

The Mysteries of Genesis

Revealed



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It is the glory of God to conceal a thing
But the honour of kings is to search out a matter (Pro. 25:2)



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Preface

The Book of Genesis, in Bible, is the 'Book of Origins'. This book will reveal the mysteries contained in the Book of Genesis, and will explain the origins of this world, and its peoples and religion.

Chapter 1

The Generations of Creation

Part 1 – The Mystery of Genesis 1:1-2 and Job 38:7

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep” (Gen. 1:1-2). “In the beginning” or “a beginning” as it could be translated, “God created the heavens [heavens is plural here] and the earth.” The word used for God here is ‘*elohim*’, plural for ‘*el*’, god. It is translated ‘gods’ in “Thou shalt have no other gods before me” (Exo. 20:3). Literally it means ‘mighty ones’. The first mystery is exactly who are these “Mighty Ones”?

Next, we read “And the earth was without form, and void”. The Hebrew word for ‘was’ here is ‘*hayah*’ meaning ‘come to pass, become, be’. The Hebrew words for ‘without form’ and ‘void’ are ‘*tohu*’ and ‘*bohu*’, meaning ‘in chaos’ and “destroyed’. *Tohu* is the same word used to explain that God did not create things in that state. “For thus saith Yehovah that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, **He created it not in vain [*tohu*]**, he formed it to be inhabited: I am Yehovah; and there is none else” (Isa. 45:18). “For **God is not the author of confusion** but of peace” (1 Cor. 14:33). The word for ‘confusion’ here is *akatastasia* in Greek, meaning disorder. So, the next mystery is how the earth ‘became chaotic and destroyed’, as God did not create it in that state.

In another account of the creation of the Earth we read, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; **When the morning stars sang together**, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4-7). Throughout the Old Testament ‘sons of God’ always refer to angels, but who are these ‘morning stars’? It is another mystery.

Part 2 – The Father Who had no Beginning

To begin unravelling these mysteries we will start before the creation of anything with God the Father. “And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the ONLY TRUE GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent” (Joh. 17:3). “But to us THERE IS BUT ONE GOD, THE FATHER, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him” (1 Cor. 8:6). “...and denying THE ONLY LORD GOD, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 4 b). “ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph. 4:6). The Father is the one true God in the sense that He was the only one who was never created, but always existed.

Part 3 – The Morning Stars

Who are the morning stars that played a part in creation? Yeshua, Jesus, was one of the Morning Stars. “...I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and Morning Star” (Rev. 22:16b). “...as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts” (2 Pet. 1:19b). “And I will give him the Morning Star” (Rev. 2:28).

The one who became Satan, Lucifer, was the other morning star. “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. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” (Isa. 14:12-15). The name ‘Lucifer’ means morning star.

The Ark of the Covenant, which sat in the Temple of God, contained a throne, the Mercy Seat, with 'angels', cherubim on either side. "And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel" (Exo. 25:17-22). These cherubim and the Mercy Seat were made of one piece of solid gold, representing the Father's throne and the morning stars at His side, the top of the God's government.

"Thou art the anointed **cherub that covereth**; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God" (Eze. 28:14). Lucifer was of one those that covered the throne of God, the Logos was the other. "Jesus Christ: who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1 Pet. 3:22). "Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God" (Luk. 22:69). Now, Yeshua sits next to the Father on His throne.

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: **thou wast upon the holy mountain of God**" (Eze. 28:14). The mountain of God is the Kingdom of God. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yehovah's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it" (Isa. 2:2). Lucifer was part of God's government.

The morning stars are described in a similar manner. Concerning the sacrifice on the Day of Atonement, one goat was for a sin offering, representing Yeshua, the other for Azazel (Azazel is the name of a demon), representing Satan. "And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for Yehovah and the other lot for Azazel. And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for Yehovah and use it as a sin offering, but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before Yehovah to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel" (Lev. 8-10) ESV.

Both are described as lions. "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof" (Rev. 5:5). "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

Both are described as serpents at times. The bronze serpent on the pole, which healed the Israelites from the snake bites, represented Yeshua on the stake, after He had taken the sin of the world upon Himself. "And Yehovah said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live" (Num. 21:8). "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (Joh. 3:14-15). Satan is also called a serpent. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9).

They both were anointed. Christ, *Christos* in Greek, means the anointed one. Lucifer was also anointed. “Thou art the **anointed cherub** that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God” (Eze. 28:14a).

They are both princes. Yeshua is a Prince. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**” (Isa. 9:6). Satan is also a prince. “wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2).

Part 4 – The First Creation – the Morning Stars

Yeshua was created. “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD” (Rev. 3:14). “Who is the image of the invisible God, THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE” (Col. 1:15). Yeshua came forth from the Father. “... I came out from God. I came forth from the Father...” (Joh. 16:27b-28a). “...and have known surely that I came out from Thee...” (Joh. 17:8b). “Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent me” (Joh. 8:42). Yeshua was the Word. “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (Joh. 1:14). All words proceed from someone, Yeshua proceeded from the Father.

This is why we are told the Father is greater than the Son, They are not equals. “...**for my Father is greater than I**” (Joh. 14:28b). “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him” (Joh. 13:16). “My Father, which gave them me, **is greater than all**” (Joh. 10:29a).

The first creation was that of the morning stars, the Logos, who became Yeshua, and Lucifer, who became Satan.

Part 5 – The Second Creation – the Angels

We know that “all the sons of God shouted for joy” (Job 38:7b), at the creation of the Earth, so the second creation was that of the angels.

All things were created at the Fathers direction. “But to us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him” (1 Cor. 8:6).

The Father directed the morning stars to create the angels. Speaking of Yeshua, “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist” (Col 1:16-17).

Many times in scripture it uses the word ‘all’ for ‘most’, as in “And so all Israel shall be saved” (Rom. 11:26a). There is a lake of fire for those who are not saved, it is speaking of most.

Yeshua obviously did not create the Father, or Himself, or the other morning star created when He was. And as we will find out the other morning star helped in the next step of creation and certainly had part in this one as well.

Part 6 – The Third Creation – the Universe

And so now we come to Genesis 1:1, “In a beginning God created the heavens and the earth”. This is the creation of all the stars and planets, including Earth. Yeshua helped create this at the Father's direction. “God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds” (Heb. 1:1a, 2). “All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made... He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not” (Joh. 1:3, 10).

“By the word of Yehovah were the heavens made; And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth” (Psa. 33:6). The word for ‘word’ in Hebrew here is *dabar*, Strong's # 1697. This same word is rendered ‘song’ in, “For there they that carried us away captive required of us a **song** (*dabar*); And they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion” (Psa. 137:3). So the heavens were made by the song of the Logos, Yeshua, at the Father's direction. There are only two morning stars in the Bible, the Logos (Yeshua) and Lucifer. Yeshua helped create the universe through song. At the creation of the universe both morning stars were doing the same thing. “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth...**When the morning stars sang together**, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4-7). Both morning stars literally sang the universe into creation.

Why do we not read more of Lucifer's part in creation? “When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, **all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered**; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it” (Eze. 33:13). “Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, **and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered**; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Eze. 3:20). When anyone becomes evil, God no longer remembers any of their good deeds.

And now we can see the ‘mighty ones’ who created the universe in Genesis 1:1 are the Father and the morning stars.

How long ago was the universe created? “The half-life uranium-238 is only 4.5 billion years, so it has had time to decay about an eighth of its original abundance. Taking into account uncertainties about the initial abundance of elements, Cayrel's and co-workers have obtained an estimate of 12.5 billion years old, plus or minus just 3 billion years” *PhysicsWorld* article on ‘Uranium reveals the age of the universe’ 07 Feb.2001. If uranium-238 existed prior to that time it would be further decayed by now.

Part 7 – The Pre-Adamic World

Lucifer was set over the Earth. “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” (Isa. 14:12-14). His throne was on Earth and he wished to ascend to heaven.

When Lucifer, now Satan, offered Yeshua the kingdoms of the Earth, Yeshua did not deny they were in his power. “And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.** If thou

therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve (Luk. 4:5-8). Upon defeating Satan Yeshua has rulership of the Earth, which He will take upon His return. Until then Satan is the god of this world. “in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Cor. 4:4). “Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me” (Joh. 14:30). “wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2).

There was an angelic society in which Lucifer exploited the trade. “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By **the multitude of thy merchandise** (*rekullah* - trading) they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire...Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by **the iniquity of thy traffick** (*rekullah* - trading); therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee” (Eze. 28:14a,15-16,18).

Concerning the dinosaurs that lived in this time we read. “Behold now behemoth, Which I made with thee; He eateth grass as an ox. Lo now, his strength is in his loins, And his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: The sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; His bones are like bars of iron” (Job 40:15-18).

The Geek Old Testament, the Septuagint, the one used by Yeshua and His Apostles, renders verse 19 as, “This is the chief creation of the Lord, made to be played with by his angels” (Job 40:14) LXX. The dinosaurs of this age were the playthings of the angels.

Part 8 – Lucifer’s Rebellion

Now we read of Lucifer’s rebellion, “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. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” (Isa. 14:12-15). Lucifer attacked God’s throne in heaven in an attempted a coup and became Satan, meaning Adversary.

Yeshua recalls seeing God casting Satan back down to Earth. “And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” (Luk. 10:18).

One third of the angels joined in Lucifer’s rebellion, perhaps the same ones he had a part in creating. “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth... And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan” (Rev. 12:3-4a,9a).

It is the result of this battle that left the Earth ‘chaotic and destroyed’. The surface of the Earth was left with a worldwide flood and a cover of thick darkness. “and darkness was upon the face of the deep” (Gen. 1:2b).

Part 9 – The Logos is made a Son

Yeshua was made into the image of God, as a full Son and Heir, “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory, and **the express image of His person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (He. 1:1-3). No other spirits or angels were made into God’s Son. “being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, **Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, And He shall be to me a Son?” (Heb.1:4-5). This happened at specific time long after He helped the Father make the worlds.

And at this time, after the Logos was made the Son of God and a full God-being, the angels were commanded to worship Him. “And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, **And let all the angels of God worship Him.** And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, And His ministers a flame of fire. **But unto the Son He saith,** Thy throne, **O God,** is for ever and ever: A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom” (Heb. 1:6-8). He was anointed with Sonship because He loved righteousness and hated sin. “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee With the oil of gladness above Thy fellows” (Heb. 1:8-9). The Father recognizes the part the Son played in creation. “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest: And they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, And they shall be changed: But thou art the same, And thy years shall not fail” (Heb. 1:10-12). Only Yeshua sits at the Father’s side. “But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” (Heb. 1:13-14).

Yeshua was made into the image of the Father. “**Who is the image of the invisible God,** the firstborn of every creature” (Col. 1;15). “...lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, **Who is the image of God,** should shine unto them” (2 Cor. 4:4b). Yeshua is a reflection of the Father. “Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” (Joh. 14:9).

Yeshua, the Logos, was the Son of God before His Human birth. “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? **what is His name, and what is His Son's name,** if thou canst tell?” (Pro. 30:4).

Yeshua was changed into a full God-being. “In [a] beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God [the Father], and the Word was God” (Joh. 1:1). “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God” (Joh. 20:28). “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM” (Joh. 8:58).

Prior to the next step in creation, the Logos was changed into a full God-being and Son of God.

Part 10 – The Fourth Creation – the Restoration of the Earth

The battle of Lucifer’s rebellion left the Earth under water and a thick covering of clouds. “and darkness was upon the face of the deep” (Gen. 1:2b).

God restored the Earth and created man in seven days. The period from its original creation until then may have been billions of years.

On the first day He removed the clouds so the light would shine through. “And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day” (Gen. 1:2c-5).

