

## NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly declaring **the new things** of Isaiah 42:9 and **the greater things** of John 14:12 in this generation

### THE WORLD THAT WAS A Fallen Lucifer On The Loose Part One

The title of this letter, "The World That Was," refers to what I have previously called World One. The phrase *World One* is not in the bible, but is my way of setting forth a standard of reference in order to properly identify the meaning of scripture. With similar identification, I have labeled the earth over which Adam and Eve were given authority to govern as Earth Two. The earth cleansed by Noah's flood I have designated as Earth Three and the earth cleansed by fire in its final form, I have designated as Earth Four.<sup>1</sup>

Earth One, Two, Three and Four, about which I write, are all the same foundational planet structure as confirmed in the book of Hebrews, "And You, Lord, in the beginning laid *the foundation of the earth* and the heavens are the work of Your hands."<sup>2</sup> Changes, however, were made by God both *internally and externally* as the needs arose in Earth One, Two and Three. Changes will be made in Earth Four when those needs arise as described in the scripture referenced in footnote #1. In addition, the governmental structure, beginning with Earth Two, was radically changed in detail *but not in principle*. That governmental change will be inaugurated on Earth Three when Christ returns to earth with His angels to assume the ruling authority of the earth at the end of the Tribulation. Earth One, although it was destroyed in God's fierce anger,<sup>3</sup> was His perfect model for the earth because God never sets out to do something wrong. That model will therefore be replicated.

On January 10, 1999, I published my letter No. 16 entitled, EARTH 101. In that letter I offered biblical evidence, written by Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah, of the existence of Earth One prior to the reconstruction (recreation) of Earth Two, the record of which begins in Genesis 1:3. I have learned some things since January of 1999. For that reason, this letter on the same subject, will be more informative and definitive than the previous one. I have been instructed to entitle this letter, THE WORLD THAT WAS.

First let's look at something Moses wrote in Genesis chapter One:

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the

<sup>1</sup>Reverences to the earth cleansed by fire in its final form may be found in Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:7-13; Revelation 21:1.

<sup>2</sup>Hebrews 1:10.

<sup>3</sup>See Jeremiah 4:26.

earth.

**2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**3** Then God said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

**4** And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

**5** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

**6** Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

**7** Thus 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.

**8** And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

**9** Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear:" and it was so.

**10** And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Notice in verse one that both *the heavens and the earth* were created. That was **before** the *firmament Heaven* was created in verse eight and **before** the *dry land Earth* was created as described in verses nine and ten. Therefore there were heavens and earth in the beginning (verse one) before they were both created again as recorded in verses eight through ten. Verse one, therefore, describes Earth One while creation activity beginning with verse three describes the reconstruction of Earth Two.

Next notice that in verse two, "The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters," which is an indication of a world-wide flood. It could not have been Noah's flood. Jeremiah offers an explanation in chapter four:

**23** I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; and the heavens, they had no light.

**24** I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled. And all the hills moved back and forth.

**25** I beheld, and indeed there was no man. And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

**26** I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, by His fierce anger.

First, note the similarity between Genesis 1:2 and

Jeremiah 4:23. In both references, the earth was without form and void, there was no light and darkness was upon the face of the deep. These two references describe the same event, which was the first world-wide flood on Earth One. Since there was no man after this flood (verse twenty-five above), It could not have been Noah's flood because four men survived that flood.<sup>4</sup> The flood described in these two references is the result of God's destruction of Earth One in His fierce anger (verse twenty-six above).

In verse twenty six notice that the fruitful land became a wilderness. The destruction of World One was so laid to waste that all life, all vegetation including all marine life was destroyed because it was all recreated for Earth Two beginning with Genesis 1:3. This is sufficient evidence that verses one and two of Genesis chapter one *are not a part of God's reconstruction of Earth Two*. Verse one describes the creation of perfect Earth One, while verse two describes the result of the destruction of Earth One in God's fierce anger. Verse three describes the beginning of the reconstruction of Earth Two over which man (Adam and Eve) is given authority to rule.

Now let's look at the ruler of perfect Earth One and his downfall as revealed from the pen of Prophet Isaiah in chapter fourteen of his writing. Listen.

