As I sit here preparing to write this series of blogs, I am struck with the realization that I am sitting on the shoulders of giants – both figuratively and literally.

Literally in the sense that this work is going to deal with the issue of physical giants that existed since the days of Noah. In Matthew 24:37, Jesus said,

“As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man.”

The one thing that differentiates the days of Noah from any other time in history is the mixing of angel seed with that of the human race. According to Genesis 6, this created a race of creatures known as the “Nephilim.”

Genesis 6:4 refers to giants (the Nephilim) in the land both before and after the Flood that “were of old, great men of renown.” I believe that statement refers to the many characters of Greek mythology and the mythologies of other cultures that all speak of demigod heroes and giants. This work will focus on the one who I believe is the most famous of them all.

As for the statement of “figurative” giants, by that I mean those scholars and researchers who have come before me. Much of what I know, I learned from them. I believe we should give credit where credit is due, so where ever I can recall the sources of my information, I will endeavor to make those sources known either in the body of text or with footnotes.

Over the nearly two decades that I have been studying the various topics in this work, the Holy Spirit has also been giving me revelation and new insights as well. Some of those insights build upon the works of others, and some (as far as I know) are insights that originate with me – given, I believe by God. Where ever I am giving my own interpretation of information and opinions, I will try to make that obvious and give my reasoning for such information.

I do not claim to have the corner on truth. I do confess to having strong and I consider well informed opinions. But that’s all it is. So, please take what I write for whatever you feel it is worth. I encourage you to be a “good Berean” and study these things out for yourself. Pray about it and see if the Holy Spirit confirms what I am saying. I especially wanted to say that as sort of a disclaimer before what I am about to say next.

While I do believe that the Holy Bible is Divinely inspired and written by men, I do not necessarily hold to the idea that only the 66 books we now have in our (Protestant) bibles are the sole Divinely inspired books of antiquity.
There are more than a dozen books mentioned in the Bible that are not in what we now call the “canon of Scripture.” Throughout history, people have either included or excluded various texts from our Bible. For instance, the original King James Version of the Bible (that so many in the Body of Christ cherish today) actually had 80 books, not 66. So, while I believe true Scripture is indeed Divinely inspired, I'm not prepared to accept that the acquisition and accumulation of these texts was always necessarily inspired by God.

To believe otherwise I think is the epitome of prejudicial bias. For Jesus and the Disciples clearly thought some of the books not found in our current Bible worthy of study and quotation. Our early Church Fathers had considered more than the current 66 to have been Divinely inspired. The Catholics, a few hundred years later appeared to think otherwise and began removing some of these texts from their so-called “canon.” Then later, the Protestants came along and did the same thing! Therefore, to stall here and claim that “our” current (Protestant) Holy Bible represents the total collection of (only 66) Divinely inspired works, I think is extremely presumptuous and wholly in error.

Furthermore, as far as I can tell, God never told anyone to “create a Bible” in the first place. He told prophets, teachers, rabbis, poets and Apostles of Jesus Christ to record things to tell various individuals, churches and nations. They did and we now have the privilege of eavesdropping on their conversations. But I don't see God telling anyone to assemble a collection of these writings, cram them between two covers, slap a publisher's name on it (with a price tag) and then hold it up as the fourth person of the Trinity!

Scripture itself says (in numerous places) that God has written His Word on our hearts. Therefore, it seems more reasonable to assert that God’s Word is not so much what’s in print, but rather what is in the hearts of His people. Some of that just so happened to make its way into print from time to time. As such, I believe they are worthy of study.

Suffice it to say, I do not believe the Holy Bible is the Word of God. Now before you feel the need to copy and paste that sentence (out of context) to use against me (as others have been prone to do), please allow me to elaborate. I believe (as John1:1-14 says) Jesus is the Word made flesh who dwelt among us. Jesus Christ is the Word of God. The Holy Bible merely contains some of the stories, prophecies, poems, exhortations and commands that point to Him and proceeded from Him, written through the hands of men. In short, God is bigger than His book. And I might add that I also believe He still speaks to and through men and women who have His Word written on their hearts. The way to judge truth then is to "try the spirits to see whether they be of God" and to let the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth.

The Word of God will not contradict Himself. So, if we look for "truth" elsewhere - as in any other source apart from the Holy Bible - it can not contradict what is in the Holy Bible. Scripture never contradicts itself and Scripture always judges itself. Some may consider that "circular reasoning." I consider it a system of checks and balances. I was raised to interpret Scripture by Scripture. By that, I mean that if you see what appears to be a contradiction, keep looking! Because somewhere else there is a proof text that will elaborate, define and further explain the former text. This is why Paul could confidently instruct Timothy,

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..." - 2 Timothy 3:16

I hope you do not consider any of what I've just written in the last few paragraphs to be heresy. If you do, I would challenge you to provide proof text for a contrary view. At any rate, I felt the need to express these beliefs up front, because I am going to reference at least a couple of other books not currently found in what we call “The Holy Bible” as support text for my thesis here. As I said, I do believe our Holy Bible contains (some of) the Divinely inspired words of God, but I also believe that there is tremendous value to be gained from looking at some of the other books that many of the Biblical characters we all know and love knew about and read themselves.
Scripture says in numerous places that in the mouth of two or more witnesses, you can establish whether or not a thing is true.[iv] I believe this is “true” of at least two of the books to which I’m going to refer. I’m talking about the books of Enoch and Jasher. Let’s talk about the latter first.

As far as I can tell, the Book of Jasher was never considered “scripture” by the Jews. JewishEncyclopedia.com says it is, “One of the latest works of the midrashic Haggadah.” The word “Jasher” is not a name but a title meaning, “true, upright and/or just account.” In his book Fallen Angels, The Watchers and the Origins of Evil, Joseph Lumpkin says that the name could be taken to mean, “the upright book” or “the faithful record.”[v] Essentially, the way we view the works of Josephus as being a “true account” of ancient history as written in the 1st century, the Jews seem to have revered Jasher much the same way. Not Holy Scripture, but a true and accurate account of their history from the time of Creation up to the death of Joshua. But it is mentioned twice in what we call, Scripture: in Joshua 10:13 and in 2 Samuel 1:18. In both cases it would seem that God is Divinely inspiring the authors to reference that book as a source for credibility.

In the case of the story about Joshua causing the Sun to stand still, it is as though the Holy Spirit is saying, “Reference Jasher to give your statements here credibility.” That’s a pretty extraordinary event that the author of Joshua is writing about, so by adding, “is it not written in the Book of Jasher?” to the dialogue, the writer is proving the point by referencing an external source – that apparently God Himself is endorsing. I believe that should count for something in our eyes as well.

We see further examples in Scripture of apparent endorsement of “extra-Biblical” text. For instance, in 2 Timothy 3:7-9, the Apostle Paul writes to his son in the faith Timothy about two individuals from the time of the Exodus. He references Jannes and Jambres as two people that Moses had to contend with. They are believed to be the two chief priests of Pharaoh who competed with Moses and Aaron when they performed some of the various “signs and wonders” before the king. Note that the referenced names were both known to Paul as well as to his audience. But those two names do not appear anywhere else in our “canon of Scripture.” They come from Jewish midrash, the Talmud and Targums. In other words, they are not in the Bible but can be found in other writings such as the Book of Jasher[vi]. This sort of thing actually appears quite a lot in our current canon of Scripture. I've always been intrigued by that, and I can not help but wonder, if referencing such “extra-Biblical text” is OK for people like Paul, why shouldn't we (at least) have a little look-see for ourselves?

Now, having said that, I will still use what we do have as “canon” as the basis through which I will judge truth and the so-called “extra-Biblical sources” that I may quote from elsewhere. In other words, as a cautionary note, I would say these other sources are only believable so long as they do not contradict existing Scripture. If it does not contradict, but rather enhances or elaborates on existing, canonical text, then I will file it away as “good to know information” and present it here as nothing more. I'm not going to hang any doctrine on it, but I will consider it valuable as added knowledge in support of biblical narrative. It is in this sense, and in this sense alone that I present these other sources here in this work.

As for the Book of Enoch, the Jews certainly did seem to have considered it to be Scripture. Jesus, Peter, Paul and Jude all made references to it. In fact, there are more than a hundred statements in the New Testament alone that find precedence nowhere else but in that book. Our early Church Fathers referred to it as scripture and the Ethiopian Coptic Bible still retains it as Scripture to this day.[vii]

One of the things that really intrigues me about this particular book is that the book itself states that it was not written for that generation, but for a future generation.[viii] As you will soon see, I believe we are that future generation! And when you combine the books of Enoch, Jasher and the Holy Bible, a very interesting and detailed story develops. A story about the days of Noah and how it relates to these Last Days. It is a story about giants.

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**Footnotes:**

i. Partial list of books mentioned but not found in the Bible: [back]
1. Book of Wars of the Lord (Numbers 21:14)
2. The Annuls of Jehu (2 Chronicles 20:34)
3. The treatise of the Book of the Kings (2 Chronicles 24:27)
4. The Book of Records (Esther 2:23)
5. Book of the Chronicles of Ahasuerus (Esther 6:1)
6. Acts of Solomon (1 Kings 11:41)
7. The Sayings of Hozai (2 Chronicles 33:19)
8. The Chronicles of David (1 Chronicles 27:24)
9. The Chronicles of Samuel, Nathan, Gad (1 Chronicles 29:29)
10. Samuel's Book (1 Samuel 10:25)
11. The Records of Nathan the prophet (2 Chronicles 9:29)
12. The Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite (2 Chronicles 9:29)
13. The Treatise of the Prophet Iddo (2 Chronicles 13:22)


v. Fallen Angels, the Watchers and the Origin of Evil by Joseph B. Lumpkin, pg. 13 [back]

vi. Jasher 79:27 [back]

vii. The First and Second Books of Enoch: The Ethiopic and Slavonic Texts, A Comprehensive Translation with Commentary by Josheph B. Lumpkin [back]

viii. 1 Enoch 1:1-2 [back]
"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man."
- Jesus Christ, 33 AD

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. - Genesis 6:1-4 (NIV)

This passage of scripture describes what I call, “The Genesis Six Experiment.” The beginning of that chapter tells the reason why God decided to destroy the world with a Great Flood. It says that angels of God
mated with women and created super-human hybrids called the Nephilim. These creatures corrupted the whole earth.

Before I can go any further, I must first stop here for a moment and correct some common misconceptions often associated with this passage of Scripture and address the following question. How do we know that this passage is talking about angels? I’ve run into this “debate” on more than a few occasions whenever I’ve brought this subject up in church. The debate comes from a line of thought (taught in many seminaries) that the term, "sons of God" is a reference to the children of Adam’s son, Seth and that the “daughters of men” is a reference to the children of Adam’s (bad) son, Cain. This type of reasoning is flawed on so many levels and I can’t believe it is even still taught! But it is, so I need to address it here.

First of all, how are "Nephilim" (some translations say "giants") born to normal human beings? If all we are talking about here is the inbreeding of the offspring of two brothers, how does one explain the giants - both before and after the Flood?

The same scholars who teach this theory don't seem to have a problem with the biblical account of the giants that the Israelites had to drive out of Canaan. So, how can they accept that characters like Og of Bashan and Goliath of Gath were indeed giants and somehow explain away their genetic traits short of a true reading of Genesis 6:4? I don't care how much spinach you feed them, normal humans do not give birth to 18 and 12 foot giants!

Second, for those who would call themselves "scholars," they should have recognized that the words translated here as "sons of God" come from the Hebrew words, "ben" (Strong's # 1121) and "elohim" (Strong's # 430).

Strong's defines "ben" as meaning:

- afflicted, age, anointed one, appointed to, arrow

  From banah: a son (as a builder of the family name), in the widest sense (of literal and figurative relationship, including grandson, subject, nation, quality or condition, etc.,)

and "elohim" as:

- angels, exceeding, God, very great, mighty

  Plural of 'elowahh: gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative -- angels, X exceeding, God (gods)(-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.
This is the same combination of words used in Job 1:6, Job 2:1 and Job 38:7, each of which are commonly accepted by these same “Sethite” scholars to be in reference to angels. The Job passages describe events taking place in Heaven. They are not talking about Seth’s children hanging out with Satan and the angels for a little meeting. So, why accept the angel view in Job, but disregard that same view in Genesis, when the text clearly indicates that it is referring to the same thing - angels?

Suffice it to say, the ”Sethite-Cain view” taught in seminary and perpetuated from pulpits all around the world is inaccurate, flawed and should be completely disregarded! Now, back to our regularly scheduled programming already in progress...

As a result of angels breeding with women, all of God's creation had been corrupted, distorted, manipulated and changed from its previous state, which God had pronounced, “very good.” There was only one family of humans that had apparently not been affected by these “bad genes” and that of course was Noah and his family.

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. - Genesis 6:9 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Scripture says that Noah was “perfect in his generations” which literally meant “pure” as in his genetics. We know this because the word used there is “tamin” (Strong’s # 8549). It is the same word used when the Lord referred to a red heifer that had to be physically pure:

This is a requirement of the law that the LORD has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke. - Numbers 19:2 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

According the Book of Jasher, Noah married one of Enoch's daughters.[1] In Genesis 5:24, the Bible tells us that Enoch was so righteous in God's eyes that He took the man to Heaven without ever having to die. So, it is reasonable to assume that his daughter certainly would have known the truth and had been a great candidate for Noah to marry. Going with the assumption that Noah and his wife were physically/genetically pure, their three sons, Japheth, Shem and Ham must also have been genetically pure. But that does not necessarily mean their wives were.

Jasher says that Methuselah had a brother named Eliakim who had three daughters. Noah picked them as wives for his three sons.[2] The statement is also made that all but Noah, his family and Methuselah had strayed from God (including Noah's father Lamech).[3] This being the case, it is reasonable to assume that Eliakim falls into the category of those who had gone the way of evil, which could imply that his daughters may have become corrupted by “The Genesis Six Experiment.” This would certainly seem to explain how the giants appeared “after that” (that meaning the Flood).

I believe the Biblical account proves that at least one of the wives of Noah's sons had Nephilim blood running through her veins. That one was Ham's wife. I say that because his lineage is literally loaded with giants! I don't really see evidence in Shem or in Japeth's lineage, but of the four sons of Ham, at least three appeared to have produced giants... and lots of them!
In Genesis 10, we read that Ham had Cush, Mizriam, Phut and Canaan. Since the Bible mentions Canaan first (in Genesis 9), let's start with him and work our way backward.

I have a theory about Canaan based on the strange situation described in Genesis 9:20-25. In that passage of Scripture, Ham finds his father naked and Noah curses his grandson, Canaan. Why? Scripture is silent, but I suspect it was because there was something obviously wrong with him.

First of all, the narrative implies that Canaan had to have been there for Noah to have cursed him. That means he was either born on the ark or shortly thereafter. My belief is that he may have been born with six fingers and six toes, which is a notable characteristic of the Nephilim giants. If this is true, then when Canaan was born, Noah must have looked at his grandson and said, "Oh boy. Here we go again!"

Canaan's lineage settled the land that was named after him. And we know from Scripture that Canaan was full of giants. After the Exodus, the spies went into the land and saw themselves as grasshoppers by comparison. Joshua and his men had to clear the land of these giants and that they did! These were all the "ites" the Jews had to wipe out in the Old Testament (as in the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, etc.).

Those giants were huge. The Israelites even bragged about the size of one of them - a man named Og of Bashan. According to Patrick Heron, in his book *The Nephilim and the Pyramid of the Apocalypse*, assuming the Hebrew cubit is 25.025 inches, he makes note that the guy's bed was over 18 feet long, implying that the man himself was nearly as tall. So, we see that Canaan definitely had some serious Nephilim genes!

What about Ham's other sons? The Bible doesn't give us much to go on concerning any giants within Phut's lineage. But in Mizriam's lineage, we can find something pretty amazing, with enormous implications. One of his sons was a guy named Caphtor.

Genesis 10:14 says that the Philistines came from the Caphtorites. We know of at least 5 giants that came from the Philistines: Goliath and his four brothers. And from the description of Goliath, he was a "runt" as far
as giants go - standing at a mere 9 to 12 feet in height according to some scholars. He and his brothers were the last of the giants (in the land of Canaan anyway) by the time of David. Watch Perry Stone's series on giants for some more extremely interesting insights about Goliath:

Note: Perry’s revelation of 1 Samuel 17:54 is absolutely amazing!

Let’s look a little deeper into the man named Caphtor. In Genesis 10:14, the Caphtorites are said to have fathered the Philistines. According to Jeremiah 47:4 and Amos 9:7, the Philistines came from Crete - a place described in some translations as “the country of Caphtor” because that’s where he settled at some point following the Flood. Why is this so significant? Crete is where ALL of Greek mythology came from!!
The mythology of the infamous Greek gods can literally be traced back to sometime just after the Great Flood of Noah. These gods came from Crete. Further, if you study the history of Crete, you will find that most of what we now call "Europe" used to have to pay tribute to this tiny island in the Aegean Sea. They had to send young virgin men and women to the Minotaur of the Labyrinth as tribute to King Minos.[8] How so much of Europe could have been held in subjugation to such a tiny island doesn't really make sense, unless you realize that the gods of antiquity likely really did exist. The Bible tells us who they really were and where they actually came from. These are the post-Flood Nephilim who sprung up through the lineage of Ham.

Finally, let's look at Ham's son, Cush. Scripture says that Cush begat Nimrod.

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Footnotes:

1. Jasher 5:15 [back]
2. Jasher 5:35 [back]
5. Numbers 13:33 [back]
6. Chapter 4 of The Nephilim and the Pyramid of the Apocalypse, by Patrick Heron [back]
Without a doubt, the first blatantly anti-Christ-like figure that we read about in scripture is someone the Bible refers to as Nimrod. This individual is very significant for a lot of reasons which will become apparent by the end of this blog. I believe Nimrod was a giant like so many of his cousins. Let's look at the Hebrew (for Genesis 10:8):

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8 Cush begat Nimrod; he became a mighty one in the earth.
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The name 'Nimrod' (Strong's # 5248) is a word that both Strong's and the NAS Exhaustive Concordances say is "from foreign origin." In his Genesis 1-15, Word Biblical Commentary, Wenham notes that the name means 'we shall rebel' though he admits that the etymology is by no means certain. But most scholars seem to agree that the name essentially means, "the rebellious one." Therefore, it was probably more of a title than a proper
name. That being said, I believe he has gone by many other proper names, described by many cultures of antiquity. Before I get into that, I want to address the phrase, "began to be a mighty one" first.

The word "began" used here is the word "he-hel" or "chalal" in Hebrew. Strong's (# 2490) defines it as:

begin men began, defile, break, defile, eat as common things

A primitive root (compare chalah); properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from chaliyl) to play (the flute) -- begin (X men began), defile, X break, defile, X eat (as common things), X first, X gather the grape thereof, X take inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

This is extremely interesting. Now let's look at the word translated as "mighty one" to see just how interesting it really is. The word translated as "mighty one" is "gibbor" in Hebrew (Strong's # 1368). There has been some debate regarding this word as it can be used in a variety of ways. Here are a few mentioned in Strong's:

champion, chief, excel, giant, man, mighty man, one, strong man,

Notice one of the ways that it can be used includes the word "giant" though this word is not as popular in that regard as other Hebrew words such as Nephilim or Raphaim. This word "gibbor" seems to be more of a description of a man who is indeed mighty in the sense of a warrior. But when you look at Genesis 6:4, there appears to be an interesting connection.

"There were giants [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 [gibbor] which were of old men of renown." [emphasis mine]

This seems to be saying that the "gibbor" can be considered the offspring of the Nephilim, which we know were giants. This is not always the case though. Take David's "mighty men [gibbor] of valor" (in 2 Chronicles 25:6) for instance. I don't believe these were Nephilim offspring - especially since one of the things these guys did was hunt down giants! So, we can't get overly dogmatic about the word itself. I believe its meaning must be taken in context with its usage in the sentence.

So, what are we to think concerning Nimrod? I believe given what we know concerning the other son's of Ham and their offspring, it is reasonable to assume that through profaning/defiling himself, Nimrod became a "mighty one" - in the sense of being an offspring of the Nephilim (see also this person's explanation). What we don't see in scripture I believe can certainly be derived from the writings of other cultures concerning this man.

In his book, *The Giza Discovery*, author Peter Goodgame has done a masterful job of laying the foundation of who this guy was to the ancient world... and who he will be in the days ahead. The Bible calls him Nimrod, but to the ancients he was known as:

- Gilgamesh
- Baal
- Melqart
- Adonis
- Eshmun
- Dumuzi
- Dionysus
- Bacchus
- Orion
- Mithra
- Apollo
- Ra
- Tammuz
- Osiris
There are others, but I primarily want to focus on the first and the last in the list above. Before I do that, I'd like to explain why he is known by so many names.

The Bible tells us about one of the things Nimrod did that made him famous. He was the one who orchestrated the building of the Tower of Babel. According to the Book of Jasher,[1] Nimrod led a team of three camps, each with a special mission to accomplish with the completion of the Tower. One camp intended to kill God. Another intended to strike Him with bows and spears. The third planned to set up their false gods and worship them in Heaven. So what we see here are the attributes of the first Anti-Christ. He wanted to kill God and set up a One World System, with himself as God. But when God saw all that they intended to do, He decided to do something about it.

The first thing we must realize is that the Tower of Babel was not just a tall building. God didn’t freak out when we built the World Trade Center buildings. No. Nimrod was building what we might call a "Stargate" today. The Tower of Babel was literally a portal through which Nimrod intended to reach into Heaven. And apparently, this was possible.

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- Genesis 11:4-7 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

From that text it would seem that Nimrod's plan was possible - at least in the sense of "reaching into Heaven." We know that we can't build a building that is high enough to literally enter into the "Third Heaven" where God dwells, therefore something else must be meant by this. Somehow, Nimrod and his people created something that could “bridge” our world and that of the Heavenly realm. But God put a stop to it. He confounded their speech and separated the people of the earth.

In the New Living Translation, Deuteronomy 32:8 says,

When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court. [emphasis mine]
I chose that translation, because it seems to be more accurate than most other translations that render the last part as, "according to the children of Israel." The NLT seems to draw its translation of this verse from the Septuagint which says, "according to the angels of God." In Barne's Notes on the Bible, the author writes, "Some texts of the Greek version have "according to the number of the Angels of God;" following apparently not a different reading, but the Jewish notion that the nations of the earth are seventy in number (compare Genesis 10:1 note), and that each has its own guardian Angel (compare Ecclus. 17:17). This was possibly suggested by an apprehension that the literal rendering might prove invidious to the many Gentiles who would read the Greek version."

King Wells, the author of Ancient Myths and the Bible reinforces this belief on pages 12 and 13 of his book:

Remember, we must prove a thesis from more than one source, so let's look at Deut. 4:19:

And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Once again, we see that God divided the nations according to the host of heaven, and throughout the scriptures the host of heaven has referred to the angels...

The Book of Jasher confirms this idea as well. In chapter 48:43, it describes the throne of Pharaoh as follows.

And the throne on which the king sat was covered with gold and silver and onyx stones, and it had seventy steps.

The narrative goes on to describe the reasons for the seventy steps, stating that they represent the 70 languages of man. Note verses 45b-47:

Also any man who understood to speak in all the seventy languages, he ascended the seventy steps, and went up and spoke till he reached the king. And any man who could not complete the seventy, he ascended as many steps as the languages which he knew to speak in. It was customary in those days in Egypt that no one should reign over them, but one who understood to speak in the seventy languages.

In the next chapter (of Jasher), we see in the account of Joseph being made second in charge of Egypt, that Pharaoh's officers protested the idea of someone ruling over them who did not know all 70 languages. This would have presented a problem for Joseph if it were not for an angel of the Lord coming to him that night and teaching him all 70 languages (Jasher 49:9-18).

What's the point? The point is simply this: after the confusion of the tongues at the Tower of Babel, men went away talking about the same guy (Nimrod), only now in their new language. Thus Nimrod, the great and mighty warrior-hunter-god-king, became known by many different names throughout the world. With 70 different nations/languages coming out of that one event, it is now easy to understand how Nimrod could be known by at least 70 different names!

Earlier, I said I wanted to focus on two names in particular; Gilgamesh and Osiris. Let's start with Gilgamesh. The Epic of Gilgamesh is one of the oldest stories ever written. Many people have made the connection that Gilgamesh is just one of many names for Nimrod. David Livingston does a good job of making the Nimrod-Gilgamesh connection, and the Internet is literally loaded with information and resources that testify to the two names representing the same individual.

He is often depicted as a giant. We can see in the picture to the left that he is holding a lion under his arm! The ancient text also makes the statement that he was "2/3 god and 1/3 man." This would certainly seem to support the "Nephilim genetics" case I'm making regarding the children of Ham.
There is much I could write about concerning Gilgamesh, but that's all I will focus on for now. I will return to this character again shortly. Now, let's turn our attention to Osiris.

Osiris is a VERY well known character in both history and mythology. He plays a prominent role in secret societies and even in our own government. But more than that, I believe he is the central character we need to look at when it comes to understanding the times we live in and what is to come in the near future.

For instance, did you know that Osiris is the only other god of antiquity apart from Yeshua that was known as, "The King of kings and Lord of lords?"

"...he is exceedingly mighty and most terrible in his name 'Osiris'; he endureth for ever and for ever in his name of 'Un-nefer.' Homage be to thee, O King of kings, Lord of lords, Ruler of princes, who from the womb of Nut hast ruled the world and the Underworld..."

- Excerpt from a Hymn to Osiris in the Book of the Dead [emphasis mine]

As stated above, Peter Goodgame has done an amazing job of connecting the dots and explaining the Osiris myth, so I won't go over it all here. Please take the time to read Part 2 of The Giza Discovery to learn more. There are however a few things that I would like to point out here in order to set the stage for some of the conclusions I will draw later.

Osiris' symbol is the ankh, which looks remarkably like a cross. One dominant theory is that the "loop" at the top of the ankh represents resurrection - as in the rebirth of the sun. This would seem to go along with the NUMEROUS dying and resurrecting sun gods born on December 25th that are found in the ancient world. And suffice it to say, it is not by chance, coincidence or accident that the Son of God was crucified on the symbol of the sun god!

With that in mind, I feel it is important to note that in Nimrod's incarnation as Osiris, you can truly see a mirror (reversed) image of Jesus. Where Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ, the Messiah, Osiris is the exact antithesis. He is the sun god, the false messiah, the ANTI-Christ! This is one of the primary reasons why I believe Christians should have absolutely nothing to do with associating Jesus Christ and the date, December 25th. It was NOT Jesus' birthday.[2] It was the birthday of Nimrod/Osiris/Baal/Mithra.
It is not my intent to build a comprehensive case against Christmas in this blog. Click here if you'd like to view more videos on the subject. The bottom line is, in Deuteronomy 18:9, God told the Israelites not to have anything to do with the traditions of other (false) gods. He considers that an abomination. And if our God is "the same yesterday, today and forever" as the Bible claims He is, then I suspect the Word that became flesh on our behalf would give us the same warning. It has been my experience that few if any Christians want to hear this message and will fight you tooth and nail over it. But because I believe I have been shown this truth, I have a responsibility to herald it.

Once again a message came to me from the Lord: “Son of man, give your people this message: ‘When I bring an army against a country, the people of that land choose one of their own to be a watchman. When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives. But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn’t sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths.’” - Ezekiel 33:1-6 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

I've sounded the alarm. It is up to you to heed it or ignore it. Needless to say, “Christmas Day” (as defined by December 25th) is not Jesus Christ's birthday, but rather the birthday of the Anti-Christ - the dying and resurrecting sun god of antiquity... who hasn't resurrected yet.

Hasn't resurrected yet? What's that about???

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is repeatedly referred to as “the One who was and is and is to come.” That theme carries through the early part of the book, but once you get to chapter 13, you start to read about a "Beast" who is later described (in chapter 17:8-11) as the one who "was and is NOT and yet shall be." More on that later.

The other thing I want to point out regarding the Osiris-Nimrod connection is their association with one of the most prominent and easily identifiable constellations in the sky - Orion. Like Gilgamesh and Nimrod, Orion is also known as "the mighty hunter." In The Two Babylons by Alexander Hislop, the author writes the following (in Chapter 2, Death of the Child)

*See OVID’S Fasti. Ovid represents Orion as so puffed up with pride on account of his great strength, as vain-gloriously to boast that no creature on earth could cope with him, whereupon a scorpion appeared, "and," says the poet, "he was added to the stars." The name of a scorpion in Chaldee is Akrab; but Ak-rab, thus divided, signifies "THE GREAT OPPRESSOR," and this is the hidden meaning of the Scorpion as represented in the Zodiac. That sign typifies him who cut off the Babylonian god, and suppressed the system he set up. It was while the sun was in Scorpio that Osiris in Egypt "disappeared" (WILKINSON), and great lamentations were made for his disappearance. Another subject was mixed up with the death of the Egyptian god; but it is specially to be noticed that, as it was in consequence of a conflict with a scorpion that Orion was “added to the stars,” so it was when the scorpion was in the ascendant that Osiris “disappeared.”

From Persian records we are expressly assured that it was Nimrod who was deified after his death by the name of Orion, and placed among the stars...

[emphasis mine]

So, now that we have connected Nimrod with Gilgamesh, Osiris and Orion, I will begin to pull it all together and paint a picture that I believe perfectly illustrates what is to come.
Everyone knows the Giza plateau is aligned to the “belt” of the Orion Constellation. The Giza plateau has received a lot of attention throughout history, but never as much as I believe it is now and will in the very near future. In 1999, Zahi Hawass, the current Secretary General of Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities, claimed to have found the burial tomb of Osiris below the Giza Plateau. [3]

“I have found a shaft, going 29 meters vertically down into the ground, exactly halfway between the Chephren Pyramid and the Sphinx. At the bottom, which was filled with water, we have found a burial chamber with four pillars. In the middle is a large granite sarcophagus, which I expect to be the grave of Osiris, the god… I have been digging in Egypt’s sand for more than 30 years, and up to date this is the most exciting discovery I have made…. We found the shaft in November and began pumping up the water recently. So several years will pass before we have finished investigating the find.”

That was more than ten years ago! Just imagine what they’ve found under the Giza plateau since then!

A few years later, another astonishing (and related) discovery was made, but this time in the desert of Iraq. On Tuesday, the 29th of April, 2003, a BBC news report came out announcing that archeologists had discovered the tomb of Gilgamesh! I have copied the entire article below (because it would not surprise me if it disappears from the original BBC web site soon).

### Gilgamesh tomb believed found!

Archaeologists in Iraq believe they may have found the lost tomb of King Gilgamesh - the subject of the oldest "book" in history.

The Epic Of Gilgamesh - written by a Middle Eastern scholar 2,500 years before the birth of Christ - commemorated the life of the ruler of the city of Uruk, from which Iraq gets its name.

Now, a German-led expedition has discovered what is thought to be the entire city of Uruk - including, where the Euphrates once flowed, the last resting place of its famous King.

"I don’t want to say definitely it was the grave of King Gilgamesh, but it looks very similar to that described in the epic,” Jorg Fassbinder, of the Bavarian department of Historical Monuments in Munich, told the BBC World Service’s Science in Action programme.

Magnetic

In the book - actually a set of inscribed clay tablets - Gilgamesh was described as having been buried under the Euphrates, in a tomb apparently constructed when the waters of the ancient river parted following his death.

"We found just outside the city an area in the middle of the former Euphrates river the remains of such a building which could be interpreted as a burial,” Mr Fassbinder said.

He said the amazing discovery of the ancient city under the Iraqi desert had been made possible by modern technology.

"By differences in magnetisation in the soil, you can look into the ground,” Mr Fassbinder added.

“Who can compare with him in kingliness? Who can say, like Gilgamesh, I am king?”

The Epic Of Gilgamesh
“The difference between mudbricks and sediments in the Euphrates river gives a very detailed structure.”

This creates a magnetogram, which is then digitally mapped, effectively giving a town plan of Uruk.

‘Venice in the desert’

“The most surprising thing was that we found structures already described by Gilgamesh,” Mr Fassbinder stated.

“We covered more than 100 hectares. We have found garden structures and field structures as described in the epic, and we found Babylonian houses.”

But he said the most astonishing find was an incredibly sophisticated system of canals.

“Very clearly, we can see in the canals some structures showing that flooding destroyed some houses, which means it was a highly developed system.

“[It was] like Venice in the desert.”

I believe these two incredible discoveries - the tombs of Osiris and Gilgamesh - telegraph the beginning of the End.

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Footnotes:

2. Jesus was most likely born on September 11th, 2 (or 3) B.C. thus December 25th is NOT His birthday! [back]
3. Sandpit of Royalty, from the newspaper Extra Bladet (Copenhagen), January 31, 1999 [back]
Someone once asked me, "What is the purpose of prophecy?" To which I responded, "To prepare us for things to come." And I truly believe that. So, if that is true, do you really think God would leave us hanging concerning the details of major events in what we call the End Times?

In Mark 13:19 Jesus said that there has never been a time like those coming days and there never will be again after they have finished. That's pretty serious! Therefore, when looking at the key players that have been written about concerning those Last Days, should we not find some major clues to help us determine who they are? Should we not be able to look at Scripture and determine EXACTLY who the coming Anti-Christ is going to be, so that we are not deceived? Obviously, I believe the answer is a resounding, YES!

So far we have seen that prior to the Flood, Lucifer and his angels did most of the "dirty work" themselves. They had direct interaction with humans, leading them into sin, death and destruction. But after the Flood, we saw that a MAN rose up, empowered by the Devil to oppose God and His children. He did this at the Tower of Babel. Thus, the first Anti-Christ figure arose. His name was Nimrod. There, he tried to kill God and set up a New Order with himself serving as the god of this world. The work of evil began to take place through a human being (apparently of Nephilim descent).

After God foiled Nimrod's plans, the population of the world was divided into 70 nations, each ruled by an angelic principality and each people group telling stories of the god-man who was their leader. He went by many names. Each of those names carried with it a legend, story or myth that involved the concept of resurrection.

We ended the last section by drawing attention to some of the various names Nimrod has been known by, focusing specifically on the names Gilgamesh, Osiris and Orion.

What I find interesting about the usual depiction of Orion is that he has a lion in one hand and a club in the other. He is also facing Taurus the bull. Bull worship was very popular in the days leading up to and during the time of Moses. Bull worship was also strongly associated with Baal (who is yet another name for Nimrod as noted above). So, here you have a mighty hunter facing a bull about to smash a lion... or so he thinks.

We know that one of the titles for Jesus is, "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah." Even as we look at the imagery to the left and we contemplate the Last Days, it may be tempting to think that the Anti-Christ is winning the battle. He has his hand raised to strike the Savior. It looks pretty bleak doesn't it?

But recently, the Lord brought me to another passage of Scripture that fits this analogy perfectly. Now, when I look at the arrogance of Nimrod/Orion, I can not help but think of Revelation 5:5:
Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed...”

And when we keep reading, we are reminded that we win in the end. The club of Nimrod will never strike the head of the Lion. In fact, just the opposite is going to happen. The seed of the woman will finally crush the head of the serpent, just as the first prophecy in the Bible says! [1] But I’m getting ahead of myself.

In the Old Testament, one phrase stands out above all others as a description for the Anti-Christ. That phrase is, “the Assyrian.” Look again at the picture of Orion and consider this passage from Isaiah 10:5:

> Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath!” [emphasis mine]

The Lord goes on to address this individual again in chapter 14:24,25:

> The LORD Almighty has sworn, “Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen. I will crush the Assyrian in my land; on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders.” [emphasis mine]

There is much that could be written concerning the Assyrian in scripture, but this is all I really need to write about here to make my point. For more amazing insights on the Assyrian, click here to read the article Peter Goodgame wrote for Raiders News Network.

Nimrod was known as a mighty hunter. Orion was known as the mighty hunter. And so was Gilgamesh. Notice the quote in the middle bump-out of the BBC article above. It is from a portion of Tablet 1 of the Epic of Gilgamesh. The extended version of that passage reads:

> Who can compare with him in kingliness?
> Who can say like Gilgamesh: “I am King!”?
> Whose name, from the day of his birth, was called “Gilgamesh”?
> Two-thirds of him is god, one-third of him is human. [emphasis mine]

Compare that with, Revelation 13:3-4:

> And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

**Note:** According to the Book of Jasher, Esau cut off the head of Nimrod/Gilgamesh/Osiris/Orion! [2]

> And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? [emphasis mine]
Why would the whole world call a man "the Beast" and follow him? I believe this will happen because:

- so many cultures already have some sort of connection to him (through myth, legend and/or religion)
- something seriously freaky happened - like a mortal "head wound" being healed and
- the man was a giant - a beast!
- when this 4,000 year old "beast" rises up from under the Giza plateau (out of the water), it will truly be an astonishing, miraculous sight! A modern day, giant Frankenstein, god-man rising from the dead!

*Cue the freaky music and the thunder sound effects as the people shout, "It's aliiiiiiiiive!"

Let's take a closer look at this "Beast." Revelation 17 confirms once and for all who the End Time Anti-Christ is going to be. Further, I will show you what I believe to be absolute proof, straight from the lips of Jesus that seems to confirm this theory.

Revelation 17 is where John sees the vision of the Beast with seven heads. He is confused as to the meaning of this vision, so the angel tells him what it means.

> The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

- Revelation 17:8-11 (KJV)

The Beast that was introduced in Revelation 13 is described here in Revelation 17 in more detail. So here we have the "guardrails" or boundaries within which we must stay when considering who the Anti-Christ was, is and will be.

Note that the angel describes the seven headed beast by saying first that we must have wisdom when looking at it. In other words, we are challenged to think this through. The angel then goes on to say that there are seven kings that we need to pay attention to. In context, the creature described here is one with seven heads, meaning there have been seven individuals in history that were all of one "body" - that of Anti-Christ. The angel tells John that five have fallen, one currently is (at the time of John) and another will come, but reign only for a short time.

Peter Goodgame believes the following individuals represent the seven "heads" of the Beast (and I tend to agree).

1. **Nimrod** - without a doubt, he is the first anti-Christ figure described in the Bible.

2. The **Pharaoh of Egypt** (at the time of the Exodus) - again a man arose, thinking himself to be a god and whose motives were to enslave and wipe out the children of the One True God.

3. **Sennacherib** - the king of Assyria who also thought himself to be a god and who sought to rise up against the Holy One of Israel... only to instead be humbled by the Lord and sent home - where he was murdered by his own sons.
4. The king of Tyre - another king first described as a man who thought himself to be a god, then described as Lucifer himself in the Bible.

5. Antiochus Epiphanes - set up an altar to Zeus in the Holy of Holies and offered up a pig as sacrifice creating an abomination in God's Holy Temple. This of course foreshadows what the last Anti-Christ will do in the Third Temple.

Those are arguably the most likely candidates for the "five (who) have fallen."

6. There is some debate about the one who "now is." The identity of this person depends on when John actually wrote the Book of Revelation. It must have been Caesar. But which Caesar was it? Nero or Domitian? The belief I hold to is that it was Nero. He most definitely fits the description of a demon possessed madman, hellbent on destroying God's people.

7. The one who "has not yet come" and shall reign for a short period of time, I believe has to be Adolf Hitler. Again, he definitely fits the description of a demon possessed, viscous world leader who blatantly stood in the face of God. Hitler murdered millions of the Holy One of Israel's people, and he did so in the manner of Luciferian, occult, ritualistic-like fashion - including massive human sacrifice. If he is just a foretaste of what's to come, the last Anti-Christ will truly be a monster, a "weapon of mass destruction" unlike anything ever seen before!

So, here we have all seven (most likely) candidates from history. These are the seven heads of the Beast. But notice the next verse, that very few Bible scholars ever seem to pay much attention to:

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven...

It says that the Beast that was, and is not (and yet shall be) is the EIGHTH who is OF the SEVEN. Actually, the terminology of "was and IS NOT and yet shall be" is mentioned a few times in Revelation 17. I believe this is there for those who "have wisdom" to take notice. First of all, it is the antithesis of the description for Jesus in the first few chapters as the One who "was and IS and is to come." Second, it fits the numerous beliefs of the ancient world concerning their dying and resurrecting sun god. But the fact that Revelation 17:11 says that he is "of the seven" means the last and most (in)famous Anti-Christ has to be one of the seven listed above... and will probably embody the traits of all of them combined!

Now, if we look at the description of Revelation 13 again, we find that this individual had a mortal head wound that was miraculously healed. So, looking at the list above, we need to ask which of these had a mortal head wound?

1. Nimrod - Yes!
2. Pharaoh of Egypt - No!
3. Sennacherib (king of Assyria) - No!
4. King of Tyre - No!
5. Antiochus Epiphanes - No!
6. Nero - Yes! (sort of) It is said that he stabbed himself in the throat.
7. Hitler - Yes! (sort of) History says he shot himself in the head, but recent DNA, forensic evidence seems to suggest otherwise.

But for the sake of argument, let's say we have 3 out of 7 who fit that description:

1. Nimrod
2. Nero
3. Hitler
Now, which of those three is an Assyrian who has any connection to Babylon? Only one. Nimrod.

**Note:** While Sennacherib was indeed an Assyrian, he never had a mortal wound to the head.

Even if the above list of "candidates" is not accurate, I believe a very strong case can be made for at least the first and the last names on that list. We can debate all day long about the rest. The bottom line is, no matter what list you put together for the seven, no person in the recorded history of this planet fits ALL descriptions for the Anti-Christ better than Nimrod. And if we were to apply Occam's razor, "the simplest explanation is more likely the correct one" to this analysis, I believe the results would speak for themselves. So, we can forget any and all notions, theories and/or ideas regarding any current political figure walking this earth. Obama is not the Anti-Christ. Neither is Ahmadinejad, Osama bin Laden, Putin, Prince William or anyone else. No other actor on the world stage fits the part better then Nimrod.

Perhaps the biggest and most recent revelation concerning Nimrod as the Anti-Christ is the "coincidence?" concerning his "percentages" as a god-man. My wife and I were discussing something this morning and she kept talking about the ratio of two-thirds. All of a sudden, another piece of the puzzle fell into place!

"This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666." - Revelation 13:18 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Notice how the Epic of Gilgamesh states that he was 2/3 god and 1/3 man. Right there you have two extremely important number percentages. One third is (approximately) 33.3%. In the Illuminati and in Secret Societies in general, 33 is a significant number - and one we will deal with a lot more in the blog I've titled, "Jesus By The Numbers" (coming soon). In that section, I will show the significance of the number 33 as it pertains to the Nephilim, to Jesus as well as to the rise of the Nephilim and their Anti-Christ. More on that later. Now, as to Nimrod/Gilgamesh's other percentage, you probably already know where I'm going with it. Yes. Two-thirds. If we "calculate the number of the beast" with that "insight" in mind we end up with approximately 66.6% or 666!

All right, let's bring it all together now. We've already built a case for worldwide worship of this man by many other names. He was considered a "god-man" by many cultures. Part god - part man? Hmmmm. Where have we heard that before? Jesus Christ is both God and man. Both were called "the King of kings and Lord of lords." Both have a cross as a symbol. Both are known as a dying and resurrecting figure (though Nimrod has yet to do so). One is the Christ. One is the Anti-Christ... whose "god-number" just so happens to calculate out to 666.

Earlier, I promised to show you something directly from the lips of Jesus that I believe proves all of what I am saying here is true. Consider Matthew 24:24-28 where Jesus says,

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. (In other words, PAY ATTENTION!) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 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 carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together." (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Notice Jesus says, "Behold, I have told you before." I like the way the New Living Translation renders that first part. Backing up to verse 23 it says,

"Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. See, I have warned you about this ahead of time." [emphasis mine]

In other words, I believe Jesus is saying, "PAY ATTENTION! This is serious guys! Even YOU could be deceived by what is going to happen!"

He then mentions the desert. Gilgamesh was found in the desert.
He mentions “the secret chambers.” The Tomb of Osiris was found and it most certainly was/is a secret chamber. Click Here for some more interesting information and videos about this find.

But the last statement Jesus says makes no sense at all in any other context. He says,

“For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” [emphasis mine]

The correct translation is "eagles." But modern translations changed the word to "vultures" because everyone knows that eagles don't go after dead things (i.e. a carcase). They hunt live prey. So, the translators changed the scripture to match their flawed understanding.

The truth is, Jesus knew exactly what He was saying (imagine that)! I believe Jesus prophetically looked forward in time and saw "eagles" gathered around a corpse.

The eagle has been the emblem of choice for nearly every major world empire on this planet, past and present. The eagle is of course the national symbol for America.

Some of our elite military units proudly display the eagle in various places on their combat uniforms. Colonels wear the eagle on their shoulders and the eagle is also prominently displayed on the hat, collar, chest, shoulders and buttons of our military's dress uniforms.

Americans proudly display their blessed eagle all over the place!

From our currency to our national seal, government buildings, monuments, the uniforms our soldiers wear, motorcycles, flags, flag poles... you simply can not escape the American Eagle imagery.

Therefore, is it any wonder that Jesus described "eagles" when He looked forward in time and described what He saw concerning the (revival of the) one who would claim to be the savior of the world in the Last Days?

Where are America's (eagle wearing) soldiers now? They are in Iraq - Babylon! And we went there one month after supposedly finding the tomb of Gilgamesh!
At prophecy meetings, people always like to ask, “Where is America in prophecy?” After all we are (at least at the time of this writing) the world’s “super power” nation. Should we not imagine that America would therefore be mentioned in prophecies concerning the Last Days? Especially if we are to believe we are now in those Last Days (or rapidly approaching them)? The usual assumption is that something knocks America out of that “super power” status and thus we are not a relevant player in the End Times scenario. While I will grant that could be a possibility, I believe a stronger case can be made for America’s role in the Last Days being depicted in that passage of Matthew 24:24-28. Unfortunately, if this is true, that means we are not playing on the right team. Because the implication then is that America is busy resurrecting the Anti-Christ and setting up his future empire! I will elaborate on that later in the section called, “The Omega Plan.”

This conclusion sounds harsh I know. But considering the Masonic (occult) roots of our nation’s founding, the layout of our government’s capital city, the NUMEROUS monuments and statues that glorify Babylonian, Egyptian, Greek and Roman deities and all that has happened since 9/11 to set up a New World Order, it’s hard not to come to that conclusion.

Let me pause for a moment here and encourage you not to question my Patriotism. Just because I am pointing out facts that are hard to accept concerning our nation, that does not mean I am anti-America. I love my country!

I am a third generation Army veteran who proudly served this country for eight years of my life. Though I never had to see combat (thank God), I was willing to lay my life down to protect this country (and still am) if need be. In fact, at one point in my military career, I volunteered to serve in Desert Storm (three times). So, again I say, I love this country and please do not question my Patriotism. But just because I love this country, that does not mean I agree with everything our government does or has done in the past. And the Constitution that I swore to uphold, defend and protect, affords me the right to express these views... at least for now it does anyway.

For a better understanding of where I am coming from, and before you are tempted to crucify me for making such statements as those made regarding our country’s founding and her on-going involvement with all things concerning Osiris/Nimrod, I highly recommend that you watch the following two movies by film maker Chris Pinto:
Through these two videos, I believe Chris Pinto has done a magnificent job of exposing America's role in the "End Game."

I believe I've made a solid case for Nimrod being the first and most certainly the last Anti-Christ. I will therefore conclude this section with a quote from Peter Goodgame's "Assyrian" article:
Following the successful American invasion of Iraq, and subsequent occupation, there are many Bible scholars who are looking at the end-times prophecies of this region with renewed interest. Many of them believe that the Bible predicts the literal re-building of Babylon—the "great harlot" of Revelation 17:1—along the banks of the Euphrates River. They follow along with the views of Arthur W. Pink who, in 1923 in his comprehensive study of the Antichrist, pointed to Zechariah 5:5-11 which speaks of the habitation of a wicked woman being established "in the land of Shinar." Will ancient Babylon be rebuilt in the last days and somehow emerge in control of the political and economic structures of the world in fulfillment of Revelation 17-18?

Of course now that the US Military controls Iraq we can be sure that if a rebuilt Babylon does emerge it will happen only through the support of the US Government!

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Footnotes:

1. Genesis 3:15 [back]
2. Jasher 27:1-12 - Note also the awesome connection here to Genesis 25:29-34 [back]
Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

- Job 38:31-33 (KJV)

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

- Genesis 1:14-16 (KJV)
The number 72 is a very interesting and significant number. Here are just a few entries mentioned on Wikipedia:

- In a plane, the exterior angles of a regular pentagon measure 72 degrees each.
- The atomic number of hafnium
- In degrees Fahrenheit considered to be room temperature.
- The average number of heartbeats per minute for a resting adult.
- Percentage of water of which the human body is composed.
- The life duration of the ovule is 72 hours.
- **The mass of the Moon is 1/72nd of that the Earth.**
- The volume of Saturn is 72 times of that the Earth.
- **The axis of the earth moves off one degree every 72 years compared to stars.**
- The 72 Paranatellons, extra-zodiacal constellations that rise and set simultaneously with zodiacal constellations.
- Messier object M72, a magnitude 10.0 globular cluster in the constellation Aquarius.
- The Saros number of the solar eclipse series which began on -727 August 16 and ended on 752 January. The duration of Saros series 72 was 1478.1 years, and it contained 83 solar eclipses.
- The Saros number of the lunar eclipse series which began on -407 June 5 and ended on 891 July. The duration of Saros series 72 was 1298.1 years, and it contained 73 lunar eclipses.
- The conventional number of scholars translating the Septuagint, according to the legendary account in the "Letter of Aristeas".
- The conventional number of disciples sent forth by Jesus in Luke 10 in some manuscripts (70 in others).
- The number of names of God, according to Kabbalah (see names of God in Judaism).
- The Shemhamphorasch related to the number of the names of God.
- The total number of books in the Holy Bible in the Catholic version if the Book of Lamentations is considered part of the Book of Jeremiah.
- The current distribution of the Revelation book is 22 chapters, adopted since the 13th century. But such was not always the case. The oldest known division of the text is that the Greek commentator Andrew of Cesary (6th century) in 72 chapters.
- The number of warriors on the Muslim side at the Battle of Badr.
- The number of people martyred along with Imam Hussain at the Battle of Karbala.
- **The number of devils according to The Lesser Key of Solomon.**
- The 72 old men of the synagogue, according to the Zohar.
- The degrees of the Jacob's ladder were to the number of 72, according to the Zohar.
- The 72 disciples of Confucius.
- **The god Osiris was enclosed in a coffin by 72 evil disciples and accomplices of Set.**
- It is the number of the Immortals Taoism.
- The number of virgins a Muslim might get as a reward in Heaven
- The number of hours in 3 days.
- A loud tone of 72Hz makes light objects vibrate.
- **There are 72 goetic demons.**
- Thoth, of Egyptian Mythology wins a 72nd of each day of the year from the Moon in a game of Draughts, as a favor to Nut, the Sky Goddess. He uses these portions to make the 5 intercalary days on which the remaining Gods and Goddesses are born.

[emphasis mine]

[The Wiki Source contains even more bullet points]

Another web site called, **Look Up Fellowship** by Jeffery Radt has the following to say about the number:

*It is said that Psalm 72 is a prophecy of the Second Coming of Christ and the Millennium! Furthermore, many scholars point to Psalm 72 as a proof text to support the position that the Land of Israel has expanded to include the whole Earth (the true Israel of God in the New Covenant has expanded to include all Jews and Gentiles who accept Christ as their “David”).*

and..
"...We have 70 elders chosen in Numbers 11:14-17 to assist Moses. These 70, plus Aaron and Moses, equal 72 -- the 72 who spoke on God's behalf to the people. Also, there were 72 ornaments on the Menorah in the Tabernacle -- a symbol of Light -- and the oil in it, the Holy Spirit. Also, there were said to be 72 separate pieces of the veil in the Temple which separated the Holy place from the Most Holy Place. All these speak of the transmission of God's message. Additionally, the Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint, was said to have been translated by 72 Hebrew Scholars (6 from each tribe) in 72 days -- again a transmission of God's message! Something else, pertinent in our time is that the priestly garments are being remade for Temple service. The garment of the High Priest has brass bells and pomegranates woven into its hem. Interestingly, they have decided that 72 of each, alternating around the hem, will be used! Inspired? I think so!"

And this is just the beginning! You will find no shortage of interesting things to "look up" concerning the number 72. But I want to draw your attention to just a few of the above listed bullet points:

- The mass of the Moon is 1/72nd of that the Earth.
- The axis of the earth moves of one degree every 72 years.
- The number of devils according to The Lesser Key of Solomon.
- The god Osiris was enclosed in a coffin by 72 evil disciples and accomplices of Set.
- There are 72 goetic demons.
- Thoth, of Egyptian Mythology wins a 72nd of each day of the year from the Moon in a game of Draughts, as a favor to Nut, the Sky Goddess. He uses these portions to make the 5 intercalary days on which the remaining Gods and Goddesses are born.

Each of these deal with Osiris, demons, the earth, the moon and the stars (Constellations). Let's start with the stars. Scientists today and ancient astronomers of the past have observed that every 72 years, the stars in the sky appear to move one degree from their previous position on the horizon.

Originally, the Ancient Egyptian year was 360 days long. That number of course is identical to the number of degrees in a circle. In Egyptian mythology, Thoth was the "keeper of records." He was associated with the arts, science, astronomy and writing in the form of hieroglyphs. In one legend, Thoth won a game of draughts with the moon and thus was able to gain 5 extra days for the year. So, he encoded his knowledge of the Precession of the stars (Constellations) by multiplying 72 by the extra 5 days arriving at 360 (the number of degrees in a circle). Then, when the 72 years are multiplied by the 360 degrees of a complete, circular (star) cycle, we discover that it takes is 25,920 years for each heavenly Precession to be completed... at which time the whole thing starts all over again.

The subject of the "resetting" of the Precession has become a hot topic these days. Especially as we approach the year 2012 and all the "prophecies" supposedly written about it by the Mayans. Did they arrive at their numbers the same way as the Egyptians? I don't know. But the concept does lead us into a discussion about December 21, 2012 - a date intimately connected to the number 72, the founding of the United States of America, and the emergence of the coming Anti-Christ.
Now I'd like to draw your attention to the Great Seal of the United States (which was placed on the U.S. one dollar bill in 1935 by the high ranking Freemasons, President FDR and V.P. Henry Wallace - after Wallace met with occultist, Nicholas Roerich). For an excellent video presentation on this subject, check out Chris Pinto's documentary "Eye of the Phoenix" below:

Eye of the Phoenix

Consider what the highly regarded Freemason writer, Manly P. Hall had to say about the front of our nation's Great Seal:

"Careful analysis of the seal discloses a mass of occult and Masonic symbols, chiefly among them the so-called American eagle - a bird which Benjamin Franklin declared unworthy to be chosen as the emblem of a great, powerful, and progressive people. Here again only the student of symbolism can see through the subterfuge and realize that the American eagle upon the Great Seal is but a conventionalized phoenix, a fact plainly discernible from an examination of the original seal."

- Manly P. Hall
The Secret Teachings of All Ages
[emphasis mine]
Hall says that the "eagle" that America is so well known for is actually a "symbol" of a "conventionalized phoenix." Therefore, it is important to note here that the phoenix is also directly related to Osiris. For according to Egyptian Mythology, the phoenix is associated with the sun god. She is called the "Bennu," which means "the Ascending One" and essentially represents the soul of Osiris. Thus, the phoenix is yet another symbol for the rebirth of Osiris, rising out of the ashes of death.

This gives even more meaning to the prophetic words of Jesus in Matthew 24:24-28 and makes the implications of America's role in the Last Days that much more sobering. For as you saw in Chris Pinto's previous videos, this country was not founded as a "Christian Nation" so much as it was a "Masonic Nation" whose sole purpose (as the "New Atlantis") is to bring about the New World Order - the order of Osiris. Virtually everything in our nation's iconography reveals this to be true.

Another interesting observation concerning the phoenix comes from the Roman poet Ovid who wrote the following:

"Most beings spring from other individuals; but there is a certain kind which reproduces itself. The Assyrians call it the Phoenix. It does not live on fruit or flowers, but on frankincense and odoriferous gums. When it has lived five hundred years, it builds itself a nest in the branches of an oak, or on the top of a palm tree. In this it collects cinnamon, and spikenard, and myrrh, and of these materials builds a pile on which it deposits itself, and dying, Breathes out its last breath amidst odors. From the body of the parent bird, a young Phoenix issues forth, destined to live as long a life as its predecessor. When this has grown up and gained sufficient strength, it lifts its nest from the tree (its own cradle and its parent's sepulchre), and carries it to the city of Heliopolis in Egypt, and deposits it in the temple of the Sun."[1]

I find it extremely interesting that the life span of Osiris' "soul-bird" is five hundred years. According to the Book of Enoch, five hundred years is the allotted life span of the Nephilim (the offspring of the Watchers).[2] This is significant because in the first blog, I made the connection that Nimrod was indeed a Nephilim hybrid by breaking down the Hebrew in Genesis 10:8. There is a lot that could be said about this, but I don't want to get too far off track here. See The Return of the Nephilim blog for more on this.
The back side of The Great Seal of the United States of America is also very interesting and loaded with symbolism. Notice that there are 72 stones arranged in 13 rows, forming the unfinished pyramid. Everything in occult symbolism is deliberate and has meaning. So, what does this mean?

Author, lecturer and researcher, Thomas Horn has an on-line series of articles that preempted the release of his book, *Apollyon Rising 2012*, both of which go into great depths on this subject. In one of those on-line articles he writes,

*It is no coincidence that the start and ending dates of the final thirteen katuns of the Mesoamerican Mayan Long Count calendar are reflected in the thirteen steps of the pyramid on the United States’ Great Seal. That the steps of the pyramid were intended to convey units of time has been an open secret for many years. Though he was not sure what to make of it himself, Paul Foster Case wrote many years ago that:*

"Since the date, 1776, is placed on the bottom course of the pyramid, and since the number thirteen has been so important in the symbolism of the seal, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the thirteen courses of the pyramid may represent thirteen time periods."

*John Kehne made an even more intriguing observation, directly coupling the Great Seal’s trestleboard date, 1776, and the Mayan ending date 2012:*

*This Seal shows a thirteen-step pyramid with 1776 in Roman numerals…. [The year] 1776 was not only the year that the Declaration of Independence was signed, but was also a special year in the Mayan calendar. Just as the last katun in the Great Cycle is “katun 2012,” the first katun in the cycle of thirteen was “katun 1776.” In fact, the katun ended thirty-three days before the signing. So 1776 is the bottom level of the pyramid, where the date is actually inscribed—the top of the pyramid is therefore 2012.*

For more information concerning the symbols and meanings contained in the imagery on the back of our U.S. one dollar bill and our nation's Great Seal, click here.

Again, everything in Freemasonic imagery is deliberate and pregnant with meaning. Our Great Seal points directly to the year 2012 - and it does so from the starting date of our nation's founding. It therefore seems to be indicating that it is the destiny of America to bring about "whatever" is going to happen on December 21, 2012.

The Seal not only ties this nation directly to the year 2012, but it is also loaded with symbols tied directly to Osiris-Nimrod. So, what are we to derive from this? Considering the topics we have covered so far, I think it is more than reasonable to assume that just as Israel was the country through which God brought His Messiah, the United States was specifically designed to be the agency through which the Anti-Christ will be brought (back) to life. But I don't believe it will happen here. I believe through our intervention and input, Osiris-Nimrod will "rise" out of Egypt (just like Jesus did)[3] and will then quickly become established as king (once again) in Babylon.

As an American, I hate the thought that we could be the primary catalyst for bringing about the rise of Anti-Christ and the culmination of the Last Days. But the facts are hard to ignore. The deeper you investigate the meanings of our nation's icons, symbols and monuments, the more you come to realize just how much this nation is steeped in the occult.

