against us, but he did not do that. First, he tells us that we are empowered by God’s strength, with His might and His force, and he tells us to beware of the devil and his many methods. Paul warns us not to get confused with blood and flesh, then he goes into these four different categories of evil beings, and then he finally gets to the armor. Paul wanted us to first know how important it is that we know who we are dealing with, then for us to recognize how important the armor is, who gives us the armor, who energizes that armor, and how that armor and its’ weapons are to be worn and used. Paul concludes the subject by praying for all saints.

It is a shame what this author wrote about Dallas Theological Seminary. The subject of spiritual warfare has been ignored and when something becomes ignored as long as this subject, there is no longer any understanding of the subject matter. Knowledge becomes lost and the stories begin looking more like fables and fairy tales. The belief becomes that the words somehow became part of God’s Word and cannot be explained so most just read right over the verses, ignore them, and do not apply them anywhere else in scripture. However, front to back, everything must be verifiable in God’s Word or I am not interested in it. For this topic, I find verification of Ephesians 6:12 in Genesis 6.

To continue reading from this author,

“In fact, it was not until the early 1960s that Bible translators began to reintroduce the story back into the Holy Book. Soon after, transliterations also began correcting the 1,600-year-old

error. Even though these transliterations were correct, many churches hated them. Several Protestant denominations established on the Kings James Version were greatly disturbed. Yes, the cat had definitely escaped from the bag.

Manipulated interpretations:

So what is the story that is so hated by Dark-Age fathers and still despised today? A clear text in Genesis says, ‘And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his day shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.’ [This is the Authorized Version.]

Even though early Church fathers deliberately obscured this text through manipulated misinterpretations, the King James translation still gives away the true story. Here the sons of God are producing men of renown by marrying the daughters of men. Why make such a statement? According to accepted thinking, the traditional explanation is that the sons of God mentioned here are the righteous offspring of Adam’s third son Seth, and that the daughters of men represent the wicked lineage of mankind.

Ponder this question: If the sons of God are the righteous of Adam’s son Seth, and the daughters of men are the wicked line of Cain, why bother to mention that their offspring would become mighty men of renown? Also, why would Sethites and Cainites have giants for children?

Who are the sons of God? Contrary to early church teachings, the Old Testament uniformly says that the sons of God were the angels or God’s direct creations such as Adam. The daughters of men were not Cain’s lineage but rather the general species of humankind, whether good or evil. This is confirmed in all pre-Christian documents; for example, the Septuagint and the Codex Alexandrinus. In addition, extra-Biblical documents agree with this earlier position including the Book of Enoch, the Testament of Rueben, the Book of Jubilees, Second Baruch, and other fragments, plus the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Targum of Jonathan, and even Josephus in the New Testament times. All these documents say that the sons of God were the angels. In this instance, they were angels which co-inhabited with human women and in doing so produced superior, but wicked, children.

At the time of Christ, Josephus, the Jewish historian says, [This is from the Antiquities of the Jews by Josephus.] ‘For many angels of God accompanied with women and begat sons that proved unjust; and despised all that was good on account of the confidence they had on their own strength, for the tradition is that these men did what resembled the acts of those who the Grecians called giants.’ ”

Some of those tales and stories in Greek Mythology come from somewhere, but historians want to explain those myths as fable, make believe, creative writing, or people who wanted to worship something other than what they can see, but there is substance behind many of those Greek mystical heroes. They come from somewhere, and I believe this includes the giants, the men of renown.

“Later, almost two centuries after Christ died, the re-writing of Scripture began. First came Julius Africanus, adapting the view that the ‘sons of Elohim’ were the descendants of Seth.”

This is why you should be careful with the Africanus translations. Some of it is very helpful, but other parts you might as well not read it at all because it really does not reflect what God’s Word says. This is one of those areas.

“Soon to follow came other scholars who tried to clean up the story. The old story was finally abandoned with the arguments of Augustine, then Jerome, and still later Knox. Fortunately, the words of the Scripture are so clear on this subject that today the old story has made a comeback--that the sons of God were not Sethites, as early Church fathers claimed is shown in the Book of Job. Here the sons of God met in heaven. [Job 1:6 and Job 2:1] Did Augustine and John Knox mean that the Sethites met in heaven? And if the ‘sons of God’ were the ‘sons of Seth,’ did the Sethites meet in heaven?”

Just as the older manuscripts come right out and say it was the angels who met in heaven, we do not know why Church fathers changed the story. Some scholars think that their motive may have been a fear of the heresy of angel worship in the early church. The true motive for the change may never be known for one simple reason: to admit their motive would be admission that they did change the interpretation.

Traditional churches whose whole doctrine has been based upon the teaching of the church fathers of the Dark Ages were upset with the re-emergence of this old story. [from Genesis 6] Again they argued that in the New Testament the ‘sons of God’ are human, not angels, so why cannot Old Testament ‘sons of God’ be human? Here is a list of New Testament ‘sons of God’ verses:

Romans 8:14, ‘For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.’ Romans 8:15, ‘For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.’

Clearly, according to the Apostle Paul, the saints become ‘sons of God’ by adoption which actually reinforces the idea that the real ‘sons of God are his angels.’

John says in John 1:12, ‘But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.’ John also discloses that the saints are not the natural sons of God but can become sons by adoption. Paul repeats that this is an adoption process. He tells the Romans in Romans 8:19, ‘For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.’

Romans 8:23, ‘And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.’

To the Galatians, Paul reiterates the same idea. ‘To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoptions of sons’ in Galatians 4:5. ‘And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father’ in Galatians 4:6. Paul again drives home the point to the Ephesians, ‘Having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ himself, according to the good pleasure of his will’ in Ephesians 1:5.

It should be noted that the real ‘sons of God’ are God’s direct creations, while the sons and daughters of men can join God’s family only by adoption. This is precisely why scripture says, ‘Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.’

In Luke 3:23, we read the Genealogy of Jesus, which is important to see here. It begins,

“And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli...”

In verse after verse it is written ‘which was the son’ of this and ‘which was the son’ of that. Verses 23 to 38 list the genealogy from Jesus back to Enos and Seth. The last verse in the chapter, verse 38 records, ***“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth....”*** All the sons listed were created in the image of Adam, not the image of God.

Verse 38 is important in understanding that the ‘sons of God’ in the Old Testament were the angels. We are adopted to be a son and daughter of God by the Spirit through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Reading all of verse 38 we see, ***“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.”*** Adam was a created being, and he also was a son of God just like an angel, but because of his fall, his image was changed and, therefore, our image from Adam on also changed. However, the good news is we can become sons and daughters of God once again through the blood of Jesus Christ. All we must do is faith in Him. It is very important to understand this. Read the whole chapter. Adam, ***‘which was the son of God,’*** was created in the image of God, but that image changed because of sin and rebellion. Fortunately, we can become like Christ again, and sons and daughters of Jesus Christ and God, if we faith in Him. Do not forget that.

“It should be noted that the real ‘sons of God’ are God’s direct creations, while the sons and daughters of men can join God’s family only by adoption. Adam was a son of God because he, like the angels, was a direct creation of God. The Church fathers of the Dark Ages not only suppressed the Nephilim story, but deliberately lied to cover their suppression. Surely, the Book of Genesis is not saying that angels fathered children! Most theologians immediately answer that angels are neuter gender and therefore cannot reproduce, yet the only text that they can muster for such an argument is where Jesus said in Matthew 22:30, [and also in Luke 20:25] ‘For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.’ ”

The author is correct here, this verse is quoted repeatedly to satisfy questions Christians may have about Genesis 6. However, this author goes on to say,

“This verse says nothing about sexual capabilities of angels. It addresses the institution of marriage. To be ‘given in marriage’ specifically refers to the old custom of marriage. This is where one is literally given and becomes property in a marriage. Here Jesus is simply saying that after the resurrection, marriage no longer constitutes bondage, because marriage in those days involved dowries and monetary exchanges in ownership. Jesus is saying that no longer would husbands possess or own their brides. But wait, does this mean that angels can’t procreate? According to ancient traditions, the angels were not intended to procreate. Indeed, this is why these sons of God sinned in the Genesis story.

Notice that we do have biblical evidence that angels have sex appeal. Remember the two angels who went to Lot’s home in Sodom? [Genesis 19] Those Sodomites desired sex with the angels. Because scripture always identifies angels as stars or glorified men, the logical conclusion is that the natural form of angels, whether in heaven or on earth, is the human likeness. [I will go further. There is a record in Ezekiel showing that some angels can change form and I believe they can change into a human-like form.] Even if the human form is some type of mimicry, mimicry to molecular levels definitely affords angel reproductive capabilities.

The Nephilim tale is most complete in the ancient Book of Enoch. Although scholars teach that sections of this book were written at different times, the first part, which detailed the Nephilim story, is considered very ancient. At first, scholars taught that this section of the book was written about 500 BC, but discovery of almost complete expressions does not indicate that it is some of the world’s earliest literature. Apostles quoted from this ancient book. Peter quoted it when he wrote in II Peter 3:8, ‘But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.’ Jude also in Jude 1:14 wrote, ‘And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints....’ ”

I believe the Book of Enoch is a reliable source. It was part of the Apocrypha between the Old and New Testaments.

“Since Jesus also used some of the ideas and expressions contained in the Book of Enoch, this ancient book obviously had some validity. In fact, if the Holy Bible is true, then so also is the Nephilim story. In brief, the Book of Enoch tells that prior to Noah’s flood, 200 angels were dispatched to the earth in the days of the patriarch Jered. These angels envied the human capability of reproduction so they by mutual oath, undertook the task of taking human wives. This union of angels with humanity produced children, half-breed mixtures, which was considered an abomination. The Nephilim children grew to be superior to the human race in size, strength, and intellect but they were evil in all moral respects. These children became known as the Nephilim, whose fame was renown in antiquity. According to several ancient Hebrew writers, the Nephilim wickedness was a major factor in God’s decision to wipe the earth clean with the flood. Just before the flood, God sent a civil war among the Nephilim and with the aid of floodwaters [Noah’s flood] all the Nephilim perished.

It is at this junction when something strange happened--something of immense theological importance."

I have read from many different scholars about this subject matter, but very few come to the point of understanding what was produced in Genesis 6 and how evil they became. I am not going to read any further from this author right now. In the following chapters, however, I will share more information and a different view of the Nephilim, but it will all come together because it is something that you should know. Only five verses in Genesis 6 really go into any kind of detail on this subject matter, but that does not mean it is all there is to know.

I think this subject matter is very interesting. Just think about if you or someone in your family were going to war. Knowing the war is going to be very intense and very dangerous, they must be prepared for battle 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. You would want your family member, who is going into battle, to be fully equipped with the knowledge of what they are facing. So then, why has Christianity ignored this subject matter and not made the effort to bring this kind of knowledge to the Christian world so they can prepare to do battle against the enemy?

I will continue preaching faith messages and messages that brings us into the mind of Christ. But do not forget that even though Christ also had to put down the enemy, it does not mean that the enemy will not attack us any longer. He won the victory for all of us, but we still must do battle individually with these unseen forces. The advantage we have now is in these energized weapons and armor that do our bidding when we rely on the one who gives them power.

Get excited about this with me! I recognize who we are up against and am willing to endure the consequences to this ministry that this teaching will bring, and the devil will also bring it to your own personal lives. The devil does not like to be exposed. Do not think you were brought to the kingdom for this hour to lie on a feather bed. We were brought to the kingdom for this hour to proclaim the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ, to proclaim what faithing in His blood means, and to make the ones that He has chosen fully aware of how to do battle with His enemy and ours.

To be continued.

Nephilim, Part 3

Ephesians 6:10-12 states, ***“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.***

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles [or the methods] of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, [the Greek reverses it, blood and flesh] but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [or the demodocus, the wicked spirits in the sky and air around us].”

These wicked spirits has been the focus of the last few chapters. As I have stated before, these demons are not fallen angels and fallen angels are not demons. These spiritual wicked beings or wicked spirits in the sky and air around us are demons. They are also the demons that Jesus encountered. Jesus dealt with everyone from Satan, who tempted Him for forty days and forty nights, all the way down to these demons, which He cast out of individuals. When I finish with this verse, I will show who all these beings are and where they fall in place in the description given to us here in verse 12. But for now, know that we are fighting these wicked spirits in the sky and air around us.

Let us review where these wicked spirits came from in Genesis 6.

Verse 1 begins, ***“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,***

That the sons of God [not the sons of Seth, which so many scholars believe that this verse is describing. These are the fallen angels, who left their first estate] ***saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.***

And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

There were giants [the *nephiyl* in Hebrew, the Nephilim] ***in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.***

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

This sentence, ***“There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown,”*** is referring to the days of Noah and after the days of Noah. But if you recall, these are not the same fallen angels intermingling with man trying to corrupt what God created. Throughout time, including at the end of the age when the church is gone, there is still going to be intermingling by spiritual beings, who know their time is limited, trying to do as much damage as they can to the creation of mankind called Adam. These verses in Genesis 6 are where I read to you about the Nephilim, the giants, the *nephiyl*.

Now let's turn our bibles to Matthew 24 verse 37.

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [That is why it is important to understand what the days of Noah were like.] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Recognize how rich verse 38 is in our understanding the signs of the times.

“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark....”

Go to Jude, beginning with Chapter 1 verse 6, ***“And the angels which kept not their first estate [a better translation is *principality*], but left their own habitation [the heavenlies], he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange [or other] flesh [like desiring sexual relations with the two angels who came to visit Lot in Genesis 19], are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”***

Verse 14 continues with Jude quoting from the apocryphal Book of Enoch, ***“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints....”***

You will never completely understand what the Nephilim, or the *Nephiyl*, as described in Genesis 6, are all about and what they did without reading the apocryphal Book of Enoch. I have a note in my Bible about verse 14, where Jude quotes from the apocryphal Book of Enoch:

“Although this book was not included in the canon of Scripture, early church historians wrote that the church accepted it as a valid source of information. Therefore, it is plausible to conclude that Jude, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, used this prophesy of Enoch as a means of describing those false teachers who sought to lead astray believers from the true faith in Christ. For some time, this passage [verse 14] was the chief reason for the Book of Jude’s rejection from the canon of scripture. However, by the fourth century AD, Jude’s letter had been fully accepted by the entire church.”

It is important to know that in order to understand the three points found in Matthew 24:38,

“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark....”

The first point comes from Genesis 6:1, which states, ***“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them....”*** The word ‘multiply’ in the Hebrew is *rabah* or *rabab*, which means ‘to become many.’ To compare this, in the last

100 years, the population of the earth increased from one billion to six billion people and as we get closer to the end of time, population growth has increased at a very rapid rate. Some scholars believe there were six billion people in Noah's day because of the multiplication by the sons of God which came in unto the daughters of men, and they took wives of the daughters of men, impregnated them, and created these *Nephiyl*, these Nephilim, the giants. Now there are several words in the Hebrew for 'multiply' but '**rabah**' is unique; it is *to become many rapidly* in its true meaning. We read from Genesis 1 through chapter 5:32, there is a Godly line given to us through the genealogy of Adam's family record. However, look at what has happened to the earth's population in less than ten decades. Population growth is increasing at a rapid rate that is mind-boggling. Even though it does not necessarily say that in Matthew 24:38, sign number one is rapid population growth, *rabab or rabah*. It is there in Genesis 6.

The second point is in Matthew 24:38, ***"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking,"*** The Greek words for eating and drinking are *trogo* and *pino*, and is used when referring to the Table of the Lord for our spiritual and physical refreshment and renewal. However, most people think that eating and drinking is when they were just having a party, and that is how these verses have been translated. You have to understand the Greek in this case to understand the meaning behind those words. It was not that they were just having a good time; it was a certain type of eating and drinking that was taking place in Noah's day. You could eat and drink to refresh yourself spiritually, and also, eat and drink to refresh and renew yourself physically. The Table of the Lord adds a spiritual element that renews our spirit, our soul, when we commune with God at the Table of the Lord.

Trogo could also mean eating man's flesh and that is what it means here. That is why Christ said, "Take my body, take my flesh." When we go to the Table of the Lord, bread represents God's flesh, God's body. This does not mean that we are cannibalistic, but it is a symbol to recognize Him and what He did for us.

Pino in the Greek was always referring to drinking blood. That is why Christ said when we take the cup, in that case it was wine, we are to remember what Christ has done for us, the salvation of our souls. Christ was saying, "I am the covering you should remember that gives you that second opportunity to live with me forever."

"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking..." are telling us that they were eating and drinking for fleshly corrupt desires, but not for spiritual renewal. It is the Ethiopic version of the Book of Enoch that helps us understand that. In the Book of Enoch chapter seven says:

Verse 1, ***"And it happened after the sons of man had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful."*** [The Kings James says they were 'fair,' but in the Hebrew, it means 'beautiful.']

Verse 2, ***"And when the angels, the sons of heaven [the sons of God.], beheld them, they became enamored of them, saying to each other, Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children."***

Verses 10 to 15 reads, ***“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.***

And the women conceiving brought forth giants,” [The Nephilim, the *Nephiyl*, described in Genesis 6.]

...These [the giants, the Nephilim] devoured all which the labor of men [God’s creation from Adam] 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 fishes, to eat their flesh one after another, and to drink their blood.

Then the earth reproved the unrighteous.”

Referring back to Matthew 24:38, it says, ***“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking,”*** as described in Enoch. The eating and drinking was to satisfy their flesh, eating, devouring one another, cannibalism, and drinking their blood. ***Trogo*** and ***pino*** means there was eating of man’s flesh and drinking of blood. There are some satanic cults doing that today, but imagine this as widespread acceptance. I cannot even imagine what the end times will be like. We already see the population growth, and the ones who are left behind will see the eating and drinking. It is my opinion that you will not see that if you are a faithful in Christ’s blood, but I would not be surprised if the eating of flesh and drinking of blood, are not of the ones martyred because of their faith and belief in Jesus Christ. That is speculation. I do not know exactly how this is going to take place, but it would not be difficult for anyone’s imagination to believe that would not be part of the process.

Point number three is in the part of verse 38 that reads, ***“marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark....”*** Of course, there is nothing wrong with marriage; it is God ordained if you can find a woman or a man who will walk with you in the oneness of Christ. But, think about it. Who were they marrying and who were they giving in marriage? It was the fallen angels who suddenly descended on this earth. Just as in the days of Noah, they were eating and drinking, as Enoch said in the Book of Enoch, which Jude quoted.

In the last days, there will be eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood, just as in the days of Noah, and also marrying and giving in marriage. Could it be that marrying and giving in marriage will be with these some kind of angelic beings that throughout the history of time, including after the flood, where even David was fighting against them in his time to eliminate these giants. There is going to be cohabitating of these angelic beings still trying to corrupt Adam created beings because they want to take as many down with them as they can. That has been Satan’s major reason for being since he rebelled. Again, there is nothing wrong with marrying and giving in marriage. It is God ordained if you find the right partner. What was not God ordained, was marrying and giving in marriage to angels.

In the last days, the evilness described in verse 38 will be occurring. Then verse 39 says, ***“And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”*** They laughed at Noah, they ridiculed him, they put him down, and they classified him as a nut as he was building the ark. And I am sure Noah was also telling them God’s message to repent and change their ways before it was too late, but God could only find eight people still

under the grace of God and following His ways who would go in the ark. That is why individuals who become Christians will be sought after. No one wants to hear how wicked, terrible, and destructive their ways are, especially when they are turned over to a strong delusion.

You need to wake up. There is a lot of nonsense preached today, but you will never understand what Jesus is saying here unless you understand what the days of Noah were like. That is what Matthew is telling us. ***“For as in the days that were before the flood...”*** We know through Genesis 6:1 there was a large increase in population, not just with Adam-like creatures, but also with angelic beings breeding with Adam-like creatures and producing giants. ***“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking,*** [flesh and blood as Enoch described] ***marrying and giving in marriage....”*** There is nothing wrong with marrying and being given in marriage; some cultures still practice being given in marriage today. What was wrong was who they were marrying and who they were given in marriage to. So what will stop them from cohabitating again?

There will be population growth and there will be the eating and drinking of flesh and blood, probably of human beings. There is also going to be marrying and giving in marriage, but it will be wrong because of who they will marry and give in marriage, just as it was in the days of Noah. Principalities no longer be in their first estate, but will operate in the only place that they can operate on this planet called Earth.

I hope you are hearing what Jesus has said in the Bible. Too much of scripture is taken in a general sense by preachers who should know better, instead of applying the deep riches that Jesus was trying to communicate. Yes, it sounds like it is in a parable, but those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, once they have heard it, will finally understand what He truly meant.

Nephilim Part 4

Ephesians 6:12 reads, ***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [or blood and flesh], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [or wicked spirits in the sky and the air around us].”***

This verse is where we are in this Spiritual Warfare series, concentrating on these ***wicked spirits***, the Nephilim, or the *Nephiyl*. To review, first, I took us to Genesis 6 beginning with verse one through to verse five, where these Nephilim angels took the daughters of men to bare offspring and produce giants, the Nephilim, or the *Nephiyl*. When these Nephilim died, they also had a spirit. Yes, the giants had a body as we do, but they also had a spirit and when they died those spirits became wicked spirits, what we now describe as demons. Christianity likes to describe these demons as fallen angels, but they are not. Fallen angels are fallen angel, but the Nephilim are something else. There are categories for them, principalities being the first one listed in Ephesians 6:12, but they are not demons and that is what I have been concentrating on.

I also went to Matthew 24:1 as well as verses 36, 37, 38, and 39 and the Ethiopic version of the Book of Enoch. As an aside, I do have a newer translation than Ralph Laurence's translated work on the Book of Enoch. The continual work to translate this particular book is ongoing. If you have an early translation, try to find yourself one of the newer translations.

We broke apart Matthew 24:38, which reads,

“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe [Noah] entered into the ark.”

From this verse, we learned two things. First, the same Greek words for ***‘eating and drinking’*** were used here as are used to describe going to the table of the Lord where we eat of the body and drink of the blood in remembrance of what Christ did for us. However, in this verse the ***‘eating and drinking’*** was not for that purpose. Second, I also pointed out that there is nothing wrong with marrying as long as it is God ordained when you find the right partner. Of course, most of Christianity likes to point out that in this verse they were more concerned for the ways of the world than the things of God. In general, yes, but specifically, no; that is not what this verse is saying. If you do your own studies, follow the scholars, research what all the theologians have laid out about what is and is not a parable in the New Testament, specifically in the Gospels, you will find that most all of them agree. In contrast, I believe there are many more parables in the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John than theologians have identified. For example, when reading all of chapter 24, I believe some people have a hard time distinguishing when the Great Tribulation begins and when it ends, or the time before the rapture of the church and when the church is raptured. I believe the church will be raptured sometime in the fall during the Feast of Trumpets. Unfortunately, in verse 32, the lesson of the fig tree, prophecy doctrines made an error in calculating how these verses translate when calculating time capsules about when these verses will be fulfilled. Their theories have come and gone with new ones every day

it seems like. As I have pointed out, the Great Tribulation begins in verse nine of this chapter continuing with the Abomination of Desolation in verse 15.