On the second day He separated the upper atmosphere from the surface of the Earth. “And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day” (Gen. 1:6-8).

On the third day God raised up land above the water and created the plant life. “And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day” (Gen. 1:9-13).

On the fourth day God declares the anciently created sun, moon and stars to be used in the calculating of His festivals, and references back to their creation. “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 seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And 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. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day” (Gen. 1:14-19).

The Hebrew word for seasons here is *moed* (Strong's # 4150) meaning appointed time, feast. “He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down,” (Psa. 104:19). “Thus saith Yehovah, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night” (Jer. 31:35a). It is to be by the observance of the moon that we determine when God's Holy Days are. The Hebrew word *chodesh* (Strong's # 2320) means both new moon and new month, because the cycle of God's calendar is synchronous with the moon. The constellations reveal the seasons, and God's festivals must be kept in their appropriate season. “These are the feasts of Yehovah, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons,” (Lev. 23:4).

From this creation God intended that His Holy Days be kept which He had revealed to Adam, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham. Abraham kept God's statutes, which included the Holy Days, so they had to be revealed to him. “because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws” (Gen. 26:5). There is a reference to this in Genesis about Lot. “And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a **feast**, and did bake **unleavened bread**, and they did eat” (Gen. 19:3). The keeping of the Holy Days at this time is recorded in detail in the ancient book of Jubilees.

The keeping of these days became lost in the hundreds of years of slavery in Egypt, as well as the Sabbath itself, and had to be revealed again by God. “And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And Yehovah said unto Moses,

How long refuse ye to keep My commandments and My laws? See, for that Yehovah hath given you the sabbath, therefore He giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day” (Exo. 16:27-30).

On the fifth day God created all the aquatic life and the birds. “And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day” (Gen. 1:20-23).

On the sixth day God created the land animals. “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good” (Gen. 1:24-25).

And God made man on the sixth day. “**And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth... And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day” (Gen. 1:26-28,31).

The God, *Elohim*, who restored the Earth and created man was the Father and the Logos, Yeshua, creating at His direction.

On the seventh day God created the Sabbath for all mankind by resting on that day. “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made” (Gen. 2:2-3).

When worship on the Sabbath day we are recognizing the God who restored the Earth and created man in seven days. “For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day” (Mat. 12:8). Yeshua is Lord of the Sabbath as He created it for all mankind.

The science fiction theory of evolution has no explanation for many things. Darwin himself confessed that it was ‘absurd’ to propose that the human eye evolved through spontaneous mutation and natural selection.

When studied the creation reveals the Creator. “For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Rom. 1:20).

According to the chronology of Biblical genealogy, Archbishop James Ussher calculated the year of Adam’s creation at 4004 B.C..

Chapter 2

The Two Trees

Part 1 – The Two Choices

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:16-17). God told the first man and woman not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and if they did that they would die. By eating the fruit of that tree, they would be rejecting God’s command, and would be deciding for themselves what they thought was right and wrong, in this case eating the forbidden fruit.

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which Yehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat” (Gen. 3:1-6). Satan convinced Eve into sinning, and Eve her husband Adam.

Upon sinning, Adam and Eve were under Satan’s spiritual influence and immediately felt shame for own their bodies. “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” (Gen. 1:7). Satan continues to influence the entire world. “wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2). “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world” (Rev. 12:9a).

Part 2 – The Need for a Savior

God was obviously not saying that Adam and Eve were going to die then, as they did not. But that they would no longer have access to eternal life because they had sinned in breaking His command. They made this choice for themselves and for all the children that would come from them.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12). “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22).

Satan’s Big Lie was saying that man could never die, that man had an immortal soul. “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die” (Gen. 3:4).

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). From moment Adam and Eve sinned, it was determined that all of mankind would need a Savior to be redeemed and receive eternal life or they would receive eternal death. “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a **lamb** without blemish and without spot: Who verily **was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you” (1 Pet. 1:19-20). “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**” (Rev. 13:8).

Part 3 – The Judgement of Satan

Speaking to Satan, God said, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” ‘Bruise his heel’ is a reference to Yeshua’s death on the stake (the first prophecy of the Yeshua’s death). ‘Bruise thy head’ refers to Satan’s complete destruction. “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and **never shalt thou be any more**” (Eze. 28:14a,15,18-19). “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death **He might destroy him** that had the power of death, that is, **the devil**” (Heb. 2:14). “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! Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell [*sheol*–the grave], to the sides of the pit “ (Isa. 14:12,15).

Part 4 – All Mankind has the Same two Choices

We all are given the same two choices, obey God’s commands and live, or choose our own right and wrong and die. “See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Yehovah thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and Yehovah thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it...I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live” (Deu. 30:15-16,19).

Chapter 3

Enoch

Part 1 – Enoch walked with God

We know God walked and talked directly to Adam and Eve. “And they heard the voice of Yehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yehovah God amongst the trees of the garden. And Yehovah God called unto Adam” (Gen. 3:8-9a). And God spoke directly to Cain and Abel. “And Yehovah said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?” (Gen. 4:6-7a). God also walked and spoke with Enoch. “And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters” (Gen. 5:21-22).

Enoch lived 365 years. “and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him” (Gen. 5:23-24).

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” (Heb. 11:5). Enoch was translated, *metatithemi* – meaning ‘changed’, by God’s holy spirit so he would not have to receive eternal death, but eternal life in the resurrection. We all must be transformed. “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:2).

Part 2 – Enoch died

We know that Enoch and the others mentioned in Hebrews 11 died. “These all died in faith, not having received the promises” (Heb. 11:13a), (Enoch having been mentioned in verse five). And they are awaiting the first resurrection with the rest. “And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect” (Heb. 11:39-40). “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).

God took Moses’s body and buried it Himself. “So Moses the servant of Yehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Yehovah. And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day” (Deu. 34:5-6). Satan tried to take his body perhaps to have the children of Israel worship it. “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil He disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee” (Jud. 9)

God also took the body of Enoch, “...and he was not; for God took him”(Gen. 5:24b). No one but Yeshua has ever gone to heaven. “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven” (Joh. 3:13).

Part 3 – The Book of Enoch

The Book of Enoch 1 records Enoch’s interactions with God and other events of that period. A complete copy was found as part of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Aramaic, and pieces in Hebrew. It was an important book at the time of Yeshua and the Apostles. It was quoted from like the other books of the Bible by the disciples, and Jews such as the ones in Qumran.

It is directly quoted from, in the New Testament. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (Jud. 14-15). Which is quoted from, "And behold! He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones To execute judgement upon all, And to destroy all the ungodly: And to convict all flesh Of all works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, And of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoke against Him" (1 Enoch 1:9) R. H. Charles, D. Litt., D. D..

The Catholic Church did not include the book of Enoch when they selected their Canon of the Bible at the Council of Laodicea in 364 A.D.. This was in spite of it being quoted as Scripture in the New Testament. This Council also forbade the keeping of the Sabbath day.

Chapter 4

The Nephilim

Part 1 – The Sin of the Angels

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

The term ‘Sons of God’, *ben Elohim*, is only used of angels in the Old Testament. As in, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yehovah, and Satan came also among them” (Job 1:6). The word ‘giants’, *nephilim* in this passage means ‘fallen ones’ which is used in reference to giants. As in, “...and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight” (Num. 13:32b-33).

Satan had been told that Eve’s seed would lead to his destruction. To prevent this, his first plan was to corrupt man’s genetics so that it would be impossible for the Messiah to be born. This is described in more detail in the Book of Enoch.

“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 Semjâzâ, 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 sware 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” (1 Enoch 6:1-6), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

“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” (1 Enoch 7:1-6), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

Other ancient histories speak of this event. “For many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, That these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians called giants” (*Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 1, Chap. 3, Verse 1).

“And he [Enoch] testified to the Watchers, who had sinned with the daughters of men; for these had begun to unite themselves, so as to be defiled, with the daughters of men, and Enoch testified against (them) all” (Jubilees 4:22), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

Part 2 – Angels can become Flesh

“For thus they allured the Watchers who were before the flood; for as these continually beheld them, they lusted after them, and they conceived the act in their mind; for they changed themselves into the shape of men, and appeared to them when they were with their husbands. And the women lusting in their minds after their forms, gave birth to giants, for the Watchers appeared to them as reaching even unto heaven” The Testimonies of the Twelve Patriarchs (Reuben 5:6b-7), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

This event was described in the Epistle of Jude, “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. **Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner**, giving themselves over to fornication, **and going after strange flesh**, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jud. 6-7).

The word for ‘habitation’ here is *oikétérion*, describing angels changing from spirit to flesh. The only other place this word is used in the Bible is when the Apostle Paul describes Christians changing from flesh to spirit. “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house (*oikétérion*) which is from heaven” (2 Cor. 5:1-2).

Angels have the ability to become flesh, as in the story of Sodom. “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... But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them” (Gen. 19:1a, 4-5). The men of Sodom wanted to have sex with these angels appearing in the flesh.

The Apostle Paul said we sometimes meet angels appearing in the flesh without knowing it. “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Heb. 13:2).

When explaining about the resurrected children of God, Yeshua said they would be like angels who do not marry or have sex. “And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection” (Luk. 20:34-36). But this only applies to the holy angels in heaven. “For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as **the angels which are in heaven**” (Mar. 12:25). “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as **the angels of God in heaven**” (Mat. 22:30). The fallen angels came down to Earth and broke those laws.

Part 3 – All Creatures were Corrupted

“And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this Jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose, and

they bare unto them sons and they were giants. And lawlessness increased on the earth and all flesh corrupted its way, alike men and cattle and beasts and birds and everything that walks on the earth; all of them corrupted their ways and orders, and lawlessness increased on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of all men (was) thus evil continually. And God looked upon the earth, and behold it was corrupt, and **all flesh had corrupted its orders**, and all that were upon the earth had wrought all manner of evil before His eyes. And He said that He would destroy man and all flesh upon the face of the earth which He had created” (Jubilees 5:1-4), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

“For owing to these three things came the flood upon the earth, namely, owing to the fornication wherein the Watchers against the law of their ordinances went a whoring after the daughters of men, and took them selves wives of all which they chose: and they made the beginning of uncleanness. And they begat sons the Naphidim, and they were all unlike, and they devoured one another: and the Giants slew the Naphil, and the Naphil slew the Eljo, and the Eljo mankind, and one man another. And every one sold himself to work iniquity and to shed much blood, and the earth was filled with iniquity. And after this **they sinned against the beasts and birds**, and all that moves and walks on the earth: and much blood was shed on the earth, and every imagination and desire of men imagined vanity and evil continually. And the Lord destroyed everything from off the face of the earth; because of the wickedness of their deeds, and because of the blood which they had shed in the midst of the earth He destroyed everything” (Jubilees 7:21-25), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

The angels intermixed both with man and all creatures, corrupting their genetics. And, so God destroyed all flesh, except those that were specifically selected by God. “And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, **two of every sort shall come unto thee**, to keep them alive” (Gen.6:19-20).

