

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 works of John 14:12 in this rapture generation

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CROSS

“The term, ‘from, before, or since the foundation of the world,’ is found ten times in the New King James Version of the bible. Here is an example of each of the three:

Matthew 13:35

“.....that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

‘I will open My mouth in parables;
I will utter things kept secret **from** the foundation of the world.’”

John 17:24

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they might behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me **before** the foundation of the world.”

Hebrews 9:26

“He then would have had to suffer often **since** the foundation of the world, but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

“Each of these three verses refer to Jesus and are therefore connected to His sacrifice for sin.¹

“‘The world’ to which each of these verses refer, therefore, is also connected to the need for the sacrifice of Jesus, which did not become necessary or apparent until the failure of Eve and Adam in Eden on Earth Two.

“The reason these three verses refer to the sin in Eden on Earth Two is because Earth One was God’s perfect Model.

“To rule Earth One, Lucifer and his staff of ruling angels were created perfectly. In Lucifer was deposited the fullness of the Godhead bodily which was

the same qualification that Jesus had when He began His visible ministry.

“The reason Lucifer failed and the reason Jesus succeeded is because on Earth One, Lucifer, his staff of angels and mankind, were all trained with the Three Measure Standard, while Jesus was trained with the Six Measure Standard.

“Everyone on Earth One (mankind) was God Incarnate, a condition which remained until Lucifer’s failure several thousand years of ‘unmeasured time’ later.

“Lucifer’s failure was a total surprise to God. God, therefore, was totally unprepared for the failure of Lucifer and of mankind who followed him.

“Because of lust and pride in his heart, Lucifer took over – claimed for himself – Earth One. And because God had given him absolute authority to rule Earth One forever, He (God) could do nothing but stand by and watch as fallen Lucifer literally raped and ruined God’s wife (perfect mankind).

“Lucifer’s rebellion so convoluted mankind and God’s abundance, God had no alternative but absolute destruction of Earth One. This is why Earth One was destroyed in God’s fierce anger, about which I have written extensively.

“The term, ‘from (*since or before*) the foundation of the world,’ could not have referred to Earth One, since, on perfect Earth One, there was no sin until Lucifer’s failure, and therefore no preparation was made for a sacrifice for sin.

“The need for a savior did not exist until the failure of Eve and Adam on Earth Two.

“The need for the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, is generally connected to the Adamic (or the Satanic) sin curse and sin nature, which affixes the blame for the necessity of the cross on the sin of Adam and Eve in Eden.

“Therefore, there is a need to clarify the real reason that Jesus had to suffer the terrible death on the cross.

“It was Jehovah God, Himself, who, with the support of the Word and of the Spirit, gave to Lucifer and his staff of angels, unlimited eternal authority to

¹The other seven verses in which are found the term, “the foundation of the world,” are Matthew 25:34; Luke 11:50; Ephesians 1:4; Hebrews 4:3; 1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8; 17:8.

govern Earth One.

“What follows should cause you to examine the real meaning of omniscience, omnipotent and omnipresence, all of which are characteristics of Jehovah God.

“The ruling authorities of Earth One were perfect. Mankind thereon was God Incarnate and since, in God’s kingdom, like produces like, the offspring of mankind on Earth One was God Incarnate, and therefore perfect. Everything else on Earth One (God’s abundance) was also perfect, created to live eternally.

“God is not the author of death, He is the author of life. Fallen Lucifer (Satan), therefore, is the author of death because of his rebellion (sin) against God and because the wages of sin is death.

“Satan is the originator of sin and death on the earth and, therefore, may be considered as the one who put Jesus on the cross, until we look further.

“The same thing may be said of Eve and Adam. Had they not sinned in Eden, the whole scenario of man and his ultimate destiny would have changed drastically.

“Now let’s consider fallen Lucifer first.

“Jehovah God, Himself, with the support of the Word and the Spirit, gave Lucifer absolute authority to rule the earth eternally.

“Retrospectively, that may seem irresponsible, until you look at the facts.

“Lucifer, his staff of ruling angels and mankind on Earth One, were all trained by the Three Measure standard:

- (1) “God must be first in everything.
- (2) “One must be led by a rhema word in all of his activities.
- (3) “God must get the glory.

“If you fail in one, you fail in all three.

“God believed that one trained with His Three Measure Standard, plus His all encompassing love, could not fail because the Godhead bodily dwelled within Lucifer and mankind.

“This means that since God believed the Godhead bodily within both Lucifer and mankind would guide and direct all of their activities, both would therefore respond perfectly in all circumstances, but He was wrong.

“Ezekiel describes Lucifer in all his glory as the most beautiful of God’s creation, full of wisdom, perfect in all his ways as an anointed cherub with God’s seal of

perfection, who walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. Lucifer was impervious to fire, which is a characteristic of Jehovah God. Realize also that Lucifer was filled with all the fullness of the Godhead bodily for whom timbrels and pipes were made for him on the day he was created.