Matthew 24:32 reads, ***“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:”***

Most teach that Christ is telling us, “Your redemption draweth nigh, look up,” but Jesus is not talking to the church here. This is where the error of prophesy doctrine begins. Jesus is not talking to the church. In this verse, the fig tree is Israel, the Jewish nation, not the church. The age of grace would have already ended and the church is taken up prior to this event. Really, Christ is telling us that the end is about to happen.

Verse 33 continues, ***“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, [the things that He has described up to this point in this chapter] know that it is near, even at the doors.***

Verily I say unto you, This generation [the Greek and other languages actually say ‘This age or time’] shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

Remember, this verse says ***‘This age or time;’*** good luck trying to figure out God's time. He is a compassionate God. Why do you think He gave man 120 years before Noah's flood in the Old Testament? All those years were an opportunity for man to turn around and follow God's ways, but after 120 years, only eight people made it into the ark. God is who He is because He can be. If He decides to stretch time out a little longer, that is His business. After all, He sent His Son. His Son spilled His blood and God being who He is was willing to give up His own Son. Do not think He is not willing to give up a few days, a few weeks, a few months, or a few years if He decides to do it so more can be rescued from what still lays ahead, the eternal lake of fire. Often people are close-minded because of what they have been taught. Change your thinking and expand your horizons. God's horizons make room for compassion and for others to see the salvation of the Lord if time is what is needed.

To read verse 34 again, it says, ***“Verily I say unto you, This age or time shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”***

Verse 36 goes on, ***“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only [not even Christ.].”***

Now we get to verses 37-39. ***“But as the days of Noe [Noah], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.***

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, [See Spiritual Warfare 41] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Now there was 120 years prior to the flood and man knew what would happen, but they did not believe it, they did not faith it, and they mocked it. These Adam-like beings were aware of the destruction coming if they did not change their ways and before the flood, God gave them an

opportunity to change their ways. We are not talking about the giants; they were evil from the beginning and as their days progressed they became more and more evil, more vicious and more destruction was coming out of their being than any creature-like being that ever roamed this earth.

In Matthew 24:40 through 44, Christ goes on to say, ***“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.”*** [Christianity in general thinks this is the rapture, but this is not the rapture described here. These are end-time events.]

Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

Just like in the days of Noah, people think this will not happen; that it is all a fable. Remember there will be a strong delusion once antichrist is on the scene. God will put the faith of a lie into people. That is what II Thessalonians 2 tells us. He will send a strong delusion, and just as He hardened pharaoh's heart in Egypt during Moses' time, He will harden the hearts of people, sending a strong delusion and they will faith a lie rather than faith in God. There is a horrible time coming.

What I want to point out is Jesus is not talking about the rapture in these verses. He is talking about the Jews and He is talking to the Nation of Israel. To get a clearer picture, go to the counterpart of this gospel, Luke 17:20. ***“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation [‘with outward show’ is a better translation].”***

Even today, there is a lot of this ‘Kingdom of God’ as an outward show in Christianity so that often it seems like nothing but a show or a Hollywood production to see who can outdo the other in their performances. Nothing but outward shows happen across the nation, whether televised or not, to see who can emotionally praise God more than someone else. Do not misunderstand me, God loves praise and He loves His people with the right attitude giving thanks and praise for who He is and what He has done. I am not against that. In fact, if anything, we should apply more of that to our lives on a daily basis, but when praise is for an outward show to be seen of men so they can look super spiritual in the eyes of men, that gives God no pleasure and He wants no part of it. It is really an abomination to Him, but unfortunately, there is too much of that going on today.

Luke 17:21 continues, ***“Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you [‘among you’ is a better translation].”***

And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son on man, and ye shall not see it.

And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.”

It is here, verse 25, that I want you to focus on, which reads, ***“But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.”***

About this verse, Christians are often taught that Christ is talking about the time leading up to the cross rather than a future event. No, He is not, and if that is what you have been taught, you have been taught wrong and you do not have a full understanding of what Christ is saying in these verses. Really, He is talking about the end of time where He will be rejected and ignored. The verse does not say *‘of this generation.’* Instead, Luke 17:25 should read, ***“But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected in that age and time.”***

Now Jesus did not mix words. A very similar passage in Luke 9:21 almost says the same thing. After Peter's ***“Whom say ye that I am?”*** confession, Jesus predicts His death. Verse 21 begins, ***“And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing; Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.”***

The beginning of both verses is the same, with Jesus stating that He would be rejected. However, the difference with Luke 9:22 is that Jesus goes on to say He will be slain and raised the third day. And you have heard me say over and over what follows in verse 23, ***“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”*** Verse 22 is the focus, however. Even though half of each verse is very similar, why did Jesus not say the same thing in Luke 17:25? He could have, but Jesus did not mix words and He was not trying to confuse anyone here. Christ was speaking of two different events; one event happened 2,000 years ago, and the other event is still yet to come. This is where Christianity mixes up these two verses and gets it wrong most of the time. Christ was heading to the cross in Luke 9:22. But, in Luke 17:25, He is describing end-time events.

The point is, Luke 17:25 does not say *‘of this generation.’* It actually says, *‘of that time and age,’* which is still yet to come. In verse 26, Christ again speaks about the days of Noah when He states, ***“And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”***

Christ is saying that just prior to His coming to deliver the Nation of Israel in those end times mankind will be out of control, as I described previously in the last chapter. Matthew 24:38, tells us they did eat, they drank, they married wives. Let me tell you right now, Jesus ate and drank and attended weddings. On the surface, this verse may not make much sense because there is nothing wrong with those things. The Christian world generalizes this verse however and says they were having a good time in a worldly fashion. That is nonsense! Christ is talking about serious things if you understand the language in the Greek as well as other languages.

Luke 17:28 gives more information about this time. It states, ***“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; [On the surface they did nothing wrong] But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. [That event happened after the flood. God promised He would not destroy man any longer with floodwater, so instead He comes with rain like fire and brimstone destroying Sodom and Gomorrah.]***

Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

Genesis 19 gives us a further look into what the days of Lot was like. You have probably read or heard many messages about how God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of homosexuality, adultery, or all the sensual, sexual pleasures that these people were putting themselves through. I guarantee, however, you have not heard why God really destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. If He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of homosexuality, adultery, or any other sensual, sexual sin there is, then we would have no existence now. Those things have been happening since the fall and will continue and probably even get worse until the very last day of God’s time for this earth and its last age.

Super spiritual pastors, preachers, and evangelists think they never sin, but Jesus called it what it really is. Even if you look at another person and think they look good or have a nice body or physic are guilty. I am not here to condemn you and do not let any of these false preachers and false teachers condemn you because of sensual, sexual mishaps. Thank God, the blood of Jesus Christ covers us. I am not here to judge you and neither should they. The book of Romans tells us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, which I have covered already in this Spiritual Warfare Series. Christ made it very simple for people to understand and He made very accessible how they can cover themselves when they have those thoughts or if they do slip. These perfected ones make me sick thinking they do not sin and enjoy pointing out sin in others. I do not need to point out sin in your life. I am telling you, we are all sinners saved by grace. I sin every day. I sin more than I would like to and so do you, if you are honest with yourself, but we have a mediator. Revelation 14 tells us we have an accuser, Satan and his fallen angels, there day and night ready to accuse us. They do not rest, but neither does Christ. He has more strength and energy than all those angels together, including Satan and his band. So I am not going to preach a message on Sodom and Gomorrah, its homosexuality, or the reason why it was destroyed. I am going to tell you the reason why it was destroyed was because ***‘as in the days of Noah’*** and Jesus gives us insight a few verses later in verse 28. Matthew did not include this, but Luke did. Luke was more the historian and could take notes better than any of the other gospel writers, in my opinion.

Luke writes in 17:28, ***“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;[He gives the same example.] they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;”*** They were doing the same things just as in the days of Noah, but what things? Obviously they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted and they built. The same Greek words are used in Matthew 24:38. It was the eating of flesh and drinking of blood. In Enoch 7, I showed that it was common practice what the Nephilim did. When they devoured everything that man could grow, they turned on men, women, and children and started eating and drinking their blood. Once you understand the language and the context of this verse, you know that is what Jesus was referring to. And the same words are used here in Luke 17:28, ***“...they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;***

But that same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone....”

Prior to Genesis 19:1, Abraham is begging for Sodom, more than likely because Lot lived there and he wanted him spared, so he pleads with God. First, if they could find 50, then 40, then 30,

then 20 people that God would spare. Abraham goes back and forth with God, and then God finally sends His two angels.

Verse 1 begins, ***“And then came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;”***

Because of this verse, many preachers say Lot did not know they were really angels. Yes, he did! He bowed himself with his face towards the ground. He knew what they were and his actions give us the idea that they were aware of what angels possibly looked like, how they came, and how it felt to be in their presence. Angels were messengers of God doing God's bidding.

Verse 2 continues, ***“And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, [Basically, ‘get some rest.’]and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.”***

It was common to make a feast. Often we see in the Old Testament that the first thing done when in the presence of angelic beings, or the Lord himself, is to feed them, nourish them, take care of them in the best way they could.

Verse 4 goes on, ***“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:”***

Word got around that the angels were in town and a mob was forming around Lot's house. Obviously, either someone saw them or Lot somehow slipped and told somebody who was in his household. And the first thing the crowd wanted to do is get to these angels.

Verse 5 tells us, ***“And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.”***

Here Lot already knew their intention. Read it again in case you missed it:

“And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? [Where are those angels?] bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. [Do what not so wickedly?] Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.”

But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city.”

This story continues on to verse 29. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, but the point I want to make is what Jesus was saying in Luke 17:28, ***“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;”*** They did all those things and they were involved in some wicked things. We really do not have a true picture of what Genesis 19:7 was implying, but whatever it was, it involved wickedness and evil.

Again, Genesis 19:6 tells us, ***“And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. [Do what not so wickedly?] Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing;”***

Just think what is being said here. This is Lot saying, “I have two daughters. Take them! Have your pleasures with them. Do what you want with them, but do not touch those angels. Do not even think about it. Whatever wicked desires you have, turn from them and if you can't, then have your way with my daughters.” The implication is there. They wanted to do something with them just as in the days of Noah. Angels were their idols for the same reasons as in the days of Noah.

That is what Jesus was implying when He added in Luke 17:28, ***“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”***

Remember what I have told you. There will be increasing interest in evil spiritual things Jesus continues in Luke 17:31, ***“In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. [Just as it was in the days of Lot, do not even look back. Get away from it. Get away from the wickedness that is still coming. Christ is speaking to the Nation of Israel here.] Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.***

***Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? [Where are they going?] And he said
unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.***

In the Hebrew, 'eagles' can be translated easily as 'vultures,' but many Christians believe this verse is saying that the saints being gathered up in the heavenlies are celebrating that they were not part of any of this; that is nonsense. Go back Matthew 24:27, which says, ***“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.***

For wheresoever the carcass is, [meaning something that is dead] ***there will the eagles be gathered together.*** You can also use vultures there, but this is not the rapture in this verse that so many Christians believe Jesus was talking about. No, they are taken away to a place described where carcasses are piled up and where the vultures and eagles will be feasting upon. These verses are talking about the place Armageddon.

Luke 17:28 speaks of the days of Lot where men were trying to co-mingle with angels and evil spiritual beings, just as in the days of Noah.

To be continued.

Nephilim, Part 5

Open your bible to Ephesians 6:12, ***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [or wicked spirits in the sky and air above us or around us].”*** These are demons that Jesus and we face, the ***“wicked spirits in the sky and air around us.”***

To review, in previous chapters of this series, we read from Genesis 6:1-5 about the days of Noah before the flood. Now fallen angels, called the sons of God, are not the sons of Seth. These sons of God are fallen angels, who ***“saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.”*** As a result, they produced the giants written about in verse 4, the *Nephilim* or the Nephilim. Verse 4 also tells us that, ***“...in the earth in those days; and also after that [after the flood], when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”*** They produced giants and their wickedness spread throughout the land.

Then we moved onto Matthew 24 concentrating on verse 38. Chapter 24 is about the unknown time of Christ's coming and verses 38-39 say, ***“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe [Noah] entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”***

We also read from the Book of Enoch, Luke 17, and a few other verses similar to the verses in Luke's Gospel. Finally, in the last chapter, we read from Genesis 19, which is what this chapter will cover again because I did not finish it. This is where God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah, and it is from this chapter that the Christian world teaches against homosexuality. There is scripture at the end of Romans 1 that deals with this subject and in these verses, man has decided to follow their own ways, take what God has established as the order of things and twisted it, satisfying their own desires and flesh, drifting further away from God. This can be said about every kind of sin. Anything that separates us from God, or puts a wedge between us and God, serves the same purpose. Instead, the church world has used this chapter as a giant stick to beat gay people over the head repeatedly.

Back in the 1970's the moral majority headed by Jerry Falwell did this and still does today. They use a different name now, but still today, they attack individuals with these scriptures. Instead, they should just preach salvation, faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, and how faith turns a person into a new creature with a new set of eyes and a new set of ideas through God's Word, understanding what God is looking for and what pleases Him. Faith in His Son, faith in His Son's blood, and faith in His Word is what pleases God. Then let God work that person over and mold that person into what He wants him or her to be and to accomplish through God's changing power, rather than any of our efforts. Since the beginning, mankind has been trying to change themselves spiritually using nothing but their own efforts. For example, if you are on a diet because you are overweight, it does not take much knowledge to understand how your body works and what you need to do to lose weight. Stop eating so much. Stop eating high fat foods. But, the only way we can change spiritually and be controlled by God is to understand that we

cannot do it in our own power, with our own knowledge, and our own efforts. It has already been done for us on the cross. God now takes control of our life and shapes us into the vessel that He wants us to become.

In contrast, there are super spiritual Christians who sit in their white robes judging the world using scripture to attack. They say this is what God's Word says, but actually do not even understand what God's Word is saying in Genesis 19. They use this chapter to attack gay people across this world in some cases to the point where all hope is lost. That is because their approach has been about works and how the Bible will change us. Many people have read the Bible from front to back, but nothing changes. Change only comes through the Spirit given to us because of the promise of imputed righteousness if we faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. If there were no blood spilled, we would all be miserable and without any hope, but He has covered all our sin, so do not let anybody attack you with anything in God's Book.

I agree with my mentor; preach grace and let God work out in our lives what He wants us to become and what He wants to see changed in us to become more like the image of Christ and less of ourselves. Those without sin cast the first stone. Jesus said that in the New Testament and the only one that could cast a stone was Jesus, but He did not. He gave that person an opportunity from that point on to take the focus off this person and put it on Him, giving new direction and new hope without, "You will be a Christian if you do this or if you do that." I am not interested in being a Christian. I am interested in being a servant or slave of Jesus Christ, knowing my Master has full control and knows everything that needs to be known about me and how He wants me to turn out.

The point is, stop letting these hypocritical know-it-alls attack you about sin. We all fall short. Yes, I am the first one to tell you, men chasing men and women chasing women for sexual pleasure are not the way God created things and it falls short. However, it is just one of the many things that we fall short over daily. Turn to God. Put your focus on Jesus and see if He does not redirect your life through His Word without all the condemnation that goes with Christianity. I am sure I offended some and some are applauding. The nice thing about being non-denominational is I do not have to follow a set of rules made by tradition and false doctrines. I am a free man in Christ. No Christian institution or denomination can shut me up on a subject matter most preachers would not even touch because it is just too controversial.

With that introduction, go to Genesis 19:1. It begins, ***"And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom:"*** It was a customary practice at that time that if you held a position of some sort where you could settle differences, you sat at the gate to give your judgment like a judge in a courtroom situation. That did not mean you were a ruler, it meant you were someone put in that position. I am sure there were many in that position in Sodom, which is why he was there at the gate, but it was not just a matter of coincidence that he sat at the gate for a purpose.

"...and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;" Lot bowed his face in a worship position toward the ground because he believed they were angels. Saying that they might have been royalty does not make any sense. If they were

royalty, why were they going to spend the evening in the streets of Sodom, as they said, and not seek shelter?

Verse 2 continues, ***“And he said, Behold now, my lords [translated correctly this is, but now my masters], turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.”***

If they were some type of royalty, why would they abide in the streets all night? I do not know about you, but I have read commentary after commentary where theologians try to explain that Lot did not know these were angels, but they cannot make the point where I am satisfied that Lot knew they were not angels. Why would royalty, rulers, or representatives of rulers abide in the streets all night? That is what these angels are saying. As we become aware further down in the chapter, Sodom was a wicked, corrupt, evil, and vicious city. It was no place to hang out in the streets at night waiting for daylight. Just imagine how some streets today become vicious and wicked especially in the evening. Now imagine that ten times worse, where these two persons of royalty would abide in the streets all night. They would not survive the night and more than likely they would be robbed, beaten, possibly even killed. But, if they were angels, who would stand against them and succeed? No one; and the angels knew it and so did Lot. What a poor argument these angels had to convince Lot. They told him, “Don't worry about us, we will make it in the streets tonight.”

To put this event even more in context, do not forget about Abraham, Lot's uncle. There actually was no reason for Lot to be in Sodom. He spent years with his uncle where he became blessed and rich. Then Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen fought each other because of their wealth and success and because the livestock was spreading and getting into the others area. There was not enough land for all the livestock, so Lot and Abraham separated. Of course, Abraham let Lot pick the land he wanted first, so Lot picked the best land and let Abraham have everything else. Think about that. Lot was always a person thinking about what was best for him first. He did not even offer Abraham half of the good land first, the land they both wanted. He took all of the best land because he was only concerned about his well-being and putting himself first. He would not have any of his wealth, riches, and livestock if it were not for his uncle's relationship with God. And, as soon as he separated from Abraham, it did not take long for things to get worse in Lot's life.

In contrast to that, in previous chapters, Abraham begged God to spare Sodom. Even further back than that, in chapter 14, after Abraham and Lot separated; Abraham rescues Lot from the trouble. Then Lot ends up in Sodom, the most wicked city there was. And as Lot is at the gate giving judgment to others as a person of distinction, lo and behold these two angels come. Lot recognized who they were and bowed himself with his face toward the ground, symbolizing the worship a superior being. He convinces these two angels to stay the evening with him and we continue reading at verse 3.

“And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they

lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people [a better translation is all the community] from every quarter:"

Now, I can understand the excitement if royalty from another city visits, but do you really think that ***"all the people, all the community, from every quarter, both old and young,"*** would be that excited at night, demanding to meet them in the evening just before they laid down? This did not happen in the early evening. Think about it. What made them interested was that word spread that they were not just two ordinary men. They were not just two men of royalty or representing royalty. They knew there was the possibility of angels in their city. Men have been fascinated with angels throughout history. Especially during the middle ages, mankind became fascinated with the angelic hierarchy of God's creation. It is foolish to read this chapter in Genesis any other way. Do not just accept what Christianity has been teaching for centuries; see God's Word for what it is.

This is not the only chapter proving these were angelic beings. Both the Old to New Testament have examples and the reason behind them that prove these people in Sodom knew the visitors were angelic beings. Instead, these verses have been hidden from the Christian world far too long because it is a convenient way throughout the ages to attack a group and beat them into submission to change their ways by pointing out how wicked their ways are. That is blasphemy, just as all our ways are wicked are, if we are not in Christ Jesus. Christ would not have to come and spill His blood if the Mosaic Law had been sufficient; but it was not. However, because of the blood that was spilled, I am a new creature in Christ, but not because of anything I have accomplished in my flesh.

In verse 5 we read, ***"And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we [all the community- men, women, and children] may know them [that we may have sexual intercourse with them]."***

If you recall, in the second message on the Nephilim, this part of a series within a series about Ephesians 6:12, I read to you some information. You may not have noticed it then, but I gave you a hint about where this series was going. It is a small reference, but noteworthy right now to point it out again. Maybe this time you will stop and listen with a different ear that is now open to the information, instead of perhaps thinking that it sounds just too unbelievable. It is just a short paragraph.

"Notice that we do have biblical evidence that angels have sex appeal. Remember the two angels who went to Lot's home in Sodom? Those Sodomites desired sex with the angels. [Not too many people actually agree with this, but I happen to be one of them.] Because scripture always identifies angels as stars or glorified men, the logical conclusion is that the natural form of angels, whether in heaven or earth, is the human likeness. Even if their human form is some type of mimicry, mimicry to molecular levels definitely affords angel reproductive capabilities."

Reading this again, I hope you are starting to get a better understanding why I read this and where I am going with it. This chapter is not a chapter to use to attack the gay world because they are homosexuals. That was never God's intent and I will prove it.

Verse 5, ***“And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.”***

Lot knew what kind of group they were. After all, he judged their disputes at the gate and I am sure he heard all kinds of disputes. He knew how wicked they could become and he knew their desires. Lot has a plan, but I think some of you are confused thinking that Lot would give up his own daughters to protect God's messengers. However, that is not what Lot was doing.

In verse 8, Lot tells them, ***“Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.”***

I want you to stop and think. If they were just royalty or two strangers, why would Lot even offer his daughters to this wicked mob? Think about it! Some theologians say it was custom to make sure you protect houseguests even if it meant harm to you. No, what Lot was doing, as he always had done up to this point, was look after himself and what was more beneficial for him. Give the two angels to the crowd or let the crowd have their way with his two virgin daughters to satisfy the mob's desires. Yes, there are examples of sacrifice and giving up things to put God first, but God has never asked anyone in His Word to sacrifice to a wicked mob that He would destroy in a matter of days. Research it for yourself. Within 24 hours, God would destroy Sodom. Why would He allow these innocent virgin daughters to be raped, abused, and possibly even killed to satisfy the mob's needs and desires? What father would allow that to happen without giving up their own life first? Lot was not concerned about God's messengers. I am sure he had plenty of knowledge through his Uncle Abraham about the things of God and the relationship that Abraham had with God. Lot had knowledge, but theologians would have you believe that he was more concerned about God's messengers than the well-being of his daughters. I do not see Lot offering himself to be raped, abused, and possibly even killed. Instead, what does he do? He threw his daughters into dangers way. If he truly understood that they were angels, and I believe he did, he knew these angels could take care of themselves.

I have several messages from people writing to me saying, “Obviously Lot had enough faith in his life to understand who God's messengers were and he was willing to risk it all.” Nonsense! When you are willing to risk it all, it should start with yourself. Like I said, do not put somebody else in front of danger; risking it all starts with you. Now, the mob saw these angels as males and Lot was also a male, so if they were looking for a homosexual relationship with any individual, why would they want his daughters and not some other male? Lot could have fulfilled that need if that was the interest of the mob, but that is not what the interest of the mob was. That is the point I am trying to make. They knew angels were in Lot's home. These were not just two strangers or royalty. These men were angelic beings, and the mob wanted to know them just as before the flood and after the flood. If we just read Genesis alone, we would not truly understand this. That is why we must go to the New Testament to verify what chapter 19 is saying.

In verse 11 of this chapter, those angels solved this situation for Lot. Verse 11 reads, ***“And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.”*** The mob was blind stumbling over themselves. Then the angels deliver the message in verse 13, telling Lot to get out of Sodom and take his family with him because they were going to destroy this place.