Part 4 – The Punishment of the Angels

For this sin God bound this angels in the depth of the Earth. “And again the Lord said to Raphael: 'Bind Azâzêl hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dûdâêl, and cast him therein. And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there for ever, and cover his face that he may not see light. And on the day of the great judgement he shall be cast into the fire...And the Lord said to Michael: 'Go, bind Semjâzâ and his associates who have united themselves with women so as to have defiled themselves with them in all their uncleanness. 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 ” (1 Enoch 10:4-6,11-12), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

“And against the angels whom He had sent upon the earth, He was exceedingly wroth, and He gave commandment to root them out of all their dominion, and He bade us to bind them in the depths of the earth, and behold they are bound in the midst of them, and are (kept) separate. And against their sons went forth a command from before His face that they should be smitten with the sword, and be removed from under heaven. And He said 'My spirit shall not always abide on man; for they also are flesh and their days shall be one hundred and twenty years'. And He sent His sword into their midst that each should slay his neighbour, and they began to slay each other till they all fell by the sword and were destroyed from the earth. And their fathers were witnesses (of their destruction), and after this they were bound in the depths of the earth forever, until the day of the great condemnation, when

judgment is executed on all those who have corrupted their ways and their works before the Lord” (Jubilees 5:6-10), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.

Peter spoke of this dark prison. “[B]y which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water” (1 Pet. 3:19-20). “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (2 Pet 2:4). The word ‘hell’ here is *tartaróo*, referring to the dark prison in which the fallen angels are bound. This is the only time it appears in the Bible.

Part 5 – The Giants after the Flood

“There were giants in the earth in those days; **and also after that**, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown” (Gen. 6:4). The angels fathered giants before the flood “and also after that” before the exodus. “And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight” (Num. 13:32-33). The Israelites did not want to enter the promised land because of the giants. “Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, a people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!” (Deu. 9:1-2).

When conquering the land Joshua defeated the giants except in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod. “And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained” (Jos. 11:21-22). It was the city of Gath that Goliath, the giant that David slew, was from. “And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span” (1 Sam. 17:4). Joshua conquered the land of the king Og, whose bed was thirteen and a half feet. “So Yehovah our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining... For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man” (Deu. 3:3,11).

Part 6 – The Fallen Angels teach Men

The Book of Enoch states, “And all the others together with him, 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 taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants” (1 Enoch 7:1) translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.. “And Azâzêl taught men to make swords and knives, and shields, and breastplates, and made known to them the metals (of the earth) and the art of working them, and bracelets, and ornaments, and the use of antimony, and the beautifying of the eyelids, and all kinds of costly stones, and all colouring tinctures. And there arose much godlessness, and they committed fornication, and they were led astray, and they became corrupt in all their ways. Semjâzâ taught enchantments, and root-cuttings, Armârôs the resolving of enchantments, Barâqijâl (taught) astrology, Kôkabê the constellations, Ezêqêêl the

knowledge of the clouds, (Araqiêl the signs of the earth, Shamsiêl the signs of the sun), and Sariêl the course of the moon” (1 Enoch 8:1-3), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D..

“And the third was named Gâdreêl: He it is who showed the children of men all the blows of death, and he led astray Eve and showed [the weapons of death to the sons of men] the shield and the coat of mail, and the sword for battle, and all the weapons of death to the children of men” (1 Enoch 69:6), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.. “And the fourth was named Pênêmûe: He taught the children of men the bitter and the sweet, and he taught them all the secrets of their wisdom. And he instructed mankind in writing with ink and paper, and thereby many sinned from eternity to eternity until this day” (1 Enoch 69:8-9), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D.. “And the fifth was named Kâsdejâ: this is he who showed the children of men all the wicked smitings of spirits and demons, and **the smitings of the embryo in the womb, that it might pass away**, and [the smitings of the soul] the bites of the serpent, and the smitings which befall through the noontide heat, the son of the serpent named Tabâ’êt” (1 Enoch 69:12), translated by R. H. Charles, D.Litt., D.D..

Part 7 – “As the Days of Noah”

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Mat. 24:37-39). **“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.** They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all” (Luk. 17:26-27). Before the return of Yeshua, the world will again be as it was “in the days of Noah”, filled with wickedness, and the corruption of man and animals. Today scientists have created ‘chimeras’, half-man, half-animal abominations.

The story of the flood is a warning for us today to repent before Yeshua returns and renders judgement. As Jude quoted from the Book of Enoch, “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him” (Jud. 14-15).

Chapter 5

The Flood

Part 1 – The Pre-Flood Atmosphere

Before the flood, the earth had thick layer of water in the upper atmosphere, that protected it from the harmful rays of the sun. "...for Yehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground" (Gen. 2:5b-6). This could cover blocked harmful rays of the sun which accounts for lifespans up to a thousand years. "and all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died" (Gen. 5:27). He apparently died in the flood.

It is this difference in the upper atmosphere before, and after the flood that makes Carbon-14 dating invalid in objects from before the flood, as Carbon-14 dating is based on the rays of the sun being constant. By judging them as the same, things before the flood look much older than they actually are.

Part 2 – The Animals on the Ark

The ark by modern measurements was 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high and could have easily accommodated the several thousand animal kinds God brought to Noah. These would have been the basic 'kinds' God had created. For example, God created wolves, after the flood man has breed them into many types of dogs.

"Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth" (Gen. 7:2-3) NIV. One of each pair of unclean animals were to be brought on the ark. But, seven pairs of each of the clean animals, and of all the birds. This proves indisputability that the laws of clean and unclean meats were in effect before the flood.

Part 3 – The Evidence of the Flood

The ancient people throughout the world all preserved the story of a global flood. The people of Babylon, Persia, Syria, Greece, Asia-Minor, Greece, Egypt, Italy, Russia, China, India, Peru, the native peoples of the Cherokee, Cree, Papagoa, Aztecs, and the islands of Leward, Fiji, and Hawaii, and others have retained the story of the flood, and most with the story of the ark.

There is much physical evidence of a world-wide flood. "Another piece of evidence that would substantiate a worldwide flood is what the geologist call 'rubble drift and ossiferous fissures'. 'Rubble drift' is a certain type of deposit or sediment consisting of massive angular unrolled material tumultuously deposited in local pockets and catchment areas generally full of shattered bones. And by 'ossiferous fissures' are meant great fissures or tears in the earth which formed by some violent action to the surface of the earth...The evidence for such fissures have been found in many places of the earth, some of them measuring three hundred feet in depth. They are filled with debris which drifted into them soon after they opened. Such fissures have been found in England, France, Spain, Germany, Russia and elsewhere. The interesting feature of these fissures is the debris found in them, for they are filled with the remains of animals, among them are those of the elephant, rhinoceros, hippo, caribou, horse, hog, and oxen" *Noah and the Great Flood* by Jerry Bloom, (pp. 68-69).

Chapter 6

The Origins of the Peoples of the Earth

Part 1 – The Children of Eve

All women are born with all the ovum, the 'eggs' they have for reproducing. When Eve was created, God created her with a diversity of completely different ovum to give birth to all the races. The first generation of man all had the same father, Adam, but all were born of different ovum. In this way it is as if they were all half brothers and sisters who then married.

Much later, Abraham married his half-sister, Sarah. "And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife" (Gen. 20:12).

At the time of the Exodus, man's genetics had degraded to the point at which it was no longer safe or healthy to bear children between a half-brother and half-sister. "None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am Yehovah... The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover" (Lev. 18:6,9).

The ancient Book of Jubilees, also called 'The Lesser Genesis', records these first marriages. "And Cain took Awan his sister to be his wife...Seth took Azura his sister to be his wife" (Jubilees 4:9,11).

Part 2 – The Origin of the Races

Science has proven through mitochondrial DNA that all people can be traced back to three women, the wives of Noah's three sons, and those three women to one woman, Eve.

Noah's three sons married women of different races that allowed them to survive the flood. Shem married a Caucasian wife, from which came Asshur (Gen. 10:22), the father of the Assyrians, the modern Germanic peoples, and Abraham (Gen. 11:10-27).

Japheth married an oriental woman, and was the father of Magog, the modern Chinese (Gen. 10:2).

Ham married a black woman, and was the father of Cush, from which come the Ethiopians, and Canaan (Gen. 10:6). 'Ham' is Hebrew for 'hot' or 'black'.

Part 3 – The Origin of Nations

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech...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 Yehovah came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And Yehovah 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. So Yehovah scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because Yehovah did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did Yehovah scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth" (Gen. 11:1,4-9).

In order to stop mankind from advancing to the point where they would end up destroying themselves before the Messiah could come, He confused their languages and separated them. "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened" (Mat. 24:22).

God divided the land and set the boundaries for the 70 nations, and set an angel over each of them. "When the Most High divided the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God" (Deu. 32:8) LXX Sir Lancelot C. L. Brenton, 1851. "When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when He divided mankind, He fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God" (Deu. 32:8) ESV.

But, the angels over the 70 nations of men sinned in becoming the 'gods' of those nations. "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; He judgeth among the gods...I have said, Ye are gods; And all of you are children of the Most High. But ye shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes" (Psa. 82:1,6-7). "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite 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 Yehovah" (Exo. 12:12). "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia" (Dan. 10;13).

Part 4 – The Origin of the Germanic Peoples

Shem was the father of Asshur. "And children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. The sons of Shem were Elam, **Asshur**, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram" (Gen.10:21-22). Asshur was the father of the Assyrians.

In the 600s B.C. the Assyrians migrated from between the land of the Mediterranean Sea and the Tigris River, where they were known as Assyrians and White Syrians, to the Southern shore of the Black Sea, which at this time was called 'Assyria' by Greek geographers.

In the 400s B.C. they migrated to the North of the Black Sea, where Roman geographer Piny documented the 'Assyrani' lived. They were also called Scythians here. From the 100s B.C. to 400s A.D. they moved to the North-West of modern Germany, and were known as 'Germani'. Roman scholar Jerome referred to these German tribes as Assur. The descendants of Assyria live primarily in Germany and Austria today.

Part 5 – The Origin of the Ethiopian Jews

"The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan" (Gen.10:6-7).

Cush and Ethiopia are spoken of interchangeably in the Bible. "Princes shall come out of Egypt; **Ethiopia** shall soon stretch out her hands unto God" (Psa. 68:31). "Envoys will come from Egypt; **Cush** will submit herself to God" (Psa. 68:31) NIV.

Solomon met with the Queen of Sheba (Queen Makeda of Ethiopia). "Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of Yehovah, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her" (1 Kin. 10:1-3).

The ancient text, the *Kebra Nagast*, records Queen Makeda bore a son of Solomon, Menelik. When Menelik reached adulthood he traveled to Jerusalem to meet his father. Menelik returned to Ethiopia with the Ark of the Covenant, and retinue of Jews. From this time there has always been a practicing Jewish population in Ethiopia. The Ark is said to rest in the Chapel of the Tablet, in Aksum, Ethiopia.

These black Jews of Ethiopia have had their DNA tested showing they have Jewish ancestry, and as such are allowed to immigrate to the modern Jewish state of Israel.

Ethiopia was the first Gentile nation, (other than Samaria) to receive the Gospel. “But as the preaching of the Savior’s Gospel was daily advancing, a certain providence led from the land of the Ethiopians an officer of the queen of that country, for Ethiopia even to the present day is ruled, according to ancestral custom, by a woman. He, first among the Gentiles, received of the mysteries of the divine word from Philip in consequence of a revelation, and having become the first-fruits of believers throughout the world, he is said to have been the first on returning to his country to proclaim the knowledge of the God of the universe and the life-giving sojourn of our Savior among men; so that through him in truth the prophecy obtained its fulfillment, which declares that “Ethiopia stretched out her hand unto God.” (*Eusebius’ Ecclesiastical History* Book 2, Chap. 1, Verses 13).

It is to be noted the Bible used by the Ethiopian Church contains the books of Enoch, Jasher, and Jubilees, and not just the canon of the Catholic Bible.

Part 6 – The Curse of Canaan

Noah had become drunk and his grandson Canaan took sexual advantage of him. Ham came in and discovered the scene and told his brothers, who covered their father up. When Noah found out what had happened, he cursed Canaan’s descendants with servitude.

“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 Yehovah 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” (Gen. 9:20-27).

