

Today we will begin our eschatology, our study of last things... and today we look at the coming Millennium... the personal, physical reign of the Lord Jesus Christ ... over all the Earth...

...and the Bible clearly teaches that we, His Church... God's Elect... will be ruling and reigning with Him.

The next events in God's countdown of human history... coming soon... are the Russian / Muslim invasion of Israel with God defending Israel and destroying most of these armies on the mountains of Israel... and out of that chaos... the Antichrist will appear...

and the Rapture of us, the Church.

Then... God finishes His dealing with unbelieving Israel during the seven year Tribulation, culminating in the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ, the Battle of Armageddon and then finally, the Millennium, His 1000 year reign on the Earth... ending with another Armageddon type destruction of God's enemies... and finally, the Lord Jesus Christ takes His rightful place on the throne, ruling as King of Kings and Lord of Lords over all of Creation, Heaven and Earth... forever... with us ruling and reigning with Him as His representatives throughout His Universal Kingdom.

First... the Millennium will involve... 6 specific details.

1. The Earthly rule of the Lord Jesus Christ
2. The removal of Satan as accuser, tempter and deceiver
3. Our Earthly reign with Jesus Christ...
4. The release of Satan for a short time at the end... to once again deceive the world
5. The rebellious revolt of Earthly society
6. The resurrection of all unsaved humans from all time for final judgment and condemnation.

And they will be resurrected... although they have been in a place of torment from the moment of their physical death on Earth, they have been without physical bodies. So... their torment over the previous hundreds or thousands of years has been especially some kind of mental, emotional torment though they have been miserable also from some kind of heat...

remember Lazarus and the rich man... both were in the place of the dead... Lazarus in a pleasant place called Paradise and 'Abraham's bosom... while the rich man was in a place of torment... tormented from heat... remember he wished that Lazarus could just dip his finger in water and come to put it on his lips, but he was told that an uncrossable gulf separated the two places...

and he was also tormented by the realization of where he was, that he could have believed been saved from going there... and that his brothers would likely join him there.

But at that final resurrection of the lost... Just like we will have a glorified body having been prepared to enjoy all the wonders of Heaven... they will be given a body having been suited and prepared to endure the eternal torment of Hell along with Satan, his demons and all the other damned evil spirits from all time.

Remember... what is the main purpose of God's plan during this bubble of time will live in... encompassing His creation?

That's right... the glory of God.

And the fulcrum of all eternity is...

a fulcrum is the middle balancing point of a teeter tatter... in time... the point which divides what came before with what comes after.

The fulcrum of all eternity is... the first physical coming to Earth of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the light that came into great darkness... a darkness which had been building for thousands of years.

First, let's look at the end... what the Bible says about the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ which will begin at His second physical coming...

Rev 19:7 ⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." ⁸ It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' ...

This is the marriage supper of the lamb... the celebration of our marriage to the Lord Jesus Christ... this is during the 7 year Tribulation... before Armageddon... then...

The Second Coming of Christ accompanied by us, His bride...

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many crowns; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself. ¹³ *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, the righteous acts of the saints... (that is us... clothed in fine linen...) were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, (this is not the marriage supper of the Lamb) ¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

¹⁹ And I saw the beast (the Antichrist) and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army... (us... and I'm sure... the angels of Heaven... they've been itching for this particular fight for some thousands of years.)

Doom of the Beast and False Prophet

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

The Antichrist and False Prophet are thrown into the Lake of Fire right then... at the battle of armageddon... at the very beginning of the Millennium, but the rest of the humans are killed and sent to that same place of torment as the rich man... until their final resurrection and judgment at the end of the 1000 years.)

Rev 20 Satan is Bound... he'll be imprisoned for the 1000 years but not yet thrown into the lake of fire... he has one last purpose...

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

(the bottomless pit, the place of bound fallen angels... remember in Jude... we are told that the angels which had sexual relationship with human women, producing evil giant offspring before the flood and afterward also... those angels were bound in the darkness of the abyss until their final judgment ... here is Jude verse 6... ⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these... (the angels)... indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.)

Back to Rev 20... 4 ... Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and ***they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*** (These ones also will reign with Christ for 1000 years... not just us, the Church.) ⁵ **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed.** This is the first resurrection... (The first resurrection has 3 components... first, The Rapture, which includes the dead saints of the past, immediately followed by our translation... that is, the changing and removal of us, the living saints of that moment... then... eternal life and glorified bodies given to the Tribulation saints, those who were killed for their faith during the Tribulation... and finally... eternal life and glorified bodies will be given to the saints who lived and died, or never died during the Millennium...