**12** How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

**13** For you have said in your heart:

**I will** ascend into heaven,

**I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God;

**I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

**14 I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds,

**I will** be like the Most High.

**15** Yet you shall be brought down in Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

**16** Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?

**17** who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?

First, here is Strong's definition of Lucifer: "OT #1966. **heylel** (hay-lale') from OT #1984 (in the sense of brightness); the morning star." Next notice that Isaiah calls him, "son of the morning." When he was created, Lucifer was God's bright and morning star. God said to me that Lucifer was originally His most prized creation and the earth was His most prized possession. One would think that man was God's most prized creation,

<sup>4</sup>"On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the Ark." (Genesis 7:13).

but remember, man was not created. He was *formed* from substance already created: "dust of the ground."<sup>5</sup> That is why man is not God's most prized *creation* but His most loved possession. Lucifer was God's most magnificent, created angel. God confirmed to me that He put all of His attributes in Lucifer that it was possible to put in an angelic being. Lucifer was perfect, as was Earth One and everything created thereon. Earth One was created to last forever! This will give you some idea of Lucifer's supernatural authority and power that will be demonstrated publicly for the world to see during the Great Tribulation.<sup>6</sup>

Next, notice in **verse twelve** that Lucifer was *cut down to the ground and weakened the nations*. He was *cut down to the ground*, meaning he fell from his lofty position as ruler of Earth One but still had the authority from God to be present in the midst of the garden of Eden to tempt Adam and Eve.<sup>7</sup> From the same verse we discover that a fallen Lucifer *weakened the nations*, which refers to every nation on Earth One that was destroyed in God's fierce anger.<sup>8</sup>

**Verse thirteen** reveals that Lucifer "*said in his heart*." This means the angelic world as well as man on planet earth are governed by their heart, for with the heart one believes unto righteousness,<sup>9</sup> or in this case, unto unrighteousness. It works both ways.

Lucifer was trained to govern in love, but after he had ruled and reigned over Earth One for many years, he began to realize because of the God-given authority to rule Earth One, he was in a unique position – and he was! Little by little he began to do small things. For example, he would claim credit for himself something the Lord had done. As that would occur, for a while, he would accept correction. But then one day the correction was ignored and he liked the result! He (Lucifer) liked getting credit for something God had done. It's called pride.

Now observe the result. The five "I wills" of Lucifer in **verses thirteen and fourteen** spell the reason for his eventual doom. Reread the five "I wills." Notice he wanted to exalt **his throne** above all the angels (stars) of God to be like God. Notice that God's throne had become Lucifer's throne! In other words Lucifer wanted to assume the authority **to rule the earth in the place of**

<sup>5</sup>See Genesis 1:7.

<sup>6</sup>If you have any doubt about Satan's supernatural power, read Revelation chapters six through eleven which describe the Tribulation from the viewpoint of heaven and Revelation chapters twelve through 19:15 which describe the Tribulation from the viewpoint of the earth. The reason Satan's power is stepped up after the rapture (the beginning of the Tribulation) is because the Restraint (the Holy Spirit) in the church is removed from the earth. At that time Satan acts without opposition. During the Great Tribulation, all hell literally breaks forth on the earth under Satan's authority!

<sup>7</sup>See Genesis 2:9.

<sup>8</sup>See Jeremiah 4:26.

<sup>9</sup>See Romans 10:10.

**God** and that's what he did! And because of the supernatural empowering God originally gave him to rule Earth One, *everything Lucifer did was within the ruling authority given to him by God.*

**Verse fifteen** identifies *the Pit* as the *temporary destination* of a fallen Lucifer at the beginning of the Millennium. Jesus confirms the same thing with these words given to John on Patmos Island: "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the *bottomless pit* and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and he cast him into the *bottomless pit*, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."<sup>10</sup>

**Verses sixteen and seventeen** give a synoptic overview of the result of Lucifer's rule of corruption: he made the earth tremble, shook kingdoms, destroyed its cities, made the world a wilderness and would not release his prisoners but carried them to their own destruction (the inhabitants of Earth One).

The inhabitants of Earth One (man) were identical to the inhabitants of Earth Two. Those were the *prisoners* of **verses sixteen and seventeen**. As further proof, God has confirmed to me that Earth One was His perfect model that will be replicated. This includes man and woman exactly as they first appeared on Earth Two in Genesis 1:26 & 27 and as they (or we) appear today.

This, however is only the beginning.

Next we shall look at Lucifer's downfall through the prophetic pen of prophet Ezekiel in the twenty eighth chapter of his writing. Verse twelve begins as an oracle against the king of Tyre (12a) but quickly turns into an oracle against Lucifer (12b). Listen.

**12(a)** Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord God: (b) You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

**13** You were in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.

**14** You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

**15** You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

**16** By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.

**17** Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground. I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you.

**18** You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.

**19** All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.

Notice this **outward description** of Lucifer from **verse 12b through verse seventeen**: he was perfect in beauty, full of wisdom, perfect in all his ways and an anointed cherub with God's seal of perfection. He himself, as well as his musical instruments and his clothing, were adorned with sardius, topaz and diamond, beryl, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and emerald with gold. No other angelic being was like him. Concerning Lucifer, God said to me, "I put all of My attributes in Lucifer that it was possible to put in a created angelic being – *He was like Me!*" This means that as we are made in the image of God physically, Lucifer was made in the image of God spiritually.

**Verse thirteen** reveals that Lucifer was in Eden, the garden of God on Earth One, while Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden on Earth Two.<sup>11</sup> The two different gardens appear to have been in close proximity to Eden.