Canaan brought an additional curse upon his people for taking land that belonged to Shem’s descendants. “And Canaan saw the land of Lebanon to the river of Egypt, that it was very good, and he went not into the land of his inheritance to the west (that is to) the sea, and he dwelt in the land of Lebanon, eastward and westward from the border of Jordan and from the border of the sea. And Ham, his father, and Cush and Mizraim his brothers said to him: 'You have settled in a land which is not yours, and which did not fall to us by lot: do not do so; for if you do, do so, you and your sons will fall in the land and (be) accursed through sedition; for by sedition you have settled, and by sedition will your children fall, and you shall be rooted out forever. Dwell not in the dwelling of Shem; for to Shem and to his sons did it come by their lot. Cursed are you, and cursed shall you be beyond all the sons of Noah, by the curse by which we bound ourselves by an oath in the presence of the holy judge, and in the presence of Noah our father. But he did not listen to them, and dwelt in the land of Lebanon from Hamath to the entering of Egypt, he and his sons until this day. And for this reason that land is named Canaan” (Jubilees 10:29-34).

The Canaanites served Israel as prophesied. “And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute” (Jos. 16:10). “Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out” (Jos. 17:12-13). “And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out” (Jud. 1:28), Also see verses 29-35.

Chapter 7

The Origins of False Religion

Part 1 – The Origin of Pagan Religion

“And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before Yehovah: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before Yehovah. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel” (Gen. 10:8-10a). The word ‘before’ here *paneh*, should be translated ‘against’. False religion started after the flood with Cush, and his son, Nimrod, the sun-god, at the beginning of the post-flood civilization in Babel. This included Nimrod’s wife-mother, Semiramis, the queen of heaven, “But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem” (Jer. 44:17), and her second son, Tammuz, “He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of Yehovah's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. (Eze. 8:13-14). Nimrod began building a tower from which to rule all people with one government, and one universal religion.

It is here the worship of the father, mother and son began, the pagan trinity. And where the worship of the sun and the serpent, and the use of the cross started. When God divided the nations, and gave them their own languages, the people continued in this false religion in their own language, calling the gods by the names in their own language. In Egypt Osiris, Isis and Horus, in the Norse gods Odin, Frigga and Thor, in Babylon Enki, Ishtar (pronounced Easter) and Tammuz. Often the names of the father and the son are the same, and Semiramis was said to be the mother of her husband Nimrod, and also having another son after his death, Tammuz. In India, Isi and Iswara, and Phoenicia, Ashtoreth and Baal, where the names of the father and son are the same. As recorded in *The Two Babylons*; Section II – The Mother and Child, and the Original of the Child by Alexander Hislop.

“So also is it in those countries of Europe where the Papal system is most completely developed. In Papal Italy, as travelers universally admit (except where the Gospel has recently entered), all appearance of worshiping the King Eternal and Invisible is almost extinct, while the Mother and the Child are the grand objects of worship. Exactly so, in this later respect, also was it also in ancient Babylon. The Babylonians, in their *popular religion*, supremely worshiped a Goddess Mother and Son, who was represented in pictures and in images as an infant and child in his mother’s arms. From Babylon, this worship of the Mother and the Child spread to the ends of the earth. In Egypt, the Mother and Child were worshiped under the names of Isis and Osiris. In India, even to this day, as Isi and Iswara; in Asia, as Cybele and Deōius; in Pagan Rome, as Fortuna and Jupiter-Puer, or Jupiter, the boy; in Greece as Ceres, the Great Mother, with the babe at her breast, or as Irene, the goddess of Peace, with the boy Plutus in her arms; and even in Thibet, in China, and Japan, the Jesuit missionaries were astonished to find the counterpart of Madonna and her child as devoutly worshiped as in Papal Rome itself; Shing Moo, the Holy Mother in China, being represented with a child in her arms, and a *glory* around her, exactly as if a Roman Catholic artist had been employed to set her up” (*The Two Babylons*, Alexander Hislop, chap. 2, sec. 2 – THE MOTHER AND CHILD, AND THE ORIGINAL OF THE CHILD, p. 27).

“The original of that mother, so widely worshiped, there is reason to believe, was Semiramis, already referred to, it is well known, was worshiped by the Babylonians, and other eastern nations, in that under the name of Rhea, the great Goddess ‘Mother’.

“It is from the son, however, that she derived all of her glory and her claims to deification. That son, though represented as a child in his mother’s arms, was a person of

great stature and immense bodily powers, as well as most fascinating manners. In Scriptures he is referred to (Ez. 8:14) under the name of Tammuz, but he is commonly known among classical writers under the name of Bacchus, that is, 'the Lamented One'... This lamented one, exhibited and adored as a little child in his mother's arms, seems, in point of fact, to have been the *husband* of Semiramis, whose name, Ninus, by which he is commonly known in classical history, literally signified 'The Son'. As Semiramus, the wife, was worshiped as Rhea, whose grand distinguishing character was that of the great goddess 'Mother', the conjunction with her of her husband, under the name of Ninus, or 'The Son', was sufficient to originate the particular worship of the 'Mother and Son', so extensively defused among the nations of antiquity; and this, no doubt, is the explanation of the fact which has so much puzzled the inquirers into ancient history, that Ninus is sometimes called the *husband*, and sometimes the *son* of Semiramis" (*The Two Babylons*, Alexander Hislip, chap. 2, SUB-SECTION 1 – THE CHILD IN ASSYRIA, p. 27).

Much later explorer, Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortéz, was amazed to find that the inhabitants of Mexico had many of the same pagan rites and doctrines that the Catholic Church had adopted.

Part 2 – The Origin of the Paganized Judaism of Samaria

After the kingdom of Israel became divided, King Jeroboam did not want the house of Israel to return to Jerusalem in Judea to worship God. In order to prevent this he set up two golden calves for worship. "And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: if this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of Yehovah at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi" (1 Kin. 12:26-31).

Jeroboam also replaced the feast of the seventh month, which God commanded, with a feast in the eighth month which God did not command. "And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made. So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense" (1 Kin. 12:32-33).

After this God repeatedly condemns the house of Israel for walking in the 'sins of Jeroboam', the use of idols, and false festivals, which was the beginning of paganized Judaism in the land of Samaria, and was the reason they were carried away into captivity. "For He rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following Yehovah, and made them sin a great sin. For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; until Yehovah removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day" (2 Kin. 17:21-23).

After Assyria removed the ten tribes from Samaria in Israel in 720 B.C., they replaced them with Gentiles who attempted to worshiped Yehovah in a pagan way. "And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed

them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof... So they feared Yehovah, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared Yehovah, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence. Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not Yehovah, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which Yehovah commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel” (2 Kin. 17:24,32-34). So after this time Gentiles lived in Samaria, worshipping God in a pagan manner, not following God’s laws. These were the Samaritans of the time of Yeshua and his Apostles.

Part 3 –Simon of Samaria and Helena of Tyre

“But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the holy spirit: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the holy spirit. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles’ hands the holy spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the holy spirit. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. (Act. 8:9-24).

Hastings Dictionary of the Bible states,

“Simon holds the unenviable position of being the one outstanding heretic in the NT: and from then until now his character has been held in particular odium. Ignatius, the earliest of the Fathers, calls him, ‘**the first-born of Satan**’: Irenæus marks him out as **the first of all heretics**: ... Justin Martyr mentions three times in his *Apologies*, and once in his *Dialogue*, a Simon as a leader of a heretical sect. He states that Gitta, a village in Samaria, was his birthplace, and speaks of him as visiting Rome, and being so successful in his magical impostures as to have secured worship of himself as a God, and to have been honored with a statue, which bore the inscription SIMONI DEO SANCTO (‘to Simon the Holy God’). He further mentions that ‘almost all the Samaritans, and even a few of the other nations’ worshiped him as ‘first God’ (cf. Ac 8¹⁰ ‘this man is that power of God which is Great’). He also adds that Helena, a fallen woman who accompanied him, was ‘the first true idea generated by him’ (pg. 855).

Concerning the statue consecrated to Simon, the *New Bible Dictionary* states, “This statue may have actually been erected to the Sabine deity Semo Sanctus, but the **Simonians, who worshiped at statues**, perhaps saw opportunities in this one” (pg. 1116). This very same statue may be the one sitting in St. Peter’s Basilica today, now supposing to represent St. Peter.

“Irenaeus (*Adv. Haer.* 1. 16, Harvey), Hippolytus (*Philos.* 6. 7ff.) and Epiphanius (*Panarion.* 21. 2ff.) describe Simonian doctrine... **He seems to have developed his old theme of ‘the Great Power of God’ into a Trinitarian scheme: Simon appeared to the Samaritans as the Father, to the Jews as the Son (he only seemed to suffer) and to the world at large as the Holy Spirit.** He had a Redemption myth in which he rescued Helen (“the lost sheep”) from the bondage of successive transmigrations in various female bodies; and **he preached salvation by grace**, requiring faith in Helen and himself, **but allowing unrestrained liberties in morals afterward.** But Simon also **borrowed heavily from Gk. paganism and Gk. philosophy**, and some concepts appear which recur in more sophisticated Christian Gnosticism. **Ireneaus and others regard him as the first major heretic**, the initiator of a long chain of interrelated errors” (*ibid.* 2nd Ed. pg. 1116) Tyndale House Pub. Inc..

Simon was the origin of traditional “Christianity’s” Trinity.

“And so he brought many men to be astonished at him; living as he did under Claudius Caesar, by whom also he is said to have been honored with a statue for his magical skill. He then by many **was glorified as God and taught that it was he and no other, who appeared among the Jews as the Son, but in Samaria descended as the Father, and among the other nations used to come as the Holy Ghost.** And that he is himself the most high Power, i.e., the Father who is over all; and permits himself to be called whatever men call him.

Helena was the Mother of the Great False Church, the Great Whore.

“But Simon the Samaritan, from whom all the heresies had their being, hath this kind of matter to make up his set. One Helena, whom he had himself purchased of Tyre a city of Phoenicia, a common woman, he took about with him, saying that she was the first conception of his vine, **the mother of all**, by whom at first he conceived in his mind the creation of the Angels and Archangels. For that she being an Understanding leaping forth from him, knowing her father’s will, goes down to the lower parts, and produces Angels and Powers, by whom also he said this world was made. But after she had produced them, she was kept in bondage by them in envy, they not liking to be thought the progeny of any other. For that he was himself entirely unknown to them, but that his Understanding was kept in hold by those who were Powers sent out from her, and Angels: that she endured all insult from them, to prevent her hastening on high again to her father, even to her being shut up in a human body, and age after age transmigrating as it were from vessel to vessel into other bodies of women. And that she was also in that Helen, for which the war of Troy was waged; wherefore also Stesichorus, defaming her in his verses, was deprived of sight: then afterwards on his repenting, and writing those Recantations (as they are called) in which he sang her praises, he regained his sight. Moreover, that she passing from one body to another, and continually suffering insult thereby, **at last became even a harlot in a brothel:** and that she is meant by the lost sheep” (Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, bk. 1, chap. 23, sec. 2).

Eusebius states,

“This is attested by Justin, ‘And after the ascension of our Lord into heaven, certain men were suborned by demons as their agents, who said that they were gods... Simon, a certain Samaritan of the village called Githon, was one of the number, who, in the reign of Claudius Caesar, performed many magic rites by the operation of demons, was considered a god, in your imperial city of Rome, and was honored by you with a statue as a god, in the river Tiber, (on an island) between the two bridges, having the superscription in Latin, *Simoni Deo Sancto*, which is, to Simon the Holy God; and nearly all the Samaritans, a few also of other nations, worshiped him, confessing him the Supreme God. A certain Helen also, is of this class, who

had before been a public prostitute in Tyre of Phoenicia, and at that time attached herself to Simon, and was called the first idea that proceeded by him.”