That is all part of the first resurrection... Just like... Jesus Christ's coming in the clouds to remove us in the Rapture and His return to the Earth at Armageddon, separated by 7 years, are both part of His second coming. Actually... just like His birth at Bethlehem, His death and resurrection, His going to Heaven and to the Father and His return to His Apostles for 40 more days... before His ascension... is all part of His first coming...

Back to Rev. 20... Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death (at the end of the Millennium) has no power, **but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.**

Satan Freed for one last mission... and then Doomed...

⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; (this is not about the Ezekiel 38 war with Gog and Magog... it happened 1007 years before... very soon from now...) the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Judgment at the Throne of God

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, ***(these are the lost of all time... no saved people are standing in this judgment...)*** books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; **(the book of life... in which are written none of the names of any of these people)** and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it... and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. (They are

judged according to their works on Earth because none of it had been forgiven by the death of Jesus Christ.) Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Back to Armageddon... the end of the Tribulation... 1000 years before... or a little over 7 years from now...

Zech 14:12 ¹² And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

That sounds exactly like a nuclear explosion...

Then of those who remain alive, who have believed on Christ and not been killed by Antichrist...

Zech 14:16 ¹⁶ And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem (that is, those who enter into the Millennial kingdom) shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷ And it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they *shall have no rain*; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁹ This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

²⁰ In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹ Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them, the pots, and cook in them. Everyone who sacrifices?... we'll come back to that...

In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts... sounds like at least one nation will be completely wiped out... the Canaanites... their evil and pollution was so great... they will finally no longer exist as a people...

What about the Canaanites... why does it look like they will be finally extinguished as a people... Remember, they were the ones who filled the land which God promised to Abraham...who offered up their children to the burning idols of Moloch and Dagon... who led the Israelites into gross immorality...

Remember, we mentioned the angels who 'married' human women, producing a race of evil giants... before the flood... Genesis 6...

We'll come back to that... this week or next... let's not get too sidetracked yet...

Back to the Millennium...

Those believers still alive at the end of the Battle of Armageddon at Jesus Christ's 2nd coming will go into the Mil. to live and reproduce.

They must all come to Jerusalem every year for the Feast of Tabernacles... if they do not present themselves before the King... in rebellion... they will have no rain that year...

Today, we see sin and rebellion and we say, How long oh Lord, will You wait to judge sin... why do the wicked prosper... why are the righteous persecuted...

But then... during the Millennial Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ... He will rule with a rod of iron... sin will be dealt with now... some sin will result in no rain for the year resulting in hunger, want and poverty... or they can repent and turn back to God in Christ and be forgiven... some sin will result in death.

Some sin will be hidden in the heart... they can go through the motions of belief and still be lost, looking forward only to death and eternal punishment... it can continue and grow, hidden in their hearts... some will repent, some will not...

It says that there will even be sacrifice at that time... many have never heard of, or thought of this...

When Jesus Christ, our perfect and complete sacrifice personally rules on the Earth, there will be blood sacrifice... how could that be... **why** would that be...

First, remember... these are not born again people... they are saved, but not born again, and they must stay saved... they can turn away from faith in Jesus Christ who does not live inside them... they are not saved like we are saved... they are still like the people of the Tribulation... like the people of the OT... they must believe, they must live righteously... when they sin... which they will... because they will still have their same sin nature in sinful bodies... they must repent and return to the Lord... they have not been made into new creations like we are now... the Holy Spirit will not live inside them like He does in us now.

Why would there be blood sacrifices every year during the Mil?

Why do we have communion every month? as a reminder.. to always remember and never forget what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in taking on Himself the guilt and punishment for our sin.

The sacrifice during the Mil is similar to that in the OT... even then... the blood... of bulls and goats... doves and sheep... never could take away the guilt of sin... but it always pointed to the only payment for sin... Jesus Christ and His shed blood on the Cross.

Even though these people will be ruled on Earth by Jesus Christ and His perfectly righteous and holy representatives... us... they will still, like us now... need to be regularly reminded of reality... of truth... of the true source of forgiveness and salvation... the life, death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beginning here in Rev. 19:7 through chapter 20, we see the marriage supper of the Lamb, the end of the Tribulation, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Battle of Armageddon, the destruction of all God's enemies, the defeat of the Antichrist and False Prophet, the imprisonment of Satan for a thousand years and the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ, physically on Earth for 1000 years.