Contrary to the average Christian's belief system that the United States is a "Christian nation," we can not get away from the fact that the vast majority of our Founding Fathers were not "Christians," they were deists. They subscribed to many occult concepts and ideas. All it takes to confirm this is a casual walk through the nation's capitol city - and especially the U.S. Capitol Building. Stroll into the center of the building and look up into the "womb of Isis." There, you will see a painting called, "The Apotheosis of Washington." Apotheosis means, to deify or make divine. In theology, the term refers to the idea that an individual has been raised to
godlike stature. George Washington has become a god? What??? I don't remember reading about that in history class!

I understand honoring Presidents, leaders and heroes... but turning them into gods? No. I don't think so. But there it is.

As you look closer into "Heaven," assuming we're approaching this from a Christian world view, you might expect to see imagery of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Perhaps angels like Michael and Gabriel maybe? But no. That's not what we see in this painting. Instead, it is loaded with pagan gods like Hermes, Neptune, and Vulcan (among others)! Notice also the 72 "binding pentagrams" surrounding the base of the mural.
What in the world is going on with all of this? We know that the ancient Pharaohs, Caesars and Emperors thought of themselves as gods, ruling over their nations. But our U.S. Presidents too? Come on! Haven't we outgrown that kind of non-sense? That's what I thought, until I started researching all of this for myself.

The picture above is of Horatio Greenough's 1840, government commissioned statue of George Washington enthroned as the god Zeus!! This statue was specifically made to look similar to one of the "Seven Wonders" of the Ancient World - the statue in the Temple of Zeus! And this sort of thing wasn't just limited to Washington either. Check out Lincoln's Apotheosis:
In 1865, images like this one started to show up depicting Lincoln as a Christ-like figure in the heavens (note the cap of Mithra/Nimrod hanging from the pole in the foreground). Click Here and Here for other Abe Apotheosis pictures.

Here's something else that needs to be pointed out concerning George Washington's statue. Why is our first president, one of our "Founding Fathers" posed as the goat-god Baphomet?

In his work, *Magick (Book 4)*, the famed occultist and the self proclaimed "Father of Satanism," Aleister Crowley had this to say concerning Baphomet:

"The Devil does not exist. It is a false name invented by the Black Brothers to imply a Unity in their ignorant muddle of dispersions. A devil who had unity would be a God... The Devil is, historically, the God of any people that one personally dislikes... This serpent, SATAN, is not the enemy of Man, but He who made Gods of our race, knowing Good and Evil; He bade 'Know Thyself!' and taught Initiation. He is 'The Devil' of the Book of Thoth, and His emblem is BAPHOMET, the
Androgyne who is the hieroglyph of arcane perfection... He is therefore Life, and Love. But moreover his letter is 'ayin,' the Eye, so that he is Light; and his Zodiacal image is Capricornus, that leaping goat whose attribute is Liberty.”[4]

For Crowley and others, Baphomet is Satan himself! So, here we have our first president "deified" as Lucifer. Lovely. Nothing like starting our nation off on the wrong foot. If the so-called “Father of our Nation” is depicted this way, what should that tell us about his children? Does not a father reproduce after his own kind? Do not children follow after the traits of their fathers? Could it therefore stand to reason that all other presidents since Washington might have been following his lead?

I don't believe it is just a coincidence that nearly all of our presidents have either been Freemasons, associated with Freemasons, members of other Secret Societies such as Skull and Bones... or related to each other! Check out this interesting chart created by a 12 year old girl who actually took the time to do the research for herself and compile it into a picture format. She connects all of our U.S. presidents (except Martin van Buren) to King John "Lackland" of the House of Plantagenet. See also this video. Even a CBS news report picked up on similar clues in the following video clip depicting people related to presidents George W. Bush and Barak Obama:

The House of Plantagenet is a branch of the Angevins. Wikipedia notes:

Popular legends surrounding the Angevins suggested that they had corrupt or demonic origins. While the chronicler Gerald of Wales is the key contemporaneous source for these stories, they often borrowed elements of the wider Melusine legend. For example, Gerald wrote in his De instructione principis of "a certain countess of Anjou" who rarely attended mass, and one day flew away, never to be seen again. A similar story was attached to Eleanor of Aquitaine in the thirteenth century romance Richard Coeur-de-lion. Gerald also presents a list of sins committed by Geoffrey V and Henry II as further evidence of their "corrupt" origins.
According to Gerald, these legends were not always discouraged by the Angevins. Richard the Lionheart was said to have often remarked of his family that they "come of the devil, and to the devil they would go." A similar statement is attributed to St. Bernard regarding Henry II. Henry II's sons reportedly defended their frequent infighting by saying "Do not deprive us of our heritage; we cannot help acting like devils." The legends surrounding the Angevins grew into English folklore and led some historians to give them the epithet "The Devil's Brood".

[emphasis mine]

So, if it is true that all of our presidents are descendents of these characters, is it any wonder why this country has turned out the way it has? And those presidents who chose to break away from or expose the "secrets" were killed. I don't believe John F. Kennedy was a saint by any stretch of the imagination, however the following speech given prior to his assassination is very interesting:

Personally, I have come to the conclusion that there really is no difference between Republican and Democrat and that Americans don't really elect their leaders. Our nation's presidents have been hand-picked for us by the Luciferian Elite.
We simply choose which one we "want" to rule over us. And of the two choices we are finally given to pick from, we are essentially given a choice between a Phoenix and a Pyramid. Both accomplish the same end just by different means as both are essentially playing for the same Luciferian system. Which leads me to another point (and this is for those who still believe our "votes" actually count for anything): just because a man says he is a Christian, it doesn't mean he is! I believe a lot of politicians like to throw that card out just to capture votes. Believers in Jesus Christ need to do their research before believing these people!

Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them."

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions."
- Matthew 7:15-20 (NLT)

Ultimately, all Secret Societies are descended from the Illuminati, which was descended from Nimrod. As such, they all inherently carry with them the "spirit of Anti-Christ" and therefore, that is what truly ends up running (and ruining) this country through the kind of leadership that seems to always be associated with and a part of these Secret Societies.

I'm of the opinion that if a candidate for public office (especially that of the presidency) has any affiliation with such organizations, we need to turn, run the other way and have nothing to do with them!

I don't know what better proof I could ask for to elaborate on and confirm the statement I made above about Republicans and Democrats both playing for the same (Luciferian) team than the 2004 run for President. Both George W. Bush and John Kerry openly admitted to being members of the Skull and Bones Society. We saw them both catering to the conservative and Christian voter base, trying to earn their trust (votes). Start research this organization for yourself and then tell me if you still think either of these guys are "Christians."

Consider what this on-line source has to say about Skull and Bones and President Bush (Sr.):
The Skull and Bones also incorporates sexual activities into their practices. “The death of the initiate will be as frightful as the use of human skeletons and ritual psychology can make it...” (Esquire Magazine, "The Last Secrets of Skull and Bones", Ron Rosenbaum, p. 89). Sexual perversion is part of ritual psychology. Ron Rosenbaum, author of the Esquire Magazine article, stated that on initiation night, called tap night, “...if one could climb to the tower of Weir Hall, the odd castle that overlooks the Bones courtyard, one could hear strange cries and moans coming from the bowels of the tomb as the 15 newly tapped members were put through what sounded like a harrowing ordeal...” (Esquire, September, 1976, p. 86).

Further, [initiates] "lay naked in coffins and tell their deepest and darkest sexual secrets as part of their initiation." (Esquire, p. 85). These experiences in the coffins incorporated sexual pain and resulted in being born-again, into the Order, as we mentioned above. (Cooper, p.95) Powerful force charges through the participants of these ceremonies, transforming their lives dramatically. This type ritual is classic Satanism. Anton LaVey states, in his book *The Satanic Rituals: Companion To The Satanic Bible*, (p. 57)

"The ceremony of rebirth takes place in a large coffin...This is similar to the coffin symbolism that...is found in most lodge rituals." Make no mistake about it: Any organization which utilizes this coffin ritual to simulate rebirth is practicing Satanism, including Skull and Bones.

The Skull and Bones believes that on the night of initiation, the initiate “dies to the world and be born again into the Order...” (Esquire Magazine, September, 1977, p. 89). Remember Hitler’s belief that he had been born anew after his ritualistic initiation and training? This term is a common one in occultism. During the 1988 Presidential Campaign, a TV reporter asked Vice-President Bush if he were a Christian. Bush initially stammered, but then said, "if you mean born again, then, yes, I am a Christian".

As born-again Christians carry out the ritual of water baptism by immersion to demonstrate that they have died to the old way of life and have been reborn into a new life, the occultists have their ritual to demonstrate the same life transformation. Rosenbaum continues his expose' of the born-again experience, "then it's into the coffin and off on a symbolic journey through the underworld to rebirth, which takes place in room number 322. There, the Order clothes the newborn knight in its own special garments, implying that, henceforth, he will tailor himself to the Order's mission." (Ibid., p. 89, 148). This ritual description is as occultic as any I have read, and truly reveals the Skull and Bones as occultic.

One of the most sobering facets of this counterfeit born again initiation ritual is that the initiate swears to an allegiance to the Secret Order that transcends any allegiance later in life. Christian author Bill Cooper captures this disturbing fact most succinctly, "...Members of the Order (Skull and Bones) take an oath that absolves them from any allegiance to any nation or king or government or constitution, and that includes the negating of any subsequent oath which they may be required to take. They swear allegiance only to the Order and its goal of a New World Order...according to the oath Bush took when he was initiated into Skull and Bones, his oath of office as President of the United States means nothing." (Cooper, Behold A Pale Horse, p. 81-82). Since the oath as President occurred after the Oath to Skull and Bones, it is not worth the paper on which it is printed. That kind of hold is powerful. Indeed, as Ron Rosenbaum began the research necessary to write his article for Esquire, he was warned about the power of Skull and Bones. "The power of Bones is incredible. They have their hands on every lever of power in the country."
The only thing which is important to the Skull and Bones is their goal of a New World Order. In conjunction with this understanding, remember one other Secret Society belief, i.e., the ends justify the means.

[emphasis - and pics - mine]

Though fictional, this video perfectly illustrates how the Illuminati works!
Lies, deceit, manipulation, Satanic, sexual rituals... do any of those sound like the "fruits" we should identify as "Christian?" No. Those are all the fruits of the Devil. And one major characteristic of the "spirit of Anti-Christ" is the tendency to "exalt oneself above all that is God."

Now we have a president who both thinks he is some sort of god and a Press that is all too happy to picture him as such. The man has literally been hailed as a messiah by both Christians and non-Christians alike - and especially amongst Muslims. On February 24, 2008, addressing the Nation of Islam Savior's Day, even the Islamic leader, Louis Farrakhan said:

"When Obama talks, the Messiah is absolutely speaking".

The world has certainly embraced this man. Therefore, we must pause here for a moment and discuss President Barack Hussein Obama - for he also has an interesting connection to the number 72 worth looking into. Consider the strange, cryptic comment he made after his first 100 days in office:

"Finally, I believe that my next hundred days will be so successful I will be able to complete them in 72 days. [audience laughter] And on the 73rd day, I will rest."

What's that all about? Sure he said those words at his first White House Correspondence Dinner as a "joke" - or was it? We will look more into that statement shortly after we take notice of a previous statement he made at that same dinner.

Earlier in his speech (see :43 - :48 in the video) he referred to his first hundred days as a "whirlwind of activity". Did you know that George W. Bush used that same term - whirlwind - in his acceptance speech? So what? Remember. Symbols and codes are how the "Illumined ones" love to communicate.

In Tom Horn's on-line article titled, Summoning the Angel from the Whirlwind [5] he writes:

On January 20, 2001, President George W. Bush during his first inaugural address faced the obelisk known as the Washington Monument and twice referred to an angel that "rides in the whirlwind and directs this storm." [keep in mind this was BEFORE 9/11] His reference was credited to Virginia statesman John Page who wrote to Thomas Jefferson after the Declaration of Independence was signed, saying, "We know the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. Do you not think an angel rides in the whirlwind and directs this storm?"
Five weeks after the inaugural, on Wednesday, February 28, Congressman Major R. Owens of New York stood before the House of Representatives and prayed to the "Angel in the Whirlwind." He asked the spiritual force to guide the future and fate of the United States. Twenty-eight weeks later (for a total of 33 weeks from the inaugural—a number invaluable to mysticism and occult fraternities), nineteen Islamic terrorists (according to the official story) attacked the United States, hijacking four commercial airliners and crashing two of them into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon, and a fourth, which had been directed toward Washington, DC crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. What happened that day resulted in nearly 3000 immediate deaths, at least two-dozen missing persons, and the stage being set for changes to the existing world order.

When Bush was giving his second inaugural speech four years later, he again offered cryptic commentary, saying, "For a half century, America defended our own freedom by standing watch on distant borders. After the shipwreck of communism came years of relative quiet, years of repose, years of sabbatical - and then there came a day of fire...." A few paragraphs following, Bush added, "By our efforts, we have lit a fire as well - a fire in the minds of men. [keep this phrase in mind for when you read my "Riders on the Storm" blog] It warms those who feel its power, it burns those who fight its progress, and one day this untamed fire of freedom will reach the darkest corners of our world."

The phrase, "a fire in the minds of men," is from Fyodor Dostoyevsky's nineteenth century book, The Possessed (The Devils), a novel set in pre-revolutionary Russia where civil resistance is seen championed by nihilist Sergei Nechaev who tries to ignite a revolution of such destructive power that society will be completely destroyed. The fact that a United States president would quote this phrase in an official speech of record was astonishing to many analysts, given that The Possessed is about violent government crackdown on dissent that sparks civil unrest and revolution marked by public violence. Fire in the Minds of Men is also the title that historian James H. Billington chose for his famous book on the history of revolutions, including the origin of occult Freemasonry and its influence in the American Revolution. In his closing comments, Bush himself tied the inaugural crypticisms to the Masonic involvement in the American Revolution, saying, "When our Founders declared a new order of the ages... they were acting on an ancient hope that is meant to be fulfilled." The phrase "a new order of the ages" is taken from the Masonically designed Great Seal ("Novus Ordo Seclorum") and Bush further acknowledged that the secret society members were acting on an "ancient" hope that is "meant to be fulfilled." [emphasis - and pic - mine]

I could easily write another book on the fraud of 9/11, but that is not my intent with this work. For now, I primarily want to focus on our Secret Society loving presidents and the cryptic ways in which they love to communicate with each other - right in front of us! So, what are they communicating?

Mr. Horn goes on to write:

Invitation to angels by elected officials combined with passive civilian conformity is key to opening doorways for supernatural agents to engage social governance. This is a classic tenant of demonology. Spirits go where they are invited, whether to possess an individual or to take dominion over a region. One could contend therefore that starting in 2001, the United States became so disposed in following and not challenging unprecedented changes to longstanding U.S. policies including the Christian rules for just war, that a powerful force known to the Illuminati as the "Moriah Conquering Wind," a.k.a. "the Angel in the Whirlwind" accepted the administration's invitation and enthroned itself in the nation's capital. Immediately after, it cast it's eyes on the ancient home of the Bab-Illi, Babylon, where the coveted 'Gate of the Illi' had opened once before.

Despite a series of ever-changing explanations as to why George W. Bush was stubbornly resolved in taking the U.S. into Iraq/Babylon, the home of the 'Etemenanki' (House of the...
Foundation of Heaven and Earth, the ‘Tower of Babel’)  
even though Iraq was not connected to the events of September 11, 2001, years later if you asked a room of 20 analysts to define what was the true nature behind the U.S. entering that war, you would probably receive 20 different answers.

[emphasis - and pic - mine]

Watch Tom talk about all of this during his lecture at a Radio Liberty Conference in 2009. In the following series of videos, he does a great job of revealing the many numbers that are associated with September 11, 2001 and goes on to give more information, further explaining the nation's Great Seal and our government's love for Osiris/Nimrod:

Please allow me a moment to pause here and say that I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Thomas Horn. I've met the man and have spent time with him and his family. They are good people. Mr. Horn comes from a strong pastoral background. But as a researcher, he could no longer keep quiet about the things he was seeing, learning and discovering concerning our nation, its founders and the ultimate "agenda" they appear to be supporting. Please pray for him. He has truly become a Watchman on the tower and has come under fire (literally) as a result.

On January 4th, 2011 his home was set on fire while he and his family were inside.

All indications are that this was intentional arson. On the night of January 6, 2011, Steve Quayle (who is a good friend of Tom's) was on the radio with George Noory on Coast to Coast AM. He said that the fire was suspicious and that it came at the house from all sides. All of Tom Horn's possessions and research material were destroyed. Steve seemed to imply that the fire was a severe warning for him to cease and desist with his work.

Tom Horn, Steve Quayle and a lot of others have publicly spoken out against the Luciferian system for years - and have been attacked for doing so. And now, I am speaking out as well. People are listening and beginning to wake up. The Elite don't like that. But these are urgent times we are living in. What is coming is very serious. The Watchmen are needed to sound the alarm - so that the people do wake up. So, please keep people like Tom Horn, Steve Quayle, LA Marzulli, Gary Stearman, Russ Dizdar, Doug Riggs, Jim Wilhelmmsen, King Wells, Richard Grund, David Hester, Dave Ruffino, Dante Fortson, Chuck Missler, Dr. I.D.E. Thomas, Peter Goodgame, Sue Bradley, Derek and Sharon Gilbert, Stacy Harp, Shannon Davis, myself and many, many others in your prayers. In short, please pray for all of the "Watchmen on the wall."
For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies (although that sometimes happens too), but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

- Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

Back to the new presidential messiah's cryptic "joke" about completing his second 100 days in 72 days and then resting on his 73rd day.

I think we need to look deeper into that. What was really being said there? And if he was just "joking" - of all the numbers he could have chosen - why did he pick 72? Why not complete them in 68 days? Or 81? There has to be significance to his very specific choice of the number 72... and there certainly is!

During his first 100 days, he sure didn't waste much time "remaking America." In less than a month in office, he signed The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the $787 billion economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th Congress).

What's also very interesting about this, is that he signed the $787 billion bailout bill in Denver, Colorado rather than in the oval office of the White House. Why did he push so urgently for this bill, only to delay its signing just so that he could do it in Denver, on February 17th (which is a date important to the New World Order)? One source suggests:

February 17, 2009, falls upon one of the most important Illuminati astrological 'signs of great changes' with the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, and which in its most simplistic sense means,

"With the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, you have an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to take on tasks that would frighten all but the most courageous."

On his 72nd day in office, President Obama met with the leaders of China, Russia, and Britain while in London for the G20 summit. It was one of his busiest days thus
far, one that included everything from reopening talks on nuclear disarmament with Russia to giving the Queen of England an iPod.

By April 2nd (day 73 of his first 100 days), President Obama was "resting" at the G20 Summit, apparently endorsing the commitment of another $1.1 TRILLION in additional loans and guarantees to finance trade and bail out troubled countries. Meanwhile, in public opinion polls, people were asking “Should Obama Control the Internet?” the Brits were freaking out because Michelle Obama embraced the Queen of England and the president's bowing to the Saudi King had raised a lot of eyebrows.

The 100th day of Obama’s presidency was April 29th, 2009. Seventy-two days added to that brings us to July 10th, 2009. Obama said that he intended to rest (from his creative labors) on that Saturday. Of course, Saturday is the seventh day of the week - the day Scripture calls the Sabbath. So, the Biblical inference of Obama comparing himself to God is (I think) much more than a coincidence. As stated above, this is not a foreign concept concerning our presidents. But Obama does not even appear to be concerned with concealing this idea any more.

Listen to Tom Horn and Steve Quayle talk about this in the following video. Pay attention to what is said in the second video about Egyptian beliefs - especially those concerning the Pharaohs and Osiris.

The date July 11, 2009 is the date of Obama’s 73rd “day of rest.” It is a significant date for the reasons stated above, but more importantly because it is the first of 1260 days (42 months - an amount of time that should be familiar to most students of prophecy) from July 10th, 2009 to December 21st, 2012! So just what exactly did Obama finally accomplish on the 172nd day of his presidency that he should "rest" on the 173rd - the day that will set up the next 42 months for the "big date" everyone is talking about?

He certainly accomplished a lot up to that point, with some very strange responses from the people and leaders of other nations along the way. The closer we got to July 11th, the stranger things became.

I suppose a 1,000 page book could easily be written exploring all of the strangeness surrounding this unique god-president named Barack Hussein Obama. Seriously. The more you look into this man and the world’s response to him, the weirder things get. Take this picture for instance.

The “New Tutankhamon of the World” – what the heck is that all about?? When has such a thing ever happened to a head of state? Our President was called a Pharaoh - someone who is considered to be the son of (the sun-god) Ra!

One on-line source says,

_A souvenir shop-owner displays a recently-made metal plaque for sale to tourists reading “Obama, New Tutankhamon of the World”, in the Khan el-Khalili market area of Cairo, Egypt_
Thursday, May 28, 2009, ahead of President Barack Obama’s planned June 4 speech in Cairo on U.S. relations with the Muslim world. The sign refers to Tutankhamon who was one of the last Pharaohs of Egypt’s 18th Dynasty and ruled during a crucial, turmoil-filled period in Egyptian history. Hieroglyphics at base of plaque were claimed by the vendor to spell the name “Obama”.

Notice of all the Pharaohs Obama could have been compared to, he was referred to as the “New Tutankhamon!”

Wikipedia says:

Tutankhamun... was an Egyptian pharaoh of the 18th dynasty (ruled c.1333 BC – 1323 BC in the conventional chronology), during the period of Egyptian history known as the New Kingdom. [emphasis mine]

Tutankhamun was the son of Akhenaten, who was a very strange character. One of the things Akhenaten was most known for was the turning of Egypt to a monotheistic form of worship. So, prior to Tutankhamun, Egypt worshipped ONE god. Keep that in mind.

Wikipedia goes on to state King Tut's significance:

Tutankhamun was one of the few kings worshiped as a god and honored with a cult-like following in his own lifetime. A stela discovered at Karnak and dedicated to Amun-Re and Tutankhamun indicates that the king could be appealed to in his deified state for forgiveness and to free the petitioner from an ailment caused by wrongdoing. Temples of his cult were built as far away as in Kawa and Faras in Nubia. The title of the sister of the Viceroy of Kush included a reference to the deified king, indicative of the universality of his cult. [emphasis mine]

We can certainly see the parallels to Obama here. Never have I seen a U.S. president who came out of nowhere, with next to no public record of note (or even a real birth certificate - but that's another story) and yet the man is essentially worshipped all around the world! And don't forget, this was just within the guy's first two hundred days in office!

But the thing I really want to point out concerning the comparison of Obama to that particular Pharaoh, is the fact that King Tut brought back the worship of the “old gods” and ushered in the “New Kingdom” era in Egypt. Could that be Obama's purpose at this point in history as well? To usher in the New World Order - and it's worship of the "old god(s)" of antiquity?
Remember that the "apostasy" spoken of by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament, refers to a "falling away" from the (true) faith before the Anti-Christ is "revealed."

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. - 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

In the third blog of this series, I made the case that I believe a resurrected Nimrod will be the End Times Anti-Christ. So, I certainly don't believe Barack Hussein Obama is. But there is no shortage of commentary on-line where lots of people are making all sorts of connections to President Obama as being a very good candidate for the Anti-Christ. And I have to admit, I think a lot of the information out there is very compelling and quite interesting - freaky even!

The above picture is of the "seat of Satan" spoken of in Revelation 2:12-13. This Altar of Zeus has since been relocated from the Pergamum of the Bible to Berlin (big surprise). Wikipedia states:

In Berlin, Italian restorers reassembled the panels comprising the frieze from the thousands of fragments which could be recovered. In order to display the result and create a context for it, a new museum was erected in 1901 on Berlin's Museum Island. As this first Pergamum Museum proved to be both inadequate and structurally unsound, it was demolished in 1909 and replaced with the much larger present museum, which opened in 1930. Although it housed a variety of collections, not least a famous reconstruction of the Ishtar Gate of ancient Babylon, the city's inhabitants also named the new museum the Pergamum Museum after the friezes and reconstruction of the west front of the altar. The Pergamum Altar is today the most famous item in the Berlin Collection of Classical Antiquities, which is on display in the Pergamum Museum and in the Altes Museum, both on Museum Island. [emphasis mine]

Notice that the "seat of SATAN" was moved to Berlin Germany just prior to World War I. Then relocated to a better facility prior to World War II and placed right alongside the Gate of Babylon!! Is it any wonder that two Word Wars were started in Germany? Could it be the place where the final World War is launched as well? Time will tell. But it certainly appeared to be the place where Obama was launched.

While on Obama's road to victory, he gave yet another "change" speech under Germany's famous "Victory Column." This was Hitler's favorite place for the Berlin Nazi rallies. The sight of Obama standing, arm outstretched, in that all too familiar gesture below the pagan goddess Victoria (aka Nike), is certainly chilling
enough. But not nearly as scary as what happened at his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention held in - where else? - Denver, Colorado.

**NOTE:** Obama's acceptance speech stage was modeled after the Altar of Zeus:

One on-line source made the following observations:

> We are definitely on the road to a New World Order, a One World Government, and Denver seems to play an important role in it, as will Germany and Turkey. Oh, the connections, they run ever so deep! And while I did not think that Obama will turn out to be that Man of lawlessness, especially after the Trojan Horse word, I no longer rule out that possibility.

Consider:
1. **Obama occupies the most powerful post in the world - the U.S. President - by outright lies and an act of lawlessness since he entered the White House without proof of being an American citizen by birth. His supporters and campaign managers knowingly and wantonly disregarded this law of the United States and became partners in this act of lawlessness.**
2. Like Hitler, a true son of Satan, Obama chose a copy of the Pergamum altar of Zeus as the backdrop for his acceptance speech. Hence, he knowingly chose the "throne of Satan" to be his podium, his image being projected onto that "altar" on its two sides.
3. **Obama has opened a pandora's box on stem-cell research by legalizing it. The consequences of this cannot even yet be imagined. The possibilities of abuse and misuse of stem-cell research are frightening. Whenever great discoveries have been made, there have always been wicked, greedy and evil men who have misused and abused the discovery or invention. Albert Einstein's discovery of the splitting of the atom is just one such example - he never envisioned an atomic bomb. If he had he would have kept his discovery secret.**
4. Obama's first official interview as President was with Al Jazeera, the Arabic-language news network; and his first official visit as President will be to Turkey, the land of the 7 churches and of the -- altar of Satan in Pergamum, Anatolia. Walid Shoebat, former Palestinian terrorist who came to faith in Yeshua, is the author of 5 books on terrorism; in his book, "God's War on Terror," he has something rather disturbing to say about Turkey in the end days.

Yeah, we should definitely be paying attention folks! Someone else presents the following on YouTube:
In addition, the author of the on-line blog where I found that video also made the following interesting observations:

**Black Presidents in Movies**

I want to bring to your mind the fact that many movies were made throughout the last few years before the past Presidential election, where the President of the United States was played by a black man, some say it was preconditioning the people to accept the person Illuminati had set up, some say it was coincidence which I really call spiritual intervention; something that the dark powers are doing behind the curtains and in which man have no input but act purely as proxies or instruments for this spirits. I believe both to be a right answer, I cannot help but see a pattern in how many movies started coming out the past 10 or 15 years one after the other, in which the president has been a black actor, even “God” was played by the Actor Morgan Freeman in the movie “Bruce Almighty” and he himself plays a black president in the movie “Deep Impact” which has an Apocalyptic connotation to it, I believe having the same actor playing these two rolls is for a reason, there is a connection which the “people” paying Hollywood want to make.

In the movie “Idiocracy” actor Terry Crews plays President Camacho in a world where advertising, commercialism and cultural anti-intellectualism take over the society, a world like today’s, when you open your eyes and disconnect from the “Matrix”, although according to the movie, it is happening 500 years from now, society as they portray it,is what the Illuminati has envisioned the New World Order to be, it is pitiful and obvious when you watch it. I think it is curious also how the president in charge when “The New World Order” was already going strong, was a black President, just like the movie “The Fifth Element”, in which Bruce Willis works to save the planet from extinction, all these happening while the President is also black.
First, it is obvious that by showing for more than ten years a black man in office in all these movies and TV programs, that the masses would consider electing a black president, just because the actor was given a good script and the movie made him seem good; people were being subliminally prepare to elect Obama by been shown for so long that a black man belonged in office.

Second, there is a connection they constantly do in these movies which they hope people will make subconsciously and it is that a great percentage of these movies have something in common. Many times when there has been a black man as President, earth has experienced apocalyptic events, as if people are supposed to expect possible human extinction happening or in a specific case the Rapture which is what goes on in a movie people don’t mention that much when talking about this subject, the christian movie that came out of the Best Selling book “Left Behind”, which also portrays a picture of literal apocalyptic dimensions right when the Rapture occurs while the President of the United States is black.

Lastly there is a movie not even out yet but that I’m sure started shooting before the election of Obama for presidency was official, the movie “2012” coming out this month, where Danny Glover plays President while a group of people are in a fight to counteract the depicted events that were predicted by the ancient Mayan calendar, which I have talked about in earlier posts (June 21st).

I think all these should be something to think about.

[pic emphasis mine]

See also: http://www.thedoggstar.com/articles/barack-obama-the-antichrist/barack-obama-the-first-beast/.

Note that even in the new TV series, The Event, a black man is president. This show appears to be about the coming “event” known as the Disclosure Project. Let me state here that I am in no way, shape or form a prejudice man. I could care less what color a person's skin is. We all have red blood and I believe all men are created equal. So, I am not being racist here. I am merely pointing out (as the author of the above blog did as well) that if we look at the movies and TV shows in the past 10 years or so, we have to acknowledge that there certainly does appear to have been a concerted effort on the part of the Illuminati’s propaganda machine (known as Hollywood) to pre-condition the masses to the idea that a black U.S. president will be the one “To Keep Us Safe” in these Last Days. All of that seems to have prepped (or brainwashed) the people of this country (and indeed the world) to embrace President Obama as some sort of “savior.”

And then of course, there's the strange “event” that happened in Norway when President Obama got his "Nobel Peace Prize."
I have spent a lot of time looking into that strange spiral that appeared in the Norwegian sky on December 9th, 2009, and the one thing I can say is that it most certainly was not a missile! And it wasn't the only one to be seen either. *Another showed up over the skies of Australia about six months later.* And *there were others* as well. Nearly every one of these sightings was followed by news reports attributing the phenomena to “failed missiles.” First of all, if missiles are failing over major cities all over the world, THAT’S a major problem! But I don't believe that explanation anyway. Missiles don't do what these things did. Simple as that. And when you combine that fact with the notion that *ancient people were carving depictions of this exact same thing into the rocks and caves of the world*, you have to acknowledge that this is a significant "sign in the heavens" that we should probably be paying attention to.

**UFO activity also increased dramatically in 2010, Especially over China:**
is as one of several forerunners sent to prepare the way, much like John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus.

Back to Obama's 72nd day of his second hundred in office - the day before he "rested from his labors." On the evening of that "last day," the president met with Pope Benedict and had "private talks" for about 40 minutes in the Vatican's apostolic palace. The Vatican said bioethics and life issues were a central part of the discussion. But considering the Pope had just (three days earlier) made some interesting statements that seem to advocate the New World Order, who knows what all they really talked about?

I also find it very interesting that the "messianic-pharaoh-god" met with the Pope at the start of the 1,260 day countdown to December 21, 2012 - especially when you consider which pope, Pope Benedict is. According to Saint Malachy's prophecy (The Prophecy of the Popes), Pope Benedict could be the one who immediately precedes the last pope (False Prophet?) and ushers in the End of Days. So, it's almost like the Anti-Christ forerunner met with the False Prophet forerunner. These are just some of the things that make you go, "Hmmmmmm."
There is so much more that can be written about concerning the number 72 and its role in these Last Days, but this should be enough to lead you where we're headed. Needless to say, as you should be able to see by now, the number is very significant.

On page 298 of *Apollyon Rising 2012*, Tom Horn ties all of this together and makes a startling observation:

"...the designers of the Capital Dome, the Great Seal of the United States, and the Obelisk Washington Monument circled the Apotheosis of Washington with **seventy-two stars**, dedicated the Obelisk **seventy-two years** after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and placed the **seventy-two stones** of the Great Seal's uncapped pyramid, above which the eye of Horus/Osiris/Apollo stares. These three sets of seventy-two (72), combined with the imagery and occult numerology of the Osiris/Obelisk [penis], the Isis/Dome [womb], and the oracular Great Seal, are richly symbolic of the influence of Satan and his angels over the world (see Luke 4:5-6, 2 Corinthians 4:4, and Ephesians 6:12) with a prophecy toward Satan's final earthly empire - the coming novus ordo seclorum, or new golden **pagan age**."

New golden pagan age? Yes. As I stated above, I believe a big part of the "Great Deception" is going to be a "falling away" from faith in the One True God, back to a belief in the old world pantheon of pagan deities - most of which all represented one false god, named Osiris - or as we have seen, the god-man the Bible calls Nimrod. And I can not help but wonder if that's why Obama's mantra, "Yes We Can" just so happens to sound remarkably like, "Thank You Satan" when reversed.

**Note:** I've never really been a very big proponent of backmasking, because I have seen people "read into" things WAY too much (especially as a kid growing up listening to every traveling evangelist bash rock music). I do however understand that there is truth to the use of this technique within occult circles. Therefore, I present the following video clip for your criticism and/or amusement. What I find most interesting is how different the **same words** sound coming from him than from the audience.
Something else that I think is noteworthy involves the month of October, 2008. Just one month before Barak Obama was placed - oh, I mean, selected or uh - elected as our president, the jackal-headed Egyptian god Anubis (who was believed to be the guide and protector of the dead) arrived in Atlanta, Georgia to pave the way across the country for King Tut's treasures! In the context of all I have been writing, doesn't that seem quite odd and rather peculiar? Probably just a coincidence, right? No. I don't think so.

This is how TourEgypt.net describes Anubis:

Anubis is an incredibly ancient god, and was the original god of the dead before Osiris “took over” the position. After that point, Anubis was changed to be one of the many sons of Osiris and the psychopomp (conductor of souls) of the underworld. His totem of the jackal is probably due to the fact that jackals would hunt at the edges of the desert, near the necropolis and cemeteries throughout Egypt.

Prayers to Anubis are found carved on the most ancient tombs in Egypt, and his duties apparently are many. He watches over the mummification process to ensure that all is done properly. He conducts the souls through the underworld, testing their knowledge of the gods and their faith. He places their heart on the Scales of Justice during the Judging of the Heart, and he feeds the souls of wicked people to Ammit. [emphasis mine]

And so, this "son of Osiris," the "mummy overseer" and "conductor of the Underworld" made his rounds across the country. In March of 2010, he even moved to Manhattan for some very telling photo ops.
By June of 2010, Anubis found his way to - wait for it - **DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**! Ding! Ding! Ding! Wow. There, the exhibit was to run from June 29, 2010 through January 9, 2011 (which incidentally is the day I am writing this blog). It was said that “**Anubis will be standing guard during that time**.” Standing guard? Standing guard for what... or for whom? Could it be that the plan to raise Osiris is taking place and Anubis is being brought in to ensure it's all "done properly" and that everyone is brushed up on their knowledge of the gods? Speaking of...

Just to be sure we do know what's going on (apart from the "boring" museum exhibit that has been making its rounds for over a year now), "they" have also slated for young American audiences this year a new Nickelodeon TV series called, **House of Anubis**. Gotta make sure the kiddos are exposed too!

Is Pharaoh-King Tut-Obama preparing the theater for his future king? Now, imagine, Osiris/Nimrod stepping back on to the world stage, backed by supernatural manifestations in the air and on the ground of the old gods of mythology. Think that's crazy? Keep reading.

In closing this blog, I want to mention an event that took place in the heavens on December 21, 2010 that also involves the number 72. This is the event that actually caused me to really take a hard look at all of the subjects I am writing about here. In fact, it is what prompted me to write all of this in the first place. I'm talking about the total Lunar Eclipse that occurred on the Winter Solstice of 2010.

Remember that in the *Book of Jasher* (chapter 27:1-12), it states that Nimrod was decapitated by Esau. Nearly every legend of the other incarnations of this individual depicts him meeting a horrible end as well. Whether you are talking about Osiris, Dionysus, Bacchus or Mithra you will find that decapitation, castration, mutilation, and the hacking into pieces of his body are all common descriptions of this man's death. He truly is the first Frankenstein monster - a mutilated dead man destined to rise again!

In fact, even the constellation of Orion (as seen here in HD through a high powered telescope) looks like a massacred body sitting out there in space. Click the picture to the left to see it enlarged. Notice the area where his head is. It looks like a bloody mess! Like some sort of "cosmic road-kill" hanging out there in the cosmos.
On December 21, 2010 an extraordi

The moon turned blood red while in full eclipse at 2:22AM (CST) as viewed from the 33rd Parallel here in Dallas, TX for a total of 72 minutes - and it did so right above the shoulders of Orion, in front of Taurus (between Orion’s club and the horns of the bull). Wow! That is nothing short of absolutely amazing. In other words, the moon literally appeared as a blood red, decapitated head floating above the shoulders of Orion/Osiris/Gilgamesh/Mithra/Apollo... Nimrod!

Is this a sign of the times?

Note that this particular eclipse was really only viewable over the United States - the place many scholars like to refer to as "spiritual Babylon." It should also be noted that 2:22AM Central Standard Time, was 3:22AM Eastern Standard, which of course is the time zone for the East Coast (where Washington DC is). Remember what we learned about Secret Societies earlier? Is it just a “coincidence” that this very specific sign in the heavens, that just so happens to have numerous meanings directly related to Osiris-Orion-Gilgamesh-Nimrod, also happened at a time directly related to a number that is prominently displayed on the Skull and Bones iconography? Note the numbers “322” depicted below a decapitated skull no less! See also The Omega Plan? blog for more significance regarding the numbers 322.
Again, let me remind you about several of the significant bullet points I mentioned above concerning the number 72:

- The mass of the Moon is 1/72nd of that of the Earth.
- The axis of the earth moves of one degree every 72 years compared to stars.
- The number of devils according to The Lesser Key of Solomon.
- The god Osiris was enclosed in a coffin by 72 evil disciples and accomplices of Set.
- There are 72 goetic demons.
- Thoth, of Egyptian Mythology wins a 72nd of each day of the year from the Moon in a game of Draughts, as a favor to Nut, the Sky Goddess. He uses these portions to make the 5 intercalary days on which the remaining Gods and Goddesses are born.

So, our moon, which is 1/72nd the mass of the earth, appeared over Osiris-Orion-Nimrod's shoulders like a decapitated head for 72 minutes. Osiris is intimately related to both the number 72 as well as the year 2012. Egyptian mythology spells out the Precession of the stars that lead to December 21, 2012. President Obama, who has been referred to as an Egyptian Pharaoh - and who was heralded by Anubis (no less) before giving an acceptance speech in front of a replica of the Seat of Satan - is also intimately connected to both the number 72 as well as the date December 21, 2012.

Considering all of the demonic symbolism and meanings that are found in all of this, I think it is also pertinent to note that the time, 3:33AM (which was only a few minutes later) is known as the witching hour - the time of demons - the time when a lot of "alien abductions" are said to take place. The moon was deep red by this time and I believe all of this is very significant and should be taken into consideration - especially considering the fact that this sign appeared over the United States of America - another entity directly related to all of the above.

This can not be a good thing! But I think all of this makes perfect sense when you consider what "Bonesmen" Daddy and Junior Bush did in Iraq and what Pharoah-Obama is doing now to bring about some major prophetic events. So, I do not believe that it is merely by chance that God placed this sign above America at this specific time in history. And we would do well to heed the sign and all of the warnings contained within it.

God himself said that the stars, sun and moon are to be for "signs and for seasons."

> "And God said. Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for season, and for days, and years..."
> - Genesis 1:14 (KJV)

In the Bible, the Zodiac was referred to as "Mazzaroth," God uses the "signs in the heavens" to show us things. And throughout history, blood red moons have typically been a sign of (usually bad) things to come.

The last time we had a similar blood moon, Lunar Eclipse was on February 20th, 2008 at about 9:30PM (CST). It took place in the Constellation Leo right between Regulus and Saturn.

This is what Wikipedia has to say about Saturn (keep in mind also that Regulus is considered the "King Star" and Leo - the King Constellation):

> "In Babylon he was called Ninib and was an agricultural deity. Saturn, called Cronus by the Greeks, was, at the dawn of the Ages of the Gods, the Protector and Sower of the Seed and his wife, Ops, (called Rhea by the Greeks) was a Harvest Helper..." [emphasis mine]

Not long after the February 2008 red moon eclipse, the economy began to collapse... and the "seeds" for a coming New World Order were sown, paving the way for "the dawn of the ages of the gods" to be ushered in by the new, soon to be appointed pharaoh-president who would take us the rest of the way.

The aftermath of the 2008 Eclipse wasn't so good for America. So what are we to make of the "signs" given on the night of December 21, 2010? Without making any direct conclusions, I will just throw these other interesting observations into the mix for your consideration:
• Jupiter and Uranus were in conjunction with each other that night as well. Jupiter (or Zeus) representing the king of the gods (Lucifer) and Uranus representing the heavens.
• The Sun is in Sagittarius - the animal-human hybrid with a bow and arrow - also accompanied by Mars (the god of war) and Mercury (the messenger of the gods).
• Saturn (the Titan father of the Olympian gods) is in the belly of Virgo.

I could read an awful lot into these "signs" but I'll just leave it to the experts. Meanwhile, elsewhere on the planet earth:

• **Earthquakes rocked the entire planet** killing many people as an appropriate response to...
• **North and South Korea continued to make rumblings of war**
• **A missile was fired from the Gaza Strip into southern Israel making Israel answer back**
• **Iraq's announcement that it has finally formed its new government** (just in time for the floating "head of Orion-Osiris" to begin making its decent onto their former leader's shoulders?):

"The government, headed by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, was approved unanimously in Baghdad on Tuesday, ending nine months of political gridlock that had Washington fearing fresh political turmoil as U.S. forces continue their Iraq pullout." [source]
Needless to say, the event of December 21, 2010's blood red moon eclipse rising for 72 minutes over Orion-Osiris on the day of Iraq's "rebirth" (Nimrod's new Babylon) is very significant.

**Update:**

Some more extremely significant "signs" have happened... or shall I say, changed since I finished writing this blog. A bunch of news articles have recently come out stating things like...

*The tilt of the Earth's axis has gradually shifted since the ancient times when the Babylonians determined the dates of the Zodiac. The calendrical rejiggering also supposedly re-introduced a sign discarded by the Babylonians: Ophiuchus, alternatively called the much-cooler sounding Serpentarius.*

*emphasis mine* and...

Those [Zodiac] signs you were born into are different now because the Earth's wobble on its axis has created a one-month bump in the alignment of the stars, according to [astronomer Parke] Kunkle.

"Because of this change of tilt, the Earth is really over here in effect and the Sun is in a different constellation than it was 3,000 years ago."

How interesting that right after this Red Moon Rising event, there was all sorts of talk about the earth's new "pole shift" and then hundreds of thousands of birds started to fall from the sky and millions of dead fish started to wash up on beaches. Now, we have a 13th sign of the Zodiac. But what is most interesting to me is which sign they added... Ophiuchus! What's so big about that? Ophiuchus is also known as the "Serpent Handler" and Asclepius, the god of healing. Also of extreme interest, he was the son of Apollo (yet another name for Nimrod). But wait! There's more!

According to the mythology, **Asclepius was given the power to restore the dead back to life!** And it is said that one of the individuals he restored to life was... the great hunter Orion (Nimrod)!!!!!! In fact, according to the story, Asclepius was restoring so many people back to life that the Realm of the Dead was becoming depopulated!

*Hades, the God of the Underworld, whom the Romans knew as Pluto, complained to Zeus about the loss of the dead. Everyday Hades had fewer and fewer subjects over whom to rule.*

*So in response to the pleas of Hades, Zeus struck down Asclepius with a thunderbolt. Apollo was infuriated by the slaying of his son, and took his revenge by slaying the three one-eyed beings called Cyclopes who forged Zeus' thunderbolts. So to appease the anger of Apollo, Zeus revived Asclepius and set him in the sky as the constellation of Ophiuchus.*
The Serpent Wrestler is a symbol of health and healing because of the connection with the serpent, which was a symbol of rebirth in the classical culture. It was thought that the serpent was reborn when it shed its skin each spring.

How incredibly appropriate! Our new Zodiac sign is that of the one who uses the power of the serpent to heal and raise both Orion-Osiris-Nimrod and release those who were dead in Hades!

This sure puts Jesus' little discussion with Peter in Caesarea Philippi into a whole new light. You know, the part where Peter replied to the Lord's question of, "Who do men say that I am?" by saying that He was "the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." To which Jesus replied:

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- Matthew 16:15-19 (NIV)

I'm thinking we're going to have to truly understand what is being said here. And this whole "binding and loosing" deal? Yeah. We're going to need to know how to do that too! Because...

"There shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress among nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring. Men's hearts will fail them for fear and for looking upon those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."


Notice, Jesus said "and then" meaning after these things "begin to come to pass" we should start looking up because our redemption "draweth nigh." That says to me that we may be here for a fair amount of this strange and scary stuff - which means, those of you who have your Rapture Shoes all laced up and ready to go, may have to hang on for a bit and actually take a stand against some of this stuff before "flying away ol' glory." I'm speaking to myself here too. Believe me. Because how can we be considered as the "Overcomers" mentioned in the Book of Revelation unless we actually overcome something?

All I know is, we are definitely living in the days when truth is indeed stranger than fiction! And if I'm reading the "signs" correctly, the time is short and we need to be ready and prepared for all that is soon to be "coming on the earth."

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Footnotes:

1. Thomas Bulfinch, Age of Fable: Vols. I & II: Stories of Gods and Heroes. 1913  
2. Enoch 10:10  
3. Matthew 2:14&15, Hosea 11:1  
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I could be wrong but...

What I am going to talk about in this blog will include my personal opinions and interpretations of historic and recent events as well some of my own speculation about the future. This is the reason for the question mark at the end of the above heading. Do your own research and take the following for whatever you feel this information is worth.

Back in the early 90's the U.S. went to war with Iraq. We called it, "Desert Storm." Prior to that war, Iraq was a world super-power - at least in the sense of its wealth and natural resources. Their currency is called the
"Dinar." From 1982 until about 1993, 1 Dinar was worth about $3.22 USD. Their only competitor was Kuwait as the highest valued currency on the planet. After Desert Storm, the U.N. imposed sanctions on Iraq and the value of their currency began to plummet. By the time we went back into Iraq in 2003 (under pretense of finding weapons of mass destruction), the value of their currency had plummeted to about 3,000 Dinar to one U.S. dollar! It became completely worthless! But what happened after that is nothing short of extraor
dinary.

Before I go any further, I feel it is necessary to point out that the Rothschild family has played a key role in the banking history of this planet, going back at least as far as the 1700’s. I recently came across a web site that I believe totally lays out the Illuminati’s game plan concerning the manipulation of money central banks. It is a very lengthy web site with a lot of information, so I am not going to go through it all here. If you are interested in learning more, click on the following link:

No One Can Understand What Has Happened To The Planet Without Watching This Video:

The following two hour and twenty-six minute documentary is excellent and I promise, your time will be EXTREMELY WELL SPENT! I firmly believe this video by Leonard Ulrich needs to be watched and widely distributed by people who care about life; who long for liberty; who desire freedom from tyranny and who want to break the chains that enslave the entire human race.

Toward the end of the above web page, the author states:
"Ancient Babylon, I mean Iraq, is now one of six nations left in the world who don't have a Rothschild controlled central bank. This war is mainly about stealing Iraq's water supply for Israel and is being fought with the blood of the American military which the State of Rothschild, I mean Israel control."

My personal opinion is that it is not about water. It's not even about oil. It's about building the completed New World Order. I believe it is about *Raising Babylon... in 2012*.

In 2003, when the U.S. invaded Iraq for the second time, the Elite immediately went to work on a "plan" that would eventually change the world.

**Before Iraq's economy can even begin to recover from the war, its banking system must be rebuilt.**

- By Gordon Platt

The ruins in Baghdad of the Central Bank of Iraq, its marble-clad walls collapsed, are symbolic of the condition of the entire Iraqi banking sector. A majority of the country's banks were bombed, torched and looted during the war. Six months after the United States declared an end to major combat operations, only a few banks are open for business.

Late in 2002, even before war in Iraq was certain, high-level US treasury officials began drawing up plans for financial reconstruction. They knew that reopening the banks after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime would be essential to get the country running again.

They were right. And the widespread devastation left economic planners with a clean slate on which to design a new banking and financial system. What has emerged is a radical proposal to transform a centrally planned economy based on Eastern European communism into a free-market model for the Arab world.

The occupation government of Iraq has decreed a sweeping liberalization that would privatize most state run industries except oil and gas, roll out the red carpet for foreign investors and put much of the banking system in foreign hands. It is a plan that many analysts and economists say is bound to fail in a country that lacks basic institutions and laws vital to the functioning of a free-market economy. [emphasis mine]

While at that time, Gordon Platt stated that "many analysts and economists say [the plan] is bound to fail..." you have to take into account who it was that was getting involved. The following is from a November 2003 CBS MoneyWatch.com news report:

*Meanwhile, the CPA (US-led Coalition Provisional Authority) named a 13-bank consortium led by JP Morgan Chase to operate the newly created Trade Bank of Iraq, which will support Iraqi imports of equipment and commodities funded through the Development Fund for Iraq. The CPA-administered fund receives most of the proceeds from Iraqi oil exports. JP Morgan Chase was selected over five competitors, including groups led by Bank of America, Bank One, Citigroup and Wachovia, as well as UK-based HSBC, which applied as a single bank.*

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank went in and headed up a 13 bank consortium to establish the new "Trade Bank of Iraq" but really it was the new *Central Bank of Iraq* (CBI). They immediately got rid of the old Saddam Dinars and created brand new currency using De La Rue. The new (completely worthless) currency was printed with the MOST high-tech anti-counterfeit measures of any currency on the planet!
You have to ask yourself, "Why is the most worthless currency in the world, also one of the most anti-counterfeit protected in the world?"

Up until December of 2008, you could actually buy the New Iraqi Dinar (NID) from Chase banks as a normal currency exchange. You could literally walk in and exchange USD for IQD (NID) just like you would any other world currency. This was a bit unusual because Iraq for all intents and purposes was no longer a player on the world market due to the still imposed U.N. sanctions (and the fact that their currency was worthless). Incidentally, Chase got the IQD from Bank of America (which is another story altogether that I won't get into here).

As I stated above, before the first Iraq war, the Iraqi Dinar was one of the highest valued currencies on the planet - at one time worth about $4.86 to 1 Dinar (in 1932). After the second Iraq war started, their currency plummeted to about 3,000 Dinar to 1 US dollar (USD)! But watch this! Enter JP Morgan Chase and associates and the value of the Dinar steadily began to increase in value from about 3,000 to 1 to now about 1170 to 1 where it has sat for over a year now. Below is a screen capture of a chart that I pulled today from Yahoo Finance that shows how the Dinar has appreciated in value over the past 5 years:
It is a little confusing when you first look at this chart because I used the word "appreciated" and yet you see the graph falling. What you are looking at is the value of the Dinar as compared to the U.S. Dollar. The Yahoo Finance web site only allows you to go back 5 years. But still, you can see that in August of 2006, the Dinar was worth about 1,500 to 1 USD. In 2009, it leveled off at roughly 1,170 to 1. As of this writing, you can see that it has crept down (up in value) to 1,163 to 1. So, even left to grow on its own it has appreciated steadily in value since 2003. This has been largely due to our efforts in helping to stabilize the country of Iraq. And it is STILL appreciating in value.

Pay attention to what this means. **While the rest of the world's currencies are plummeting, Iraq's is just quietly growing in value** - almost in the background and completely un-noticed by the public at large (primarily due to mainstream media skewing our view of what is really happening over there). But every now and then the press will do a piece like those in this playlist:
So, there are those "in the know" and every now and then the average Joe might catch videos like these on the news. Sure, there are a lot of web sites out there (like this one) calling this whole thing a scam and telling people to stay away. You can do your own research and decide for yourself. I've done mine and I am fully convinced this is a "good deal."

I do find it funny though that some of the guys in those videos kept saying they didn't know where to get the Dinar and that "it's very hard to buy this stuff" and such. I find that quite ridiculous. Here is a good video (by one on-line seller) that helps to explain this all a little more:

As you can see, it is easy to buy Dinar on-line. I have not used DinarBanker.com, so I can not personally vouch for them. I have however done business with DinarTrade.com and have referred many people to them as well, so I do trust them.

Again, as stated in the disclaimer at the top of this blog, I am not licensed nor am I in any way qualified to give financial advise. So, why am I telling you all of this? I'm telling you this because I care about you and I believe
that in these troubled times, this is an incredible opportunity that can be taken advantage of for very little money. Is it a risk? Of course it is! The Middle East is constantly in turmoil. But as my dad says, "Never invest more than you're willing to lose." I could spend $100 taking my family to the movies - so why not skip the movie and take a little "risk" right?

To be honest with you, I didn't get involved with any of this because of all the information I read on financial web sites. I didn't even get involved because of what I saw in the current political news. I got involved because of what I saw in prophecy concerning the rise of Babylon. Check out this interview between Glenn Beck and Joel Rosenberg and consider what the Bible has to say about Iraq in the Last Days.

I don't agree with Joel's take on America in the Last Days (because of my theories concerning our role in actually bringing about the Anti-Christ's rise to power), but I do agree with what he has to say about Iraq's emergence as an economic super-center. And I don't think it is just a coincidence that after the Third Horse of the Apocalypse rides, the statement is made:

And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine!

- Revelation 6:6 (Amplified Bible)

Wikipedia has this to say about Dinars:

The Dinar is the name of the official currency in several countries. The Gold Dinar was a coin dating back to the early days of Islam, issued by many rulers, and the Islamic gold Dinar is to this day still used as a coin or unit of account, separate from the currencies listed below. Many claim that the name of the Gold Dinar was derived from denarius, a Roman currency whose name meant "ten times" (as it was originally worth 10 asses), but it is unknown whether this is the true derivation.

Regardless of whether or not a Dinar truly is derived from the Roman currency known as a "denarius," I do find the similarity a little too hard to ignore, especially when I consider Babylon's role in the Last Days. I will elaborate more on this shortly.

For now, here's the deal concerning this "window of opportunity" that I'm presenting to you: Iraq's current situation is similar to that of Japan and Germany after World War II. Countries have had their currencies devalued because of war before. Then, once everything gets back on track and the country rebuilds and rejoins the Global Community, their currency will "revalue" (RV) or in some cases it may be "re-instated" (RI) to its pre-war value. So, what does that mean with regard to the Iraqi Dinar?
Remember at the end of the last blog, I told you that Iraq had finally announced its new government. What I didn’t tell you was that the U.N. also released the sanctions that were imposed on them.

The council lifted sanctions that have been in place since Hussein’s 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Iraq will now be able to pursue a civilian nuclear program and take control of its oil and natural gas revenue on June 30, 2011. The council also terminated all remaining activities of the controversial oil-for-food program which ran from 1996-2003 and helped ordinary Iraqis cope with sanctions.

Curiously, this happened exactly two years to the day from the date Chase stopped selling Dinar over the counter (Dec. 15, 2008).[2]

What this means is they are now able to join the Global Community again. But you can't play in the Global Market unless you have a viable, tradeable currency! That means Iraq has to RV or RI its currency to a level that is comparable to the World Market! So, now all the speculators are freaking out, expecting Iraq to either RV or RI in the very near future. What does that mean for the investor?

The idea here is that the value of the Iraqi Dinar could quickly RV to at least a 1 to 1 ratio - although many believe it could go as high as it was before the invasion of Kuwait, which would mean it could RI at a 3 to 1 ratio (or even higher). Essentially, you buy it now while it's still cheap, then when it raises in value, you go to the bank and exchange it for U.S. currency. And yes, once it is a on the Global Market as a tradeable currency, you will be able to exchange anywhere currency normally is exchanged - which includes most major banks.

So, for example, you can purchase 500,000 Dinar for about $640.00 (including shipping, handling and C.O.D. charges). If the Dinar RVs at a 1 to 1 ratio, your small investment just turned into $500,000 virtually overnight. If it goes back to its old value at let's say roughly a 3 to 1 ratio, your $640 investment just turned into more than $1.5 million! Not a bad deal. I'd like to see any other investment pay off that big - that fast.

Now that I've got your attention: If this is the first time you have ever heard anything about the Iraqi Dinar and you think it is something you might invest in, and IF it pans out the way I just described, would you please prayerfully consider tithing or contributing at least a portion of your tremendous gain into our ministry? I am not asking this to give you any kind of guilt trip and there's really no way I could track this anyway, but I am asking for help to produce SEED, the series - the episodic sci-fi show God has laid on our heart to create. We can't do it alone. We estimate each episode will cost about $1 million to produce. We have 72 episodes outlined and 3 scripts ready to produce right now. But we're lacking the funds to go into production. So, if you've been blessed by the information I have labored to bring to you, and if you believe in what we're trying to do with media to reach the world, would you please consider returning the blessing and commit to using at least some of your new wealth to help us accomplish our work for the Kingdom?

I have spent a lot of time researching and putting this series of blogs together and I receive regular updates on the status of the Dinar. If you'd like to be added to our Dinar e-mail database, please fill out the form below.

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OK. Now for what I call The Omega Plan? Again, this is just a theory, so keep an open mind and work with me on this.

We've already seen how the U.S. went into Iraq under false pretenses. As I stated in the first three blogs, I believe there is a totally different reason why we are there. At any rate, the fact is JP Morgan Chase went in and helped set up a central bank. That means, the Illuminati now has a vested interest in making sure Iraq succeeds. And so far it has. Their country is being rebuilt and their currency is growing stronger. "Smart" investors are highly encouraged to invest and speculators have been going crazy because Iraq is now poised to become a world super power again... almost over night.

Meanwhile, as all of that was going on, the US economy had a (planned) crash. Our economy continues to crash and I believe it will ultimately tank in the very near future. The same could be said for most major world economies. So, what's going on?

Back in July of 2010, President Obama talked about downsizing our military forces in Iraq. By the time 2010 drew to a close, in early December, the UN had finally released Iraq from the sanctions that had been put on them. That effectively put them back on the World Market as a viable player once again. All that was left was for the newly formed government to be announced. And that happened on December 21, 2010 - the same day the moon turned blood red and floated over the shoulders of Orion, or shall we say, Babylon’s founder, King Nimrod! Is that a coincidence? I don't think so.

Iraq also recently announced their 2011 Budget which can NOT be sustained at 1163 to 1.[3]

"Iraq Central Bank said that the current budget for year 2011 is the biggest in Iraq history..."

In order for all they have planned to occur, the nation must have a tradable currency. Therefore, all the speculation is that they will revalue (RV) and some even suggest a re-instatement (RI) back to it's former value before the sanctions. And that is not unreasonable considering the country certainly can sustain that value with its natural resources, just as it did back before the sanctions were imposed. Iraq does after all have one of the largest oil reserves on the planet just sitting there under its soil waiting for global consumption. Unlike our country that has a fiat money system, their currency can actually be backed by something of value!

This incredible event literally has the potential to "reset" the global economy! Think about the implications of that. And if little ol’ speculators like you and me stand to reap a good return from investing in Iraqi Dinars, just imagine how rich the Rothschilds and Rockefellers are going to be - considering they likely own BILLIONS of Dollars worth of Dinars. You know they do. As does the U.S. Treasury and the treasuries of other countries as well. And they would have "bought" them when it was over 2,000 to 1. So if Iraq RVs at a 1 to 1, that's a staggering amount of money! BUT remember, Iraq's currency used to be worth more than $3.22 to 1 Dinar. If they RI at a pre-1990 rate, forget it. They've just made the biggest ROI of all time!!! They will absolutely OWN THE WORLD! Which has always been their goal.
Since World War II, the USD has been the world's (dominant) Reserve Currency. That was planned. And so was the crash that started here in America. When America fell, the world fell. But wait! We helped to both crush Iraq and then rebuild her - or should I say the bankers did. Now, when the Iraqi currency "bails out" the world economy, do you think the world will want to stay on the USD as its Reserve Currency? No way! China and Russia have already made moves to get off of it.