“Simon, however, we have understood to have **taken the lead in all heresy, from whom also, down to the present time**, those who followed his heresy, still affected the modest philosophy of the Christians, so celebrated for purity of life among all. From this, however, they appeared again to depart and again to embrace the **superstitions of idols, falling down before the pictures and statues** of this self-same Simon and the aforesaid Helen with him, **venturing to offer them worship by incense, sacrifices and libations**” (*Eusebius’ Ecclesiastical History* Book 2, Chap. 13, Verses 4-7).

Part 4 – The False Church outlaws the Keeping of God’s Law

The Sect of those that accepted Simon’s teachings took power when Constantine, the sun-worshipping Roman Emperor, made the Christian Church the State religion in 323 A.D.. It quickly began persecuting God’s Church for keeping the same weekly and annual Sabbaths as Yeshua and His Apostles, and replacing them with pagan ones instead.

On the 7th of March, 321 A.D., the emperor Constantine issued an edict prohibiting work on Sunday. “On the venerable day of the sun, let the magistrates and the people residing in the city’s rest, and let all workshops be closed” (*Codex Justinianus*, liv. 3, tit. 12 3, transl. in *History of the Christian Church*, Schaff, vol. 3 p. 308).

“This legislation by Constantine probably bore no relation to Christianity; it appears, on the contrary, that the Emperor, in his capacity of Pontifex Maximus, was only adding the day of the Sun, the worship of which was then firmly established in the Roman Empire, to the other ferial days of the sacred calendar” (*Encyclopædia Britannica*, 11th ed. “Rest Days”, pp. 122-123).

The Sabbath was outlawed at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. “Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, rather, honoring the Lord’s Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But, if any be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ!” (*Nicaean and Post Nicaean Fathers*, vol. 19, pg. 148).

It was also at the Council of Nicaea, all things ‘Jewish’ were outlawed.

“It appears an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should follow the practice of the Jews, who have impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin, and are, therefore, deservedly afflicted with blindness of soul...Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd...All should unite in desiring that which sound reason appears to demand, and in avoiding all participation in the perjured conduct of the Jews” (Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*, 3, 18-19; NPNF 2nd, 1, pp. 524-525).

Emperor Constantine wrote the following concerning keeping the Passover, “Forasmuch, then, as it is no longer possible to bear with your pernicious errors, we give warning by this present statute that none of you henceforth presume to assemble yourselves together. We have directed, accordingly, that you be deprived of all the houses in which you are accustomed to hold your assemblies, and forbid the holding of your superstitious and senseless meetings...Take the far better course of entering the Catholic Church” (Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*, Book 3).

Part 5 – The False Church adopted Pagan Practices and Doctrines

History of Christianity by Edward Gibbons

“If Paganism was conquered by Christianity, it is equally true that Christianity was corrupted by Paganism. The pure Deism of the first Christians...was changed, by the church of Rome, into the incomprehensible dogma of the trinity. Many of the pagan tenets invented by the Egyptians and idealized by Plato, were retained as being worthy of belief” (p. xvi).

“Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it. The Greek mind, dying, came to a transmigrated life in the theology and liturgy of the Church; the Greek language, having reigned for centuries over philosophy, became the vehicle of Christian literature and ritual; the Greek mysteries passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. Other pagan cultures contributed to the syncretistic result. From Egypt came the idea of a divine trinity... and personal immortality of reward and punishment. From Egypt the adoration of the Mother and Child, and the mystic theosophy that made Neoplatonism and Gnosticism, and obscured the Christian creed; there, too, Christian monasticism would find its exemplars and its source. From Phrygia came the worship of the Great Mother; from Syria, the resurrection drama of Adonis; from Thrace, perhaps, the cult of Dionysus, the dying and saving god... The Mithraic ritual so closely resembled the Eucharist sacrifice of the Mass that Christian fathers charged the Devil with these similarities to mislead frail minds. Christianity was the last great creation of the ancient pagan world... [The Eucharist] was a conception long sanctified by time; the pagan mind needed no schooling to receive it; by embodying the ‘mystery of the Mass,’ Christianity became the last and greatest of the mystery religions” (*The Story of Civilization*, vol. 5, Will Durant, pp. 595, 599).

“Paganism survived in the moral sense, as a joyous indulgence of natural appetites, as a religion it remained only in the FORM OF ANCIENT RITES AND CUSTOMS CONDONED, OR ACCEPTED AND TRANSFORMED, BY AN OFTEN INDULGENT CHURCH. An intimate and trustful worship of saints replaced the cult of the pagan gods, and satisfied the congenial polytheism of simple but poetic minds. Statues of Isis and Horus were renamed Mary and Jesus, the Roman Luperalia and the feast of the purification of Isis became the Feast of the Nativity, the Saturnalia were by Christmas celebrations, The Floralia by Pentecost, an ancient festival of the dead by All Souls’ Day, the resurrection of Attis by the resurrection of Christ. Pagan altars were rededicated to Christian heroes, incense, lights, flowers, processions, vestments, hymns, which had pleased the people in older cults, were domesticated and cleansed in the ritual of the Church, and the harsh slaughter of a living victim was sublimated in the spiritual sacrifice of the Mass.” *The Age of Faith* by Will Durant, Volume 4, pg. 75.

The Two Babylons by Alexander Hislop states,

“To consolidate the pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and pagan festivals amalgamated, and, by a complicated but skillful adjustment of the calendar, it was found no difficult matter, in general, to get paganism and Christianity – now far sunk in idolatry – in this as in so many other things, to shake hands” (pp. 104-105).

“The Chaldean Mysteries can be traced up to the days of Semiramis, who lived only a few centuries after the flood, and who is known to have impressed upon them the image of her own depraved and polluted mind. That beautiful but abandoned queen of Babylon was not only herself a paragon of unbridled lust and licentiousness, but in the Mysteries which she had a chief hand in forming, she was worshiped as Rhea, the great ‘Mother’ of the Gods, with such

atrocious rites as identified her with Venus, the Mother of all impurity, and raised the very city where she had reigned to a bad eminence among the nations, as the grand seat at once of idolatry and consecrated prostitution. Thus was this Chaldean queen a fit and remarkable proto-type of the 'Woman' in the Apocalypse with the golden cup in her hand and the name on her forehead, **'Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.'** The apocalyptic emblem of the Harlot woman with the cup in her hand, was even embodied in the symbols of idols derived from ancient Babylon, as they were exhibited in Greece; for thus was the Greek Venus originally represented" (*The Two Babylons*, Alexander Hislip, pp. 5-6).

Part 6 – The Catholic Church is Identified

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me. Come hither, I will shew unto thee judgement of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters, With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. And upon her forehead was a name written MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Rev. 17:1-6).

"This description of Babylon the Great Harlot...Exactly fits Papal Rome. Nothing else in World History does fit. "Full of the names of Blasphemy" (17:3). Popes claim to hold on earth the place of God, to have Supreme Authority over the Human Conscience, to Forgive Sin, to Grant Indulgences, and that Obedience to Them is necessary to Salvation. How could anything be more Blasphemous? Drunk with the Blood of the Martyrs" (17:6). The Horrors of the Inquisition, ordered and maintained by the Popes, over a period of 500 years, in which unnumbered millions were Tortured and Burned, constitute the MOST BRUTAL, BEASTLY and DEVELISH PICTURE in all history" *Halley's Bible Handbook*, (pp 731-732).

Part 7 – The Catholic Church's Daughters – the Protestants

"And upon her forehead was a name written MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS** AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev.17). The Catholic Church is the Mother Church of the Protestant Churches, they all sprang from her.

Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation in 1517 in the city of Wittenberg. This was in protest to the corruption in the Catholic Church at that time, which included simony – the selling of church offices (even that of the papacy itself), indulgences – the purchasing of waivers to commit sin, receiving payment for praying souls out of Purgatory, and the worshiping of idols and relics – the supposed body parts of the saints.

The Protestant Churches continued to follow the Catholic Church in their pagan days of worship, pagan doctrines, and idolatry. Here are just a few.

Concerning the keeping of Sunday, the Catholic Church admits,

"Which church does the whole civilized church obey? Protestants call us every horrible name they can think of – anti-Christ, the scarlet-colored beast, Babylon, etc., and at the same

time profess great reverence for the Bible. And yet by their solemn act of keeping Sunday, they acknowledge the power of the Catholic Church. The Bible says, 'remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,' but the Catholic Church says, 'No, keep the first day of the week,' and the whole world bows in obedience" (Catholic Priest T. Enright, C.S.S.R., Lecture at Redemptorist College, Kansas City, MO, Feb. 18, 1884).

"But since Saturday, not Sunday, is specified in the Bible, isn't it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not from the Church, observes Sunday instead of Saturday? Yes, of course it is inconsistent, but this change was made about fifteen centuries before Protestantism was born. And by that time, the custom was universally observed. They have continued the custom, even though it rests upon the authority of the Catholic Church and not upon a specific text in the Bible. That observance remains as a reminder of the Mother Church from which the non-Catholic sects broke away – like a boy running away from home, but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or a lock of her hair" (*The Faith of Millions*, pg. 473, 1956).

Concerning the entry of the pagan concept of the Trinity into the Church,

Paganism in our Christianity by Arthur Weigall details this subject,

"It must not be forgotten that Jesus Christ never mentioned such a phenomenon [the Trinity], and nowhere in the New Testament does the word 'Trinity' appear. The idea was only adopted by the church 300 years after the death of our Lord; and the origin of the conception is entirely pagan...

"The early Christians, did not at first think of applying the idea to their own faith. They paid their devotions to God the Father and the Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and they recognized the mysterious and undefined existence of the Holy Spirit' but their was no thought of these three being an actual trinity, co-equal and united in One...

"The application of this old pagan conception of a trinity to Christian theology was made possible by the recognition of the Holy Spirit as the required third 'Person', co-equal with the other 'Persons'...

"The idea of the Spirit being co-equal with God was not generally recognized until the second half of the fourth century A.D...In the year 381, the Council of Constantinople added to the earlier Nicene Creed a description of the Holy Spirit as 'Yehovah, and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and Son, together is worshipped and glorified'...

"Thus, the Athenasian Creed, which is a later composition but reflects the general conceptions of Athanasius and his school, formulated the conception of a co-equal Trinity wherein the Holy Spirit was the third 'Person'; and so it was made a dogma of the faith, and belief in the Three in One and the One in Three became a paramount doctrine of Christianity, though not without terrible riots and bloodshed...

"Today a Christian thinker...has no wish to be precise about it, more especially since the definition is obviously pagan in origin and was not adopted by the church until nearly 300 years after Christ" (p. 19).

Concerning the pagan doctrine of the immortal soul,

"The belief that the soul continues in existence after the dissolution of the body is...speculation...nowhere expressly taught in Holy Scripture...the belief of the immortality of the soul came to the Jews from contact with Greek thought and chiefly through the philosophy of Plato, its principle exponent, who was led to it through Orphic and Eleusinian mysteries in

which Babylonian and Egyptian views were strangely blended” (*The Jewish Encyclopedia*, 1941, vol. 6. ‘Immortality of the Soul’, pp.564-566).

“We are influenced always more or less by the Greek, Platonic idea that the body dies, yet the soul is immortal. Such an idea is utterly contrary to the Israelite consciousness and is nowhere found in the Old Testament” (*International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, 1960, vol. 2 ‘Death’, p. 812).