In verse 16, Lot being Lot, just seeing what happened, we read, ***“And while he lingered, [It does not say he hastily did what the angels commanded, he lingered. So what did those angels do?] the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.”*** Next, God destroys Sodom, but prior to that Lot lingered! He did not say in faith, “I am going to do what the Lord has commanded.” You may think he only lingered because, like the commentaries and the theologians, he did not see God's ways and how He works. We cannot just read one scripture at a time. I have told you many times over, what I preach is verifiable in the Bible from beginning to end. You may think he lingered because he did not quite understand they were angels; he did not acknowledge that they were angels. Well if he did not, then why did he not show any resistance when these angels grabbed hold of him and said, “Let's get out of here! You do not have a choice in the matter.” There was no resistance demonstrated in verse 16. Lot lingered because he did not want to leave what he had accumulated in Sodom. He would live with the wickedness and evil ways. I surely believe that if it was not for Abraham begging for Sodom, knowing that Lot was living there, there was a possibility that God would not even have saved Lot. But Abraham had a voice with God and whoever studies the life of Abraham knows why he had that voice.

With Lot, it came to the point where these angels had to lay hold, which in the Hebrew is firmly grasped with their strength ***“upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.”*** Lot would not have gone without those angels taking matters into their own hands and physically removing them. However, Lot being Lot, and not wanting to leave behind what he had established, would have resisted if he could, but he knew he could not because he knew that he was no match for God's representatives in the form of these two angels. There is no resistance revealed here in verse 16. Instead, the angels took them away; they escaped the city and the city was destroyed.

Some of you may still not understand that these men were angels and I understand it is because you have been taught repeatedly that this is a chapter showing how God deals with homosexuality. No, it is not; it is a chapter about how God dealt with people who wanted to intermingle with angelic beings. To prove that point further, we are going to go to the Book of Jude in the New Testament. Jude 1:5 begins,

“I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. [or faithed not, pisteuo, in the Greek. This is a warning from history to the ungodly.] And the angels which kept not their first estate, [a better translation is principality] but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

Suddenly, verse 7 goes back in time, ***“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh [a better translation is other flesh; flesh not like their own] are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”***

The Epistle of Jude is referring here to the angels who left their first principality in verse 6, which produced the giants with the daughters of men in verse 7. These verses in Jude tell the story of Noah before the flood, why wickedness and evil spread so quickly throughout the land, why God had to destroy mankind and Nephilim-kind from the face of this planet to start over with eight individuals. But Jude also uses another example where the desire for co-mingling with other flesh is still taking place in other cities even after Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. In verse 7, Jude writes, ***“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange [or other] flesh [flesh not like their own], are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”***

Verses 6, 7, 8, and 9 are speaking of angelic beings and people who participated with these angelic beings. Sodom and Gomorrah were no exception. Verse 8 is the key verse in this chapter on this subject matter. Pay close attention. It reads, ***“Likewise also these filthy [‘filthy’ is not in the original Greek] dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.”*** A person could probably read right over this verse and not really understanding what was said, but it verifies what I have been telling you throughout this series on the Nephilim.

Currently, there are many different translations of the Greek Bible, and most of them translate these verses correctly. For example, Nestle's, Marshall's, Young's, and other translations all have good points in their translations, however, some translations drift. For myself, I have my mentor to thank. He implanted a thought in my brain, and it never left me from the day I was 17 years old, and that is 'God's repeatables.' I have made that my commission throughout my life, especially as I present His Word. I am accountable to Him for what comes out of my mouth, and God's Word must be verified, and the wonderful thing is that it is! We can see that in Genesis chapter 19. It is not a chapter about the gay community. Chapter 19 is to give a warning of man's desires for other flesh and what God really thinks about it. One of the translations I have makes this point. Jude 1:8 says, ***“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities,”*** and this commentary begins,

“It is not easy to determine the exact meaning of these two terms.”

It is easier than you think, but the author of this commentary still has the problem of making that connection from Genesis 19 to these verses because they have been influenced with the wrong teaching for a very long time. Being gay seems so unnatural, so they attack it in an attempt to eliminate it, and they think they are doing good. Instead, I could think of many other things that they could attack to improve mankind's situation in everyday life, but I do not see them attacking those things. Some may be wondering if I am gay. No, I have been happily married 35 years, I am not gay, but I do not really support that way of life because I know what God's Word says about it, but I am not going to condemn you either. You are in God's hands. I am not your judge. The only judge we have we will all sit in front of someday. All I want to do is present the Word

in truth the way God outlined without any manmade traditions that I have learned because I think it is right. I am only concerned with 'God's repeatables', the verification of His Word from front to back in His book. Returning to this commentary, however, we read,

“It is not easy to determine the exact meaning of these two terms. ... dominion, occurs in three other passages. In the first two, and probably the third, the reference is to angelic dignities. Some explain this passage and the one in Peter, of evil angels. In Colossians the term is used with thrones, principalities, and powers, with reference to the orders of celestial hierarchy as conceived by Gnostic teachers, and with a view to exalt Christ above all these.”

Jude 1:8 should say, ***“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of angelic beings.”*** What Jude is speaking about is angelic beings, not humans; the ones just referred to in verses 6 and 7. That is why Lot and the mob knew those two angels in Sodom as angelic beings. They had no problem despising the dominions. In fact, short and simple they wanted to rape the angles, have their way with them, and they did not even realize they were no match physically to overtake the angels. However, the mob did not care. They were full of themselves and put themselves on a pedestal so high that everything was inferior to them, including these angelic beings. That mob had no problem speaking of or doing any evil to the dignities.

To understand this further, the term 'dominion' is used four times in the Greek in the New Testament. First, where we are now, Jude 1:8, Ephesians 1:21, as well as 6:12, and Colossians 1:16.

Colossians 1:16 says, ***“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him....”*** This verse is talking about the pre-eminence of Christ, and Paul uses the same kind of language here that he uses in Ephesians. Some of those same words (principalities, powers) are used in Ephesians 6:12. The word 'dominion' refers to a realm different from the Adam-like beings that God created.

In Ephesians 1:21, Paul writes, ***“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:”*** Once again, the pre-eminence of Christ is spoken of here. The principalities are the angelic beings God created, not the Adam-like beings.

Return to Jude 1:8. This verse should correctly read, ***“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion [beings not like their kind], and speak evil of angelic beings.”*** Jude continues writing about these angelic beings goes on in verse 9 about Michael, the archangel, and how he contended with the devil concerning the body of Moses.

Jude is not the only New Testament book to reference Sodom and Gomorrah both before and after the flood. II Peter 2:4 also talks about this. Chapter 2, verse 1, is where Peter writes about false teachers and warns us against these false teachers. In verse 4, he says, ***“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment....”*** Who are these angels that sinned? They are not the

fallen angels who rebelled with Satan, who came down here and co-mingled before the flood with the daughters of men and reserved unto judgment, who are chained up in that darkness.

Verse 5 goes on to say, ***“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly...”***

Here, Peter writes about angelic beings, chained in darkness because of their co-mingling with the daughters of men, bringing the flood upon the world because of what they did and the wickedness created from it. Then, in verse 6, similar to Jude, Peter writes about Sodom and Gomorrah as a reference to angelic beings co-mingling with mankind.

Verse 10 also tells us, ***“But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust [or desires] of uncleanness, and despise government.”*** [The Greek word here for 'despise' once again is the same word in Jude and in Ephesians and should really say *despise dominion*, an order of beings that are not part of Adam-like beings.] ***“...and despise dominion. Presumptuous, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.”*** Really, this is 'angelic powers.' The phrase 'evil of dignities' is again the same language used in Jude. Peter is saying that they defy the spiritual powers though knowing their might. Their arrogance and wickedness had no limits, but both Jude and Peter in II Peter are describing man's relationship with angels prior to the flood and also after the flood in Sodom and Gomorrah. This is found in both Jude and II Peter. Recently, a person sent a message asking if this was the unpardonable sin. Without going into too much detail, it definitely was the unpardonable sin prior to the flood because God spared no one except the righteous one who preached and lived by the way of faith in God.

Before moving on to the Book of Revelation, I want to give some background about the doctrine and error of Balaam. Theologians argue about the way of Balaam, the error of Balaam, and the doctrine of Balaam all the time. The way and the error of Balaam is when Balak tempted Balaam in the Book of Numbers. If you want to read the whole story go to Numbers 22 through 25 where Balak tempts Balaam to come and curse the children of Israel because they saw as Israel was marching towards the promise land how powerful these people were as God's chosen nation. Balak wanted Balaam to curse them. Most of you may have heard the story of Balaam and his ass when the ass started speaking in a language Balaam could understand asking why Balaam was beating him.

What is important to us about this story, however, is when Jude mentions Balaam in verse 11, ***“Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward....”*** For a reward, Balaam was tempted and fell for the temptation of riches that Balak promised if he would come and have God curse the Nation of Israel. He was tempted, but he should never have gone or even considered going. Even today too many preachers are tempted in the error and the way of Balaam. In their eyes there is reward at the end that they justify by saying this is the prosperity that God wants to give, which is where the prosperity doctrine comes from. This idea is found here in Jude, but also in II Peter 2:15, which says, ***“Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam...who loved the wages of unrighteousness....”*** Balaam loved money more than he did God.

With that, go to Revelation 2:12, which is about the church in Pergamos. It begins,

***“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.”***

The following, verse 14, is where I want to concentrate:

“But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock [or trap] before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”

This example shows how Satan always tries to pollute the relationship we have with God, in this case through the church, by introducing something that makes us worship and co-mingle, or spiritually fornicate, not with Balaam but in our present day, spiritual fornicating with the ones who still follow the way, the error, and the doctrine of Balaam. As an example, let me share with you something that is still happening today. You also need to understand what the trap was, or in this case in the King James Version, the ***‘stumblingblock of the children of Israel.’***

We see this in Numbers 31:16, ***“Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, [or the doctrine of Balaam] to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.”*** Thousands upon thousands died because they went against God's command knowing that God did not want them to pollute what eventually would come, the savior of the world. However, Satan's whole goal was for that event never to happen, and the children of Israel fell right into the trap. The following author explains that this way,

“In this Message Pergamos is spoken of as 'Satan's Seat.' When Attalus III, the Priest-King of the Chaldean Hierarchy, fled before the conquering Persians to Pergamos, and settled there, Satan shifted his capital from Babylon to Pergamos. At first he persecuted the followers of Christ, and Antipas was one of the martyrs. But soon he changed his tactics and began to exalt the Church, and through Constantine united the Church and State, and offered all kinds of inducements for worldly people to come into the Church. Constantine's motive was more political than religious. He wished to weld his Christian and Pagan subjects into one people, and so consolidate his Empire. The result of this union was that two false and pernicious doctrines crept into the Church. [that is, the doctrine of Balaam] ... And the foothold it had secured in the Church was seen in the First Great Council of the Church held at Nicaea, in A.D. 325. The Council was composed of about 1500 delegates, the laymen out-numbering the Bishops 5 to 1. It was a stormy council, full of intrigue and political methods, and from the supremacy of the ‘Clergy’ over the ‘Laity’ it was evident of the ‘Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes’ had secured a strong and permanent foothold.

The 'Doctrine of Balaam' is disclosed in the story of Balaam found in the Book of Numbers.... When the Children of Israel on their way to Canaan had reached the land of Moab, Balak the king of Moab sent for Balaam the Son of Beor, who lived at Pethor on the river Euphrates, to come and curse them. When the Lord would not permit Balaam to curse Israel, he suggested to Balak that he invite them to the licentious feasts of 'Baal-Peor,' and thus cause Israel to fall into a snare that would so anger the Lord that he would Himself destroy them. This Balak did, and the result was that when the men of Israel went to those sensual feasts and saw the 'daughters of Moab' they committed whoredoms with them, which so kindled God's anger that He sent a plague that destroyed 42,000 of them. Now the word 'Pergamos' means 'Marriage,' and when the Church entered into a union with the State it was guilty of 'Spiritual Fornication' or 'Baalamism.'

The 'Balaam Method' that Constantine employed was to give to the Bishops of the Church a number of imposing buildings called Basilicas for conversion into churches, for whose decoration he was lavish in the gift of money. He also supplied superb vestments for the clergy, and soon the Bishop found himself clad in costly vestments, seated on a lofty throne in the apse in the Basilica, with a marble altar, adorned with gold and gems, on a lower level in front of him. A sensuous form of worship was introduced, the character of the preaching was changed, and the great 'Pagan Festivals' were adopted, with but little alteration, to please the Pagan members of the church, and attract Pagans to the church. For illustration, as the Winter Solstice falls on the 21st day of December, which is the shortest day in the year, and it is not until the 25th that the day begins to lengthen, which day was regarded throughout the Heathen world as the 'birthday' of the 'Sun-God,' and was a high festival, which was celebrated at Rome by the 'Great Games' of the Circus, it was found advisable to change the Birthday of the Son of God...to December 25th, because as He was the 'Sun of Righteousness,' what more appropriate birth-day could He have than the Pagan 'Sun-God'?

It was at this time that 'Post-Millennial Views' had their origin. As the Church had become rich and powerful, it was suggested that by the union of Church and State a condition of affairs would develop that would usher in the Millennium without the return of Christ, and since some scriptural support was needed for such a doctrine, it was claimed that the Jews had been cast off 'forever,' and that all the prophecies of Israel's future glory were intended for the Church. This 'Period' extends from the accession of Constantine A.D. 312 to A.D. 606, when Boniface III was crowned 'Universal Bishop.'"

So why did both Jude and Peter include the story of Balaam's attempt to pollute Christ's lineage, as well as Noah in the days before the flood, and Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah? It is because Satan's methods are not ours. Satan has had this planned for millenniums and he can quickly change his plans to achieve his purpose quicker than we can realize. That is why nothing can be done in our own power or with our own works. It must be through Christ Jesus who empowers us, *endunamoo*, as Ephesians 6:10 says, who strengthens us, and gives us the weapons to fight against him and his methods. Before the flood, Satan tried to pollute mankind, Adam-like kind, and he tried after the flood. And, he tried it again in Revelation 2:14 with the doctrine of Balaam. Satan wanted to spiritually fornicate then and in our present time, bringing in false doctrine, another gospel, taught by false teachers and false prophets.

Satan has not given up. He wants to pollute not only physically, but also spiritually. In addition, he is more concerned with our spiritual aspect now because he knows what Christ did for us on the cross, and he knows that he has no chance if we are covered by the blood. What better way to break us away from that covering than by polluting Adam-like kind, having them believe a lie, and be damned forever through false preachers preaching false doctrines. In the past, he used angelic beings and I believe when he and his fallen angels who followed him are confined to this earth, they will attempt it once again. The fornication and co-mingling happening now with mankind presented constantly 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is the spiritual fornication that will lead us astray from God's Word.

You may wonder what this has to do with the Nephilim. In this chapter, I wanted to prove the point that is in both the Old and New Testament, that this is not some make-believe science fiction story that I am presenting. The Old Testament is clear, but it is important to look at the New Testament to apply clearly God's Word. Maybe some of you remember, I preached a message that is related to the methods of the devil in Ephesians 6:11. One of the ways that he tries to pollute mankind is through a method of misquoting and misapplying scriptures. Theologians have misquoted and misapplied both Jude and II Peter, who would rather have you believe a lie and make up an explanation. Just do the homework yourself and read the explanations and their commentaries. Read some of what the theologians have written over the years, and not just recently either, on this subject matter. Long ago theologians explained that these are not the same angelic beings mentioned in Sodom and Gomorrah, and not the same angelic beings in Noah's day before the flood. Yes, they are.

As it says in Jude 1:8, ***“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of angelic beings.”*** It is no accident that Noah is mentioned, Sodom and Gomorrah are mentioned, and also Balaam is mentioned in both these New Testament books by Peter and Jude, reminding us what Satan has been trying to do, which is to physically or spiritually pollute mankind. It is what he has been trying to do for 2,000 years. Satan wants to spiritually fornicate us with false doctrines and false teachings by false teachers and false prophets. In Genesis 19, Sodom and Gomorrah are used as warnings, and I believe that when Satan and his angels who are left will try once again to pollute mankind because he is confined down here, he knows his days are numbered, and he wants to take as many as he can with him to the lake of fire.

My job is to make you aware of what God's Word says. As I said, this subject is verifiable in both the Old and New Testament. I know I may not be the best one to articulate this, but this I also know, in this media, I am the only one left who is willing to be ridiculed because it sounds too farfetched to believe. Know that those who have eyes to see thank God that you do. Those of you who are still struggling with it, do your own research and God help you in your quest to learn more about God's Word, what He has already said, and what He meant when He put this Holy Scripture together.

I hope I have enlightened you somewhat by bringing both Old and New Testament together to make Genesis 19 more believable about what is really going on behind the scenes with these evil beings and how they want to physically or spiritually corrupt mankind throughout the ages.

Nephilim, Part 6

In this series on the Nephilim, we have been studying how angels intermingled with mankind. We have seen in God's word and other sources how they tried to pollute mankind to affect what God promised in Genesis, that a seed would come who would be the savior and deliverer of what Satan destroyed for Adam and Adam-like beings. Now Adam had a choice and he made the wrong choice, but Satan was the instigator. The origins of evil come from Satan, not from God. The devil instigated our downfall and convinced other angels, angels who also fell, to follow his route of rebellion, selfishness, and sin. Then we went to Jude 1:5, II Peter 2:4-6 and 10, Revelation 2:19, and Numbers 3:16, the doctrine of Balaam, or spiritual fornication.

In this chapter we will continue with the Book of Enoch and the Nephilim. First, I want to share something with you, and although I do not agree with everything this author says, it gives another point of view that I have not shared before, which brings it all together. This author speaks about the Nephilim as extraterrestrials, which this author labels eventually as fallen angels, and begins with a reference to Genesis 6. So, we will go there first. Genesis 6:1 begins,

***“And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,
That the sons of God [not the sons of Seth] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.
There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, [meaning, before and after Noah's flood there were giants] when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”***

You should know all the Noah flood stories, whether read from the Gilgamesh, other legends, or from the Bible, you know that Noah and his family were spared. God started over with Noah and his family. Everything else was destroyed in a flood throughout the earth.

With that, this author begins,

“Of all the imaginable phenomena on Earth, the progeny of this union between extraterrestrials [or angels] and humans is the most bizarre. Man has paid little attention to them until now, for the fact of their existence has been shrouded in legend. But can they be dismissed as myth any longer? In this end time hour many strange phenomena are occurring.

Jesus said [in Matthew 24:37], 'As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.'

It was the wickedness of humanity and the abominable union of the supernatural with the natural that moved God to judge the world. We are fast approaching a new period of God's wrath.

Who are these beings? A clearer identity is found in their name- Nephilim. The word itself is in Hebrew, and it is first used in Genesis 6:4.

‘There were giants in the earth in those days: [The giants were not extraterrestrials or fallen angels. They were the children of fallen angels and daughters of men and they produced these giants.] and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.’

Nephilim is translated ‘giants’ in the Authorized King James Version, but ‘giants’ is in no way a complete description.

Commentators like Lange trace the word ‘Nephilim’ to the root ‘Nephal’ meaning ‘distinguished ones.’ This corresponds perfectly with the ‘men of renown’ at the end of Genesis 6:4, nevertheless it is not a generally accepted translation.”

I have a book here that has been in my library since 1977. It was written before that, but I found it interesting as I was reading through it. It says the argument is that we know who the daughters of men were, but the sons of God are the sons of Seth or some other man-like or Adam-like beings. No, they were not. Here it states: ***“The Septuagint version of the Old Testament translated from Greek, stemming from ancient Hebrew into English by S. Baxter & Sons of London leaves no doubt that the fathers of the giants were angels, by making a notation that in the earliest known Alexandrian script written three century BC, sons of God should be translated angels of God. ‘The angels of God having seen the daughters of men that they were beautiful took themselves wives of all whom they chose.’”***

I could go into more translations throughout the centuries, but they all say the same thing. In Genesis 6:4, the angels of God are separate from the creature called Adam that God created. The two were able to come together and produce the Nephilim, the giants. The Nephilim are not the fallen angels. The giants are the Nephilim, the *Nephil*.

“Others have sought the root of the word in Hebrew... as found in Psalms 58:8. Here it means ‘miscarriage.’ Accepting this theory, the Nephilim would be those superhuman beings that resulted from miscarriages. [In other Hebrew documents it] seems to confirm this translation when it states:

Nephilim denotes that they hurled the word down, themselves fell (naflu) from the world, and filled the world with abortions (nephilim) through their immorality. [Their abortions produced giants.]

“For one thing, they were giants in size and strength. Much documentation of the exceptional physical stature and super-human strength of the Nephilim exists, and this is not in the least surprising, knowing that they were ‘fathered’ by angels.”

And there is much documentation about this. But, be careful, especially if searching the internet on this subject because there are a lot of deceptive pictures of giant mummies and skeletons, but there are some proving that there were super human large statured people, or giants in this case,

that roamed this planet. The evidence is staggering and fortunately, there is evidence proving that there were giants. The hoaxes just give a starting point for the critics to criticize the real evidence because the hoaxes really go beyond the bazaar.

A lot of the problem is in the Laurence translation of the Book of Enoch, which says that the giants were 300 cubits tall. There are newer translations from the Syriac version that differs on the 300 cubits. Do not be fooled by all the silliness, especially on the internet. There has been material written on this subject matter and they use these photos as explanations or evidence that they existed. For one, the person who took the photo of a giant human skeleton head and gigantic human body admitted to fabricating all these skeleton-like looking bones just to try to make a name for himself. With that said, there is still far more evidence than most people want to admit of real skeletons. These giant sized individuals, not just large in height but also in width, are written about in the Book of Enoch in scripture and other Hebraic sources. All agree that these beings, even though similar looking to the being of Adam or the creature of Adam, were far different both in sound, physical stature, and definitely in attitude. Returning to this author, he writes,

“Angels as already stated, do ‘excel in strength’.... [You find it in Old and New Testament.]What applies to holy angels, applies equally to the rebellious angels. Their moral fall does not seem to have reduced their physical prowess. The Book of Enoch states that their ‘height was like the tallness of cedars and whose bodies were like the mountains.’

Another author describes them in the following terms:

Perverted power and strength are (thus) conspicuous attributes of the fallen angels. This titanic energy is displayed in the supernatural strength demons can impart to the human body when they enter it and possess it.

The New Testament supplies many such examples. One of the most noted is that of the Gadarene demoniac, who by his super-human strength could snap fetters and break chains.

The Roman Catholic Church confirms this attribute of fallen angels when it demands the presence of super-human strength before it will diagnose a person as being demon-possessed.”

Here is where I differ. Fallen angels are not looking to possess bodies, because they have a body, but these Nephilim did not have bodies when they died. They are only half Adam-like, the other half is a very different, and they are still searching for a body that they miss and no longer have the ability to dwell in because of their nature. Have you noticed there is a lot of documentation [and I know there are a lot of silly movies on demon possession] where it takes three or four people to even hold down a child? Why? Believe me, if it was an angel and not a Nephilim or a giant who excelled in strength, their strength would not be the same as the strength of an angel. Remember, the Nephilim were also half-human. Their strength was more limited in the angelic sense, but greater in the human sense. So, it does take three or four people, and sometimes even more, to hold down these individuals who are experiencing these seizures. They almost look like epileptic fits, even though it is not that at all. These demons are trying to take control of the situation using all the strength that they have available to them with the human form of the body

they possess. In most cases, they cannot be subdued because even though they are much stronger than human, they are not as strong as an angel.