The U.S. put the world in the economic state it's in right now. Therefore, I believe there's no way the world is going to trust America in the future. And since the Iraqi Dinar will have helped to save the world economy, it is in the perfect position to be raised up as the new Reserve Currency. To me, this makes sense not just for economic reasons, but also for prophetic reasons as well.

How far away are we from finding out if any of this theory is true? Not far at all in my opinion. Speculation concerning the Iraqi Dinar has been rising to a fever pitch since December 21st. So much so that the CBI's web site went off-line during the last week of December due to a server crash. Now, those who have purchased IQD's at a substantial discount wait patiently to see how wealthy they are going to become virtually over night.

In war, when an army drops a bomb and civilians get hurt, they call it "Collateral Damage." As stated above, I believe the Elite are WELL stocked in IQD. The rich will become substantially richer. Those of us who have a few hundred (or even thousand) dollars worth of Dinar stashed away will be nothing more than "Collateral Beneficiaries" of the greatest economic super plan in history. But I believe said beneficiaries will only have a short window of time to benefit from this financial miracle. Why? Because the Elite don't want rich people. They want poor people who are easier to herd and control. They also want billions of DEAD people, so they certainly don't have our best interest in mind.
"LET THESE BE GUIDESTONES TO AN AGE OF REASON"
the message of the Georgia Guide stones

1. Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.

Notice the first "new commandment" etched in stone? In order to maintain humanity under 500 million, that means more than 6 BILLION have to die! So having that in mind, I believe wisdom and discernment is needed - especially for those in the Body of Christ who will benefit from this financially.

Scripture says that "the wealth of the wicked is stored up for the righteous."[4] Many people have interpreted that in many different ways, but consider this. The Scriptures testify that the parents of Jesus were poor. They could only afford the poor man's offering of two pigeons for sacrifice.[5] But Jesus was destined to do great things. So, what happened? You have to go back in time over 500 years to see what God had in mind to solve that problem.
The prophet Daniel served three kings in Babylon. In that time he amassed tremendous wealth and became a great teacher of "Sacred Astronomy."

Many believe that the "magi" who came from the east, were in fact Jews who came out of Daniel's school of astronomy. This would seem to make sense. First, they knew the stars well and thus were able to discern the signs they were seeing around the time of Jesus' birth. Second, why else would the wealthy elite of a foreign country want to travel such a distance to pay tribute and honor to the baby king of another nation? It makes perfect sense that the magi were well educated, well trained and wealthy men of Jewish descent. They knew both astronomy AND the prophecies of Hebrew scripture. So what happened? Tremendous wealth was brought out of Babylon and delivered to Jesus. The riches helped to finance His future ministry, just as the herbs and spices were prepared for His future death.

We have a similar situation with the Jews leaving Egypt in the Exodus. They had a mission to go and inhabit the Holy Land that would become known as Israel. They brought the wealth of Egypt with them when they did.[6]

So, could it be that we will soon see a repeat of history? Most of the people that I know who own Dinar are Believers in Jesus Christ. And there are a lot of them. Will the wealth of the (wicked) east (Babylon) be brought to the Body of Christ (again) to enable us to accomplish our work in these Last Days? I believe so.

Babylon was where the first "World Order" without God was attempted under Nimrod. Will the first be the last? The Bible talks about it rising again. President Bush Sr. was obsessed with the idea - especially after the first Iraq desert party was "over." After Desert Storm, it seems like everyone was talking about a New World Order and the need to embrace it. A lot has happened since then, and a lot more still has to happen. But ultimately, it is my strong belief that the NWO's headquarters will be located in Babylon. So, how will it happen?

I believe we are seeing the "Omega Plan" falling into place. In summary, the following is a timeline for what I believe has happened and what will happen to usher in Babylon's rise to power once again.

- On September 11, 1990, President George Bush (Sr.) announced his plan for a New World Order.
• In 1999, Zahi Hawass discovered the Tomb of Osiris.

• September 11, 2001 - eleven years (to the day!) from the time Daddy Bush announced his plans for a New World Order (that will succeed), a terrible event rocked the United States. And what do you know? Junior Bush just so happened to be in office to push the NWO plan through. For reasons I will not get into here, I believe that event was completely planned and orchestrated from within. Soon after the events of 9/11, the Patriot Act was passed and our Bill of Rights began to be stripped away from us. Little by little our Constitution began to be shredded and tossed out the window. Cameras started popping up on every street corner. Our phones, e-mails and pretty much every area of our life became monitored. And we gave away more and more of our freedoms all in the name of "security." Today, "Big Brother" is all around you. The stage has been set for a New World Order and things are falling nicely into place for a one world government to be formed.

• In April of 2003, archeologist digging in Iraq claimed to have found the Tomb of Gilgamesh. A month later, the U.S. moved into Iraq under pretense of finding "weapons of mass destruction." As everyone now knows, we did not find weapons. But I do believe we found A weapon of mass destruction. We found Nimrod himself! And in case there are any doubts, consider the fact that one of the first things our troops did when they entered Iraq was raid the museum of Baghdad. What? That's right. **We plundered a MUSEUM!**

The museum was the victim of a carefully planned assault. The thieves who took the most valuable material came prepared with equipment to lift the heaviest objects, which the staff could not move from the galleries, and had keys to the vaults where the most valuable items were stored. Not since the Nazis systematically stripped the museums of Europe has such a crime been committed.

What did they take? That is up for speculation at this point because it is classified. But one web site brings up this juicy tidbit of information:

*On June 7, 2003, U.S. authorities announced that world famous treasures of Nimrud were recovered from a secret vault in Iraq's Central Bank.*
charge of the whole central bank?\[ The artifacts included necklaces, plates, gold earrings, finger and toe rings, bowls and flasks. Officials said that of the 170,000 items initially believed missing, just 3,000 remained unaccounted for. And, of those, 47 were main exhibition artifacts. [7]

[emphasis mine]

Notice how the trivial things like plates and earrings were "discovered" and returned. Oh, aren't the Americans great!? How nice and noble of them to seek out and return those "national treasures" to Iraq. But what about the 3,000 unaccounted for items?

All we know is cuneiform tablets were a hot commodity. My personal theory is they were looking for anything and everything to do with the "portal technology" that was the Tower of Babel - especially considering that some of the items stolen were from the "world famous treasures of Nimrud." These "blueprints" could prove incredibly useful - especially now that they had the guy who built it!

On one of his on-line blogs, Tom Horn adds some further intrigue to this whole scenario (especially considering what I wrote about in the first blog):

Isaiah... says, “open the gates, ye ruler,” …whoever this ruler is, he opens “gates” in Iraq/Babylon through which end-times giants (gibborim) return to the surface of earth as agents of God’s wrath. Noting that Isaiah ties the destruction of Iraq/Babylon with the reappearance of gibborim in this way, we recall how thousands of U.S. troops, on invading Iraq during the Bush administration, admittedly filled U.S. containers with archaeological materials, including what some have speculated to be cuneiform tablets pointing to the location of pure-blooded Nephilim buried in underground caves [8]. This is exactly where Enoch said the dead antediluvian Nephilim are, and raises fascinating questions: Would agencies like Darpa have interest in studying or cloning the extinct beings if they were, or have been, found? Could man in his arrogance revive ancient dna, revitalizing or blending it with other living organisms in a way similar to what the Watchers did in making the first Nephilim? Is the factual reappearance on earth of such legendary beings verified by Isaiah, who also foresaw transhuman creatures such as satyrs (transgenic half-men, half-goats) accompanying the return of giants in the end times, or why other apocryphal books like 2 Esdras 5:8 prophesy the birth of “monsters” for the same period of time?

Some may be shocked to learn that in addition to the citations above, the Bible actually describes an ultimate end-times spiritual warfare between the “mythological gods” and Christ. “The Lord will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth” says Zephaniah 2:11. “The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; ‘Behold, I will punish the...gods’” (Jeremiah 46:25). [emphasis mine]

• As noted above, also in 2003, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank went in and set up the Central Bank of Iraq. They created a new currency that was completely worthless, but yet had some of the most high-tech anti-counterfeit measures of any other currency on the planet. The governments and Elite of the world purchased billions of Dollars worth of Dinar at a 2,000 (or 3,000?) to 1 USD ratio. Then, they began the process of appreciating the value to it’s current rate of 1,163 to 1 USD. Already, they are in a position for a healthy return. But with a RV they have made trillions. With an RI, they've made trillions and trillions more!

• In 2008, plans were set in motion to collapse the current World Reserve Currency, the U.S. Dollar. The U.S. economy finally collapsed in 2010 and with it so did the economies of the world. This perfectly sets the stage for a New World Currency... that will ultimately serve the New World Order.

• On December 21st, 2010, on the birthday of Nimrod, his nation was “born again” out of the ashes like a Phoenix. A blood red moon floated above Orion's shoulders like a decapitated head above his heavenly body, to herald this event (at 3:22 in the morning no less - remember, one Iraqi Dinar used to be valued at $3.22!). These are all significant signs. And the earth shook in response!
As you can see from the above timeline, the stage is now set to literally "reset" the global economy... in one day. And it all appears to be tied to the numbers 322.

- As noted in Seventy-Two And A Red Moon Rising, the numbers 322 are directly tied to the Skull and Bones Secret Society of which both Bush Sr and Jr were a part of - the two presidents who were both in office at the time of Iraq's downfall... and rebuilding. Both are responsible for ushering in the New World Order as a result.
- Also noted in that blog, the numbers 322 represent the time of the blood red moon Lunar Eclipse floating over Orion-Gilgamesh-Osiris-Nimrod at 3:22AM over Washington DC just as Iraq was announcing its newly formed government.
- And now of course as we've seen here in this blog, there's the previous value of the Iraqi Dinar at $3.22 to 1 USD. A value many speculators believe will be what the Dinar will RI back to when Iraq is finally a player on the World Market once again.
- Also of interest: March 22 (3/22) is the date the Georgia Guidestones were erected.
- Click here are some other interesting things to check out regarding the date 3/22.

Is this all of that just a coincidence? I don't think so! All I can say is I am thankful for Deuteronomy 3:22:

_Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you._

A New World Economy, and a New World Order are primed and ready for a New World Leader to emerge. Could that leader be Nimrod? I believe it will be. I believe a lot will happen between now and December 21st, 2012 that will rapidly put all things into motion to bring about the rebirth of Nimrod as the king of the world - the Anti-Christ.

Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 24:24-28?

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. (In other words, PAY ATTENTION!) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 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, there will the eagles be gathered together."
The "carcase" of Gilgamesh may have been found in the "desert." The "secret chamber" known as the Tomb of Osiris has been found. The United States "eagles" are heavily entrenched and invested in the home town of Nimrod.

A lot of "signs" are pointing to December 21, 2012 as the date of a significant event. Could that be the day the angel opens the "shaft to the bottomless pit" and releases the spirit of Apollyon (aka Apollo) to re-inhabit its former host body? Is this "resurrection" even possible?

The Illuminati started with Nimrod in Babylon. It has all come full circle for this same nation to rise to global super power status, nearly over night. My prediction is that the IMF will set the IQD up to be the NWO's One World Reserve Currency replacing the Dollar in the very near future... probably after all the dust settles. I believe Nimrod will resurrect on December 21st, 2012 and the world will be astonished at this "Beast" of antiquity rising out of the water encompassed "secret chamber" as the god-king, of which nearly every culture on the planet has a memory. It may be accompanied by a significant "UFO" event. But that's a subject for another blog (coming soon).

As I said at the very beginning of this blog, I could be wrong about all of this. Do your own research. I've done mine and these are the conclusions that I have come to as a result.

Watch and pray. Be ready and look up... so much the more as you see the days approaching!

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CLICK HERE to read the next blog: "God vs god (Part 1)" >>

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Footnotes:

8. Enoch 10:11,12 [back]
In the first five blogs in this series we began to explore the Last Days in the context of what was going on in the distant past, focusing primarily on Nimrod and his role in the days to come. As stated in those blogs, it is my strong belief that he is the ultimate "god" of antiquity that has always been and will be in the Last Days the number one (earth-bound) enemy of our God. I understand that Lucifer is the direct challenger in this Cosmic Battle, but just like God represented Himself on this earth in the person of Yeshua, so also the Devil has chosen a man to represent him here. That man "was, is not and yet shall be" Nimrod. But there were others...

All of history stands as a testament to a Great War between the One True God of Heaven and the false gods of this world. In this ultimate battle of Good vs Evil, the players are contending for the souls of men. Thus, it is a battle that God takes very seriously. Take the First Commandment for instance:

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

If there is only one God, who are these other characters that God seems to be so concerned about? Remember, in Matthew 24:37 Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man." I don't think most people have really taken the time to pause and consider exactly what happened "in the days of Noah." So, let's go a little deeper and explore the gods - how they got here, who they were and what they did.
Shortly after the Fall of Man, in Genesis 3 God gave the first prophecy stating that Eve's seed would crush the Devil's head.

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring [seed] and hers; **he will crush your head and you will strike his heel.**”

- Genesis 3:13-15 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

So, the Devil essentially said, “Oh yeah? Well then I'm going to mess up her seed!” Thus, we have **The Genesis Six Experiment.**

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. **They were the heroes of old, men of renown.**

- Genesis 6:1-4 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

According to the Book of Enoch, 200 of Lucifer’s Fallen Angels, (a class of beings called The Watchers) landed on Mt. Hermon in the days of Jared:

And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: ‘Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.’ And Šemjâzâ, who was their leader, said unto them: ‘I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.’ And they all answered him and said: ‘Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.’ Then swore they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. **And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.**

- Enoch Chapter 6:1-6 [emphasis mine]

This event occurred sometime around the 9th Jubilee, approximately 450-500 years after Creation.

I'm a visual person by nature, so taking the scripture where we learn that a “day” to God is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day, I have created a **Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart** (with each gray column representing a Jubilee - a period of 50 years). Since Genesis tells us that God created everything in 6 days and rested on the 7th, let's assume that we have 6 thousand years (or 6 "God days") for mankind to live out, followed by a 7th, which would be the thousand years known to prophecy students as the "Thousand Year (Millennial) Reign of Christ." I will show you the whole chart in **The Last Days** blog, but for now, let's just look at the first two "days" of human history.
The Nephilim had totally and utterly destroyed God's "good" creation by the time of Noah. And looking at the chart above we can see how long they had to do so. Approximately 1,200 years! For more than an entire millennia, massive, extremely intelligent beings intermingled with the seed of men, corrupting them, the animals and even plants.

 есть гиганты [hebrew: 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. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, "The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

- Genesis 6:4-13 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Genesis tells us that man was wicked and that every imagination of his heart was evil. This seems to imply that man imagined to corrupt the earth and all that lived on it - and he apparently did all that he imagined to do. Note that verses 11 and 12 say that the earth was also corrupt and that all flesh had corrupted his way. Man did that as a result of Watcher and Nephilim influence. Note what the Book of Jasher has to say about this:
And all the sons of men departed from the ways of the Lord in those days as they multiplied upon the face of the earth with sons and daughters, and they taught one another their evil practices and they continued sinning against the Lord. And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence. And their judges and rulers [the Watchers] went to the daughters of men and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the sons of men in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and all animals. And the Lord said, I will blot out man that I created from the face of the earth, yea from man to the birds of the air, together with cattle and beasts that are in the field for I repent that I made them.

And all men who walked in the ways of the Lord, died in those days, before the Lord brought the evil upon man which he had declared, for this was from the Lord, that they should not see the evil which the Lord spoke of concerning the sons of men.

And Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord chose him and his children to raise up seed from them upon the face of the whole earth.

-Jasher 4:16-21 [emphasis mine]

and in the Book of Enoch:

And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants. And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells: Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind. And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones."

- Enoch 7:1-6 [emphasis mine]

Revelation 12 repeatedly refers to Lucifer as a "serpent" and a "dragon" - in other words a reptile. The Fallen who followed him may have had similar attributes. Whether or not this is true, we see in multiple ancient accounts that the Watchers sinned against man, beast and the Earth itself. The result was giant offspring and horrific carnage. That being the case, I think that through these writings, we have just discovered the source of a lot of things found both in the fossil record - such as the dinosaurs - as well as in mythology - such as the many strange hybrid creatures we've all read about and seen in pictures and movies.

Let's talk about the reptiles first. No one denies that dinosaurs existed. We have the bones to prove it. But Evolution says they existed millions of years before man. And yet, the Bible says that Creation began about six thousand years ago. So, how do we reconcile this? Were dinosaurs a part of the original Creation? Looking at the picture to the left, it is hard to imagine God creating something like that along with Adam and Eve and calling it "very good." If that is true, and God did not create these terrible creatures, then who did? I believe the text above tells us who it was. The Watchers and their offspring.

These beings don't have the ability to create life from nothing - only God can do that. But they do have the ability to manipulate and modify existing life. And this appears to be exactly what they did. I believe they
tinkered with the existing DNA of reptiles to create others that were far more violent and destructive than those that God created. But wait. That implies that God created at least some of them.

Most Creationists believe that in the Beginning, a canopy of water surrounded the earth. They get this idea from the Bible:

*Then God said, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.” And that is what happened. God made this space to separate the waters of the earth from the waters of the heavens. 8 God called the space “sky.” And evening passed and morning came, marking the second day.*

- *Genesis 1:6-8 (NLT)* [emphasis mine]

and

*They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water.*

- *2 Peter 3:5 (NLT)* [emphasis mine]

This would have created the effect a hyperbaric chamber. A pressurized, oxygen saturated environment. We know that lizards already grow to fit their environment (until they die). So, now imagine a lizard living in a pressurized, oxygen saturated environment for many hundreds of years (man lived to be nearly 1,000 years old). Such a creature could get very, very large. And this is what we find in the fossil record. In fact, nearly EVERYTHING we find in the fossil record is bigger - from plants to bugs, to mammals and of course reptiles. A hyperbaric chamber environment perfectly explains how that could happen.

As for what God did create, I believe He probably created massive, though docile, plant eating creatures like the Apatosaurus and I believe the Bible shows this to be true. But we must remember that the word "dinosaur" was not invented until the 1800s, so you won't find it in the Bible. But you will find other descriptions that certainly seem to fit:

*“Look at Behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength it has in its loins, what power in the muscles of its belly! Its tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of its thighs are close-knit. Its bones are tubes of bronze, its limbs like rods of iron. It ranks first among the works of God, yet its Maker can approach it with his sword.”*

- *Job 40:15-19 (NIV)* [emphasis mine]

Some modern translations like to change "behemoth" into "hippopotamus" or indicate in the footnotes that this may be what God was referring to there. I find that to be utterly ridiculous! A hippo!? Seriously? Ever see the tail of a hippo?

Don't get me wrong, the hippopotamus is an impressive creature, but its tail hardly moves like a CEDAR TREE!!!! It does not fit the description of Job 40 any more than an elephant or any other land animal we currently know of. But Job 40:15-19 does very much fit the description of the typical long neck dinosaur. But notice, these feed on grass and plants. They are not the vicious meat eaters such as T-Rex. I believe that "breed" or "type" of dinosaur came about as the result of genetic manipulation on the part of the Watchers and Nephilim using existing lizards.

Therefore, only the "dinosaurs" that God created would have been preserved on Noah's Ark. So, is there evidence of Post-Flood dinosaurs living with man? Yes! But not of the T-Rex type. Take this carving of a "Stegosaurus" (pic to the right) found on a ancient Cambodian temple for instance.
Or what about this ancient rock carving from White River Canyon, Utah.

This image was found drawn by Anasazi Indians who had lived there from approximately 150 BC to 1200 AD. Note the man in the top left and a long neck dinosaur in the lower right. This certainly appears to be proof that man coexisted with dinosaurs.

Or what about this image found on a Mesopotamian cylinder seal dated at 3300 BC depicting long neck dinosaurs with their necks intertwined?

Click Here for more ancient depictions of dinosaurs. See also:

- http://www.hearttouchers.com/dinosaurs
- Dinosaurs in the bible
- Recent dinosaur sightings
- http://www.answersingenesis.org

Even to this day, stories of such creatures living in remote areas of the world continue to surface from time to time. And then of course, there's the "Loch Ness Monster" and other such creatures who pop up for the cameras every now and then. So, I believe there is abundant evidence that at least some of the many varieties of dinosaurs that existed were of God and therefore made it onto the Ark, thus surviving possibly even to this day, but certainly within the history of man.

But what about the other strange creatures that may have come from genetic tampering? Greek mythology is literally loaded with animal-human hybrids such as the Centaurs, Minotaurs, Satyrs, etc. And creatures like Pegasus, Griffins and Unicorns are also found throughout the mythology of ancient cultures. But the Hebrews apparently saw some of these creatures too. In fact, the Book of Jasher records an incident where a man is out looking for his heifer and he comes across a half-man-half-animal creature, one that we might think of as a Satyr:

And it was one day that Zepho lost a young heifer, and he went to seek it, and he heard it lowing round about the mountain. And Zepho went and he saw and behold there was a large cave at the bottom of the mountain, and there was a great stone there at the entrance of the cave, and Zepho split the stone and he came into the cave and he looked and behold, a large animal was devouring the ox; from the middle upward it resembled a man, and from the middle downward it resembled an animal, and Zepho rose up against the animal and slew it with his swords.

- Jasher 61:14-15 [emphasis mine]

So, did they actually exist? I believe they did. This text is written very "matter of fact" - meaning, not a lot of attention is given to it other that what is written. That is what the man saw. Next. But is there also Biblical proof of such hybrids? Yes! In fact, Satyrs make two appearances in the Bible:

But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

- Isaiah 13:21 (KJV) [emphasis mine]
and

The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.

- Isaiah 34:14 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The Bible also mentions the Unicorn in numerous places:

1. *Numbers 23:22*
   God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

2. *Numbers 24:8*
   God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

3. *Deuteronomy 33:17*
   His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

4. *Job 39:9*
   Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

5. *Job 39:10*
   Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

   Save me from the lion’s mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

7. *Psalm 29:6*
   He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

8. *Psalm 92:10*
   But my horn shall thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

9. *Isaiah 34:7*
   And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness

Dragons have even found their way into the Bible too! A simple search on biblegateway.com pulled up 34 references - such as:

And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

- Isaiah 34:13 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

What I find interesting about all of the above passages taken from Isaiah concerning satyrs and dragons is that they are connected both to Babylon and to the "Day of the Lord" which represents the Last Days. So, could it be that we will see these creatures again? Recall again the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:37:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man."
Noah lived for 950 years - 600 years prior to the Flood and 350 years after it. So, as we are now seeing, the "days of Noah" were filled with all sorts of strange and terrifying creatures. In those days, God's "very good" creation was corrupted by man and Fallen Angel (Watchers).

Today, modern science is doing the exact same thing! Manipulating, distorting and corrupting God's "very good" Creation. Scientists started by creating genetically modified food. And now they are working on splicing genes between animals, humans and plants. Already, we have:

- rats with human brains
- sheep with human hearts - 15% human-animal chimera
- rabbit eggs fused with human cells
- pigs with human blood
- tomatoes mixed with flounders
- firefly genes mixed with tobacco plants = glow in the dark plants

And that's just to name a few.

The implications of this type of science are indeed terrifying:
This sort of thing has been going on for quite some time now. For example, here we have a mouse with a human ear growing out of its back. I suppose that will be helpful to a burn victim or someone who has lost an ear. And we know that faulty human heart valves are routinely replaced with ones taken from cows and pigs. But those kinds of surgery turn the recipient into a human-animal chimera.

Hybrids are already among us and this sort of thing is widely accepted today. So, do these types of creatures represent something we should be getting used to seeing around in the near future?

< What about this guy?
How tempting do you think it is for the military to create Super-Soldiers? Men that can run like horses, hunt like tigers, see like eagles, hear like dogs. And why stop there? What if a man could have the radar of a bat or the sonar of a dolphin? Think I'm kidding? Think again. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has plans for an Extended Performance War Fighter that is nothing short of shocking. Like something out of a sci-fi series. Make no mistake, Transhumanism is here and it's here to stay. Look at what Nick Bostrom (Director of the Future of Humanity Institute, Oxford University) has to say about this:

Transhumanists view human nature as a work-in-progress, a half-baked beginning that we can learn to remold in desirable ways. Current humanity need not be the endpoint of evolution. Transhumanists hope that by responsible use of science, technology, and other rational means we shall eventually manage to become posthuman, beings with vastly greater capacities than present human beings have. [emphasis mine]

![The Space of Possible Modes of Being](image)

**Figure 1.** We ain't seen nothin' yet (not drawn to scale). The term "transhuman" denotes transitional beings, or moderately enhanced humans, whose capacities would be somewhere between those of unsaugmented humans and full-blown posthumans. (A transhumanist, by contrast, is simply somebody who accepts transhumanism.)

Click Here to read more, directly from the Oxford types who are promoting the advancement of Transhumanism.

Then read Tom Horn's [Open Letter To Christian Leaders](#) on this issue. Also, be sure to check out his new book, *Forbidden Gates*, which goes into a lot more detail on all of this. And if you can make it in July, you might want to attend the first annual Future Congress on Emerging Threats and Challenges in Branson Missouri too!

This is an issue that we simply can not afford to ignore. The lines are very quickly going to become blurred. Soon, "normal humans" will be replaced by "super-humans" that will be so far advanced that they would be considered gods by comparison. Through Transhumanism, we have been and are creating animal-human hybrids, just like the Watchers and Nephilim did in the days of Noah! But God said that every thing should reproduce after its own kind.
Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

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And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

- Genesis 1:11-13 & 1:20-31

God created everything and commanded that it reproduce after its own kind. We see this in nature. Apple trees don't naturally produce anything but apples. Dogs don't produce cats and fish don't mate with birds. All have a place and a purpose, but they are to remain and operate in the original plan of God that was tailored to them. That is what He deems, "very good." The problem comes when we deviate from that plan.

Before I continue, I'd like to write a little bit about the THEORY of Evolution. We must remember it is and always has been just a theory. Nothing has proven that it is true. In fact, the more science advances, the less likely and plausible the whole theory is proving to be.

I remember sitting in my 5th Grade class and naively raising my hand and asking the teacher, “If we came from monkeys, why are there still monkeys?” I have never received a good answer to that question, even to this day. In fact, I find it astonishing that otherwise brilliant individuals can actually believe the total nonsense that is Evolution.

None of it makes any logical sense if you stop to actually think about it.
Evolutionists say that billions of years ago an infinitely small, highly condensed dot called the "singularity" exploded and everything that exists came out of it. Seriously? Who created the dot?? And since when does an explosion create anything so orderly and complex as this amazing universe - or one single strand of DNA?

DNA? Oh, well that happened when lightning struck some slime in a primordial ocean and fused amino acids together. Really!?? Wow. So, if the earth was a molten blob of plasma that began to cool, where did the water come from? That kind of heat should have prevented any moisture from ever developing into OCEANS! It would have all evaporated (which implies that it existed to begin with!). And where did the amino acids that supposedly were the foundation of life come from?
How do we get life from non-living material? Frankenstein-style Electricity is the answer? OK, so since DNA contains the "information" - the genetic codes - that make life develop into whatever form it takes, then after lighting turned that acid into DNA, that one strand would have had the genetic blueprint to create ALL life - plant, fish, reptile, bird, animal, man, etc.. I mean the information has to come from somewhere. And since all of life supposedly evolved out of this incident, the information to do so had to have been present in that first DNA molecule. That's a serious miracle! Oops! That's a religious word. Sorry.

A theory should be testable. So, go to your local GNC store, buy some complex amino acid and start zapping it with electricity. See what happens. And even if by some miracle you do create a strand of DNA from your experiment, you have to remember that you went to a store and bought the building blocks to do so! You just can not escape the "God Component" of the equation. Anyway...

According to the Theory of Evolution, lightning activated amino-slime became DNA that turned into a single-cell organism. That ONE organism floated to the bottom of the primordial ocean floor. What did it eat? I don't know, but eventually, it got sick of sitting there so it jumped up and evolved into a fish! What did the fish eat? I mean, it was SUCH a MIRACLE that one lighting bolt created life from non-living material in the first place, now you're going to tell me that the same thing happened again so that these creatures can eat? But once it eats, then what? You only had one!

Just go back and start asking yourself these types of questions anytime you hear or read anything about evolution, and you will quickly realize how ridiculous the whole thing really is. But let's continue...

So that fish supposedly swam around for millions of years. How did it live that long? It didn't? It mated and produced offspring? Mated with who? Oh, wow, more miracles needed! OK. Go on. Then one day it decided to see what land was like. Do fish really think like that? So, it evolved legs out of fins and walked onto the land! How did it breath? Oh the gills magically disappeared and the fish went from breathing water to breathing air. Hmmmm. OK. Go on.

Once on land, over millions of years it grew from a tiny lizard-like creature into the giant T-Rex! Wow! Cool! Then as a result of comets and climate change, T-Rex eventually evolved into a bird. What??? A bird??? Yep, A bird.

So let me get this straight. A fish got tired of water and climbed out on land and grew into a dinosaur. Then those massive land reptiles got sick of the land and shed their scales for feathers, jumped up and started to fly, turning themselves into tiny birds? And that's science???

No matter how you look at it, I can't believe this sort of thing is even taken seriously. But this is college level "education" folks!! Scary. And what's worse is people pay tens of thousands of dollars to get a piece of paper that authorizes them to pass this crap along to the next generation!

People actually believe this stuff, because in essence, it truly is a religion. And the god of this religion is called, "Science." Thus, we have another god at war with the One True God. It is a Theory of Chaos and Chance vs Intelligent Design. And because there is so much evidence for Intelligent Design, many Evolutionists have adopted the idea of Panspermia: the theory that life here must have been "seeded" by life that came from elsewhere. Great. All that does is push the problem further out into space. But the questions...
and issues remain. For anyone interested in exploring this further, I recommend you check out the movie, *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*.

To me, this whole idea of Evolution is absolutely absurd. To *them*, Creationist theories and Biblical explanations are equally absurd. So, while we are all speculating and being absurd, let me throw in another theory concerning T-Rex and other bipedal dinos like him. As I mentioned above, I believe God did create the large, plant eating dinosaurs. God called it the "chief of all He created." Next to man, it was the champion - the most impressive creature walking the planet. God was proud of it! So, what did the Devil do? True to form, I believe he created - or I should say, genetically engineered - a counterfeit. A T-Rex - the *King Dinosaur* - master of the terrible lizards.

When you think of the animal kingdom, what do you see? With very few exceptions, I see countless creatures walking on all fours. Even primates are not truly bipedal (though they *can* walk on two legs). Birds are bipedal, but that is not their primary mode of mobility. Ostriches and kangaroos come to mind as bipedal, but other than that, the vast majority of land creatures walk on all fours. Could the same be true of the dinosaurs? Could it be that the *true* dinosaurs - those created by God - are those that are characterized as both walking on four legs and being vegetarian?

Four legged dinosaurs appear to be the only ones that show up in history and even in alleged modern sightings. So, if they appear in the recorded history of mankind, and the other two legged carnivorous dinosaurs do not, that would seem to imply that they were not of God - as they didn't get preserved on the Ark. OK. Work with me here. I'm just thinking with words right now. Let's play a little game of, *What if?*

**What if the viscous, two legged dinosaurs were the ones the Nephilim created through genetic engineering?**

If we can accept that genetic engineering can lead to all sorts of combinations of one species mixed with another, then the idea of a Minotaur can seem plausible. Mix a bull with a man and get something like that which is pictured to the left. So, what do you think might happen if we tried something more radical? *What if* we took a genetically superior muscleman, mixed him with a dinosaur and an eagle? Would we get a T-Rex-like creature?

I don't know, but I think what ever we got would probably look like one. It would be a muscular, bipedal lizard with bird like characteristics.

I submit this only as a plausible alternative to the traditional way of looking at the fossil record. And if scientists with lots of letters after their names can blindly accept that T-Rex evolved out of a slime pit that was struck by lighting creating a single cell organism that turned into a fish that walked out of water, grew to enormous size and then later evolved into a pigeon, why should this be any more far fetched or less plausible?
Which makes more sense to you:

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As "crazy" as it may seem, I think the Biblical Creation Model makes a whole lot more sense. But that's just me. I suppose we could argue and debate all day long about origins and the fossil record. However, we can not ignore what is happening in science labs today. The fact is, scientists are blending species. Breaking the sound barrier was one thing. But if ancient history has anything to say about it, breaking the species barrier can lead to nothing but bad news.

Once these things become introduced into society, what's going to happen when they start to intermingle with "normal" people like in the movie Splice? In a very short period of time, man will cease to be man and will become something entirely different. A new creature. A hybrid. A god. And what use does a god have with God?

The Watchers, Nephilim and men of Noah's day violated the command that everything should reproduce after its own kind and look what happened. The scientists of our day are doing the same thing now. So, what do you suppose the consequences will be?

It would seem that we are seeing the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy concerning the Last Days playing out perfectly. If we are already seeing evidence that creatures such as those found in "mythology" are going to return - or in fact may already be here - does that also mean the Nephilim (offspring of the Fallen Angels) will be returning as well? I will address that question more in depth in the upcoming blog appropriately titled, "The Return of the Nephilim." But for now, let's look and see if these beings were ever really here to begin with.

Genesis 6:4 says that the (Nephilim) giants were the "heroes of old, the great men of renown." If we are to take the Bible literally and compare it to the Book of Enoch (which used to be part of the Bible!), I think it is very reasonable to assume that what we are seeing here is the creation of what the Greeks called, the "Titans" - the master race of gods (that
If they were doing this sort of thing in the 1940’s and 60’s, just imagine what can be done today!

Zeus and his Olympians later overthrew). But is there evidence that these beings actually walked the earth? Yes. I believe there is abundant evidence!

This History Channel has run two seasons worth of episodes of a series called *Ancient Aliens*. In that series, they explore the numerous remains of massive structures all around the planet that defy all attempts at modern duplication or explanation as to how they were built. They talk about the *Nazca Lines in Peru* (pictured above). The top of an entire mountain range has been sheered off - completely level - and what appears to be an elaborate system of runways and other designs are carved on its surface - viewable only from the air. They discuss the ruins of *Puma Punku*, *Tiwanku* and *Machu Picchu*, the *Mayan* and *Egyptian* pyramids and all sorts of other amazing structures all around the world. Their conclusion? Aliens must have done it. But is there another explanation?

We think we are so highly advanced today with all of our technology, but I believe we PALE in comparison to the world before the Flood. If Adam was a perfect man, created in the image of God, then MAN was extremely intelligent and capable of amazing accomplishments on his own. According to the Bible, early man also lived nearly a thousand years. Just imagine how knowledge could build upon knowledge and accumulate in that scenario. Imagine Socrates, Plato, Newton, Galileo, Copernicus, Einstein, Hawkings and other great intellects all living at the same time, sharing theories and working out complex math together! What could they accomplish as a team? Now combine those attributes with the introduction of an ANGEL’S wisdom, strength and power and we can scarcely imagine what was going on in the Pre-Flood World!
Working under the assumption that these angel-human-hybrid creatures were HIGHLY advanced, extremely large and very powerful, it's not hard to imagine how legends of super advanced civilizations like Atlantis could have come into being. It's also not hard to figure out who built the pyramids and other colossal structures around the world either - structures that we STILL can't figure out how were built even to this day.

It is only through the flawed reasoning of Evolution that we look back at the past and can only come to the conclusion that aliens must have built these massive structures. Remember, that theory assumes that man arose out of slime as a separate branch of creatures (apart from those of the dinosaurs) that eventually achieved the pinnacle status of an evolved 21st Century Homo-Sapien - a being so smart that he destroys his own health, food, water and air supply and thinks he came from monkeys! Please. We are clearly on the bottom, tail end of the Bell Curve, not the top! We have to "change the way we think" about man if we want to understand the past. If we can grasp that man was once perfect - a creature made in the image of God, with 100% use of his brain, then everything changes when looking at ancient civilizations.

Christians believe in their religion because they have proof that Yeshua (Jesus) walked this earth and did what He did. Muslims believe in theirs for the same reasons concerning Mohammed. The Jews believe in their religion because of the testimony of their prophets and teachers going all the way back to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. Buddhists can trace their faith back to Gau-Ta-Ma (Sakya Muni) the Buddha that walked this earth around 550BC. But all we have for evidence regarding Buddha, the Hebrew Patriarchs,
Mohammed and Yeshua are PAPER documents that these great individuals either wrote themselves or that others later wrote about them. And people all around the world strongly believe in these religions because of those sacred documents.

And yet, when it comes to the Greek gods, we have the remains of MASSIVE temples and statues all around the world that stand as stone testaments to their existence as well as collections of paper documents and yet we write off that religion as myth and fanciful story telling. I think that is a gross mistake. And the ironic thing is, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist texts are not studied in public schools, yet every student has to read the classic Greek myth literature! Doesn't that strike you as a bit odd?

The fact that at some point in the distant past, giant, super-humans walked this planet and built super-structures is indisputable. Therefore, I believe there is abundant proof that the gods did indeed walk amongst us. So, who were they?

For the purpose of illustration, I'm going to use the "family tree" of the Greek gods, but if you look at nearly any other culture's myths concerning the gods, you will see similar patterns. They each have "classes of gods" that start with what I will call the Ultimate Source Tier, then there is a Top Tier, followed by a Middle Tier of gods who rule over and intermingle with men to create yet another class called the Final Tier and/or Demi-god Tier. This last class usually contains the god-men (the heroes of old) who are later generation hybrids.

**Note:** I will consider the Final Tier and Demi-god Tier to be on the same "level" though as we move forward in exploring these ideas, as both are ultimately the children of the tier above them - one considered immortal, the other mortal. For instance, both Apollo (immortal) and Hercules (mortal) are considered sons of Zeus (Middle Tier).

In the case of the Greek god family tree, we have the following breakdown:
In this example we see the Ultimate Source Tier gods are Gaia and Uranus. They produced the Top Tier gods known as the Titans, who produced the Middle Tier gods known as the Olympians. This tier of gods revolted against the Top Tier and Zeus became the ruler of the gods from that point on. Zeus is well known for his many passionate, sexual adventures both with his peer goddesses as well as with human women, thus creating both the Final Tier of gods such as Apollo and Artemis as well as the Demi-god Tier of (mortal) hybrids such as Hercules and Perseus.

I believe what we are looking at here is an amalgamation of truth combined with the fancy story-telling of people like Hesiod and Homer who lived about the same time as (or shortly after) King Solomon (circa 950BC -907BC). These ancient writers did their best to describe the origin and history of the Greek gods and people who worshipped and feared them. I believe they were trying to reason out from a Greek perspective what the Torah, Tanuch and the books of Enoch and Jasher had already recorded from a Hebrew perspective.

Looking at the genealogy chart above from a Hebrew perspective, we might conclude that:

- **Source Tier** = God (as the Trinity) who created Heaven and Earth
- **Top Tier** (Titans) = probably the Watcher parents of the first generation, Pre-Flood Nephilim gods
  - According to Enoch, these were punished by God and buried until an appointed time in the future when they will be released again (after 70 generations). [We'll deal with this more later.]
  - In Greek mythology, they were banished by Zeus to the prison level of Hades known as Tartarus
    - In both cases, I believe we can assume these are those currently being "held in chains of darkness"
- **Middle Tier** (Olympians) = the Nephilim gods that came about both before and after the Flood (Gen. 6:1-4)
  - In the case of the Pre-Flood Nephilim, I believe their physical bodies were destroyed by water. However, since they don't belong in Heaven as angel spirits, and they are corrupted human spirits (that God never intended to exist), I believe these became the Raphaim - the disembodied spirits.
of the Nephilim that Enoch records as becoming known as "unclean spirits" or the "demons" of the Bible (and today).

- These are those who always seek a physical host body to inhabit (or "possess")
- As for the Post-Flood Nephilim that Genesis 6:4 states existed "after that", remember from "The Genesis Six Experiment" blog, we learned that Ham's grandson, Caphtor was the son of Mizriam (Egypt) and the father of the (giant) Philistines. (See Genesis 10:14, Jeremiah 47:4, Amos 9:7) He was also the one who settled Crete - the place where all of Greek mythology originated. I believe the Greek Olympians fit this category of Nephilim gods. They came into existence not by direct angelic (ie Watcher) interaction, but rather through the gene pool of Noah's son, Ham.
  - Zeus may be an exception here because I believe he is actually Satan himself - or at least a physical manifestation of him. We will explore this idea further shortly.

- Final Tier/ Demi-gods = People like Nimrod, who is represented in this case, both by Dionysus and Apollo (which some contend represent two different sides of one deity, expressed as two) and Nephilim/Gibborim (giant) hybrids such as Og of Bashan, the sons of Anak, Goliath and his brothers.

In his book, Ancient Myths and the Bible, King Wells suggests that we view the Bible from a mythological world view. In essence, judge what we read in the Bible by what can be known from the mythologies of ancient cultures. On the surface, that may sound like heresy. We are usually taught to judge everything by the Bible, right? I know I was.

"The Bible is the ultimate authority!"

While I agree that the Bible is the final authority and it is the Truth that judges all, I would have to say that Mr. King Wells is absolutely right! Why? Because - well - I was also taught that "Context is king."

We have to understand the context in which the Bible was written. It was written by Hebrews for Hebrews in a Hebrew context. God chose a very specific group of people to represent Him on this earth. But this ONE, tiny group of people, later known as the Jews stood alone on a planet dominated by hundreds of other people groups, who each had their own gods that they worshipped. And that is the context in which the Bible was written. Truth against lie. Freedom over bondage. Hope verses hopelessness. God against the gods.

The three dominant groups of ideology the Hebrews had to contend with were Sumerian (which became that of the Assyrians/Babylonians), Egyptian and Greek/Roman. I lumped the Romans in with the Greeks because they shared many of the same deities (just calling them by different names - Zeus=Jupiter, Hermes=Mercury, etc.) Yes, there were others too, but in terms of dealing with the "battle of the gods," (in my opinion) those were by far the biggest ones the Hebrews had to contend with.

So, as Mr. Wells suggests, how do we view the Bible from the perspective of mythology? Let's find out!

To be continued.... in God vs god, Part 2: Nimrod, Nibiru and the Anunnaki >>
This series of blogs I'm writing under the title "God vs god" is intended to show you what I consider to be the central themes, elements and personalities associated with the Great Cosmic Battle of Good and Evil. By my reckoning, it all can be traced back to Genesis 6 and the days of Noah... the days that our Lord said our days would be like.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Note what King Solomon said a thousand years earlier:

> What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. - Ecclesiastes 1:9 [emphasis mine]

Both the wisest man who ever lived and the Son of God Himself told us to expect to see a repeat of history. What has been, will be again. Therefore, we need to know what has gone before so that we can know what is coming (and may already be here). So, let's look again at "days" 1 and 2 of our Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart (as we will be doing so frequently in this blog):
In the previous part of this blog, I laid the foundation for what was going on before and immediately after the Flood as it pertains to the ancient gods. I also showed you what they did that so provoked the God of Heaven to destroy a world that had already been thoroughly corrupted. The Pre-Flood world was an amazing and terrifying place full of hybrids. Our world is turning into the same thing today. But Yeshua warns us:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

- Matthew 24:21-22 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

God HAD to step in during the days of Noah in order to preserve mankind, the animals, plants and even the planet itself from the corruption of the gods. Consider how bad it was during the time of the Flood, then consider carefully what Yeshua (Jesus) has to say about the days ahead.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

- Luke 21:25-27 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

So, let's pick up where we left off. In part 1 of this blog series, I showed you the Greek god family tree, and how I believe we can translate it into an understanding of what the Hebrew texts say. Now, I want to take a look at the Sumerian family of gods (which became that of the Assyrians and Babylonians).

The Sumerians. Their writings rank amongst the oldest on the planet. It is from those writings that we learn about the "star gods" called the Anunnaki. I could easily find myself writing an entire book series just about them. And believe me, it is very tempting to do so. There is so much that could be said about them concerning the past, but I've become more and more intrigued by what may come (from them) in the future. And this series of God vs god will certainly take us there. But for now, let's just take a little peak into the past.
Wikipedia notes that the **Sumerian religion** refers to the mythology, pantheon, rites and cosmology of the **Sumerian civilization**, further stating:

*The Sumerian religion influenced Mesopotamian mythology as a whole, surviving in the mythologies and religions of the Hurrians, Akkadians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and other culture groups.*

Thus, the Sumerian/Assyrian/Babylonian beliefs are often lumped into the title, "Mesopotamian" as they all centered around that same region of the globe. Concerning the **Mesopotamian religion**, Wikipedia goes on to say:

*Some, such as the historian Jean Bottero, have made the claim that the Mesopotamian religion is the world's oldest faith [1] although there are several other claims to that title. Although as writing was invented in Mesopotamia, it is certainly the oldest faith in written history. What we know about Mesopotamian religion comes from archaeological evidence uncovered in the region, particularly literary sources, which are usually written in cuneiform on clay tablets and which describe both mythology and cultic practices. However, other artifacts can also be used as the Mesopotamians' “entire existence was infused by their religiosity, just about everything they have passed on to us can be used as a source of knowledge about their religion.” [3]*

Although it mostly died out 1600 to 1700 years ago, Mesopotamian religion has still had an influence on the modern world, predominantly because much **Biblical mythology** that is today found in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Mandeanism shares some overlapping consistency with much older ancient Mesopotamian myths, in particular the **Creation Myth**, the **Garden of Eden**, **The Great Flood**, **Tower of Babel** and mythical Biblical characters such as **Nimrod** and **Lilith** (the Assyrian **Lilitu**). In addition, the story of **Moses'** origins shares a striking similarity with that of **Sargon of Akkad**, and the **Ten Commandments** mirror older Assyrian-Babylonian legal codes to some degree. It has also inspired various contemporary **Neopagan** groups to begin worshipping the Mesopotamian deities once more, albeit in a way often different from that of the Mesopotamian peoples.

Those are some pretty bold claims. Their writings do predate those of the Bible. As such, many claim that the Biblical accounts are copies of the Mesopotamian accounts of the same incidents. But are they really? Again, an entire series of books could be written about this, so I'm not going to focus too much on all of that here. Google is your friend and using it you can find a lot about this for yourself. But I do think a few things are worth pointing out for the purpose of this blog series. First, let's look again at the **Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart**.
Historians recognize that dating anything beyond 3,000 BC is often problematic and thus can not be considered absolute.

Estimation of absolute dates becomes possible for the 2nd half of the 3rd millennium BC. For the first half of the 3rd millennium, only very rough chronological matching of archaeological dates with written records is possible. [emphasis mine]

What makes that difficult is the Flood, which occurred around 2,350 BC. That global event dramatically disturbed the geology of the Earth and completely obliterated any prior civilizations that may have existed. Thus, at best, all we have are stories and artifacts that can be assumed to date from the periods before (but which were more likely from a time immediately following) the Flood. Tales of events prior to the Flood probably have some basis in truth, but they are often filled with embellishment, contradiction and bizarre, surrealistic accounts as a result of the verbal telling and retelling of those events by many people prior to these stories finally being written down. My personal belief is that Fallen Angels aided in the telling of those Pre-Flood events to different people groups that arose from the division of languages at the Tower of Babel. Then God finally gave the true accounts to Moses some time later to set the record straight. But let’s see how the stories match up in the case of the Sumerians.

Note what Wikipedia has to say about Mesopotamia’s history:

The peoples of Mesopotamia originally consisted of two peoples, the Semitic Akkadians (later to be known as Assyrians and Babylonians) and the Sumerians. These peoples were not originally one united nation, but members of various different city-states. In the fourth millennium BCE, when the first evidence for what is recognizably Mesopotamian religion can be seen with the invention in Mesopotamia of writing circa 3,500 BCE, the Sumerians appeared, although it is not known if they migrated into the area in pre historic times or whether they were some of the original inhabitants. They settled in southern Mesopotamia, which became known as Sumer, and had a great influence over the Semitic Akkadian peoples and their culture. The Sumerians were incredibly advanced, as well as inventing Writing, they also invented Mathematics, Wheeled Vehicles, Astronomy, Astrology, The Calendar and created the first City States/Nations such as Uruk, Ur, Lagash, Isin, Umma and Larsa. In the north, in an area known as Akkad, a civilisation known as the Akkadians arose, who spoke a Semitic language that was distinct from that of the Sumerians who spoke a language isolate.[4]
So, the earliest evidence of any civilization seems to point to the 3,500 BC timeframe. Wikipedia says that the Sumerians were "incredibly advanced" and that they invented writing, mathematics and all sorts of other sciences and innovations. Well, look at what happened in 3,500 BC (in the chart above). According to the Book of Enoch, that's when the Watchers showed up! Enoch also records that the Fallen taught men those very things listed above (and more)!

Thus, I believe that the Anunnaki - a race so named because they were "Princess of the Royal (genetic) Seed" (or some translate it as, "Those who from heaven to earth came") - were the "sons of God" or the Sumerian equivalent of the giant Greek Titans, the Hebrew Watchers and Pre-Flood Nephilim - the first super-advanced parents and hybrid offspring to walk the earth.

They supposedly came to earth from a world known as Nibiru (or the infamous "Planet X"). This is a subject many people are talking about these days - especially as we get closer to the year 2012. Take this video for instance:

CLICK HERE for more videos on Nibiru - Planet X

Did Nibiru pass by Earth before? Will Nibiru return? Is it even a real planet at all? I believe the answer to all three questions is yes. But we'll save that for The Return of the Nephilim blog (coming soon). For now, I want to draw your attention to a few things mentioned in the above video.
Notice how researchers like to say that many stories in the Old Testament represent "shorter versions of" or "copies of" ancient Sumerian writings. We read the same thing in the paragraph from Wikipedia above. Well, while doing my research, I found a Short Chronology Timeline of ancient cultures and in that timeline something immediately jumped out at me. The earliest records point to one of the first kings of the Mesopotamian region, a man known as Sargon.

**Sargon of Akkad**, also known as Sargon the Great "The Great King" (Akkadian Šarru-knu, meaning "the true king" or "the king is legitimate")[1] was an Akkadian emperor famous for his conquest of the Sumerian city-states in the 23rd and 22nd centuries BC.[2] The founder of the Dynasty of Akkad, Sargon reigned from 2,270 to 2,215 BC (short chronology).[3] He became a prominent member of the royal court of Kish, killing the king and usurping his throne before embarking on the quest to conquer Mesopotamia. He was originally referred to as Sargon I until records concerning an Assyrian king also named Sargon (now usually referred to as Sargon I) were unearthed.[4]

[emphasis mine]

Many have made the connection that "Kish" is the "Cush" of the Bible (Nimrod's father according to Genesis). So, is this record saying that Nimrod killed his father? It would seem so. The above quoted Wikipedia source also makes the connection that Sargon may in fact be Nimrod:

Stories of Sargon's power and that of his empire may have influenced the body of folklore that was later incorporated into the Bible. A number of scholars have speculated that Sargon may have been the inspiration for the biblical figure of Nimrod, who figures in the Book of Genesis as well as in midrashic and Talmudic literature.[12] The Bible mentions Akkad as being one of the first city-states of Nimrod's kingdom, but does not explicitly state that he built it.[39]

That author suggests that this Sargon character was the "inspiration for the biblical figure of Nimrod" implying that the Bible merely borrowed its story from elsewhere. But I submit that the Bible is simply confirming the story - just from a Hebrew perspective (as dictated to Moses by God). Nimrod is not a name. It is a title that means, "the rebellious one." That certainly seems to fit the above description of Sargon. Notice also the sculpture of this character to the right. It has one eye missing! Keep this in mind as we continue this study.

The date given for his reign is 2,270 - 2,215 BC. That believed date almost perfectly fits the timeframe depicted in my Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart as being just prior to the Tower of Babel (which of course was built by Nimrod)!
Also stated in the above video, researchers believe the Sumerians referred to the Anunnaki as the creators of life - or more specifically man - on this Earth. Keep this in mind as well. Those "creation" events are written after the fact. But notice, even in their writings, the Sumerians believe that the Anunnaki returned to mate with human women. Hmmmm. Sound familiar? Again, their timing of events certainly seems to match the timing of Biblical events that I'm writing about in this series, don't they?

I believe what we are seeing here is evidence that the Devil very strategically set the stage long ago for The Coming Great Deception. And notice that the Anunnaki are said to have landed and set up shop in what the Bible calls, the land of Shinar - or ancient Iraq (Babylon). Hmmmm. Again I ask, "Sound familiar?"

When it comes to the Sumerian god family tree, things get pretty complicated!
There are other charts that have some different arrangements, so I'm not even sure that anyone truly knows the actual breakdown. Wikipedia tries to simplify it for us:

The majority of Sumerian deities belonged to a classification called the Anunna (“offspring of An”), whereas seven deities, including Enlil and Inanna, belonged to a group of “underworld judges” known as the Anunnaki (“offspring of An” + Ki). During the Third Dynasty of Ur, the Sumerian pantheon included sixty times sixty (3600) deities.[8]

The main Sumerian deities are as follows:

- **An**: God of heaven/the firmament.
- **Enlil**: God of the air (from Lil = Air); patron deity of Nippur.
- **Enki**: God of freshwater, male fertility, and knowledge; patron deity of Eridu.
- **Inanna**: Goddess of sexual love, female fertility and warfare; matron deity of Uruk.
- **Ki**: Goddess of the earth.[9]
- **Nanna**: God of the moon; one of the patron deities of Ur.[10]
- **Ningal**: Wife of Nanna.[11]
- **Ninlil**: An air goddess and wife of Enlil; one of the matron deities of Nippur; she was believed to reside in the same temple as Enlil.[12]
- **Ninurta**: God of war, agriculture, one of the Sumerian wind gods; patron deity of Girsu and one of the patron deities of Lagash.
As I said, I have seen many different variations of family trees for these gods. I have tried to weed through them in order to create a chart that we can work with. Thus, I present the following (simplified) diagram of the Sumerian god family tree:

![Diagram of Sumerian god family tree]

In this simplified chart, we have Tiamat and Apsu (as well as Anshar and Kishar) in the Ultimate Source Tier, followed by Antu, Anu and Ki as the Top Tier gods who produced Enki, Nin-khursag and Enlil as Middle Tier gods. And in the Final / Demi-god Tier, we see Marduk, Ninurta and Gilgamesh (which all seem to represent Nimrod in one form or another). In this case, it is Marduk as the Babylonian version of Nimrod who is the one who rises up to usurp all of the others to become the top god.

Observe what the on-line Jewish Encyclopedia has to say about this:

Two prominent theories are now held in regard to Nimrod’s identity: one, adopted by G. Smith and Jeremias, is that Nimrod is to be identified with the Babylonian hero Izdubar or Gishdubar (Gilgamesh); the second, that of Sayce, Pinches, and others, identifies Nimrod with Marduk, the Babylonian Mercury. The former identification is based on the fact that Izdubar is represented in the Babylonian epics as a mighty hunter, always accompanied by four dogs, and as the founder of the first great kingdom in Asia. Moreover, instead of “Izdubar”—the correct reading of which had not yet been determined—Jeremias saw the possibility of reading “Namra Udu” (shining light), a reading which would have made the identification with Nimrod almost certain. Those who identify Nimrod with Marduk, however, object that the name of Izdubar must be read, as is now generally conceded, “Gilgamesh,” and that the signs which constitute the name of Marduk, who also is represented as a hunter, are read phonetically “Amar Ud”; and ideographically they may be read “Namr Ud”—in Hebrew “Nimrod.” The difficulty of reconciling the Biblical Nimrod, the son of Cush, with Marduk, the son of Ea, may be overcome by interpreting the Biblical words as meaning that Nimrod was a descendant of Cush.

Two other theories may be mentioned: one is that Nimrod represents the constellation of Orion; the other is that Nimrod stands for a tribe, not an individual (comp. Lagarde, “Armenische Studien,” in “Abhandlungen der Göttinger Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften,” xxii. 77; Nöldeke, in “Z. D. M. G.” xxviii. 279).


So, here we see our buddy Nimrod represented in yet another pantheon of ancient deities. You just can’t get away from the guy! Click here for more connections.
There are two others in the Sumerian pantheon of extreme interest: Enlil and Enki. They had the same father (Anu), but two different mothers. And guess what? These step-brothers didn't get along!

According to Sumerian texts (as detailed in *Genesis of the Grail Kings* [1]), Anu made a decision:

> "The gods had clasped their hands together, had cast lots and had divided. Anu then went up to heaven. To Enlil the Earth was made subject. The seas, enclosed as with a loop, they had given to Enki, the Prince of Earth."

Laurence Gardner points out:

> "Enki was not happy about his brother’s promotion because, although Enlil was the elder of the two, his mother (Ki) was Anu’s junior sister, whereas Enki’s mother (Antu) was the senior sister. True kingship, claimed Enki, progressed as a matrilineal institution through the female line, and by this right of descent Enki maintained that he was the first born of the royal succession."

> "I am the great brother of the gods. I am he who has been born as the first son of the divine Anu."

Thus, through pride and envy Enki was discontent and sought to be "top dog." In this myth, we see a similarity between God being personified as the character of Enlil and Lucifer as Enki. And there is no shortage of interesting information out there depicting who did what amongst the people of earth and when. But what I find most interesting is the fact that Enki is depicted as essentially the "good guy" - the one who both created mankind as well as offered him wisdom and knowledge.


> "We therefore find Ea [Enki] as the reputed culprit who tried to teach early man (Adam) the way to spiritual freedom. This suggests that Ea intended his creation, Homo sapiens, to be suited for Earth labor, but at some point he changed his mind about using spiritual enslavement as a means."

While Enki is credited for having created Adam and Eve, Enlil is depicted as the one who created Eden. And from a Biblical perspective, it was Enki who was the serpent in the garden offering spiritual enlightenment by offering the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. When they did eat the "forbidden fruit," it was Enlil who drove them out of the Garden. Enki then came to their aide and clothed them. Throughout the Sumerian texts, it is Enlil who is depicted as the stand-offish one who lets his people suffer. He is the one who causes the problems. Enki is depicted as the good guy, the savior, the angel of light. Wikipedia describes him:

> Enki was considered a god of life and replenishment, and was often depicted with two streams of water emanating from his shoulders, one the Tigris, the other the Euphrates. Alongside him were trees symbolizing the female and male aspects of nature, each holding the female and male aspects of the 'Life Essence', which he, as apparent alchemist of the gods, would masterfully mix to create several beings that would live upon the face of the earth.
In character Enki is not a jester or trickster god, he is never a cheat, and although fooled, he is not a fool. Enki uses his magic for the good of others when called upon to help either a deity or a human. Enki is always true to his own essence as a masculine nurturer. He is fundamentally a trouble-shooter god, and avoids or disarms those who bring conflict and death to the world. He is the mediator whose compassion and sense of humor breaks and disarms the wrath of his stern half-brother, Enlil, king of the gods.

Whereas, to the Sumerians, Enlil was the one who helped create the humans, but then got tired of their noise and tried to kill them by sending a flood. Thus, I suspect that this view of the One True God will be prominent when the Anunnaki return - with Enki appearing as our "good creator god," the one who loves us and wants to protect us from the "big bad god" Enlil.

I say that as a warning because, as the opening to the old Battlestar Galactica series used to say,

"There are those who believe that life here began out there, far across the universe, with tribes of humans who may have been the forefathers of the Egyptians, or the Toltecs, or the Mayans. [That they may have been the architects of the great pyramids, or the lost civilizations of Lemuria or Atlantis.] Some believe that there may yet be brothers of man who even now fight to survive somewhere beyond the heavens."