“Speculation about the soul in the subapostolic church was heavily influenced by Greek philosophy. This is seen in Origen’s acceptance of Plato’s doctrine on the preexistence of the soul as pure mind (*nous*) originally, which, by reason of its fall from God, cooled down to soul (*psyche*) when it lost its participation in the divine fire by looking earthward” (*The Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 1992, ‘soul’, p. 1037).

Concerning the use of the pagan symbol of the cross,

“Cross, *stauros*, denotes, primarily, an upright pale or stake. On such malefactors were nailed for execution. Both the noun and the verb *stauroō*, to fasten to a stake or pale, are originally to be distinguished from the ecclesiastical form of a two beamed cross. The shape of the latter had its origin in ancient Chaldea, and was used as the symbol of the god Tammuz (being in the shape of the mystic Tau, the initial of his name) in that country and in adjacent lands, including Egypt. By the middle of the 3rd century A.D., the churches had either departed from, or had travestied, certain doctrines of the Christian faith. In order to increase the prestige of the apostate ecclesiastical system pagans were received into the churches apart from regeneration by faith, and were permitted largely to retain their pagan signs and symbols. Hence the Tau or T, in its most frequent form, with the cross-piece lowered, was adopted to stand for the cross of Christ,” *The Expanded Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* by W.E. Vine. (pg. 248 Cross).

Part 8 – Modern Babylon is to be Destroyed

And with the final bowl poured out, modern Babylon will be destroyed. “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication” (Rev. 14:7-9). “And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird...And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues...Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double...Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come...Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all” (Rev. 18:2,4,6, 8-10,20-21).

The Catholic Church’s Protestant daughters will also be destroyed with their mother.

“And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go

up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever" (Isa. 34:9-10). "And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground" (Isa. 21:9). "O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. Happy shall he be, that taketh and **dasheth thy little ones [the Protestant Churches] against the stones**" Psa. 137:8-9). "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate...Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man...But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, **the loss of children**, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments" (Isa. 47:1,3,9).

Chapter 8 Melchizedek Part 1 – The High Priest

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all” (Gen. 14:18-20).

From this account we learn, Melchizedek was the King of Peace, Salem means ‘peace’. Yeshua is the ‘Prince of Peace’. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Yehovah of hosts will perform this” (Isa. 9:6-7).

And here is the first mention of the Kiddush, the sacred bread and wine ceremony, which Yeshua would explain the meaning of at His last supper. “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Mat.26:26-28).

We also learn from this account Melchizedek was the priest of the Most High God, the Father. The Father swore that Yeshua, who sits at the Father’s right hand, would be High Priest of the Order of Melchizedek forever. “Yehovah said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool...Yehovah hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek” (Psa. 110:1,4).

Part 2 – Melchizedek received Tithes

Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. The Apostle Paul explains how that Abraham paid tithes to the Melchizedek priesthood. And that Levi, Abraham’s great-grand son, from which came the Levitical priesthood, was superseded by the Melchizedek priesthood, of which Yeshua now was the High Priest of, and as such tithing has now reverted back to that of His Priesthood, are to be paid to the Church of God. “Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: but he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law” (Heb. 7:4-12).

Part 3 – Yeshua is Melchizedek

The Apostle Paul explains that this Melchizedek had no human mother or father when He appeared to Abraham. “For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; **without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually**” (Heb. 7:1-3). Melchizedek was the one became Yeshua, our High Priest, appearing in human form to Abraham. “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM” (Joh. 8:56-58).

Part 4 – Jacob paid Tithes

Jacob paid tithes to Melchizedek. “And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall Yehovah be my God: and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee” (Gen. 28:20-22).

Jacob also wrestled with Yeshua appearing in human form at the time. “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for **I have seen God face to face**, and my life is preserved” (Gen. 32:24-30).

Chapter 9

Sodom and Gomorrah

Part 1 – The Wickedness of Sodom

While walking with Abraham, God told him that if the stories of Sodom and Gomorrah's wickedness were true, He would destroy them. "And Yehovah said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before Yehovah" (Gen. 18:20-22).

Abraham convinced God to spare them if there were at least ten righteous people there, as his nephew Lot lived there. "And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake" (Gen. 18:32).

Lot insisted the two angels in human form that had been sent to Sodom stay the night with him. "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" (Gen. 19:1-2a).

He fed them unleavened bread as these were the days of unleavened bread. "And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and **he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread**, and they did eat" (Gen. 19:3).

The men of the city wanted to have sex with the angels. "But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them" (Gen. 19:4-5). So the angels blinded them. "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" (Gen. 10:11).

When speaking of the angels who had sex with women before the flood, Jude makes a direct comparison with the men of Sodom who wanted to have sex with angels. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jud. 6-7). The eternal fire here refers to the permanent effect of the fire, not that it is still burning today.

Part 2 – Lot was Protected

The angels carried Lot's family outside the city." And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; Yehovah being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, **and set him without the city**" (Gen. 19:15-16).

Lot being taken by angels before the destruction of Sodom was a type of the Church being taken by angels before the Great Tribulation. "And he lingered. And the men lay hold of his hand and his wife's hand, and on the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah having mercy on him. And they caused him to go out, and **they put him down outside the city**" (Gen. 19:15-16).KJV3 - *Green's Literal Translation*

of the Holy Bible. “Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. **Remember Lot's wife.** Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be **taken**, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be **taken**, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the **body** is, thither will the **eagles** be gathered together” (Luk. 17:30-37).

Lot was given permission to escape to the city of Zoar. “behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar” (Gen. 19:20-22).

There were multiple cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, which were called that after the destruction. Sodom means burning, and Gomorrah means destruction. These became known as the cities of burning and destruction. “[A]nd He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities” (Gen. 19:25a).

Part 3 – A Warning for Today

Lot's wife looked back against the angels' command, and was turned to a pillar of salt. “And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed... the sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then Yehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yehovah out of heaven; and He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt” (Gen. 19:17,23-26).

Lot's wife became an example of the punishment for those who look back to spiritual Sodom after having left it. “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities” (Rev. 18:4-5). “Remember Lot's wife” (Luk. 17:32).

Yeshua warned against not separating ourselves from the world before His return. “And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luk. 17:26-30).

Part 4 – Lot, the Father of Moab and Ammon

After the destruction of these cities Lot feared Zoar would be destroyed as well. And Lot's daughter's thinking all mankind had been destroyed, had children by Lot. “And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father” (Gen. 19:30-32).

This is where the nations of Moab and Ammon come from. "Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day" (Gen. 19:36-38). Moab and Ammon are recognized as the nation of Jordon today.

Chapter 10

The Descendants of Abraham

Part 1 – The Promised Blessing

God chose Abraham because he obeyed God's law, which is what God told Isaac, Abraham's son. "And Yehovah appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 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" (Gen. 26:2-5). Abraham kept God's statutes, which included the Holy Days, so they had to be revealed to him.

God's blessing on Abraham consisted of two parts. "Now Yehovah had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and **I will make of thee a great nation**, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: **and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed**" (Gen. 12:1-3).

The first blessing was that a great nation would come from him, a physical blessing. And secondly, that all the earth would be blessed in the Messiah that would come through him, a spiritual blessing.

Part 2 – Abraham was Tested

God tested Abraham to see if he was completely obedient by telling him to sacrifice his son Isaac. "And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt (*nasah* – test) Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of" (Gen. 22:1-2).

Abraham did not withhold from sacrificing his son Isaac, just as the Father did not withhold from sacrificing His Son, Yeshua. "And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of Yehovah called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son" (Gen. 22:9-13).

Abraham knew God would have been able to raise Isaac from the dead. "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" (Heb. 11:17-19).

Because Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac, just as the Father would Yeshua, God made His covenant with Abraham. "And the angel of Yehovah called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith Yehovah, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will

multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice” (Gen. 22:15-18).

Again a two-part blessing. First, that he would have many descendants, “as the stars of the heaven”, who “shall possess the gate of his enemies”. And second, “In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed”, in reference to the Messiah.

Part 3 – The National Blessing

The first part, national blessing, included land. “In the same day Yehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites” (Gen. 15:18-21).

God promised Abraham would be the father of many nations. “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, Yehovah appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God (Gen. 17:1-8).

Part 4 – Salvation through the Messiah

The Apostle Paul made it clear that the second part of this was speaking about Yeshua. “Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham...Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ” (Gal. 3:7-9,16).

Salvation comes through the Messiah by this covenant with Abraham. “Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for **salvation is of the Jews**” (Joh. 4:22). We must spiritually become Jews to receive salvation. “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, **in the spirit**” (Rom. 2:28-29a).

“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise**” (Gal. 3:27-29).

Receiving salvation in the Kingdom of God is compared to being in Abraham's bosom, in that you have attained salvation through Yeshua, promised in the covenant to Abraham. “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried” (Luk. 16:22).

Jews, who are living apart from Yeshua, can be grafted back to their own tree, spiritual Israel, just as Gentiles are also grafted in. "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy... For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree" (Rom. 11:11,24).

Part 5 – The Blessings pass to Isaac

Abraham had a son by Hagar, Sarah's handmaid. "And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes... And the angel of Yehovah said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because Yehovah hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren" (Gen. 16:3-4,11-12).

After God gave Abraham a son by Sarah, Isaac, He told Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away, and He would still provide blessing for Ishmael. But, the covenant blessing would go to Isaac. "Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; **for in Isaac shall thy seed be called**. And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed" (Gen. 21:10-13).

Ishmael became the father of twelve princes, who are today the people Saudi Arabia. "Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: these are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations" (Gen.25:12-16).

Abraham had other sons after this ,but Isaac retained the blessings. "Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country " (Gen. 25:1-6).

Part 6 – The Blessings pass to Jacob

Jacob was prophesied to receive the blessings. "And Isaac intreated Yehovah for his wife, because she was barren: and Yehovah was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of Yehovah. And Yehovah said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, And two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; And the one people shall be stronger than the other people; **And the elder shall serve the younger**. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's

heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.(Gen. 25:21-26). God had already determined that the younger, Jacob, would receive the blessings.

Esau, while famished, sold Jacob his birthright. “And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright” (Gen. 25:29-34).

Rebekah and Jacob trick Isaac into giving Jacob the blessings. “And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before Yehovah before my death. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: and thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death... And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which Yehovah hath blessed: Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, And the fatness of the earth, And plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, And nations bow down to thee: Be lord over thy brethren, And let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: Cursed be every one that curseth thee, And blessed be he that blesseth thee” (Gen. 27:6-10,26-29). These promises included great material blessings, and control of other nations.

Isaac could not take back the covenant blessings from Jacob, but gave Esau a blessing also. “And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above; And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; And it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, That thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck” (Gen. 27:34-40).

Esau, or Edom, became the father of the Turkish people. “And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter... neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress” (Oba. 9,14). The crossway are the Dardanelles where they live today. Teman was a grandson of Ishmael. “And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: these are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. And the sons of Eliphaz were **Teman**, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz” (Gen. 36:9-11). Turkestan was known as the land of Temani “When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place” (Gen. 36:34).

God repeats His covenant to Jacob. “And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took

of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, Yehovah stood above it, and said, I am Yehovah God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Gen. 28:10-15). God repeats the promise of the Messiah and of many descendants, and also of spreading to lands throughout the Earth.

The promise is extended when God changes Jacob's name to Israel. "And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him. And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; **a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee**, and kings shall come out of thy loins; and the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el" (Gen. 35:9-15).

Part 7 – The Blessings pass to Joseph

Jacob's firstborn, Reuben, lost the birthright because he slept with one of his father's wives. "Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)" (1 Chr. 5:1-2).

The birthright went to the sons of Joseph, Jacob's eleventh son, but the throne went to the line of Judah. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come" (Gen. 49:10). There will be a ruler on that throne until the Messiah comes and sits on it.