After the incredible destruction of multiplied millions at Armageddon... killed, the Bible says, with the sword which proceeds from the mouth of Him who sits on the white horse, the Lord Jesus Christ... All Christ's enemies are destroyed at Armageddon and all who are alive and remain in mortal bodies to enter the Millennial Kingdom **are believers**, except possibly those children who are neither believers or unbelievers yet... interesting thought... no?

the Mil. begins with 2 types of people in the world, under the kingship of Jesus Christ... all are believers... there are no unbelievers alive at the beginning of the Mil... except, possibly... children born during the 7 year Tribulation, still under the age of conscious rebellion against the rule of Jesus Christ, but not yet truly believers, either... perhaps they will be some of the first unbelievers to live during the Millennium... and there will be many unbelievers... even living under the personal reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on Earth.

2 types of people... The first... are the mortal, human beings who came to faith in Jesus Christ during the Mil and were not killed for their faith... they lived through that entire 7 years... and some will undoubtedly be children born during the Tribulation and are still alive. Many millions of new believers were killed for their

faith during the Tribulation... people who came to faith in Christ after the Rapture, refused to take the mark of the beast and were murdered... millions...

The fact that these people exist is one of the many proofs that the Rapture occurs before the Tribulation... here is why. Those who teach a post Tribulation Rapture... occurring at the end of the Trib... they say... the Christians are Raptured at the very end of the Tribulation...they go up... and then immediately turn around and accompany Christ back to Earth for the Battle of Armageddon and then the Millennium.

Can you see what is wrong with that?

If all the Christians are removed just before Armageddon, then everyone on Earth is killed at Armageddon with no one left alive to go into the Millennium as mortal human beings... to live, reproduce, thrive, die at an old age... and be gathered together as sheep at the end of the 1000 years.

But the Bible is very clear that the Millennial Kingdom is populated by mortal people.

They will have children, they will repopulate the Earth... a great population explosion... and each person born during the Mil. will have to choose to believe or reject the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Satan and demons will be bound for that time, unavailable to deceive people and nations... but each person born is still a descendant of Adam... each one will still have a sin nature in their own sinful fleshly body... and each one who doesn't willingly, personally choose to acknowledge and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, will hold that rebellion in their hearts for all that time... and at the end of the Millennium... when Satan is loosed for a short time, he will deceive many people on earth and gather them together to come against Jesus Christ... at which time they will all be destroyed with fire coming down from Heaven... from God the Father... finally, completely destroying the entire Universe for its rejection of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ... then He will create a new Heavens and new Earth.

And this, then, is the final, ultimate proof of God's righteousness in His sending to hell all those, through all time, who were not His elect... because of their rejection of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...

Because here you have... billions of people who have lived their entire lives under the real and visible kingship of Jesus Christ, ruling from Jerusalem... and under His righteous judges and governors at every level... never having had to withstand the outside temptations and deceptions of evil demonic forces... having lived only in a perfect and righteous environment... and they will still choose, out of their own evil, dark hearts, to reject the light and life offered by God through His Son Jesus Christ... just like they do today. They are all without any excuse... no valid cry of unfair!

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Last week we concluded with the fact that at the very beginning of the Millennium, everyone will be believers and that there will be two types of people...

Remember, when Christ returns, He will kill all His enemies, all unbelievers, all who have worshipped Antichrist and taken His name or number as the Mark of the Beast.

so, those people alive at the beginning of the Mil... First, the mortal humans who lived through the Tribulation, who were not killed for their faith

And that brings us to the second type of people alive during the Millennium... people like us... people who will, at the Rapture, be given new... glorified, eternal bodies like that of the Lord Jesus Christ... and we will rule and reign with Him for a thousand years and then forever.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!^[a] Therefore the world does not know us,^[b] because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1Cor 15:51 ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Jesus Christ will rule personally from Jerusalem... He will be represented in the world by us... we, who will be ruling and reigning with Him, under Him as His judges and rulers...

1 Cor 6:2 ² Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³ Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

The Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ “For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ ²¹ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ ²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, **I will make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

The Parable of the Minas

¹¹ Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. ¹² Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. ¹³ So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas,^[b] and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’ ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this *man* to reign over us.’

¹⁵ “And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. ¹⁶ Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ ¹⁷ And he said to him, ‘Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ ¹⁹ Likewise he said to him, ‘**You also be over five cities.**’

Spiritual Wisdom

⁶ However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹ But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”^[c]

¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy^[d] Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. ¹⁶ For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?”^[e] But we have the mind of Christ.

We will rule and reign with Jesus Christ for 1000 years and forever.

We, who are God's elect from the time of Adam through the OT. and all the true Church, the body of Christ, and those who come to faith during the Trib. who die for their faith... until the last Tribulation Saint is killed before Jesus' return at Armageddon. .. and then, all who are alive and remain will continue to live into the Millennial Kingdom... as mortal human beings... some will probably live the entire 1000 years, like they did before the flood.

The average lifespan will once again be very long... like before the flood and just after... if a person dies at 100, it will be mourned that he has died as a child...