Look throughout God's Word on angels and their capabilities. For instance, one angel killed over 100,000 individuals. The body God created for an angel is definitely super-human in comparison to our strength, and our strength is inferior to the Nephilim strength. It can be subdued and held back or held down if enough force is applied, but try doing that with an angel. I guarantee you will not have any success. These fallen angels are not looking to possess a body. Can they? Yes, but that is not their first priority, because there is a whole legion of demonic spirits, these Nephilim, that are doing their bidding for them. You will find in the Book of Enoch that they were given permission to do that.

I will give more detail about that, but for now I will continue reading from this author.

“Actually a person in the investigation must reveal the presence of three phenomena before the Roman Catholic Church would categorize him as ‘possessed.’

- ***First, he must be able to speak a language unknown to him.***
- ***Second, he must have knowledge of the secret facts, previously unknown to him.***
- ***Third, he must possess unnatural strength beyond his age and ability.***

Dr. Kurt Koch, from his vast experience and extensive research into occultism, has discovered that even children or delicately built women can offer effective resistance to three or four strong men when demon possessed. [That is found in Acts 19.]

Similarly, Professor Oesterriech cites a number of examples from his research, demonstrating the same super-human strength in demon-possessed people. One example he gives is of a tenyear-old boy who could be scarcely held down by three adults. Another is of a young girl who could barely be controlled by two men.

In Genesis 6, where the word ‘Nephilim’ is first used, we are told the Nephilim appeared on the Earth just before the Flood, and that their appearance was the main reason for the Flood.

There followed another incursion of these fallen angels at a later date.

- ***We read in Genesis 6: ‘The Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward.’***
- ***This data is found in Numbers 13:33: ‘We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim’.***

The second eruption was probably on a more limited and restricted scale than the first. [This is after the flood.] Nevertheless, God ordered their complete destruction.

One has often wondered at the severe and extreme measures that God asked Joshua to put into effect once he entered the land of Canaan. God commanded him to ‘utterly destroy them.’ We have found it difficult to reconcile this with the character of God. One can only surmise

that God had a special reason to issue such a command. Could it be that God knew the heritage of these Nephilim?

God was aware that the Canaanites and their neighbors manifested the whole gamut of demonical practices, and that they were a threat to the ... destiny of His chosen people, who were entering the land at the time. This is why He warned the Israelites not to imitate the occult practices of these people whom they dispossessed. With the same unmatched anger that He had displayed in Genesis 6, God orders the complete extermination of the inhabitants of Canaan. However, Israel, as so often in her history, failed to obey God, and there is reason to believe that some of the Nephilim survived.

The progeny of these Nephilim went under various names.”

Their names depended on the territory. For instance, the Anakim in Numbers 13 are referred to differently, but descended from Raphaim, or descended from the Zamzummims or the Emims, or the Avims. All are different names for them depending on where they were in that territory, but they were all descendants from fallen angels, which produced Nephilim, the giants.

“All shared the characteristics of being huge, tall and strong. Rabbi Bahya ben Asher ... claimed that Nephilim were heads of the family called ‘sons of God.’ They were so called because terror fell on those who saw them... they were called the Anakim and later Rephaim. Here is an Old Testament the description of Emim:

‘The Emim dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; which were also accounted giants... but the Moabites were called them Emims. (Deuteronomy 2:10, 11).’

These men were such giants that the Israelite spies who went to [evaluate] the land, cowered before them: [They saw the giants.]

‘And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight’ (Numbers 13:33).’

That is the report they took back. This was a people anxious to move on, get out of the desert, and go into the land of promise flowing with milk and honey. However, fear struck their inner beings and pierced them with fear because of what they were seeing. They had not seen anything like that in Egypt. They might have heard of it, but had not seen anything like it in Egypt. When they got to this particular territory, and spied on the land to see what it was all about, their description was that they were nothing but a bunch of grasshoppers compared to the giants. You know how large a grasshopper is. I am sure some of it is exaggerated to make the point, but still they were convinced that even though God was with them, even God could not conquer what they were seeing for themselves; a land full of giants. They spied on many different cities, not just one city. They surveyed the whole land, and no matter where they went, they saw these large half human half angelic beings with superior strength. Obviously, just looking at them would cause fear.

There is debate about how large Goliath was. His armor alone weighed 196 pounds, which is more than I do. Imagine carrying 196 pounds of just a coat of armor. That does not include his sword or his shield. Most of us would struggle to lift 196 pounds. Goliath was massive, taller than nine feet I believe. Nevertheless, whether he was nine feet, ten feet, or eleven feet, these were massive beings. Just the sight of them would terrify us, and there were not just one or two dwelling in the land, there were cities filled with these individuals.

Let's continue:

“And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight’ (Numbers 13:33).

Flavius Josephus, the noted Jewish historian of the first century A.D., described these giants as having ‘bodies so large and so entirely different from other men that they were surprising to the sight and terrible to the hearing.’ And he adds that in his day, the bones of the giants were still on display!

Deuteronomy 3:11 describes one of these giants in more detail:

‘For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants: behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits was the length thereof and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.’

A super king-sized bed! In modern measurements it was 18 feet, 6 inches long, and 8 feet, 4 inches wide!

Some of these giants carried spears that weighed from ten to twenty-five pounds. One carried a spear whose staff was ‘like a weaver’s beam’ (II Samuel 21:19). Goliath wore a coat of armor that weighed 196 pounds.... Some of these giants had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.

These giants were not confined to the Middle East. Two dozen human footprints of abnormal size have been found in Paluxi riverbed, Texas, some of them measuring eighteen inches long. Other giant markings have been discovered in such diverse places as Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

In the Mt. Vernon area of Ohio, Dr. Wilbur G. Burroughs of the Geological Division...reported finds of human footprints 23.75 cm. long and 10.25 wide! Near Antelope Springs, Utah, William Meister discovered in 1968 two human footprints 32.5 cm. long and 11.25 wide.

Similar giant footprints have been discovered in other countries especially in the Mt. Victoria region of Australia.

Not only do we have footprints of giants but actual skeletons as well. In 1936, Larson Kohl, the German paleontologist and anthropologist, found the bones of gigantic men on the shore

of Lake Elyasi on Central Africa. Other giant skeletons were later found in Hava ... and China. The evidence from the existence of giants is indisputable.

'A scientifically assured fact,' says Dr. Louis Burkhalter. The Nephilim also were giants in knowledge. According to the Book of Enoch, God was incensed against the fallen angels partly because they disclosed certain classified information to humans. The ancient world associated demons with special ... knowledge and with super superior intelligence. The word 'demon' in Greek comes from the root meaning 'knowledge' or 'intelligence.'

The Scriptures also testify to the fact that demons have access to knowledge and information denied to ordinary mortals. We read in the Gospels how they recognize and acknowledge the deity of Christ when humans seemed totally blind to the fact.

When the Gaderene demoniac saw Jesus, he fell down before him, and cried out,

'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God, the most high?' (Luke 8:28).

These demons recognized Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, way ahead of His own disciples.

In the Book of Acts, with the same supernatural knowledge, demons recognized the mission and message of the Apostle Paul. The possessed damsel of Phillipi cried,

'These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.' (Acts 16:17)

This happened at a time when the people of Philippi had no idea who Paul was, nor did they know the nature of his mission. We cannot but note that every recorded statement made by demons in the New Testament concerning Christ or Paul was one-hundred percent accurate.

Clement of Alexandria suggested an interesting reason for this knowledge of demons:

It is evident, since they are demoniac spirits, that they know some things more quickly and more perfectly than men, for they are not retarded in learning by the heaviness of a body.

This may well supply the key to the great knowledge and expertise that characterized certain men in ancient times. As already seen, such knowledge expertise by 'primitive' men continue to defy explanation. P.J. Wiseman admits to this mysterious factor:

It was expected that the more ancient the period, the more primitive would excavators find it to be, until traces of civilization ceased altogether and ... man appeared. Neither in Babylonia, nor Egypt, the land of the oldest known habitations of man, has this been the case.

Arthur Custance ... states this strange sequence right at the beginning of human history:

‘...an unbelievably long time with almost no growth; a sudden spurt leading within a very few centuries to a remarkably high culture; a gradual slowing up, and decay, followed only much later by recovery of lost arts and by development of new ones leading ultimately to the creation of the modern world. What was the agency which operated for that short period of time to so greatly accelerate the process of cultural development and produce such remarkable results?’

Could this agency be the Nephilim? Could this expertise have been imparted by the beings from outer space? And could this explain the mysteries surrounding Stonehenge ... the Bay of Pisco, and particularly the Great Pyramid. Did the knowledge necessary to construct these monolithic structures come from the Nephilim? Were they the ones responsible for what Custance called the ‘climax at the beginning’?

As for the Great Pyramid, many scientists suggest they date back in the generations preceding the Flood. If so, those happen to be the very times of the Nephilim, the generations of the ‘giants’ and of the ‘men of renown.’ But what if it could be proven that the Great Pyramid was not built until after the Flood? There is still no problem.

Could not Noah and his family have carried this information with them into the Ark, and transmitted it later to their descendants? According to the Babylonian version of the Flood, the ‘Chaldean’ Noah was made to bury his books before the Flood, and then disintomb them after emerging from the Ark.

But there is still another possibility: Could this knowledge have come from the second eruption of the Nephilim, which occurred after the Flood?”

I do not think the Nephilim built the pyramid, because if anyone understands the Great Pyramid, it is a time capsule that shows certain events that would happen and are verified in God's Word. In contrast, these Nephilim became wicked spirits who were wicked individuals roaming this earth before their death. I do not believe God would use them to lay down His handiwork. Now there is some speculation that the fallen angels, before they fell – as Enoch writes, the watchers, the 200 or so that eventually produced these Nephilim, helped Enoch if he was the master builder of the pyramid. That is all speculation, and there is also some evidence that Joseph had enough information at the time he existed to build the pyramids. There are all kinds of new theories, and when I get to the Great Pyramid, I will present them. Nevertheless, the Nephilim did not build the Great Pyramid. Other structures, I think there is good evidence that they did, but the things concerning God and His handiwork, I do not believe He would use these wicked individuals. God being God can do anything He wants. He could have done it, but I do not think He did. With that, this is where I disagree.

Then this author goes into the Tree of Knowledge and how much of the knowledge that these Nephilim, these fallen angels, taught the daughters of men, produced the advancement of civilization to the point where it rapidly accelerated into knowledge that was not there just a few hundred years before. How did they come to all this knowledge and advancement of their civilization if they did not have some external source? He says it is extraterrestrials or fallen angels. I agree to a certain extent.

I want to read one more interesting thing concerning the source of demonic knowledge,

“...John L. Nevius, after surveying demon possession in China, documents the amazing knowledge revealed by a demon-possessed:

‘Many persons while demon possessed give evidence of knowledge which cannot be accounted for in ordinary ways. They often appear to know the Lord Jesus as a divine person and show an aversion to, and a fear of Him. They sometimes converse in foreign languages of which in their normal states they are entirely ignorant.’ ”

Now I want to read a story about Betty and Barney Hill.

“Betty and Barney Hill of New Hampshire, while returning home from a vacation in Canada in 1961, spotted a flying saucer and pulled off the road to watch it land. The engine of their car went dead, but they have no recollection of what happened after that. The next thing they remember was being close to home... sixty miles south! After this bizarre experience, they suffered from nightmares, anxiety syndromes, and ulcers. They finally consulted a psychiatrist, the noted Dr. Benjamin Simon of Boston.

By the use of hypnosis, he was able to induce from them- quite independently of each other the story of those missing hours. Both told the same story. Taken aboard the flying saucer, they underwent physical examination by humanoid occupants. Tape recordings were made of their story (given under hypnosis), and a book was published.

Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist, studied these reports and was greatly impressed. But what finally convinced him was the map drawn in 1964 by Betty Hill of a star system unknown to science at the time.”

Remember this event happened in 1961. The Hills went through psychiatric care and therapy. A book and eventually a television program were produced. Then in 1964, Stanton Friedman saw a map drawn by Betty Hill of a star system unknown to science at the time.

“Betty claimed that she had been shown this map aboard this UFO and revealed the details of it under hypnosis. The astronomers, who examined the map at the time, dismissed it.”

They dismissed it, and rightly so. It was science fiction to them. They did not know of any star system of that description so they dismissed it. This is the interesting part,

“But since 1964 new evidence has appeared on the subject-star systems that were invisible in 1964 have now been discovered. And an amazing fact has come to light.

Dr. Friedman explains:

‘Using these new data, a computer came up with a map of the Zeta Reticuli-system--faint stars 220 trillion miles away- which astronomers agree matches Mrs. Hill's map precisely.’ ”

Is that a coincidence? If it is, it is the strangest coincidence I ever heard or read about. Where did the Hills get this knowledge? They obviously did not remember what happened to them, and when they finally had any recollection, they were 60 miles south of the last location they remembered. Then they went through nightmares, anxieties, ulcers, psychiatric care, and finally hypnosis. Under hypnosis, they revealed things they did not understand or know about. Then a map was drawn of a star system 220 trillion miles away, which everybody dismissed that was later proven to be a star system that actually existed, but only when we had the necessary equipment to view these systems that far away. That is a strange thing to be just a coincidence.

Then this author goes about the giants and their wickedness and how many of the legends surrounding them cross between the natural and supernatural and depicts subhuman behavior. The author also writes about mythology of the Grecian people, and Zeus and the Roman Jupiter, Poseidon, Neptune, Cupid and Mercury. They were violent and lustful wanting to produce offspring, but created misfits. Lastly, this author talks about the giant's pride.

“The Nephilim were giants in pride also. Lord Acton claimed that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. So does knowledge. With this superior intelligence and knowledge, the Nephilim soon succumbed to the sin that became the downfall of Lucifer--pride. Like Lucifer, his followers also dreamed of being gods, desiring to control and rule the Earth. Their advanced knowledge was desired diet for their egoism. Such knowledge wedded to an already arrogant nature led to self-deification.

They craved divine honors and religious worship. This was the ambition of Lucifer, of the Nephilim, and of every fallen creature. They propelled in all that they did by self-will, selfdetermination, self-glorification, and ultimately self-deification. No wonder Josephus refers to the Nephilim as ‘sons who were overbearing and disdainful of every virtue.’

Man's fascination with the occult and otherworld phenomena has amazingly significant today. At no other time has he been more conditioned to accept the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Having once escaped his Mother Earth, man now strains at his celestial tether, wondering what or who lies beyond the final frontier. With this starward look, the stage could be set for the coming of the unwelcomed guest from space.

The ‘days of Noah’ are again here; perhaps even now agents from another realm are plotting the return of the Nephilim.”

To understand what this all means, let us read from the Book of Enoch. The copy I have happens to be Richard Laurence's translation, the Syriac version of the Book of Enoch, and there are other newer translations if you want a copy of your own. Chapter 7:1 begins,

“It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful. And when the angels, the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children.

***Then their leader Samyaza said to them; I fear that you may perhaps be indisposed to the performance of this enterprise;
And that I alone shall suffer for so grievous a crime.
But they answered him and said; We all swear;
.... Then they swore all together... Their whole number was two hundred, who descended upon Ardis, which is the top of mount Armon.”***

Verse 10 continues, ***“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.***

And the women conceiving brought forth giants, [or the Nephilim]

Whose stature was each three hundred cubits. [Some new translations say 30 cubits.

Nevertheless, they were giants.] ***These devoured all which the labour of men produced....*** [Man could not produce fast enough to fulfil their desire for food.]

When they turned themselves against men, in order to devour them; [They start eating man when man could not produce enough food to sustain their hunger.]

And began to injure birds, beasts, reptiles, and fishes, to eat their flesh one after another, and to drink their blood. [They not only consumed their flesh, but they drank the blood of God's creations, both man and animal.]

Then the earth reproved the unrighteous.”

You may wonder why I am reading this. This is important to know so you see events that led up to what happened to these giants, these 200 angels, which became fallen angels, who desired to mate with the daughters of men. In addition to that, they actually taught them all kinds of knowledge. Here in Enoch, it they taught sorcery and dividing of roots and trees, but there was more than that. One author I read said there was little knowledge, then a boom of knowledge, then a quiet time again with no advancement of knowledge. Why was there the sudden outburst of all this knowledge? These fallen angels brought this knowledge to the daughters of man and did not ask God's permission. They taught their wives and others all types of sorcery, the dividing of roots and trees, and produced these giants who turned on man and started eating them when they could not produce enough food for them. The giants also ate the birds, beasts, reptiles and fish, and drank their blood.

Returning to the Book of Enoch, Chapter 8:1 reads,

“Moreover Azazyel taught men to make swords, knives, shields, breastplates, the fabrication of mirrors....”

The world became altered with the explosion of knowledge brought by these fallen angels. Then it lists that different angels taught different things. Verse 4 continues,

“Armors 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,

And men, being destroyed, cried out; and their voice reached to heaven.”

Chapter 9:1 tells us,

“Then Michael and Gabriel, Raphael...looked down from heaven, and saw the quantity of blood which was shed on earth [This is all before the days of Noah.], and all the iniquity which was done upon it, and said one to another, It is the voice of their cries; The earth deprived of her children has cried even to the gate of heaven.”

Verse 5, *“Thou hast seen what Azazyel has done, how he has taught every species of iniquity upon earth, and has disclosed to the world all the secret things which are done in the heavens.”*

Verse 8, *“The women likewise have brought forth giants. Thus has the whole earth been filled with blood and with iniquity. And now behold the souls of those who are dead, cry out. And complain even to the gate of heaven. Their groaning ascends; nor can they escape from the unrighteous which is committed on earth.”*

Chapter 10:1, *“Then the Most High, the Great and Holy One spoke, And sent... [a representative angel] to the son of Lamech, Saying, Say to him in my name, Conceal thyself. Then explained to him the consummation which is about to take place; for all the earth shall perish; the waters of a deluge shall come over the whole earth, [foretelling the flood] and all things which are in it shall be destroyed. And now teach him how he may escape, and how his seed may remain in all the earth. Again the Lord said to Raphael, Bind Azazyel hand and foot; cast him into darkness; and opening the desert which is in Dudael, cast him in there. Throw upon him hurled and pointed stones, covering him with darkness; There shall he remain for ever; cover his face, that he may not see the light. And in the great day of judgment let him be cast into the fire. Restore the earth, where the angels have corrupted; and announce life to it, that I may revive it. All the sons of men shall not perish...by which the Watchers have destroyed, and which they have taught, their offspring. And all the earth has been corrupted by the effects of the teaching of Azazyel. To him therefore ascribe the whole crime.”*

Verse 13, *“...destroy the children of fornication, the offspring of the Watchers, [the giants] from among men; bring them forth, and excite them one against another. [In other words, turn these giants against each other. They were killing themselves off even before the flood did the rest of the job.] Let them perish by mutual slaughter; for length of days shall not be theirs.”*

Verse 15, *“To Michael likewise the Lord said, Go and announce his crime to Samyaza, and to the others who are with him, who have been associated with women, that they might be*

polluted with all their impurity. And when all their sons shall be slain, when they shall see the perdition of their beloved, bind them for seventy generations underneath the earth, even to the day of judgment, and of consummation, until the judgment, the effect which will last forever, be completed."

They are bound up right now in that part of Hades that I have already taught on in this series.

Verse 19, ***"Let every oppressor perish from the face of the earth; Let every evil work be destroyed...."***

Now God speaks to these fallen angels saying,

Chapter 15:3, ***"You being spiritual, holy, and possessing a life which is eternal, have polluted yourselves with women; have begotten in carnal blood; have lusted in the blood of men; and have done as those who are flesh and blood do. These however die and perish."***

Verse 6, ***"But you [the fallen angels] from the beginning were made spiritual, possessing a life which is eternal, and not subject to death for ever."***

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, [Remember Ephesians 6:12. Those wicked spirits are the spirits of these giants which Enoch was instructed to identify as 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.*** [They are confined to this earth.]

The spirits of the giants [these wicked evil spirits] ***shall be like clouds, which shall oppress, corrupt, fall, contend, and bruise upon earth.*** [They are a demonic army that Satan uses successfully to do his bidding.]

They shall cause lamentation. No food shall they eat; and they shall be thirsty; they shall be concealed, and shall not rise up against the sons of men, and against women; for they come forth during the days of slaughter and destruction."

This is where most people are wrong and say these cannot be the demons. Yes, they can. Because of an error in translation, scholars have dismissed this verse as being anything but the demons. I am telling you, recent scholarship and clearer translations have revealed that ***'shall not'*** should not be in this verse to start with. This verse should read, ***'They shall cause lamentation. No food shall they eat; and they shall be thirsty; they shall be concealed, and shall rise up against the sons of men, [you and me] and against women....'***

Nearly all manuscripts contain this negative ***'not'*** and I am telling you to scratch that out if you have a Laurence copy. The translation by Charles, Knibb, and other recent scholars believe the 'not' should be deleted, so the phrase reads 'shall rise up.' I am not going into all their scholarship on this particular verse, but believe me, it is impressive once they show how this verse and other

verses should be translated, including the one I mentioned earlier about the 300 cubits and how some are still arguing whether it is 30 cubits or less. I am satisfied with 30 cubits, because there is evidence these giant skeletal bones reach up to 36 feet. Most of them were not that tall and their width not that large, but there is evidence of it.

My point is, these wicked spirits that Ephesians 6:12 warns us about are the giants who have been born of spirit and flesh ***“...and shall be called upon earth evil spirits, and earth shall be their habitation.”*** They are not in the heavenlies as fallen angels or angels; they are confined down here to Earth. They shall cause lamentation, they shall oppress, they shall corrupt, they shall fall, they shall contend, and they shall bruise upon the earth. These are not the principalities of the power of the air, the spiritual rulers of darkness or the principalities. Those are a different type of spirit beings, and the spirit beings mentioned in the latter part of Ephesians 6:12 are wicked spirits. These giants are the wicked spirits, and they shall rise up, according to Charles, Knibb and other scholars who have now translated this verse correctly, ***“shall rise up against the sons of men, and against women; for they shall come forth in the days of slaughter and destruction.”***

How did these Nephilim, these wicked spirits, rise, oppress, contend, and bruise? How did they cause lamentation? That is the study of demonology and how it affects the mind when they penetrate a mind, and turn someone into something they control and make useful for their purposes. However, I want to go further than reading stories about how it manifests in the physical sense. I want to show how it affects the mind and everyday walk in life so a person becomes a servant to them if not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. That is how I want to approach demonology. But, for now, I will finish with chapter 16:1 of Enoch. It begins,

“And as to the death of the giants, wheresoever their spirits depart from their bodies, let their flesh, that which is perishable, be without judgment. Thus shall they perish, until the day of 14 the great consummation of the great world. A destruction shall take place of the Watchers and the impious.

And now to the Watchers, who have sent thee to pray for them, who in the beginning were in heaven,

Say, In heaven have you been; secret things, however, have not been manifested to you; yet have you known a reprobated mystery.