* from the extended theatrical version

The History Channel's Ancient Aliens series and a whole lot of other documentaries are out there seriously pushing that idea. It's not just science fiction anymore. It has become mainstream. They are brainwashing us into believing that the Anunnaki are our creators and friends. Therefore, I am writing this series of blogs because with Planet X presumably on its way back, and the inhabitants of Nibiru possibly stopping by to say, "Hi" - warning us about some impending doom (which would really be the return of Christ), we must not be fooled into believing the lie.
Chariots of the Gods?

In 1969, Erich von Däniken (pictured above) put out a book called, "Chariots of the Gods," which claimed to show that ancient artifacts presented absolute evidence of alien visitations to a primitive earth. The book became an international best-seller. Von Däniken sold over 65 million books, thus making him one of the biggest-selling authors of all time.

To Understand Where All Of This Is Going...

According to Creation.com, in an article titled, **Aliens in your bedroom?** a recent survey showed:

- There are about 150 reported sightings worldwide every day. **[Note: this number is increasing. In fact, I just saw two UFOs in the last month myself. My wife was with me last night when I saw one of them]**
- 90–95% of all UFO sightings have been readily explained as natural or man-made phenomena, such as the planet Venus or mistaken satellites. **[Note: I believe this number is exaggerated. If you look at the "readily explained" answers given, they are usually quite ridiculous - especially to the person who knows what they saw. If anyone tried to "explain away" what I saw as "natural or man-made phenomena" I would laugh at them]**
- UFOs have been seen on commercial and military radar screens—even by a US President (Jimmy Carter in 1969).
He claimed that many Biblical accounts such as the parting of the Red Sea, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Ezekiel’s “wheel within the wheel” and many other such events were UFO/alien (Anunnaki) mediated “miracles” by way of their advanced technology. Over the years many other books have come out either in support of or in rebuttal to this book.

His work and theories are accumulating a massive audience - especially now, due to the History Channel's Ancient Aliens series, which is largely based on his work, prominently featuring him as one of the main researchers interviewed for the series. And after more than 40 years in circulation, his book is still being read. In fact, as I was doing some location scouting for my new sci-fi series, SEED, I got on a plane in Tucson, AZ and sat behind a guy (who I would say was in his thirties) who was reading a paperback copy of “Chariots.” At the time, I was reading Tom Horn’s book, “Nephilim Stargates” (which I considered to be the antidote for Von Däniken’s poison), so I struck up a conversation with the guy. I found out that he had been watching the Ancient Aliens series on the History Channel, and that’s what prompted him to buy and read Von Däniken’s book.

Von Däniken has used his wealth and the momentum being generated by the History Channel and other outlets of media who seem obsessed with “all things alien” to build a massive ET museum complex in Interlaken, Switzerland (pictured below).
This is yet another gauge of the worldwide interest in the UFO phenomenon. But unfortunately, the Church is largely ignorant and absolutely silent about these issues. Thus, more and more people are beginning to believe the lie. They have no place to go to find the truth.

This is the primary reason why I am writing these blogs and desperately trying to get a mainstream sci-fi series out that the world will actually want to watch, and that will deal with these issues from a Biblical world view (but not in "preachy" sort of way).

Notice how Disney depicts "our inevitable alien encounter?" Again, I am reminded of Yeshua's words:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

- Matthew 24:21-22 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Also, remember that King Solomon said,

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. - Ecclesiastes 1:9 [emphasis mine]

As I began to write this blog, I felt the need to watch the movie, The Fourth Kind (for the second time). It claims to be based on true events - going so far as to even boast that much of the footage is of real interviews, events and experiences. It is a pretty convincing - though disturbing - movie, however, the boasts listed above appear to have been debunked.

Aside from the stylistic way the film was cut together (to scare you), the thing that I found most disturbing was the way it absolutely pointed back to Sumerian speaking Anunnaki. About the only good thing I could say about it is that the movie very much painted them as evil, which I believe is the absolute truth. These beings are not "aliens" they are demons. They are the disembodied spirits of dead Nephilim looking for hosts to possess.

Alien abduction phenomena is nothing more than repackaged Genesis 6 activity. In fact, I would go even further and state that it is a fulfillment of the prophet
Daniel's words regarding the toes of the great statue in King Nebuchadnezzar' dream:

And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

- Daniel 2:42 & 43 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

You may disagree with that interpretation and it may be tempting to blow all of this stuff off as crazy, but again I remind you of the words of our Lord:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man."

There have been wars and rumors of wars, famine, pestilence, earthquakes and all sorts of other "signs" for the last two thousand years. That stuff isn't all that unusual. Why did Yeshua specifically liken the time of His return to the days of Noah? What was so different about Noah's day from any other time in history? It was the stuff I am writing about. The activity of the Fallen Angels, the Watchers, the Nephilim and their offspring. It was the reality of the Anunnaki that set those days apart as different from any other in human history and we'd be wise to know about them so that we can discern the times we are living in and be prepared for what is coming.

I was about to wrap this blog up on that note, but I felt like there was one more thing to address - one more interesting point about the Mesopotamians - before moving on to explore the Egyptian mythology. And that is the issue of the Code of Hammurabi supposedly being a precursor to the Ten Commandments. Did Moses simply rip off another culture’s laws and claim them for the Hebrews? Was he simply a copycat?

The Code of Hammurabi was written by a Sumerian man named (big surprise!) Hammurabi around 1,786 BC.

Hammurabi is best known for the promulgation of a new code of Babylonian law: the Code of Hammurabi. This Law was written before the Mosaic Code and was one of the first written laws in the world. The Code of Hammurabi was written on a stele, a large stone monument, and placed in a public place so that all could see it, although it is thought that few were literate.

The Prologue of the Code states:

When Anu the Sublime, King of the Anunnaki, and Bel, the lord of Heaven and earth, who decreed the fate of the land, assigned to Marduk, the over-ruuling son of Ea, God of righteousness, dominion over earthly man, and made him great among the Igigi, they called Babylon by his illustrious name, made it great on earth, and founded an everlasting kingdom in it, whose foundations are laid so solidly as those of heaven and earth; then Anu and Bel called by name me, Hammurabi, the exalted prince, who feared God, to bring about the rule of righteousness in the land, to destroy the wicked and the evil-doers; so that the strong should not harm the weak; so that I should rule over the black-headed people like Shamash, and enlighten the land, to further the well-being of mankind.

and continues...

When Marduk sent me to rule over men, to give the protection of right to the land, I did right and righteousness in . . . , and brought about the well-being of the oppressed.

As we've already seen, Marduk was yet another name for Nimrod. So, who was this Hammurabi? We know that he served under king Marduk and that he appears to have been a "righteous man." According to Wikipedia, the name Hammurabi is Akkadian from Amorite and it derives it's meaning from Ammur•pi, meaning "the kinsman is a healer," and from Ammu meaning, "paternal kinsman," and R•pi, "healer". So, his Amorite name essentially means, "a paternal, kinsman healer." Hmmmmm.
If Hammurabi lived in the late 1700s BC, let's look at “day” 2 and 3 of the Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart:

Placing Hammurabi in the late 1,700's BC, means he lived just after the time of the Biblical Patriarch, Abraham. And actually, looking at the chart above, if the Code of Hammurabi was written in 1,786 BC, that means it was probably written just after the death of Nimrod (Marduk).

Since it was Anu and Bel who commissioned Hammurabi to write these laws in order "to destroy the evil doers: so that the strong should not harm the weak," could it be that Marduk's murder was the reason for the publishing of these laws? Now that the "rebellious one," the "man of lawlessness" was dead, maybe it was time to put some laws into action? Was there any precedence for creating laws that might resemble those which would later come in the form of the Ten Commandments?

Consider this promise God made to Abraham's son Isaac:
And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

- Genesis 26:4-5 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

What commandments, statutes and laws did Abram keep? Moses won't be around for quite some time, so the text is not talking about the Ten Commandments. So, what laws could God be referring to?

Abram left Ur which was in the land of Shinar (Babylon) around 1,947 BC. But prior to that, He had used Abram to teach all of Nimrod-Marduk's people the ways of God. We know this because of a very interesting story from the Book of Jasher. There was an event (that I will write a lot more about in the next blog) that happened to Abram when he was 50 years old. God spared his life. The king (Nimrod) inquired about how he was saved. Abram told him that it was the One True God of Heaven that saved him. Here is what happened next:

And Abram went forth from the king in peace, and many of the king's servants followed him, and about three hundred men joined him. And Abram returned on that day and went to his father's house, he and the men that followed him, and Abram served the Lord his God all the days of his life, and he walked in his ways and followed his law. And from that day forward Abram inclined the hearts of the sons of men to serve the Lord.

- Jasher 12:41-43 [emphasis mine]

So by that time, Abram was definitely a "one God only" kind of guy. He had put off all of the old gods of his father and that of Nimrod's kingdom. Whereas, from the full description in the prologue to the Code of Hammurabi, it is pretty obvious that Hammu still strongly believed in many different gods. He referred to "Anu the Sublime, King of the Anunnaki, and Bel, the lord of Heaven and earth" - neither of which represents the God of Abram. He also mentioned a bunch of other gods from the Sumerian pantheon after that. Therefore, if the Ten Commandments were supposedly a copy of the Code of Hammurabi, I don't think the FIRST Commandment given to Moses would be

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me!"

No. I'm thinking it may be that the Code of Hammurabi was a copy of some as yet not found document or verbal law that was known to Abram (as stated in Genesis 26) and thus taught to the people of the land from which Hammurabi came. Therefore, as opposed to thinking Moses copied Hammurabi, the tables might be turned and the accusation may well be that Hammurabi copied some of the laws and principles that Abram had followed! Click here for more on this.

The point I'm trying to make here is that many secular scholars love to try and find ways to discredit the Bible. This is one such attempt. As we're learning here, to say that the Hebrews copied the Sumerians, the Babylonians and others is not really a valid accusation. And as one Rabbi put it (regarding the Hammurabi vs Moses argument),

Only by emphasizing the similarities do the two codes look similar. By carefully analyzing the differences, however, we find that the two codes are based on strikingly different principles.

Professor Greenberg adds,

The main difference between the two law systems can be found in the introductions and side comments of the codes. Hammurabi repeatedly refers to his code as "my words which I have inscribed on my monument." They are his words. In the Babylonian theology, the king was appointed by the gods to establish justice. The king was the source of the law.

In the Bible, this is not the case. G-d is the source of the laws. They are referred to as "words of G -d" and never of man. Indeed, violation of the law is seen as a religious sin. "He who acts willfully [against the law] whether he belongs to the native-born or the aliens is reviling G-d" (Numbers 15:30).

For more, see: http://www.aishdas.org/toratemet/en_yitro.html
What I hope you are seeing here is the fact that ancient history can be reconciled to the Biblical account in many ways. Our Bible is true and trustworthy. Every story is relevant. And viewing the Bible from a mythological word view is proving to be a valuable way of interpreting those stories. I believe this method is also revealing some things that I don't think you could otherwise see without approaching the material from this angle.

As we move forward, you are going to find that the usual interpretation of Bible prophecy is going to take on a whole new dimension... and likely lead to far different conclusions than those typically taught in most churches. But if Yeshua's statement in Matthew 24:37 is true, then I believe the events of Genesis 6 represent the Rosetta Stone for understanding the future. And that is the purpose of these blogs - to explore what was going on "in the days of Noah" so that we can truly understand the times we are living in now and the days to come.

**!! UPDATE !!**

I originally posted this blog on March 10, 2011. The above paragraph was a late addition. I added it, then reposted the blog and went to bed. I decided to check my e-mail first. And what I saw sent shivers down my spine! Another massive earthquake had hit Japan and much of the Pacific was on Tsunami alert.

Suddenly, people started posting videos like the one below on Facebook. I saw this one immediately after it was posted, then I checked the Internet Seismic Server web site for myself and sure enough, it showed massive earthquake movement all over the planet! The server is down now (presumably because so many people were hitting the site) so I am glad that this video was made to show it.
Check out this list of earthquakes registering 5.0 and higher on 3/11/11 from the USGS web site.

Latest Earthquakes in the World - Past 7 days

Worldwide earthquakes with M4.5+ located by USGS and Contributing Agencies.
(Earthquakes with M2.5+ within the United States and adjacent areas.)

Fri Mar 11 20:00:04 UTC 2011 343 earthquakes on this map

I must say that the fact that this happened on 3-11-11 (322) has me more than a little bit curious. I'll have to dig deeper to find out if my suspicions (of HAARP having been the cause of this) are true! All I know is, there was a LOT of chemtrail activity leading up to 3-11 (even here in Dallas). Click on the pic to the right to enlarge. I took that picture myself. Note the strange glowing rainbow to the left of the sun and the
chemtrails above and below it. Actually, all of the "cloud" cover you see here was the result of chemtrails dispersing. But I have seen these rainbow glow balls quite a bit after chemtrail streaking lately. Now do your own research regarding chemtrails and HAARP - especially as it pertains to Japan on 3-11-11. If you do, you will see that the following video represents just the beginning of what can be found:

Not to be too alarmist (as if the above isn't already enough cause for alarm), but check out the following video regarding the date March 15, 2011, then start doing your own research regarding Comet Elenin. I am posting this here because back in February of 2004, I had the same (extremely vivid) vision as the guy who made this video:
Essentially, what was depicted in the movie *2012*, I saw five years before it came out! The vision was so powerful that I literally wrote on the whiteboard at my office, "Both coasts are going into the ocean in my lifetime."

Are we beginning to see the manifestation of that now? Consider this (posted 3-17-11):

*Meanwhile, millions of fish continue to wash up dead and hundreds of thousands of birds are falling out of the sky all around the world.* When you combine all of this with what I am writing here and what's in these videos, it is hard to ignore the fact that something is happening... and may be *going to happen* very soon.
Check out this interesting video regarding object C/2010 x 1 (Elenin)

If prophecy scholars point to these events as "birth pangs" that will herald the return of Christ, I submit a warning that His return will be preempted by another return - that of the Anunnaki. If history is any indication of what's to come, I believe it clearly shows that the Devil is a master counterfeiter. Thus, I believe we may even see a "fake rapture," which (if true) will throw every evangelical into a tail-spin trying to figure out why they got, "Left Behind."

Now, more than ever, I believe we need to be praying for wisdom and discernment - and getting our lives right with God so that we do not believe and fall prey to The Coming Great Deception!

This is all I'm going to write concerning the Sumerians for now. But I believe they were the Devil's test bed. He started his master plan with them in the land of Shinar shortly after the Flood. What he began there laid
the foundation for many other things to come. But once he put that tactical plan in motion, he then set his sights on Egypt. There, he refined his plan, implemented it with precision and turned the heat up.

To be continued.... in God vs god, Part 3: Nimrod, Abraham, the Pharaohs and Moses >>

Footnotes:

In my blogs, "The Man of Many Names" and "The First Shall Be The Last," we learned that Nimrod "began to become a [giant] mighty one" through some sort of defilement of himself. In the context of numerous other descriptions of this man, the word "gibbor" in this case was more than just a "mighty one" - Nimrod became a giant. Somehow, he activated Nephilim genes that apparently came to him through his ancestry. Thus, he became a Post-Flood member of the Demi-god Tier - an offspring of the Nephilim.

He built the Tower of Babel with intentions of killing God and taking over - a plan that was not at all unlike that of Zeus, the Olympian who sought to destroy the Titan gods who ruled before him. But Nimrod's plans were thwarted by God and the people of the earth who supported him were divided into 70 languages/nations. Each people group went away talking about the same guy, only now, he had other names. The dominant name he became known by was Osiris, the god of the Egyptians. Let's look a little deeper into this myth and how it played into the characters and events of our Hebrew Bible.

To the left is a typical diagram of the Egyptian god family tree.

Here we see Atum as the Ultimate Source Tier god. Shu and Tefnut are the Top Tier gods, followed by Geb and Nut in the Middle Tier and Osiris is in the Final Tier (the same tier that we found Dionysus, Apollo, Marduk, Ninurta and Gilgamesh - all of which are other names for Nimrod). Similar to Marduk in the Sumerian family tree, Osiris rises from the Final Tier to be the ultimate, ruling deity in Egyptian mythology.

With this in mind, let's look at the Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart again. This time, we'll be focused on "days" 2 and 3, which covers the time of the Flood leading up to the time of King Solomon. This is the time period that really lays the foundation for understanding the Bible from a mythological worldview.
As you can see, there was a lot going on during that time period! But I want to draw your attention to the bottom-middle portion of this chart. We're going to camp out here for a while, because there is a ton of things to see and learn there.

Notice, that Nimrod/Marduk/Osiris/Apollo was born/appeared sometime around a hundred years after the Flood of Noah. He built the Tower of Babel sometime after that, approximately 150 years after the Flood.

The Book of Jasher says that Nimrod became the first king of the world.

And Nimrod dwelt in Shinar, and he reigned securely, and he fought with his enemies and he subdued them, and he prospered in all his battles, and his kingdom became very great. And all nations and tongues heard of his fame, and they gathered themselves to him, and they bowed down to the earth, and they brought him offerings, and he became their lord and king, and they all dwelt with him in the city at Shinar, and Nimrod reigned in the earth over all the sons of Noah, and they were all under his power and counsel. And all the earth was of one tongue and words of union, but Nimrod did not go in the ways of the Lord, and he was
more wicked than all the men that were before him, from the days of the flood until those days.  
- Book of Jasher 7:44-46 [emphasis mine]

Genesis also states this fact when it says that the whole world got behind Nimrod's grand idea of building a city and a great tower in the land of Shinar.

Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

- Genesis 11:1-4 (NASB) [emphasis mine]

I believe the following image represents the shape the Tower of Babel most likely took - that of a large ziggurat. While massive in size, and still quite tall, the point wasn't its height in terms of distance from the ground. The point was that it could "reach into Heaven."

Whatever shape the Tower was, it seems that its functional intent - to "reach into Heaven" - was at least possible, otherwise God would not have responded the way He did. God put a stop to whatever was going on there and split the people up into 70 different language groups. These each became nations who all went away from that event talking about their king. Only now, he went by 70 different names! Though the people were divided in terms of their language, they were not divided in terms of their loyalty to the god-man-king they had been following. This is abundantly evident by the way the same man was referred to in ancient writings.

Consider how the newly formed Summerian people spoke of Marduk and Gilgamesh, or how the Greeks spoke of Apollo and how the Egyptians spoke of Osiris. His fame did not diminish. But as a result of the disturbance of their previously common language, over time the stories became embellished, distorted, modified and changed. This explains differences in the understanding of where this "mighty hunter" came
from, who his parents were, etc.. But there are many common traits that remained in the telling and retelling of the stories of the first god-man-king of the world, and those are the details that lead us to believe we are talking about the same individual - the one the Bible calls Nimrod.

Now, I want to draw your attention to something else before we continue. Thinking back to just about any message you've ever heard preached concerning the Exodus, how long did every preacher or teacher you've ever heard say that the Jews were slaves in Egypt? Answer out loud then use your mouse to highlight the space below and read the next sentence.

400 years! < Left click here and drag your mouse to the left.

If you answered "four hundred years," then you have heard the same messages preached that I've heard my whole life. However, even without looking at the chart above, you would be hard pressed to find this fact in scripture. Yes, there are passages that reference this time period, but I believe our English translations (or at least our understanding of those particular scriptures) are in error. I say that because, the Bible itself proves that this idea of a 400 year period of slavery in Egypt is impossible.

Observe what Paul wrote in his letter to the Galations:

God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn’t say “to his children,” as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says “to his child”—and that, of course, means Christ. This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God’s promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.

- Galations 3:16-18 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Paul just set the guard rails for understanding God's plan from Abraham to Moses (and ultimately to Messiah). He says that from the giving of the covenant (to Abraham) to the giving of the Law (to Moses) is 430 years. So, now go back to Genesis and see if you can find anywhere that the Hebrews were even in Egypt for 400 years between the time of Abraham and Moses. I double-dog-dare you! You won't find it.

No one was in Egypt for any extended period of time until Joseph was sold into slavery nearly 200 years after Abraham! Then, Jacob and his family came down from Canaan and were saved by Joseph sometime later. After that, all of the house of Jacob "lived the high-life" in the land of Goshen until a Pharaoh arose that did not know Joseph. Again, check it out for yourself. Here is a chart I created years ago, that visually illustrates this:
The best time frame for their slavery in *Egypt* that I can come up with (including the 80 years of Moses' life leading up to the Exodus) is about 140 to 150 years max - certainly not 400! So, where do we get this notion of a 400 year slavery?

*And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;*

- Genesis 15:13 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Notice there is NO mention of Egypt in that verse. The idea it is Egypt is an assumption made by scholars, pastors and teachers. The text itself does not say this is the case. It says a "land that is not theirs."

Note also what Stephen said when he was on trial in Acts:

*So then he went forth from the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, [God] transferred him to this country [Israel - formerly called Canaan] in which you are now dwelling. Yet He gave him no inheritable property in it, [no] not even enough ground to set his foot on; but He promised that He would give it to Him for a permanent possession and to his descendants after him, even though [as yet] he had no child. And this is in effect] what God told him: That his descendants would be aliens (strangers) in a land belonging to other people, who would bring them into bondage and ill-treat them 400 years. But I will judge the nation to whom they will be slaves, said God, and after that they will escape and come forth and worship Me in this [very] place.*

- Acts 7:4-7 (Ampified Bible) [emphasis mine]

So, even Stephen doesn't mention the nation of Egypt here by name. He says that God brought Abram out of the land of the Chaldeans and took him to Canaan. BUT God did not give him that land. This means it (Canaan-Israel) was still a "land belonging to other people." Then, Stephen goes on to tell his version of Genesis 15, where he states that Abram's descendants would be strangers in other people's land and that they (who? the people of the land where they are strangers - Canaan) would bring them into bondage.

This brings me to another common misconception, wrongly taught in church - the account of Joseph being sold into slavery. Most people think his brothers sold him into slavery. But that's not what the text says!
And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

- Genesis 37:23-36 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Did you see it? Joseph's brothers put him in the pit. They left him there and went somewhere else to eat. From where ever they were, they looked up and saw a band of Ishmaelite traders and that's when Judah came up with the idea to sell Joseph to their cousins (the sons of Ishmael). The other brothers thought that was a good idea, so Reuben returned to the pit to get Joseph, but found that he was already gone! Where did he go? He was taken by the Midianites! And thus, we see that it was the Midianites that sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites first and later into the hands of Potiphar in Egypt.

The relationship between the Midianites and the Ishmaelites is uncertain here. It appears that the Midianites sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites and then sold him (again) to the Egyptians. So, maybe the Ishmaelites realized Joseph was a cousin and sold him back? Or maybe the Ishmaelites sold him to some other Midianites who sold him to Potiphar? I don't know but apparently both groups of people were headed for Egypt. The bottom line is that it was the people of the land that Abram did not own who were the ones who started the process of Hebrew bondage and being "ill-treated." This happened about 200 years after God made His covenant with Abram.

Note also that the period of 430 years is actually mentioned a few times in Scripture:

1. **Genesis 11:17**
   And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

2. **Exodus 12:40**
   Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.
3. **Exodus 12:41**
   At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

4. **Galatians 3:17**
   What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise.

So, what's going on here?? I believe the answer is staring us right in the face! Let's look at the chart again and go back just a little bit further in time. Look at **Genesis 11:17** again. It tells us that Eber lived 430 years after he became the father of Peleg. So what? Check out Genesis 10:25:

_To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg [division], because [the inhabitants of] the earth were divided up in his days; and his brother's name was Joktan._  
(Amplified Bible) [emphasis mine]

Ha! The Bible just gave you a big clue as to what's going on here. Eber is the man whose name is that from which we get the term "Hebrew." Eber had a son named Peleg - so named because it was _in his days_ that the earth had been divided (at the Tower of Babel). After Eber had Peleg, he lived 430 years. What happened in those 430 years? **Nimrod ruled as king of the world!** In Egypt, he was known as Osiris. _As we have already seen, Osiris was known as the King of kings and Lord of lords!_ So, what we see here is a king over the whole world, who eventually left his first capital (in Babylon) and set up his new headquarters in Egypt! So, in essence, what we have in the Exodus scriptures is an accurate statement by the time God says that to Abram. Now, let's see how this played out.

My friend **LA Marzulli** is (at the time of this writing) currently working on a new book called, _"The Cosmic Chess Match"_ which deals with the moves and counter-moves between God and Lucifer. I have often thought about the same thing when looking at history, current events and prophecy. You can see these constant movements on the "Chess Board of Life" being played out. But I have never seen the moves and counter moves so well played out, than at the beginning of the "new game" that appears to have started shortly after the Flood of Noah.

The first game played out pretty quick. God makes man in His own image and they have a great relationship together. Lucifer gets jealous and tries to break up the relationship. Because of that, God pronounces a prophetic judgement, stating that Eve's seed will crush his head. Lucifer then tries to mess up the seed in order to subvert this judgement. He nearly succeeds, but God finds ONE family that is still pure enough to preserve the promised Seed. He saves Noah and his family and wipes out the world and all of the Devil's offspring in the Flood. Game over.

New game. The Devil doesn't waste any time. Within a hundred years after the Flood, he has a new champion player on the board. Nimrod. God lets the game play out a bit. Just as it looks like Lucifer may have a winning angle lining up, God makes a masterful move and confounds the languages. Nimrod is down but not out. The Devil still has his power-player in hand. God allows him to move this player into position again.

Then, God introduces his own new key player. Abram. By the time Abram was born, Nimrod was still in the land of Shinar. In fact, that was a big part of the reason why God called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees (which was just south of Babylon) in the first place. And this is where "the game" starts to get really interesting.
The Book of Jasher lays it out beautifully. Chapter 12 starts off with a very similar tale to that of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the three Hebrew slaves that - in the same place - King Nebuchadnezzar would throw into a fiery furnace hundreds of years later. In this case, the king is Nimrod and it is Abram who has been found guilty and thrown into and yet preserved by God in the furnace. For the sake of brevity, let's pick up the story after that event. I'm going to include quite a bit of the text here because it is loaded with information!

(Note: this is the "event" I mentioned briefly - toward the end of the previous blog - that happened to Abram when he was 50 years old)

And the king [Nimrod] said to Abram, "How is it that thou wast not burned in the fire?" And Abram said to the king, "The God of heaven and earth in whom I trust and who has all in his power, he delivered me from the fire into which thou didst cast me."

And Haran the brother of Abram was burned to ashes, and they sought for his body, and they found it consumed. And Haran was eighty-two years old when he died in the fire of Casdim. And the king, princes, and inhabitants of the land, seeing that Abram was delivered from the fire, they came and bowed down to Abram. And Abram said to them, "Do not bow down to me, but bow down to the God of the world who made you, and serve him, and go in his ways for it is he who delivered me from out of this fire, and it is he who created the souls and spirits of all men, and formed man in his mother's womb, and brought him forth into the world, and it is he who will deliver those who trust in him from all pain."

And this thing seemed very wonderful in the eyes of the king and princes, that Abram was saved from the fire and that Haran was burned; and the king gave Abram many presents and he gave him his two head servants from the king's house; the name of one was Oni and the name of the other was Eliezer. And all the kings, princes and servants gave Abram many gifts of silver and gold and pearl, and the king and his princes sent him away, and he went in peace. And Abram returned on that day and went to his father's house, he and the men that followed him, and Abram served the Lord his God all the days of his life, and he walked in his ways and followed his law. And from that day forward Abram inclined the hearts of the sons of men to serve the Lord.

And at that time Nahor and Abram took unto themselves wives, the daughters of their brother Haran; the wife of Nahor was Milca and the name of Abram's wife was Sarai. And Sarai, wife of Abram, was barren; she had no offspring in those days.

And at the expiration of two years from Abram's going out of the fire, that is in the fifty-second year of his life, behold king Nimrod sat in Babel upon the throne, and the king fell asleep and dreamed that he was standing with his troops and hosts in a valley opposite the king's furnace. And he lifted up his eyes and saw a man in the likeness of Abram coming forth from the furnace, and that he came and stood before the king with his drawn sword, and then sprang to the king with his sword, when the king fled from the man, for he was afraid; and while he was running, the man threw an egg upon the king's head, and the egg became a great river. And the king dreamed that all his troops sank in that river and died, and the king took flight with three men who were before him and he escaped. And the king looked at these men and they were clothed in princely dresses as the garments of kings, and had the appearance and majesty of kings. And while they were running, the river again turned to an egg before the king, and there came forth from the egg a young bird which came before the king, and flew at his head and plucked out the king's eye. And the king was grieved at the sight, and he awoke out of his sleep and his spirit was agitated; and he felt a great terror.
And in the morning the king rose from his couch in fear, and he ordered all the wise men and magicians to come before him, when the king related his dream to them. And a wise servant of the king, whose name was Anuki, answered the king, saying, "This is nothing else but the evil of Abram and his seed which will spring up against my Lord and king in the latter days. And behold the day will come when Abram and his seed and the children of his household will war with my king, and they will smite all the king's hosts and his troops. And as to what thou hast said concerning three men which thou didst see like unto thyself, and which did escape, this means that only thou wilt escape with three kings from the kings of the earth who will be with thee in battle. And that which thou sawest of the river which turned to an egg as at first, and the young bird plucking out thine eye, this means nothing else but the seed of Abram which will slay the king in latter days.

This is my king's dream, and this is its interpretation, and the dream is true, and the interpretation which thy servant has given thee is right. Now therefore my king, surely thou knowest that it is now fifty-two years since thy sages saw this at the birth of Abram, and if my king will suffer Abram to live in the earth it will be to the injury of my lord and king, for all the days that Abram liveth neither thou nor thy kingdom will be established, for this was known formerly at his birth; and why will not my king slay him, that his evil may be kept from thee in latter days?" And Nimrod hearkened to the voice of Anuki, and he sent some of his servants in secret to go and seize Abram, and bring him before the king to suffer death.

And Eliezer, Abram's servant whom the king had given him, was at that time in the presence of the king, and he heard what Anuki had advised the king, and what the king had said to cause Abram's death. And Eliezer said to Abram, Hasten, rise up and save thy soul, that thou mayest not die through the hands of the king, for thus did he see in a dream concerning thee, and thus did Anuki interpret it, and thus also did Anuki advise the king concerning thee.

And Abram hearkened to the voice of Eliezer, and Abram hastened and ran for safety to the house of Noah and his son Shem, and he concealed himself there and found a place of safety; and the king's servants came to Abram's house to seek him, but they could not find him, and they searched through out the country and he was not to be found, and they went and searched in every direction and he was not to be met with. And when the king's servants could not find Abram they returned to the king, but the king's anger against Abram was stilled, as they did not find him, and the king drove from his mind this matter concerning Abram.

And Abram was concealed in Noah's house for one month, until the king had forgotten this matter, but Abram was still afraid of the king; and Terah came to see Abram his son secretly in the house of Noah, and Terah was very great in the eyes of the king. And Abram said to his father, "Dost thou not know that the king thinketh to slay me, and to annihilate my name from the earth by the advice of his wicked counsellors? Now whom hast thou here and what hast thou in this land? Arise, let us go together to the land of Canaan, that we may be delivered from his hand, lest thou perish also through him in the latter days. Dost thou not know or hast thou not heard, that it is not through love that Nimrod giveth thee all this honor, but it is only for his benefit that he bestoweth all this upon thee? And if he do unto thee greater good than this, surely these are only vanities of the world, for wealth and riches cannot avail in the day of wrath and anger. Now therefore hearken to my voice, and let us arise and go to the land of Canaan, out of the reach of injury from Nimrod; and serve thou the Lord who created thee in the earth and it will be well with thee; and cast away all the vain things which thou pursuest."

And Abram ceased to speak, when Noah and his son Shem answered Terah, saying, "True is the word which Abram hath said unto thee."

And Terah hearkened to the voice of his son Abram, and Terah did all that Abram said, for this was from the Lord, that the king should not cause Abram's death.
Like I said, that one chapter alone is loaded with information. It shows how Haran died before his father Terah. In fact it totally elaborates on Genesis 11:28-32, giving us a lot more details about the whole affair as to why Abram was "called out of Ur of the Chaldees" in the first place. It also helps to explain the myth of Osiris as it relates to Nimrod.

For instance, we are all familiar with the "All Seeing Eye." But few understand where this whole idea came from. At some point, either before or after Nimrod's death, it would seem that he lost an eye. Anuki, the servant that interpreted Nimrod's dream (and possibly the author of the tales of the Anunnaki?), said that part of the dream means "nothing else but the seed of Abram will slay the king in latter days." [Jasher chapter 27 tells how Esau (Abraham's grandson) fulfills this prophecy.] Thus, I see Anuki's interpretation as symbolic of two things:

1) Nimrod's first death in the days to come (from that time).
2) Nimrod's coming second death in the latter days - those we call the Last Days.

Remember what I wrote concerning Sargon (pictured right) from the last blog? I told you to keep his image in mind, because true to Nimrod's dream, he is now missing an eye! So, if the losing of the eye represents his death, we can now clearly "see" the other symbolic reference here.

Through the cult of Osiris, the "All Seeing - remaining - Eye" seems to indicate a return. This is further confirmed by the numerous tales and iconography associated with Osiris - such as the Ankh and the Phoenix - both of which refer to resurrection. Again, Anuki said this would happen, "...in the latter days." Two eyes, two deaths! So, this seems to confirm our thesis concerning who the End Time Anti-Christ is. He is the one who "was, is not and yet shall be" - the first of the seven heads of the Beast John described in Revelation 17.

OK. We've focused a lot on Nimrod so far, but I want to show you what God is doing here at the same time. Look at the chart again. Abram shows up on God's 40th Jubilee. Something else I find noteworthy going back to Jasher chapter 12, is where it says Nimrod's dream happened two years after Abram was delivered from the fiery furnace - when he was 52 years old. In numerical terms, 5+2=7, which is God's number, the number of completion and the number of rest. Abram receives word from his servant Eliezer about what Anuki had told the king concerning this prophetic dream and Abram takes off for Noah and Shem's house! He remains there in safety and rest for a period of time while Nimrod's men look for him. The verbage used here, "let us go to the land Canaan..." seems to imply that Noah and Shem were also living somewhere in the area of Shinar at this time (which would seem to support the idea that the whole world went to Shinar as already noted above). As things began to heat up with Nimrod, apparently, Noah and Shem decided to "get out of Dodge-Shinar" too.
A year later, when Abram is 53 (5+3=8 - a new beginning), he is told by God that he will have many descendents. This was the beginning of the promise! Now, here's the amazing part... that happened in **1947 BC**!

In **1947 AD**, the United Nations signed the decree that would ultimately lead to the forming of Israel as a nation again the following year. Now, I understand that those dates are based on the Gregorian calendar and not the Hebrew, but to me that just makes it all that much more amazing! Though man sought to distort times, seasons, years and dates, they still harmonize to show God's incredible plan. Only God could do that!

At first, Bible students may see the *Jasher* account as contradicting Genesis 12:4, which states that Abram was 75 when he left Haran. It is not a contradiction. *Jasher* simply gives you more detail than Genesis does. Genesis 11 tells us that Abram left Ur, apparently with *intentions* of going to Canaan, but they instead settled in Haran.

*Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there. Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.*

- *Genesis 11:31-32 (NIV) [emphasis mine]*

Verse 32 leads us to believe that they stayed in Haran until Abram's father Terah died. But that's not what the text says. It just says they settled in Herran and then it tells you how long Terah lived. Genesis chapter 12 starts off with them leaving Haran to settle in Canaan and then reveals Abram's age to be 75. *Jasher* fills in some gaps in the story.

Apparently, the fiery furnace event happened when Abram was 50. The dream of Nimrod happened two years later. Abram went into hiding at age 52, then had a discussion with his dad about leaving. They left for Canaan, but stayed in Haran for three years instead. It was during that time that God told Abram that He would greatly bless him if he kept His commandments. This happened when Abram was 53 in the year 1947BC. By age 55 (after living in Haran for 3 years), God told Abram to go to Canaan. Abram obeys. Then in chapter 13, we learn that Noah dies and that Abram was 58 years old when that happens.

*At that time, at the end of three years of Abram's dwelling in the land of Canaan, in that year Noah died, which was the fifty-eighth year of the life of Abram; and all the days that Noah lived were nine hundred and fifty years and he died. And Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, he, his wife, and all belonging to him, and all those that accompanied him, together with those that joined him from the people of the land; but Nahor, Abram's brother, and Terah his father, and Lot the son of Haran and all belonging to them dwelt in Haran.*

- *Jasher 13:9-10*

So Abram and Sarai stayed in Canaan, but Nahor, Terah and Lot stayed in Haran. Eventually, after a number of years, war and other circumstances cause Abram to move back to Haran to see his family. But God appears to him again and tells him to get back to Canaan.

*In those days the Lord appeared to Abram in Haran, and he said to him, Behold, I spoke unto thee these twenty years back saying, "Go forth from thy land, from thy birth-place and from thy father's house, to the land which I have shown thee to give it to thee and to thy children, for there in that land will I bless thee, and make thee a great nation, and make thy name great, and in thee shall the families of the earth be blessed. Now therefore arise, go forth from this place, thou, thy wife, and all belonging to thee, also every one born in thy house and all the souls thou hast made in Haran, and bring them out with thee from here, and rise to return to the land of Canaan."

And Abram arose and took his wife Sarai and all belonging to him and all that were born to him in his house and the souls which they had made in Haran, and they came out to go to the land of Canaan.*
And Abram went and returned to the land of Canaan, according to the word of the Lord. And Lot the son of his brother Haran went with him, and Abram was seventy-five years old when he went forth from Haran to return to the land of Canaan.

- Jasher 13:22-26 [emphasis mine]

Thus, the Jasher account is reconciled with the record of Genesis. I am including all of this to show that books like Jasher have tremendous value. We're not going to hang any doctrine on them, but they are still useful in helping us to fill in historical gaps in order to gain a greater understanding of some of the times, events and people of the Bible.

Meanwhile, during those twenty years or so that Abram was bouncing back and forth between Haran and Canaan, Nimrod was also doing some traveling of his own. Though Nimrod still reigned from the area of Babylon, he regularly made trips to other parts of his kingdom. Apparently, one of his favorite spots was Egypt - the land from which he would eventually rule the ancient world - even after his death.

Chapter 14 of Jasher introduces a very intriguing character named Rikayon, a man who would eventually become the first Pharaoh - a governing prefect under Osiris (spelled Oswiris in Jasher). The way this man achieves such status is very interesting. Essentially, he took it upon himself to extract a tax from the people before they were allowed to bury their dead. The people freaked out. Then, at the appointed time, when the king (Nimrod - known to the Egyptians as Oswiris) came to town, the people presented their grievances to him concerning this. But Rikayon had made so much money that he came to the king with lavish gifts, thus earning his favor.

And the king answered and said to Rikayon, Thy name shall no more be called Rikayon but Pharaoh shall be thy name, since thou didst exact a tax from the dead; and he called his name Pharaoh. And the king and his subjects loved Rikayon for his wisdom, and they consulted with all the inhabitants of Egypt to make him prefect under the king. And all the inhabitants of Egypt and its wise men did so, and it was made a law in Egypt. And they made Rikayon Pharaoh prefect under Oswiris king of Egypt, and Rikayon Pharaoh governed over Egypt, daily administering justice to the whole city, but Oswiris the king would judge the people of the land one day in the year, when he went out to make his appearance.

And Rikayon Pharaoh cunningly usurped the government of Egypt, and he exacted a tax from all the inhabitants of Egypt. And all the inhabitants of Egypt greatly loved Rikayon Pharaoh, and they made a decree to call every king that should reign over them and their seed in Egypt, Pharaoh. Therefore all the kings that reigned in Egypt from that time forward were called Pharaoh unto this day.

- Jasher 14:27-33 [emphasis mine]

Isn't interesting that Nimrod becomes so impressed with Rikayon's ability to extract a "death tax" that he elevates him to a position of leadership and changes his name to Pharaoh! That should give us an indication of how the Pharaohs will rule and view things from that point on. But this also establishes the direct link between King Nimrod and the Pharaohs.

Now, let's get back to the issue of the 400 years mentioned in Genesis 15. We all know Rome is in Italy. Yet the Roman Empire covered a vastly larger portion of the Earth (including the land of Shinar - Babylon).
If you lived in a country that had been swallowed up by this empire, you lived in Rome! You were a "slave to Rome." You had to do what the Romans did. You had to obey their laws, adopt their language and customs, worship their gods or suffer their consequences. Thus, I believe in like manner, this is similar to the terminology being used at the time of God's conversation with Abram in Genesis 15 (concerning Egypt - and the kingdom of Nimrod).

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

- Genesis 15:13 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The whole world was a "slave to Egypt" in the sense that they were all under the rulership of Osiris-Nimrod and as we will soon see as this game progresses... his pharaohs. I could camp out here for quite a while and talk about Abram's interactions with Pharaoh in Egypt and the wars that involved Nimrod, but for the sake of brevity, let's jump ahead - back to the time of Joseph. I just wanted to address the complete misunderstanding most Bible teachers appear to have concerning the issue of the Hebrew slavery in Egypt. I hope this is starting to make more sense now?

So, Egypt starts to become very wealthy and Nimrod-Osiris becomes quite impressed with this new Pharaoh concept. But he has a vast kingdom to run. And so, he continues to do his thing. But eventually, the time comes when Nimrod's prophetic dream is about to be proven true.

By now, Abram's name has been changed. He had the promised son, Isaac. Isaac has two children, Esau and Jacob. Esau becomes a great hunter. And now, the game begins to pick up pace again.

One day, Nimrod decided to encroach on Esau's territory. It's the classic "alpha dog" syndrome. Nimrod saw this other hunter rising in fame and thus became jealous of him - probably on account of his youth. We have to realize that by this time, Nimrod is upwards of 500 years old and slowing down. But Esau is a young man in his prime. The writing is on the wall. This is how it goes down.

And Esau at that time, after the death of Abraham, frequently went in the field to hunt.

And Nimrod king of Babel, the same was Amraphel, also frequently went with his mighty men to hunt in the field, and to walk about with his men in the cool of the day. And Nimrod was observing Esau all the days, for a jealousy was formed in the heart of Nimrod against Esau all the days.
And on a certain day Esau went in the field to hunt, and he found Nimrod walking in the wilderness with his two men. And all his mighty men and his people were with him in the wilderness, but they removed at a distance from him, and they went from him in different directions to hunt, and Esau concealed himself for Nimrod, and he lurked for him in the wilderness. And Nimrod and his men that were with him did not know him, and Nimrod and his men frequently walked about in the field at the cool of the day, and to know where his men were hunting in the field. And Nimrod and two of his men that were with him came to the place where they were, when Esau started suddenly from his lurking place, and drew his sword, and hastened and ran to Nimrod and cut off his head.

And Esau fought a desperate fight with the two men that were with Nimrod, and when they called out to him, Esau turned to them and smote them to death with his sword.

And all the mighty men of Nimrod, who had left him to go to the wilderness, heard the cry at a distance, and they knew the voices of those two men, and they ran to know the cause of it, when they found their king and the two men that were with him lying dead in the wilderness.

And when Esau saw the mighty men of Nimrod coming at a distance, he fled, and thereby escaped; and Esau took the valuable garments of Nimrod, which Nimrod's father had bequeathed to Nimrod, and with which Nimrod prevailed over the whole land, and he ran and concealed them in his house.

And Esau took those garments and ran into the city on account of Nimrod’s men, and he came unto his father’s house wearied and exhausted from fight, and he was ready to die through grief when he approached his brother Jacob and sat before him.

- Jasher 27:1-11

Again, there’s a lot going on here. If reading this blog is presenting you with your first exposure to the Book of Jasher, this story will fill in some more “Bible gaps” for you and Genesis 25 is about to make a whole lot more sense!

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.)

Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.”

“Look, I am about to die,” Esau said, “What good is the birthright to me?”

But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.
Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

- Genesis 25:27-34 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

In the context of the Jasher account, that story makes a whole lot more now sense doesn't it? I mean think about it. Without Jasher, the story in Genesis 25 makes no sense at all. Verse 27 says that Esau was a skilled hunter. Isaac loved the wild game Esau was apparently good at killing and bringing home for his father. So, why is it that this great hunter comes home from a day of hunting and sells his birthright for a bowl of beans?? After reading Jasher, you now completely understand what is going on and why. Esau had just killed the king of the world!

By the way, the "valuable garments" that Nimrod had, "with which he prevailed over the whole land" were the original garments God made for Adam and Eve back in the garden. But that's another (cool) story in itself. Anyway, so here Esau has chopped off Nimrod's head and stolen his "magic garments." The rest of Nimrod's "mighty men" were after him now. Esau came home famished from a very busy day! So, when Jacob says he wants his birthright, Esau basically said, "Look. What do I care about my birthright? I just killed King Nimrod! I'm a dead man. His warriors are probably coming for me as we speak. Just give me something to eat!" Esau was extremely vulnerable here and Jacob totally took advantage of the situation for his own selfish gain.

Now, let's look at the chart again. You will see that I have an image of Osiris there and the words, "Osiris Cult Begins." This happens in Egypt. So, let's leave the drama of Esau, Jacob and Isaac in Canaan and again go back there for a while.

I can imagine the Egyptians lamented, "The king of the world has just been killed! A tragedy. By a Canaanite boy? How embarrassing! Let's conjure up a more interesting, noble tale." Enter the Myth of Osiris.

As with much of the ancient Egyptian mythology, there are various versions of the story, but basically it goes something like this:

- The son of Geb and Nut, Osiris was an earthly ruler, who was very popular with his subjects.
- He was married to his sister, Isis.
- His brother, Set, was jealous of this popularity and plotted to kill him.
- Set's plans to be rid of his brother started when he secretly obtained his brothers measurements and had a magnificent casket made to fit. This casket was in the form of a human shaped box (which likely became the origin of the human shaped pharaoh caskets).
- Set then organized a large feast to which Osiris and a number of others (usually given as 72) were invited. At the height of the festivities, Set produced the casket and announced that it would be given to whomever it fit. All the guests tried it on for size, but none fit until finally Osiris stepped inside. Set immediately slammed the lid closed and sealed the casket shut (with molten lead). The sealed coffin was then thrown into the Nile and Osiris drowned.
- Isis was devastated at the loss of her husband and searched for the casket throughout Egypt and then overseas. She eventually eventually found it (in Byblos) where it had come to rest. A massive tree had grown over it.
- Finally, Isis returned Osiris' body to Egypt for a proper burial. For safe keeping she concealed the casket in the marshes beside the Nile.
• Set found the casket and his brother's body while out hunting and was so enraged that he chopped it into pieces, and scattered the parts throughout the land of Egypt. (this is probably the part that is actually based on the truth of Esau's "hunting" trip)
• Poor Isis had to then set out again looking for the parts of her husband. Eventually she found all of them except his penis (which was apparently swallowed up by either a crocodile or a fish). She "put Humpty Dumpty back together again" - reassembling Osiris (like Frankenstein) and then wrapped him in bandages - as the first mummy.
• Isis replaced the penis with a reasonable facsimile (an obelisk), and somehow became impregnated by the corpse of Osiris to later give birth to Horus. In some accounts Isis breathed life back into Osiris' body and it was then that Horus was conceived - which would be even more of a magical event, considering the one part she couldn't find.
• The young Horus then went out to battle his uncle Set and to avenge his father's death. After a series of fights detailed in "The contendings of Horus and Set" neither god was able to secure an overall victory.
• Ultimately Osiris was declared king of the underworld, Horus king of the living, and Set ruler of the deserts as the god of chaos and evil.

That's the basic story in a nut shell. For more, go to:

• http://www.philae.nu/philae/IsisOsiris.html
• http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myth_of_Osiris_and_Isis
• http://www.touregypt.net/godsofegypt/legendofosiris.htm

Interesting, maybe even entertaining, but where is the truth in this? I believe the Jasher account to be the closest to the truth of anything I've read thus far. But I will leave you to decide for yourself what you think the truth is in this myth. In the meantime, let's look at the Egyptian gods family tree again:
Wikipedia has this to say about Egyptian mythology:

Egyptian mythology established multiple groupings of deities, known as Pesedjets. The Pyramid Texts of the 5th and 6th dynasties mention the Great Pesedjet, the Lesser Pesedjet, the Dual Pesedjet, plural Pesedjets, and even the Seven Pesedjets. There is also what is called the Ennead. This is a Greek term denoting a group of nine (which is all of the above minus Horus and Anubis).

The creation account of Heliopolis relates that from the primeval waters represented by Nun, a mound appeared on which the self-begotten deity Atum sat. Bored and alone, Atum spat or, according to other stories, masturbated producing Shu, representing the air and Tefnut, representing moisture. Some versions however have Atum - identified with Ra - father Shu and Tefnut with Iusaaset, who is accordingly sometimes described as a "shadow" in this pesedjet.

In turn, Shu and Tefnut (air and moisture) mated and brought forth Geb, representing the earth, and Nut, representing the nighttime sky. Because of their initial closeness, Geb and Nut engaged in continuous copulation until Shu separated them, lifting Nut into her place in the sky. The children of Geb and Nut were the sons Osiris and Set and the daughters Isis and Nephthys, which in turn formed couples.

Unlike the Greek god family tree that I showed you in the first part of this series, here we see some very bizarre, and frankly ridiculous concepts depicted. Everything up to the level of Osiris and Isis represents some sort of physical, personified representation of atmospheric and terrestial attributes of heaven and earth. As we saw in the last blog, the same holds true for the Summerian pantheon, which became adopted by the Babylonians. In their case, you don't really have gods that are truly depicted as individuals until you get to the level of Enlil, Enki and Marduk (who we have already established as a representation of Nimrod). Enlil appears to be their version of YHWH and Enki appears to be the equivalent to Lucifer. But although in both of these cases, it may be tempting to write them off as "mythology" and fanciful stories written by ancient cultures, I do not think it is wise to dismiss them altogether. To the ancients, these stories represented some form of reality.

I believe the Bible holds the truth for all things. And I believe the books contained in the Bible were Divinely inspired. As such, I think it is worth looking at what God thinks about these other gods. The war against them starts in Egypt, but as we will see it goes well beyond just the Egyptians.

Going back to the Tower of Babel, we know that God confounded the languages, which separated the people. But each people group appears to have been assigned a (fallen?) angel as a god.
When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court.
- Deuteronomy 32:8 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Most English translation render the last sentence as the "number of the children (or sons) of Israel" But the Dead Sea Scrolls read, "the number of the sons of God," and the Greek Septuagint version reads, "the number of the angels of God." I believe those represent the more accurate interpretation of the text, which makes the next verse that much more important. It says that God kept one group for Himself.

For the people of Israel belong to the Lord; Jacob is his special possession. He found them in a desert land, in an empty, howling wasteland. He surrounded them and watched over them; he guarded them as he would guard his own eyes.
- Deut. 32:9-10 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

I will again refer to something I wrote in "The Man of Many Names" blog:

In Barne’s Notes on the Bible, the author writes,

"Some texts of the Greek version have "according to the number of the Angels of God;" following apparently not a different reading, but the Jewish notion that the nations of the earth are seventy in number (compare Genesis 10:1 note), and that each has its own guardian Angel (compare Ecclus. 17:17). This was possibly suggested by an apprehension that the literal rendering might prove invidious to the many Gentiles who would read the Greek version."

King Wells, the author of Ancient Myths and the Bible reinforces this belief on pages 12 and 13 of his book:

Remember, we must prove a thesis from more than one source, so let's look at Deut. 4:19:

And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Once again, we see that God divided the nations according to the host of heaven, and throughout the scriptures the host of heaven has referred to the angels...

The Book of Jasher confirms this idea as well. In chapter 48:43, it describes the throne of Pharaoh as follows.

And the throne on which the king sat was covered with gold and silver and onyx stones, and it had seventy steps.

The narrative goes on to describe the reasons for the seventy steps, stating that they represent the 70 languages of man. Note verses 45b-47:

Also any man who understood to speak in all the seventy languages, he ascended the seventy steps, and went up and spoke till he reached the king. And any man who could not complete the seventy, he ascended as many steps as the languages which he knew to speak in. It was customary in those days in Egypt that no one should reign over them, but one who understood to speak in the seventy languages.

In the next chapter (of Jasher), we see in the account of Joseph being made second in charge of Egypt, that Pharaoh's officers protested the idea of someone ruling over them who did not know all
70 languages. This would have presented a problem for Joseph if it were not for an angel of the Lord coming to him that night and teaching him all 70 languages (Jasher 49:9-18).

In that blog and in the ones that followed, I steered your attention to pieces of the puzzle that concerned Nimrod. But I want to insert here something of the bigger picture. Look at what is happening. Nimrod sought to “reach into heaven” because he imagined he and his troops could actually assault God and His angels and take over.

And the building of the tower was unto them a transgression and a sin, and they began to build it, and whilst they were building against the Lord God of heaven, they imagined in their hearts to war against him and to ascend into heaven.

And all these people and all the families divided themselves in three parts; the first said We will ascend into heaven and fight against him; the second said, We will ascend to heaven and place our own gods there and serve them; and the third part said, We will ascend to heaven and smite him with bows and spears; and God knew all their works and all their evil thoughts, and he saw the city and the tower which they were building.

- Jasher 9:25-26 [emphasis mine]

What follows, explains the number of languages as being associated with angels:

And God said to the seventy angels who stood foremost before him, to those who were near to him, saying, Come let us descend and confuse their tongues, that one man shall not understand the language of his neighbor, and they did so unto them.

- Jasher 9:32 [emphasis mine]

What happens next is pretty amazing and very telling in regards to the issue of a group of gods I have not yet mentioned.

And the Lord smote the three divisions that were there, and he punished them according to their works and designs; those who said, We will ascend to heaven and serve our gods, became like apes and elephants; and those who said, We will smite the heaven with arrows, the Lord killed them, one man through the hand of his neighbor; and the third division of those who said, We will ascend to heaven and fight against him, the Lord scattered them throughout the earth.

- Jasher 9:35 [emphasis mine]

God rewarded each of the three camps according to the plans that they intended against Him. He killed those who thought to kill Him and scattered the third group throughout the earth (through the confounding of their languages). But notice what He did to the first group that intended to serve their own gods in Heaven. The Lord made them to become like apes and elephants! I believe this explains the millions of gods of the Hindu faith, specifically the two that are depicted as humans with animal heads - one of an ape, the other of an elephant!

Accourding to Wikipedia:
Ganesha is widely revered as the Remover of Obstacles[10] and more generally as Lord of Beginnings and Lord of Obstacles, patron of arts and sciences, and the deva of intellect and wisdom.[12] He is honoured at the beginning of rituals and ceremonies and invoked as Patron of Letters during writing sessions.[13] Several texts relate mythological anecdotes associated with his birth and exploits and explain his distinct iconography.

Ganesha emerged a distinct deity in clearly recognizable form in the 4th and 5th centuries CE, during the Gupta Period, although he inherited traits from Vedic and pre-Vedic precursors.[14] His popularity rose quickly, and he was formally included among the five primary deities of Smartism (a Hindu denomination) in the 9th century. A sect of devotees called the Ganapatya, who identified Ganesha as the supreme deity, arose during this period.[15] The principal scriptures dedicated to Ganesha are the Ganesha Purana, the Mudgala Purana, and the Ganapati Atharvashirsha. In his praise the Ganesha Chalisa is sung.

As for the "ape god-man" Hanuman, the mighty ape that aided Lord Rama in his expedition against evil forces, is one of the most popular idols in the Hindu pantheon.

Hanuman was believed to be an avatar of Lord Shiva. Hanuman is worshiped as a symbol of physical strength, perseverance and devotion.

Hanuman's tale in the epic Ramayana - where he is assigned the responsibility to locate Rama's wife Sita abducted by Ravana, the demon king of Lanka — is known for its astounding ability to inspire and equip a leader with all the ingredients needed to face ordeals and conquer obstructions in the way of the world.

Not surprising, this one apparently is a favorite of President Obama!

So, we see a LOT happened at the Tower of Babel! But getting back to Deuteronomy 32, we also see essentially the rules of this game. It's almost like God is saying to Lucifer, "OK. Here's the deal. You get 70 nations to rule over. I'll take just 1. So the odds are 70 to 1 in your favor. Give it your best shot!"

All sorts of gods and myths are developed in many nations from that point on. And in each and every one of the pantheons of gods that developed around the world, we can see different components of the Devil's war strategy. We can see where he experimented and where some ideas worked and some didn't. The ones that did work, he improved upon. The ones that didn't work, he kept, but did not seem to use - at least not in that part of the game that involved the Hebrews. Because when it came to God's Chosen Ones, Lucifer seems to have preferred to focus primarily on using the Sumerian, Egyptian and Greek myths as his primary weapons. And while we might think he's going to use each of these three in that order, it appears he is going to push the Egyptians out into the "limelight" first, while building a master plan for the Sumerians that will start out in the ancient past, but play a major role in the distant future. All the while, he will manifest himself into the Greek pantheon in order to draw worship directly to himself along the way.
We see the Egyptian players become very active shortly after the death of Osiris-Nimrod. A cult following develops quickly. But just as it is developing, God takes a seemingly insignificant piece out of his small bin of players and tosses him into the middle of the mix. A naive Hebrew boy named Joseph gets sold into slavery. But in the dungeons, God has a plan. Soon, Joseph rises to a position of power in the Egyptian empire.

Then comes the famine in the land of Canaan. And the beginning of the most beautiful story of redemption begins to play out. But notice the number of Jacob's household that goes down into Egypt.

All the persons of the house of Jacob [including Joseph and Jacob himself], who came into Egypt, were seventy. - Genesis 46:27 (Amplified)

How cool is that?? The Devil starts out with 70 nations. God chooses just 1 man (Abram) to be His representative. Then at about the half way mark of the 430 year plan, at the height of the development of a global empire, God sticks 70 of His chosen individuals into Egypt.\[1\]

The drama plays out of the amazing reunion of Joseph and his father Jacob. The forgiveness of the sins of his brothers is modeled for us. Tears are shed. We smile and say, "Wow! What a beautiful story." But wait! There's more! So much more!

As stated above, no Hebrew was a slave in Egypt for 400 years. Eventually, Jacob dies, then Joseph (at 110 years of age) and finally the others do as well. We are now well past the mid point of Paul's 430 year guard rails from Abraham to Moses when a Pharaoh arises who "knew not Joseph." But this Pharaoh is different. This one actually thinks he is a god! How did that happen?

Remember, the newly formed cult of Osiris was quietly gaining momentum in the background while the Hebrew drama was playing out on the main stage. Suddenly the tables turn! The Devil moves his new god-man into the game. The oppression begins. The heat is on. God's people suffer.

But then, God raises His own (future) champion. Moses! Perhaps in a mocking gesture, God puts Moses in a reed basket and floats it down the Nile, which preserves his life (unlike Osiris who - according to the now widely popular myth - took a similar trip in a casket that ended his life).

It is from this point forward, that God will wage an all out assault on the gods of this world. The story of the Exodus is about to come more alive for you than ever before. I can almost guarantee it!

To be continued.... in God vs god, Part 4: Building a Pure Nation >>

Footnotes:
1. This fact presents another way of looking at Deuteronomy 32:8. The New Living Translation states it as:

   When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court. [emphasis mine]

In the Man of Many Names blog, I showed how some Bibles translate that last part as, “according to the number of the children of Israel.” What is very interesting about that translation is the fact that there were 70 nations (and principalities that rule over them). Genesis 46:27 states that all of the sons of Jacob (Israel) that went down to Egypt numbered 70. And as we will see in the Exodus, those 70 grew in number and were instrumental in being used by God to topple the 70 principalities/gods of the world! In other words, there will come a time when all of the nations of the world will be ruled by the sons of Israel (which now, through Yeshua includes all Believers), ruling from Jerusalem in the coming Millennial Reign of Christ.
Building a Pure Nation

By the time Moses came onto the scene, the Devil already had dozens of nations under his control. Now, God wanted a nation too. One He could call His own - just one was all He needed. That nation was to be known in all the world as Israel. But how did Israel first become a nation?