And so the birthright passed on to Joseph as prophesied. "And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: for, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words" (Gen. 37:5-8).

Part 8 – The Blessings pass to Ephraim and Manasseh

Jacob, now Israel, adopts Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, as full sons of his. " And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine" (Gen. 48:2-5).

Then Israel put his name, 'Israel', on the two boys. "And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; **and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac**; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth" (Gen. 48:13-16).

Israel put the greater blessing on Ephraim, the younger. "And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh" (Gen. 48:17-20).

Israel prophesizes for the Last Days, the time of the end. "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days... Joseph is a fruitful bough, Even a fruitful bough by a well; Whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, And shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; And by the Almighty, who shall bless thee With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lieth under, Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father Have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren" (Gen. 49:1, 22-27).

Part 9 – The Throne of David

Israel wanted a human king. "But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto Yehovah. And Yehovah said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Sam. 8:6-7).

Israel's first human king, Saul, disobeyed God and was rejected by Him. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of Yehovah, He hath also rejected thee from being king" (1 Sam. 15:23).

David was anointed king before Saul's death. "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of Yehovah came upon David from that day forward" (1 Sam. 16:13).

God makes an eternal covenant with David. "And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: but my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. **And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever**" (2 Sam. 7:12-16).

If David's descendants sinned God would punish them, but his throne would continue forever. "If his children forsake My law, And walk not in My judgments; If they break My statutes, and keep not My commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless My lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, Nor suffer My faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips. Once have I sworn by My holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, And his throne as the sun before Me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, And as a faithful witness in heaven" (Psa. 89:30-37).

"Now these be the last words of David... Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things, and sure" (2 Sam. 23:1a,5b).

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, And build up thy throne to all generations... My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, And my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, And his throne as the days of heaven" (Psa. 89:3-4,28-29). "You said, "David, My servant, is My chosen one, and this is the agreement I made with him: David, **one of your descendants will always be king**... My love for him will last, and my agreement with him will never be broken. "One of David's descendants will always be king, and **his family will rule until the sky disappears**" (Psa. 89:3-4,28-29) CEV.

David was succeeded by his son Solomon. "Then Solomon sat on the **throne of Yehovah** as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him" (1 Chr. 29:23). This was God's throne, the one which God had ruled Israel. "Blessed be Yehovah thy God, which delighted in thee **to set thee on His throne**, to be king for Yehovah thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice" (2 Chr. 9:8).

Yeshua is both the 'root' and 'offspring' of David. "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star" (Rev. 22:16b). This is because He sat on the throne before David, and will again upon His return.

"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. For thus saith Yehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword" (Jer. 33:3-4).

"Behold, the days come, saith Yehovah, that I will perform that good thing which **I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah**. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, Yehovah our righteousness. For thus saith Yehovah; **David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel**; neither shall the priests the **Levites want a man before me** to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually" (Jer. 33:14-17).

This promise was to the house of Israel, and the house of Judah. The Davidic throne was to be transferred to the house of Israel, and there would always be someone sitting upon it. The Messiah would be born to the house of Judah, of the line of David, and the priesthood would not die out, even if there were periods without offerings.

God promises as long as there is a day and a night there would be someone on David's throne. "Thus saith Yehovah; If ye can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; then may also My covenant be broken with David My servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, My

ministers... Thus saith Yehovah; If My covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them" (Jer. 33:20-21, 25-26). God had promised one of Judah descendants would sit on the throne until Yeshua the Messiah would sit on it at His return. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come" (Gen. 49:10). *Shiloh*, "he whose it is", belonging to the Messiah.

Part 10 – The Divided Kingdom

Eventually under David and his son, Solomon, their throne ruled over all the tribes of Israel. But, because of Solomon's sin, his son, Rehoboam, lost the rule of the majority of the tribes. "Wherefore Yehovah said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen" (1 Kin. 11:11-13).

"And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith Yehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: but he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of +all the tribes of Israel:) because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do that which is right in Mine eyes, and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My statutes: but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. **And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem**, the city which I have chosen Me to put My name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel" (1 Kin. 11:31-37). Judah would retain Jerusalem as its capitol.

Israel's capitol would be Samaria. "And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years" (1 Kin. 16:29).

The ten tribes that included the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh retained the name Israel, as they had been given that name. "And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn...the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; **and let my name be named on them**, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth" (Gen. 48:14,16).

After the division of the nations, whenever it mentions Jacob or Israel, it is speaking the ten tribes or Ephraim and Manasseh specifically. When it mentions Joseph or Rachel (the mother of Joseph) it is referring to Ephraim and Manasseh. Samaria was in Ephraim, and the capitol of the ten tribes, and can refer to either.

The tribe of Benjamin remained with the tribe of Judah. "There was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, **with the tribe of Benjamin**, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against **the house of Israel**, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all **the house of Judah** and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith Yehovah, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from Me. They hearkened therefore to the word of Yehovah, and returned to depart, according to the word of Yehovah" (1 Kin. 12:20b-24). The divided kingdom is now referred to as 'the house of Judah', and 'the house of Israel'.

The Apostle Paul was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin. "For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin" (Rom. 11:1b).

The tribe of Levi also joined with Judah. "And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts. For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto Yehovah" (2 Chr. 11:13-14)

The term 'Jew' refers to the house of Judah, which consists of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi. The first time the name 'Jew' is used in scripture, we are told Israel is at war with the Jews. "Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of **Remaliah king of Israel** came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, **and drave the Jews from Elath**: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day" (2 Kin. 16:5-6).

Part 11 – The House of Israel was Removed

Because of Israel's sin, God was going to move them. "For Yehovah shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking Yehovah to anger. And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin" (1 Kin. 14:15-16).

And so the Assyrians removed them from their land. "Therefore Yehovah was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only... For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; until Yehovah removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day" (2 Kin. 17:18,22-23). This occurred 721-718 B.C.

Gentile peoples were moved into Israel's land. "And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof" (2 Kin. 17:24).

These Gentiles living in the land of Samaria continued to worship their pagan gods, and attempted to worship Yehovah in a pagan manner. "Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear Yehovah. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans

had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. So they feared Yehovah, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared Yehovah, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence” (2 Kin. 17:27-33). These were the Samaritans of the time of Yeshua and the Apostles.

After the house of Israel was moved, they dwelt many years without a king. “For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince” (Hos. 3:4a). The house of Judah continued to have a king in Jerusalem during this time.

Those carrying the name Israel were prophesied to lose their identity when they sinned. “I said, I would scatter them into corners, **I would make the remembrance of them to cease** from among men” (Deu. 32:26). They were to lose the Hebrew language. “for with stammering lips and **another tongue will he speak to this people**” (Isa. 28:11). And would lose their true religion. “And I will wait upon Yehovah, that **hideth His face from the house of Jacob**, and I will look for Him” (Isa. 8:17).

Part 12 – The Throne of David is Relocated

The house of Judah ended up committing more sin than the house of Israel. “Yehovah said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto Me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith Yehovah. And Yehovah said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah” (Jer. 3:6-11).

God decided to remove Judah for its sin. “And Yehovah said, I will remove Judah also out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there” (2 Kin. 23:27).

King Zedekiah of Judah’s sons were killed and the throne of David was no longer in Jerusalem. “In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem” (Jer. 39:1-8).

And God said of former king Jeconiah, that his seed would not sit on the throne. “As I live, saith Yehovah, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence... Thus saith Yehovah, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah” (Jer. 22:24,30).

King Zedekiah’s daughters were taken to Egypt. “Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even **the king's daughters**, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites... Now it came to pass, that when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites. Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon: and they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to **go to enter into Egypt**” (Jer. 41:10,13-17).

Jeremiah, Baruch, and the king’s daughters were taken to Egypt against God’s command. “Yehovah hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day... So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of Yehovah, to dwell in the land of Judah. But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah; even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of Yehovah: thus came they even to Tahpanhes” (Jer. 42:19:43:4-7).

But God said some would escape. “For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: so that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return **but such as shall escape**... Yet **a small number that escape** the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, Mine, or theirs.” (Jer. 44:13-14,28).

God chose the Prophet Jeremiah to move the throne of David. “Then Yehovah put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And Yehovah said unto me, Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant” (Jer. 1:9-10).

Jeremiah’s secretary Baruch would have a part to play in this. “The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying... Yehovah saith thus; Behold, **that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up**, even this whole land” (Jer. 44:1,4b).

A remnant of David's throne, the king's daughters, would escape and be rooted elsewhere, and bear fruit. "And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: for out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of Yehovah of hosts shall do this" (Isa. 37:31-32). "And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of Yehovah of hosts shall do this" (2 Kin. 19:30-31).

God prophesied through the prophet Ezekiel that He would transfer the throne to the house of Israel. "Thus saith the Lord Yehovah; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar [Judah], and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one [one of the king's daughters], and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent: **in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it:** and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I Yehovah have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I Yehovah have spoken and have done it" (Eze. 17:22-24).

The throne of David was prophesied to be moved three times. "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel [Zedekiah], whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, thus saith the Lord Yehovah; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. **I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it:** and it shall be no more [overturned], until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him [Yeshua]" (Eze. 21:25-27).

Part 13 – Where the Throne of David is Now

After Israel had been taken captive by Assyria in 721-718 B.C., the Assyrians relocated them North of the black sea. "And Yehovah said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words **toward the north**, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith Yehovah; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith Yehovah, and I will not keep anger for ever" (Jer. 3:11-12).

After that they followed the East wind to the West. "Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind" (Hos. 12:1a). "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel?.., They shall walk after Yehovah: He shall roar like a lion: when He shall roar, then the children shall tremble **from the west**" (Hos. 11:8a,10). They were moved to the isles of the sea. "I will set his hand [scepter] also in the sea" (Psa. 89:25a).

Jeremiah receives a prophecy for the 'latter days'. "The fierce anger of Yehovah shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: **in the latter days** ye shall consider it. At the same time, saith Yehovah, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people." (Jer. 30:24;31:1). (At which time Israel would be in the North, in the coastlands and isles.) "Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto Yehovah our God. For thus saith Yehovah; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among **the chief of the nations:** publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Yehovah, save Thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, **I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth,** and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for **I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.** Hear the word of Yehovah, O ye nations [Ephraim and Manasseh], and

declare it **in the isles** afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock” (Jer. 31:5-10).

Israel went to the isles. “Keep silence before me, **O islands**; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment... But thou, **Israel**, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away” (Isa. 41:1,8-9).

Again, the scripture says Israel went to the isles in the North-West. “Listen, **O isles**, unto me; and hearken, ye people...and said unto me, Thou art my servant, **O Israel**, in whom I will be glorified...And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel...Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, **these from the north and from the west**” (Isa. 49:1a,3,6,12a). The only isles North-West of Jerusalem are the British isles.

The Hebrew word for ‘covenant’ is *beriyth*, and the word for ‘man’ is *iysh*. So with the silent ‘h’ in *beriyth*, covenant man (or people), *beriyth iysh*, sounds almost identical to ‘British’. The nineteenth century historian Dr. William Holt Yates said the name Saxon of Anglo-Saxons, (different than the German Saxons) came from ‘Isaac’s sons’.

The tribe of Dan was to be like a serpent’s trail, winding about. “Dan shall be a serpent by the way” (Gen. 49:17a). Wherever the tribe of Dan went, they named the place Dan. “And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father” (Jos. 19:47). “And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war. And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjath-jearim” (Jud. 18:11-12).