And this you have related to women in the hardness of your heart, and by that mystery have women and mankind multiplied evils upon the earth.

Say to them, Never therefore shall you obtain peace.”

I want to someday teach on demonology and show, if affected by it, how to have victory and peace from oppression and lamentation. We are protected by the blood, but to have the protection of the blood we must be living in faith in God's Word imputed by righteousness and have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us to combat these evil forces. They are cunning and masters of deceit and disguise. They deceive in any way they possibly can, and demonic possession does not necessarily mean a physical possession of the body.

There is a great presumption happening today because Christians are not taught how to fight the good fight of faith and are not prepared to war the good warfare. They definitely are not wearing

the armor given to us in the rest of Ephesians 6. Do not discredit the Book of Enoch. Jesus and Jude and others in God's Word did not, and I hope to show that too. The Book of Enoch is a source to be used and analyzed in how it relates to God's Word and how it verifies God's Word to be true. Enoch calls these giants evil wicked spirits. Ephesians 6:12 calls them wicked spirits and obviously they are evil. These giants are looking to possess and oppress mankind because they know what their future is. There is no hope for them and they want to take as many as they can with them because they have a new leader now and that is Satan. He controls and uses them.

I hope from this chapter, you are more aware of whom you are fighting against and you can actually put a physical name to it. Rebuke it and resist it in the name of Jesus, and call it by name – “Nephilim, get behind me.” Just as we say, “Satan get behind me,” you also now can say, “Satan and Nephilim, get behind me because that is where you belong. I am covered by the blood of Christ. He makes me more than a conqueror if I make Him my primary focus and live a life of faith the way He has laid out for me to do.”

Beginning of Evil

The question is did God create evil? I am surprised how many Christian scholars believe that God created evil as a way to perfect us and to sort out His created beings. I am also amazed to see how many still actually believe God created evil and preach it from the pulpits, but I am telling you, God did not create evil.

Let me read something to you called, 'The problem with Evil,' where this author also agrees that God did not create evil. He begins by quoting Matthew 7:18.

“A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.”

If you go back and read Matthew Chapter 7, the chapter begins with Jesus speaking about why we should not judge others. In the verse 1, Christ states, ***“Judge not, that ye be not judged.”*** This is simple and not hard to understand. Do not judge others or they will turn around and judge you. Then in verses 13 and 14, Christ teaches about the way saying, ***“strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, [eternal life] and few there be that find it.”*** Then in verse 15, a different subject begins. It is in the same context but a different subject and verses 15 through 20 can be applied to yourself if you are not a preacher, a pastor, an evangelist, or someone who communicates God's Word on a continuous basis for the instruction of the saints.

Jesus is speaking in Matthew 7:15 and says, ***“Beware of false prophets,”*** which could easily be translated *beware of religious impostors*. Anyone who has heard me preach on this, knows God's book is used to identify these false prophets and false teachers in the series, Woe to the Shepherds. Here we found Jesus saying, ***“Beware of false prophets [or religious impostors],”*** and there are plenty of them today, more so now than ever throughout history, certainly more than in Jesus' time.

“Beware of false prophets [or religious impostors], which come to you in sheep's clothing....” These false prophets come looking harmless, looking as if they care for your soul, looking to deliver what they think you need because you want it, delivering a message of hope, but there is no hope at all in their message. Instead, they are delivering deceiving lies that cater to the flesh. They are not preparing or uplifting Christians for the battle that lies ahead in their Christian walk. In addition, especially in churches today, many professing Christians do not want to give up their old ways of catering to themselves to follow Christ. They want to find someone who will preach something else rather than being a disciple of Jesus Christ. I am not talking about deeds. I am talking about things that you want to do which puts you front and center, and not Christ, His work and His ways. Many are looking for preachers who will preach an easy message that caters to the flesh. Unfortunately, preachers are too willing to preach a polluted message that their congregations will accept. It is a message that does not demand any real commitment from them.

In addition, many who go to bible school look at Christianity as an opportunity to make a living. Paul says someone who preaches the Word is worth double honor. I believe that and preachers should be compensated. I have no problem with preachers being compensated. I have no problem with any of those things, but most of the Christian world today looks at bible schools, bible colleges, and bible universities as an opportunity to make some type of living in the Christian world. I am not just talking about preaching. There are many avenues to pursue that have the label of being something a Christian gets involved with in the secular and Christian worlds. It is not often to find many preachers with the burning desire to get the message out, even if they do not get any gain from it. They know their gain is another soul snatched away from the devil's kingdom that now has an opportunity to know Jesus, who He was, what He did for them. And they can now know how they will benefit not only here and now by being a changed individual developing into a person that Christ wants them to be, but also in the hereafter throughout eternity.

Just the same, there are a lot of false prophets and religious impostors in sheep's clothing. Inside, however, scripture says in verse 15, ***'they are ravening wolves,'*** and when in packs, wolves stock their victims to devour them. I remember seeing a program once about wolves and how in packs they stalk, hunt, and destroy their prey. It is not a pretty picture. They are ferocious in their purpose to satisfy their hunger. Christians are the same way. They allow these false prophets and religious impostors to be placed in positions because they say what they think needs to be said to satisfy their need. Some of these preachers are very cunning in their ways and are like wolves in how they stalk and hunt. When they have the opportunity, they just quickly pounce on the opportunity and then begin to take advantage of their congregations. There is more of that than you think. I am not saying everyone is like that but Jesus, in His time, put out the warning to be aware of these religious impostors because they are in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

In Matthew 7:16, Christ goes on to say, ***"Ye shall know them by their fruits."*** This is where most Christian thought goes in the wrong direction. As my mentor used to say, they become 'fruit inspectors' because most of the Christian world classifies these 'fruits' as things that they do to put on the outward appearance of doing good deeds or good things in the name of Christ, but it has nothing to do with that.

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good fruit."

'Good' in the Greek is ***'agathos.'*** It can be translated 'good', but in this case, a better translation would be, *profitable, useful, or balanced*. With that understanding, this verse can be read, ***"Even so every profitable and useful tree bringeth forth balanced and proportional fruit;"*** The illustration being used here is fruit trees, where awkward looking fruit that is too small, or too large is not wanted. What is wanted is fruit that is balanced, proportional and 'good,' or *agathos, profitable and useful*. That is what the original language is saying.

"Even so every profitable and useful tree bringeth forth balanced and proportional fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

“A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit...” The King James translates this as 'evil.' A better translation would be *malicious or mischievous* fruit because that particular branch or tree produces what it wants to produce, instead of what it was designed to produce.

“A good tree cannot bring forth malicious or mischievous fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.”

“Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down....” Literally, *cut down*. Just as John 15:2 tells us, if a branch does not produce the necessary fruit that Christ wants, it will be cut down. However, the ones that do produce good fruit will flourish even more.

Returning to Matthew 7:19, we read, ***“Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit [or balanced and proportional fruit] is hewn [cut] down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”***

Although this author stated that God did not create evil by quoting the verse, ***“A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can corrupt tree bring forth good fruit,”*** I would not start there when trying to understand where evil originated because the context does not apply. These verses are often taken out of context, which is why I went over these verses.

Verse 20 says, ***“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them,”*** and causes many to become fruit inspectors believing if someone is a good preacher or a good man or woman, they will do this or that to demonstrate to the rest of the world how good they are. Luke 6 is where we can find out what Jesus was actually saying here about examining fruit. Remember the context of the whole chapter in Matthew is about judging others. That is how it begins and you do not want to get into a situation where you are examining and judging other people's fruit. That puts you in a place of judgment on others, making you a fruit inspector, which is uncalled for and not allowed in God's Word.

In Luke 6:43, Luke brings up the subject of judging others and begins just as Matthew 7 begins. Luke writes,

“For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.”

Remember the context is still to beware of false prophets who try to produce corrupted fruit in your life. Right there is the clue that they cannot produce our fruit. Only Christ can do that. That is why I took the time in the first year of this ministry with Galatians 5:22, and what Paul wrote about the Fruit of the Spirit and all of its attributes. We cannot produce fruit and if we try, it would be unprofitable and there would be no use for it. Verse 45 in Luke 6 tells us why.

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart [meaning what is in his heart] bringeth forth that which is good [profitable and useful]; and an evil man [malicious or mischievous man] out

of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance [some translations say super abundance] of the heart his mouth speaketh.”

In the original context of this whole set of verses the ‘mouth’ were the false prophets and the religious impostors, and even yourself if you put yourself in the position of judging others, being fruit inspectors. This phrase, *“for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh”* is not about good deeds or good works we do thinking they will produce good fruit in our lives. No, it is about what we hear, and more importantly about what preachers, pastors, and any other office of the church, who preaches to the public, to their congregations, or to people who want to hear God's Word.

Galatians 5:22 states, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love [agape or agapao], joy [chara], peace [eirene], longsuffering [makrothumia], gentleness [really kindness], goodness [agathosune, generous giving], faith [pistis], Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

In other words, Paul is saying there is no law that can produce these kinds of attributes that the Fruit of the Spirit produces. As I have preached before, if you abide in Christ and He abides in you, He will produce the necessary fruit in your life that He wants you to have. It is not something you can do on your own. That is why Paul says of *“such there is no law.”* It is not something we can do on our own. We cannot produce good fruit, but we can produce malicious and mischievous fruit.

In verses 24-25, Paul writes, *“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections [desires] and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*

That phrase, *‘walk in the Spirit’* is also in verse 16 and Paul is very clear. He is referring to the progress we make in the Spirit by faith. In verse 25 Paul states, *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk....”* A different Greek word is used there. It means walking in a line just as soldiers who are marching. In other words, if we live in the Spirit, understand that we are soldiers of Jesus Christ, progressing in the faith, and faith will produce the righteousness that is given to us by God and now God's Spirit can dwell in the container of faith. Then He decides which attribute of the fruit He wants us to have. Now my desire is to have all of them and so should yours, but Christ is in control if John 15 is correct, and I believe it is. They are Christ's words. Christ will produce the necessary fruit in our life, but the key is to abide in Him. And what Jesus is telling people in Luke chapter 6 is that we will know the difference between these false prophets and religious impostors. Are they trying to produce fruit with their own power, robots in the name of whoever this preacher or pastor is, or are they trying to preach from their heart if truly captured by the Word of God and seeking what the Word of God is trying to say to us. We know them not by the way they look or act, but by what they preach, we know them because *“for of the abundance of the heart [whether good or evil] his mouth speaketh.”*

God's Word is full of instruction about how to determine this. We do not do this by putting ourselves as judge, but through seeing if what they say lines up with God's Word. In some cases, it is not that easy. Unfortunately, anybody behind a pulpit can say anything and there will always

be somebody who believes they have God's only message, so many are led astray and fall into the ditch together. It is not that easy to tell the difference. That is why you need a firm foundation in God's Word. Know what it truly is saying from the beginning, and how it will be the final word at the end before the beginning of the ultimate new beginning and that is eternal life.

Even though I understand why this author used this verse here, I necessarily would not start there. We need to go back to the background to why this author believed that. This author writes,

“God did not create ‘Evil.’ ‘A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.’ If God did not create “Evil,” then how did it originate? ‘Who made the enemy’? [Why did the devil turn out the way he turned out?] If Satan did not originate evil in his own heart, then it must have been implanted in his heart from some outside source. This would require the co-existence of ‘Good’ and ‘Evil’ in the Universe, and rob God of His Sovereignty.”

Exactly, but that is not the way it is or the way it was. God did not create evil. It did not exist at the same time from the beginning alongside God, if we could even understand what the beginning was.

“This would require the co-existence of ‘Good’ and ‘Evil’ in the Universe, and rob God of His Sovereignty. Some hold that ‘Evil’ is necessary to properly develop and perfect free moral agents.[That is preached today.] If this be true, then ‘Evil’ must have had an eternal beginning and been in the purpose of God, for all of God's creatures were created ‘free moral agents.’ If God had made them otherwise they would have been mere machines with no will of their own. While it is true that overcoming evil perfects character, it is not true that evil is necessary for such perfection. To be a ‘free moral agent’ implies that one has the power of ‘choice.’ When God created the angels, and all the glorious beings that He originally created, there was no sin or ‘Evil’ in the Universe.”

I truly believe that when God created the angels and everything else that He created before Adam, there was no sin or evil existing in the known universe. As free moral agents, they had the power of choice between good and evil, just as Adam did.

“...but between following the ‘Will of God,’ or their ‘Own Will.’ [In other words, they had the choice between good and evil, or to follow the will of God.] As long as Satan chose the ‘Will of God’ there was no ‘Evil’ in the Universe, but the moment he chose to follow his own Will, then he fell, and by persuading others to follow him he introduced ‘Evil’ into the Universe.”

I have preached a lot on the will of God, or *thelema* in the Greek. Too many people seek the will of God not even understanding what the will of God is. Jesus made God's will quite clear when He was in the garden, ***“Let this cup pass before me: nevertheless, not as I will, but thine will, O Father.”*** Not Jesus' personal will at the time, knowing what He was going through, and knowing what He went through in that garden. Not enough attention has been given to it. What do you truly believe when reading the story of what Christ went through in that garden? Stop to think about the possibilities. Satan knew very well that his moments were numbered – and I say

moments. At that particular time, Satan tempted Christ with all he could, especially in the 40 days and 40 nights when He fasted at the beginning of His ministry, the beginning of those last three-and-a-half years. Not enough is preached on these subject matters to make an impact and show how they relate to spiritual warfare.

“As long as Satan chose the ‘Will of God’ there was no ‘Evil’ in the Universe, but the moment he chose to follow his own Will, then he fell, and by persuading others to follow him he introduced ‘Evil’ into the Universe. The root of sin is SELFISHNESS, and when Satan said- ‘I will ascend into Heaven, (from the original earth over which he was ruling), I will exalt MY THRONE above the ‘Stars of God’ (other ruling powers) [mentioned in Ephesians 6:12] . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH,’ then Satan was guilty of TREASON, and started a REBELLION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD that will never cease until he and all his followers are cast into the ‘Lake of Fire’ to spend Eternity.”

What this author is referencing is from Isaiah 14:13 and 14. Satan says, I will ascend, I will exalt my throne, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like treason, and I will be like the Most High. Then he began his rebellion against the government. There are five I's in that chapter when Satan is declaring what he is going to do. I, I, I, my will, or in this case Satan's will.

Jesus denied himself. He could have called angels to deliver Him from the situation He was in, instead, He denied Himself and took up the cross that only He could fulfill. No other person could. Too many people mix that scripture up with their own personal cross, even though there are plenty of other scriptures that deal with our personal cross. But there it is; denying yourself, taking up your cross, or become involved in God's work, whether it is giving or participation in some other manner, and following Jesus.

Go to Matthew 26:36, which shows a concept of evil that everybody seems to think they have. Evil originated with Satan's rebellion. He did not want to do the will of his father any longer, but his own will for his own purposes and gain. I understand that this author started with Matthew 7 as his reference because false prophets and religious impostors will always secretly seek their own way, convincing you that they are more concerned about how you are going to get to heaven and how you are going to grow in Christ. They pretend to care, but inside they are nothing but wolves seeking to devour you and you are not even aware of it, and their damage is long lasting pulling you away from God's truth.

Matthew 26:36 is about selfishness, a root of sin because of seeking our own way and our own desires, and even though it is unpopular, it is Christ's message and I am just preaching what Christ has already told us, trying to make it real for you today.

Verse 36 begins, ***“Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. [Just sit.] And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful [The Greek is to grieve inwardly.] and very heavy.***

Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. [Sit, watch.]

And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will [not my desire], but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"

These disciples were not stupid. They might seem dumb at certain times in scripture, especially in the gospels, because of some of the things they said and some of their reactions, but we would have done the same thing. Christ asks, "Couldn't you watch with me one hour?" Up to now, Jesus gave enough hints that the hour had come to get their attention enough that they should not want to miss anything. The disciples knew Jesus was saying a lot of things that they did not quite understand. Although they did not know which direction He was taking them, they should not have been caught sleeping, but I will tell you why they fell asleep. Verse 41 continues with Christ saying,

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

The temptation was not that they fell asleep. The temptation was the unseen things that Christ was dealing with. They obviously could not perceive what Christ was agonizing, grieving, and exceeding sorrowful even unto death about. However, Jesus wanted them to be awake to watch and pray so that the unseen things He was confronting would not overtake them. However, certain demons have the power to produce sleep; not just any kind of sleep, sleep to the point where you cannot even wake up when things are happening around you. It is documented and real.

In verse 42 we read, ***"He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will [thelema once again] be done."***

The same story with Jesus in Gethsemane is found in Mark 14:32-36 told just a little differently than in Matthew. It begins,

"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray."

And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; [What was He being 'sore amazed' about? Not because the disciples fell asleep. What was He being 'sore amazed' about?]

And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch."

I have the firm belief that as Jesus was going to Gethsemane there was an unseen legion of fallen angels, demons, and the devil himself ready for the last opportunity they had to stop Jesus from going to the cross, which would set their final destiny forever in stone. If they were able to keep Jesus from going to that cross, their doom, even at the worst conclusion of it, would be delayed considerably, if not forever. Jesus knew what was around Him, what He was facing, and that is why He was sore amazed. He was amazed at personally seeing His opposition when all He

wanted to do was talk to His Father. Do not forget, Jesus was also a man. He came in a tent of human flesh and dwelt in a tent of human flesh to identify with us. He had the same feelings and concerns and He too was wondering if there was another possible way, but He came to the conclusion quickly there was no other possible way. He was the only begotten Son sent by God – allowed to be sent by God, because I am sure Jesus also volunteered in the heavenlies to be that willing suffering servant.

This was Satan's last opportunity at Gethsemane. Christ was not telling His disciples to watch and pray for earthly men that He knew were coming for Him to eventually take Him away to start the process of going to the cross. That is not why Christ was telling them to watch and pray. He was not telling them to watch and pray so they did not fall into the temptation of sleep because the flesh is weak. He knew what Satan and his demons could do, which included putting the disciples in such a deep sleep like they never experienced before in Gethsemane. Christ told them to watch and pray to be prayers warriors along with Him and be obedient servants so they could see the agony and grief Jesus was going through as He spoke to His Father and dealt with these unseen evil beings. But, because of their failure, we will find out in Luke what really happened. Before that, Mark goes on to write in verse 34,

“And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.

And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. [Satan and his unseen forces knew that.]

And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest:”

To conclude this story, go to Luke 22, which gives a different perspective about what truly might have happened. Verse 39 begins,

“And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will [thelema] but thine, be done.”

Now Luke adds something to the story here.

“And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.”

There are two reasons I believe that angel appeared. First, it was because of His disciples' failure to watch and pray along with Him. They did not do it and fell into the temptation of sleep. They

did not need sleep at that time, but put yourself in those disciples' place. They knew what Jesus had been saying for three-and-a-half years and they knew what He said at that Last Supper. There were three of them with Jesus and they knew those were strange times with Jesus saying some strange things they could not comprehend. So why did they not decide to take turns sleeping? They did not know how long Jesus would be there, but obviously, they could not even stay awake for one hour to do what Jesus had asked, to watch and pray. I hope this helps you understand what was there in that garden. It was more than just three disciples and Jesus. Those disciples were not ready for spiritual warfare and took Jesus' words for granted never applying them in their lives. They were not good soldiers of Jesus Christ ready for whatever was coming their way, especially there in Jerusalem where all the religious fanatics were at the time for the feast.

Also in Luke 22:43, there is a fourth character introduced. It says, ***“And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.”*** Those disciples and failures were there. Before you think I am too critical on the disciples, it probably would have happened to us as well. I am not going to tell you that I would have done a better job than they did, that I would have taken Jesus' instruction to watch and pray along with Him. Most of you would have done the same thing as the disciples and so would I, even after Jesus instructing for three-and-a-half years.

In this verse in Luke, an angel appeared from heaven strengthening Jesus, and He needed it. He was agonizing and grieving inwardly. He was sorrowful. In verse 44 it says,

“And being in an agony [In agony!] he prayed more earnestly [in the Greek it says, the intensity of his prayers increased dramatically].:”

The second reason that angel appeared was to fight the unseen forces trying to interrupt Christ's path to the cross. They were very well aware of what Christ's crucifixion truly meant. If Jesus did not go on the cross, then God's Word would have been a lie; it would not be fulfilled and Satan would still not only rule here on earth as the prince of the power of the air, but he also would have his domain still in the heavenlies.

In verse 44 Jesus, ***“...being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: [The intensity increased.] and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”***

As I said, Jesus suffered more than any one has ever suffered on this planet. Yes, many other people have died horrific deaths on the cross, but if you believe Isaiah 53, He also experienced every disease and illness that was, that is, and that will ever be. Every one of those diseases and illnesses Christ suffered along with the pain and agony of being tortured. No one can make that claim except Christ. He knew what He was heading for on the cross and He was willing to pay the price for our sins. Verse 45 goes on to say,

“And when He rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,”

They did not recognize what Jesus was facing. In addition, Luke also mentions that ***“there appeared an angel unto him from heaven.”*** Obviously that angel was still there when they finally awoke, when they finally recognized not only Christ was there, but also an angel. That angel was there not only to give Him encouragement, but as I said, to fight the unseen demonic forces and fallen angels that Jesus was facing. This was the devil’s last chance to change Christ’s path to the cross. The devil knew why He was there in Jerusalem and Satan has been trying to stop this from the beginning, since God announced in Genesis that there would be a Savior for our benefit to redeem us once again. But this Savior, because of the blood that would be spilled on the cross, would fulfill all prophesy including the prophesy of Satan’s destiny and all the ones that followed Satan, angelic beings, Adamite beings, or any type of created beings that their destiny would be the lake of fire throughout eternity. Satan’s rebellion is a rebellion against the government of God and will never cease until he is thrown into the lake of fire. Satan is the originator of evil. He chose to follow that path and tried to convince others, both angelic and Adam-like beings, to go down the same path he went. He is the creator of evil. Evil did not coexist along with God in the beginning.

To continue reading with this author about Satan, he writes,

“He Is the Adversary of God’s People.

The warfare between ‘Good’ and ‘Evil,’ as recorded in the Bible from Gen. 3:15 to Rev. 20:10; is most intensely interesting reading. Satan tempts Eve. She eats and Adam with her. Result the Fall. Satan to prevent the birth of the ‘Promised Seed’ causes Cain to kill Abel. To bring about the destruction of the human race Satan gets the ‘Sons of God’ to marry the ‘Daughters of Men.’ [Creating giants and abortions, especially in the land of the Canaanites, the land of future promise where the seed of David would rise and become a Savior for all mankind.] Result the Flood. To destroy the unity of the race Satan suggests the building of the ‘Tower of Babel.’ Result the ‘Confusion of Tongues.’ But the story is too long. All down through the Old Testament we see Satan at work trying to frustrate the plan of God for the ‘Redemption of the Race.’ When the time came that Christ was born it was Satan who prompted Herod to destroy all the male children at Bethlehem under two years of age. It was Satan who tried to overcome Christ when weakened by fasting in the wilderness, and who suggested that He throw Himself down from the Pinnacle of the Temple. The attempt of the people to throw Christ from the hilltop at Nazareth, and the two storms on the sea of Galilee were plans of Satan to destroy Christ; and when foiled in these Satan renewed the fight through Priests and Pharisees....”