Everyone knows that Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob wrestled with God and God changed his name to Israel. And Jacob-Israel had twelve sons. But at that point, all God had was a little over a dozen people. Hardly a nation. So, how do we go from a dozen to a small nation of two million+ people? Most would say that it happened as a result of the Exodus.

We've already established that there are a lot of misconceptions about the whole issue of the Jew's slavery in Egypt. Joseph was not sold into slavery by his brothers. It was the Midianites who sold him. We also learned that no son of Abraham was a slave in Egypt for 400 years either. Possibly 100-150 years max, but definitely not 400. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that there might be more to the Exodus story than what we were taught in Sunday School. And there certainly is. Like why did the Israelites need to go to Egypt in the first place?

Passing the halfway point within Paul's 430 year guard rails, we see that Joseph had already been established as a "Prince of Egypt" in the sense that he was made second in charge under Pharaoh. And we may remember that Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt because of the famine that swept through the land of Canaan. But there are greater reasons for them to have gone down to Egypt than just the famine. So, as Paul Harvey used to say, "And now, for the rest of the story..."

We've already established that at the Tower of Babel, the division of languages caused the people split up into essentially 70 people groups or nations. This is largely based on a strong Rabbinic tradition, but I believe Scripture agrees. Israel is reckoned among those 70 through the lineage of Eber, or the father of the Hebrews. According to the Midrash, each nation is assigned a guardian angel, which would appear to have been the basis for the seventy members of the Sanhedrin. In other words, it was believed that the angels of the nations are regarded as some sort of "heavenly Sanhedrin" or what some might call the "Divine Counsel."[2]

The Holy One, blessed be He, turned to the seventy angels who surround His Throne of Glory and said: "Come, let us descend and confuse the seventy nations and the seventy languages." They then cast lots concerning the various nations. Each angel received a nation but Israel fell to the lot of God, as it is written, "The LORD's portion is His people."
There is some dispute over how to arrive at 70 nations from the list of people given in Genesis chapter 10, often referred to as the *Table of Nations.* One issue has to do with the Philistines. Counting them, gives us 71. The statement is made that the Philistines came through Caphtor. That's not to say that they were alive at that time. Thus omitting them gives you 70 in total - from the three sons of Noah. Another issue is the fact that if you add Noah and his three sons, you end up with 74. But this is reconciled by considering that Noah, Shem, Eber and Peleg would have remained "counted" as those who were known as the Hebrew nation that was carried forward through Peleg from Eber, a descendent of Shem, son of Noah. This is the line through which the Messiah would come and is thus considered one nation / language / people group. The following chart illustrates how the "Table of Nations" likely broke down according to the descendents of Noah and his family as described in Genesis 10:

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*Jobab believed to be Job of the Bible.
The first thing that becomes blatantly obvious is that Ham's children certainly understood and took seriously the command to "Be fruitful and multiply!" In Hebrew, when a word ends with "im" such as "Caphtorim," it is a plural form. Meaning, there were lots of them. The suffix of "ite" means descended from. So for instance, a "Hamathite" would likely refer to an entire people group descended from someone named Hamath. Therefore, you see an awful lot of children coming out of Ham's lineage, both in terms of the list above, but more so in terms of how the above named are listed.

Why is so much attention given to Ham and his offspring in Genesis 10? For starters, many of his descendants were giants! Remember what I wrote about his offspring in "The Genesis Six Experiment" blog?

Canaan's lineage settled the land that was named after him. And we know from Scripture that Canaan was full of giants. After the Exodus, the spies went into the land and saw themselves as grasshoppers by comparison.[3] Joshua and his men had to clear the land of these giants and that they did! These were all the "ites" the Jews had to wipe out in the Old Testament (as in the Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, etc.).

Those giants were huge. The Israelites even bragged about the size of one of them - a man named Og of Bashan. According to Patrick Heron, in his book The Nephilim and the Pyramid of the Apocalypse, assuming the Hebrew cubit is 25.025 inches, he makes note that the guy's bed was over 18 feet long, implying that the man himself was nearly as tall[4] So, we see that Canaan definitely had some serious Nephilim genes!
How did those giants get there? Many scholars, teachers, researchers, colleagues and personal friends of mine talk about an apparent "second incursion" of Fallen Angel activity following the Flood - or other "Genesis Six Experiments" if you will. They describe such an event as being lesser in scope than the first, but still maintain that angels came down once again and mated with women. But apparently, at least according to Scripture, these angels only preferred the women of Ham (for some odd and completely unexplained reason). The premise for their entire theory hinges on this one verse:

There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

- Genesis 6:4 (NKJV) - usually with a quick reference to Ecclesiastes 1:9 as a support text

They use Genesis 6:4 as the basis for explaining the (re)appearance of giants on the earth after the Flood. But notice the way the sentence is written. Most read that sentence in English to mean, "There were giants (Nephilim) on the earth in those days and also afterward when the sons of God came [AGAIN and AGAIN] in to the daughters of men...."

But I'd like to suggest that Genesis 6:4 could just as easily mean to be saying that "When the sons of God came into the daughters of men and bore children to them, there were giants (Nephilim) in the land in those days and also afterward...."

In other words, it doesn't have to mean that there was a "second incursion" that created Post-Flood Nephilim giants. It could be that the giants that existed after the Flood were a bi-product - or the result of - the initial "incursion." With only that ONE verse (that could be interpreted two different ways) to go on, both camps of researchers are making an assumption in order to explain the established fact that there were indeed giants on the earth both before and after the Flood. So, the question then becomes, which preconceived notion is correct, logical and verifiable when considering all of the other evidence available to us?
If you have ever been interested in this subject, you’ve probably already read and heard a lot of people talking about the Post-Flood Nephilim giants based on the usual interpretation of the above verse. But I am going to present another viewpoint here for your consideration. I have been told that what I am proposing is not a new theory, but I confess that I have never read nor heard anything about this theory before. It is a conclusion I came to on my own. If it is in fact an old theory, then I suggest we pull it out from behind the books on the bottom shelf of the bookcase in the back of the library, dust it off and re-examine it, elaborate on it and at least weigh its merits against the more established, mainstream view once again. And even though I know I am in the minority in my acceptance of that view, and may take a lot of heat from my peers (in fact, I already have), that is exactly what I am going to do here. I am not right. I'm not stating the following as fact. This is just my opinion - a theory I have developed as a result of my research.

Having said that, I know many who believe in the "second incursion" theory are extremely passionate about that belief. If you are one such person, and if you've even bothered to read this far, please do not tune me out until you have at least heard my entire argument as to why I am tipping over this "sacred cow" of Nephilim belief. We should all remain open to other possibilities (myself included).

I have to reject the "second incursion" theory altogether for a number of reasons:

1. Lucifer played that card already and lost - BIG TIME. Can you imagine him trying to convince another "platoon" of angels to try that again - especially after what happened to the ones who did it the first time? The two hundred who landed on Mt. Hermon in the days of Jared received an extremely severe punishment from God:

   • The Watchers were forced to watch their children be destroyed:

   And to Gabriel said the Lord: 'Proceed against the bastards and the reprobates, and against the children of fornication: and destroy [the children of fornication and] the children of the Watchers from amongst men [and cause them to go forth]: send them one against the other that they may destroy each other in battle; for length of days shall they not have. And no request that they (i.e. their fathers) make of thee shall be granted unto their fathers on their behalf; for they hope to live an eternal life, and that each one of them will live five hundred years.'
   - Enoch 10:9,10 [emphasis mine]

   • Their punishment was pronounced:

   'Enoch, thou scribe of righteousness, go, declare to the Watchers of the heaven who have left the high heaven, the holy eternal place, and have defiled themselves with women, and have done as the children of earth do, and have taken unto themselves wives: “Ye have wrought great destruction on the earth: And ye shall have no peace nor forgiveness of sin: and inasmuch as they delight themselves in their children, The murder of their beloved ones shall they see, and over the destruction of their children shall they lament, and shall make supplication unto eternity, but mercy and peace shall ye not attain.”
   - Enoch 12:4-6 [emphasis mine]

   • The Watchers begged for forgiveness and made Enoch to be their attorney to plead their case before God. But God would show them NO mercy:

   Then I went and spoke to them all together, and they were all afraid, and fear and trembling seized them. And they besought me to draw up a petition for them that they might find forgiveness, and to read their petition in the presence of the Lord of heaven. For from thenceforward they could not speak (with Him) nor lift up their eyes to heaven for shame of their sins for which they had been condemned.
   - Enoch 13:3-5 [emphasis mine]
I wrote out your petition, and in my vision it appeared thus, that your petition will not be granted unto you throughout all the days of eternity, and that judgment has been finally passed upon you: yea (your petition) will not be granted unto you. And from henceforth you shall not ascend into heaven unto all eternity, and in bonds of the earth the decree has gone forth to bind you for all the days of the world. And (that) previously you shall have seen the destruction of your beloved sons and ye shall have no pleasure in them, but they shall fall before you by the sword. And your petition on their behalf shall not be granted, nor yet on your own: even though you weep and pray and speak all the words contained in the writing which I have written.

- Enoch 14:4-7

- Enoch then takes a tour into the depths of Hades - into Tartarus the eternal prison that awaits the Watchers. After seeing the horrors that are in those places he says:

Then Uriel answered me, one of the holy angels who was with me, and said unto me: 'Enoch, why hast thou such fear and affright?' And I answered: 'Because of this fearful place, and because of the spectacle of the pain.' And he said unto me: 'This place is the prison of the angels, and here they will be imprisoned for ever.'

- Enoch 21:9-10

This is where the angels go who choose to mate with women. Lucifer is already out-numbered 2 to 1, so do you really believe he'd continue to risk losing more of his army to the prison of Tartarus? Besides, based on what the demons (the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim) said when they encountered Jesus while they were still in possession of the "Maniac of the Gadarenes," it seems highly unlikely that Lucifer will find any volunteers anytime soon anyway! No. The Fallen are all keenly aware of the horrors of the abyss:

Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

- Luke 8:30,31 (NIV)

- Enoch 6:3

So given all of the above, I think it is absolutely, positively, ridiculously absurd to think that any other angel in Heaven or in the company of Lucifer would dare to even think about doing what they saw their brothers the Watchers do! That goes for Lucifer himself as well.

We know that God is a just God. He is holy and changes not. Therefore, if the above represents the official punishment or sentence for committing the crime (or sin) that was done in Genesis 6:1-4, God would not be just if He were to allow a "second incursion" and not exact the same judgment on those who participated.

Lucifer is not bound in chains. Lucifer is free to go to and fro on the earth - and apparently still has access to Heaven where he is known as the "accuser of the brethren" who accuses men day and night before God. He would not have access to Heaven if he had done what the Watchers did. He would be "bound in everlasting chains of darkness" like Azazel and the rest...
of the Watchers. How could he have the power to work freely on this earth, and be the “prince of
the power of the air” if he were bound in chains inside of it!?

No. I do not believe Lucifer, nor any other Fallen Angel has tried a repeat of The Genesis Six
Experiment. And I would challenge anyone who disagrees with that statement to present
Scriptural proof that angels once again mated with women, producing offspring.

Some have tried to point to the fact that the men of Sodom wanted to mate with the angels
who visited Lot’s home as proof of Post-Flood angel sex.

But before they retired for the night, all the men of Sodom, young and old, came
from all over the city and surrounded the house. They shouted to Lot, “Where are
the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can
have sex with them!”

- Genesis 19:4,5 (NLT)

Note however that (A) the text only shows that they attempted to, it does not say that they did
and (B) even if those men could mate with the male angels, they would not have produced
offspring. So, that argument is invalid and does not support the “second incursion” theory.

Now having said all of that, we can not forget what Jesus said:

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

- Matthew 24:37 (NIV)

If we wanted to get hyper-dogmatic about that, my thesis still works. In fact, it actually works
better in favor of my thesis than for those who hold to the usual “second incursion” theory.
The book of Enoch records something rather terrifying:

And when their sons have slain one another, and they have seen the destruction
of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations in the valleys of the
earth, till the day of their judgement and of their consummation, till the judgement
that is for ever and ever is consummated.

- Enoch 10:12 [emphasis mine]

I will deal with this issue more in "The Return of the Nephilim" blog (coming soon). In short, if
we were to define a generation as 70 years (as is defined in Psalm 90:10), then 70x70 gives
us 4,900 years... which puts us right around this present day and age! Therefore, according to
the text, the ones who will be released after 70 generations are not the Nephilim, but rather
they are the Watchers who created them! Thus, it is possible that the "second incursion" that
will take place will truly be EXACTLY "as it was in the Days of Noah" - it will be done by the
SAME beings who did it the first time! (You might want to read that again!)

2. My detractors say that my position that Nephilim seed survived in Ham’s wife is absurd and
makes no sense. They ask, “If God had to wipe out the whole world with a Flood, why would
He allow any of their seed to survive on the ark?”

Why they can’t see that their position is even more absurd, I will never know. God had to
destroy the whole world because of what the Watchers and their offspring did. His entire
Creation had become completely corrupted. That was the reason for the Flood. So, if the
entire reason for the Flood was attributed to The Genesis Six Experiment, why would God
allow the same thing to happen again? That makes absolutely no sense at all.

A common line of thought amongst my detractors can be seen in the following excerpt from
an e-mail newsletter I recently received titled, LESSON 5 "And Also Afterward: Giants in
the Old Testament" by Dr. Judd Burton, historian, archaeologist and director of the Institute
of Biblical Anthropology. In that newsletter, he states:
If the Nephilim died in the flood, how is it that they appear in later passages of the Old Testament. The passage of Genesis 6:4 suggests the answer. "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them." Here "also afterward" implies after the flood, and the subsequent phrase suggests that not only were there Watcher angel incursions before the flood, but also after it, when additional rebellious angels mated with human females to produce additional generations of giants. [emphasis mine]

He is correct in his use of words like "implies" and "suggests" because the text itself does not specifically say this was so. It is an assumption. My contention is that an equally valid implication exists. As I've already noted above, people like J. Burton, Ph.D, and others who hold to this view subscribe to the notion that Gen. 6:4 is saying, "There were giants (Nephilim) on the earth in those days and also afterward when the sons of God came [AGAIN and AGAIN] in to the daughters of men...."

The equally valid implication I referred to earlier, “When the sons of God came into the daughters of men and bore children to them, there were giants (Nephilim) in the land in those days and also afterward....” is just as plausible.

Every other else that Dr. Burton wrote built upon his preconceived notion of an implied "second incursion." This is almost universally the case amongst believers in the "second incursion" theory. The reason given for this "second incursion" generally involves an assumed attempt to prevent the Messiah's birth. Well, if that's the case, then some more questions immediately come to mind. Like why did this supposed return of the Watchers/angels center ONLY on Ham's children - when clearly Messiah was to come through Shem's offspring? If the goal was to wipe out Messiah, why mess with tribes that had nothing to do with Him? Dr. Burton explains:

> The giants resituated themselves in the Levant to keep the Jews out, to pollute or destroy (as in the case of David) the bloodline of Messiah, and to oppress and lead astray the Jews. In terms of culture, it is evident that the giants established their Watcher and Nephilim forebears as the gods of ancient polytheism. [emphasis mine]

I do agree with the notion that this strategy worked in terms of setting up a polytheistic system, which would lead much of the world into the worship of false gods. In fact, that's the foundational principle of this whole series. Dr. Burton goes on to say...

> Their entire culture was built upon preventing the arrival of Messiah. [emphasis mine]

OK. But if the goal is to prevent the arrival of Messiah, why not totally obliterate the fledgling nation through polluted genetics WITHIN the lineage of Shem. Why focus on Ham? Just scoop up all of Shem's women, have sex with them and be done with the whole affair! Or why not infect all three of Noah's son's offspring?? Have them totally devour the land as they did before the Flood and this time prevent anyone else from building a boat or any other structure of safety. Destroy everything once again! They came close last time. Maybe they could try harder this time. Seems to me, that would have been a far more effective strategy... if it were even remotely possible. But they couldn't do that because I believe they were either not able or willing to repeat what they did in Genesis 6.

The whole "second incursion" thesis is full of holes and based on pure speculation. The text does not give us any indication that Watchers/angels mated with humans again after the flood. No. Their seed must have survived another way.

Now speaking of survival, there is another possibility regarding how the giants could have come back after the Flood. It involves the idea that maybe some of them actually managed to survive the Flood. I know some scholars who believe that. Personally, I do not believe any on land could have survived. Why was the Flood so intense, so massive and so deep - lasting for
a whole year in duration? I believe it was to prevent any possibility of survival for any land dwelling creature except those preserved in the ark. No one could survive that long with no food or drinkable water.

God does not do anything less than perfect. The Flood was designed to wipe them out and I believe it did what it was intended to do. However... there remains yet another possibility. And that is that they could have gone underground and survived the Flood by remaining alive as physical beings trapped in the Underworld. Believe it or not, I can actually see some merit to this idea and evidence in the Scriptures that suggest this may have been so. I will address that concept further in The Return of the Nephilim blog (coming soon). Nevertheless, I do not believe that these possible survivors were the ones that the Israelites had to deal with in the land of Canaan.

3. If the account of Enoch and others are to be believed, the immediate offspring - the first generation of Nephilim - were MASSIVELY huge! Upwards of 300 cubits or more.[5]

*And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants. And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells: Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind. And they began to sin against birds, and beasts, and reptiles, and fish, and to devour one another's flesh, and drink the blood. Then the earth laid accusation against the lawless ones.*

- Enoch 7[emphasis mine]
The Bible seems to confirm the enormous size of early generation hybrids as well - even referring to those who came after the Flood:

> Yet I destroyed the Amorites (who were descendants of Canaan) before them, though they were tall as the cedars and strong as the oaks.
- Amos 2:9 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Most scholars refer to Post-Flood giants in terms of 8 - 18 foot giants. But GOD, through the prophet Amos refers to giants as tall as cedar trees! Ever see a cedar tree? Very large. In fact, the "cedars of Lebanon" were often referenced in the Bible, renowned for their enormous height. They can grow to over 100 feet tall! But even a modest cedar grows to 30 - 50 feet in height. And giants of this size have apparently been found in the past. This certainly explains the comments made by the Hebrew spies when they first scouted out the land of... Canaan:

> They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

- Number 13:27-33 (NIV) [emphasis mine]
Notice Numbers 13:33 says that this batch of giants came **from** the Nephilim. King James says **“which come of the giants.”** The Nephilim are not the Watchers. Nor are they any other Fallen Angels. They are the OFFSPRING of them. They are second generation at best. Now, notice if you take what Moses wrote in Numbers 13 - that Nephilim produced the Post-Flood giants - and combine that with what God said through the prophet Amos - that the Amorites were as tall as cedar trees (and we know the Amorites descended from Canaan) - we can only come to one conclusion. If Nephilim are begetting giants, then GOD, through both Moses and the prophet Amos is giving us two witnesses - telling us that Ham's wife must have had Nephilim seed!! Why? Because no angels are mentioned anywhere! And we know that Noah was pure, therefore, Ham had to have been as well. Thus, she is the only logical candidate that's left. Using **Occam's razor** this is by far the simplest solution.

After I initially wrote and published this blog (on 4/22/11), I was sent an e-mail (on 4/24/11) encouraging me to listen to a radio interview with a pastor by the name of Douglas Hamp, another researcher who is also writing a book about the Nephilim. In that interview, he gives a great explanation for what was meant by **“The land we explored devours those living in it.”** After listening to the interview, I went to his web site to read his blog and was amazed by how parallel our research has been. Check this out - this is what he has to say about the size of the Post-Flood giant named Og:

"To calculate King Og's weight we need the cube of 2.5 [times larger than an average man] which is 15.625. That is to say that King Og of Bashan would have weighed 15.625 times more than a six foot man today and thus he would weigh (15.625 x 200 =) 3125 pounds (1420 kilograms). Considering that King Og was a warrior, we can presume that he could at least lift the equivalent of his own body weight (a 200 hundred pound man can potentially lift 400-500 pounds or 2 times his own body weight). Thus, even if he could only lift his own body weight, he still would have been able to lift two war horses (1500 pounds each) at once with its rider and throw it! In modern terms he could lift a midsize car!"

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He goes on to talk about what a man of that size would need to eat in order to survive:

"If we use the more conservative weight calculation then he would have needed to consume at least 22,657 calories per day just to stay alive as per the Basal Metabolic Rate which calculates, based on a person’s height and weight, how many calories they need to live if they are not doing any significant work per day."

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To put this into visual perspective, I've created the following graphic to illustrate the scale we are talking about as compared to an average 6 foot tall man:
If the Amorites and the descendants of Anak were that big, the first batch of direct Angel-Human-Hybrids had to have been really big and really bad. If the Amos text is any indication as to what heights a Post-Flood giant could get to, imagine how big the Pre-Flood giants were! Enoch says that they got as large as 3,000 ells or 300 cubits - which is an incomprehensible size comparable to the length of Noah's Ark (I wonder if that's just a coincidence?)!!

While the giants mentioned in the Old Testament were still quite large (as noted above), they were not THAT big nor that fierce! In fact, by the time of Joshua, the gene pool of the giants had been diluted and was not nearly as potent as it would have been in a so-called "second incursion." Each progressive generation of giant mentioned in the current canon of Scripture were getting smaller and smaller. From cedar height (30-50 foot MINIMUM) to Og of Bashan height (15-18 feet) to Goliath's height (9-12 feet). Therefore, to me, this shows evidence of dominant angel genetics becoming "weeded out" or diluted through repeated breeding with humans.

One theory might be that because there are different "classes" of angels, that each class might produce a different sort of offspring. Maybe the Watcher class produced such huge monstrosities as noted above, but perhaps your average angelic "Joe-blow" class might produce a lessor monstrosity. I might buy that argument if it weren't for all the other reasons I've already listed as to why I fully doubt any other angel (no matter what class they belong to) would repeat the sins of the Watchers.

My theory is that the Watchers mated with women and created first generation Nephilim. These were terrible creatures. What their growth pattern looked like, I do not know.
Apparently, they lived to at least 500 years. So, maybe they matured over time to become that big? It's hard to imagine a normal human female (successfully) giving birth to something much larger than a normal sized baby. So, clearly they had to have started out small and gradually grew to those enormous heights. Could it be that while they were still of "normal stature" they too could have mated with women and produced the next "tier" of hybrids? I believe that was the case. And I believe that tier of hybrids would have done the same. Some mating within their class, some mating with the class above and some with women producing yet another class of progressively diluted genetic hybrids - a lesser class of giants who (later) went by names like:

- Rephaim - though this class seems to be in reference to the disembodied spirits, who can resurrect, or incarnate in a host. These would be considered the demons or evil spirits mentioned in Enoch 15.
- Emims
- Zamsummims
- Zuzim
- Horim

4. By my reckoning, the Nephilim were on the earth for just over a thousand years prior to the Flood. Look at what they were able to do in that amount of time! Surely, if there had been a "second incursion," we would not be here today - after nearly five thousand years!

Further, assuming the "second incursion" theory is correct, why wasn't it as effective and why didn't it continue? Genesis, Enoch and Jasher all agree, that the WHOLE EARTH and EVERYTHING on it had been thoroughly corrupted by the effects of The Genesis Six Experiment.

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

- Genesis 6:12 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

If Lucifer's angel+human=TOTAL CORRUPTION strategy was so successful (starting with just 200 angels), and if he had the ability to continue to use that strategy after the Flood (with COUNTLESS other angels within the 1/3 of Heaven's hosts available to him), don't you think he would have? My detractors say he did. So I ask, why didn't the whole earth become completely corrupted again? They've had nearly five times the amount of time since the Flood as they did before the Flood to continue their previously effective plans. So, what happened? Why are they not still doing it? Why have they had to resort to the medical experiments and "Alien Greys" and such? Why is there NO mention of giants after the time of David in Scripture? If they had the ability - or willingness - to continue to mate with woman AS they did in Genesis 6, how do you answer those questions? How do you account for the LACK of evidential and Scriptural support for that position?

5. I do believe in the so-called "alien hybrid breeding program." But that's because I also believe Satan and his angels can't do what they did in Genesis 6. If they could, I don't believe we would have "Alien Greys"[7] to contend with today. There would be no need for them, for Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA) to create "portals" nor any of the other demonic activity that we are seeing these days. I believe those are all tactics the Devil has to use today in order to do what he originally attempted in The Genesis Six Experiment.[8]

The current "breeding program" everyone talks about with reference to so-called "alien abductions" does not involve marriage and mating. It involves abduction and bodily extraction
of fluids through surgical means. I don't believe the Devil nor the Fallen Angels would have to resort to that if all they had to do was take women, have sex with them and produce offspring like they did in the days of Jared.

Perhaps this is the meaning behind Daniel 2:42,43?

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\text{And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.}
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- Daniel 2:42,43 (KJV)  
[emphasis mine]

Certainly, an interesting case might be made for what happened to Nimrod. Remember our breakdown of Genesis 10:8? He became a giant. Speculation as to how that happened varies, but the text seems to imply that somehow, whether through genetic tampering via some kind of surgical method or by way of a retro-virus, his genetic makeup changed.

So, the question might be asked, "Could this be how the "second incursion" happened?" To which I would still reply, "No. I don't think so."

Nimrod's "change" appears to have been an isolated case amongst all his brothers and cousins. That's not to say it couldn't have happened to anyone else. But we'd have to argue from a position of Scriptural silence on that point. There is no mention of anyone else becoming a giant like Nimrod did. But if there was any other likely candidate, it surely would have been Canaan. So, let's take a closer look at him again.

Studying Ham's lineage will be important both for understanding what I am going to be writing about in the remaining blogs in this series as well as for understanding much of the Old Testament. Indeed, even Moses seems to be drawing our attention to Ham and his offspring:

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\text{And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. - Genesis 9:18 (KJV)}
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Why does Moses single out Ham and Canaan? As I've already stated, I believe Canaan was the first to be born following the Flood (he may have even been born during the year they were on the ark). And sometime, shortly after the Flood, we are told about a strange incident:

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\text{And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.}
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And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

- Genesis 9:18-27 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

I believe two things happened to cause Noah to curse his grandson - instead of the apparent perpetrator in this story:

1. This is pure speculation on my part, but I believe Canaan may have had some sort of genetic manifestation of Nephilim seed. In The Genesis Six Experiment blog, I suggested that he might have had six digits on each of his hands and feet. Why? Because somehow those genetic traits got passed down to later offspring, like Goliath and his brothers:

   And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam. And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

   - 2 Samuel 21:18-22 (KJV) [emphasis mine]
Our DNA is LOADED with information! It is not hard to see how a "Nephilim code" could have passed through Ham's wife.

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Did the Nephilim have "Triple Helix DNA?" Could that be what passed to Canaan?

Granted, perhaps not every giant had twenty-four digits. But there seems to be quite a bit of evidence suggesting that many of them did, as well as double rows of teeth, elongated
heads and a host of other abnormal traits. For an in depth look at giants past and present, be sure to check out Steve Quayle's book, "Genesis 6 GIANTS" (pictured left).

Since so much attention is given to Canaan, I would think that if he was the first to pull off a Nimrod in the sense of becoming a giant (whether through a surgical procedure or via retro-virus), we would see evidence of that. But we don't. Therefore, my position remains that he was born with genetics that passed through to him. How? As I've already stated, through his mother, Ham's wife. Recall what I wrote concerning her in *The Genesis Six Experiment* blog:

According the *Book of Jasher*, Noah married one of Enoch's daughters.[9] In Genesis 5:24, the Bible tells us that Enoch was so righteous in God's eyes that He took the man to Heaven without ever having to die. So, it is reasonable to assume that his daughter certainly would have known the truth and had been a great candidate for Noah to marry. Going with the assumption that Noah and his wife were physically/genetically pure, their three sons, Japheth, Shem and Ham must also have been genetically pure. But that does not necessarily mean their wives were.

*Jasher* says that Methuselah had a brother named Eliakim who had three daughters. Noah picked them as wives for his three sons.[10] The statement is also made that all but Noah, his family and Methuselah had strayed from God (including Noah's father Lamech).[11] This being the case, it is reasonable to assume that Eliakim falls into the category of those who had gone the way of evil, which could imply that his daughters may have become corrupted by *"The Genesis Six Experiment".* This would certainly seem to explain how the giants appeared “after that” (that meaning the Flood).

Of course, this line of thought may seem to imply that ALL of Ham's lineage would therefore contain Nephilim seed. **I can not say that this is the case**, as we don't see evidence of giants in Put's lineage or Cush's (with the possible exception of Nimrod). Thus, I really find no Biblical grounds to say that ALL of Ham's lineage were carriers of Nephilim seed. Just Canaan's and possibly some of Mizraim's (e.g., Caphtor).

We also don't know (assuming this theory is true) how "strong" those Nephilim genes were that may have carried forward through Ham's wife. A married couple who both have blue eyes can give birth to a child that has brown eyes, thus passing on a genetic trait neither of them have, but perhaps came from an ancestor. The same is true for hair color and other attributes. It all depends on the dominant combinations of genes that get passed through. Therefore, it is possible and reasonable to assume that every now and then, Ham's PURE genetics could override the impurities in his wife's genetics and thus produce a child that is free of Nephilim genes.

Another possibility (admittedly arguing from a position of silence in the text) is that Ham could have had other wives after the Flood. Women often died in child birth. Men often had more than one wife. So, there are any number of factors that could lead to Ham's other children being pure and free of Nephilim genetics. The sons of Ham are listed in Genesis 10:6 as Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan, but the first mention of ANY offspring coming from Noah's three sons was Canaan. So, I do not believe we can take that as a list of birth order. Therefore, seeing that we find giants in at least two of his sons (Canaan and Mizraim), is it not reasonable to assume the possibility that Ham could have produced Put and Cush through a second wife? Just asking.
In any case, for the record, again let me state in no uncertain terms, that this thesis does not in any way have to imply that ALL of Ham's seed - usually (wrongly) assumed to be "people of color" - would be of Nephilim descent! I feel the need to continually emphasize this point because I don't want anyone to think for a minute that I am implying that black people (those generally assumed to be exclusively from Ham's lineage) are of Nephilim seed - the way some would like to interpret my thesis. I've already taken heat for this. So, let's put that rumor to rest here and now.

It will also become abundantly clear as we look at the Table of Nations Map again, that of the three sons of Noah, Ham and his offspring appeared to have had the most trouble staying in their own corner of the world. In a moment, I will show you how the descendants of Ham settled in the Middle East and in parts of Southern Europe as well as throughout North and East Africa. Thus, again proving that not all descendants of Ham are black.

In this thesis, I am merely stating that of Ham's four sons, Canaan and his seed certainly seemed to have passed a LOT of Nephilim traits along as evidenced in Scriptures. But, as we will see in the Exodus and the Promised Land blog (coming soon), God had a solution for that as well. Ultimately, by the time of King David, pretty much all remnants of Nephilim seed (genetics) would be wiped away - at least in the Promised Land anyway.

2. Jasher records another interesting thing that may shed some light on what Ham was doing there in his father's tent:

   And Cush the son of Ham, the son of Noah, took a wife in those days in his old age, and she bare a son, and they called his name Nimrod, saying, At that time the sons of men again began to rebel and transgress against God, and the child grew up, and his father loved him exceedingly, for he was the son of his old age.

   And the garments of skin which God made for Adam and his wife, when they went out of the garden, were given to Cush.

   - Jasher 7:23-24 [emphasis mine]

Who gave them to Cush? Did Canaan have them first? Perhaps they were stolen by Ham while Noah slept? Assuming Noah wore them on the ark (some suggest he may have used them as a means to get the animals to cooperate), maybe that's how he ended up "naked" in the first place? I don't know how it went down, but I do know the garments passed from Noah to Ham and ultimately to Nimrod. Jewish legends suggest that those garments had mystical powers of some sort. Perhaps that's where the Greek myths of the "golden fleece" came from? I don't know, but I find that the following verses in Jasher seem to support the idea:

   And when Esau saw the mighty men of Nimrod coming at a distance, he fled, and thereby escaped; and Esau took the valuable garments of Nimrod, which Nimrod's father had bequeathed to Nimrod, and with which Nimrod prevailed over the whole land, and he ran and concealed them in his house.

   - Jasher 27:10,11 [emphasis mine]

Maybe Ham stole the garments and used them to wrap up baby Canaan? Who knows? But something got Noah upset enough to pronounce a curse on his grandson instead of his son, who according to the Genesis
account should have been the one that you would think would have been punished for whatever sin took place against Noah.

At any rate, regardless of whatever was going on in Noah’s tent, suffice it to say that I believe Canaan had issues! And it is my strong belief that those issues were genetically passed on to him, most likely from his mother. We have the double witness testimony of Moses and Amos as well as circumstantial evidence to point to her as the means by which the giants returned after the Flood. And it is my belief that the first visual evidence of this was seen in Noah’s grandson, Canaan - the one who would father of a whole bunch of giant "ites" that the Jews would later have to wipe out.

This leads us back to the question posed by my detractors (already mentioned above): "Why would God go through all the trouble of wiping out the entire planet only to allow Nephilim seed to get through on the Ark?" Simple. So, He could get the glory through His people! I look at it as sort of a parallel to the "One Third Principle," meaning God allowed one third of the angels to follow Lucifer (and apparently did nothing about it). Therefore, why not assume that He might also have allowed one third of the children of Noah to carry their seed? God does what He does for His own reasons. But those reasons always lead to Him getting the glory in the end - no matter what the odds. Three to one? No problem. Seventy to one? Don't make God laugh! No matter what, He and His faithful people will always win against all odds!

**Note:** To wipe out the first incursion, it took a GLOBAL FLOOD! God beat Lucifer and got the glory for it. But after the Flood, 80 year old men and a little shepherd boy with a sling and a stone were all it took to wipe out the remaining Nephilim seed. In both cases, God was glorified.

Regardless, whether you believe in the "second incursion" theory or the one I am proposing here, both of us are left with the undeniable fact that when the Jews left Egypt and finally made it into the Promised Land, they had to deal with the Nephilim. On that point, we all agree. So, let's get back to where we started this blog - to the time just prior to the Exodus.

Remember Moses? You know, the guy who wrote about all of this stuff in the first place? We have to remember that he spent a lot of time alone with God up on Mt. Sinai. God personally told him how it all happened. And thus, we have the amazing Torah to show us the truth! But in order for Moses to have that meeting with God, he would first have to free the Hebrews who were enslaved in Egypt. Which brings us back to the question, why did they have to go down there in the first place?

Yes, there was the famine in the land that our Sunday School teachers taught us about. But I submit there was a much greater reason than that! Let's look at the Table of Nations Map again:
Remember, Ham was told that Canaan would be a servant to both his older brothers, Japheth and Shem. In essence Ham's children would serve Japheth's and Shem's. This might be expected anyway considering Japheth and Shem were Ham's older brothers. But remember, Moses records it as a curse.

After the Flood, Noah's children began to populate the world. Most scholars believe that Japheth became the father of the European nations. Shem became the father of the Semitic Middle Eastern nations and Ham was the father of the African nations. While this is generally true, it is not something we can be overly dogmatic about as clearly the offspring of all three sons mixed within each other's territories. [12]

Some have tried to use the Genesis 9:18-27 passage to justify slavery of Africans. Let me state in no uncertain terms that I do NOT believe that is what is being said there. This has absolutely nothing to do with red, yellow, black or white men. It has everything to do with NEPHILIM seed! Noah cursed the offspring of the Nephilim to remain under the subjugation of man. He said that the offspring of Ham (Canaan) would serve all the others. Well, looking at the colors in the map above, we can see how Ham's children felt about that idea.

Everyone seemed to go go to their own separate "corners" of the world. But then good ol' Nimrod showed up. Nimrod was the son of Cush, who was another of Ham's sons. Cush settled the land of Ethiopia. But what does his son, "the rebellious one" do? He heads east - and apparently got everyone else to follow him as he did - to go set up shop right in the middle of Shem's territory! Not only that, but once they all moved in, he set himself up as the king of the world! Thus contradicting Noah's decree that Ham's children should serve those of Japheth and Shem.

Note also, that at this point ALL races of Japhethites, Shemites and Hamites were together in one place. This
clearly shows that we can not make a blanket statement saying that ALL of Japheth's descendents are white Europeans, ALL of Shem's are Asian or Middle Easterners and ALL of Ham's are black Africans. That argument simply does not work. Remember too that some of Ham's descendents (Caphtor) went to Crete and later expanded into Europe. And looking at the map above, it appears that one of Shem's descendents (Ophir) apparently settled in the African continent and another (Lud) settled way up in Japheth's territory. Several of Ham's descendents settled the Middle East. We also know that later, Jews settled in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa as well. In short, people went everywhere and you can't just lump them all into 3 happy categories as so many try to do. The world is a melting pot and we are all brothers descended from three brothers who came from one couple, Noah and his wife, who themselves ultimately descended from ONE man, Adam, who was created in the image of God!! Therefore, I submit to you that all forms of racism are ungodly, ludicrous and just plain unjustified!

Anyway, this little party of Noah’s Family Tree went on in the plains of Shinar for quite a while, until Abram (one of Shem's descendents) gets called out of Nimrod's kingdom to go to Canaan. Canaan? Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, of all the places on the planet that God could have chosen, why did He tell Abram to go to Canaan?

Note in the bump-out of the above picture, that the land of Canaan was quickly filling up with Canaan's Nephilim seed. All those "ites" were there. And that's where God told Abram to go. I will get into why the land of Canaan was so important in "The Elohim Triangle" blog (coming soon), but for now I want to focus on the people of the land. Because they are the real reason for the Jews leaving that land to go to Egypt.

When my wife and I were first introduced to Torah Club, we entered at the point in the Torah readings that dealt with the life of Joseph. The things we learned and discovered in that first class were absolutely amazing! And it only got more and more amazing as we have continued to go through the books of Moses. It is especially amazing when you come at the text from the frame of mind that we've had regarding our studies of the Nephilim and the false gods of this world.

Right after Joseph is sold into slavery, Moses interrupts that story to tell us another little story about Judah. Then, he goes right back to telling us more about Joseph. But it's that Genesis 38 interruption that gives us a key of understanding what God is doing. In that chapter, we learn that Judah married a Canaanite woman and has three sons: Er, Onan and Shelah. There’s just one MAJOR problem here. Judah is the one through whom the Messiah is to come. Remember? Yeshua is the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." Well, we've just established that the Canaanites are all of corrupted, Nephilim seed. Can the Messiah have Nephilim blood? No way! As soon as I read that he had married a Canaanite woman, I freaked out and my wife and I started to dig. We spent an entire day researching! And this is what we found:

Judah sought out a wife for his oldest son. Her name was Tamar. In Torah class there was some debate whether or not she was also a Canaanite woman. The text made it plain that Judah had married a Canaanite. But when it came to Tamar, it was silent as to her ancestry. Our study guide said:

According to long standing Jewish tradition (at least as old as the Targums), Tamar was not a daughter of the Canaanites. She was a Shemit. The Torah remains silent regarding Tamar's nationality, but it is noteworthy that while both the Torah and the Chronicler felt compelled to point out that Bat-Shua (Judah's wife) was a Canaanite, neither refer to Tamar as a Canaanite.

THE ISSUE OF SKIN COLOR

Assuming Noah and his wife were of one color, it stands to reason that ALL THREE of their children would have been the same color too. If Noah was of one skin tone and his wife another, then we might expect a mixture of tones in their offspring. The bottom line for me is... who cares?!

I don't care if someone is red or yellow, black or white, green or plaid! Skin tone has as absolutely nothing to do with anything that I am writing or talking about here. Nothing.

Skin tone is determined by the amount of melanin found in a person’s skin. That is largely determined by the amount of exposure an individual has to the sun over extended periods of time. Melanin protects the body by absorbing solar radiation. Excessive solar radiation causes direct and indirect DNA damage to the skin and the body naturally combats and seeks to repair the damage and protect the skin by creating and releasing further melanin into the skin's cells. With the production of the melanin, the skin color darkens.

The fact is that before the Flood a protective canopy surrounded the earth. Therefore, little to no harmful radiation would have gotten through. Thus, there would have been little need for excessive production of melanin to protect the skin of Pre-Flood man. Therefore, it is my belief that all men, at one point were the same color. What color? I'll leave that to the experts to decide. After the Flood, the environment changed. Depending on where you lived, you would have ended up with lighter or darker skin due to the intensity of sun exposure in that region. Simple as that.

Some of Shem's descendents settled in Ethiopia. And guess what? There are black Jews there to this day! Some of Ham's children settled in the Middle East, North Africa and Southern Europe. There are white and brown folk still there to this day! See what I mean?
It really doesn't matter.

All of racism is based in Darwinian Evolutionary thinking and is faulty at best and detrimental at worse. So, forget all that. As noted above, ALL races of men were together in the plain of Shinar at one point, which meant the races mingled. Japhethites, Shemites and Hamites were all living together in one location until the dispersing of the languages into nations and people groups. At that point we went from 3 to 70! So, essentially, everyone was mixed together - with the exception of the few that God chose for Himself to be a PURE NATION through which He could bring the promised Seed of Redemption.

Torah Club Volume One (we were reading Volume Five) supposes that Tamar was a Canaanite. After all, her father's house was in Timnah, and Timnah was certainly a Canaanite city. Yet it seems inconceivable that the Torah would so casually accept Tamar the Canaanite when we went through such handwringing over the notion of Isaac marrying a Canaanite, such disdain for Esau's choices, such trepidation regarding Jacob's potential wives and so on.

- Torah Club, Volume 5: Rejoicing of the Torah - Vayeshev, page 173

Indeed, the chosen people were not to mingle seed with the Canaanites!

And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:
And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

- Genesis 24:2-4 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

See also:

And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

- Genesis 28:1 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

From Abraham to Jacob, no one chose a wife from the Canaanites. But then, Jacob has twelve sons. Hard to keep track of everyone I guess. One slips through the cracks and marries a Canaanite. And wouldn't you know it, of all the twelve sons, the one to do such a terrible thing was Judah!! The man whose descendants were the ones through whom God planned to bring His Son! Do you think the Devil was trying to mess that plan up? You bet he was.

It's always about the seed!!!

In fact, it is my belief that this was the whole purpose of circumcision. A covenant is always sealed in blood. Circumcision is a blood covenant, made in the "dispenser of seed" as a permanent reminder to stay pure.

Abram Is Named Abraham

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants.”

At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, “This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!

“I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.”
The Mark of the Covenant

Then God said to Abraham, “Your responsibility is to obey the terms of the covenant. You and all your descendants have this continual responsibility. This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Each male among you must be circumcised. You must cut off the flesh of your foreskin as a sign of the covenant between me and you. From generation to generation, every male child must be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. This applies not only to members of your family but also to the servants born in your household and the foreign-born servants whom you have purchased. All must be circumcised. Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant. Any male who fails to be circumcised will be cut off from the covenant family for breaking the covenant.”

- Genesis 10:1-14 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Even though Judah most certainly was circumcised, he violated the meaning of that covenant when He married a Canaanite. But no worries. God will redeem even this failure.

In Torah class, we discussed this idea of whether Tamar was a Canaanite or not. In the end, the room was fairly divided, with some thinking she was and others saying she wasn’t. But no one had definitive proof for their position. That drove me crazy. So home we went. The next morning, my wife suggested we look up what her name meant because we remembered from our trip to Israel in 2005, that there was a place called Tamar. Strong’s Concordance yielded:

*Tamar (Strong’s 8558) means, “palm tree”- also has connotation of “erect” or “upright”*

OK. So she was upright. Or she was... a palm tree. Hmmm. Keep looking. What about Jasher? Yes, let's check the "upright" book. And there (once again) the Genesis gaps got filled in.

*And in those days Judah went to the house of Shem and took Tamar the daughter of Elam, the son of Shem, for a wife for his first born Er.*

- Jasher 45:23

Mystery solved! Judah chose Tamar from the lineage of Shem (who had lived in Jerusalem as Melchizidek) to be the wife of his oldest son, Er. But Er does not produce any children by her and because he was wicked in the sight of the LORD, the LORD slew him. So, what does Judah do with Tamar? He follows tradition (that would later become law):

"If two brothers are living together on the same property and one of them dies without a son, his widow may not be married to anyone from outside the family. Instead, her husband’s brother should marry her and have intercourse with her to fulfill the duties of a brother-in-law. The first son she bears to him will be considered the son of the dead brother, so that his name will not be forgotten in Israel."

- Deuteronomy 25:5,6 (NLT)

Judah gets his second son, Onan to marry Tamar in order to produce an heir for his brother. But Onan doesn’t want to produce an heir for his brother, so even though he has sex with her, he always pulls out and spills his semen on the ground. So the REAL "sin of Onan" was not masturbation, contraception, birth control or otherwise - as many a Sunday School teacher would like to say. No. It was the fact that he broke the law and dishonored his family.

"But if the man refuses to marry his brother’s widow, she must go to the town gate and say to the elders assembled there, ‘My husband’s brother refuses to preserve his brother’s name in Israel—
he refuses to fulfill the duties of a brother-in-law by marrying me.’ The elders of the town will then
summon him and talk with him. If he still refuses and says, ‘I don’t want to marry her,’ the widow
must walk over to him in the presence of the elders, pull his sandal from his foot, and spit in his
face. Then she must declare, ‘This is what happens to a man who refuses to provide his brother
with children.’ Ever afterward in Israel his family will be referred to as ‘the family of the man whose
sandal was pulled off’!

- Deuteronomy 25:7-10

Onan took Tamar as his wife according to levirate tradition, but he refused to impregnate her. Instead he used
her for pleasure. And God killed him for this.

Judah has now lost two sons. His youngest son, Shelah is still too young for marriage at this point, so Judah
sends Tamar back to her father's house to wait for Shelah to grow older. Poor Tamar has been used twice.
She will never get another husband. Her only hope is in Shelah. So, she waits for him to get older.

But because of what happened to his two oldest sons, Judah starts to have
second thoughts. Maybe Tamar is cursed? He doesn't want to take a
chance on losing his only remaining son. So he decides not to call for
Tamar when Shelah is of age. Realizing this, Tamar feels robbed and wants
what is rightfully hers.

When she hears that Judah is coming to a nearby town, she dresses up as
a prostitute and seduces Judah. He gets excited and offers a goat in
payment for her "services." Knowing Judah is apparently not a man of his
word, she wants an assurance that he will make good on the payment. She
asks for his signet, chord and staff. Judah agrees and has sex with her. She
then goes back home.

Judah then sends a friend (Hirah) with the promised goat looking for the
prostitute (probably because he didn't want to get caught). The people of
Shem say, "We have no prostitutes!" So, when he returns, he tells Judah
that he couldn't find the woman and Judah says, "Oh well, let her keep it
then!" Again, he gives up on the matter probably because any further
pursuance of it would have likely brought public shame upon him.

Three months later, word gets back to Judah that his daughter-in-law is pregnant as a result of prostitution!
Not putting two and two together, Judah gets ticked off and becomes an extreme hypocrite. He shouts, "Bring
her out and burn her!" But as they are going to take her out and kill her, she pulls out the signet, chord and
staff and says, "The man who owns these is the one who made me pregnant!." Judah is thus caught and
admits that she is more right than he is and acknowledges that he wronged her. Judah never slept with her
again. But this is the amazing part... my wife calls it "Operation Leverage." God leveraged this whole affair in
order for the promise to be fulfilled. The Messiah would come through the UNCORRUPTED seed of Judah!

Tamar has twins. One starts to come out, and he midwife ties a scarlet chord around his wrist. But then, he
goes back inside and Perez comes out first! Perez becomes an ancestor to Jesus! And his name in Hebrew
means:

Perez - “breaking forth” from root word “perets” (Strong's 6556) meaning:

a bursting forth, breach (10), breaches (3), breakthrough (2), gap (1), mishap (1), outburst* (2).

This is the reason why God removed his people, the sons of Israel, from Canaan and brought them to Egypt.
Judah had gone astray and mingled pure seed with corrupt seed. That trend would have likely continued and
the infant Hebrew nation would have become just like all the others. God wanted a pure nation, separated
from the influences of the cultures around them and one not tainted with Nephilim genetics. And Joseph knew
this.

"God has sent me here to keep you and your families alive so that you will become a great nation."

- Genesis 45:7 (NLT-1996 edition)
This fact is reiterated when God reassures Jacob that it is His will that they should go down to Egypt:

So Israel set out with all that was his, and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, “Jacob! Jacob!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

“I am God, the God of your father,” he said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.

- Genesis 46:1-3 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Now, once in Egypt, the danger of them mixing with Mizraim seed was also present for a time. But the fact that the house of Jacob was all together in Goshen, limited exposure to the native population. And when they were made into a colony of slaves, they were even more limited. So, in reality their slavery forced them to interbreed within their own (pure) gene pool! Essentially, they became a forced reproductive science experiment in God's lab! And in that lab they reproduced like rabbits, spawning a nation that consisted of nearly 2 million genetically pure Israelites!

Indeed, as Joseph noted, what men meant for evil, God meant for good! And once God had His nation fully formed, it was time to release them back into the land that He had promised... to kick out the Canaanites, and begin the cleansing process of the earth once again.

It was also a time for war. And this epic battle God vs the gods will reach its climax in Egypt.

To be continued... in God vs god, Part 5: Exodus and the Promised Land >> (coming soon)

Footnotes:

1. Consider Daniel 10:13-20 [back]
2. Torah Club Volume V, page 32, First Fruits of Zion [back]
3. Numbers 13:33 [back]
4. Chapter 4 of The Nephilim and the Pyramid of the Apocalypse, by Patrick Heron [back]
5. Enoch 7:2 says, "And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells;" Dr. A. Nyland translates it as 300 cubits in his book, Complete Books of Enoch page 20 [back]
6. See Enoch 10:10 [back]
7. Enoch 15:6-12 tells us that the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim became known as "evil spirits" (or more commonly as "demons"). According to researchers like LA Marzulli, Tom Horn, Steve Quayle, Chuck Misler, Gary Stearman and many others, "Alien Greys" are nothing more than biological constructs - "corporeal suits" if you will - that the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim (AKA demons) can inhabit. Since the time of Christ, they have been subject to His authority and that of His Believers. We can cast them out of bodies. So, in response to that, they've created their own bodies out of genetic material and use them to have a physical body through which they can interact with the physical, three dimensional world. [back]
8. The events of Genesis 6 were a direct response to the prophecy of Genesis 3:15. Ever since then, Lucifer has tried to corrupt the seed of the woman. He failed to do so and the Messiah was born and did what He came to do. So, that plan came to nothing. Angels can not be forgiven. They know what the coming Judgement holds for them. Therefore, it may now be that the evil spirits are trying to find redemption through becoming human? I don't know, but there is clearly a breeding program taking place, the goal of which (according to researchers like Dr. David Jacobs) is to create a hybrid that looks fully human. [back]
10. Jasher 5:35 [back]
11. Jasher 5:19 & Jasher 5:24. Note, Genesis 6:9 tells us that ONLY Noah was perfect - or with out genetic defect [see: tamim] - and verse 10 implies the same of his blood family. That means his wife had to
have also been perfect. **The fact that God singles out ONLY this one family, shows that Noah's choices for his three sons were clearly quite limited.** Considering all the rest of the world had been corrupted, it's amazing he did as well as he did in choosing wives for his sons. All things considered, two out of three isn't bad! [back]

12. Josephus records the regions of Japheth's lineage in *Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 6, Section 1*. Jubilees 9:24-30 also establishes what land was occupied by Japeth, making note that his land *"is cold, and the land of Ham is hot, and the land of Shem is neither hot nor cold, but it is of blended cold and heat."* Josephus records the regions of Shem in *Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 6, Section 4*. And Jubilees does the same in Jubilies 8:12-17. Josephus spends a fair amount of effort dealing with Ham's lineage in *Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 6, Section 2*. And in the book, *Ancient Post Flood History*, by Ken Johnson, Th.D., on page 56, the author notes:

"Ham's land is described as the continent of Africa. But it is noted that the descendants of Ham invaded and occupied the territory of Shem from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River."

Further, Dr. Johnson makes note of Ham's seed occupying the five islands of Balearic, Sicily, Sardinia, Crete and Cypress - which were also occupied by Japheth's lineage (page 53, *Ibid*). Thus, I believe it is wholly in error to assume that all of Ham's children were black and that only those who lived in Africa were descendants of Ham. History and the Bible disagree with that notion. [back]
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**Enter the Greeks**

Coming Soon!

The Sumerian/Babylonian and Egyptian "gods" had their chance to thwart God's plans. While they did have some victories, ultimately they failed. But we haven't heard the last of them. They'll be back.

For now, let's take a quick tour of the history that bridged the time of Israel's height of power and the days that will lead up to the New Testament. We'll start around 793BC. That was approximately the time when the prophet Jonah lived, during the reign of king Jeroboam II (793-753BC). It was during that window of time that the Book of Jonah was written - a book containing events that Yeshua would later refer to as being the only sign that He would give to the religious leaders of His day.

And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, “This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.”


The decades following Jonah's ministry would produce more prophetic books, including those of Joel, Amos, Hosea, Nahum, Micah and most notably the amazing, powerhouse, prophetic Book of Isaiah. As the prophet Amos seems to indicate, something is really about to go down here!

Indeed, the Sovereign Lord never does anything until he reveals his plans to his servants the prophets.

- *Amos 3:7 (NLT)*

For there to have been such an eruption in the prophetic realm - the likes of which had never been before - we know that God was indeed planning to do something big on the "Cosmic Chessboard." Something that will be both a response to what the Devil was planning as well as a long term strategy for his ultimate defeat.

Looking at "Day 4" of the Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart to the right, we can see that it was around the same time that the Book of Isaiah was written (750-740BC) that Rome was founded (753BC - a date that corresponds with the end of king Jeroboam's reign and the time of Jonah).

This was a time, when the Devil went into overdrive. It was also a time when God would start to move his pieces on the "Cosmic Chessboard" as well. The founding of Rome would mark the beginning of an empire that would one day rule the world. But there were three others that would come first.

God had totally thwarted the first attempted empire under Nimrod at the Tower of Babel. Then, through the Israelites, God completely destroyed the Egyptian empire during the time of the Exodus. Then, it was God's
turn to establish His own earthly kingdom in the land of Canaan. This was to be a kingdom ruled by God Himself. But the Jews wouldn’t have it. They begged for a king - a human to rule over them instead. Graciously, God gave them a few. By the end of the third king’s reign, the land of the Jews was divided into the northern and southern kingdoms: Israel and Judah. And in spite of all that God had done for them, the people began to worship other gods once again. And this angered the Lord greatly!

He warned them through His prophets, begging them like a husband trying to get back a wife who had become a prostitute. To prove His point, He even had one of His prophets (Hosea) go out and marry a prostitute to show him and the nation of Israel how He felt.

The Lord gave this message to Hosea son of Beeri during the years when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods.”

- Hosea 1:1-2 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Even though seven prophets begged the children of Israel to return to their husband, they still would not listen. Finally, the ten (northern) tribes of Israel were led into captivity by King Sargon into Assyria and were never to be seen again, thus becoming known as the “Lost Tribes of Israel.” Today, those tribes have been completely dispersed into every nation on earth. God, their jealous husband, finally gave them what they deserved.

This disaster came upon the people of Israel because they worshiped other gods. They sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them safely out of Egypt and had rescued them from the power of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. They had followed the practices of the pagan nations the Lord had driven from the land ahead of them, as well as the practices the kings of
Israel had introduced. The people of Israel had also secretly done many things that were not pleasing to the Lord their God. They built pagan shrines for themselves in all their towns, from the smallest outpost to the largest walled city. They set up sacred pillars and Asherah poles at the top of every hill and under every green tree. They offered sacrifices on all the hilltops, just like the nations the Lord had driven from the land ahead of them. So the people of Israel had done many evil things, arousing the Lord’s anger. Yes, they worshiped idols, despite the Lord’s specific and repeated warnings.

Again and again the Lord had sent his prophets and seers to warn both Israel and Judah: “Turn from all your evil ways. Obey my commands and decrees—the entire law that I commanded your ancestors to obey, and that I gave you through my servants the prophets.”

But the Israelites would not listen. They were as stubborn as their ancestors who had refused to believe in the Lord their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors, and they despised all his warnings. They worshiped worthless idols, so they became worthless themselves. They followed the example of the nations around them, disobeying the Lord’s command not to imitate them.

They rejected all the commands of the Lord their God and made two calves from metal. They set up an Asherah pole and worshiped Baal and all the forces of heaven. They even sacrificed their own sons and daughters in the fire. They consulted fortune-tellers and practiced sorcery and sold themselves to evil, arousing the Lord’s anger.

Because the Lord was very angry with Israel, he swept them away from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah remained in the land.

- 2 Kings 17:1-18 (KJV)

You would think that the remaining tribes in the southern kingdom of Judah would have learned after they saw what happened to their brothers in the north. At first, it appeared that they did. Not long after the northern tribes where taken away, Jerusalem was besieged by Sennacherib, king of Assyria. But King Hezekiah wisely called out to the Lord for help. God heard his prayers. Could it be that His bride was finally coming back to Him? The Husband was glad to assist His beloved.

That night the angel of the Lord went out to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. When the surviving Assyrians woke up the next morning, they found corpses everywhere. Then King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and returned to his own land. He went home to his capital of Nineveh and stayed there.

- 2 Kings 19:35-36 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Praise God! Right? Well, it didn't take long before they started to screw up again. The next king, Manasseh started to do evil in the sight of the Lord right away. King Amon followed him in like manner. But then came King Josiah. He repented when he found the Book of the Covenant in the Temple and realized just how far they had transgressed against the Lord. He destroyed the altars to the gods and thus, God's anger and judgment was stayed... for a while.

Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.

Even so, the Lord was very angry with Judah because of all the wicked things Manasseh had done to provoke him. For the Lord said, “I will also banish Judah from my presence just as I have banished Israel. And I will reject my chosen city of Jerusalem and the Temple where my name was to be honored.”

- 2 Kings 23:25-26 (NLT)

Even though the Lord had sent the prophets Zephaniah, Jeremiah and Habakuk to the remaining tribes, once again calling the people to repent and turn back to their God, they would not. And the kings that followed King Josiah continued to do evil in the sight of the Lord until it was only a matter of time before God's judgment would fall. Finally, a 133 years after they saw the northern tribes get swept away, the people of Judah were
taken into captivity as well - to Babylon, where they would remain for 70 years. And their precious Temple, the one built by King Solomon was completely destroyed by the Babylonians.

On August 14 of that year, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard and an official of the Babylonian king, arrived in Jerusalem. He burned down the Temple of the Lord, the royal palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem. He destroyed all the important buildings in the city. Then he supervised the entire Babylonian army as they tore down the walls of Jerusalem on every side.

- 2 Kings 25:8-10 (NLT)

Jewish independence was over. From that point on they would remain under the control of Babylon, Persia, Egypt (again), Syria and Rome until 70AD. Then, just like their other ten brothers, they would also be scattered to the four winds and remain dispersed amongst the nations until 1948AD.

So, it would appear that the Devil was successful in getting the people of God to follow other gods. He managed to wipe out the dwelling place of the Most High and destroy His Holy City. It is plain that God allowed this "victory," but Lucifer was going to take full advantage of this.

By this time, Babylon had swallowed up Assyria and Egypt. King Nebuchadnezzar was probably feeling pretty good about himself and his victories. Then, God gives him a disturbing dream. And a Hebrew slave proved to be the only one who could interpret it. Of course I am referring to the famous "statue of the kingdoms" dream spoken of in the Book of Daniel. A typical depiction of this statue is pictured to the left. We will discuss this statue more in depth in The Last Days blog (coming soon).

I've given this rather lengthy intro in order to set the stage for the next round of this "cosmic battle of the gods," which will focus on the Greek pantheon once again.

While at this point, things seem to have wound down with the Sumerian and Egyptian gods, Lucifer's "back-up plan" was quietly building momentum in the background. And so it was that in 333 BC, Alexander the Great defeated Darius and took over the Persian Empire, which had previously taken over the Babylonian Empire.