In 2 Peter 3 and Isaiah 65, we read about The New Creation after the Millennium, after God destroys the present Heavens and Earth...

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

We talked about whether or not we will remember this life during that 1000 years... I think so... here it says that the former things will not be brought to mind... but that is after the 1000 years... after He creates a new Heaven and Earth.

We are clearly taught that the Millennium... the 1000 year reign of Christ on Earth with us ruling and reigning with Him is not yet a new thing... it is, in fact, the culmination of 6000 years of failed human government... finally 1000 years of Peace, Prosperity, Health, Law and Order... throughout the Earth, governed by the Prince

of Peace... proof it can be done... but only by the Lord Jesus Christ ruling with righteous governors and judges etc.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem *as* a rejoicing, And her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

²⁰ "No more shall an infant from there *live but a few days*, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; **For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people... trees can live thousands of years...** And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, And their offspring with them.

²⁴ "It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust *shall be* the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD.

Children shall neither fear nor harm cobras and cobras shall neither fear nor harm children.

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Gen 6: The Corruption of Mankind

6 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...

In Gen 3... After Adam and Eve sinned, God cursed the serpent saying, ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall ^[d]bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Satan understood some of God's curse, but not all of it. He understood that eventually God would send a Savior, born from a woman who would undo the curse and redeem creation from the fall. So, Satan planned to so pollute the human race that its redemption would be impossible.

Early in the population of the Earth... fallen angels mated with human women... their plan... that the entire human race would become so inundated with evil and corruption that it would be impossible for God to produce a righteous redeemer... and, Satan almost succeeded... but, of course, God was in complete control...

Look at what the Bible says about Noah... right after He tells us of the pollution of the race by fallen angels with human women...

Gen 6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

The Ark Prepared

¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood;

Look again at what it says about Noah... he was 'perfect in his generations'... what an odd choice of words to give us...

Perfect in his generations...

The Hebrew words God inspired there... perfect... the Hebrew is **tāmîym**, 'taw-meem'; it means entire (literally, figuratively or morally); also (as noun) integrity, truth:—without blemish, or... we could say... without pollution... complete, full, perfect, sincerely (-ity), sound, without spot, undefiled, upright(-ly), whole... or

in his generations... s... in other words, Noah... his lineage... his descent... was not polluted by demonic corruption from that time 1500 years before...

God kept at least one man and his family without the heritage of demonic pollution and corruption.

I know this is hard to swallow if it is new to you... but it is true.

Now, look ahead. 500 years.

God chooses and calls Abraham and prophecies that through Abraham would come that righteous deliverer and Savior.

God leads him to the land of the Canaanites and tells him this is the land I promise to give to you and your descendants forever.

So... Satan hears this and what does he do... the same thing he did 2000 years before... tries to completely pollute and create demonic offspring of evil giants in the land of the Canaanites so that it will be impossible for the Israelites to ever intent into the land... and so once again try to stop God's plans, purposes and promises.

Seem farfetched?

Look at Gen 6:4 again... I'll bet you missed it the first time...

Gen 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth **in those days, and also afterward**, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

He did it again in Canaan after the flood.

You still don't believe that this was fallen angels mating with human women?

This was known throughout the early Church... they all knew what this meant... the Hebrews always knew what it meant... is was not denied until the middle ages when Catholicism came to power and began to deny and change most important doctrines.

Look at Jude...

first, vs 14... ¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

God instructed Jude to quote from the book of Enoch... the book of Enoch was not included in the Biblical Cannon... but it was important enough to be quoted in the Bible... from Jude, from Jesus and Peter... they all quoted Enoch.

Do you know what the book of Enoch is about? A very large part of it describes the fallen angels mating with human women and the giant, evil offspring.

The Jude vs 5 ⁵ But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

What happened when the Israelites came through the desert and sent spies into Canaan...

Num 13 **1** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, everyone a leader among them."

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we." ³² And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature." ³³ There we saw the giants the descendants of Anak which came from the giants; and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

What a coincidence... here, right in the spot God promised to Abraham... the same thing... giants... again demonic pollution and people so evil that they placed their children on the red hot arms of burning idols.

Satan did it once and he did it again and he will do it one more time... during the Tribulation...

What did Jesus say about the time before His second coming...

Luke 17:26 ²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and

brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all.³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

³¹ "In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two *men* in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁵ Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. ³⁶ Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

We are in the last days now.

The Russian invasion of Ezekiel 38 could happen tomorrow... Russia is already massing troops and equipment at the very gate to Northern Israel.

The Rapture can happen at any moment.

Very soon, we will spend the next 7 years in Heaven as the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ while here on Earth, the world will endure the 7 years of the great Tribulation.

Are you ready?