When Satan tried everything to stop Christ from going to that cross, he was not successful. But, over and over again Jesus and His apostles warn about false prophets and false teachers. Does that give you a deeper understanding of Matthew 7:15? In Satan’s distorted view, what finally brought success in destroying Christ was the religious establishment of Christ’s time. As we get closer and closer to the end of time, there will be an uncountable number of false prophets and false teachers. It took Satan a while, but he finally figured it out. The religious establishment is the way to put an end to this Jesus nonsense. The religious establishment!

“The attempt of the people to throw Christ from the hilltop at Nazareth, and the two storms on the sea of Galilee were plans of Satan to destroy Christ; and when foiled in these Satan renewed the fight through Priests and Pharisees, and succeeded at last in getting Judas [his own disciple] to sell his Master. Then, amid the shades of Gethsemane, he sought to kill Christ by physical weakness before He could reach the Cross and make atonement for sin.”

Even though this author does not explain what he means by that, I am telling you there was an unseen battle in that garden that night that was the last and final hope that Satan had. His goal was to convince Christ from going to that cross because if he could do it, he won the fight, he won the battle, and he would keep on existing in his evil ways. That is what God's Word says! Satan would have kept on existing throughout the eons of time and we would never truly trust God and His Word if His World could not succeed with the promise from Genesis that Christ, a Savior, would come to reconcile everything destroyed by Satan and Adam's rebellion.

“... He could reach the cross and make atonement for sin. When Christ was crucified Satan thought he had at last conquered...”

I disagree. I do not think Satan thought that at all, but you would be surprised how many people in the religious Christian community actually believe Satan thought he conquered Christ because he killed Him on the cross. NO, HE DID NOT. Satan is a far more intelligent being than all of us. He knew the symbolism of all those sacrifices in the Old Testament and how they would be fulfilled in the New Testament through Jesus Christ. I totally disagree here with this author.

“When Christ was crucified, Satan thought he had at last conquered, but when Christ rose from the dead Satan's rage knew no bounds.”

Did Satan give up after Christ died on that cross and He went to Hades? Everybody thinks Hades is hell. It is only a part of Hades. Hades is an area before Christ's death where not only the wicked ones went, but also the ones who lived a life of faith. That was the present Paradise, along with another compartment of Hades and that is where the fallen angels who seduced the daughters of men, had intercourse with them, and produced the Nephilim, the giants, are imprisoned. Two hundred of them are imprisoned there waiting for judgment. Satan at that point did not give up because he knew quite well that the requirement for the full redemption of Adam was the presentation of the key, the blood, as I have taught about in Revelation 2, to be presented to the Father as the atonement for our sin.

“In all probability Satan and his angels contested the Ascension of Christ....”

With this, I agree because Satan knew exactly what Christ was carrying with Him during the first ascension when He rose from the dead. The first ascension was when He presented His blood to God, His Father, as the atonement for our sin, but He came back again and introduced Himself again to His disciples in His new body. How astonished they were. They knew what happened on that cross and they knew He was dead. I only can imagine what they might have felt and experienced when they saw Christ taken up in the clouds and promising to come back once again for us and them.

Putting this author in perspective, there was a battle in the first ascension when Jesus presented His blood, but after that presentation of truly the gift of eternal life for all of us was done. At that point, Satan had no doubts about his destiny. He was heading for the lake of fire because there is nothing stopping it now. Satan has no doubts that some will be redeemed because of what that blood did and it even made him more furious, more of an adversary, which is why it is so important to keep preaching on spiritual warfare, because this author concludes:

“... and the history of the Christian Church, is but one long story of ‘Irrepressible Conflict’ between Satan and God's people.”

He is right about that. There is conflict '*between Satan and God's people*,' but the promise is that we will overcome Satan and his plan for our lives. We must abide in Christ. We must be careful not to be fruit inspectors. Remember to those preaching the Word that out of the mouth the abundance of your heart will be demonstrated, if it is done the way God has laid out, or if it is done with an agenda, which is not part of God's plan at all. It is not always easy to identify. Satan is becoming very aware of what he has to put in the mouths of these false prophets and they are cunning, they are fast talkers, and they are smooth talkers. They have to be because the world is looking for change, but change that would be better for them over time because it meets the desires of the flesh instead of denying yourself, taking up your cross, and following Christ. In the religious world, the message is really the opposite of denying yourself. God's message is deny yourself – Satan's message is cater to your flesh. God's message is take up your cross for the cause of Christ – Satan's message is you do not need a cross. Christ's message is follow Him – Satan's message is follow me and I will make you happy, I will give you the desires of your life and your flesh. Look what I can do for you. Christ's path is nothing but pain and sorrow, so let me put preachers out there in the world that will make you feel good by their cunning words and deceitfulness that you do not even recognize.

We will overcome all that. I promise if you want the will of God in your life, then the starting point is to take up your cross, deny yourself, and follow Jesus. If you do that, He will abide in you. That is the promise from Jesus in John 15. He will abide in you and He will put the necessary attributes of the Fruit of the Spirit in your life to mold you into the creature that He wants you to become. Will there be headaches? Will there be pain? Will there be sorrow? Will there be things cut out of your life that you wish you could keep? Absolutely, but He knows what is best for us. We have tunnel vision. He sees the whole plan laid out before us in a way that we cannot see, so we must trust that He has our benefit constantly on His mind knowing what is best for us.

Romans 12:21 tells us, ***“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”*** It is not about good works either. There the translation is *with truth* to overcome evil with God's Word.

I want to finish by going to I John 5:4 where he writes, ***“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”***

This verse is our promise, to make our own. We are born of God, because we recognize what Christ did for us on the cross to reconcile us back to the Father. We acknowledge how precious His blood is, and how it overcame Satan and his plan and destiny for our lives. Our promise in

this verse is, ***“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world*** [everything temptation can attack us with]: ***and this is the victory that overcometh the world, our faith.***” Our faith in what Paul said in Romans 12:21, our faith in the truth, which is God's Word.

Verse 5 tells us, ***“Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that faitheth that Jesus is the Son of God?”***

Faith it and you too will be an overcomer of this world. We will have victory, not only here and now, but throughout eternity you will definitely recognize what Christ did for us and why you faith in Jesus the Son of God and no other. Satan, and what he attacks us with, is nothing but a counterfeit. Beware of the false prophets. Understand that evil did not originate with God. It originated with Satan because of rebellion, because of selfishness, because of all the I's described in Isaiah 14:13, where he wanted to exalt his throne even above the Most High God.

We will overcome the power that Satan has and the hold that he has in this world in our lives if we faith in Jesus. It is why at the close of every message I tell you to keep the good fight of faith going because it will get you there. God's Word gives us the knowledge to understand what is required when we say we are faithing in God's Word. Be overcomers. Have victory not only in this world, but in the world to come and we will rejoice because of our faith in the Son of God.

The Witch of Endor

As you know, this Spiritual Warfare series has been focusing on Ephesians 6:10 through 18. However, we are still in verse 12, which reads, ***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*** By now, you should know that the phrase ***“spiritual wickedness in high places”*** is translated correctly, *wicked spirits in the sky and air around us.*

Previously we have read from Genesis 6 and other books and sources that talked about the giants and where these wicked spirits came from. This chapter will return to the Book of Enoch, the Richard Laurence translation, and even though it is not the most recent translation, it is a good starting point especially if you have no other translation of the Book of Enoch, specifically the Ethiopic version. This book talks about the giants, the Watchers, and the fallen angels who cohabited with the daughters of men producing these giants.

Chapter 15:8 begins, ***“Now the giants, who have been born of spirit and of flesh, shall be called upon earth evil spirits [or wicked spirits mentioned in Eph. 6:12], and on earth shall be their habitation.”***

Meaning these evil spirits can only dwell here on earth. They have no access to the heavenlies. When these giants died, the evil spirits that came from them only had access to do their damage here on earth. They are not like the fallen angels and they are not like their fathers who are imprisoned in a certain section of ***Hades***. They are limited in their access.

Verse 8 continues, ***“Evil spirits shall proceed from their flesh, because they were created from above; from the holy Watchers [The 200 fallen angels as Enoch clearly states in earlier chapters in his writings.] was their beginning and primary foundation. Evil spirits [or wicked 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.

They shall cause lamentation. No food shall they eat; and they shall be thirsty; they shall be concealed, and shall not rise up against the sons of men, and against women; for they come forth during the days of slaughter and destruction.”

Here Richard Laurence's version makes a correction to this particular verse. The verse should read, ***“and shall rise up against the sons of men, and against women; for they come forth during the days of slaughter and destruction.”*** Nearly all the early manuscripts or translations contain the negative, but Charles, Knibb, and a few others believe the word 'not' should be deleted so the phrase should read ***“and shall rise up against the sons of men.”*** These evil spirits are rising up to oppress, to corrupt, to contend, to fall, to bruise upon the earth, and to cause lamentation and that is what they are doing.

There is a lot of confusion about fallen angels, principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness or these wicked spirits, so we will read from I Samuel. Now the demons are under the control of Satan because of their wickedness. As I said, they are not as powerful and they do not have the access to the universe as other fallen angels because they are confined only to this earth. However, they still do their damage, taking orders from their general, Satan, and other fallen angels who have authority to carry out Satan's wishes. They use every wicked evil source they can and these wicked spirits are part of that group. I could read story after story about hauntings and demonology. Some of you have probably heard this before, but I am not interested in just scaring you. My whole interest in this particular series is to prepare you and to make you aware of who your enemy is so you know your enemy. The reason why there are so many failed exorcisms and failed deliverances in homes that have these wicked spirits dwelling in them is because these individuals do not know how to deal with them. The first step in dealing with any of these beings is to know who they are and where they come from.

As an example, the military does not plan a campaign without really analyzing who the enemy is, its strengths and weaknesses, its capabilities; what type of weapons they have; how many soldiers there are; how much damage can be done to the opposing side; and how to avoid defeat from the lack of preparation in dealing with the enemy. Even Jesus said that we do not go to war without counting the cost and part of counting the cost is knowing who the enemy is and how to come against it. Paul goes into describing some of the armor that we need to wear on a daily basis and it is the type of armor we never take off.

It is important to concentrate on these wicked spirits because they are the foot soldiers under the command of principalities and powers that they answer to. This is what we deal with and what Jesus dealt with on a day-to-day basis. Many have the illusion that Satan is everywhere. No, he is not, which is why other fallen angels and wicked spirits are under his control and follow his orders

Now let us look at some of the other ways that these wicked spirits, not necessarily the devil, bring confusion and doubt to mankind, and also cause confusion and doubt in our understanding of God's Word. In regards to the verses in I Samuel 28, about half believe Samuel actually rose from the dead and the other half does not believe he did and they focus on certain parts of scripture to prove their point. With that, let us begin with I Samuel 28:3,

“Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. [The Urim and Thummin was the breastplate with stones. If asked a yes or no type of question, certain stones would show their brilliance to determine the answer.]

Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman...

I find the phrase ***“seek me a woman”*** interesting. Why did Saul not say, “seek me someone who has a familiar spirit; someone who communicates with the dead in the other world?” Instead, Saul said, ***“seek me a woman.”*** Anyone who studies it today knows that for many reasons women are more susceptible to practice and be successful in what was accomplished in this chapter. Now I am not picking on women. I am just stating facts. If you have never studied it or done any research on what I just said, do not worry about it. Go ahead if you want to, but I will get to it at a later time. There is plenty of recorded factual history showing why women are more susceptible to this type of ‘familiar spirits’ than men. I am not saying men are immune to it because there have been men who did exactly what is described here in this chapter, and beyond the practice of speaking with the dead, but there are more women who do than men. There is a reason for it and I will get to it later. Returning to verse 7, Saul says,

“Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.”

She was obviously a very popular woman because prior to this Saul gave the order to have these people familiar spirits and wizards put out of the land, but now he is seeking a woman and he is not asking for just any woman with psychic abilities. He is probably looking for the best one that his people could find who would communicate and carry out what he was trying to accomplish, and they tell him ***“...there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.”*** So obviously, his servants knew where this woman was located and obviously, she was popular enough because of the success she probably had in the past that was known by others. And even though the practice was banned, probably everyone still knew where she was. Verse 8 goes on the read,

“And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?”

The woman was concerned for her own well-being. She was not going to be trapped by this individual she does not know or caught in the act of bringing up familiar spirits. Her own life was on the line and she did not want to die.

Saul's response is in verse 10, ***“And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.***

Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.”

She knew this was Saul because the spirit, whether it was Samuel, a demon, or a wicked spirit, notified her who the person in disguise was.

“And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice....” Have you ever wondered why she cried with a loud voice? If she had been practicing these rituals and communicating with the dead, if she was all that she said she was with the reputation that followed her, then why would she cry out with a loud voice? Why would Samuel scare her? Often these witches are mediums and they would fall into trances to become a mouthpiece for these departed ones to communicate through them. They did not see the familiar spirits or even see an outline of them and they sure could not recognize who they were. As a result, you would scream, you would shout, you would cry; you would do whatever you would do out of fear if you saw what she saw acting as a mouthpiece for the spirit.

“And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice[She was scared!]: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.” [The spirit told her this.]

And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.”

'Gods' is plural in the Hebrew here. She saw a spirit representing Samuel, but I am a firm believer because the word used there in the Hebrew that she saw more than that probably for the first time in her life. She saw ***‘gods ascending out of the earth.’*** Many translations say ‘angels,’ but are not specific about what type of angels. There are good and bad angels. There are angels that still follow God and do His bidding for Him, and there are other angels in total rebellion and have long ago stopped following God and now follow their new leader Satan. What this woman saw was horrifying and frightful. Saul continues in verse 14,

“And he said unto her, What form is he of? [A better translation is, ‘What is his form?’ proving that there was no way Saul saw what she was describing.] And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. [If she was not seeing Samuel, then the spirit was in a disguise of someone who looked like Samuel; something that a prophet would have worn.] And Saul perceived [The Hebrew is, Saul understood.] that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted [really, ‘angered’] me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:”

The spirit knew this because Satan has fallen angels assigned to us with understanding beyond our ability. They know everything about us. We cannot keep secrets from the unseen world where these beings dwell. Wherever we are, there is a spirit assigned to us 24 hours a day, whether we are asleep or awake. These evil spirits and principalities are assigned to us to make sure things go wrong in our lives to distract us and make us drift away from what God has purposed for our life. We cannot keep something a secret from the devil and his agents, especially if the work is presented in some type of written or verbal communication. These

spirits will start doing what they want to destroy, sidetrack or damage what God is trying to accomplish as soon as they know about it. They use earthly beings and organizations, whether it is a government institution or some person on the street who is nothing more than a piss-ant, or annoyance. However, let us return to Samuel:

Verse 17 continues, ***“And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:”***

As I said, you did not need to be Samuel to understand this. This was already professed earlier in I Samuel. It was because of Saul's disobedience, wanting to do things his way instead of God's way. Once Samuel declared this, it was recorded and never forgotten by the unseen forces. So that statement from the spirit does not prove to me that this was Samuel. Satan knows more about us than we know about ourselves. The spirit goes on to say in verse 18,

“Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day, Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”

How could Satan and these demonic forces have known that? Remember, before anything ever happens on earth, especially things of this nature, which are not small events, it was known about in the heavenlies prior to happening down here.

“Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines:”

Perhaps God said, “Enough is enough; make sure this battle is lost.” He could have been saying it to Michael their protector. Satan cannot be everywhere, but he has plenty of foot soldiers in all types of ranks to carry out his wishes. That is what most people do not understand about demonology. Satan's military campaigns would put anything to shame that this country, the United States, can do. This is one of the most powerful countries for launching military campaigns anywhere in this world and the devil would put the United States to shame. His capabilities are so much greater and what he can accomplish is so much more. This is why so many disagree about whether or not this spirit was Samuel. Think about it. Would it be that surprising in verse 19 for Satan to announce what was going to happen to Saul and the Nation of Israel about this event? Would it be that far of a stretch to imagine that once God declares something? Michael the archangel and other angels, are assigned to that nation as a whole and nothing is going to happen to it unless God declares to them what will happen. God decides what He will allow and will not allow, and His obedient creations are watching, protecting and communicating on behalf of that nation. Do not get stuck in tradition. It would not be difficult to imagine that God had made His decision and this medium or familiar spirit was being used to communicate it to whoever this was. Why would God speak only through God's chosen prophets? Give me chapter and verse that says only God's chosen can do this. Do not box God in.

Before I go any further, I want to read something that was written about 36 years ago which addresses I Samuel 28.

“In 1 Samuel 28:7-25, we have an amazing story of spiritism at its worst. [Spiritism is another way of saying demonism.] The witch of Endor had a familiar spirit- that is to say, she was possessed and motivated by an evil spirit who ‘divined’ messages from the unseen occult state. The demon spirits in her, in favorable circumstances such as a trance, would communicate their thoughts through the mouth of a human witch. [Today we call it a medium.]

It is strongly emphasized amongst spiritists, who now claim the title ‘Christian Spiritualists,’ that this account is a classic case of a medium bringing Samuel back out of the unseen state, and that the whole story illustrates the ‘truth’ that it is possible not only to communicate with dead persons but also to see them in bodily manifestation. The wording of the Scripture would seem to bear this out. Saul said to the witch, ‘Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice and said, ‘An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle.’ And Saul perceived that it was Samuel... And Samuel said to Saul, ‘Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?’ to which Samuel replied: ‘Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?’

If Samuel really did appear and speak to Saul, then the laws of God would have been set aside. God would have contradicted what He already said and spoken through Samuel when he was alive. This is an impossible contradiction. In 1 Samuel 28:6, we read that Saul inquired of the Lord and the Lord answered him not. The three major means whereby God would speak to Saul were close: dreams in the night to his spirit, the Urim and Thummim in the breastplate of the High Priest, and the voice of His prophets. Saul was literally cut off from God and all means of communication with Him. In desperation he sought another means forbidden by God- a voice from the pit. It was an absolute impossibility that God would speak to him, and we will endeavor to prove this.

In the law, [Remember these people were under the law at the time.] we read, ‘And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul and will cut him off from among his people’ (Leviticus 20:6). The law was clear. Saul disobeyed it [He was accustomed to disobeying God and it was not the first time. That is what got him in the mess to start with.]; therefore, in going to a woman who had a familiar spirit (a demon) [or wicked spirit], he received the reply of that demon, because all communication with God ... was severed. Saul himself was no longer considered a child of God, and he was cut off from among his own Israelite people. As we read later, Jesus spoke of a branch of the vine being pruned or cut off the tree; it then died and was burned. (see John 15.) This was the... fate of King Saul. It was not Samuel who spoke to Saul; it was a demon spirit impersonating Samuel, and this spirit could be materialized since this possibility exists even in advanced spiritism [It existed back then, and believe me it exists now, probably even more so now than ever.] The Witch of Endor was a very powerful medium.

Saul confessed to the demon impersonating Samuel that God would not speak to him anymore, either by dreams or by prophets. How then could this be a prophet speaking to Saul when he already confessed that the voice of the prophet was silent? It could only be an impersonator.

***This seems to be made very clear in the final account of the tragic death of King Saul. 'So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; and enquire not of the Lord; therefore he slew him.'* (1 Chronicles 10:13-14)."**

Even though this author does not give the scripture references, he was referring to Saul's death found in I Chronicles 10:13, ***"So Saul died for his transgression which he transgressed [The King James says 'committed.'] against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it..."*** This is telling us that Saul died because of all the transgressions he committed against the Lord. Saul went against the Word of the Lord, he did not keep it, and he asked a familiar spirit to talk to the dead, which is not found in I Samuel 28.

In many cities, there are places to go for physic readings everywhere. Especially here in Los Angeles, it seems like there is a physic reader in every square mile. People want to talk to the dead or talk to other spirits so they can find out their destiny, whether they should make a financial decision, or whether to even have children. However, to trust in anything except the Lord thy God and Jesus Christ was an abomination back in the Old Testament, and believe me, it is still an abomination today. Saul died because of his transgressions, going against the Word of God by not keeping it, and of enquiring from this familiar spirit to talk to the dead, in this case, to speak with Samuel.

Verse 14 goes on to say, ***"And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse."***

This was the final event and God stopped communicating with Saul, who wanted answers from God, but never had a true change of heart. This is my personal opinion and I have no scripture to back this up, but I do not think Saul would have died the way he did if it was not for that last act. Saul did things his way and would not do it God's way. He transgressed against the Lord horribly. This was the last act involving these wicked spirits that God so despised. They were the creation of fallen angels who cohabitated with the daughters of men and produced such wickedness which would not be seen again until the end of time, so God slew him. Saul would probably have died eventually, there is no doubt about it, and David would have taken over because it was God's promise. God declared it was going to happen and nothing would ever change that. I do not think Israel at that time would have lost that battle with the Philistines if Saul did not enquire using the method that was such an abomination to the Lord.

Even though, it almost seems like there was still hope here and that is the beauty about it. When does God ever give up on mankind? Yes, He will harden our hearts and because our heart cannot be penetrated, we go beyond redemption. Pharaoh proved that. However, here it says ***"enquired not of the LORD; therefore he slew him."*** Saul asked the prophets and the priests. Saul wished for dreams, but he never said, "Unto thee O God, I have sinned." He never got down on his face, which was the practice in those days and said, "I might be beyond redemption O Lord, but do not let this happen to the rest of Israel. Take my life but spare them." Remember, he was king, and Saul did not even care about his people or his nation. He was only concerned about Saul. What would God have done instead? He might not have responded to Saul, but He might have spared

the defeat of that battle. What would God have done if he just had a change of heart at least for the sake of the nation, but he did not and God was angry with him. I understand what this author is saying. Saul ***“enquired not of the LORD; therefore he slew him.”*** He died because of his transgressions, completely disobeying what the Word of the Lord said in not keeping His commandments, and finally from enquiring of this familiar spirit. Returning to this author, we read,

“The reason for his untimely death was because he inquired of an evil spirit. God would not have allowed him to die if he had inquired of God.”

I necessarily do not believe that, but I do believe God probably would not have allowed what happened to the rest of the people who paid the horrible consequence, including his faithful son Jonathan to David. Think about that.

“It is clearly stated that communication was with a demon spirit, because all communication with God had been completely and finally severed. Saul did not speak to Samuel. He spoke to an evil occult spirit impersonating Samuel, and God had no alternative under the dispensation of the law but to cause His judgment to operate. Saul died.

It is very important to remember that Saul did not seek the Lord; he went to seek a woman that had a familiar spirit. (See 1 Samuel 28:7.) Saul already sought the Lord but only received silence.”

Actually, Saul did not seek the Lord himself. He tried seeking the Lord through other means and God saw right through it, which I have already explained.

“The ministry of Samuel was to be a prophet, a mouthpiece of God. God spoke to Saul and others through Samuel. No other voice came through him because he was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Peter makes it clear that the ancient prophets spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit: ‘For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost’ (2 Peter 1:21). Even when Balaam tried to prophesy for financial gain, the only words that came out of his mouth were from the Holy Ghost.