Thus, the first part of Daniel's prophetic revelation of Nebuchadnezzar's statue came true - to the letter. And this is where all the streams begin to come together.

Both Egypt and Assyria had merged into the Babylonian Empire (the head of gold). With them, the gods of the Egyptians and ancient Sumerians all became one big family under a Babylonian roof. Eventually, King Belshazzar, one Nebuchadnezzar's successors, got pretty arrogant and did something that really made the One True God angry!

Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.
Yeah, he was pretty scared. And for good reason. You don't just start using GOD's silverware and sacred cups for a party, while singing drunken praises to false gods! Not a good idea Bellie! Suddenly, a dimensional portal was ripped open and God let this king know exactly how He felt about it. Daniel was brought in to read "the writing on the wall" and it wasn't good news.

“You are his successor, O Belshazzar, and you knew all this, yet you have not humbled yourself. For you have proudly defied the Lord of heaven and have had these cups from his Temple brought before you. You and your nobles and your wives and concubines have been drinking wine from them while praising gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone—gods that neither see nor hear nor know anything at all. But you have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny! So God has sent this hand to write this message.

“This is the message that was written: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. This is what these words mean:

Mene means ‘numbered’—God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end.
Tekel means ‘weighed’—you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up.
Parsin means ‘divided’—your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

- Daniel 5:22-28 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

That same night Belshazzar was killed and the Medes and the Persians took over. The two horned ram of Daniel's prophecy - the Persian Empire - lasted almost as long as our American "empire" - for 229 years - until the next part of Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled to the letter. The swift "he goat," Alexander the Great came to town. And so it was that the first part of the vision of Daniel chapter 8 came true in every detail. But here's a little "extra" observation I had concerning the "he goat" from Daniel's vision. Notice that the text says that it had one great horn on its head.

The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

- Daniel 8:20-23 (KJV) [emphasis mine]
In the context of this entire book, I can not help but think that “the first king” being referred to here is none other than our buddy Nimrod - once again! He was after all the first king of the world. So, this vision of Daniel's seems to be indicating that Alexander did what he did empowered by the spirit of Nimrod, the rebellious one... the Antichrist. And when Alexander died, that "horn" broke off.

The spirit of Antichrist then moved on and into the four that "stood up." They were the four generals who took over Alexander's now split kingdom. And the final sentence there seems to indicate that in the latter days a king of fierce countenance, who understands the dark secrets - the mystery religions - will "stand up" (or rise to power) out of those four kingdoms: the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt, the Seleucid Empire in the east, the Kingdom of Pergamum in Asia Minor, and Macedonia, which for a brief period, after the conquests of Alexander the Great, became the most powerful state in the world, controlling a territory that included the former Persian empire, stretching as far as the Indus River; inaugurating the Hellenistic period of Ancient Greek civilization.

In this context, I also find it interesting that Alexander had conquered most of the known world then died at age 32, 40 days before he turned 33. By the following year - 322 BC - the formation of a New World Order was underway, and the Greeks were now leading the charge. Lots of interesting numbers there - especially (as we've already seen), the number 322! At any rate, thanks to Alexander the Great, the Greeks have now moved onto center stage, and with them came their gods. So, now we have the "big three" I mentioned at the beginning of this "God vs god" series all together under one empire. But notice how they all "came out of Babylon."

I believe this is where the whole concept of "Mystery Babylon" was infused into all of the world's systems... including the church. And I use that word as an all inclusive term. The Jews followed Babylonian ways. The Christians later did as well. Starting with the Catholic Church, but not limited to them. As we will see in my future blogs, ALL of Christianity has been infiltrated with "Babylonian Mysteries" and practices that really point more toward Nimrod than they do Yeshua (like Christmas and Easter for instance). This is why John begs us to "Come out of Mystery Babylon" in the Last Days.

To the Greeks, there was no higher deity than Zeus. He ruled supreme in the ancient world for three thousand years! Like Nimrod, he was known by many names. In the far north countries, he was known as Odin. The Egyptians associated him with Amon. The Hindus thought of him as Indra. The Romans knew him as Jupiter and the Assyrians, Medes, Persians and Babylonians appear to have known him as "Bel" or even Jupiter Belus. In fact, some even refer to the Tower of Babel as the Temple of Jupiter Belus. In every case, he was known as the "king of the gods," the "father of gods and men" and the ruler of the air or sky.
As mentioned in the *The Days of Noah* blog, I believe Zeus was actually Lucifer himself. If he is indeed the Devil of our Bible, then the Greek model of mythology perfectly illustrates how Satan works. Just look at all the things this powerful, ruling Olympian is and does, and you will understand the person, character and actions of the most famous and powerful Fallen Angel of them all!

**Allow me to introduce you to Zeus:**

Here are just a few characteristics to consider when comparing Zeus with Lucifer:

- He was full of pride and arrogance.
- He waged war against the gods above him.
- He was a master of disguise and deceit.
- He wielded mighty power on earth.
- He was known as the "sky god", often referred to as the "lord of the sky".
- He breed with the women of earth to create god-men.
- He was known as the "god of this world" to many of the ancient cultures.

Let's see what the Scriptures have to say about Lucifer to see if he is indeed the one the ancients worshipped as Zeus.

*Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.*

- *2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)* [*emphasis mine*]

Remember what King Wells said about viewing the Bible from a mythological world view? We have to consider the cultures of the people mentioned in the Bible. For instance, when Paul is writing to the Ephesians, he is writing to the people who lived in Ephesus. That much is obvious. But now, let's take a trip to Ephesus to get the context for what Paul was saying, who he was speaking to and what was going on at that time.

In 2005, I had the incredible privilege of doing the "Missionary Journeys of Paul" on a sailing ship. It was the most incredible vacation I think I've ever had! Traveling where Paul went, the same way he did so was truly amazing.

We started out in Athens (the picture on the left was taken on Mars Hill), then went to Corinth where we got on a sailing ship and continued along to some of the many places where Paul preached. Before we went to
each location, I would read in the *Book of Acts* what happened there, so that I’d have the frame of mind of putting myself in Paul’s shoes. Who was he talking to? What did he do there? What was the cultural context that Paul was dealing with?

With that mindset, one of our first stops was Ephesus. There, I stood in the lecture hall of Tyrannus where Paul had daily discussions (for two years). I saw the place where the new believers burned their scrolls of sorcery (the total value of which was 50,000 drachmas - each drachma being roughly equal to a day’s wage!). And I sat in the theater where the riot took place. And that is where I want to draw your attention here in order to make a point. Let’s look at the story as written by Luke in the *Book of Acts*:

> About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. [note: they were led astray from the worship of Artemis, who was an immortal daughter of Zeus - in other words, a Final Tier god] He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. [implying blasphemy from their point of view. Those people believed these gods were real] There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together. Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander to the front, and they shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” [because the Greeks did not want to hear about the God of the Jews]

The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: “Fellow Ephesians, doesn’t all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? [that should give us a clue as to the true nature of this “deity”] Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to calm down and not do anything rash. You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess. If, then, Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a grievance against anybody, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. They can press charges. If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly. As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of what happened today. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it.” After he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

- Acts 19:23–41 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

So, what we have here is a wise “city clerk” who puts a riot to rest before the higher authorities come down on them all. Essentially, he says, “Look guys. We all know - the whole world knows - our god is real. Who cares what these Jews say? They haven’t robbed nor (directly) blasphemed our goddess. We are all civilized
men. If there's a legitimate grievance, then take it to court. Otherwise we could all be charged with rioting and have nothing to justify it. So, shut up and get out of here!"

This passage shows that there was clearly a battle going on for the souls of men. On the one hand, the Ephesians thought Artemis was the key to their salvation. On the other, the Jews under Paul's leadership were trying to show them the Way (of Christ). With that in mind, read what Paul had to say to the Believers there in Ephesus when he wrote the Book of Ephesians:

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- Ephesians 2:1-3 (NASB) [emphasis mine]

Do you see how an understanding of cultural context - in this case the worship of the Greek gods - brings this Scripture that much more to life, with deeper meaning and significance? Paul was writing to people who "formerly walked according to the course of this world," people who followed the "prince of the power of the air." We find multiple meanings here. The gods were up in the sky. The one who ruled over them - at least in the mind of the Greeks - was Zeus!

Barnes' Notes on the Bible has this to say about the identity of the "prince and power of the air" mentioned by Paul:

According to the prince of the power of the air - see Ephesians 6:12; compare the notes at 2 Corinthians 4:4. There can be no doubt that Satan is here intended, and that Paul means to say that they were under his control as their leader and prince. The phrase, "the prince of the power," may mean either "the powerful prince," or it may mean that this prince had power over the air, and lived and reigned there particularly. The word "prince" - ἄρχων - means one first in authority and power, and is then applied to anyone who has the pre-eminence or rule. It is applied to Satan, or the chief of the fallen angels, as where he is called "the prince - ἄρχων - of the devils," Matthew 9:34; Matthew 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; "the prince of this world," John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11. [emphasis mine]

So, Paul was keenly aware of who and what he was up against. Which is why he wrote things like:

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
- Ephesians 6:12 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

To him, in that day and age, the battle was very real. It was a battle between God and the gods. But is this proof enough that Zeus was Satan? Probably the most direct reference in Scripture that would lead us to believe this, can be found in the Book of Revelation (which has already been quoted in my blog, "72 And A Red Moon Rising"):

"I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan's city."
- Revelation 2:13 (NLT) [emphasis mine]
The hillside where the Altar of Zeus once stood in Pergamum.

Remember that Pergamum was one of the four kingdoms that came out of the fall of Alexander the Great. Today (as I've mentioned already in a previous blog), Satan's throne is set up in Berlin, Germany. That should help us understand why two world wars were started there! Will the third be as well?

Here are a few other (more indirect) references that I believe point to Zeus as being none other than Lucifer:

> 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.

- Isaiah 14:12-14 (KJV)

From a Biblical perspective, if Zeus is indeed Satan (Lucifer), it is easy to see how he weakened the nations. He was the dominant god of antiquity, worshipped all over the known world by the time of Christ. Zeus also
demonstrated his arrogance and pride by taking a stand against his father (and the other Titans). He waged a war that won him a throne in the heights of the clouds known as Mt. Olympus.

And he [Jesus] said unto them, “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. "

- Luke 10:18

Zeus was well known for his association with lightning.

On his web site, The Open Scroll, Bob Schlenker has an interesting take on this subject as it pertains to the lighting of the Olympic torch and cauldron. He writes:

The continual media emphasis on the torch relay that brings the flame to the Olympic venue serves to promote and build anticipation for the upcoming games for months in advance as the flame is followed from it's origin in Greece. It's obvious that the flame is highly exalted. What does it represent, that it should be so exalted?

"Olympia is the home of the Olympic Flame, the sanctuary of Zeus (father of the gods of Olympia) and the site where the Ancient Olympic Games took place . The lighting ceremony of the Olympic Flame takes place at the temple of Hera within the Olympia site, where the ruins of a temple dedicated to this goddess remain. The actual lighting ceremony is a reminder of ancient rituals, in which gods Zeus and Hera were honored with several fires lit and animal sacrifices in the sanctuary of Olympia."

(The Lighting Ceremony, from vancouver2010.com)

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No effort is made to disguise the fact that the flame honors Zeus in ritual worship. Lit by the sun itself, the flame's origin is heavenly, not earthly, which is noted as a key feature. I can't tell you the words of the prayer offered during the worship service attending the ritual lighting. I suspect the hymn was probably the same Olympic Hymn that was sung both in English and French during the opening and closing ceremonies in Vancouver and which lyrics give further testimony about the meaning of the flame.

Immortal spirit of antiquity
Father of the true, beautiful and good
Descend, appear, shed over us thy light
Upon this ground and under this sky
Which has first witnessed thy unperishable fame

Give life and animation to these noble games!
Throw wreaths of fadeless flowers to the victors
In the race and in the strife
Create in our breasts, hearts of steel!

In thy light, plains, mountains and seas
Shine in a roseate hue and form a vast temple
To which all nations throng to adore thee
Oh immortal spirit of antiquity!

The light from the flame that burns in the cauldron is the light of Zeus.

The light of the Olympic flame is what puts the "illume" in the illuminati and the illuminated masters. It puts the "light" in spiritual enlightenment. It's the glow behind the eye that floats above the pyramid on the great seal of the US, and the glow in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic motto: "WITH GLOWING HEARTS." It's a legitimate spiritual light, but one that is in truth a counterfeit.
Consider the following passages of scripture.

_When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”_

- John 8:12

_And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light._
- 2 Corinthians 11:14

Now, was it actually Lucifer walking around calling himself Zeus, or was this "deity" simply a physical manifestation in which the Devil chose to operate? We know that the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim that died in the Flood were called the Raphaim, or demons. They look for a host to inhabit or possess. The very fact that angel seed can produce an abomination called a Nephilim - a creature that is neither angel, nor human, but a hybrid - is something we need to explore further. And we will in the blog, "The Return of the Nephilim" (coming soon). For the purposes of this blog, let me just say that I don't believe Lucifer was inhabiting a physical body, I believe he was manifesting himself as one. We know that angels can do this.

_And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and _ye shall rise up early_, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night._

- Genesis 19:1-3 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

In this passage, the angels appeared as men. Lot at least assumed they needed a place to sleep (a human trait). He gave them food "and they did eat" it, which means it needed to be evacuated from the body through digestion. So, if they had the "plumbing" so-to-speak for digestion, is it too much of a stretch to think that they might also have the same "plumbing" for reproduction? The homosexual men of Sodom certainly believed they might.

_But before they retired for the night, all the men of Sodom, young and old, came from all over the city and surrounded the house. They shouted to Lot, “Where are the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!”_

- Genesis 9:4-5 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Why did God put that kind of "plumbing" in His all male angels? I don't know. There are no female angels in Heaven, so it doesn't make sense to me that there would be a need for reproductive organs. But according to several places in Scripture and numerous accounts of global mythology, "those who from Heaven came" did indeed have that ability.

Angels have the ability to appear as they are. And when they did, the people to whom they appeared always fell on their face in terror. Thus, the first words out of the angel's mouth was always, "Fear not..." In those cases, there was something clearly different about their appearance. But in other cases when angels chose to manifest themselves completely as humans, people probably couldn't tell the difference. In every way, they would appear to be human.

I know in my own life, there were many times when I had encounters with "people" that had to have been angels. In every way, they looked "normal" and yet there was something different about them. They came at a very specific time when I needed them and either helped me through some trial or spoke words of wisdom, hope and encouragement to me when I needed it most. And sometimes, after they did, they would leave, I would say a quick prayer of thanks, look up and see that they were gone. Scripture talks about this sort of thing in a number of places throughout the Bible.
Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

- Hebrews 13:2 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Thinking along these lines, I have to wonder about the time when Lucifer appeared to Yeshua in the wilderness. Did he appear as Lucifer was known in angelic form? Or as a man... or did he take on the appearance of the god Zeus? Consider this passage:

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

“Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

- Matthew 4:8-10 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

I imagine, given the cultural context in which Yeshua lived, that the Devil came as a god. He could say the things he said because he was the "god of this world" and he did "own" the kingdoms that he was offering to our Lord. Considering what both the prophet Isaiah and the Apostle Paul wrote above concerning Lucifer, it seems very likely that he would therefore have taken on the physical manifestation of Zeus - who was the reigning god of that time - when he brought Yeshua to a very height mountain (Olympus?) and offered Him the kingdoms of the world that were under his dominion.

In this appearance, he would have been a daunting foe indeed. And he would have been acting as a counterfeit father as well. Zeus was the "father of the gods" who demanded worship, but Yeshua was the Only Begotten of the True Father of Heaven and earth - the only One who deserves to be worshipped.

With all of this in mind, let's look again at "Day 4" on the Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart.

Notice that this millennium started with the building of a Holy Temple to the Lord. That happened in Israel.

Meanwhile, as we saw above, the rest of the world was moving toward a one world system, unifying all of the gods under those of the Greeks. Not long after the destruction of the Temple and the Jews being taken into Babylonian captivity, the Devil got his own place of worship and a massive statue to himself.

The Temple of Zeus housed a huge statue that was made of gold and ivory. It was known as the FOURTH Wonder of the Ancient world. And the world did indeed "wonder after Zeus."

While "Zeusifer" was building kingdoms on earth, God was calling His prophets together and telling them what HIS plans were. Plans that included the arrival of the SON, who would arrive at the end of the 4th day, just like the sun did during the week of Creation. Isn't that amazing?

We know from scripture that as Believers in Yeshua (Jesus Christ), our bodies become the Temple of God. We become a living vessel that God Himself comes and indwells. If this is true, then the Devil will have a counterfeit. Not only will it be a counterfeit, but it will also be something that will be an abomination. God created man as a "fit extension" - a vehicle through which He could bring about a Son - the Messiah who was prophesied to "crush the head of the serpent."

Thus, the Devil was trying to do three things:

1. Corrupt the vessel (seed) of man so that this promised Messiah could not come. And he almost succeeded. Out of the entire population of the earth, only one man could be found genetically pure enough, Noah.
2. Make the "temple" that is our bodies corrupted so that God could not dwell in it.
3. Counterfeit God as a father figure.

When you realize that Zeus was Lucifer himself, you will see the New Testament in a whole new light. You will have a greater understanding about what the First Century Apostles were up against, and most
importantly, you will have an even greater appreciation for who Yeshua was and what He (and His Apostles) accomplished too!

To be continued..., in God vs god, Part 7: The Son of God >> (coming soon)

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As I began to wrap up this God vs god section, my research took me in some very interesting directions. But ultimately it all funneled into one place on the earth - in our present day. That place is a scientific research facility located on the Franco–Swiss border near Geneva called, CERN. It is here - believe it or not - that so many of the legends and myths of the gods seem to come together for one final assault against the God of the Hebrew Bible.

There is so much I could write about here, but I'm going to try and give just some of the highlights of what I have found. My prayer is that it prompts you to do your own research to dig deeper, because this is an extremely deep rabbit hole indeed! It is important to explore those depths because I think a lot of answers can be found there regarding the Last Days and what I believe will happen during the second half of The Seven Year Tribulation Period - especially as it pertains to the gods of this world and to Nimrod in particular. So let's get started...

Despite what Al Gore may have claimed, it was really CERN that was responsible for creating the World Wide Web that we call the Internet. [1] This is extremely interesting for a variety of reasons. Let's start with the shortened version of the World Wide Web that we are all familiar with - the "www."

In Hebrew, there is no "w." However, that particular English letter is often associated with the Hebrew letter "Vav." What was once of only passing interest to me is that the Vav also has a numerical value of 6. Thus, "www" would equate to "666."

Further, if it is true that God's name is the YHVH or YHWH (Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey), usually pronounced as "Yahweh" but sometimes as "Yahuwah" with it's shortened form as "Yahu," then could it be that Yahoo, the search engine with the same phonetic sounding name (www.yahoo.com) would equate to the 666 god [of] commerce? That may be a bit of a stretch, but I do find it interesting nonetheless.

One thing I have been seeing with regard to the occult, is they love to do things out in the open, and everything is intentional. There are no "coincidences." That being the case, as I have looked deeper into
CERN, and as I point some of the things out that I've been finding here in this blog, I think you will begin to raise an eyebrow just as I have, tilt your head to one side and go, "Hmmmmmm. Maybe there really is something to that whole 'www' = '666' thing after all."

Earlier, I said that this whole "www" as "666" idea was only of passing interest to me because in the 42 years of my life up to this point, I have seen a lot of things that seemed to point to the "Mark of the Beast" and that was just one of many. For starters, there was the Bar Code (click pic to enlarge).

Then, in keeping with the "Vav theory," there is also Monster drink's logo which admittedly raises an eyebrow considering the name, the three stylized Vavs and the ingredients of this drink. Clearly, this had to have been intentional.

We can all probably pull out other examples of logos, designs and names that appear to be associated with the infamous "666" set of numbers. But much of what we'd find would be based on speculation. Even if it's good speculation, we have to admit that because the Scriptures don't tell us exactly what those numbers will look like or be about. But I'm going to explore some ideas here in this blog for your consideration.

Looking at CERN's logo certainly gives us yet another reason to speculate. Right there, we can see what looks like three sixes sitting on top of one backward six. Just like with the Bar Codes and Monster drink logo, we can look at CERN's logo and say, "Hmmmm. That's interesting." But is it more than just interesting? Is it more than just a coincidence? Is this an extremely intentional "sign" concerning the nature of this organization?

As CERN became more and more popular in the mainstream media, news and entertainment worlds, I began to notice some very strange and frankly, scary things about this place that claims to be dedicated to scientific exploration. They are perhaps best known for their Hadron Supercollider. Just start Googling what their intentions are with this thing. It really makes you wonder how in the world the people of this world are even allowing these scientists to mess with our planet, the universe and the very fabric of time and space the way they are!
I submit to you that they aren't just working on "scientific endeavors." There is definitely a spiritual component to CERN. And if you really need proof, look at what they put out in front of their headquarters!
They put a massive statue of Lord Shiva dancing on the back of a demon-dwarf-man! **Shiva is the god of destruction!** Being that he is the god who is known as the Destroyer, Bible scholars should take notice, because that is the same name used to describe the entity that comes up out of the Abyss when the **Fifth Trumpet of Revelation is sounded.** The Hebrews called him, Abaddon. The Greeks called him Apollyon. Is this just a coincidence? I don't think so!

We must ask the question, "What is a huge statue of a Hindu god doing out in front of a place of science anyway??" Can you imagine the uproar if they put a statue of Yeshua out front? Or the Ten Commandments? But no one seems to have a problem with Shiva being there! Well we should!

Shiva is part of the Hindu version of their Divine Trinity known as the **Trimurti:**

> The **Trimurti** is a concept in **Hinduism** "in which the cosmic functions of creation, maintenance, and destruction are personified by the forms of Brahm, the creator, Vishnu the maintainer or preserver, and • Shiva the destroyer or transformer;"[1][2] These three deities have been called "the Hindu triad" [3] or the "Great Trinity."[4] often addressed as "Brahma-Vishnu-Maheshwara."

- Wikipedia

Are we starting to get conCERNed yet? When depicted in the above form, Shiva is known as Nataraja. Note what Wikipedia has to say about this particular character in Hindu mythology and the meaning of this statue:

**Nataraja** or **Nataraj** (Hindustani: The Lord (or King) of Dance; Tamil: (Kooththan)) is a depiction of the Hindu god Shiva as the cosmic dancer who performs his divine dance to destroy a weary universe and make preparations for god Brahma to start the process of creation.

The sculpture is usually made in bronze, with Shiva dancing in an **aureole** of flames, lifting his left leg (and in rare cases, the right leg) and balancing over a demon or dwarf (Apasmara) who symbolizes ignorance. It is a well known sculptural symbol in India and popularly used as a symbol of Indian culture.

The two most common forms of Shiva's dance are the Lasya (the gentle form of dance), associated with the creation of the world, and the Tandava (the violent and dangerous dance), associated with the destruction of weary worldviews - weary perspectives & lifestyles. In essence, the **Lasya** and the **Tandava** are just two aspects of Shiva's nature; for **he destroys in order to create, tearing down to build again.**

[emphasis mine]

Wikipedia continues to describe the significance of each item and pose depicted in the statue:

- A cobra uncoils from his lower right forearm, and the crescent moon and a skull are on his crest. He dances within an arch of flames. This dance is called the Dance of Bliss, aananda tandavam.
- The upper right hand holds a small drum shaped like an hourglass that is called a • amaru in Sanskrit. A specific hand gesture (mudra) called • amaru-hasta (Sanskrit for "• amaru-hand") is used to hold the drum. It symbolizes sound originating **creation.**
- The upper left hand contains Agni or fire, which signifies **destruction.** The opposing concepts in the upper hands show the counterpoise of creation and destruction.
- The second right hand shows the Abhaya mudra (meaning fearlessness in Sanskrit), bestowing protection from both evil and ignorance to those who follow the righteousness of dharma.
- The second left hand points towards the raised foot which signifies upliftment and liberation.
- The dwarf on which Nataraja dances is the demon [[Apasmara][Muyalaka as known in Tamil]], which symbolises Shiva's victory over ignorance(id).
- As the Lord of Dance, Nataraja, Shiva performs the **tandava**, the dance in which the universe is created, maintained, and dissolved. **Shiva's long, matted tresses, usually piled up in a knot, loosen during the dance and crash into the heavenly bodies, knocking them off course or destroying them utterly.**
• **The surrounding flames represent the manifest Universe.** Also, the circle of fire/flames symbolizes the cycle of transmigration/suffering the ego goes through (endless births and rebirths, before attaining salvation).

• **The snake swirling around his waist is kundalini, the Shakti or divine force thought to reside within everything.**

• **The stoic face of Shiva represents his neutrality, thus being in balance.**

OK. We really need to pause and think about the significance of all of this! We have an established Universe already in place. Therefore, Shiva is not doing the dance of Creation, but rather the dance of DESTRUCTION of the present Universe in order to make way for a new one!

What is CERN trying to do? **They claim to be smashing atoms in order to re-create the Big Bang** so that they can find the "God particle" - also known as the **Higgs boson!** Hello??

**Meet the Large Hadron Collider**

*It is a $4 billion instrument that scientists at the European Center of Nuclear Research, or CERN, hope to use to re-create the big bang — believed to be the event that caused the beginning of the universe — by crashing protons together at high speed.*

This is pretty scary stuff! Check out this article that was literally published the same day I am writing this blog (May 18, 2011):

*The search for the so-called "God particle", which would explain why matter has mass and there is gravity in the Universe, could be over by the end of next year, a leading scientist involved in the project predicts.*

*Rolf-Dieter Heuer, the director general of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (Cern), near Geneva, said that if the sub-atomic particle known as the Higgs boson exists, as theory predicts it does, then Cern's Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiment will detect it by the end of 2012.*

That's a rather curious target date don't you think? What is everyone talking about these days? December 21, 2012! Their goal is to figure out this "God particle" thing by that date! I'm telling you, the theory I have put forth here regarding the resurrection of Nimrod is starting to look more and more plausible!

CERN describes itself as **"The Gateway to the Universe."** It is an appropriate name. They are indeed attempting to open up gateways to other dimensions. This was tried once before. Remember? It was called the Tower of Babel. **Babel means "the Gate of God."** Hold that thought. Now, let's back up and look again at the World Wide Web concept. According to the CERN web site:

*The basic idea of the WWW was to merge the technologies of personal computers, computer networking and hypertext into a powerful and easy to use global information system.*

Here we have the merging of technology and the collective wisdom of the world connecting through a global information system called a web. There is a very interesting description of just such a thing in chapter 25 of the Book of Isaiah. But to set the stage, let's first back up and take a look at chapter 24 to see what the prophet has to say about the coming destruction of the Earth.

*Look! The Lord is about to destroy the earth and make it a vast wasteland. He devastates the surface of the earth and scatters the people. Priests and laypeople, servants and masters, maids and mistresses, buyers and sellers, lenders and borrowers, bankers and debtors—none will be spared. The earth will be completely emptied and looted. The Lord has spoken! The earth mourns and dries up, and the crops waste away and wither. Even the greatest people on earth waste away. The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse consumes the.*
earth. Its people must pay the price for their sin. They are destroyed by fire, and only a few are left alive.

- Isaiah 24:1-3 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

We see here that the earth has to be destroyed because of the sins of its people. They have twisted God's instructions and violated His laws, which has caused a curse to consume the earth. If anything on the planet has the potential to fulfill this description it is CERN! When Shiva does his dance, look at what God tells the prophet Isaiah to write:

Terror and traps and snares will be your lot, you people of the earth. Those who flee in terror will fall into a trap, and those who escape the trap will be caught in a snare. Destruction falls like rain from the heavens; the foundations of the earth shake. The earth has broken up. It has utterly collapsed; it is violently shaken. The earth staggers like a drunk. It trembles like a tent in a storm. It falls and will not rise again, for the guilt of its rebellion is very heavy.

In that day the Lord will punish the gods in the heavens and the proud rulers of the nations on earth. They will be rounded up and put in prison. They will be shut up in prison and will finally be punished.

- Isaiah 24:17-22 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

After the destruction of the world by fire, we read something very interesting in the next chapter of Isaiah. A feast is prepared and everyone makes merry. But then we are told:

And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

- Isaiah 25:7-8 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The New Living Translation renders verse 7 as:

There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.

- Isaiah 25:7 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

What is that all about? I have to give Pastor Doug Riggs credit for bringing this Scripture to my attention. I heard him talk about this "covering," this "veil," the "cloud of doom" covering the earth on a radio program recently. I immediately became very intrigued by this, so I started to dig for myself. Indeed, this is a very interesting passage of prophetic Scripture!

Looking at the structure of the sentence above in Hebrew, we find an interesting combination of words:
The King James renders the Hebrew "paneh" (pe-nei) [Strong's #6440] as "the face" but it has with it the connotation of anger, against, before, defiant among other definitions. The Hebrew word translated as "covering" is the word "lot" or "lut" (hal-lo-vt). There's not much to go on with that word by itself. But notice the same word repeats itself in the sentence [Strong's #3875 (lot) and Strong's #3874 (lut)]. This carries the notion that it is a tightly wrapped covering or envelope that is apparently surrounding the earth. The word "meccekah" (mas-se-cha) [Strong's # 4541] translated as "the veil" indicates that it is "a libation, molten metal or image." A libation is a ritual drink offering to a god or spirit in memory of the dead. And the word "nasak" (naw-sak" [Strong's #5259] translated as "stretched" means "to weave" as in to spread as something interwoven... like a web. So, what we have here is something metal tightly wrapped around the earth that seems to be facing it or opposing it, woven like a web. Could this be a prophetic vision of the wire entangled globe we call the World Wide Web? A creation that enables "faces," imagery and information to beam at our faces through our computer monitors? Is this how the False Prophet gives power to the "image of the Beast" in the Book of Revelation?

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

- Revelation 13:15 (KJV)

Could this "web" be tied to system of satellites - or even "space ships?" - over the earth and work similar to Anna's "bliss" in the TV series, V? If so, it's not hard to see why the New Living Translation rendered Isaiah's passage as "the cloud of doom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth."
I don't know exactly what Isaiah is talking about, but it certainly seems to fit our modern technology - and specifically this "web" that CERN created. If my suspicions are true, then the "www" - "666" connection begins to make even more sense. I believe the World Wide Web has also fulfilled one of Daniel's prophecies concerning the Last Days:

**But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.**

- Daniel 12:4 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The Internet has definitely helped knowledge to increase exponentially since the day it was created. Now, literally anything you want to know about is accessible at the touch of a button! Whether you are on a computer or using a cell phone, we are able to connect with people all over the planet to share and exchange ideas, thus creating a universal increase in knowledge. I suspect that is not the only reason for the Internet. And this is why I believe it may be what Isaiah and John were referring to in the above passages.

In *The Book of the Hopi's* by Frank Waters, there is even a prophecy amongst the Hopi Indians that seems to point to the WWW as a precursor to the End.

"This is the Fifth Sign: The land shall be criss-crossed by a giant spider's web."

A recent video depicting a FALSE Christ called "Ra-El" has surfaced and is making the on-line rounds in preparation for "something" that is supposed to happen on May 21, 2011. Though I think the claim that "Ra-El" is the Messiah is pure garbage, there is something mentioned in that video that I had not previously considered. Toward the end of it, there is a reference to the "clouds" that the Messiah will appear in as being possibly another reference to the Internet.

"If he appears 'in the clouds' of the Internet, 'every eye will see him,' using the tool by which 'knowledge shall be increased.'"

Consider Microsoft's "To the Cloud" commercial:
Personally, I believe the Book of Revelation is talking about Yeshua literally appearing in the clouds of the sky. But I think this “To the Cloud” technology is still an interesting concept to consider. At any rate, all of this started with CERN. And that was simply a setup for much bigger plans.

If we are to take the words of Yeshua concerning the last days being like the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37) to its fullest extent, then not only do we need to look at the 600 years of Noah’s life prior to the Flood, but also the 350 years that he lived after the Flood as well. It was during that time that the whole world was united as one in the plains of Shinar, with one common language. The creation of the Internet essentially duplicated that! The world is once again united as one, using the common language of HTML (a term that means, Hyper Text Markup Language). As for human language, the Internet solves that problem as well with tools like BABELfish! Other on-line tools even make the use of the Internet possible for the hearing and sight impaired! So, add that to the list of already completed things neccessary to fulfill Yeshua's prophecy.

But if the world is connected once again in a Babel-like sort of way. What else might be taking place that is similar to those days? Remember the purpose of the Tower of Babel? It was to create a portal from this world into the Heavenly realm! Picking up where we left off earlier, what is CERN doing? They are creating portals through time and space!

The Tower of Babel was known as "the gate of God." CERN is opening up gateways!

The other day I went and saw the movie Thor. All I can say is, WOW! It is absolutely loaded with symbolism and memes that I believe perfectly illustrate Yeshua’s warning about the Last Days being as the days of Noah!

!!! WARNING: Spoiler Alert !!! In that movie, there is a portal machine in the realm of Asgard (the Heavenly home of the Norse gods) that enables the gods to travel between worlds. Toward the end of the movie, this machine gets destroyed. Later, Thor approaches the Guardian (a Watcher) and stands beside him at the edge of the “rainbow bridge” that formerly led into the machine. At this point, Thor fears he will never see his beloved Earth-girl again. The two look down through the vastness of time and space toward the Earth and the Guardian smiles. He says that he can still see her and makes the statement that essentially there are always possibilities. Next we see Natalie Portman's (interesting last name) character busily working on the "Einstein-Rosen Bridge" (which theoretically can create a time/space wormhole), in order to help re-open the portal to the realm of her god-boyfriend. !!! END Spoiler Alert !!!
This is totally what I believe is happening with CERN! They are trying to re-open the portal between this world and that of the gods. And speaking of other gods of mythology, in my research, I found some rather interesting tid-bits concerning the name CERN. According to their web site, CERN is an acronym for the French Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire. However, I think there is a deeper, mythological significance to that name.

Believe it or not, there is a character in ancient Wiccan mythology named Cern![2](image)

What is also interesting about this particular myth is how (yet again) it also seems to have direct ties to Nimrod - and the many other myths associated with him. For instance, there is a character in the Wiccan mythology called Lupercus. In the myth, he is known as the Great Golden Wolf. He was born on the night of the Winter Solstice (December 25th) - imagine that!

In ancient Rome, his feast day was known as Lupercalia and it was celebrated on February 15th. This myth is where we get the imagery of Romulus and Remus nursing from a wolf.

Remember the diagram of "Day 4" from the Biblical Timeline of Human History Chart? How interesting that this was all developing while Isaiah was writing the above prophecies!

Something else I find particularly interesting about the Lupercalia festival is that it also seemed to be directly associated with Pan! As we learned in "The Son of God" blog (coming soon), Yeshua made a point of showing this particular "god of shepherds" who the real Shepherd was! Well, like Pan, Lupercus was thought of as a god of shepherds. In fact, Lupercus and Pan are often thought to have been one and the same. If Lupercus is indeed another form of Nimrod, I find this a very intriguing thought indeed.

Regardless, it's truly amazing how all of these myths are tied together, and how the God of the Bible constantly steps in to set the record straight! This should give us courage as we look at the days ahead. God always wins in his battles against the gods of this world!

The Wiccan myth goes on to state that Lupercus was given "twelve labors" to perform in order to prove himself worthy (similar to Thor, Hercules, Gilgamesh and others). These labors are what sends this sun through the signs of the Zodiac in one year. Succeeding at these labors, he was proclaimed a sun god. So, once again we see that this god is exactly the same as so many of the other Nimrod-based gods!

That the story of Lupercus is really another culture's version of essentially the myth of Osiris becomes even more obvious as it progresses. On Easter (the Spring Equinox) while out hunting, he gets struck by lightning and dies. And so he becomes the god of the Underworld - just like Osiris. The only thing that remained of Lupercus was his wolf skin which was found by "another hunter." Remember what we learned about the battle between Esau and Nimrod in the God vs god - Part 3 blog? Esau the hunter, rushed up (like lightning?) and killed Nimrod the mighty hunter. Then, he took "the valuable garments of Nimrod" after he killed him. It's...
a total match! The Lupercus myth even states that just like Nimrod's "valuable garments" this "pelt of Lupercus" turns out to have magical powers.

But here's where the story gets really interesting. After Lupercus goes into the Underworld, his brother Cern decides to usurp Lupercus' earthly throne as the ruler of this world!

Although in this myth, Cern is the brother of Lupercus, we see a similarity between Lupercus as Nimrod/Osiris and Cern as Tammuz/Horus! And that, at least in my mind, absolutely connects CERN with the Illuminati! But to show just how connected CERN is with the occult, we're going to have to spend some time exploring yet another mythological character first - Saturn!

Saturn and Lupercus seem to have a lot in common, especially when it comes to feasts! The Saturnalia feast of the Winter Solstice (which later became known as Christmas), seems to be closely related to the Lupercalia feast through the Carnival season. Likewise, there appears to be a real strong tie between CERN here on Earth, the planet Saturn and the Hindu gods, which may put the statue of Shiva into greater perspective!

Let's look at the Roman myth of Saturn first. Saturn (known as Cronus in the Greek mythology) was a Titan - the 6th of seven Titans born to the Roman gods Terra (Mother Earth) and Caelus (Father Sky). Right here we must pause and consider that terminology. Is it saying that the "sons of God came unto the daughters or men" - male of the sky coming into a female of the earth? I believe so. Thus, I would place Saturn in the pre-Flood category of Nephilim beings.

The Romans seemed to borrow heavily from the Greeks in their mythology. But just looking at the above description, it appears that we have their version of both Pre and Post-Flood Nephilim - both represented by the number six.

I'd like to make a passing observation here before continuing. As we see shortly, Saturn/Cronus is often associated with Satan. In my Enter the Greeks blog, I tied Zeus to Lucifer. What I find interesting about these two connections is that the Devil appears to have switched strategies after the Flood. Saturn/Cronus was known for devouring his children when they were born. As a result, he was considered malefic in the magic arts of astrology. Since Jupiter/Zeus overthrew him, he is regarded as "jovial" and benevolent and thus has positive attributes in astrology. Convenient.
As with all ancient myths, the characters, acts and facts can get very convoluted and sometimes quite hard to follow, but let me try to draw some simple parallels together. In the Hindu myths, there is another powerful god named Ravana. Concerning Ravana, Wikipedia describes a similar battle of brothers to that of the Wiccan myth of Lupercus and Cern.

Proceeding to the heavens, Ravana fought and defeated the devas, singling out his brother for particular humiliation. By force he gained command over the devtas, celestials, and the serpent races. At the time of the Ramayana, set several hundred years later, Ravana is shown as dominating all human and divine races - so much so that he can command the Sun's rising and setting.

In a sense, we have here yet another sun god. This is a very interesting character indeed - especially concerning the "serpent races." In this description, Revana seems to have more in common with Cern than with Lupercus. At any rate, in the story of Ravana we can see the Hindu and Roman myths have an overlap of characters.

Remember the Hindu god Hanuman I mentioned in the Nimrod, Abraham, the Pharaohs and Moses blog? Well, here are some more interesting facts about him:

In the Ramayana, Hanuman is said to have rescued Shani, the planet Saturn, from the clutches of Ravana. In gratitude, Shani (Saturn) promised Hanuman that those who prayed him (Hanuman) would be rescued from the painful effects of Saturn, which in Hindu astrology, is said to produce malefic effects on one's life when one is afflicted "negatively" with Saturn.

Another version of the encounter between Lord Hanuman and Shani Bhagavan is that the latter once climbed on to Lord Hanuman's shoulder, implying that he (Hanuman) was coming under the effects of the influence of Shani. At this, Hanuman assumed a large size, and Shani was caught painfully between Hanuman's shoulders and the ceiling of the room they were in. As the pain was unbearable, Shani (Saturn) requested Hanuman to release him, promising that he (Shani) would moderate the malefic effects of his influence on a person praying to Hanuman. Hanuman released Shani thereafter.

- Wikipedia

This may shed even more light on the reasons why President Obama carries this god around with him! The above text says that Hunuman rescued Saturn from the clutches of Ravana. Could it be that Obama thinks he will be safe when CERN (Ravana) "releases" Saturn again? We'll explore this idea further shortly, so hold that thought as well.

Here in the Hindu myths, we see that Saturn is associated with evil and pain. In many cultures around the world Saturn is equal to the Satan of our Bible. The occult is keenly aware of this as noted by Fritz Springmeier in his book, "Bloodlines of the Illuminati":

"Saturn is an important key to understanding the long heritage this conspiracy has back to antiquity. The city of Rome was originally known as Saturnia or City of Saturn. The Roman Catholic church retains much of the Saturn worship in its ritual. Saturn also relates to Lucifer. In
various occult dictionaries Saturn is associated with evil. Saturn was important to the religion of Mithra, and also the Druids.”

Now, let's shift gears and look at the planet Saturn. As we might suspect it is the 6th planet in our solar system! So, just taking the mythology and the planet together, we have 666:

- Saturn was the 6th Titan.
- He was defeated by his 6th child (Jupiter)
- He is the representation of the 6th planet in our solar system.

As if that weren't enough, check out what has recently developed on Saturn's north pole:

A perfect hexagon (six sided shape) cloud formation! What is up with that? Good question. Let's keep digging...

As soon as you start to explore the hexagon as a shape, you will find all sorts of things that will quite frankly, make you upset - especially when you pause to consider the implications of what you find. Take the so-called "Star of David" for instance.

It must be noted first of all that there is no "Star of David" in the Scriptures. In fact, the earliest known appearance of this symbol in a Jewish context is in the third and fourth centuries AD! And it only became popular as a national symbol around the 11th Century AD primarily as the result of Kabbalistic thinking. 

Wikipedia notes:
The hexagram has been in use as a symbol of Judaism since the 17th century, with precedents in the 14th to 16th centuries in Central Europe, where the Shield of David was partly used in conjunction with the Seal of Solomon (the hexagram) on Jewish flags. Its use probably derives from medieval (11th to 13th century) Jewish protective amulets (segulot).

As best I can tell, the "Start of David" is really of occult origin. It didn't want to admit that, but the more I looked into it, the more I could not deny that fact.

Before I continue, let me say that I do not believe the Jews are evil! Read that again if you must, because I don't want anyone to accuse me of being anti-semetic. The fact is when Isreal became a nation, even the (true) Jewish people did not want that symbol on their flag. They wanted the Menorah. Why? Because this symbol has nothing to do with the God of Israel or His chosen people. As we will soon see, it actually has more to do with Saturn-Satan than God or the (true) nation of Israel!

Looking at the "Star of David" it is not hard to see the number six. In fact, if you really look at it, you will see three sets of them! That being the case, I began to wonder if this could in fact be the "Mark of the Beast." It certainly seems to fit a lot of occult symbolism. But no. Ultimately, I do not believe this is going to be the actual Mark, but I do believe it will have something to do with it. What do I mean by that? Well, let's just say this is a deep rabbit hole with many twists and turns. For now, I ask that you allow me some time to develop this thought a bit further. As stated above, the so-called "Star of David" has nothing to do with David or the Jewish people. It is actually a very ancient symbol associated with many peoples, religions and cults.

In the Hindu faith the hexagram is a mandala symbol called, satkona yantra. It represents nara-narayana, the meditative state of balance achieved between man and God. It is even associated with the Hindu concept of the "Om," and worn as a symbol of perfect balance between Shiva and Shakti - or Yin and Yang.

Wikipedia goes on to describe the use of this symbol in Indic lore, stating:

Within Indic lore, the shape is generally understood to consist of two triangles—one pointed up and the other down—locked in harmonious embrace. The two components are called 'Om' and the 'Hrim' in Sanskrit, and symbolize man's position between earth and sky. The downward triangle symbolizes Shakti, the sacred embodiment of femininity, and the upward triangle symbolizes Shiva, or Agni Tattva, representing the focused aspects of masculinity. The mystical union of the two triangles represents Creation, occurring through the divine union of male and female. The two locked triangles are also known as 'Shanmukha' - the six-faced, representing the
six faces of Shiva & Shakti's progeny Kartikeya. This symbol is also a part of several yantras and has deep significance in Hindu ritual worship and history.

In the occult, it is commonly known that to put a curse on someone is to put a "hex" on them. The word "hex" is short for hexagon - the six sided shape. This idea seems to have roots in the precursor to the "Star of David" which was known as the Seal of Solomon (pictured right). The origin of this symbol should give us a clear understanding of its deeper meaning and significance.

The six-pointed star is commonly used both as a talisman and for conjuring spirits in the practice of witchcraft. In the book, The History and Practice of Magic, Vol. 2, the six-pointed star is called the Talisman of Saturn and it is also referred to as the Seal of Solomon.[3]

Everyone likes to refer to Solomon as "the wisest man who ever lived" and yet, if you read the Scriptures you see that he did a lot of really stupid things. Worst of all was his slide into pagan, occult practices as a result of his union with so many women of foreign cultures who brought with them their religious beliefs and practices.

When Stephen, the first Christian martyr gave his defense before the Sanhedrin, he gives us a clue as to the originn of this symbol:

> Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

> Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

- Acts 7:42-43 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Notice that by mentioning the "space of forty years" he is talking about the Exodus from Egypt. Thus, by implication, their pagan worship came from EGYPT. We also know from the Torah, that when the children Israel left Egypt in the Exodus, some of them secretly brought Egyptian idols and images with them! And apparently, among them was the "star of Remphan" - which was a representation of Saturn! [click here for more on that]

The prophet Amos also appears to have addressed this same issue:

> But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

- Amos 5:26 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible identifies this passage with Saturn as well:

...Chiun another image, or rather the same; and this the same with Chevan, which in the Arabic and Persic languages is the name of Saturn, as Aben Ezra and Kimchi say; and is so rendered by Montanus here; and who in the Egyptian tongue was called Revan, or Rephan, or Remphan; as by the Septuagint here, and in Acts 7:43; the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves; or the star "your god" (q); meaning the same with Chiun or Saturn; perhaps the same with the star that fell from the air or sky, mentioned by Sanchoniatho (r); which Astarte, the wife of Chronus or
Saturn, is said to take and consecrate in Tyre; this they made for themselves, and worshipped as a deity.

Immediately after King David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel. Right after that, the Scriptures tells us:

Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and married one of his daughters. He brought her to live in the City of David until he could finish building his palace and the Temple of the Lord and the wall around the city.

- 1 Kings 3:1 (NLT)

It was after doing this that God appeared to Solomon and granted his request for wisdom. He should have used that wisdom more wisely. Although he loved the Lord in the beginning of his reign, he turned away from the true path as he grew older.

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh’s daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, 'You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.' Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord.

In Solomon’s old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David, had been. Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord’s sight; he refused to follow the Lord completely, as his father, David, had done.

On the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, he even built a pagan shrine for Chemosh, the detestable god of Moab, and another for Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. Solomon built such shrines for all his foreign wives to use for burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

The Lord was very angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice.

- Kings 11:1-9 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Backing up a bit, we can see how this happened. 1 Kings 7 is the chapter that tells us that Solomon hired Hiram of Tyre (an area known for Baal worship) to build the Temple of God. That always made me curious. Chapter 8 goes on to describe the completion of the Temple and Solomon’s prayer of dedication. The next chapter reveals God’s acceptance of all that Solomon had done - but it came with a warning:

The Lord said to him, “I have heard your prayer and your petition. I have set this Temple apart to be holy—this place you have built where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart. As for you, if you will follow me with integrity and godliness, as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, then I will establish the throne of your dynasty over Israel forever. For I made this promise to your father, David: ‘One of your descendants will always sit on the throne of Israel.’ But if you or your descendants abandon me and disobey the commands and decrees I have given you, and if you serve and worship other gods, then I will uproot Israel from this land that I have given them. I will reject this Temple that I have made holy to honor my name. I will make Israel an object of mockery and ridicule among the nations.”

- 1 Kings 9:3-7 (NLT) [emphasis mine]
It is clear from the above passage that it was God who made the Temple of Solomon holy. That appears to be in spite of how it was built and by whom. That same chapter goes on to say that it took twenty years to build the Temple and Solomon's royal palace. It was built by forced labor. Who was forced to build these things?

> There were still some people living in the land who were not Israelites, including Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. These were descendants of the nations whom the people of Israel had not completely destroyed. So Solomon conscripted them for his labor force, and they serve in the labor force to this day.

- *Kings 9:20-21 (NLT)* [emphasis mine]

Notice that it says these were the “descendants of the nations whom the people of Israel had not completely destroyed.” *Those were Nephilim nations!* Remember what I wrote in the *Building a Pure Nation* blog? Those nations came from the giant descendants of Canaan! That essentially means Solomon had demons build the Temple and his palace through forced labor!

And here's yet another interesting piece of the puzzle! In *1 Kings 10*, the Queen of Sheba pays him a visit. After that enormous wealth begins to pour into Solomon's kingdom. But notice how things start to go bad:

> The weight of the gold that Solomon received yearly was 666 talents

- *1 Kings 10:14 (NIV)* [emphasis mine]

I had already known about the "demons built the Temple of Solomon" theory based on other research I had done regarding the 72 goetic demons spoken of in *The Lesser Key of Solomon*. In the apocryphal book, *Testament of Solomon*, the text reads very similar to the plot for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. In that apocryphal text, Solomon is given a "ring of power" - supposedly by the good arch-angel Michael (though I suspect - assuming there's any truth to this - that it really came from Lucifer as Saturn). Verse 5 of the text says:

> And it came about through my prayer that grace was given to me from the Lord Sabaoth by Michael his archangel. {He brought me} a little ring, having a seal consisting of an engraved stone, and said to me: “Take, O Solomon, king, son of David, the gift which the Lord God has sent thee, the highest Sabaoth. With it thou shalt lock up all demons of the earth, male and female; and with their help thou shalt build up Jerusalem. {But} thou {must} wear this seal of God. And this engraving of the seal of the ring sent thee is a Pentalpha.”

While I don't put a lot of faith, stock or belief in this apocryphal text, it does seem to provide an interesting elaboration on the above passage from *1 Kings* concerning Solomon's Nephilim labor force. And when I put all these things together, all of this Temple business becomes suspect in my eyes - especially when you consider the Mason's obsession with the Temple of Solomon and their most revered ancestor Hiram Abiff. To be honest I've really struggled with all of that, because while the Temple of Solomon was built to be the House of God (YHVH), it seems - as we've seen here - to have a lot more connection with demons! I guess it is all reconciled by the fact that in *spite of all that* God Himself declared it holy. Thus it was. And I believe God did so to honor David and Solomon's
heart in the matter. But with all this occult, pagan and Nephilim/demon activity, it really is easy to see how the Devil was able to lead Solomon astray.

When Solomon went astray from God’s path of truth, and began to consort with evil forces, he became a powerful wizard, or consulter of demons and the occult powers of darkness. Thus it would appear that Solomon made the hexagram a prominent symbol in ancient Israel. He adopted it from the pagan nations around him. And this symbol has its roots in Saturn.

To be continued...

Footnotes:

1. According to the CERN web site, Tim Berners-Lee, a scientist at CERN, invented the World Wide Web (WWW) in 1989. The Web was originally conceived and developed to meet the demand for automatic information sharing between scientists working in different universities and institutes all over the world. [back]

2. Encyclopedia of Wicca & Witchcraft, by Raven Grimassi, pages 262 & 263

Whenever a discussion of the Last Days comes up, we inevitably find ourselves talking about what has become known as the "Rapture." The first thing I must point out is that the word "Rapture" appears nowhere in the Bible. However other verbiage is used that leads us to a belief in such a thing. I for one, do believe in it. Most evangelicals do too. But what is usually contested is the timing of when this event will occur.
At the time I originally wrote and posted this blog, there were hundreds of thousands of people following a man by the name of Harold Camping (founder and president of Family Radio), expecting the Rapture to occur on May 21, 2011. They even went so far as to boldly proclaim “The Bible Guarantees it!” They spent untold amounts of dollars on billboards, ads and flyers and posted these things all over the country. They zealously evangelized everyone they knew and beat the streets proclaiming The End was coming very soon! Well, that day has since come and gone... and we're all still here.

Unfortunately, instead of admitting he was wrong, Harold Camping still insists that his predicted May 21st Rapture was an "invisible judgement day" and that it is ushering in the last five months before the final judgement that is scheduled for October 21, 2011.

In an hour and a half broadcast, Camping walked listeners through his numerological timeline, insisting that his teaching has not changed and that the world will still end on October 21, 2011.

“It wont be spiritual on October 21st,” Camping said, adding, “the world is going to be destroyed all together, but it will be very quick.”

- Washington Post

I really have a problem with both people like Harold Camping as well as those who blindly follow such people. The Bible tells us all we need to know, but sadly, too few take the time to study it for themselves. There is an epidemic of what I call, “Listen to the Guy at the Pulpit Syndrome.” This is extremely dangerous, especially if the guy standing at the pulpit is wrong. The Bible tells us that we have no need of a teacher and that the Holy Spirit should be our guide.

I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don’t need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

- 1 John 2:26-27 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

The Bible teaches that we should study to show ourselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth so that we need not be ashamed. So, while I do feel sorry for the countless souls who are now hurting, disillusioned and confused, and believe we need to be praying for them, I also believe they should own up to the fact that they let a man lead them astray. That's hard to do. I get that. And it's happened to all of us in one
form or another. But that's no excuse. When we get to heaven, we can't point our finger at someone else. We are held accountable for our own actions. Thus, it would behoove us to fall on our face before God and ask Him to show us the truth in all things.

\[\text{Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: " That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."} \]

- Romans 3:4 (NKJV) [emphasis mine]

Harold Camping may be a good man. I don't know much about him. He may be sincere. But he is sincerely wrong. He is also extremely arrogant in his refusal to admit that he is wrong. And still people will listen and follow. And what's worse, they will continue to give more money to the man, thus enabling him to continue perpetuating these lies.

\[\text{At the center of it all, Camping's organization, Family Radio, is perfectly happy to take your money -- and in fact, received $80 million in contributions between 2005 and 2009.}\]

CNN Money [On-line Source] [emphasis mine]

This is very dangerous in my opinion. People are being deceived and Christians are losing credibility in the eyes of the world because of this sort of thing. Those who were deceived now have to face the pain and ridicule of being wrong. Those who weren't deceived, stand by laughing at those who were, mocking them and their Bible. That makes it difficult for those who do know the truth to share it. People become cynical and God's Word becomes a joke. I know the Bible also says this will happen, but that doesn't mean we should stand by and not fight for truth. And that is what I will do until the day I meet the Lord, here, there or in the air! So, let's get started...

Why were these people wrong? Does the Bible really tell us when to expect a Rapture? Is there even going to be a Rapture? This blog aims to answer those questions and more. But unlike Howard Camping, I am not claiming the corner on truth. I am not making any predictions. I am simply trying to find the truth for myself and to show you what I believe I have found. Ultimately, it is going to be up to you to search these things out for yourself and pray to see whether or not they be of God.

\[\text{Generally speaking there are three views regarding when the Rapture will happen:}\]

\[\text{\- Pre-Tribulation Rapture: Believers in Yeshua will be taken out before The Seven Year Tribulation Period. Speculation varies as to exactly when, but it is generally assumed that it will be at an unknown moment just prior to or in very close proximity to the Anti-Christ's signing of what some have called, a seven year "peace treaty" (based on their interpretation of Daniel 9:27). Futurists hold strongly to this view and it appears to be the dominant position amongst most evangelicals, largely due to its promotion through novels like the best selling Left Behind series as well as movies and television shows that depict this same scenario.}\]

\[\text{\- Mid-Tribulation Rapture: Believers in Yeshua will be taken out at the end of the first 1,260 days (3.5 years) of the Tribulation, which is generally associated with the wrath of man - just prior to the "Great Tribulation," which is generally associated with the wrath of God. Believers in this theory use 1 Thessalonians 5:9,10 as the basis for a Mid-Tribulation Rapture. I've found Believers in nearly all camps of eschatology who hold to this view, though they tend to be in the minority amongst most premillennialists. The timing of this event can be narrowed down to the mid-point of The Seven Year Tribulation Period that will start (presumably) from the moment of the signing a known covenant. And I believe that mid-point is marked by the raising of the Two Witnesses from the dead (Revelation 11:3-12).}\]

\[\text{\- Post-Tribulation Rapture: Believers in Yeshua will go through the entire Seven Year Tribulation Period and be taken out just prior to the cleansing of the world by fire. They will point to part of the Olivet Discourse, noting Yeshua's order of events as given in Matthew 24:29-31 and Luke 21:26,27 as the proof texts for this view. Those of a Preterist and/or Historist view of eschatology seem to naturally (of necessity) adhere to this view. Depending on your eschatology, the general timing of this event can be narrowed down to a specific moment, assuming we know exactly when The Seven Year Tribulation Period begins, and when the Two Witness are raised. From there, we can deduce that it will be}\]
sometime around the end of the second 1,260 days, but possibly extending to sometime within the additional 45 days mentioned in Daniel 12:11-12.

In fairness to all three viewpoints, I think it is important to note that there is room to allow for "a day and hour that no one will know" in each of these Rapture views - if for no other reason than to note that there are always two days happening at the same time and 24 different hourly time zones on the planet! For that fact alone, it would be impossible for anyone to predict the exact day and hour, no matter what view you hold to - because it is different everywhere on the planet! But beyond that, as you can see from the descriptions above, there is sufficient cause to question the exact moment in all three views.

Note also, that no text indicates that Daniel's "covenant" that is "confirmed with many" is a public affair. Therefore, the seven year time clock could theoretically start without most knowing. Only the vaguely referenced "many" who are involved with the covenant signing would therefore know when the time clock starts ticking down the years. An argument could be made that the killing of the Two Witnesses is certainly a public affair and thus would indicate to all that the final 1,260 days will commence. But even in that case, we don't know if those 1,260 begin at the moment the Beast rises, at the moment the Two Witnesses are killed or at the moment they are raised three and a half days later. And would those days be reckoned from Jerusalem time or some other time on the planet? Again, I think all three major viewpoints indicate that the Rapture will be a relatively unexpected event. I say relatively, because as we will soon see, I believe we can and should know within a very close proximity, the timing of our Lord's return - even if not the exact day or hour.

There are two other minor variants to the above known as the Prewrath Rapture view and the Partial Rapture view.

The Prewrath Rapture view seems to be closely related to the Mid-Trib. view:

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**Prewrath Tribulational Timeline**

- Antichrist's covenant with many (Dan 9:27)
- Abomination that causes desolation (Dan 9:27, Matt 24:15; start of tribulation)
- During the latter 3.5 years:
  - Antichrist reigns, Christians face intense persecution
  - Rapture along with Christ's appearance in clouds (1 Thess 4:16, Matt 24:30, Rev 6:15)
  - Following rapture, God's wrath begins

- Battle of Armageddon; antichrist and false prophet thrown into lake of fire (Rev 19:20 Dan 12:11)
- Christ's return to Jerusalem, takes reign from Antichrist
- Start of millenium
- Final judgment

*When these events exactly occur within the latter 3.5 years is not known.

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Very similar to the Mid-Tribulation view, this Rapture happens in the middle of The Seven Year Tribulation Period and probably occurs at the moment of or sometime very close to when the Two Witnesses are raised from the dead. The Prewrath view teaches that the Rapture will happen at an unknown time prior to the wrath of God, usually assumed to immediately follow the opening of the Sixth Seal, when the sun turns black, the moon becomes as blood and a great earthquake occurs.

I have had discussions with a number of Believers who hold to this view. Some of those who believe this way also hold to the idea that the Tribulation Period is actually only 3.5 years - essentially what we who believe in The Seven Year Tribulation Period would consider the second half. What is interesting about this idea is that assuming this last half is the period of God's wrath, from their perspective, if this is when the Rapture occurs,
they would view it as a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. But this is not to be confused with the Pre-Trib view mentioned above. It's just a matter of perspective.