“This means Lucifer was an excellent musician with perfect musical instruments made in heaven. No other angelic being is described in such terms.

“Ezekiel also describes Lucifer as perfect in his ways until iniquity was found in him. Iniquity is intentional, flagrant disobedience (or sin) with no intention to repent. This stemmed from the absolute, irrevocable authority God gave to Lucifer to rule the earth.

“Ezekiel also records that because of the abundance of, and because and of the iniquity of his trading, Lucifer became filled with violence and sinned.

“If you will now fast forward to the Tribulation, you will find that fallen Lucifer (Satan) is again up to his old tricks. In the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation, Satan, assisted by the beast and the false prophet, will assume control of the world and proclaim that no one may buy or sell without the mark of the beast on his forehead or on the right hand.

“Satan, therefore, during the Great Tribulation, controls mankind through restricting buying and selling, whereas his downfall on Earth One began with the iniquity of his trading, which is the same thing as ‘buying and selling.’

“Realize that the shock to Jehovah God when Lucifer failed was beyond His belief – at first. Then gradually, over a long period of ‘unmeasured time,’ God worked through His disbelief, anger, rage, anguish and grief to ‘come to Himself,’ and begin to work out the solution to His first mutiny.

“God created the ruling authorities, to include mankind and His abundance on Earth One to last forever. For that reason, He could not change, amend, or modify His original creation, because everything was created through spoken words of truth from His mouth, and God’s Truth is forever.

“Therefore, God had to devise a way for fallen man to redeem fallen man, which fallen Lucifer thought to be impossible. That is what prompted his rebellion.

“This was God’s dilemma through which He had to work.

“For these reasons, Adam and Eve on Earth Two would need to be created to fail, otherwise God’s plan

would not work. While it might seem sadistic for God to deliberately create man to sin and fail, He had no other alternative, except to surrender to fallen Lucifer eternally and His love for man was too great to allow that to happen.

“God’s omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence were therefore of no value to correct the problem. He actually ‘painted Himself into a corner’ and had to wait many thousands of years *‘for the paint dry’* so He could ‘walk over’ His mistake to redeem fallen man through fallen man.

“Yes, God knew that in order to work through to victory over Satan through fallen man, multitudes would follow Satan into the fiery flames of eternal hell. His alternative, however, was to surrender to the overcomer and to exist eternally disappointed, discontented, dissatisfied, unfulfilled and to concede victory by His creation over the Creator, which was unthinkable.

“For this reason God gives everyone multiple opportunities to follow Him. Only after one makes an unalterable decision to follow Satan, is judgment set. Until then, God becomes the prisoner in the dock, hoping until the last moment of life, one will turn to Him to receive His abundant eternal life.

“But Satan’s luring, deceitful temptations are also available to everyone. All of his temptations come through one of three ways: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Satan offered to Eve in Eden those three temptations, in that order, and they worked. Adam then heeded the voice of his wife instead of the voice of God. That disobedience of Eve and Adam then followed God’s scripted plan. That sin in Eden introduced death to mankind and to God’s supernatural provisions until God’s plan for restitution could evolve over the following six thousand years to this present day.²

“Satan’s immediate ‘rewards’ seem to be more instantaneous than God’s, but are pure deceit, clothed in tempting lies that promise satisfaction never obtained. One never gets a sufficiency of ‘things of this world’ so as to produce fulfillment.

²At His resurrection, Jesus took from Satan the keys of death and hell, which was God’s first and most important step to defeat Satan. That left undone the restoration of everything Eve and Adam lost through sin. It therefore remains for God’s new first eternal family to negate God’s curse on Eve (woman), on Adam (man) and on God’s abundance. Evidence of that restoration will become visible publicly by the end of 2015.

“Only a personal relationship with God – with our Lord – provides contentment, satisfaction and fulfillment in this life, irrespective of the number of ‘things’ one might accumulate.

“Now let’s look at the responsibility for man’s failure and for the countless multitudes who may follow Satan into the fires of eternal death.

“It was Jehovah God, Himself, who gave Lucifer absolute, irrevocable authority to rule Earth One eternally. That authority was given by God, who believed that one filled with all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, tested by the Three Measure Standard and endowed with God’s all encompassing love could never fail, but He was wrong – so very wrong. Yes, God made a terrible blunder – a terrible mistake in giving to His most highly endowed angel, the irrevocable absolute authority to rule Earth One forever.

“God gave that authority to Lucifer by faith in good conscience, after thousands of years of ‘unmeasured time’ in planning the creation of Earth One. God had never done anything like that before, so He put forth His best plan, believing that the Three Measure Standard plus His unbounding love would be sufficient. But He was wrong.