One of Dan’s two provinces was on the coast. They were seamen. “Gilead abode beyond Jordan: And why did Dan remain in ships?” (Jud. 5:17) Moses prophesied that Dan would leap from this area. “And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion’s whelp: He shall leap from Bashan” (Deu. 33:22). When the Assyrians attacked, they sailed to their long held colony in Ireland. As they sailed the Mediterranean, they left a trail of names, ‘Den’, ‘Don’, and ‘Din’.

Irish history records the settlers of Ireland were the *Tuatha de Danaans*, which means the tribe of Dan. Dan means the same thing in Irish as Hebrew, judge. The tribe of Dan left their name all through Ireland. Danslaugh, Dansower, Dundalk, Dundrum, Donegal, Dungloe, Dingle, Dunsmor, etc..

The other province of Dan was removed by the Assyrians north of the Black sea. These also left a trail of on their overland route ending in Denmark, which includes the rivers Dnieper, Dniester, and the Don.

Legend tells us that Jeremiah and Baruch traveled to Ireland with the king’s daughter, Tea-Tephi, and the stone ‘lia-fail’. She married the Irish prince, Herremon. These should not be confused with a much earlier Tea, daughter of Ith, and a Gede the Herremon. The stone ‘lia-fail’, the stone of destiny, has been used as the coronation stone by the kings of Ireland, Scotland and England down to this day. It was displayed at Westminster Abbey as “Jacob’s pillar-stone”. The descendants of Tea-Tephi and Herremon have continued to sit on the throne, first in Ireland, then in Scotland, and then England to this very day. Thus, the throne was overturned three times as prophesied.

“And when she looked, **there was the king standing by the pillar, according to the custom**, and the captains and the trumpeters beside the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets” (2 Kin. 11:14a). “And **the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant** before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes” (2 Kin. 23:3a) ESV. It had long been the custom to anoint the king on ‘Jacob’s pillar stone’.

Part 14 – How Long were the Blessings Withheld?

Israel was warned specially not to break God’s Sabbaths and to worship with idols. “Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am Yehovah your God. Ye shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary: I am Yehovah” (Lev. 26:1-2).

Keeping the Sabbath was an important part of the covenant, that revealed they were the people of Yehovah. “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for **it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations**; that ye may know that I am Yehovah that doth sanctify you... Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a **perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever**: for in six days Yehovah made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed” (Exo. 31:13,16-17). When the house of Israel stopped keeping the Sabbath they lost their identity.

Israel was told they had to obey to receive the blessings. “**If** ye walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish My covenant with you” (Lev. 26:3-9).

If Israel did not obey, they would receive curses. “**But if** ye will not hearken unto Me, and will not do all these commandments; and **if** ye shall despise My statutes, or if your soul abhor My judgments, so that ye will not do all My commandments, but that ye break My covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set My face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto Me, then **I will punish you seven times more for your sins**” (Lev. 26:14-18).

Israel agreed to obey the covenant. “Now therefore, **if** ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which Yehovah commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that Yehovah hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto Yehovah.” (Exo. 19:5-6).

Because Israel refused to enter the promised land, they were made to wait forty years, a year for every day they had scouted out the land. “But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this

wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know My breach of promise” (Num. 14:32-34).

The prophet Ezekiel prophesied by laying on his side a day for every year of his prophecy. “Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. **For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days**, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: **I have appointed thee each day for a year**” (Eze. 4:4-6).

In prophecy 1260 days equals 42 months, and “three times and a half a time”, or three and a half years, so prophetically a “time” is one year of thirty-day months. “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**” (Rev. 12:6). “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**” (Rev. 13:5). “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a **time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent” (Rev. 12:14). “And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by Him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a **time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished” (Dan. 12:7). So, these are all the same length of time.

“And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto Me, then **I will punish you seven times more for your sins**” (Lev. 26:18). Understanding that a “time” is a prophetic 360-day year, and day is a year in prophecy, so seven “times” in prophecy would be 360 x 7, or 2,520 years.

So from the time of the house of Israel’s capture by the Assyrians in 721-719 B.C., their blessings would be withheld 2,520 years until 1800 A.D..

Part 15 – Joseph receives the Blessings as Prophesied

Joseph was to receive great blessings in cattle and crops. “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of Yehovah thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Yehovah thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of Yehovah thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out...Yehovah shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall bless thee in the land which Yehovah thy God giveth thee” (Deu. 28:1-6,8).

The United States became by far the largest producer of grain, beef, cotton, soybeans, ect., and fed the world.

“Yehovah shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and **thou shalt lend unto many nations**, and thou shalt not borrow. And **Yehovah shall make thee the head**, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of Yehovah thy

God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them” (Deu. 28:12-13). The United States and Great Britain became the leading nations in the world, with the banks that lent to the world.

The blessings included controlling the gates of the enemies. “I will certainly bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in heaven and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the gates of their enemies” (Gen. 22:17) ISV. “And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: ‘Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them”” (Gen. 22:17) NKJV.

After 1800 A.D. the United States and Great Britain took control of every sea-gate in the world, including Gibraltar, Suez, Singapore, the Panama Canal and all the rest.

Joseph’s blessing included great material wealth. “And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Yehovah be his land, For the precious things of heaven, for the dew, And for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, And for the precious things put forth by the moon, And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, And for the precious things of the lasting hills, And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, And for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, And upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren” (Deu. 33:13-16).

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, Even a fruitful bough by a well; Whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, And shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob; (From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; And by the Almighty, who shall bless thee With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lieth under, Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father Have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren” (Gen. 49:22-26).

After 1800 A.D. the United States and Great Britain possessed more than half of the cultivatable land in the world. Much of it coming with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

By 1950 they produced over half of the world’s petroleum, and mined one and half times more coal than the rest of the world combined. They produced three fourths of the world’s steel and two thirds of the world’s rubber. They produced 95 percent of the nickel, 80 percent of the aluminum, and 75 percent of the zinc. They dominated in production of copper, lead, tin, bauxite, etc. The British Commonwealth produced two thirds of the world’s gold. By 1950 the United States had three time as much gold held in reserve as the rest of the world combined.

By 1948 the United States and Great Britain produced two thirds of the output of electricity in the world. They possessed over half of the merchant fleet tonnage of the world, and half of the world’s railroad mileage. The United States produced 73 percent of the world’s automobiles alone.

Joseph was to be a colonizing people. “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” (Deu. 33:17). “Joseph is a fruitful bough, Even a fruitful bough by a well; Whose branches run over the wall” (Gen. 49:22). Great Britain had colonies all over the world, to the point that “the sun never sat on the British Empire”.

Joseph was to have great military strength. “But his bow abode in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob” (Gen. 49:24a). “Yehovah shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways” (Deu. 28:7). By 1945, the United States had become the single greatest military power in the world.

God fulfilled His promise to bless the namesake of Israel, the tribe of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, with the greatest blessings in all of history. And He did it exactly when He said He would starting in 1800 A.D.

Part 16 – Joseph to be Punished if it does not Repent

God gave the blessings originally promised to Abraham, not because of anything his descendants had done, but because He swore He would do it at that time.

But after receiving all these blessings, if Joseph does not repent of their Sabbath-breaking, idolatry, and whoredoms, God will spend plagues on them. “And **I will break the pride of your power**; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: and your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits. And if ye walk contrary unto Me, and will not hearken unto Me; I will bring **seven times more plagues** upon you according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate” (Lev. 26:19-22).

Much of this has already happened. The United States and Britain have lost most of their sea gates, they are far less prosperous than before, and owe debt to other nations

And then if they do not repent, God will punish them with seven years of tribulation. “And if ye will not be reformed by Me by these things, but will walk contrary unto Me; then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will **punish you yet seven times for your sins**. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of My covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied” (Lev. 26:23-26).

This will include captivity and slavery, “Because thou servedst not Yehovah thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which Yehovah shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. Yehovah shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young: and he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which Yehovah thy God hath given thee” (Deu. 28:47-52).

Those who do not repent in this period of tribulation will receive the seven last plagues of Revelation 17. “And if ye will not for all this hearken unto Me, but walk contrary unto Me; then I will walk contrary unto you also **in fury**; and I, even I, **will chastise you seven times for your sins**. (Lev. 26:27-28).

God sent a prophecy to the house of Israel long after they were taken into captivity and relocated, by the prophet Ezekiel. “Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Yehovah that sanctify them. But the **house of Israel** rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they walked not in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them” (Eze. 20:12-13). “**Wherefore say unto the house of Israel**, Thus saith the Lord Yehovah; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?... As I live, saith the Lord Yehovah, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with **fury poured out**, will I rule over you: and I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with **fury poured out**. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will **I plead with you face to face**. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord Yehovah” (Eze. 20:30,33-36). This fury is the seven last plagues which shall be poured out. Yeshua will speak to them face to face at His return.

Part 17 – The Modern Identities of the Tribes of Israel

In Genesis chapter 49, Jacob prophesied what the tribes of Israel would be like in the ‘last days’, the time we are living in. “And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in **the last days**. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; And hearken unto Israel your father.

“Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, The excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: **Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel**; Because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; Then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch. [Reuben is Northern France].

“Simeon and Levi are brethren; Instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; Unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: For in their anger they slew a man, And in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; And their wrath, for it was cruel: **I will divide them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel**. [Levi mixed with the Jews; Simeon was scattered among the other tribes].

“Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; Thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: From the prey, my son, thou art gone up: He stooped down, he couched as a lion, And as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, And his ass's colt unto the choice vine; He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, And his teeth white with milk. [Judah is the larger part of the Jews today].

“Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; **And he shall be for an haven of ships**; And his border shall be unto Zidon. [Zebulun is the Netherlands].

“Issachar is **a strong ass Couching down between two burdens**: And he saw that rest was good, And the land that it was pleasant; And bowed his shoulder to bear, And became a servant unto tribute. [Issachar is Finland and Scandinavia].

“Dan shall judge his people, As one of the tribes of Israel. **Dan shall be a serpent by the way**, An adder in the path, That biteth the horse heels, So that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O Yehovah. [Dan is Ireland and Denmark].

“Gad, a troop shall overcome him: But **he shall overcome at the last**. [Gad is French-speaking Switzerland].

“Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, And **he shall yield royal dainties**. [Asher is Belgium and Luxembourg].

“Naphtali is **a hind let loose: He giveth goodly words**. [Naphtali is Norway and Sweden].

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, Even a fruitful bough by a well; Whose branches run over the wall: The archers have sorely grieved him, And shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; And by the Almighty, who shall bless thee Blessings of the deep that lieth under, Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father Have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. [Joseph is the United States and Britain].

“Benjamin **shall ravin as a wolf**: In the morning he shall devour the prey, And at night he shall divide the spoil. [Some mixed with the Jews; the rest are Norway and Iceland]” (Gen 49:1-27).

The tribe of Joseph was split into two tribes, with his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Upon blessing them Jacob said the younger one would become more powerful. “And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and **he also shall be great**: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become **a multitude of nations**” (Gen. 48:18-19). Ephraim was the younger son, as the United States is the younger nation. Ephraim was also to become ‘a multitude of nations’, a collection of nations, or states and is the United States of America. Manasseh was also to be ‘great’, and is known as Great Britain.

Ephraim was to have a larger population than Manasseh. “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**” (Deu. 33:17). The United States has the larger population.

Joseph was to be a colonizing nation that exceeded its boundaries. “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**” (Deu. 33:17a). “Joseph is a fruitful bough, **Even a fruitful bough by a well; Whose branches run over the wall**” (Gen. 49:22). The people of Manasseh also include the English-speaking, Anglo-Saxons of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

When studying the Bible prophecy of the ‘last days’ before Yeshua’s return it is vital to understand who the biblical nations and religions are today. Please use the book as a resource to that goal.

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