Another variation of this view is that the Rapture would not necessarily happen at the *beginning* of the last 3.5 years but could occur immediately before the the Bowl Judgments are poured out - whenever that occurs - possibly near the very end of the final 3.5 years and thus this Pre-Wrath view could also be considered to be a Post-Tribulation Rapture. Again, it is a matter of perspective.

**The Partial Rapture** view holds to the idea of *multiple* raptures of Believers at the beginning and during *The Seven Year Tribulation Period*. [1] The criteria for those to be Raptured in this view refers to those who will be faithful and watchful - in essence it is a reward to the faithful. [2] Adherents to this view, base the idea on certain parables like the "Parable of the Ten Virgins" in which all ten are considered to be Believers, but only five were prepared and thus taken and five were "left behind."

Those are the various views - at least as I understand them.

At first, I did not think I wanted to address the Rapture at all in this e-book for the simple reason that it tends to stir up a lot of controversy and strife whenever the topic is brought up. This is definitely another "sacred cow" of modern Christianity and those who believe in each of the above views are very passionate about those beliefs. But the older I get, the more I learn and the more I realize just how much I need to remain open to other ideas apart from those I was taught to believe by others who have remained closed to new ideas apart from their own.

In fact, the more I dedicate myself to being open to what God has to say in the Scriptures and in my heart, and the more I explore the revelations of others who have done the same, the less I realize that I truly know. Especially lately, I have studied more in the past six months than I have in my whole life. Every day, for anywhere from 5-15 hours a day, I have poured over the Scriptures and explored the writings of dozens of scholars. All the while, I have prayed for revelation, understanding, wisdom and discernment. And I believe God has been giving all of those to me. This work simply represents my feeble attempt at distilling all of the information I have been studying into one source. Thus, this text represents my thoughts in print and I consider it very much a work in progress.

For more than 33 years of my life, I held a strong belief in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view. I even wrote scripts and essays about it, strongly defending the views of people like Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye, Pat Robertson, Hal Lindsey, John Hagee, Chuck Missler, J. Vernon McGee, Jack Van Impe, my own parents, pastor and many others whom I respect and who have become famous for writing sermon series, novels, books and movie scripts promoting that view. But sometime between 2003 and the end of 2004, during a crucible in my life that drove me to my knees and deep into the Scriptures on a daily basis, I began to migrate toward a Mid-Tribulation view. Today, for the first time in my life, I have finally given some thought to the Post-Tribulation view - a position I once thought was utterly ridiculous.

I am telling you this because I feel like now, through personal experience, I can fully relate to all three views and those who adhere to them. It's not about who is right and who is wrong. It's about trying to find the Truth. In order to do so, I have had to basically start from scratch. In other words, I had to forget what I was taught and raised to believe and prayerfully go to the Scriptures to let God reveal things to me directly through His Word. If you are open to doing the same, let's explore some ideas together. Please allow me the time to elaborate and share with you what I believe is going to happen and why I have come to these conclusions. Perhaps in doing so, this blog will give you reason to pause and rethink whatever views you currently hold on to and make you want to dive deeper into the Scriptures as well.

The *primary* verse everyone uses to describe the Rapture is in 1 Thessalonians:
We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (NLT)

The phrase "caught up" comes from the word "harpazó" in Greek [Strong's 726]. It literally means, to "seize or snatch up, suddenly and decisively." That is where we get the whole idea of a Rapture. And there is a companion passage of Scripture to this one, again written by Paul that we must also take into consideration.

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (NKJV)

These two passages of Scripture tell us how and when this "catching up" event takes place. Paul gives us a great deal of detail to know exactly what to expect. Thus, all of the following points must be present in order for us to consider the Rapture to be taking place:

1. The Lord's coming and His gathering together of the Saints happens on the "Day of Christ" (AKA, the "Day of the Lord.")
2. The Day of the Lord will not happen until there first come a great falling away (apostasy), and the Anti-Christ man of sin is revealed, exalting himself above all by going into the Temple showing himself to be God.
3. When the Rapture (catching up/gathering) happens, it will be heralded by the Lord's appearing in the clouds accompanied by a shout from the archangel and the sounding of the trumpet of God.
4. The dead will rise first, then we who are alive and remain will be "caught up" (Raptured) to meet the Lord in the air in bodily form. That means, our physical bodies will literally rise up off the ground and go up into the clouds exactly the way all others in the Bible who were "Raptured" did; Enoch, Elijah and Yeshua all went up in physical form, lifted up from the ground to disappear in the clouds above.

It must happen this way and in no other fashion, for this is how the Holy Spirit revealed the order of events to Paul in the Scriptures. Therefore, it can not happen in the following fashion as many believe it will and as many popular books and movies depict it happening:

1. The Rapture is silent and unexpected. No. It will not be a secret/quiet event. Paul describes the Rapture with loud voices and a trumpet blast. And as we will soon see, it will happen during an event that is meant to be a dress rehearsal and a time of hopeful expectation.
2. The Rapture happens before the Anti-Christ's reign of terror. No. It will not happen before the revealing of the Anti-Christ and him stepping into the Temple, therefore until the Temple is built there can be no Rapture. It must also be noted that the Anti-Christ does not commit the "abomination of desolation" until the beginning of the second half of the Tribulation!
3. **One day the Rapture will take the whole world by surprise; no one will see it coming.** No. The whole world will see Yeshua coming in the clouds before we get “caught up to meet him in the air.”

4. **When the Rapture occurs, we will all disappear leaving the rest behind.** No. We will not disappear leaving a neat pile of clothes behind. Scripture clearly indicates that we will rise up in physical form exactly as Enoch, Elijah and Yeshua did.

When I first looked at this order of events, I began to move away from my previously dogmatic Pre-Tribulation Rapture view and moved toward the Mid-Tribulation view. Although I had examined Paul’s descriptions as noted above and they caused me to reevaluate my beliefs, the first point of contention I came to, actually came as a result of studying Yeshua’s Olivet Discourse.

On the Mount of Olives, the Master shared with His disciples a rundown of the Last Days. This is recorded in both Matthew’s Gospel as well as Luke’s. I believe this particular discourse on the Last Days is the most important one to consider because it comes directly from the lips of the Word of God Himself! All other descriptions of the Last Days written by the Prophets and Apostles must therefore conform to and be interpreted by what Yeshua said. There can be no contradictions. Thus, His is the final authority by which all others will be compared to and judged!

In the Olivet Discourse, the Savior tells us specifically what to look for and how the End of Days will play out - including giving us the order by which these events will occur. He starts off by talking about many deceivers who will show up in His name, deceiving many. Then he talks about wars and rumors of wars, of nations and kingdoms rising up against each other, of famines, pestilences and earthquakes. He refers to those events as “the beginning of sorrows.” He then goes on to describe the persecution of the Saints and the rising of many false prophets. Love is replaced by an abundance of iniquity, but the Kingdom message is still preached in all the world as “a witness unto all nations.” According to Matthew 24:14, those are all things that must precede The End.

After that, we learn about the “abomination of desolation” that was spoken of by the prophet Daniel. At that point, if we compare Yeshua’s story with the Book of Revelation’s sequence of events, we see that we’ve arrived at the end of the first 1,260 days (3.5 years) and the beginning of the second half of Daniel’s 70th Week. This is why I made mention above of the fact that the Rapture can not happen until the second half of The Seven Year Tribulation Period begins.

It is at that time that the Apostle John says the Beast rises up and kills the Two Witnesses, thus beginning his 42 month reign of terror. Note that prior to Revelation chapter 11 (apart from the cryptic message about Apollyon rising in Revelation 9:11), we don’t see any mention of the Anti-Christ Beast. He shows up here, then further description is given about him in chapters 13, 17 and following. Although I understand that this individual will make or “confirm a covenant with many” for seven years, I believe Revelation 13 reveals that he does not become the Beast until the mid-point of those seven.

> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

> - Daniel 9:27 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Thus, it seems to me that the man who will become the Beast will only be empowered as the Beast for 3.5 of those seven years. And I believe both Daniel, Yeshua and the Apostle John describe that as the last half of The Seven Year Tribulation Period, called the Great Tribulation.
And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (i.e. 3.5 years)

- Revelation 13:1-5 (KJV)  

When this happens, we learn from Yeshua that those in Judaea will flee to the mountains. Then, the Master uses an often repeated, prophetic phrase:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

- Matthew 24:21 (KJV)

Looking at the Book of Revelation's sequence of events and comparing those verses in Matthew 24 with Paul's harpazo passage in 1 Thessalonians, I became convinced that we were looking at a Mid-Tribulation Rapture. A "snatching away" just prior to the rise of the Beast that is empowered by the dragon.

Notice what Revelation chapter 11 says concerning the ministry and death of the Two Witnesses:

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

- Revelation 11:7-12 (KJV)

Verse 15 states that shortly after that event the Seventh Trump was sounded:

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

- Revelation 11:15 (NIV)

At this point, it all seemed pretty cut and dry to me! The narrative of Revelation 11 describes, "the dead in Christ" (Two Witnesses?) rising (first?). Then, as a result of a "great voice" (of the arch angel?) and the sound
of the last of the *Seven Trumpets*, they ascend (get caught up?) into the clouds. Looking at the words of Yeshua in His Olivet Discourse and claiming *1 Thessalonians 5:9,10* while comparing *Revelation 11:7-12* with Paul's description in *1 Thessalonians 4:16,17* it all seemed like a perfect match! I was sold and officially became a "Mid-Tribber," thus discarding all of my previously dogmatic views of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

But there were problems. Remember the list above? ALL of those points need to be present in order for the Rapture to occur. What was missing? We see mention of at least two of the dead in Christ rising, of a "great voice" (shout) in Heaven and even a trumpet blast... but in this Revelation account, there is no mention of the Messiah coming in the clouds or of the living getting caught up with the Two Witnesses to meet Him in the air. Hmmmm. Now, even the Mid-Tribulation Rapture view became questionable in my mind.

As Yeshua continued to discuss the Last Days in *Matthew 24*, He made a statement about descending in the clouds *after* the Tribulation. The Master's explanation of the parable of the *Wheat and Tares* given in *Matthew 13:36-43* seems to be a perfect match with *Revelation 14:14-20*, which both talked about the Harvest at the *end* of the Tribulation. And then there was also the nagging issue of the "*Parable of the Ten Virgins*" that shows up in *Matthew 25*. I just couldn't get those things out of my head. What does all that mean? Could we really be looking at a *Post-Tribulation Rapture*? I dug and dug and dug, looking for answers.

Let's look again at the Olivet Discourse, picking up shortly after where we left off above. Yeshua tells us about false Christs and false prophets that will show great signs and wonders - so much so that they may deceive even the very elect. And *after all of that*, He makes this statement:

\[\text{“Immediately *after the tribulation of those days* shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.””}\n
- *Matthew 24:29-31 (KJV)* [emphasis mine]

Man! What do we do with that statement at the beginning of verse 29?? It says *after the tribulation*! It talks about another trumpet blast! In the past, I think I must have just ignored these facts, clinging tightly to my Pre-Trib view that apparently contradicted the words of Yeshua! Funny how dogmatic we can get sometimes. And God forbid we should ever let the Scriptures get in the way of our beliefs! Right? Come on. Work with me here. I believe at some point, we can all be guilty of this. But there it is. Staring us right in the face. It says *after* the tribulation! Ouch.

OK. Back to the drawing board...

It's almost as if God allowed a bunch of different Scriptures to seemingly contradict themselves so that we would have to go deeper in order to find the Truth that will harmonize them all together. I believe that harmony can be found in the *Torah* - the first five books of Moses! That's not a place I am accustomed to going to in order to find answers about the Last Days. But in that amazing collection of books, I believe God has clearly given us the answer to what the End will look like for the Bride of Christ.

Before we continue, let me mention something else that I have often struggled with. Yeshua said that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth:

\[\text{“There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’”}\n
- *John 16:12,13 (ESV)* [emphasis mine]
And don’t forget what the Apostle John told us:

I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don’t need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

It is my belief that if you and I and our brothers and sisters in Christ have indeed accepted Yeshua as our Lord and Savior, then we all have the Holy Spirit within us. That being the case, how is it that we can have so many different views on subjects like the Rapture? Why does God allow seemingly contradictory views and teachings to continue within His Body? How can one be right and another be wrong, when both claim to have the Holy Spirit as their guide, leading them to all truth?

With these questions in mind, let me again encourage you to pray right now that the Holy Spirit will lead you to truth and not me, your pastor or anyone else, dead or alive who has written and/or spoken about the things we are looking at here. All I can do is tell you what I feel I have learned. Your job is to pray and see if the Holy Spirit bears witness.

In wrestling through those questions, I believe the Holy Spirit let me know that the reason He has allowed these different views to coexist, is because in a sense, they are all right! What? How can that be?

First, let me say that I don’t believe this theory would apply to every doctrinal difference. Clearly, there are false doctrines out there and false teachers that promote them. Scripture tells us this is true. So, what I am saying won’t apply to all areas of disagreement within the Body of Christ. But I started to entertain this idea that it could be true for some “sacred cows” that well meaning, honest, Bible believing Christians cling to. The belief came as a result of addressing the issue of “Predestination vs Free Will” with someone on Facebook. They had posted something on my wall mentioning that they really struggled with all of that. I told them that I believed both concepts were true and reconciled it as follows.

Imagine an architect draws up a blueprint and then builds a house according to that design.

Now imagine you have been placed into the living room of that house. You enjoy your time there, but after a while, you decide you want to exit the house and go outside. So, you realize you are faced with a few choices.

You could go out of the living room and turn left. But that leads you down a hallway that takes you to three bedrooms and a bathroom. No exit there.

You could go out of the living room and take a right. If so, you would find yourself in the kitchen and dining room. There you discover two doors that are now available to you. One goes to the back yard. One to the front yard. Both are “predestined” to take you outside. What is your choice?

In that little story, we can see that the architect “predestined” every “decision” you make. You can choose all day long where you want to go, but in the end, every destination within that house will lead you to a predetermined (predestined) location. The architect who designed and built the house therefore knows exactly where all of your decisions will lead you. So, at least in my mind, I saw no need for any Calvinist vs
Arminian debate over which is true: predestination or free will. In the example above, we can see that both concepts have elements of truth contained within them! And when we step out of our stubborn, narrow minded boxes, we can see that the two concepts actually harmonize well with each other.

Based on that premise, I therefore began to wonder if each of the major Rapture views may have within them a component of "the big picture" and thus all be considered true as well. What if I could show you that (I believe) Scripture proves they are? The solution as to how these views can be reconciled lies hidden in what I'm going to call, The Rapture Riddle. And the good news is, this is a riddle that is meant to be solved!

Neither the Father nor the Son would have us ignorant of the things to come, and neither of them do things in secret!

*It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*

- Proverbs 25:2 (KV)

Thus, God does not hide things from us, he hides them for us! And He actually encourages us to seek them out and even offers to help!

*Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.*

- Jeremiah 33:3 (NLT)

*Indeed, the Sovereign Lord never does anything until he reveals his plans to his servants the prophets.*

- Amos 3:7 (NLT)

Yeshua definitely followed in His Father's footsteps. His parables held deeper meaning and even secrets, but those secrets were meant to be known by those who follow Him.

*He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand.’”*

- Luke 8:10 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

*He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not.”*

- Matthew 13:11 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Like His Father, Yeshua did things out in the open and not in secret.

*Jesus replied, “Everyone knows what I teach. I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple, where the people gather. I have not spoken in secret.”*

- John 18:20 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Thus, I believe even the "mysteries" of the End Times are meant to be known. Therefore, the question needs to be asked, "Which group are you in: those who are permitted to know or those who are not?" I believe if you are a follower of Yeshua, you are in the category of those who are permitted to know and thus should not walk in darkness in the days ahead.

So, what is this riddle you ask? I believe the riddle itself is contained within all of the descriptions given about the Last Days by the Prophets and Apostles and indeed by Yeshua Himself. Together, these provide the framework for what appears to be a lot of seemingly different and opposing views. But since we know that Scripture and the God who inspired them do not contradict themselves, it appears the answer is hidden for us in Yeshua's Olivet Discourse, thus giving us the master key for unlocking all prophecies concerning End Time events. Therefore, using His discourse as our guide, we must dive into the Scriptures and explore a number of clues that hopefully, by the end of this blog will enable us to solve The Rapture Riddle together!
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The Rapture Riddle

**Part 2: The Ten Clues**

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**A Quick Review:**

The primary verse everyone uses to describe the Rapture is in 1 Thessalonians:
We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For *the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout*, with the voice of *the archangel*, and with the *trumpet call of God*. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be *caught up* in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (NLT)

The phrase "caught up" comes from the word "harpazo" in Greek [Strong's 726]. It literally means, to "seize or snatch up, suddenly and decisively." That is where we get the whole idea of a Rapture. And there is a companion passage of Scripture to this one, again written by Paul that we must also take into consideration.

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (NKJV)

These two passages of Scripture tell us how and when this "catching up" event takes place. Paul gives us a great deal of detail to know exactly what to expect. Thus, *all of the following points must be present* in order for us to consider the Rapture to be taking place:

1. The Lord's coming and His gathering together of the Saints happens on the "Day of Christ" (AKA, the "Day of the Lord.")
2. The Day of the Lord will not happen until there first come a great falling away (apostasy), and the Anti-Christ man of sin is revealed, exalting himself above all by going into the Temple showing himself to be God.
3. When the Rapture (catching up/gathering) happens, it will be heralded by the Lord's appearing in the clouds accompanied by a shout from the archangel and the sounding of the trumpet of God.
4. The dead will rise first, then we who are alive and remain will be "caught up" (Raptured) to meet the Lord in the air in bodily form. That means, our physical bodies will literally rise up off the ground and go up into the clouds exactly the way all others in the Bible who were "Raptured" did; Enoch, Elijah and Yeshua all went up in physical form, lifted up from the ground to disappear in the clouds above.

In order for the Rapture to occur, it *must happen this way* and in no other fashion, for this is how the Holy Spirit revealed the order of events to Paul in the Scriptures.

CLICK HERE for a pop-up window that will keep the above list handy as we move forward in this blog.

The Rapture Riddle itself is contained within all of the descriptions given about the Last Days by the Prophets and Apostles and indeed by Yeshua Himself. It appears that the answer to this riddle is hidden for us in Yeshua’s [Olivet Discourse](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24), thus giving us the master key for unlocking all prophecies concerning End Time events. Therefore, using His discourse as our guide, we must dive into the Scriptures and explore a number of clues that hopefully, by the end of this blog will enable us to solve *The Rapture Riddle* together!
Here are the ten clues that I believe will help us solve this riddle:

1. **The Exodus - Revelation Parallels**
2. **The Plurality of the Bride**
3. **The Torah Reveals Many Answers**
4. **We Are Talking About Marriage**
5. **Shutting Doors and Places of Safety**
6. **The Tribulation Saints**
7. **The Restraint Steps Away**
8. **The Gathering in the Middle**
9. **The Post-Tribulation Harvest Gathering**
10. **The Marriage of the Lamb**

**CLUE #1: The Exodus - Revelation Parallels**

The Bible tells us that all Scripture is inspired by God:

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\text{All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:}
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- *2 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)*

The NIV renders the phrase "given by inspiration of God" as "God-breathed." The Scriptures were written by men, under the inspiration - or breath - of God. But I submit to you that some of the Scriptures go even beyond that. Many believe that the *Torah* was personally dictated to Moses by God in the wilderness! If this is true, then the words contained in the first five books of the Bible come directly from the mouth of God as a dictation rather than an inspiration. That is not meant to cast doubt on the "inspired" works, but rather to show more direct, personal interaction on the part of God in laying the foundation of our faith through his great prophet Moses. There is no question that the *Torah* is unique in many ways. By studying it, I believe we will see why the Holy Spirit appears to "agree" with all views of the Rapture given above. So, let's start there!

Consider the following parallels between the books of *Exodus* and *Revelation* (Note: the plagues that did/do not affect God's people are highlighted in blue):

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As you can see, with the exception of gnats and flies the plagues listed in the *Book of Revelation* are virtually identical to those of the *Book of Exodus*. Of course, where *Revelation* lacks gnats and flies, *Exodus* lacks massive earthquakes, mountains and asteroids falling out of the sky and some of the other horrors of *The Seven Year Tribulation Period*. But you get the point. The similarities are definitely there! *Revelation* appears to depict an amped up replay of *Exodus*! So, if the plagues are so similar, might not the escape from them be as well?

In the *Nimrod, Abraham, the Pharaohs and Moses* blog, we learned that he first Anti-Christ, Nimrod, who was known to the Egyptians as Osiris had died. Shortly after that, the cult of Osiris began to take root. Then a Pharaoh arose that did not remember Joseph. This Pharaoh thought of himself as a god. He thought he was a reincarnation of Osiris and thus the second Anit-Christ figure began to persecute the people of God. If the thesis of this e-book is true - that Nimrod will rise again and the first shall be the last Anti-Christ - then *Revelation* really is an exact repeat of *Exodus*.

It is God's final war against the same Egyptian gods of antiquity that He fought once before, with Osiris-Nimrod leading the assault. But in the coming Apocalypse, I suspect we will see an all out assault of *all* of the ancient gods (Sumerian, Egyptian, Greek, Norse, Mayan, Hindu... all of them!) coming against our God. Satan is going to unleash everything he's got. But this is not something God is worried about. His victory is just as assured in our day as it was in the time of the Exodus.

> 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and *against all the gods of Egypt* I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.'

- *Exodus 12:12* (NKJV) [*emphasis mine*]

> **The Lord will terrify them as he destroys all the gods in the land.** Then nations around the world will worship the Lord, each in their own land.

- *Zephaniah 2:11* (NLT) [*emphasis mine*]

Another parallel in the *Book of Revelation* is that we are talking about a marriage. In the *Building a Pure Nation* and *Exodus and the Promised Land* (coming soon) blogs, I showed you how God chose a nation for Himself. He chose a group of people that He would call His own. But it went deeper than that. God chose a *bride* for Himself. It wasn't just a "Law" that was given to Moses and the Israelites. It was a marriage covenant. God married Israel in the Exodus! He chose them and they agreed to make Him their God and husband.

**Vying for Israel**  
*Exodus 6:7-11*

> In the *Exodus 6* passage, God announced His intention to take Israel as His bride. The expression, "You will be my people and I will be your God" is a legal formulation from the sphere of marriage. Within the legal marriage documents of the Ancient Near East, the phrase is, "You will be my wife and I will be your husband." Thus, when God tells Moses that He intends for Israel to be His people and Himself to be their God, He is implying a marriage between Himself and Israel.

> Henceforth Israel will be called, 'the people of God.' The LORD Himself will be known as the God of Israel.

- *Torah Club, Volume 5: Rejoicing of the Torah - Va'era* (page 275)
In the *Book of Exodus*, the nation of Israel was rescued from the clutches of the false gods of this world. She was "saved" from Egypt. She went through the waters of the Red Sea and came out the other side, having avoided a "tribulation" at the hands of the Egyptians. And then God took Moses to the top of Mt. Sinai and presented the marriage vows to His new bride.

When put like that, it is not hard to see some amazing parallels between the *Book of Exodus*, Yeshua's *Parable of the Ten Virgins* and the events written about in the *Book of Revelation*. What if that is not just a coincidence? What if we are looking at a literal repeat of *Exodus*? What if we are about to participate in a second or *Final Exodus*? If so, what will that look like and how will it happen?

**CLUE #2: The Plurality of the Bride**

Let's take a closer look at the "*Parable of the Ten Virgins.*" Many scholars believe that these "virgins" are bridesmaids and not the Bride. These are usually Pre-Tribbers who believe the Church (the Bride) has gone up already and contend that these are those who will be able to join her later as Tribulation Saints - those who "get saved" during the Tribulation Period. While I understand that view, I have several points of contention:

1. The general Pre-Trib. Rapture view usually interprets the "restrainer" that Paul wrote about in 2 Thessalonians 2:6,7 as the Holy Spirit. And thus, when the Church is gone, they reason the Holy Spirit left too. That in my opinion is bad theology and unsupported by Scripture. It implies that people can "get saved" during the Tribulation, but that they'll have the Holy Spirit on a "come and go" basis because they are not "sealed" in the "Church Age" sense and thus the Holy Spirit can be emptied from someone as apparently indicated by the five "foolish virgins" in the *Parable of the Ten Virgins*. I reject that notion because there is NO basis in Scripture for it! Not to mention the fact that Daniel 12:1 essentially tells you point blank that the restrainer is Michael - which totally nullifies the whole Holy Spirit is the restrainer argument anyway.

2. We may be tempted to say that the "*Parable of the Ten Virgins*" is not even a parable about the Rapture in the first place. On one hand, I will agree. It is not about the Rapture - but I do believe it is about a sparing of God's people from the Tribulation. I will explain what I mean by that shortly. Suffice it to say, the virgins are considered pure and they are waiting for the Bridegroom. Thus, all ten must be representative of Believers. And therefore, the story seems to indicate that some will be able to "go in" with the Bridegroom and some will not. This does not appear to be talking about salvation, but rather the ability of some to enjoy the consummation of the marriage, while others miss out.

3. The typical Pre-Tribber looks at this parable and assumes the "virgins" in this story are the "bridesmaids" in the wedding party. This assumes the Bride is a singular entity who has apparently already been "caught up" and has therefore gone away before the story began. But it seems to me that it is highly unlikely Yeshua would start His story in the middle, not giving an explanation about this supposed event that happened beforehand. Plus, this would have the Groom returning twice: once for His Bride and then for the wedding party. That doesn't make much sense as in the Jewish wedding tradition, the groom comes for his bride and the wedding party follows with them all together.

4. If we are to assume the "virgins" are the bridesmaids, then what we have here is an apparent Rapture of the Church/Bride (and thus the Holy Spirit) happening first and then a selection of followers who go with the Groom after her. How is that possible if they are not Believers? And if they are Believers, how did they become such without the Holy Spirit? The bridesmaid view actually causes more problems and creates more questions than solutions/answers. Therefore, since there is no mention of a bride in this parable, I believe we need to look at the story in a different way.

I believe this parable could just as easily be a representation of the plurality of the Church/Bride. In other words, all Believers are considered to be the Bride. The Church is not a building or a religion. She is a collective body of many. Paul confirms this idea in his first letter to the Corinthians:

> For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. **For the body is not one member, but many...**
...But now are they many members, yet but one body.

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 and vs 20 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Therefore, I submit that based on the striking lack of evidence for any other mention of a bride* [1] in this parable, the allegory could be saying that these “virgins” who are pure, are all in fact Christians (making up the body of the Bride) awaiting the return of Yeshua, their Groom. This is certainly not meant to be taken as some endorsement of polygamy, but rather to consider the Bride as a collective entity of many represented as one in the sense that Paul described above.

This concept would be akin to an entire nation being represented by the name of one man, such as Israel. Israel was the changed name of Isaac's son, Jacob. But the name also represents the entire nation of people descended from him. Thus many are represented by one title. And just as the Hebrew nation was divided into two distinct entities being represented as the northern kingdom of Israel (that was foolish) and the southern kingdom of Judah (that was initially wise - though ended up being just as foolish), so too this parable could be saying something similar about the Church/Bride being represented as wise and foolish virgins. And if you let that comparison sink in for deeper consideration, you will find some very interesting parallels indeed!

Assuming this plural interpretation is true, and these “ten virgins” are all Believers, what’s the deal with only five having oil in their lamps and being prepared to go with the Groom and five not being ready?

CLUE #3: The Torah Reveals Many Answers

This entire e-book sprung from a desire to understand the Master's statement in Matthew 24:37, “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.” Notice He made that statement after concluding His entire breakdown of Last Days events. In fact, He concluded His entire speech regarding the Last Days with verse 35, stating, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." That statement refers to what the Apostle John records in the second to the last chapter of the Book of Revelation:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

- Revelation 21:1 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The Prophet Isaiah also makes reference to this, as does the Apostle Peter:

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

- Isaiah 65:17 (KJV)

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

- 2 Peter 3:10 (KJV)

That event happens after the final millennium, at the end of the 7th proverbial “day” of God's 7,000 year time table. So, Yeshua had given the entire description of End Times events by the time He wraps up with verse 35 of Matthew's Gospel. Therefore, the next verse leads me to believe that the "that day" that He was referring to is the day Heaven and Earth passes away! Look at it for yourself:

"Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

- Matthew 24:33-36 (KJV) [emphasis mine]
Taken in the context of His entire discussion, it seems to me that “the day and hour” no one knows anything about, except the Father is the day that He (the Father) decides to start everything all over again! This quote is different from the similar statement Yeshua makes in the Parable of the Ten Virgins story. We'll get to that one in a minute. But what makes this quote different is that in this case ONLY the Father alone knows about THAT day. Could it be that we've misunderstood that verse? I hear everyone always quoting it whenever discussions of the Rapture are brought up and predictions are made. And yet, everything else about Matthew 24 seems to imply that we can and should know about the “Signs of the Times” and be prepared for them. Paul seems to have understood this as well:

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Folks, this is extremely important!! Yeshua told us what to expect and what to look for. And to further elaborate, notice what He said in Matthew 24:43 (KJV),

"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."

Yeshua told us in advance what was going to happen and who the Anti-Christ was, is and will be. Paul said that there was no need to write to the Thessalonians about times and dates, implying that they understood what was coming and how it would happen.

This brings us to another oft quoted but usually misunderstood statement, and that is that the Messiah will come "like a thief in the night." That phrase was a known Jewish idiom in Yeshua's day - and it always applied to the slothful, sleeping and unprepared individual, not to those who were watching, waiting, obedient and prepared.

The idiom, "like a thief in the night" refers to a practice associated with the Temple and the altar. Most Christians have no clue about this because we are programmed to be "New Testament, Bible Believers!" I have recently come to realize just how deceptive and damaging that ideology truly is.

To us, when we hear the term "Old Testament" we somehow consider it to be old, out of date and no longer needed. That is not the case. We have to realize that whenever the Apostles and early Christians were "searching the Scriptures" concerning the Messiah, they were not reading the New Testament! That did not exist! They were living the New Testament at that time and later wrote about it for our benefit. So, when they were "searching the Scriptures," they were studying the Torah and other scrolls that later became known as the Old Testament! Thus, it is actually the Old Testament that tells us who the Messiah is!!

By focusing only on the New Testament, we have lost so much in terms of our understanding of God, His Son and the ultimate plan for mankind. Realizing this, I can no longer consider myself to be a "New Testament, Bible Believing Christian" but rather a "FULL Testament, Bible Believing follower of Yeshua!"

By studying the Torah (as the First Century Believers did), we can learn a lot - including the meaning behind the oft quoted, "thief in the night" idiom. It comes from the Book of Leviticus:

The LORD said to Moses: “Give Aaron and his sons this command: ‘These are the regulations for the burnt offering: The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till
morning, and the fire must be kept burning on the altar. The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar. Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it.

The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.

- Leviticus 6:8-13 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Notice the repeated statements that the fire must not go out! This was a command of God. So, the priests had to take it very serious! A tradition was therefore developed involving the priest of the night watch and the High Priest. Early in the morning, before dawn, the High Priest would return to the Temple to prepare everything for the daily sacrifices. He did so in a stealthy manner in order to "check on" the night priest to ensure he had done his job right.

Consider what this on-line source has to say about this issue:

The high priest would begin to walk around the temple looking for the priest. If the priest was found to be asleep, the high priest would go over to the altar and gather some of the orange hot coals from the altar in a fire pan and bring them over to the sleeping priest and gently place them under the sleeping priests' garments.

FYI, these weren't fire retardant garments the priests wore either. It is said that the priestly garments after being soiled were actually taken off and tore into strips and were used as wicks in the menorah in the temple. So they lit up pretty easily. So the garments of the sleeping priest would soon be ignited in flames and the only thing that the slothful priest could do is shed all the garments and go home burnt, wounded, shamed, and naked. This was an important lesson to the priest.

[emphasis mine]

In the above passage of Leviticus, we learn that they are to put on linen (highly flammable) clothes, with linen garments that clung close to his body. This was serious business! And this is what Yeshua means to emphasize in the time of Great Tribulation when He said,

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

- Revelation 16:15 (KJV)

From reading the Torah, we can get a much greater understanding of lots of things concerning the Messiah, including some of the idioms used in reference to the Last Days, like coming "as a thief in the night." The obvious implication is that we are to be awake, sober and alert so that when our High Priest, King and Bridegroom returns, we are ready for Him - which brings us back to the Parable of the Ten Virgins.
This parable is directly related to the previous statement made in Matthew 24:37 concerning the days of Noah. After making the connection to Noah’s time, the Master gives several analogies for us to consider. And I think we should pause and look at one of them for a moment, because it will expose another lie that many of us have believed.

“In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn’t realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.”

“Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.”

“So you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming.”

-Matthew 24:38-42 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Looking at this passage, how many of you were taught that this is an example of the Rapture; that all of a sudden, the person next to us may simply disappear, or that you will be that person and the other person next to you will be left wondering what happened to you when the Rapture mysteriously takes you away? If you thought this way, go back and re-read those verses again, because that’s not what the Master is saying!

He says people didn’t realize what was happening until it was too late and the Flood waters took them away. Who? The bad people were the ones who were taken! The good ones (Noah and family) were left! Yeshua is warning you not to be in the camp of those who will be unprepared for His coming - those who will be taken away, this time by fire! Again, we see Him telling the foolish to keep watch because they won’t know what day the Lord is coming. Noah and his family knew. They were prepared and thus they went into the place of safety and were spared the judgment.

Let us now look at the beginning of Matthew 25. Here the Master tells us the Parable of the Ten Virgins:

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

-Matthew 25:1-13 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Here again, it was to the foolish virgins that the Master made the statement to watch because you (who? the foolish) know not the day nor the hour! The others were ready!

Note also that this is the other “day and hour” quote I mentioned above. This one is different from the one we looked at earlier concerning the destruction and renewal of the Heavens and the Earth though. The first quote referred to no one but the Father knowing about “that day” - the day Heaven and Earth will pass away. This quote is in reference to the return of the Son of Man. But here again, we can look to the Torah to understand yet another Hebrew idiom.

There is a time wherein no man knows the day or the hour. It is called Rosh haShanah (AKA: Yom Terua), “The Day of the Awakening Blast,” the Feast of Trumpets - Yom HaDin, “Day of Judgement,” Yom
And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

- Leviticus 23:23-25 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Notice that this is a day marked with the blowing of trumpets (shofars). That is what is supposed to mark the Master's return and it is also what heralds the return of a Jewish bridegroom who is coming for his bride.

But there is a reason why it is a day and hour that no one knows. The Hebrew day and year both are marked by the moon (as opposed to the sun). In order to know when the new year began, two witnesses were required to go out and see if the new moon has risen.

The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh haShanah) is celebrated over a two day period. In the Bible times, they didn't have computers to tell them in advance when the moon would come up, how it would look and where it would be on the horizon. They had to physically go out and look for themselves to see if they could find the first minute sliver of the waxing new moon. This is why it is the only day that "no man knows the day or the hour."

In this case, the two designated witnesses were the ones who verified the beginning of the new year by the observance of the new moon. Of course, they knew the "time and the season" they were in and they were able to make a determination down to the two day timeframe. I believe we are going to be able to do the same thing based on this particular holiday because as we will see shortly, all of God's plans for mankind have and will be centered around His Seven Feasts. And I have to believe this is part of the reason for the Two Witnesses of the Book of Revelation being here in the first place - to help us know the time of our Lord-Bridegroom's return.

Something else I find extremely interesting is that Jewish tradition says Adam was created on Rosh haShanah and Stellarium (a free software that enables you to view stellar alignments throughout history) seems to suggest that Yeshua (the Second Adam) was also born around this same time! The strange thing for Americans (especially) to take note of concerning this timeframe is that it usually occurs sometime in our month of September. And the stellar alignment that seems to perfectly fit the description of what the "Wise Men" may have seen happens on September 11th (imagine that!) in 2 BC.

This animated gif shows some amazing things in the early morning heavens. Here, I have the time set for 5AM. If the atmosphere and ground plain views were turned on, you would just barely see the sun about to come up over the eastern horizon. The planet Jupiter would still be visible, looking like a "star in the east" - visible even in early morning daylight.

Jupiter is known as the "king planet." Venus is known as the "queen planet." Beginning early in August of 2BC, Venus chases her king. As the waning moon crosses over the two planets around the 12th of August, the two overlap. This would have been a very bright alignment! Around the 15th of August, Venus leaves her king and is joined by Mercury (the messenger of the gods). These two head for the constellation Virgo (the virgin).

Meanwhile, Jupiter, the "king planet" literally parks and sits over Regulus, the "king star," which is in the paw of Leo, the "king constellation!" Again, this would have been a very bright alignment and a extremely significant sign to the ancient astronomers.

Finally, on September 11th, 2 BC, we see the waxing sliver of a new moon under the feet of Virgo, who is now "clothed with the sun" shining brightly in her belly, with Mercury and Venus at her head. And if we
consider the nine bright stars of Leo plus the planets Jupiter, Venus and Mars at and above her head, we have an exact match to the description John gives in Revelation 12:1-2! Thus, I believe the heavens declare that the true birth date of Yeshua was September 11th, 2BC.

September is the seventh month (Tishri) of the Hebrew calendar and judging by the sliver of a new moon, September 11th, 2 BC very well could have been on Rosh haShanah. So, could it be that Yeshua will return on his birthday? If so and you are one of those Christians who celebrates His birthday on the day that the Anti-Christ was born (December 25th) you'll probably miss it! This is yet another reason (among many) that I believe proves Christians need to not have anything to do with "Christmas." It is a day of deception and it has nothing to do with our Savior or His real birthday! It is a day that will keep you in darkness and lead you astray concerning the days to come.

If God is indeed on a 7,000 year time clock and we are at the close of the 6th "God day" of human existence, then it makes sense that the clock will move to start the next millennium on Adam/Yeshua's birthday. So, for those who would like to be prepared, I will help you out here. Since Jewish holidays are based on lunar cycles, they don't always happen on the same day on our western calendar every year. Therefore, here are the dates (from chabad.org) for Rosh haShana this year and the next few years:

- 2011: September 28 (at sundown) - 30
- 2012: September 16 (at sundown) - 18
- 2013: September 4 (at sundown) - 6
- 2014: September 24 (at sundown) - 26
- 2015: September 13 (at sundown) - 15

CLICK HERE for a fantastic audio teaching about the Feast of Trumpets/ Yom Terruh/ Rosh haShana. I think it is good to know this stuff, because I believe beyond any shadow of a doubt, that Yeshua will return for His bride during this two day celebration. Whether that's going to be this year, next year, 2015 or beyond, I do not know and wouldn't presume to set a date. But it would behoove us to be prepared for each of the above dates until He does return. If He doesn't return by 2015, look up the dates for the following years and continue to watch and wait. This prevents us from being in the group who "know not the day or the hour" and thus will be found completely unprepared for His return. I don't know about you, but I want to be in the group of the "wise virgins" who were watching, waiting and prepared!

Now, concerning the "wise virgins" in the parable, notice Yeshua says that they took oil in their vessels with their lamps. What is that all about anyway?

Oil is often associated with the "anointing" or the Holy Spirit. We are known as "clay vessels" in the Potter's hands.[2] Believers have the Holy Spirit within their vessels, so what's going on with those who don't have enough in this parable? If we view this as a salvation issue, we have problems. As noted above, how can one be a Believer without the Holy Spirit? You can't! Notice that Yeshua said the foolish virgins took their lamps, but no oil with them. But of the wise, He said that they took oil in their vessels with their lamps. The focus in both cases seems to be not so much on the person but on the lamp.

Maybe there's another way to look at this. What if the parable is talking about oil in terms of an "anointing" - or in this case, a lack thereof? Meaning, they are carrying lamps without an anointing or the fuel necessary to illuminate (or understand) the lamp.
So what do the lamps represent? It has become my strong belief that the lamp represents two things: the complete Bible, which is meant to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path and the Menorah, which was the seven-branch candelabrum used in the Temple that was another vessel that was full of oil.

In The Seven Feasts of God blog (coming soon), I mention how each of the Feasts are symbolized by each branch of the Menorah. If you’d like to learn more, here is another good source of information on them. They are also summed up in Leviticus 23. Essentially, from Creation to Eternity, God's entire plan is ingeniously woven into and revealed through the nature and timing of these seven annual Feasts. Each one is like a “dress rehearsal” to prepare us for the “Big Show,” with each Feast represented as different “acts” in God's Divine Play. To know the Feasts is to know your “lines” and the parts we are to play in the Master's Script. The lead actor is Yeshua. He knows His lines well. And He plays His part exactly according to the Script.

On Mt. Sinai, God gave Moses the Script and commanded the people to learn it and practice it. If they did, they would know the timing and exact nature of each of God's Divine Acts, and most notably the works of Yeshua. The names and dates of each Feast are:

1. **Passover** - Nisan 14-15
2. **Unleavened Bread** - Nisan 15-22
3. **First Fruits** - Nisan 16-17
4. **Pentecost** - Sivan 6-7
5. **Trumpets** - Tishri 1
6. **Atonement** - Tishri 10
7. **Tabernacles** - Tishri 15-22

Everything God did in the Bible, lined up with those Feasts! Thus, everything Yeshua did also had to line up! Therefore, if history and the Bible have anything to say to us, it is that the future “Acts” of our Messiah will also line up with God's Feasts. **Yeshua fulfilled each of the Spring Feasts (the first 3) and His Spirit came and fulfilled Pentecost.**

We are still waiting for the fulfillment of the Fall Feasts (the last 3).

As noted above, the first one we are to be waiting for is the Feast of Trumpets. And what talk on the Last Days would be complete without repeated references to trumpets? One such event being the “harpañá” (or what some call the Rapture) that Paul wrote about in 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17 But which trumpet are we talking about there? Paul refers to it as “the trump of God.” So, although the Feast of Trumpets has a lot of trumpet blasts going off, those are trumpets being blown here on Earth. They are not the “trump of God” in Heaven.

The Book of Revelation reveals at least seven notable trumpets (of judgment) going off in Heaven, plus one more at the time of the Final Harvest. One of these trumpets will herald our “Rapture” to meet the Lord in the air. But the first thing I want to point out here is that there is NO mention of a Heavenly trumpet blast going off at the beginning of, or before The Seven Year Tribulation Period! So, that would seem to be one automatic disqualification of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture view. But that doesn’t mean there won't be an Exodus or a hiding away at the beginning of the Tribulation - possibly heralded by Earthly trumpets on the Feast of Trumpets, during Rosh haShanah! It is after all a “rehearsal” that is even known as “the day of hiding”!

If my theory is true, then the five "wise virgins" are Believers with "illuminated lamps" - celebrating the birth of the Messiah, possessing the understanding of the Seven Feasts of God as laid out in the Torah and knowledgeable in both the Old and New Testaments of their Bibles, thus having a lamp that has shown them the way.

I believe this represents those who worship God in "Spirit and in Truth." I think most Believers have the Spirit but they lack the full measure of Truth that comes only from God's COMPLETE revelation as given in both
Testaments! Only by understanding both can we be sober, awake and knowledgeable about what is to come. In other words, we are to be watching and ready for when our High Priest sneaks up on us like a “thief in the night” to check and see if we’ve been obedient and kept the fire burning!

Here is another interesting parallel to ponder. If we think of the lamp as the Torah and the oil as the Holy Spirit, consider the similarities of God’s work during the Exodus as compared to the work of Yeshua:

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Here we see that the oil of the Son's work illuminates the lamp of the Father's work! I could write a lot more about this, but I think just that simple comparison reveals much. Study the Torah and the Feasts to understand more and to clearly see what Yeshua did to fulfill so much of the work His Father began with the Israelites in their time of Exodus and wanderings in the wilderness. I promise, if you do, you will will become very excited by what you discover! And I believe you will be better prepared for the days ahead - as opposed to those who are asleep, unaware and not ready. They will be found unprepared in that day.

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

- Matthew 25:10 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

CLUE #4: We Are Talking About Marriage

As we saw above, in the Book of Exodus, God married Israel. In the Book of Revelation, His Son is about to marry His Bride, the Church. So, clue #4 in this riddle is that we are talking about marriage! But according to Yeshua's parable, not everyone will be "ready" for the Bridegroom. Only five of the "ten virgins" are ready to go "in" (to some place) and five remain outside. Therefore, the parable seems to indicate that only some of the Bride of Christ will be ready. But let's look a little closer at the order of events in a typical ancient Jewish wedding.
1. It starts with the betrothal. This involved the prospective groom leaving his father's house and going to his prospective bride's house. There he would pay the price for his bride-to-be and establish the marriage covenant. Yeshua came down from Heaven and “paid the price” for His Bride, establishing the covenant with His own shed blood.

2. The bridegroom returns to his father's house to prepare a place for them. Meanwhile the bride prepares herself for married life. Yeshua said that He was going to prepare a place for us. We are to be preparing ourselves for His return.

3. The bridegroom usually returned at night (unexpectedly) after an extended period of being away. His return was preceded by a shout so that the bride had time to quickly prepare herself for his coming. The groom would then receive the entire wedding party and return with them to his father's house for the celebration.

4. Once there, the wedding party would find the guests already assembled.

5. The bride and groom would then be escorted into the bridal chamber (called the huppah) to consummate the marriage. The bride would be veiled at that time.

6. Once the marriage had been consummated, the groom would then exit the huppah and announce it to the wedding party who have been waiting outside. The guests would then feast and make merry for seven days.

7. During those seven days, the bride remained hidden in the bridal chamber.

8. At the conclusion of the seven days, the groom went back into the huppah to fetch his bride and bring her out with her veil removed so that now all could see her.

It is easy to see how Yeshua has already done the first two in this list. We are waiting for number three. Isn't it interesting that the groom usually returned at night? Hence we have another analogy that seems to hint toward the whole idea of two witnesses looking for the new moon at night, the trumpet heralding of the Jewish new year and the birthdays of Adam and Yeshua, with a Jewish day beginning at sundown. But how are we to interpret this in light of the Last Days? Herein lies an interesting dilemma and a difficult clue to figure out in this Rapture Riddle.

- Pre-Tribulation Rapture Solution? On the surface, this view would seem to “trump” the others. It seems like the Jewish wedding ritual perfectly fits a Pre-Trib Rapture of the Bride to a place of hiding in the Father's house for seven days/years while the Tribulation takes place at the Bride's house. But there are problems with this view.
  - Problem # 1: Rosh haShanah trumpets are terrestrial. Paul's "harpazó" (Rapture) trumpet is Heavenly.
  - Problem # 2: There is nothing in Scripture that indicates the Messiah comes "in the clouds" at any time prior to the end, "after" the tribulation of those days."

- Mid-Tribulation Rapture Solution? The entire wedding analogy speaks of a seven day event. So, this can't be talking about the same thing as we have only 3.5 years represented in this view.

- Post-Tribulation Rapture Solution? In this view, there is no room for the Groom to consummate the marriage and for the bride to "remain hidden" for seven years.

I'll address what I believe is a solution to these problems shortly.

For now, I want you to notice that both Yahweh and Yeshua began their work with a marriage. God announced that He was taking a people to be His own and married Israel. Thus, the work of pointing others to God began on this Earth. Yeshua's public ministry began at the Wedding of Cana. I don't have time to go into that here, but I suspect there is something significant in that story - especially since the narrative of John 2 picks up the story on day three of the wedding celebration - and in the days prior to that, Yeshua got baptized and was out gathering His newly recruited disciples! I'm telling you, it never stops. The more you look into this stuff, the more you find! Now I understand why John concluded His Gosepel by saying:

> And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

- John 21:25 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

At any rate, the Scriptures are clear in stating that the Messiah's ministry will end with the marriage of He and His Bride in the Last Days - a time that also appears to be designed to draw God's original bride (Israel) back
to Him as well. When we look at the Scriptures in this light, it becomes very obvious that the entire Bible should be viewed as one long, romantic and very dramatic love letter!

Something I have become more and more fond of doing in recently months is looking into the Old Testament to find answers to issues in the New Testament and trying to find confirmations of things that were said by the writers of the New Testament in the writings of the Torah and those of the Prophets. When you do that - just as the Bereans did - you find the answers were there all along.

Here is something else that I think we must take into consideration: in John 14:15, our soon to return Bridegroom said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Yeshua is described in John 1:14 as the Word that "was made flesh and dwelt among us." In John 14:9, He told His Apostle Philip that He and His Father were one and the same. Hebrews 1:3 tells us that the Son was the exact, expressed image of the Father. And in John 10:30, Yeshua declared to the Jews at the Temple, "I and my Father are one." Therefore, whatever the Father said in the Old Testament would have to apply when Yeshua said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Yahweh's commands were also Yeshua's! So, how do we prove our love for our Groom? By keeping the Torah!

I'm not talking about legalism here. Legalism teaches that you must keep the Law in order to be saved. Actually, the Torah contradicts that notion. The Israelites (God's bride to be) were saved FIRST, then given the Law - which was really God's marriage covenant; the written contract that tells us about His character. Thus, it makes sense that the returning Groom would be looking to see who loves Him! He has kept His side of the covenant. It makes sense that He would want us to do the same. The "wise" who have "oil in their lamps" certainly fit that description!

Further, the Book of Hebrews gives us another clue that goes along with this one.

For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand. There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

- Hebrews 10:10-14 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

This is a very interesting concept. Paul says in several places in his epistles that we are made righteous through Christ.

Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

- Romans 3:24 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

- Romans 5:17,18 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

- Philippians 3:8,9 (NLT) [emphasis mine]
Our righteousness comes from Christ and through Him alone. We can not add to that. However, the Book of Hebrews refers to us as “being made holy.” Holiness is a process that we can add to or subtract from. That does not affect our righteousness, but it does show our obedience and our desire to be more Godly - in other words more like Him. For to become holy is to become sanctified or set apart. How do we do that? We do that by doing what God calls holy and set apart. He is the sanctifier, the one who sets things apart and makes them holy. Thus, we can become more holy by doing what He commanded us to do!

Our Torah study guide puts it like this:

*We see the principle at work from the very beginning of Genesis where God sets the seventh day aside as holy. The seventh day itself possessed no intrinsic character of holiness. It was not more magnificent than the other six, nor was it possessed of an exalted spiritual essence prior to God designating it as holy. It was made holy on the sole authority of God, and because He designated it as holy (separate), it is forever after holy and separate.*

*In a similar way, we are told to keep the Sabbath holy. Again, we [by obeying the command of God] are the ones making the Sabbath holy. The Sabbath does not make itself holy.*

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*To be made holy, a thing must be separated from its context, clearly defined and demarcated, by God. He is the sanctifier. Yet somehow, we are to contribute to that holiness. We are to ‘be’ holy.*

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*Once God has declared us holy, ‘being holy’ is as simple as obeying the commandments. To the extent we keep the commandments, we keep ourselves separate [from the things of the world].*

- *Torah Club, Volume 5: Rejoicing of the Torah - Kedoshim, pages 647 - 649 [additional emphasis mine]*

Christ made us righteous. We make ourselves more holy by doing His commands, thus proving our love for Him for He is holy. The Groom is looking for a Bride without spot (righteous) or wrinkle (holy) and free of blemishes (pure).

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

- *Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV)*

When He returns for such a Bride, what will happen next?

**Clue #5: Shutting Doors and Places of Safety**

The wise fit the description of being righteous, holy and pure. Thus they get to go with the Groom. I believe this brings us back to Rosh haShanah and one of the other names it is known by: Yom HaKeseh, “Day of the Hiding or Hidden Day.” Let’s look at Yeshua's parable again, this time focusing on the moment the “wise virgins” go with Him:

*“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.”*

- *Matthew 25:10 (KJV) [emphasis mine]*

When thinking about the previous statement Yeshua made in Matthew 24:37, I believe this reveals something extraordinary. Notice it says "and the door was shut." Considering the fact that this story follows the Master's statement that the Last Days will be like the days of Noah, that phrase really jumped out at me!
A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind them.  
- Genesis 7:16 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

In both cases, the Lord shuts the door. And here's the kicker! According to verse 10, they were in the Ark for seven days prior to the Flood beginning!

And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.  
- Genesis 7:10 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Here we are told that God's people went into a place of safety for seven days before His judgment fell on the wicked. The Seven Year Tribulation Period is known as the 70th Week of Daniel; a week consisting of seven days, symbolizing years! Seven days in both cases, followed by the destruction of the wicked. It's an exact repeat - against the exact same adversaries!

Many try to point to Old Testament Scriptures for proof of Rapture-like scenarios. But most of those examples actually better support this thesis of an "Exodus" to a Goshen-like place of safety for those who are obedient and ready, rather than support any view of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

There really are only two examples of a true Rapture in the Old Testament, and those are Enoch and Elijah's supernatural removal from the planet. All other examples reference some form of an Exodus to a place of safety on the earth!

For instance, the story of Noah's Ark shows God's people in a place of safety, both before the Flood and during it. In both cases, they remained here on the Earth! Noah and his Ark were not Raptured!

Another example often given involves the story of Lot, his family and Sodom and Gomorrah. Even before the destruction of those cities, we see a foreshadow of the same principle at work. When the people of Sodom wanted to impose themselves onto Lot and his angelic visitors, the angels protected Lot. Notice what happened:

But the men [the angels] 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.  
- Genesis 19:10-11 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Here again we see the same terminology used. God's people were saved by being pulled inside of something. The door was then shut and a judgment fell on those left outside! As the story progresses we see that Lot and his family were not "Raptured out" before God rained down judgement on the entire cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. No. They were escorted to a place of safety!

At dawn the next morning the angels became insistent. “Hurry,” they said to Lot. “Take your wife and your two daughters who are here. Get out right now, or you will be swept away in the destruction of the city!”

When Lot still hesitated, the angels seized his hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and rushed them to safety outside the city, for the Lord was merciful. When they were safely out of the city, one of the angels ordered, “Run for your lives! And don’t look back or stop anywhere in the valley! Escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away!”

“Oh no, my lord!” Lot begged. “You have been so gracious to me and saved my life, and you have shown such great kindness. But I cannot go to the mountains. Disaster would catch up to me there, and I would soon die. See, there is a small village nearby. Please let me go there instead; don’t you see how small it is? Then my life will be saved.”

“All right,” the angel said, “I will grant your request. I will not destroy the little village. But hurry! Escape to it, for I can do nothing until you arrive there.” (This explains why that village was known as Zoar, which means “little place.”)
Lot reached the village just as the sun was rising over the horizon. Then the Lord rained down fire and burning sulfur from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah. He utterly destroyed them, along with the other cities and villages of the plain, wiping out all the people and every bit of vegetation.

- Genesis 19:15-25 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

I believe there are many other Scriptures that support the idea of people going into a place of safety during a time of trial, tribulation, judgement and wrath. Here are some other examples that illustrate this principle:

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

- Exodus 12:13 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

- Psalm 27:5 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The Lord rescues the godly; he is their fortress in times of trouble. The Lord helps them, rescuing them from the wicked. He saves them, and they find shelter in him.

- Psalm 37:39,40 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

- Psalm 83:3 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

- Isaiah 26:20 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

- Zephaniah 2:3

Prophetically speaking, the "Day of the Lord" is a reference to the Last Days all throughout the Bible. Therefore, the seeking the Lord and seeking righteousness part sounds like a reference to people who are "prepared" and who will be hid - just like Noah and his family were - in a place of safety during that time. Note also what the Psalmist wrote:

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

- Psalm 91:1-10 (NKJV) [emphasis mine]
Many like to attribute the rest of that Psalm to a prophecy concerning the Messiah. And while verses 11 and 12 did apply to Him, at no time during Yeshua's ministry did a thousand fall at His left and ten thousand at his right. At no time in the Gospels did we see all of the calamity mentioned in this chapter. So, while some of it did apply then, I believe a reasonable case can be made that the rest will apply to those hidden during the Day of the Lord.

We can not think of this in terms of a Rapture though because no one is going up to meet the Lord in the clouds as Yeshua is not even going to be in the clouds until after the tribulation of those days. Therefore, I submit that we should view this as an "Exodus" for the "wise" or a "hiding away" to a place of safety before it all begins.

But exactly where is that place of safety? If we are to continue with the wedding analogy, it would have to be in the Father's house. This is because in the Jewish wedding ritual, after the groom returns for his bride, he takes her back to his father's house where the huppah is located. It is there that the marriage is consummated in a place secluded from the rest of the environment. It is an intimate setting between the married couple. In a physical sense it is where the two become united as one through sexual intercourse. What that looks like with Christ I don't know and quite frankly don't care to speculate. But if we are to view this as a marriage as the Scriptures clearly state that we should, then it is at this time that the righteous, pure and holy "wise virgins" who represent one glorious Bride without spot or wrinkle will enter into a place of union with our Bridegroom.

Our natural assumption is that the Father's house is in Heaven. And that may be true. But consider this: there are more than 200 references in the Old Testament to the "house of the LORD (LORD=YHVH)" and all of them are terrestrial based references to the Temple. There are 87 references in the Bible to the "house of God." Again, most of these refer to the Temple in Jerusalem. However there are two of those 87 that stand out to me: one written by Moses dealing with Jacob's Ladder and his dream, the other written by the Apostle Peter.

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

- Genesis 28:16-22 (NKJV) [emphasis mine]

Here Moses writes that Jacob (who became Israel) declared that the place called Bethel was the house of God and the stone that he set up as the pillar was too! Why? Because that's where God was! God is everywhere. He lives in every part of the Universe and beyond. Thus, everything is God's house. It is where He lives. This brings us to Peter's statement:

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

- 1 Peter 4:16-17 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

We know that in a New Testament sense, God lives in our hearts. Thus, we now refer to our own bodies as the Temple - and the temple is a temple because it is a "house of God." The temple and God's house are one and the same.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
1 Corinthians 3:15-17 [emphasis mine]

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

- 1 Corinthians 6:19 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Therefore, I submit that this should perhaps give us pause to reconsider Yeshua's words when He said in John 14:1-3:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Where is Christ? Well, He is seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, but He is also in the heart of every Believer. And a Believer is here on earth, but we are also seated with Him in the Heavenly realm!

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

- Ephesians 2:6,7 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Notice how Paul says "in Christ." When reading the writings of Paul, you will see him use that term a lot, as well as "Christ in us." I think there is something to this. And if we go back to the wedding analogy, this certainly shows a sense of extreme unity - a merging of two becoming one. Thus, I am beginning to think that what many have called a Pre-Tribulation Rapture is really a hiding away in Christ. What will that look like? Perhaps it will be similar to what happened when the Jews tried to kill Yeshua before His time:

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am!" At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple.

- John 8:58,59 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

He was standing right in front of these people. There was a good sized crowd engaged in heavy discussion with Yeshua - all eyes focused on Him - and yet He disappeared and they were unable to stone Him. This same thing happened again in John 10:30-39. Looking at those verses I could not help but wonder if the same thing may happen to the "wise virgins" before the Tribulation?

A few years ago a movie came out based on a novel called, The Celestine Prophecy. I am fully aware of the "New Age" themes in the story and I don't agree with the concepts of Evolution that are put forth. But I do believe there are some elements in the story that are quite profound nonetheless. One of them being the concept that love can build on love and amplify to the point that we can essentially "vibrate out" of this realm and move into a Heavenly realm. In the movie, this idea is beautifully depicted in a scene showing a man and a young girl sitting across from eachother. Both are simply "projecting" love onto the other. As they do, their "energy" amplifies until they both "phase out." This revelation is referred to as the "Ninth Insight" in the story. At the end of the story, we see how this concept plays out in a time of potential tribulation:
Again, I do not agree with the Evolutionary concepts, but if we apply this visual to what we know from Scripture - that God is love and that Yeshua demonstrated His great love for us by dying for us - and if we demonstrate our love back to Him by keeping His commandments, I think the above scene may illustrate what happens when the “wise” go in with the Bridegroom and the door is shut. Inside, the Bride and Groom will exchange love, building upon love in an amazing unity. The marriage is thus consummated.