“As a result, multitudes will follow Satan into the jaws of eternal hell, deceived by his tempting, luring lies. Multiplied thousand of years and multiplied millions of souls will be lost in the balance.

“The cross, therefore, was God’s only answer to redeem fallen man through fallen man.

“It took God about four thousand years to devise a partial plan to redeem fallen man through fallen man after the sin in Eden.

“Moses was God’s second try at the redemption process. To the Three Measure Standard, by which Earth One was measured, through Moses ‘meekness’ was added to become the Four Measure Standard. But that was not sufficient. In a weak moment, Moses failed.

“Then, to the Four Measure Standard, God added two other tests: the ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’ test and the ‘unencumbrance’ test, to form the Six Measure Standard.

“God was not even sure that the Six Measure Standard would work until He saw Jesus on the cross. So, through trial and error, God had to work out a way to redeem man to ‘get it right,’ just as we mortals must do. Remember we are made ‘in God’s image’ and ‘in God’s likeness.’ Only by learning to listen to the voice

of God do we begin to understand who He really is. Not only are we like Him – He is like us!

“This actually puts God on a plateau much below the one on which most of us have placed Him through our intellectual misunderstanding of the bible.

“Yes, the responsibility for the cross falls squarely at the feet of Jehovah God, who gave Lucifer authority to rule the earth eternally. **If God’s plan for Lucifer had not been flawed, there would have been no cross.**

“Therefore, the responsibility for the cross falls squarely on the shoulders of Jehovah God and His flawed authority given to Lucifer to rule the earth eternally.

“Jesus went to the cross to redeem the Father – that’s Jehovah God, the I Am that I Am, the Ancient of Days.

“When God told Abraham to go to Mt. Moriah and offer his son as a burnt sacrificial offering, that was not just to test the faith of Abraham. That was also God test of Himself to see if He, Jehovah God, could put His only begotten Son on a cruel cross because of His – because of the Father’s – inadvertent mistake in giving Lucifer absolute authority to rule the earth forever. God was testing Himself through Abraham!

“Therefore, Jesus did not just redeem mankind from the Adamic or the Satanic sin curse and sin nature; Jesus went to the cross to lift from Jehovah God the guilt of His terrible inadvertent mistake in placing absolute trust in Lucifer. The blood of the Son therefore, was also for the Father. Not for His sin, for He cannot sin, but for his inadvertent mistake in giving to Lucifer absolute, irrevocable authority to rule the earth eternally.

“And that is the truth about the cross.

“Therefore, to God’s only begotten Son, be praise, glory, honor and thanksgiving throughout eternity. He went to the cross – yes, reluctantly – but of His own will – for the total redemption of mankind and for lifting from His Father – from Jehovah God, Himself – your Father and mine – the burden He carried for many millennia.

“Finite mind may not grasp the enormity of the blessings our Lord Jesus handed to us ‘on a silver platter,’ free of charge, just for the asking.

“Only as we believers see Him after the soon-coming Rapture, will we even begin to know and to understand what He did for us, for mankind **and for the**

Father, for when we see Him, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is.

“I, for one, look forward to that day.

“No accolades are sufficient, no praise and worship may be adequate for what He, the Son, has done for all believers **and for the Father, Himself, as well.**

“You must believe what this has done to Jehovah God. **God thought He could not fail!** His failure, therefore, humbled the omniscient, the omnipotent, the omnipresent Jehovah God!

“Jesus did not want to suffer the terrible consequences of the cross. He went there because of Jehovah God’s inadvertent mistake. Realize, therefore, the love of the Son for His Father. The Son’s sacrifice healed His Father – and the world.

“Scripture reads, ‘For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.’ But there is a vacancy in that scripture. It does not tell the whole story.

“Scripture may just as well have read, ‘For the Son of God so loved His Father that He (the Son) willingly went to the cross to cover the Father’s terrible blunder in giving to Lucifer authority to rule the earth eternally. Greater love has no man than this, that He lay down His life for His Father.’

“Then, you might add, if that is the truth, why doesn’t scripture reveal these facts?

“The answer is that the bible, as it now stands, **does not reveal these facts, but a change is coming.**

“Only in the latter years of this forty-year rapture generation has God revealed ‘the rest of the story’ to His prophet/writer as part of a sequel to the bible. And that prophet learned these facts from God, Himself, only after he (the prophet) learned to listen to the voice of God 24/7. Believers have that ability today.

“The greatest truth each of God’s thirteen new God Incarnate apostle/prophets will teach is to learn to listen to the voice of God daily – 24/7.

“That is the desire of God.

“That is the desire of His Son.

“And that is the desire of this prophet of God, for that is now the will of God for many, says the Lord.

“We serve a God whose love for us knows no boundary. To serve Him is the highest honor that man may achieve.

“Prepare to receive Him now, for He is coming back. That’s what He said, and He speaks Truth.”