Assuming that Saul did indeed see and talk to Samuel [which he did not] in the witch's home, no words would have come out of his mouth, for God had already shown that He would never speak to Saul again by a prophet. The genuine Samuel would have been silent like his God. All that Saul hoped to gain was supernatural information from a source other than God; therefore, he went to inquire of the familiar spirit, which is specifically mentioned as one of the sins of Israel in Isaiah 8:19, where inquiring of the dead by the agency of the familiar spirits is contrasted with seeking after God.”

Turn your Bibles to Isaiah 8:19 to see what this author is saying here. Now Isaiah is giving a warning of the coming Assyrians throughout chapter 8. Then verse 19 says, ***“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?”*** In other

words, why would she seek them. It goes against what God told us not to do. We should instead go seek God and God only because He is the living God, so why should we seek the dead. This author goes on to say,

“Therefore he went to inquire of a familiar spirit, which is specifically mentioned as one of the sins of Israel ... where inquiring of the dead by the agency of familiar spirits is contrasted with seeking after God. It seems we have the other side of the prophetic coin here. One side enables us to communicate with God by his Holy Spirit, and the other with evil spirits simulating the dead.

When the witch was using her occult powers, she was alarmed when she saw what appeared to be Samuel [Scripture says she cried out with a loud voice. She screamed out of fear.], plus other spirits referred to as ‘gods’ ascending from the earth. We already explained that when God commands us not to serve ‘other gods,’ He had in mind that we should not serve the demons behind the idols of the heathen. The first commandment, ‘Thou shalt have no other gods before [or instead of] me,’ is immediately followed by the second commandment ... ‘Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image’ (Exodus 20:3-4).

It is impossible to worship an unseen occult spirit without some visible manifestation to represent the deity behind that image. This is why some idols are so hideous, especially in China, for the worshippers have actually seen the appearance of the gods they worship. Witch doctors, swamis, holy men, and high priests are merely the mediums through whom the demons manifest themselves. All heathen religions of any form are of the occult. It is unfortunate that the practice of making ‘holy images’ crept into the Church at the time of Constantine, when he forced everyone of note in the pagan Roman Empire to be baptised by decree to become ‘Christians.’ The heathens succeeded by bringing their idols into the Church by giving them Christian names.

There is a good reason why the Bible teaches us that no man has ever seen God. He is the invisible God and the only way we are going to ‘see’ Him is by seeing the Son. (See John 14:9.)”

Which says, *“Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?*

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works [or the employment of those works].” The only way we will be able to see God is through His Son. That is what Jesus was saying in these two verses. Returning to the author,

“Jesus is the express image of the invisible God, and no stone or wooden statue will portray God Almighty! The Bible says Hezekiah had to destroy the brazen serpent which Moses put up on a pole, because after people were healed by looking on it (for a typified Christ) it became an idol worshipped by the Israelites. As soon as we start to worship the creation rather than the Creator, we are into the world of the occult.”

Now my mentor spent some time on that subject. As Romans 1:21 declares, ***“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.***

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Verse 25, ***Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”***

Worship of the creation was nothing new in the Old Testament, it was nothing new in the New Testament, and it is nothing new now. We will turn anything that we can identify and see with our own eyes and worship the creation instead of the Creator.

In addition to that, this author states,

“In Deuteronomy 18:11, one of the forbidden practices was that of consulting with familiar spirits.”

We can actually read about that beginning in verse 9 of chapter 18. ***“When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.***

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard....

For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Thou shalt be perfect [complete or upright in the Hebrew] with the LORD thy God.”

God did not want any part of this. It was not God’s plan for Samuel to come back through a medium or a familiar spirit to get the word to Saul, who He had stopped speaking to a long time before because of his disobedience and rebellion. It is insane to think that He would. By the way, Saul never asked the familiar spirit to speak with God. Saul never explained that he already tried the prophets, stopped receiving messages in dreams, or answers through the stones when they change color, and the high priests were no help. He never asked the familiar spirit, witch, or medium if he could speak with God.

“As we have said, Saul had no intension of consulting with God. His intention was clear; he sought out a witch with a familiar spirit.

The evil spirit impersonating Samuel would, of course, have known Samuel's ways of life and many details that occurred in his life.”

Do not forget that once we become a chosen individual of God, and even before we are chosen, demons are assigned to us, whether we are a Christian or not, to know every aspect of our life; how we eat, how we sleep, what our personality is like, how we worship or not worship, and our favorite things to do. We have wicked spirits assigned to us to track every aspect of our life from

the day we are born. These demons become familiar with all aspects of our life. Then when we become Christians, they are fully armed with all the information they need to know and communicate to their commanders in their army to get their marching instructions in how to attack us and bring us down. We need to understand. I am trying to be as basic as I can to make you aware of what you are facing. That is why this author states,

“The evil spirit impersonating Samuel would, of course, have known Samuel's ways of life and many details that occurred in his life. Where demons appear in the spiritist séances and communicate ‘messages,’ it is highly probable that they actually lived in the departed person, and so could actually speak the language and accent of that person. We are not suggesting that this was so in the case of Samuel. He was a servant of God and therefore a much spirited enemy of Satan. No doubt Satan and his demons had watched his every move for many years. Given the right circumstances, demons can speak in other languages as well as prophesy through spiritist mediums. These demons will prophesy through false prophets- right in our churches- and in Deuteronomy 13:1-3 we read that their instruction would be to serve ‘other gods.’ ”

I found that very curious so I found it in Deuteronomy 13. Verse 1 begins, ***“If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”*** This verse is telling us that someone is trying to convince you to go after these familiar spirits and other evil associations that communicate with these demonic forces.

Back to this author:

“These demons will prophesy through false prophets- right in our churches- and in Deuteronomy 13:1-3 we read that their instruction would be to serve ‘other gods.’ [Which God does not want us to do.]

God permits these poor deluded souls to be in our midst, for He said that He wants to ‘prove us to know whether we love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul.’ Here we get the contrast approach, learning the positive from the negative. If we never hear a false prophesy or come into contact with a false prophet (or prophetess), then how will we recognize the true one? The spirits that inhabit these prophets are called ‘lying spirits’ in the Bible, and we are counseled to test the spirits whether they are of God. ‘Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.’ ”

This author was quoting from I John 4:1, which states:

“Beloved, believe [the Greek word is *pisteuo*, *faith*] not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

Unfortunately, this verse gives licence to too many Christians to test every preacher, pastor, and evangelist that they come across, but do not take this scripture out of context. We are to try the spirits whether they are coming from God or not because there are many false prophets that are gone into the world as John wrote here. Moreover, John tells us how to do that.

Verse 2 tells us how, ***“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:”***

There are other parts of scripture where demons have confessed that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, but we need to understand the meaning of the word 'confesseth' in the Greek. In this verse, it means *confessing or declaring the truth in what Jesus came here to do in a sense of praise that you also have been delivered from it*. So to just read 'confess it' does not really capture the whole meaning. These spirits will not do that because even though they recognized who Jesus Christ was in the flesh here on earth, they would not acknowledge what He did, what brought salvation, and what His blood did to conquer death and the grave forever.

Verse 3 tells us, ***“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”***

Back to chapter 4:1, ***Beloved, believe [or faith] not every spirit, but try the spirits...”***

Try them about whether they are preaching faith and the way Jesus described love that He commanded in John 15. Many sit in judgment and critique every word that comes out of a pastor's mouth claiming to 'try the spirit' to see if it is truly from God. They really set themselves up as a know-it-all, arrogant person, not chosen by God to declare His Word, by judging the one who is preaching the Word. On the other hand, I differ with a lot of preachers, but does that mean I am totally against that ministry and the way it represents itself on a particular subject? Not at all! Not all preachers will agree with each other, but that does not mean they are all going to hell if they do not.

To give one example, Paul came against Peter when he tried to slip tradition back in. At that time, because of tradition, individuals probably could not understand why Peter ate certain things with certain individuals. Paul withstood Peter to his face, calling him a hypocrite. Does it mean Peter missed heaven or from that day forward did not keep employing the Word of God? Of course not, but in scripture other fellow members who are chosen by God must critique each other. That is not up to congregations or individuals. Too many know-it-alls have used this scripture to misapply God's Word. They nitpick scriptures. That is why I spent a whole message about this. Furthermore, it is one of Satan's methods used to cause confrontation and judgement upon positions in the church by members of the congregation. In my opinion, they are abominations unto the Lord.

To 'try these spirits' listen to discover if they preaching faith in God's Word. Find out if they are confessing that Jesus Christ is who He was in the flesh, He came to die on that cross, and that

blood was spilled to save our miserable souls. In scripture, demons do not declare those things. That is how you try the spirits; do not misapply these scriptures.

Back to this author.

“Any prophesy that detracts from Jesus and advertises man is the utterance of a demon. The Holy Spirit is only sent to ‘glorify Jesus.’ ”

This is from John 16:14, ***“He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. [This is the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' own words, it will be coming and shall glorify Jesus.] All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.”***

This author continues,

“Any prophesy that detracts from Jesus and advertises man is the utterance of a demon. The Holy Spirit is only sent to ‘glorify Jesus.’ Saul came under the bondage of a lying spirit after he rebelled against God, and this spirit obviously enticed him to go to the witch.

Having identified the demon spirit that personified Samuel, we then find that he gave himself away to Saul. The final message that he gave us was, ‘Tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me’ (1 Samuel 28:19). The spirit was ‘brought up’ by the witch out of the pit called Sheol [Hades], or the place of departed spirits. Samuel was in Abraham's bosom, not in torment but at rest [prior to the resurrection] and nothing would disturb his sweet rest at the abode of the righteous dead.

There is a great gulf fixed between these two places, as we read in the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, but the rich man died, and was buried and went to hell! If we wish to enter into the eternal state of bliss, we must cross over the bridge of this great gulf by accepting the sacrifice of Jesus. And we must do this now. It is too late after death. Any teaching that is contrary to this simple truth is out of the pit, from a seducing spirit, and is the doctrine of demons. [See 1 Timothy 4.] There are many ... cults that deny the simple truths of the duality of the Gospel. Universalism, for example, teaches that all go to heaven ultimately. This is a teaching of an occult spirit. The only known case of a man being brought back from Abraham's bosom was that of Moses, who appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration. (See Matthew 17:1-18.)

This is found in Deuteronomy 34:5, ***“So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And he buried him [This gives the impression that the Lord buried him.] in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.”*** No man knows where Moses was buried.

This event is also referred to in Jude 1:9, ***“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending [battling] with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”***

Have you ever wondered why this event was so important? The Lord could have told Moses to crawl into one of the caves around the area and the Lord would take his breath away. Why would it matter concerning his body after that? The Lord would give Moses a new body. The body, the soul and spirit that he takes with him could not exist in that realm anyway. That is why we are getting glorified bodies in the future, including Moses. On the other hand, did he get his new body, prior to any of us ever getting it? Remember on the Mount of Transfiguration, Elisha was taken away in a chariot or ring of fire. Elijah was taken away and he also was on that Mount of Transfiguration. He was visible as a recognized person along with Moses and Jesus. How was that accomplished? These are questions I have raised and will definitely be talking about in the future.

Let us continue with what the author writes:

“The only known case of a man being brought back from Abraham's bosom was that of Moses, who appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration. We are distinctly told, however, this was an act of God...”

That is why the book of Jude is a very important book in the New Testament. It helps us understand why the Book of Enoch should not be taken for granted as fable. The Book of Enoch includes the dispute between the devil and Michael the archangel for Moses' body. This author goes on to say,

“We are distinctly told, however, that this was an act of God, not of a demonized witch or wizard. God ... can do as He wills. If we try to imitate him by interfering with the underground world of demons, we shall be ‘cut off’ and probably die before our time in sickness or mental disease.

In praying for the sick today we have been amazed at the number who have been engaged in some forbidden occult practice in past times. If we give our minds and bodies to these cruel spirits, they will take the place we give them, will refuse to leave, and will multiply in our minds and bodies like germs. They have to be confessed, forsaken, and cast out in the Name of Jesus before any release and healing can take place.”

That is true, but not complete. I will get there at another time. I brought this story to you because this is one of the ways that these wicked spirits do communicate and enter people's lives. There are also many other ways that we probably do not even know about. Be forewarned, it is an abomination to the Lord to be involved in these occult practices. Just as it was in Saul's day, it is still an abomination to the Lord today.

No, it was not Samuel who was raised. This familiar spirit did not know what happened when she saw ‘other gods,’ an old man in a mantel that Saul never saw with his own eyes, but they came disguised in a proper attire to fool Saul in believing that it was Samuel. Thank God this

story is in the Old Testament to give us a warning what to be aware of and how tricky, conniving, deceitful and evil all these wicked spirits, these fallen angels, and Satan himself are.

That is why Ephesians 6:11 tells us to stand against these methods, these *methodeias*. Verse 13 tells us twice to withstand, and having done all, to stand. All I can tell you is keep on standing against these evil forces. God has given us the equipment to do it, and He energized these weapons. Before I explain that, I want to familiarize you with what you can expect and how our culture has just accepted the practices. Many think these practices are some innocent thing. These mediums, fortune tellers, people who speak to the dead, think they are doing no harm and often benefit others because they can avoid certain things in their lives they might not have known about, and therefore prolong their lives and the quality of their lives. But it is misleading, it is deceitful, and it is one of the ways these wicked spirits operate.

My job, while preaching on this series as completely as I can, is to make you aware by using God's Word. Samuel was nothing more than an impersonating demon in verse 28 of that story. God would never communicate that way. He was totally against it and said it was an abomination to Him as outlined all the way back in Deuteronomy 18.

Open your spiritual eyes and stop being fooled by the Christian and non-Christian world about what scripture says. Stay away and keep standing against these evil forces because it is our commission. As much as we would like to, we cannot escape it. They were there from the beginning, as I said at birth, applying their devices against us. Their mission to put that wedge between us and Christ. Keep rebuking him, keep resisting him, keep pleading the blood of Jesus, and keep faithing in His Word and you too will be able to withstand against all their attacks.

Demonized

In Ephesians 6:12, Paul writes, ***“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [or evil spirits] in high places [or in the sky and air around us].”*** By now, you should know these evil spirits are the demons in the sky and air around us.

With that, I want to read from the Handbook for Spiritual Warfare, by Dr. Ed Murphy. This is a respected individual in this field, who has many good things to say, but there are some things I must address which has brought more confusion into this field. I say 'field' because many study it through a psychological perspective trying to determine why people, for instance, are unfortunately seized with mental incapacities and do not function the way they should. Moreover, there are Christians who want to rule out any possibility of some chemical or brain malfunction, whether because of diet, genetics, or anything else, to rule out the possibility of a physical problem in order to call these individuals demon possessed.

I am not saying that cannot happen because it does, but I think the Christian world comes to that conclusion too quickly. In the last chapter, I showed how Jesus healed and delivered people from demon possession by casting out the demons that caused them to be deaf, to be dumb or without speech, and other ailments. It does not mean everybody who is deaf, cannot speak, or has some other ailment is demon possessed. There are plenty of scriptures in the Gospels where Jesus did not have to cast out any demon to heal the same kind of ailments that plagued the people He was healing. I do not want anybody to take my words and twist them around and classify me as some nut thinking that just because someone cannot hear is demon possessed. That is not what I said. I said some individuals were plagued by demons that caused these ailments.

A demon would bring deafness to some individuals to remove all hope of ever hearing the truth. In this case, the possibility that Jesus would pass-by an individual and something would capture that individual giving them the strength and hope to resist Satan or his demons. Demons want to remove the hope of being cast out so they are not able to release a word of prayer or a word of desperation to the Lord or to Jesus. And, through being deaf, they would not even have the possibility of hearing that Jesus was coming to their town. Many times in the New Testament, the disciples went ahead of Jesus before He even arrived in certain towns and villages to announce His coming so people could gather to hear what Jesus had to say and obviously take advantage of His compassion for those who were sick and needed healing. Those who heard about His reputation and all the wonderful things He was saying wanted a first-hand experience so they could have hope, a future, the opportunity and confidence that there is a God, He is real and He has put himself in a tent of human flesh named Jesus. It is just as important that you listen and apply His words so you too can have the opportunity of everlasting life and be with your Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, forevermore.

Satan and his demons are blamed for just about anything under the sun. Yes, he deserves most of it, but some physical problems and some ailments happen from birth. Does that mean they were demon possessed in the womb? Of course not, but there are always certain groups of Christians

that take everything and apply made up reasons which are not in the New Testament or the Old Testament. They are just some concocted untrue theories.

With that introduction, let me go into “*Demonization and Individual Responsibility*” from Dr. Ed Murphy’s book. In this section, he is reviewing the work of psychologist Rodger Bufford and he has given his explanation about why demonization actually happens.

“Psychologist Rodger K. Bufford speaks of the state of ‘diminished mental capacities’ that exists not only in some cases of brain-mental malfunctions but also in severe cases of demonization. In such a state not only may an individual lose control when the demons take it, but the individual may become so effectively disabled mentally that the person may be unable to seek help or even realize a need for it.”

I agree with that; most people who have been demonized do not even realize they need help. I could point out examples in the Christian world and churches where people are demonized and do not even know it. One of Jesus' first encounters with demons in public was in the temple or synagogue, and He had to deal with them. So yes, I have no problem believing that those demonized lose the ability to have control of themselves, however, Hollywood has often over-exaggerated stories to make movies. For instance *The Exorcist* is so farfetched it is unbelievable. It makes people look for the sensational and only believe a person is demonized because they spin their head around or they are able to do physical things that normal humans could not do, like levitation. But often being demonized is not very noticeable.

“Bufford compares the diminished capacity of the severely demonized with that of those who abuse alcohol, especially ‘those who are genetically predisposed to alcoholism [and] may be unable to stop [drinking], and may have greatly lessened abilities to think rationally or to act morally as well.’ Yet Bufford concludes that such demonized persons remain morally responsible because they have reached this state through a variety of conscious decisions involving choosing to come under demonic influence. The Christian, with the indwelling Holy Spirit, belongs to God's kingdom, thus is protected from possession....”

Well if the Holy Spirit is in you, I have no argument with that, but a Christian can slip out of the state where the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. We receive the Holy Spirit by faith and with God's imputed righteousness in our being and we are now a container that is able to hold the Holy Spirit because God will not dwell in anything that is not righteous. We are righteous through Christ. By faith we faith in what He did at Calvary. He paid the price and reconciled us back to the Father. It is faith in God's Word that releases God's righteousness. He imputes it in our being and now our being is a container for the Holy Spirit, but the condition is to remain in faith, exercising faith in our life, not just on occasion, but continually day by day. Without it, God will not dwell in us. It is not “once saved always saved.” Paul uses language that really compares faith as being in war, because we are constantly fighting against the flesh, the devil, and these demons.

Their purpose is to convince us that faith in Christ’s blood and His Word is not important. If they can do that, they have won the battle. He has won if he can accomplish the act of making us not faith. Satan and his demons are always looking for an opening. In most cases, as soon as they

lose a particular battle, they try to create another one. I know it happens to me daily. Stupid me, I think I have everything under control, then lo and behold here comes another battle. I am not even done with one battle when another one arrives all with the purpose of making me say, "You know this is too much. I can't handle all this."

We must know that through Christ, we are more than conquerors, but we must remain in Him. We will never get anywhere in this fight of faith unless we act upon God's Word daily. The problem with most of the Christian world is they think their list of good deeds will be enough to resist Satan and all the strategies he has planned for us. As Ephesians 6 says, Satan has "fiery flames" ready to be thrown at us to see if they can penetrate our shield of faith. Well if we are not engaged in faith, there is not much of a shield to penetrate. If we are not acting upon faith daily, then we have no need for a shield of faith. The shield of faith is for the faither to stop the onslaught of those fiery flames coming, but we must have the shield up. Many times in scripture, especially in the Old Testament, that shield was an encompassing shield round about. Without it, we do not stand a chance against any of the attacks from the devil, fallen angels under his charge, and the demons who take their orders from that hierarchy of evil beings. This author then goes on to write,

"The Christian, with the indwelling Holy Spirit, belongs to God's kingdom, thus is protected from possession [The key there is 'the indwelling Holy Spirit.'], and has the resources through the Body of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to resist Satan's efforts. I give general support to Bufford's observations. I cannot concur with what Bufford states in this last paragraph, however. Most individuals do not choose 'to come under demon influence.' "

I agree with that completely. He is referring to the first part of that above paragraph; Christians, having reached this state with a variety of conscious decisions, choose to come under demonic influence. However, with the exception of the occult, nobody chooses to come under demonic influence. Satan worshippers chose to follow that route. They believe Satan is a greater master than the Lord Jesus Christ. They have believed a lie and now have a new leader, Satan. This shows that under certain situations and circumstances, especially in today's world, we make the wrong choice to be under demonic influences.

"I give general support to Bufford's observations. I cannot concur with what Bufford states in this last paragraph, however. Most individuals do not choose 'to come under demon influence.' This is especially true if they have been demonized from infancy or childhood. It is true, however, that God still holds them responsible for all their choices. Humans, though fallen, still bear the image of God. As such, we possess the right and the capability to resist the entrance of demons into our lives if we are aware of what is occurring."

That is true, but the assumption is that they are taught what Ephesians 6 and other scriptures say about how to come against these forces. You would be surprised to find out that most churches know very little about this subject because it is not taught. So yes, if we are given the right information, I believe through the Holy Spirit, we have the power to resist the entrance of demons into our life. Teaching on the spiritual battle we are in is not my favorite subject. Often I would rather teach on other things that edify the Body of Christ. This subject is important,

however, and does edify the Body of Christ because it gives necessary information so we can come against these evil forces.

This author also explains six different areas of sin and the possible demonization of Christians from sexual sins to all kinds of sin, but sin is sin! We all fall short of the glory of God because we chase our own way, doing what we want to do, and rebelling against what God has told us to do, which is faith in His Word and His Son. The New Covenant requires faith in His blood, so my sins are removed. I can do nothing in my own power or strength to keep me from sin and if God's Word were not available to us, we would be like Paul, the chief of sinners. Paul never said that he stopped sinning. Paul never said that he was not a sinner any longer, but Paul did say we are saved by grace, a gift from God. Even though I am saved by grace, and even though I have this gift from God, I am still warring against the flesh; a flesh that is influenced by the sin around us and the father of sin and all he controls. The only thing that saves me is faith in God's Word and the blood of Jesus Christ. And even if I fall, He will lift me up, He will cover me, and He will be there to tell my accuser, "Hands off, I have purchased him with my blood," even though there might be a list of sins against me.

This author covers many different areas of sin throughout the book, but then he gets into all the types of sin and the cure for it, so to speak. He goes on to psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and how it could psychologically mess your mind up, your self-image, how it brings extreme confusion including religious abuse, anger, bitterness, rage, rejection, rebellion, sexual sins, and curses in the spirit world. That is fine, and I understand it is all there, but let me say, no matter what we were like, once we understand salvation and what a wonderful gift it is does not mean our past life will not always try to haunt us in our present new life with Jesus Christ.

These demons have been following us around and assigned to us from the day we were born. That is why when we see some exorcisms or read about them, the demons know our past because just like angels of God, demons have been assigned to us. They know everything about us; they know what we are like and they know how to use it to remind us of the way we were as punishment. In contrast, Christ does not punish us for the things of the past when we turn our life over to Him, because He has removed our sin.