Then, the Groom will leave the Bride in her place of safety and bliss for seven days (the seven year, 70th Week of Daniel) as He goes to prepare the world for their honeymoon - cleansing it from all sin and unrighteousness once and for all!

Is that exactly what will happen? I don't know. But I think such a concept is well supported by Scripture. It can not be considered a Rapture because such an event would not fit all of the required points listed earlier concerning what has to happen for it to be considered as the “catching up” of the Saints at the end of the Tribulation. Therefore, in order for the Parable of the Ten Virgins to be true and to be reconciled by all Jewish marriage customs (that the Bible seems to agree with), something like this is required because in the parable, the wise go in not up!

If that's what happens to the wise virgins, what happens to the foolish? Where will they be and what will happen to them? That question brings us to the sixth clue.

**CLUE #6: The Tribulation Saints**

As clearly stated above, I can see a Pre-Tribulation Exodus or hiding away to an earthly place of safety for those who are wise and prepared like the five virgins who were ready when their Groom returned. I can see those faithful and obedient Saints who watched and waited, knowing the signs and the seasons, being the ones dwelling in a place of safety right from the start.

Meanwhile, the other Saints who were not prepared will have to take a stand for truth, having to go through a time of tribulation. Perhaps as they are obedient, they too may enter the place of safety as Zephaniah 2:3 says. But it seems to me that it is more likely that they may end up being those who will be greatly honored as the Tribulation Martyrs (Rev. 6:9-11, Rev. 14:12-13).

During the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation we see the ministry of the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 virgin male Jews who are doing stuff, both during that time and afterwards as well. I believe that all Seven Seals and at least six if not all of the Seven Trumpets take place in the first half of The Seven Year Tribulation Period. Looking at the first four Trumpets, it appears that the Two Witnesses actually have the power to make much of those things happen!
And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. They are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands, and they stand before the Lord of the earth. If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

- Revelation 11:3-6 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

I would think it very wise for all Tribulation Saints to find a way to get close to those two! Hang close to them, and you won't be touched - at least up until the Fifth Trumpet sounds (which is when Apollyon rises out of the Abyss). But if these Saints are in Jerusalem, Yeshua still makes a way of escape for them. He says that they will be safe if they flee into the mountainous wilderness. We'll look at that more closely in a minute.

After the Fourth Trumpet blows an eagle flies and announces that the next three Trumpets are "Woes."

As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

- Revelation 8:13 (NIV)

An eagle takes flight screaming, "Woe! Woe! Woe!" - in other words, what's about to happen next is not good folks! Things are about to get really bad, really quick. Then, the Fifth Trumpet blows, and the spirit of Apollo ascends back into its former host body - Nimrod. Thus, empowered by the dragon himself, the Anti-Christ will rise. And his first order of business is to kill the Two Witnesses!

And when they [the Two Witnesses] shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

- Revelation 11:7 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

For a season the Beast prevails against the saints, probably killing many. But then, God steps in. Daniel describes the Anti-Christ as a horn:

I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

- Daniel 7:21-22 (KJV)

John seems to confirm this in Revelation:

She gave birth to a son who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to care for her for 1,260 days.

- Revelation 12:5,6 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

The same Greek word “harpazó” that Paul used is used here in reference to Yeshua when He ascended into Heaven:

After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood
among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

- Acts 2:9-11 (NLT)

The woman in Revelation 12 is Israel and by extension, the Saints who may be in Israel at that time. They are the ones who will be able to see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place.

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

- Matthew 24:15,16 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Those who are in Judea seem to be the ones who find an escape. The rest of the Saints left on the planet may not be so fortunate.

Then he said to me, “This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path. Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire. Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them. He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time.

- Daniel 7:23-25 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Though the system of the Beast may be in operation for a time prior, the Beast man does not arise until the mid-point in the Tribulation period according to John in the Book of Revelation. Yeshua says they that shall see this man rise and stand in the holy place should flee to the mountains for a period of 1,260 days, which is 3.5 years or “a time, times and half a time.” Thus, comparing all these Scriptures we can see that the Anti-Christ reigns as the Beast for 3.5 years. And when he rises (see Revelation 9:11), a war breaks out in Heaven. The dragon (Lucifer) is then cast out of Heaven to the Earth.

When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness. There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time.

Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children — all who keep God’s commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus.

- Revelation 12:13-17 (NLT)

Here we see that the dragon can't get to those who are hidden in the mountainous wilderness, so he turns his sight to war against the rest of the Saints. But notice, these Saints are now keeping God's commandments! So, apparently the Tribulation has served as a time of chastisement that turned their hearts back to doing what they should have been doing all along - obeying the commands (Torah) of God. They have oil in their lamps now! But both the dragon and his Beast are after them:

Then the beast was allowed to speak great blasphemies against God. And he was given authority to do whatever he wanted for forty-two months. And he spoke terrible words of blasphemy against God, slandering his name and his dwelling—that is, those who dwell in heaven. And the beast was allowed to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And he was given authority to rule over every tribe and people and language and nation.

- Revelation 13:5-7 (NLT)
If that's not good enough reason to want to have oil in your lamps before all of this happens (as in now), I don't know what is! I don't know about you, but I'd very much like to be hidden in a "place of safety" at that point. But still, God gives great honor to those who endure to the end:

**This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.**

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

- Revelation 14:12,13 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Now, let's look at how this Beast is able to rise in the first place.

**CLUE #7: The Restrainer Steps Away**

At the mid-point, Michael, the Arch-Angel stands up and the Two Witnesses are killed. That is actually what enables Apollyon to rise and Lucifer to pull out all the stops. Prior to that, the horrors that will follow were restrained. Yes, I believe Michael the Arch-Angel is the one who is the "restrainer" spoken of by Paul (not the Holy Spirit as many believe to be the case). Compare Paul's words with those of Yeshua [3] in Daniel 12:

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<td>And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.</td>
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Please allow me a moment to pull out my soapbox.

One of the problems I had with the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view involved the whole idea that the Holy Spirit is the "restrainer" and thus the Church is what is actually holding back the End Times. The general consensus in that view is that the Devil and his Anti-Christ can not rise to power while we are here. Well, I agree that the Church is supposed to have the power described in verses like these:

_Hand these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover._

- Mark 16:17,18 (KJV)

_Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father._

- John 14:12 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

I simply do not see it these days. And I'll bet if you are honest with yourself, neither do you. In fact, during the six years I was a missionary, I often found myself having debates with Believers who DON'T believe those verses and who claim such power passed away with the Apostles, thus promoting the false doctrine of Cessation. Apart from the Charismatic denominations, the vast majority of the Church today believes that non
-sense! But even the Charismatics have their issues living in this [authentic] Divine power. So, what sort of "restrainer" is the Church really being?

Further, Yeshua asked if He would find faith on the earth when He returns. Apparently, not. Paul describes a great falling away that will precede His coming.

*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The word translated here as "falling away" is "apostasia" [Strong's # 646] It means a defection from truth, a falling away, a forsaking of the former. Therefore, Paul is saying again that the Church is anything BUT a powerful force to be reckoned with. It is full of the elect that have likely been deceived. I will address this further in *The Coming Great Deception* blog (coming soon... in more ways than one).

Why are churches and hospitals FULL of the sick and dying, hopelessly oppressed and depressed? If anyone in your family or circle of friends is sick or dying, there is all the proof you need that the Church is woefully lacking in the use of the power and authority given to it. No one goes to the elders of the Church for healing as James 5:13-15 says we should. Everyone goes first to CVS and then to the hospital if the over the counter drugs don't work. That's just a fact!

How many people do you know that have medicine cabinets literally loaded with all the pills they need to take on a daily basis? If the Church was so "spirit filled" and powerful why the need for so much pharmacia? I submit that it is because, by in large, the 21st Century Church looks NOTHING like Yeshua. It is not practicing John 14:12. If it were, I might be inclined to buy the argument concerning the Holy Spirit filled Church being the restrainer. No, the Church today is very much in the "apostasia" Paul wrote about.

But even if that were true that the Church is the restrainer, what good is that power to resist evil if we are all taken out at the moment resistance is MOST NEEDED??? It does the world no good at all for us to be able to *withstand the gates of Hades*, but be taken out in a Rapture at a time when that power will be needed most!

Many Scriptures clearly state that the Anti-Christ *prevails* over the Saints! This is most strikingly obvious at the opening of the *Fifth Seal*. To refer to those martyred souls under the altar the way most Pre-Tribbers do (that these are those who are somehow saved during the Tribulation - without the Holy Spirit) is a gross mistake! That idea is based purely on assumption and is not backed by Scripture! No. To even be a Saint in the Biblical sense is to be a Believer in the Son of God. To be a Believer, requires the presence of the Holy Spirit! You can't be a Believer without Him! So the whole concept of the Church being Raptured out (taking the Holy Spirit - restrainer - with them), and there still being Tribulation Saints makes no sense at all!

Therefore, I submit that the only Saints that *Revelation 6:9-11* could be referring to are those who remained during the Tribulation as a result of being "left behind" in the *Parable of the Ten Virgins* scenario and/or those who got saved as a result of those who got left behind ministering the Gospel of the Kingdom to them.

Note also that the idea of persecuted and dying Saints during the Tribulation Period is not a reference to the *wrath of God* - of which we are not appointed. It is referring to the wrath of Anti-Christ - *of which we are appointed*. Yeshua clearly stated that we WILL suffer persecution and death, just as He did.

*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end,*
This "pie in the sky" ideology of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture - wherein the Saints just need to wait for some miraculous snatching away and thus they won't suffer persecution and death - is false and not supported by the words of Yeshua or any other Scripture! In fact, it is directly contrary to what has been spoken concerning the Saints... especially in the Last Days.

One of the primary dangers of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view is that it creates an environment of total apathy! I can't tell you how many Christians I know who have the general attitude of, "Good thing we won't be here to deal with any of that." while singing, "I'll fly away old glory, I'll fly away..." in every Church service. I believe the Pre-Trib view was created by Lucifer specifically for that reason - to eliminate all potential threats. No one that I know who holds the Pre-Trib view is even remotely prepared to deal with the days ahead.

By contrast, when I talk about a Pre-Tribulation Exodus or a hiding away into a place of safety, that's only for those who are laboring to enter God's rest. It's not for everyone.

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

- Hebrews 4:11 (KJV)

I think the New Living Translation really helps us to understand this:

God’s promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. For this good news—that God has prepared this rest—has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn’t share the faith of those who listened to God. For only we who believe can enter his rest.

As for the others, God said, “In my anger I took an oath: ‘They will never enter my place of rest,’” even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. We know it is ready because of the place in the Scriptures where it mentions the seventh day: “On the seventh day God rested from all his work.” But in the other passage God said, “They will never enter my place of rest.”

So God’s rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts.”

Now if Joshua had succeeded in giving them this rest, God would not have spoken about another day of rest still to come. So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. For all who have entered into God’s rest have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world. So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

- Hebrews 4:1-12 (NLT) [emphasis mine]
Suffice it to say, the restrainer is not the Holy Spirit but rather it is Michael the powerful protecting angel of Israel. It is only after he steps away that the Anti-Christ is able to enter the Holy Land and do what he does there.

**CLUE #8: The Gathering in the Middle**

In the following passage of Scripture, Paul clarifies some things that certainly appear to stand in direct opposition to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view:

*Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be so soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means: for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (NKJV) [emphasis mine]

He says that the "gathering to meet Him" (commonly called the "Rapture" according to 1 Thes. 4:16,17) will not happen until after the man of sin is "revealed," opposes God and sits in the Temple. This does not happen until the mid-point of **The Seven Year Tribulation Period** after Michael, the restrainer steps out of the way. I don't know how much clearer the text could be.

Immediately after that, the **Fifth Trumpet** blows and Apollyon Rises. He then kills the Two Witnesses. At that point we have some more familiar wording to analyze and consider.

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<td><em>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.</em></td>
<td><em>Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.</em></td>
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- Revelation 11:12 (NIV)

**The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:**

*“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”*  

- Revelation 11:15 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

On the surface, this looks like clear evidence for a Mid-Tribulation Rapture - at least for the "dead in Christ." I might buy the argument that the "we who are alive and remain" could go up too, if it weren't for those other nagging Scriptures that talk about Saints seeing Him in the End, AFTER the Tribulation of those days when He comes in the clouds and all the Scriptures we've already covered concerning the Saints who fall prey to the dragon and his Beast during his 3.5 year reign of terror at the end of **The Seven Year Tribulation Period**. But is the case of the dead in Christ rising really a reference to a Rapture? No. It is not. Though similar, it is a different word altogether.

The word translated as "rise" is the Greek word anistēmi [Strong's #450]. It means to raise up as in a resurrection: to rise from the dead. Do they rise and also get "caught up" (harpazō) at this time? Not necessarily. But it could be that they do indeed go up to Heaven at this point. If so, I believe it will only be the
"dead in Christ" because the rest seem to be still on the Earth as noted in all of the previous clues. The harpazo of the living can only come when all points line up according to Scripture for them to do so.

Claiming other Scriptures like "we are not appointed unto wrath" is a strong argument against any Believers remaining beyond the first half of the Tribulation. Assuming this is true and the living Saints follow the dead ones in this Mid-Tribulation "rising," then the Saints that will go up in the Post-Tribulation scenario may be the wise virgins who are still here, hidden in a place of safety - just prior to the final Judgment of Fire that cleanses the earth. Even Daniel seems to be describing that same scenario, while also seeming to bear witness to the events associated with the Seventh Trumpet blast.

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<td>The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:</td>
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<td>But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.</td>
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<td>The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”</td>
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Daniel says everyone whose name is found written in the book will be delivered. That's pretty straightforward (though it doesn't necessarily mean a Rapture needs to take place in order for them to be "delivered"). But then, he makes the interesting statement concerning the wise who will shine like the brightness of the heavens. Are those the same as the "wise virgins" Yeshua spoke of during the Olivet Discourse? Remember, this is after all Yeshua who was the One also speaking in Daniel 12, so it very well could be. Does that "shining" happen here on earth? I don't know.

What I do know is the remaining 3.5 years on earth are going to be an absolute nightmare of horrors! All hell is loosed as is the wrath of God. But assuming my thesis is correct regarding the wise, due to the fact that they were "hidden" they too would have still escaped the wrath of God as stated in Isaiah 26:20 and Zephaniah 2:3 even though they would have still been here on the earth during that time. And thus, to be reconciled with Daniel 12:1-3, perhaps this "shining of the wise" will happen in the end as they are transformed in the twinkling of an eye:

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

- 1 Corinthians 15:52-55 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The major problem with the Mid-Tribulation Rapture view is that Christ is not in the clouds at this point. He doesn't descend from Heaven in the clouds until the end. Another issue is the fact that the Beast is able to make war with and kill the Saints who are not protected in the Judean wilderness. Both of these facts seem to stand in direct opposition to a Rapture of the living happening at this time.
Thus, it is my belief that the "dead in Christ" may rise and go up with the Two Witnesses similar to the first fruits offering of the Saints that arose when Yeshua died and went with Him to Heaven after He arose three days later and ascended (privately) back to the Father.

Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.

- Matthew 27:50-53 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”

John 20:16-17 (NKJV) [emphasis mine]

This ascension is not the same as the one written about in the Book of Acts, which was a public affair that happened 40 days later. The ascension spoken of by Yeshua to Mary in the garden was a different and private event in which Christ ascended with His First Fruits Offering of the previously departed Saints and went to Heaven where He received His glorified body - the one in which He returned in and appeared to His disciples.

Thus, I believe that if anything happens at the mid-point to go along with the ascension of the Two Witnesses it will be similar to this First Fruits Offering. And the timing is right for just such a thing to occur as an exact repeat of the Gospel account, especially if the initial return of the Groom happens on Rosh haShanah, which is a Fall Feast. If we count 3.5 years from that point, we find ourselves in the Spring Feast Season! Thus, it very well could be that the Two Witnesses are killed on the same day Yeshua was! And their resurrection would also correspond with His, thus the raising of a First Fruits Offering would fit quite nicely into this scenario.

So, if the harpazó of the living does not happen at the mid-point, when does it happen? We only have one choice left and that leads us to the nineth clue.

CLUE #9: The Post-Tribulation Harvest Gathering

Now we find ourselves looking at the Post-Tribulation Rapture scenario. We must again remember that Yeshua likened His return to the days of Noah. Looking back at the Noah account of Genesis, I want you to notice something else. After the seven days, the Ark was lifted up and the bad guys were wiped away! Thus, some of God's people were in a place of safety for seven days (which could be compared to years in Daniel's 70th Week of Tribulation). Then, they got "lifted up" just before the bad guys got wiped away. This sounds an awful lot like a Post Tribulation Rapture concept to me!

Again, remember what Yeshua said in the Olivet Discourse:

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

- Matthew 24:29-31 (KJV) [emphasis mine]
This is an exact match! After the Tribulation, the Son of man appears in the clouds, there's a great trumpet blast and the angels go out to harvest! At this point, the 144,000 are still on the earth as are new Saints that may have become Believers as a result of their ministry and of course those Saints who have survived the wrath of Lucifer and his Beast. And we also may have still on this earth, those who have been in the "secret place" of safety, hidden away. All need to be removed before the final, fiery judgment cleanses the earth of all evil.

The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse consumes the earth. Its people must pay the price for their sin. They are destroyed by fire, and only a few are left alive.

- Isaiah 24:5-6 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Who are these “few” who are left alive at the End of Days?

Throughout the earth the story is the same— only a remnant is left, like the stray olives left on the tree or the few grapes left on the vine after harvest. But all who are left shout and sing for joy. Those in the west praise the Lord's majesty. In eastern lands, give glory to the Lord. In the lands beyond the sea, praise the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. We hear songs of praise from the ends of the earth, songs that give glory to the Righteous One!

- Isaiah 24:13-16 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

Who in the world could be singing praises at that point in the Great Tribulation? I believe it refers to those who were spared having to experience the horrors of it (the ones who were "hidden in the day of the Lord's anger") and those who emerged victorious in spite of those horrors.

Regarding the latter, it must be noted that no Saint is killed as a result of God's wrath. The ones who are killed are killed as a result of the dragon's wrath. And just like in the Exodus account, there were some plagues/judgments that the people of God had to endure, but there were others they were protected from. The same thing will happen during The Seven Year Tribulation Period.

In fact, to support the Pre-Wrath Rapture view, we see in Revelation 15, that it appears all of the Saints are in Heaven just before God pours out the Seven Bowl Judgements (which may indeed be at the very end of the second 3.5 years). These are the ones that Isaiah may be referring to:

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”

-Revelation 15:1-4 (NKJV)

It is after this that those seven angels go forth and pour out the bowls of God's wrath. Then in Revelation 19, we hear more songs of victory in Heaven.
All said and done, when analyzing all Rapture views, I believe the only one that truly fits every single required point noted at the beginning of this blog is the Post-Tribulation scenario. But for the sake of clarity, I prefer to look at it the way Yeshua does: it is a *harvesting* of the wheat that has been separated from the tares.

In summary, I believe if we change the way we think and make an adjustment to the typical terminology concerning the different views of Rapture-like events, to a **Pre-Tribulation Hiding**, **Mid-Tribulation Rising** and a **Post-Tribulation Harvest**, I think that we may have just solved "The Rapture Riddle."

Here is a simplified chart showing Scriptures that I believe support my reconciled take on all Rapture views:

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CLUE #10: The Marriage of the Lamb

Finally, the following question must be answered, "When does the marriage of the Lamb take place?"

Contrary to what many teach, Revelation reveals that it is not at the beginning of or during The Seven Year Tribulation Period. Technically speaking the marriage began two thousand years ago when Christ "purchased" us with His blood and sealed the covenant of our union at the cross. He then left to go and prepare a place for us. So, in the strictest sense, we are already married. But the consummation of that marriage has yet to take place, as does the seven day celebration feast.

Revelation 19 picks up after two full chapters that describe the final judgment on Babylon, the Harlot, Beast and False Prophet. After that, there is great rejoicing in Heaven for the Lord's victory over all His enemies. Then it says:

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

- Revelation 19:6-9 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

This "marriage supper of the Lamb" is generally taught by Pre-Tribbers as taking place during The Seven Year Tribulation Period. I would have to agree with that - at least in terms of the traditional Jewish wedding ceremony. There is a seven day feast that takes place after the Bride and Groom consummate the marriage in the huppah. What I find very interesting about this is that we see an honoring of the Saints in every direction:

- The wise who are ready and prepared get to participate in the consummation at the beginning.
- The Saints who have died and then are raised at the mid-point enter at a time that Yeshua very well may "turn water into wine" as He did at the Wedding of Cana. I'm not entirely sure what that means exactly, but I suspect it will be of great significance. And the raised dead are rewarded at this time.
- The Saints who get harvested in the end will arrive just in time to be incorporated into the rest of the Bride (in a plural sense) for her revealing at the end of the wedding feast. And these Tribulation Saints will be greatly honored.

Once the marriage celebration finally concludes, the Bride is revealed without her veil and all of Heaven rejoices. Then it is as if our Groom says, "Hang on honey. I've got one more thing to do before our Honeymoon." He leaves, and then returns looking like a true "Knight in Shining Armor." Our Bridegroom "shows off" by dressing up in full Battle Dress Uniform, mounted on a beautiful white warhorse! And He goes forth to utterly destroy all who have ever harmed His Bride, so that she need never fear again!
And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Note: The "armies of God" are the Hosts of Heaven, which are the angels - not the Saints as many try to say!

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Note: I believe this vesture is worn to set the record straight. Yeshua is going up against an imposter who also goes by that same title, "King of kings, Lord of lords," Osiris-Nimrod!

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

- Revelation 19:11-21 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Satan is then bound and cast into the Abyss. The New Jerusalem descends to earth, the Millennial Reign of Christ begins and like any good story ends, "We live happily ever after!"

In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat. There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken!

- Isaiah 25:6-8 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

It may not happen exactly as I've described, but I believe that I am on the right track in understanding how all of these views can be reconciled in a scenario that (at least to me) seems to be supported by numerous texts of Scripture. Regardless, I think it would be "wise" for all of us "virgins" who are awaiting the return of our Bridegroom, to get prepared and to be sure our lamps are full of oil!

For me and my house, we believe the oil represents the Holy Spirit. And the lamp represents the Menorah. The Menorah represents the Feasts of God - all of which provide a "dress rehearsal" before the final performance. Messiah already played out the Spring Feasts, fulfilling each of them in all that they represented. He still has yet to do the Fall Feasts. By understanding, knowing and practicing what each represent, I believe we are using the Holy Spirit’s oil to keep our lamps full and lit. In my opinion, this is living in Spirit and in Truth. This is being prepared and obedient. This is being ready for the Bridegroom, so that we can dwell in safety within the Ark of God’s protection for seven days... as it was in the days of Noah, when God shut the door and the righteous were spared, while the wicked perished.

On final thought...
If I were to show you two images of the front of a hundred dollar bill, would you be able to quickly and easily identify the real one?

Without knowing every detail of that particular denomination of our currency, it would be easy for us to be fooled. These two images look very similar to each other. However, it is the bottom one that is legitimate. The top one has been altered. Thus, although the top one looks very similar and may even pass for currency to the untrained eye, it is still a counterfeit.

Likewise, I think it is important to note that if history and the Bible reveals any indication as to how the Devil works, we can clearly see that he is always counterfeiting the things that God says and does. That being the case, it would not at all surprise me if Lucifer has a “fake Rapture” up his sleeve as part of *The Coming Great Deception*. If you think that's far fetched, check out this video:
We must know the truth so that we can easily identify the lies. Therefore, I think it is important for us to study the Scriptures and to guard our hearts and minds and to pray that God will protect us from the lies that are out now and will be coming in increasing measure in the days ahead. This blog is just my attempt at showing what I believe to be the truth. Please do not take my word for it. Search these things out for yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you do. My prayer is that what I have written in this blog has caused you to ask some of your own questions and that it at least makes you want to look deeper into the Scriptures in order to see whether these things be true or not.

If you believe you have revelation that either agrees with what I have written, contradicts it or may add to our understanding of this thing we call the "Rapture," by all means, please comment below. Your insights can help me as well as my readers. These blogs are rather fluid. As I gain understanding, I frequently update, change and modify these blogs to reflect it. Perhaps together we can discover the truth that exposes the lies and reveals what is counterfeit and what is not.

The next blog will discuss The Seven Year Tribulation Period >>

Footnotes:

1. There are some ancient texts that include the word "bride" in Matthew 25:1 These are typically Hebrew and/or Aramaic versions of Matthew's Gospel. While I do agree that Matthew's Gospel most likely was not written in Greek, I find the three dominant Hebrew texts (the Shem Tob, Munster and DuTillet manuscripts) questionable based on their late dates (all between 1300 and 1600 AD) and the fact that they don't even agree with each other - even on that one verse. Some have bride, some do not. Therefore, I have erred on the side of all current English versions of Matthew which have been translated from the Greek that does not include that word. [back]

2. See Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:4-6, Romans 9:21 and 2 Corinthians 4:7 [back]

3. Compare the description of Daniel 10:4-7 with the description the Apostle John gave in Revelation 1:12-15. They are virtually identical. But many refuse to acknowledge this based on the fact that the individual of Daniel 10 was held back by the spiritual prince of Persia and needed Michael's help. They ask, "Why would the Son of God need help?" But those who hold to that view forget that Hebrews 2:5-9 states that "for a little while" Jesus was made lower than the angels. It wasn't until after His victory at the cross, His resurrection and glorification by the Father that the Son was magnified and made greater
than the angels (see Hebrews 1:5-14). Thus, we can now understand why Yeshua needed help in Daniel 10. He had not yet been made "greater than the angels" at that time. [back]
The Book of Revelation is confusing in that it is not written in a linear fashion, so it can be very difficult to see the End Times order of events from a simple surface reading. You can not simply read one chapter after another and expect to see a linear progression of one thing leading to another. There are many examples of John's very non-linear "revelations" throughout the text. For instance, we don't get very far into the story - in a linear sense - when all of a sudden we are told about events that will happen at the end of the story. In chapter six, we are told about the first six Seals being opened. After the Sixth Seal is opened, there is a great earthquake and all sorts of bad stuff happens. Chapter six thus ends with a question, asking who will be able to survive. Then, as if to answer that question we turn to chapter seven and read about the 144,000 being sealed with the mark of God. Suddenly, John then sees a great multitude of people clothed in white standing in front of the throne:

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" And I said unto him, "Sir, thou knowest." And he said to me, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

- Revelation 7:13-14 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

There are 22 chapters in the Book of Revelation that tell the full story of the End of Days. But at this point, the story was just beginning when all of a sudden John sees those who came out of the great tribulation! It's even written in past tense! That's just one of many examples that seems to clearly illustrate that this is a very non-linear book and thus indicates that it should be understood as such. Therefore, the way we can piece together the order of events is by comparing Scripture with Scripture - both in the Book of Revelation itself as well as with confirming Scriptures elsewhere in the Bible. And that's exactly what I am going to attempt to do here.

There is another problem with most pictorial renditions of the Tribulation: to my knowledge no one has ever drawn up a timeline with the Nephilim in mind! When you do, everything changes! Therefore, I have decided to make possibly the first Tribulation Timeline that includes the Nephilim for your consideration! You can click on the image below to enlarge it in another browser and reference as you continue to read this blog.
Reading the Book of Revelation and cross-referencing the listed events with those given in the Olivet Discourse, the books of Exodus, the Psalms, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Amos, Zephaniah and Zechariah, while keeping the “days of Noah” in mind (i.e. including the Watchers and Nephilim in the mix), this is what I came up with. Now let me see if I can explain it for you. As I do, I ask that you pray to see if the Holy Spirit bears witness. This is the first time I've ever looked at the Last Days in a timeline format with an understanding of the Nephilim. Therefore, I do not claim that this is the absolute truth. It is merely a theory put into picture format. This blog will describe what I believe it all means.

Looking at the beginning of Revelation, we see that the first four chapters essentially set the stage. They deal with letters to the Seven Churches and then we are given an introduction to Heaven and to the Lamb of God who "was and is and is to come." This Lamb is the only One found worthy to open the scroll that is sealed with Seven Seals. The first thing that occurred to me regarding that scroll is that it could be the rest of the "revelation" that was given to Daniel by Yeshua[1] that he was told to “seal up” until the end.

I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?”

He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.

- Daniel 12:8,9 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

My timeline graphic starts with Revelation chapter 6. Now before I continue, it will be important to put aside all preconceived notions of eschatology. We all have them. Keep them in the back of your mind for now. Let this thesis speak for itself, then decide whether or not it makes sense to you and more importantly that it is supported by Scripture with the Holy Spirit bearing witness. Too often we try to make Scripture fit our preconceived ideas. I've been guilty of that too. In fact, for nearly 33 years I did that with my closely held
belief in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view. But when I let Scripture speak for itself, my views on many things concerning the Last Days started to change.

As stated in *The Rapture Riddle* blog, those who believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture *assume* (< key word) that because the book starts off talking about the Church, and then there is no mention of it after *John* gets called up to Heaven in chapter 4, that this essentially gives “proof” of the Rapture. There is *absolutely nothing* in the text that indicates that idea is true. **It is merely an assumption.** If you can acknowledge that, what I'm about to say next will make more sense. If not, you might as well stop reading this blog now and go curl up to cozy reading of your favorite Tim LaHaye book.

One immediate observation I had as I read *Revelation* chapters 5 and 6, is that there is *nothing at all* in the text that says or otherwise indicates that the Seven Seal Judgments all *have to* take place within *The Seven Year Tribulation Period*. An *equally valid assumption* is that they could begin *before* *The Seven Year Tribulation Period* as the “birth pangs” that Yeshua referred to in His *Olivet Discourse*.

It is my belief that at least the first four seals, often referred to as the *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* can ride ahead of *The Seven Year Tribulation Period*, thus actually being the catalysts that bring forth this "baby" known as the End of Days. I’ll write more about each of these horses and their riders in the *Riders on the Storm* blog (coming soon). But just for the sake of introduction here they are:

![Image of horsemen](image)

**The Four Horsemen:**

1. **White Horse** - (white usually represents purity) its rider wears a crown and holds a bow (but no arrows) going forth to conquer.
2. **Red Horse** - its rider has a big sword and is given power to make war and take peace from the earth.
3. **Black Horse** - its rider holds scales and has the power to destroy the economy.
4. **Pale Horse** - its rider is Death and Hades follows "close behind him."
I believe the first four Seals of Revelation 6:1-8 have already been opened and the fourth horse began to ride this year with all of the death and destruction we have seen since December 21, 2010. Never in the history of the world has there been so many devastating earthquakes, bizarre, destructive weather and strange things like massive (breed specific) bird and fish die-offs as well as riots and wars - all happening at the same time in increasing measure.

Does that mean we have entered The Seven Year Tribulation Period? I don't know, but I would lean toward saying, "no" because I believe both the wars of Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 (which is a war that will require seven years to clean up the mess) must come first. The way things are going with Israel and the Middle East these days, it seems like both wars could happen any day now, but so far - at least as of the time of this writing - they have not.
We also haven't seen evidence of the Two Witnesses yet (at least not that I am aware of). Although, one of my readers posed the question, "What if the 'UFO' that descendend over the Temple Mount on January 28th, 2011 represented the Two Witnesses being 'dropped off' in Jerusalem?" Again, I don't know, but I find that an intriguing question indeed!

I guess we will have to keep watching and waiting for news to develop on that story.

There is also the strange statement President Obama made concerning his second 100 days in office, stating that he would complete them in 72 days and rest on the 73rd - which just so happened to mark the beginning of a 1,260 day countdown leading up to December 21, 2012. I do find all of that to be rather curious and even disturbing. Again, I guess we shall wait and see.

At any rate, as stated above, I believe it is at least possible that the first four Seals will precede and actually herald the 70th Week of Daniel as the “birth pains” that Yeshua talked about.

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

- Matthew 24:3-9 (NIV)

That passage seems to indicate the riding of the Four Horsemen. I believe the opening of the Fifth Seal either happens just prior to or in fact marks the beginning of the Tribulation Period. Compare what John says in the Book of Revelation with what Yeshua said in His Olivet Discourse.

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they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

- Revelation 6:9-11 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

- Matthew 24:9-14 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

I believe that the part where Yeshua mentions many false prophets who will "appear" and deceive many may reference full Alien Disclosure - the moment when "E.T." finally shows up in mass as our creators, our saviors and prophets. I'll address this more in The Coming Great Deception blog (coming soon... in more ways than one). At that point, everything will change and Christianity will be viewed as irrelevant, false and possibly dangerous to this new revelation. Many will be killed.

Considering all we have learned about concerning the Parable of the Ten Virgins, it is my belief that those who are wise and ready will go into a place of safety and dwell there in preparation for the coming marriage ceremony. Like Noah and his family, they will be safe inside of something here on this planet for seven days (represented as years in the 70th Week of Daniel - i.e. The Seven Year Tribulation Period). As stated in The Rapture Riddle blog, I base that belief on the following scriptures that I believe describe the people of God being "hidden" during times of trouble and wrath:

- Genesis 19:10-25
- Exodus 12:13
- Isaiah 26:20
- Psalm 27:5
- Psalm 37:39-40
- Psalm 83:3
- Dwelling in the shelter of the Almighty while thousands fall left and right, while devastation and plagues are all around: Psalm 91
Including during the Day of the Lord: Zephaniah 2:3

Thus, in The Rapture Riddle thesis, I can see a Pre-Tribulation Exodus for those who are “wise” and prepared like the five virgins who were ready when their groom returned. I can see those faithful and obedient Saints who watched and waited, knowing the signs and the seasons, being the ones dwelling in a place of safety right from the start.

Meanwhile, the other Saints who were not prepared will have to take a stand for truth, having to go through the Tribulation. Perhaps as they are obedient, they too may enter the place of safety (Zeph. 2:3). But it seems to me that they may end up being those who will be greatly honored as the Tribulation Martyrs (Rev. 6:9-11, Rev. 14:13).

At any rate, looking at the descriptions of the Seven Trumpet Judgments, I believe you have to put at least the first five into the first half of the Tribulation Period based on what happens at the Fifth Trumpet. The first four Trumpets involved stuff falling from the sky causing all sorts of pain, death and destruction on the planet. And I think perhaps the Sixth Seal matches up with the Fourth Trumpet, possibly happening around the same time.

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<td>Revelation 6:12-14 (NLT) [emphasis mine]</td>
<td>Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night.</td>
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With all that stuff falling out of the sky and impacting the earth, that will certainly not be a good time for those still living here! But still, during all of that the 144,000 virgin male Jews are doing stuff as are the Two Witnesses. In fact, as I pointed out in The Rapture Riddle blog, they are the ones who apparently have the power to actually make such things happen!

And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. They are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands, and they stand before the Lord of the earth. If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

- Revelation 11:3-6 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

But this power will only last until the Fifth Trumpet sounds.

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. [Third Trumpet - Wormwood?] The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. [Fourth Trumpet - Darkness?] And out of the...
smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

- Revelation 9:1-11 (NIV)

There is a LOT going on in that passage! The first few verses appear to reference similar things as that which came upon the earth in the third and fourth Trumpet Judgments. But the primary result of the Fifth Trumpet is a release of Nephilim creatures with Apollyon as their leader. You can not deny that these are strange and terrifying indeed. I believe we should simply take the Scriptures literally. If we do, we can see the beginning of some really bad times ahead.

Notice also that after the Fourth Trumpet blows an eagle flies and announces that the next three Trumpets are “Woes.”

As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

- Revelation 8:13 (NIV)

Watch King's and Queens by 30 Seconds to Mars:

This video by the band, 30 Seconds to Mars absolutely illustrates the Fifth and Sixth Trumpets. It is totally about the return of the Nephilim. It even starts with the shriek of an eagle! Note also the lead
singer's name - Jared Leto. It was in the days of Jared that the Fallen came to earth and in Greek mythology, Leto was the wife of Zeus who gave birth to Apollo! This video depicts giants, hybrids and the return to life of one who receives a head wound. There is a scene depicting a cross at that point and that is where Leto screams, "The age of man is over." as a white horse rides down the street. CLICK HERE for the lyrics.

Remember what we learned about Nimrod in The First Shall Be The Last blog? Yeshua said,

"Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 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 carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

- Matthew 24:28 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

This tells us a couple of things. First, why would Yeshua even bother letting us know about this if none of us were going to be around to know about it - assuming everyone gets zapped out in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture? Second, what we see here are eagles gathered around a carcase that apparently made its way into a "secret chamber" after being in the desert! I believe this statement by Yeshua concerning the body of Gilgamesh-Osiris-Nimrod is a depiction of the moments immediately preceding the Fifth Trumpet. And thus, we have an eagle taking flight and screaming, "Woe! Woe! Woe!" - in other words, "What's about to happen next is not good folks! Things are about to get really bad, really quick. Frankenrod is about to rise from the dead!"

In his book Ancient Myths and the Bible, King Wells (again) makes a solid case for the Apollyon/Apollo/Nimrod connection:

The scriptures tell us that in the Greek, this angel [of Revelation 9:11] goes by the name of Apollyon. Apollyon is the Greek god Apollo. According to Webster's, Apollyon is a common misspelling of Apollo.

- Ancient Myths and the Bible, by King Wells (page 34)

There is an interesting note on the Webster's page concerning the Apollo - Destroyer connection:

The name is Greek for "Destroyer" ( ἀπόλλυμι, from ἀπόλλυμι, to destroy). It also echoes the unrelated Hebrew Abaddon (lit. "place of destruction," but here personified) and the name of the Greek god Apollo, also a "destroyer" in his aspect of controlling pestilence, though the composite monstrosity that is Apollyon is distinctly Babylonian and Persian, not Hellenic, in inspiration.

[emphasis mine]

In Hellenistic theology, Apollo is generally depicted as a very benevolent god, representative of poetry, music and the arts. However, he is also known as the sender and stayer of pestilence. As a son of Zeus this would certainly fit - especially if my thesis is true that Zeus is Lucifer - a being who loves to appear as an angel of light and goodness, but in fact is the harbinger of plague, pestilence and death. Considering the fact that the Fifth Trumpet releases the plague of locusts (which is certainly a pestilence), the idea that Apollo (Apollyon) is directly referred to as "the king [that rules] over them" truly fits!

King Wells goes on to say:

Thus, Apollo will have the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit and return with a horde of demonic warriors who have been bound in the Abyss for centuries. Rudolf Steiner, the author of "Egyptian
Myths and Mysteries," written in 1908, states that the Greeks realized that the Egyptian god Osiris is the same as the Greek god Apollo.

Steiner:

The Greeks experienced this also, and as they became acquainted with the Egyptian mysteries they recognized that Osiris was the same as the god whom they called Apollo. They said that the Egyptian Osiris was Apollo, and that, like Osiris, Apollo worked upon the nerves so as to achieve a soul-life within man.

- Ancient Myths and the Bible, by King Wells (page 35)

King later comes to the same conclusion that Tom Horn, myself and many others have come to believe:

The Anti-Christ is the return of Apollo/Osiris and probably the return of other prophesied gods, such as Quetzacoatl of the Mayans and Baal of the Canaanites. Both of which are sky gods like Apollo.

- Ancient Myths and the Bible, by King Wells (page 37)

The Fifth Trumpet blows, and the spirit of Apollyon (Apollo) ascends back into its former host body - Nimrod. Thus, empowered by the dragon himself, the Anti-Christ will rise. And his first order of business will be to kill the Two Witnesses!

And when they [the Two Witnesses] shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

- Revelation 11:7 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

As stated in The Rapture Riddle blog, I believe Scripture testifies that Michael the Arch-Angel is the one who is the "restrainer" spoken of by Paul (not the Holy Spirit as many believe to be the case). Again, let's compare Paul's words with those spoken by Yeshua in Daniel 12:

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<td>And you know what is holding him [Anti-Christ] back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way.</td>
<td>And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.</td>
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2 Thessalonians 2:6,7 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

2 Thessalonians 2:6,7 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

Apollyon is only able to rise after Michael has removed himself from the playing field. A lot of people who believe in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view like to say that the restrainer is the Holy Spirit empowered Church. They will say that the Rapture of the Church removes the power of the Holy Spirit from the earth and that is what allows the Anti-Christ to rise in power. First of all, as seen above, I believe the Scriptures themselves reveal that it is Michael and not the Holy Spirit that is being discussed here. Second, the idea that the Church is somehow so powerful as to not "allow the Anti-Christ" to rise is completely ludicrous and not based in Scripture either. In fact, as I've already stated in The Rapture Riddle blog, I believe that view totally contradicts itself!

The Holy Spirit was certainly active in Yeshua's day and in the days following His ministry when the Apostles turned the world up-side-down with His message. And yet John wrote:
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.

- 1 John 4:3 (KJV) [emphasis mine]

The spirit of Anti-Christ has been around since the time of Christ! But many will argue that his work has been restrained because of the Church. I might be inclined to believe that if it weren't for the striking lack of evidence for such a powerful Church... especially in our day!

Did Yeshua give us the victory? Yes. Did he give us His power and authority? Yes. But how many Christians do you know who are sick and dying of all sorts of disease? If we can't cure the common cold, how are we to hope we'll have the power to combat the Beast and his Nephilim armies - "restraining" them?? I know Christians who talk a big game but scream in terror at the sight of a spider! Please. Further, Paul described a great "falling away" in the Last Days. This shows anything but a powerful, Holy Spirit filled Church! It shows a Church whose elect have likely been deceived!

Michael - the restrainer - steps out of the way and immediately after that, the Fifth Trumpet blows. Is this when CERN's experiments finally pay off? Is this when Lord Shiva (the Destroyer) finally does his dance and Apollyon (the Destroyer) rises? It's certainly starting to look like it!

The first thing on the Destroyer Beast's "To Do List" involves the killing of the Two Witnesses. The timing of these two events - the raising of Apollyon and the killing of the Two Witnesses - seems rather peculiar. Assuming people like Tom Horn and others who strongly believe in some major "event" occurring on the Winter Solstice of 2012, look at what you would have happening during this time:

- Gilgamesh-Osiris-Nimrod raises from the dead on December 21, 2012 and kills the Two Witnesses
- The Two Witnesses lay dead for 3.5 days and the world celebrates in a very familiar fashion!

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

- Revelation 11:10 [emphasis mine]

What's 3.5 days after December 21st? It is CHRISTMAS DAY - the birthday of the Anti-Christ!! The day the whole world "makes merry and sends gifts one to another!"

I used to believe this would be the order of events, but after writing The Rapture Riddle, I realized that the Two Witnesses are more likely going to be killed during the Spring Feasts, probably around the same time that Yeshua was crucified. I find both possibilities equally intriguing.

Regardless of when the Two Witnesses are killed, I believe it is at the this point that Yeshua basically says, "Enough is enough! No more! Come on up guys! I don't want you to have to deal with what's coming next."

Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

- Revelation 11:12 (NIV)

Once the Beast comes to power and kills the Two Witnesses, God raises them and prepares to destroy the Beast and all who follow him.

Whether the Sixth Trumpet is blown before or after the killing and resurrection of the Two Witnesses, I am not sure. I personally believe the Sixth Trumpet is sounded very close to the time that the Fifth Trumpet is sounded - followed by the Seventh Trumpet very shortly thereafter. The final three "Woes" appear to be announced quite close to one another. At any rate, when the Sixth Trumpet sounds, I believe this is where we
see the fulfillment of Enoch's prophecy concerning the Last Days and the return of the Watchers and their Nephilim offspring!

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<td>And when their sons have slain one another, and they [the Watchers] have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations in the valleys of the earth, till the day of their judgment and of their consummation, till the judgment that is for ever and ever is consummated.</td>
<td>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River.” Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops.</td>
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- Enoch 10:12 [emphasis mine]
- Revelation 9:13-16 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

When you plug in the "Nephilim Factor" we immediately see things totally different! The “200 million man army" we've heard so many prophecy teachers preach about are not the Chinese, the Russians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Christians or any other earthly force! They are the Watchers and their Nephilim offspring! These are literally the hordes of Tartarus, Hades on the loose! Look at a comparison of descriptions given by the Prophet Joel and the Apostle John:

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<td>Sound the alarm in Jerusalem! Raise the battle cry on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the Lord is upon us. It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of thick clouds and deep blackness. Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains, a great and mighty army appears. Nothing like it has been seen before or will ever be seen again. Fire burns in front of them, and flames follow after them. Ahead of them the land lies as beautiful as the Garden of Eden. Behind them is nothing but desolation; not one thing escapes. They look like horses; they charge forward like warhorses. Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops. Listen to the noise they make—like the rumbling of chariots, like the roar of fire sweeping across a field of stubble, or like a mighty army moving into battle. Fear grips all the people; every face grows pale with terror.</td>
<td>And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and dark blue and yellow. The horses had heads like lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths. One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues—by the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. Their power was in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.</td>
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- Joel 2:1-6 (NLT) [emphasis mine]
- Revelation 9:17-19 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

This also helps us to understand Yeshua's words in Luke 21:26: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."
Joel 1 describes a plague of locusts. Thus, many have noticed the depiction of the creatures in Joel 2 is very similar and have therefore described this "Joel 2 Army" as a "Locust Army." I find it interesting that John's depiction of the creatures released at the Fifth Trumpet describes a plague of demonic locusts rising from the Abyss - just like Joel 1. The creatures then described at the Sixth Trumpet are virtually identical to those described in Joel 2! These parallels are far too perfect to ignore! Joel and John are seeing and describing the exact same thing!

It is shocking to know that there is actually a growing number of Christians who believe that they are "Joel's Army" and that they will have dominion over those who reject the Messiah! Folks, read the two Scriptures above again and look at the picture to the right. Does that look and sound like God's people?? No. These are horrible, Nephilim hybrid monsters!

All through the Bible, locusts represent the judgement of God! But many actually believe that the army spoken of in Joel chapter 2 are the Saints of God taking dominion over the earth in the Latter Days! They base that ideology on the fact that verse 11 says the LORD leads this army:

*The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command.* The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

- Joel 2:11 (NIV) [emphasis mine]

They forget that God often causes the nations and evil kings to execute judgment all through the Bible. He constantly uses people like the Pharaoh of Egypt and Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to do His will. But Dominionists twist this passage to believe that they are Joel's Army. They teach a doctrine not at all unlike the ideology of the Crusaders and the Nazis - that we need to take the world by force through violence. That is NOT Biblical Christianity! That is NOT Christ-like! We need to run far away from this "New Breed-Latter Rain" ideology and warn our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gotten sucked into this heresy! And you may
be surprised who has gotten involved with this - people like: Sarah Palin, Rick Joyner, Rick Warren, among other prominent people in the Body of Christ!

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What is even more extraordinary is the seemingly intentional release of the locusts that appears to be in the works at the University of Cambridge! Watch the following video (that was recently sent to us from one of my readers) concerning the “Corpus Clock” and listen carefully to the final words of Dr. John C. Taylor. The video starts in darkness with the ticking of a clock. Then, you hear the rattling of chains three times and then the scene is illuminated! Dr. Taylor walks on and announces that the clock "just struck three." As the video progresses, look at the way the locust that is running the clock is depicted! That is not a normal locust! That is a Joel-Revelation stylized locust! Notice also how the "clock is ticking" throughout the entire video. It stops at 3:30 on the video's timeline when Dr. Taylor says, "The time is 11 o'clock precisely." Then he turns and smiles at the camera and describes the "illuminated bank of LED's" that only uses 60 watts. The clock continues ticking and his final statement is, "I would be delighted if you would accept my invitation to come to the inauguration (the beginning of a term of leadership) of the Corpus Clock (the Body Clock) and celebrate the release of the chronophage and relative time onto the unsuspecting citizens of Cambridge." Finally, notice at the end of that statement you hear the sound of rattling chains three times again!! That is nothing short of shocking and quite terrifying if my suspicions are correct!
Folks, the bottom line is the locusts are EVIL! And you're not going to want to be around when Joel's Army is released at the sound of the Fifth and Sixth Trumpets as noted in the Book of Revelation!

I would like to address one other thing in this regard before moving on, and that is the concept of what has become known as "The Seven Mountain Prophecy." Many in the Dominionist movement use this concept to justify their ideology. But it is my understanding that this is not what Bill Bright, Francis Shaeffer and Lauren Cunningham had in mind when they first developed the idea. They simply recognized that in order to have an impact on our culture, we have to be in the position to do so. And they identified what they believed to be the seven "mind molders of society" or the "seven mountains" as they later became known. These "seven mountains" have a tremendous influence on our culture and on the minds of men:

1. Religion
2. Family
3. Government
4. Business
5. Education
6. Media
7. Arts and Entertainment

I think that if you look at that list, it is easy to see and agree that they each do indeed have a tremendous influence on our culture. So, the premise is, what if we as Believers could position ourselves in each of those spheres of influence such that the message of the Kingdom can be made known through them? Imagine if our Education system had Believers in it that could teach young people the truth of God's Word instead of the lie of Evolution and other harmful, Satanic ideologies. Imagine if the Arts brought glory to God and the Media could be used to declare Truth rather than lies. Imagine if Religion were used to show the love of God rather than as a tool for control and manipulation. Imagine if the Family got its values from the Bible rather than Oprah and Jerry Springer! Imagine if Business was run by Godly men and women who practiced Biblical, ethical principles rather than those based on greed and selfishness. Imagine a Government run by Godly men and women as opposed to the Luciferian, Illuminati Elite that run it now. I think you get the idea.

Essentially, I believe this concept asks the question, "What if God's people were actually culturally relevant instead of always on the defense?"
This is not an ideology promoting Dominionism, whose goal is to RULE the world through a perverted understanding of "Joel's End Time Army." Rather, it is a concept designed to show us how much more effective we could be at REACHING people with the love of God and the Truth that sets men free. In its purist form, I believe the Seven Mountain Prophecy is about REACHING not RULING.

The Devil has always made a point of twisting truth into lies. He did it in the Garden. He did it in the wilderness with Yeshua. He has done it all through the centuries. Assuming this Seven Mountain Prophecy concept is legitimate, imagine how powerful it could be! The Devil knows this - because he and his demonic hordes currently occupy those mountains. So, what better way to get Christians to forsake the whole idea than to use Christians to twist and pervert it into something it is not? Next thing you know, everyone is preaching against the very thing that could reach the nations! I could be wrong, but this is exactly what I believe is happening with this whole Seven Mountain controversy.

OK. Back to Joel 2 and Revelation 9...

With the release of these Nephilim hybrids, all hell will be unleashed on earth - literally. And God prepares to pour out his wrath upon them once and for all! The Seventh Seal is broken and there is silence in Heaven for the space of a half hour. What is that about? I don't know. I think because there is eager anticipation concerning what God is going to do with the earth that is now completely full of Nephilim (as it was in the days of Noah)!

The Seventh Seal seems to line up with the Seventh Trumpet.

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<td>Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.</td>
<td>The nations were filled with wrath, but now the time of your wrath has come. It is time to judge the dead and reward your servants the prophets, as well as your holy people, and all who fear your name, from the least to the greatest. It is time to destroy all who have caused destruction on the earth. Then, in heaven, the Temple of God was opened and the Ark of his covenant could be seen inside the Temple. Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and roared, and there was an earthquake and a terrible hailstorm.</td>
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I believe that the Seventh Trumpet is sounded at the moment the Anti-Christ seats himself in the Holy of Holies of the Third Temple. Imagine the scene. Nimrod has arisen. He killed the Two Witnesses. Then, he decides to walk into the Temple and declare himself God. How does he do that? Well, it appears that with this new Temple, the Ark of the Covenant has been returned to its old position in the Holy of Holies. The Ark was not just a chest to contain things, it was a seat - the Mercy Seat - the place where God Himself came down to earth and sat. I believe Nimrod is going to sit on the Ark of the Covenant to prove to all that he is God!

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 (KJV) [emphasis mine]
That makes God really angry!! I believe the massive earthquake literally knocks Nimrod off the Ark! Everything about the Temple on earth was a mirror of the Temple in Heaven. And I think that’s why attention is given to its Heavenly counterpart during the Seventh Trumpet description above.

With the Temple open, John then sees the seven angels who hold the Seven Bowls of judgment

*Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God’s Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. The Temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.*

- Revelation 15:5-8 (NLT)

Nimrod and all his hordes - both human and otherwise are about to pay dearly for their rebellion! The Bowl Plagues are virtually identical to the plagues that God poured out on Egypt. And the results will be the same. The gods will be utterly destroyed and God will reign supreme!

*In that day the Lord will punish the gods in the heavens and the proud rulers of the nations on earth. They will be rounded up and put in prison. They will be shut up in prison and will finally be punished.*

*Then the glory of the moon will wane, and the brightness of the sun will fade, for the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will rule on Mount Zion. He will rule in great glory in Jerusalem, in the sight of all the leaders of his people.*

- Isaiah 24:21-23 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

The One True God of heaven and earth, pours out his wrath with the Seven Bowl Plagues:

1. Terrible skin sores for those who take the Mark of the Beast
2. Sea turned to blood and everything in it dies
3. Fresh water turned to blood - because they shed the blood of God's people, they have blood to drink
4. The Sun scorches the planet with a massive blast of heat
5. Darkness fills the land
6. The Euphrates dries up to make way for Nephilim kings - the demonic "frogs" that come from the mouth of the Dagon, Beast and False Prophet
7. Final devastating earthquake

Revelation chapters 16 - 18 seem to indicate total chaos! And check out what Daniel 11 has to say:

“The [Anti-Christ] king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods. He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is completed. For what has been determined will surely take place. He will have no respect for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god loved by women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all.

Instead of these, he will worship the god of fortresses — a god his ancestors never knew — and lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts.
Note: I can't help but wonder if this "god of fortresses" is not the leader of an "alien" invasion force of motherships (fortresses) that will surround the earth, much like what we have seen in shows like, "V" and the movie, "Independence Day."

Claiming this foreign god's help, he will attack the strongest fortresses. He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward.

"Then at the time of the end, the king of the south will attack the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab, Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape. He will conquer many countries, and even Egypt will not escape. He will gain control over the gold, silver, and treasures of Egypt, and the Libyans and Ethiopians will be his servants.

"But then news from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in great anger to destroy and obliterate many. He will stop between the glorious holy mountain and the sea and will pitch his royal tents. But while he is there, his time will suddenly run out, and no one will help him."

- Daniel 11:36-45 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

That looks to me like a global, civil war within the Anti-Christ's One World Order. If so, not only is God waging war on those left on the earth, but apparently they are warring amongst themselves too! And no wonder. Remember, the Fifth and Sixth Trumpets released the "Nephilim kings" and beasts of the ancient world. Also, consider this: the Watchers were presumably told to do what they did in The Genesis Six Experiment by Lucifer. And as we learned in the Building a Pure Nation blog, they paid dearly for it and will for all eternity. I imagine they will want revenge. So, Lucifer and his unholy Anti-Christ and False Prophet find themselves facing total destruction from every angle!

God's war against the gods is about to finally come to a terrible end (for them).
In that day the Lord will punish the gods in the heavens and the proud rulers of the nations on earth. They will be rounded up and put in prison. They will be shut up in prison and will finally be punished.

- Isaiah 24:21-22 (NLT) [emphasis mine]

In the Reasons to be ConCERNed blog, I mentioned exactly why I believe God has to once again destroy the world as He did in the days of Noah. But before He does that, He has to get rid of the gods and those who follow them once and for all. And this is exactly what we see as the events in the Book of Revelation begin to come to a close.

Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: “Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great.”

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.

- Revelation 19:11-19 (NLT)

This marks the end of The End. Babylon falls and the Great Prostitute with it. The Rider on a white horse who is called Faithful and True wages war against the Beast and False Prophet, casting them alive into the Lake of Fire. The sword that comes out of his mouth slays the rest. Finally, the Serpent is bound and cast into the Abyss for a thousand years. Thus, begins the Seventh Millennium.

Footnotes:

1. Compare the description of Daniel 10:4-7 with the description the Apostle John gave in Revelation 1:12-15. They are virtually identical. But many refuse to acknowledge this based on the fact that the individual of Daniel 10 was held back by the spiritual prince of Persia and needed Michael's help. They ask, "Why would the Son of God need help?" But those who hold to that view forget that Hebrews 2:5-9 states that "for a little while" Jesus was made lower than the angels. It wasn't until after His victory at the cross, His resurrection and glorification by the Father that the Son was magnified and made greater than the angels (see Hebrews 1:5-14). Thus, we can now understand why Yeshua needed help in Daniel 10. He had not yet been made "greater than the angels" at that time. [back]

2. Many Christians believe that they are Joel's Army. And many of them are following people who promote a belief in Dominionism. They twist the Lord's command to "go and make disciples of all nations" into a "Kingdom Now" mentality, whereby we take the world by force in order to hand it to Him when He returns so that He can rule and reign for a thousand years.

The leaders of "Joel's Army" are called "Generals." There are several of them----Paul Cain, Bob Jones, Todd Bentley, Jack Deere, Mike Bickle, Rick Warren, Morris Curillo, Peter Wagner, Brandon Barthrop, Sam File, TD Jakes, Rick Pino, Cindy Jacobs, Rodney Howard Brown, Patricia King, Bill Burns, JoAnn Mc, Fatter, Mary K. Baxter, John Crowder, Jill Austin,
Stacey Campbell-Wesley, Michael Krysty, John Siefker—and the list of “generals” keeps growing around the world, with some of them comparing their movement with Hitler's regime. The troops of Christians are called frontline warriors, green berets, and other military tags. Yet Rick Joyner has publicly stated that the warfare is not only spiritual, but natural. Here lies the trouble. Jesus made it plain that His kingdom is "not of this world." His people are not even citizens of this world but "sojourners." When He comes back to take over the kingdoms of this world, that is what He will do, along with the resurrected and glorified saints. However, Joel's Army generals claim that they will take over the nations, and "give them to Jesus." That is the crucial error in their teaching. The Joel's Army people believe that Jesus is going to make them superhuman BEFORE He returns. They are blind, egotistical fools.

Many have asked me what my position is on what has become known as The Seven Mountain Prophecy. I could be wrong about this, but at present, I believe the concept is valid and in fact of God. But I believe it has been usurped by the Devil and perverted by the Dominionist movement into something it was never meant to be. My understanding of this concept is that it originated with Bill Bright, Francis Shaeffer and Lauren Cunningham - all well respected men in the Body of Christ, who have each done great things to advance the Kingdom of God, through His Word and through acts of love and kindness.
The following is from the "Reclaiming the 7 Mountains" web site:

In 1975, Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade, and Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth With a Mission, had lunch together in Colorado. God simultaneously gave each of these change agents a message to give to the other. During that same time frame Francis Schaeffer was given a similar message. That message was that if we are to impact any nation for Jesus Christ, then we would have to affect the seven spheres, or mountains of society that are the pillars of any society. These seven mountains are:

1. Business
2. Government
3. Media
4. Arts and entertainment
5. Education
6. Family
7. Religion.

There are many subgroups under these main categories. About a month later the Lord showed Francis Schaeffer the same thing. In essence, God was telling these three change agents where the battlefield was. It was here where culture would be won or lost. Their assignment was to raise up change agents to scale the mountains and to help a new generation of change agents understand the larger story. This website is designed to help educate those who wish to become change agents in culture for Christian values and to connect like-minded men and women for a common vision.

The 7 mountains initiative is not an initiative to establish dominion over all the earth or in governments. It is not an initiative that does not love and serve all people on the earth or seeks to alleviate other faith expressions. As followers of Christ, we believe we are called to love all people, regardless of faith, lifestyle or gender orientation. God loves all people. He provides guidelines for living as found in the Holy Scriptures and we support those guidelines as a people called to love and obey His calling upon our lives. Jesus invites all people into this destiny, but not all will come. We are called to model what Christ taught when He prayed that what was in heaven would be manifested on earth through a people known for their love of one another and others. That means His love and grace would be extended to all people.

In summary, we believe that influence is a result of our love, humility and obedience to God, not a goal to be achieved. It is the fruit of our obedience. - Os Hillman

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