**In verses fourteen and sixteen** Lucifer walked back and forth **in the midst of fiery stones on the holy mountain of God**. I believe the holy mountain of God, on which Lucifer walked amid the fiery stones, *was the same holy mountain* on the Sinai Peninsula that Israel beheld before Moses ascended that mountain (Horeb or Sinai) the first time, as described in these words from Exodus, chapter 24:

Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the Lord **was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain** in the eyes of the children of Israel.<sup>12</sup>

**In verses fifteen and sixteen**, iniquity, sin and violence within Lucifer was **connected with his trading** and caused God to cast him out of the mountain of God from the midst of the fiery stones. Trading involves **buying and selling**.

During the Great Tribulation, the false prophet under Satan's authority and direction, performs signs so that he makes fire to come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of man. He then gives supernatural power to an idol, which causes it to come alive and to

<sup>10</sup>Revelation 20:1-3.

<sup>11</sup>See Genesis 2:8-11.

<sup>12</sup>Exodus 24:26, 27.

breathe and speak. Those who will not worship the image come to life are killed. At the same time, everyone small and great, rich and poor must receive a mark on their forehead or right hand **in order to buy and sell.**<sup>13</sup>

So you see, Satan, during the Great Tribulation is up to his old tricks. On both World One and during the Great Tribulation *he has a monopoly on buying and selling, which is always based on profit.* When you have your hand in the till, *iniquity is the result* which contributed to Lucifer's downfall as confirmed **in verse sixteen.** This is in contradiction to God's instruction found in Proverbs, "Honest weights and scales are the lord's; all the weights in the bag are His work. It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, for a throne is established by righteousness."<sup>14</sup>

What the infrastructure was On Earth One in detail, we do not know. But we do know that the inhabitants in the beginning were perfect and were therefore like Adam and Eve before they sinned. The Lord confirmed to me that the perfect state or condition of Earth One lasted for many years and the population grew rapidly since there was no death. There were cities and there were commerce and industry, that is, buying and selling. We are not told about the transportation and communication facilities but we know they were there because buying and selling, commerce and industry in and between cities imply transportation and communication as a part of the infrastructure. There obviously were dwellings and worship centers called sanctuaries. Since the Lord said to me that World One was existent for many years as a perfect society without death, population therefore grew rapidly, as it will during the Millennium.

Notice **in verse eighteen,** "You defiled your sanctuaries . . ." The word "your" indicates that Lucifer was in authority over the sanctuaries. Sanctuaries in this verse are defined by Strong's Concordance as: "OT 4720 **miqdash** (mik-dawsh'); or **miqqedash** (Ex. 15:17) mik-ked-awsh'; from OT6942; a consecrated thing or place, especially, a palace, sanctuary (whether of Jehovah or of idols) or asylum. **KJV** - chapel, hallowed part, holy place, sanctuary."

The sanctuaries of World One that were designated for the worship of God were eventually defiled by Lucifer in the same way as everything else, including man. God's perfect earth model was corrupted beyond recovery by a Lucifer gone berserk! Corrupted Lucifer then became the god of the defiled sanctuaries. As Lucifer defied God within the authority given him to rule over Earth One, *God could do nothing but stand by and watch!*

As I have written previously, God learned some things from the failure He experienced with Lucifer. One of the things He learned was that an angelic being,

regardless of how magnificently and wonderfully he was created, was not prepared to rule over man. Further, his replacement would need to be One who had lived and died on the earth in order to govern with mercy; that is, forgiveness with compassion. Another thing He learned is graphically illustrated by the outward descriptions of Lucifer and his Successor.

For Lucifer's outward description I call your attention again to page three, column two, the paragraph that begins with, "Notice this **outward description** of Lucifer . . ." With this outward description in mind, now listen to the outward description of Lucifer's Successor as written in Isaiah chapter fifty-three:

**2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

**3** He is despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

**4** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

**5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Notice the contrast between the outward description of Lucifer and that of Jesus. God learned through Lucifer that outward beauty, splendor and adornment is given to glorify God. However, once that is experienced in the fullness thereof, it may become a stumbling block to one who turns to the aggrandizement of self from which there is no recovery. This is emphasized in the book of Hebrews, chapter six:

**4** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

**5** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

**6** if they fall away to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

These **three verses** were written for believers who have tasted or experienced the best God has to offer, who then knowingly and willingly turn from God to serve self, the god of Satan. Those who do so have no basis for repentance but will begin to degenerate into lust and pride, which is of self, that knows no depth of degradation. This is what happened to Lucifer, ruler of ***The World That Was***, and may be taken as a warning to man, as confirmed by the writer of the book of Hebrews.

<sup>13</sup>See Revelation 13:4-18.

<sup>14</sup>Proverbs 16:11, 12.