We will keep on sinning, but that does not mean we have become demonized. It means that we are still under the oppression of these demons and they are still trying to bring us back to what we were because they had more control of us then than they do now, but if we have the Holy Spirit in our life, they have no control. They still can influence us with their cunning ways, they can try to oppress us, and they will try to manipulate our minds, but they will be unsuccessful the longer the Holy Spirit is in our life.

What authors like this have done is made a list of sins and urges we thought brought us enjoyment, saying then we were demonized if we gave into those urges. For instance, if we had a gambling problem, and slipped and gambled, we were demonized. I am talking about people with an addiction to gambling, not someone who puts a dollar into a slot machine. I am talking about addiction to things, anything. Some people are addicted to alcohol. If you slip back into that, yes, you have allowed yourself to become demonized. But if you have a glass of wine or a beer or cocktail, it does not mean that you are giving into the pleasures of the flesh and therefore

you just opened the door to being demonized. That is nonsense.

Most of the time people like this author give the impression that we must stay away from these things. Let me tell you, most human beings who have blood running through their veins, are not going to live a pure, clean, non-sinful life for the rest of your life that is not going to happen. The Holy Spirit must be in you 100% of the time. Can any of you actually admit to me that you live 100% of every second of your life in faith? I know I cannot. I mean exercising faith, not just thinking faith. If you are honest with yourself, you will say no. And because of that, these demons, fallen angels, and Satan himself have the opportunity to bring us to the point where we slip back into the sin that so captured us before. If sin is able to penetrate, I guarantee exercising faith will become a lesser event in your life as each day goes by. I want you to understand, if you can live 100% of the day in faith, you would be the first one who has ever done it.

The Old Testament has many examples of people slipping in and out of faith. Yes, I am telling you, David became demonized over Bathsheba and, yes, David became demonized when he wanted to number the people. You may find it shocking that I say that, but read it for yourself. He wanted to boast of his accomplishments and not give glory to God for what he established. He wanted to show off to the Nation of Israel what he had done with his great army. He wanted the people numbered to send a prideful message, and God was displeased with it. Satan is the father of all pride, and David allowed himself to become demonized. That is what I am saying.

‘Demon possession’ is not the accurate word to use. It is not even in the original language; ‘becoming demonized’ is more of an accurate description. Yes, David became demonized, but it does not mean God abandoned him and even when we become demonized, God sees the individual. Even though we fall short and slip because of the circumstances or temptations around us, He does not desert us. If we are saved by grace, His blood reconciles us to the Father and He will never leave us nor forsake us, but that does not mean once saved always saved. It means what it says; He will never leave nor forsake us. That means He is throwing out the rope to save our drowning self from slipping back into a life where we put ourselves front and center. That is really the root of the problem of sin. Instead, we must put our focus back on Him, living our life for Him and not ourselves. The minute we start giving into opportunities that brings less opportunities to have faith in God's Word, is the moment in time we allow ourselves to become demonized. I do not care what you say. You can try to rationalize it, try to make excuses for it, and try to say it is not so. Even Peter became demonized, even after being around Jesus and Jesus had to harshly scold him and tell him, “Get behind me Satan.” He knew who was controlling Peter's lips at that time because Peter did not recognize why Jesus was here and what His mission was, so He told Peter to get behind Him. That is why I want to break the concept of what demon possession is all about. Yes, it can go to extremes, and it does on occasion, where it is so obvious the person is demonized because of all the physical things they do, say, but those are rare. Most demonization comes in a subtle way and you do not even realize it is happening, whether to Christians or non-Christians.

Now back to this:

“As such, we possess the right and the capability to resist the entrance of demons into our lives

if we are aware of what is occurring.”

He gives a case:

“While serving as Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies at Biola University and Talbot Theological Seminary, my wife Loretta and I were occasionally invited as guests of the senior graduation class for their annual graduation banquet. One year we were seated at a round table with about a dozen students. Most knew about my counseling-deliverance ministry ...”

I have a problem right there with ‘counseling-deliverance ministry.’ I have never heard of such a thing in the New Testament.

“...and one of them asked, ‘Dr. Murphy, have you had any unusual cases of demonic encounter in these days?’ ‘Why yes,’ I replied. ‘I had one just a few hours ago. I had to hurry to get here in time for the banquet.’ ‘Please tell us what happened,’ several asked. I told them some of the events leading up to the power encounter which had occurred early that afternoon. This was my third session with the young woman. Several demons had been expelled in the past. That day I kept one in manifestation in the presence of God....”

Like God needs any of us to keep an evil spirit in manifestation for whatever purpose that we might have. Think how silly this is. This passage had a footnote, so I went to it. It reads,

“26 – I do not usually allow or hold demons in manifestation but try to keep them quiet and speak only to the mind of the victim. On other occasions that Jesus and Paul did when they came into manifestation, I may hold them there for the purpose I will mention later. If done right it both frightens and weakens them.”

No, it does not and there are too many ‘I’s’ in that sentence anyway. Do you think anything we can do can frighten or bring fear to any of these powerful forces? It cannot, unless the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us, unless the demons recognize in which name and whose power we come under, and which power is controlling us to achieve the purpose of helping an individual who needs deliverance. We do not need to keep it in the presence of God. Here, he says, “*I kept one in manifestation in the presence of God,*” but God really does not need that done in a deliverance group.

“He was a weak, fearful demon who called itself Fear.”

How arrogant to call a demon weak or fearful. They are not weak and they are not fearful. They might give you the impression that there are others stronger than that particular demon, but let me tell you, without the Holy Spirit and without Christ, demons would tear us apart if allowed to do so. Just read the story in Acts when the Jewish exorcist tried to deliver people from demons. They ripped them apart and they ran out like scared rabbits because they knew who Jesus was and they knew who Paul was, but the ones who came in their own power they ripped apart!

“I forced him to expose the entire demonic hierarchy working in the woman and in her entire family. I have learned how to keep demons from lying to me, [Once again, more arrogance.] so

the demons 'finking' on the other demons was later checked out and proved to be truthful."

How does he know this? Demons are expert liars and can convince us that they are telling the truth by lying. How would anyone know? That is why we do not get into conversations with them to start with. I know everybody uses the verse where Jesus asks one of the demons its name. They said it was Legion because there were many of them, but that is the reference they base all their deliverance ministry on, carrying on with demons and conversations, sessions, counseling, and this and that. Shortly, I will show how Jesus dealt with these demons and how Paul dealt with it.

"In the process of working with Fear [the demon], who was continually pleading with me to send him out because he was terrified of the other demons, another demon came [Just listen to that. This is a demon pleading with this individual to deliver him from the body that he was possessing because he was terrified of other demons.] into manifestation with such brazenness and arrogance that all of us were startled for a moment. He burst into manifestation and yelled at me, 'I am Thadius, and I am in charge here. What do you think you are doing? Trying to destroy us?' 'No, not yet,' I replied, "Not until the Lord tells me to get rid of you."

I would like to know how the Lord was going to tell him how to get rid of this demon and why would the Lord continue the suffering of this person with all these demons in him if, through the Lord, we had the power to cast out these demons. Like I said, it is mind-boggling what Christianity has come to.

"'No, not yet,' I replied. 'Not until the Lord tells me to get rid of you. Then He will destroy you, not me. I command you to shut up. You will not say one more word but will only answer my questions truthfully.' I then went through the process of assuring as much as possible that his answers would be true."

Wait a minute! Did he not just before this say that he learned the secret of how to get truthful answers from demons? Now he is saying, ***"I then went through the process of assuring as much as possible that his answers would be true."*** Well, either you can or you cannot.

"What demons voluntarily reveal may not be true. What they are forced to reveal will usually be true. That is why I do not allow demons to lead any type of conversation. [We should not have any conversation with them at all.] I always lead the conversation in the authority of the reigning Christ."

'Who are you?' I asked. 'I am Thadius, and I am in charge here,' he replied. 'I thought Liar was in charge,' I said. 'Yes, he was,' he replied. 'But you sent him out yesterday and now I am in charge.' 'Aren't you sad that Liar the strong demon has gone out?' I asked. 'No, because now I am the one in charge,' he boasted. Thadius was one of the most arrogant demons I have ever dealt with. His sense of self-importance and command permeated the atmosphere, in contrast to Fear's whining. I had to immediately assert authority over him, or he would have taken authority over me and the entire session. When he saw that I was not intimidated by him, he soon obeyed every command I gave, but always with defiance and arrogance."

'Oh, I know Thadius,' said the young woman seated across the banquet table. The young man seated next to her was one of my students. He was from a Jewish home. He said, 'Dr. Murphy,

forgive me for not introducing you to my wife, Ruth. She is also from a Jewish home. She had some demonic problems before finding Christ.’ ‘Ruth, you say you know Thadius! Please tell us your story,’ I asked. ‘Several years ago before I came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, I was engaged to a young man. He was into some kind of cult, some form of witchcraft or the like. He continually tried to persuade me to accept his spirits into my life. He said we had to believe the same things if we were to be married. He said his chief spirit guide was called Thadius.

As a Jewess, I had problems with what he was saying. I thought I loved him, however. I wanted to be one with him in marriage, but I was troubled by this thing of spirit guides. One night in bed I was wrestling with all this when I became aware of another presence in the room with me. I can't tell you how it happened, but a spirit appeared. He called himself Thadius. He said he wanted to come into my life and make me one with my fiancé. I was terrified. Suddenly I realized what was happening. From my Old Testament background I remembered the evil spirits of paganism that troubled my people. I wanted it to go away from me. Suddenly I found myself crying out loud, “In the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I tell you I want nothing to do with you, evil spirit. Get away from my life and do not return.””

This woman did the right thing and I was impressed how she reacted to combat the evil force trying to possess her. Christ has made available for us ways to resist these attacks to overcome. This evil force was probably trying to possess her to accomplish this marriage because her future husband wanted her to become like him and adopt the same kind of evil thinking and evil spirits of his occult practice. She called upon the name of God. Demons do not like anyone calling on the name of God. She did the right thing, saying, “*I want nothing to do with you evil spirit. Get away from my life and do not return,*” even though there is no guarantee that they will not return. I am telling you they will constantly try to seek some kind of entrance into your life, but she did the right thing. She did something that most Christians – ones who have the New Testament as a record – would not have done. I give her credit for that.

“Immediately it left me and has never come back. I don't know who Thadius is, but I do know he is an evil religious spirit,” she said.

This story illustrates my point that even persons like Ruth who was not a believer in Jesus as Christ and Lord at the time can resist the entrance of demons into their life if they know what is occurring.

Again, that is one reason why the Devil's main strategy is deception. Usually demons who are ‘devils’ in the sense of sharing the Devil's nature and being totally identified with his cause, do not make the bold approach followed by Thadius with Ruth. And this is further evidence that though Satan and his fallen angels possess wisdom man does not possess, they are far from being omniscient. They often blunder as Thadius did. In fact, sometimes they appear quite stupid.

Ruth, a woman created in the image of God, was able to forbid the entrance of Thadius into her life. This is probably true of all normal, rationally-minded adults, young people and even children, if the latter are taught about the spirit world. Otherwise, children, because of their innocence and passivity, are more easily susceptible to demonic indwelling than adults.”

That is true. There are many more cases of demons trying to influence the lives of children

because they are so vulnerable and will believe just about everything. That is why parents of Christian families should claim the blood of Jesus Christ daily for your children and for protection until they become fully aware as they approach adulthood how to fight, resist, and use the weapons against their foe.

“Thus no one can truthfully say, ‘the Devil made me do it.’ Regardless of how demons are able to gain entrance into human lives either in infancy or in later adulthood, the Bible always holds the individuals accountable for their actions. Regardless of the amount of control demons presently exercise their victims at one point had enough authority to resist their evil desires.”

If that is true, then how is the possession of children explained? Children probably do not even understand what is going on in most cases. It is nonsense.

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Can a child exercise authority over a demon if inflicted? This does not even include how the demon even had access to that child. There could be many variables involved here, including their parent's involvement for instance in the occult world. There are many different ways that demons could exercise their authority over and are given authority to enter. But do you think a five-year-old really has the capacity and the authority to resist their evil desires? I disagree.

“I have heard more than one demon say on the way out, ‘I might as well go. He doesn't listen to me anymore.’

That is why in pre-deliverance counseling it is crucial to bring the counselee to at least two firm convictions. First, if in truth they do have demons, they must recognize it.”

That one does not make sense. Would a truly demonized person be allowed by these demons to confess and recognize they have demons? Think about it.

“Second, they must realize that they have authority over the demons.”

Think about that! If they had authority over these demons, then how did they become demonized to start with? Do you see the silliness here? How would an individual become demonized if they had recognized their authority over the demon? And recognizing that does not guarantee they can be delivered from the demon.

Show me a case – and I have read of thousands – where a truly demonized person to extreme levels as described here, controlled by these demons, would actually believe they have authority over them. I do not find anywhere in the New Testament that anybody declared to the apostles or Jesus, “You know Christ, you know Lord, I know I have authority over these demons but they are not listening to me. Can you help?” First of all, Christ went to the demons, the demons did not go to Him for the most part. Christ recognized who was and was not possessed, and the demons knew who He was. Thank God, Christ knew that these people could not help themselves. He was Christ, and He engaged Himself with authority to deliver and heal these people from the

situations described in the New Testament.

“I do not simply cast demons out of the life of unbelievers. I first try to lead the unbelievers to faith in Christ. That is my mission. Jesus did not say, ‘Go out into all the world and cast demons out of all creation,’ but ‘Go into the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.’”

Well you know that is true, but if you quote scripture then quote the whole Great Commission, not just part of it. Part of that Great Commission was to cast out demons as the King James puts it. But, preach the Word first and foremost, then heal the sick and cast out demons. If you are going to quote part of the scripture, you might as well quote the whole thing.

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This is why too many of these deliverance ministries have one session after another thinking they are casting out this demon this day and this demon that day. Jesus did not have pre-deliverance counseling; the apostles did not have pre-deliverance counseling. They did not have multiple sessions to cast out demons. Where has this gone wrong! In fact, Jesus told one of the individuals that He had cast demons out of not to say anything to anybody because He knew what it meant to them. He knew the excitement and enthusiasm these people had to proclaim to others, “Look what Jesus did for me!” That is why I do not get along too well with the some of the Christian world. They are too arrogant, caught up in their own pride, writing sentences in books to fill pages, which only demonstrates their arrogance and their non-compassion for suffering people.

“I do not simply cast demons out of the life of unbelievers. I first try to lead the unbelievers to faith in Christ.”

Quit doing God favors. Cast out demons if you have the gift to do that. Many think they have this gift, but do not even know what is involved with it. Cast out these demons and see what the people do. Most truly delivered people know what they have been delivered from and in that moment in time, then that is when the Word of the Lord comes in, God's Word as we have it available to us today to make the impact in their lives. Not only have they been delivered here on earth from their unseen foe that became so visible in their life by possession, now they can be possessed by the Holy Spirit that comes from God by faith. Then see if they will not be a testimony of what they have just been through.

I am finished reading from this book. Yes, there are other areas in this book where the author does have some good points, but pre-deliverance counseling is not one of them. God help the people that he is trying to help. The Bible does not say anything about pre-deliverance counseling. To see that, go to Mark 1:21, which is about the man with the unclean spirit. It begins,

“And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

And there was in their synagogue [what we would call church today] a man with an unclean spirit; [an evil spirit] and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.”

I have seen enough legitimate evidence of people with this gift able to deliver people from these horrific demon possessions. In some cases all they had to do was walk up to these demon possessed people and the demons cried out. They do not want to leave the container that they are occupying. Remember the Nephilim lost their earthly bodies and are confined down here. The ones that are still able to do their damage in the sky and the air are looking for bodies to possess. That is why they will even possess pigs. They just want a body, but when they see a man of God approach them able to deliver the person from the agony they are going through, that is when these demons will take notice and usually expose themselves before asked to do so.

“And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.”

The King James made this sound nice, but in other words, Christ said, “Shut your mouth and get the hell out of that person.” Jesus did not say, “Well brother, let's have some pre-counseling sessions. Then we can determine how many demons are in you, what their names are, where they rank in the hierarchy of demons, so we can manifest them in the presence of God and in the presence of the ones who are watching us.” No, He said, ***“Hold thy peace, and come out of him.”*** Shut your mouth and get the hell out!

“And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.”

Go to Mark 5:1, which tells of another time that Jesus dealt with demons. Verse 1 begins,

“And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit [or evil spirit], Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any tame him. [He had supernatural strength in other words.] And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.”

What did Jesus do?

“For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou evil spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.”

Meaning over 6,000 demons possessed this person. Jesus ask that because He recognized this was not a case of just a few demons, or even one demon that was dwelling in this person. He recognized that this was an individual who had many thousands of evil spirits dwelling in him. They were looking for a body and causing havoc on this individual to the point where this individual was trying to commit suicide, cutting himself with stones, crying and pleading, with supernatural strength so that chains could not even hold this person down. The demon would break them in pieces. Jesus knew He was dealing with something a lot more difficult than normal demonization. That is why He asked him, ***“What is thy name?”*** Christ recognized who it was, but He wanted to know for sure what He was dealing with and what He would cast out.

“And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils [or demons] besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean [or evil] spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.”

The swine did not want any part of these evil spirits. The pigs would rather commit suicide. I am not saying that is what human beings should do. Far be it, but these pigs did not have the opportunity of being exorcised from demons. I read not too long ago how there is one exorcist who goes around delivering evil spirits from animals. That is how silly it has become. If that is the case, then Jesus would never even allow these evil spirits to enter into any of these swine or pigs, and here you have a ministry delivering evil spirits from animals!

What did Jesus do? He said, ***“Come out of the man, thou evil spirit.”*** And while they were on their way out, He asked ***“What is thy name?”*** And they answered, ***“Legion.”*** This was probably the most extreme case of demonization that Jesus dealt with, and because it was one of the most extreme cases that He dealt with, He wanted to know what and whom He was dealing with. He found out his name was Legion.

Moving on to another case, go to Mark 9:14:

“And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him [or dasheth him]: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he

fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him [Trying to get the boy to commit suicide]: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, [pisteuo, if you can faith.] all things [that I have power to do all things] are possible to him that believeth [or faith in Christ].”

Why did Jesus say that to this father?

“And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe [faith]; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb [thou speech is the literal] and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”

At this point, Jesus said, “...*enter no more into him*” because He was dealing with a child and recognized the child possibly was not capable of understanding what happened to him and how to resist the devil in the future. That is why He wanted his father to recognize that it had to be faith in Christ and faith that Christ could do all things if only he would faith in Him. It was going to be his father's responsibility after Jesus left to explain to him what he was possessed with, how he was delivered, and how to avoid it in the future, which is keeping faith in Christ. But just in case the father failed in his responsibility, Christ gave an additional command in this particular exorcism. He said, “*I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*” In other words, Christ said, “Just in case this child does not comprehend everything that is happening to him, I am giving charge to you and I am giving command, stay out.” Just in case his father failed in his responsibility, stay out.

There is another case in Acts 16 where Paul and Silas were in prison.

Verse 16 begins, “*And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying* [Basically, she was possessed with a spirit of divination and people were making money off her.]:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. [The demons recognized who they were and what their message was. The demons controlled this person to the point of irritation stopping them from preaching the gospel because of the interruptions.]

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.”

But Dr. Murphy said that you should go through pre-deliverance counseling and it might take multiple sessions. However, all Paul said was, “*I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*” Some may think that we live in a different time now and demons are more powerful. No, they are not. We are dealing with the same group of evil spirits that existed in Paul's time and Jesus' time; the same evil spirits that are trying to possess a body; the same evil spirits that influence bodies as instruments whether through full possession or part possession, or full demonization or part demonization. They are instruments of

devils and demons to do their bidding to cause the interruptions and distractions. Here, all Paul said was, ***“I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.”***

The reason is because these demons knew who Paul was, what he represented, and that his message was about grace and peace. The demons needed no further explanation. And, of course, because the masters of this person could not make any more money off of her, they caused a disturbance, lied about Paul and Silas, and they were imprisoned. But, here is the beauty of it in verse 25,

“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

And they [Paul and Silas] said, Believe [faith] on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

Now I have said before, I believe these demons were using this person because she was already possessed with evil spirits to do the bidding of the earthly masters who owned her for the purpose of divination. The demon's purpose was to entrap Paul and Silas into actually casting them out. They knew these earthly masters would become furious and lie because their money-maker was gone and they would go on to bring accusations that Paul and Silas were teaching unlawful customs. As a result, the multitude rose up against Paul and Silas, tore off their clothes, and beat them with many stripes. And those demons watched, cheering this event, knowing that they were a part of what was happening to Paul and Silas to silence them and stop the proclamation of God's Word. They thought they won that victory over Paul and Silas. Well God had other intentions, and at midnight, while they are praying and singing praises unto God, the earth shook and released Paul and Silas. And as they left, some were saved because Paul continued the message of faithing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not try to convert people before they were delivered from these demons, and Paul did not try to convert anybody before delivering these people from the misery they were in. Do you see how silly this author is in trying to bring people into conversion? I will read his words again.

“That is why in pre-deliverance counseling [Not in the New Testament, by the way.] it is crucial to bring the counselee to at least two firm convictions. First, if in truth they do have demons, they must recognize it. Second, they must realize that they have the authority over these demons. They must learn the difference between their thoughts and those of the demons residing within them.”

How is that taught to a five-year-old child?

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That shows no compassion. There is no record in my New Testament of this damsel converting over to the message of faith in Jesus Christ. There is no record of the boy that Jesus delivered knew about the message of Jesus Christ. There is no record of the Gadarene being first convinced of what the message of Jesus Christ was all about and converting over to it before deliverance. Why would they need deliverance if they understood the message and applied it to their life believing that faith in Christ would deliver them? Why would we need a deliverer if we already had it, the faith message, the salvation message, and the message of grace? This is nonsense and many of these deliverance ministries are currently teaching using this Handbook of Spiritual Warfare, as the encyclopedia of spiritual warfare. Yes, there are some good points in this book, but this is not one of them.

There is no record in the New Testament of pre-deliverance counseling to determine what level of demonization these people were under and there is no record that we must be a believer before being delivered. If we are a believer, why do we need deliverance? The blood of Christ covered that. However, it is possible to be a believer and in the blood, but if you are not faithing you could fall quickly out from the protection of that blood. That is what I was saying earlier. The point is, stay in the blood, stay in the message, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ because that is how we get righteousness and how the Holy Spirit stays in our being on a daily basis. Keep fighting the good fight of faith.

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In 2 Corinthians 9:7 it reads, “God loveth a cheerful giver.” The Greek word for cheerful is Hilaros which means when someone is prompt to do something; they are ready in mind, with a joyful heart. In the Septuagint, it also means to cause to shine. Today I am looking for Hilaros Givers who are ready and full of joy for the opportunity to cause others to shine by hearing, learning, and growing in God’s Word. Join with us today and participate as a Hilaros Giver. If you wish to participate, use the following link <http://www.teachingfaith.com/giving>

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