

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 rapture generation**

FALLEN ANGELS

The subject of **FALLEN ANGELS** has been on my mind for several years. I have put off writing about it because other things seemed to be more important. But the time has come to address this subject because of its importance in God's overall scheme of redemption. The reason this subject is important is because it involves Earth One, which is God's perfect "model," and it will be replicated. As I have previously been told a number of times, "Once you understand the reasons for the failure of Earth One, you will understand everything else I have done since it was destroyed in My fierce anger."¹ Therefore, the time has come to write about this missing piece of the puzzle.

First, hear the words of Jude, Peter and John on this subject:

From Jude

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.

From 2 Peter 4

4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly

From John (Revelation 12)

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he **was cast to the earth and his angels were cast out with him.**

From the above three references, we may conclude that **there are two sets of fallen angels**. Both Jude and Peter confirm that angels who *left their own abode and did not keep their proper domain*, were reserved (or cast down) *in everlasting chains* (or to hell) under darkness, for the judgment of the great day. The

¹See Jeremiah 4:23-26.

word "judgment" (Peter) and "judgment of the great day" (Jude) refer to the **great white throne judgment**² that takes place at the end of the Millennium. This means that there were angels who left the responsibility to which they were assigned by God, and pursued their own evil interests contrary to God's purpose for which they were created. I have written previously that since angels are created as spirit beings, they do not have the right of repentance.³ That also means that this set of fallen angels, to which both Jude and Peter refer, are locked in hell, **are therefore not at large** and never will be, since they knowingly disobeyed God's instructions. Notice also that Peter connects this set of the fallen angels to Noah's flood (verse 5), **which is a key.**

But there is another set of fallen angels that are at large. John confirms this in his writing (see Revelation 12:7-9 cited in column one, this page) which states that Satan and his angels are cast down to the earth (verse 9). **This confirms without question that there are two sets of fallen angels and that one set is bound by chains in hell until the end of the Millennium while the other set is still at large.**

This quotation from Revelation 12 is significant because chapter twelve represents a beginning. By way of explanation, Revelation chapters six through eleven are records of the Tribulation from the viewpoint of heaven. Chapters twelve through nineteen, verse fifteen are records of the Tribulation from the viewpoint of the earth.

Secondly, **notice that Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven to the earth** (verse 9). He was previously **cast out of the first heaven** as recorded by Isaiah (14:12-14), and since then has occupied the second and third heavens. So, as John records, Satan will be cast out of the second and third heavens to the earth at or *near the beginning of the Tribulation*. That means at this point, the Church is in heaven because the Rapture occurs at the beginning of the Tribulation.

Our next problem is to determine the origin of the *second set* of fallen angels who are bound by chains in hell to be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Millennium. A key to their origin is the clue given by Peter who connects the *second set* of fallen angels to Noah's flood (verse 5). Let's investigate.

²See Revelation 20:11-15 for the great white throne judgment and the events that occur at that terrible event.

³Angels are created by God as perfect spirit beings and therefore do not have the right of repentance. Satan and his angels are the best and foremost examples. The reason man has the right of repentance is because he did not enter into sin on his own but was tempted into sin by Satan. Satan therefore is the responsible party who has no right of repentance.

Hear these words of Moses:

Genesis 6

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

3 And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."⁴

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

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

6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7 So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

This reference confirms that the destruction of the earth by Noah's flood was brought about when **the sons of God** cohabited with the daughters of men (verses 2 & 4).

The phrase, "**the sons of God**" appears in the Old Testament only five times (in the New King James Version). In all five references, the English translation of that phrase is **from the same Hebrew words** (see Strong's #1121 and #420). This may be one of the keys we are looking for. Two of the five references are in the Genesis quotation above and the other three references are in following quotations from Job. Let's examine Job's record.

Job 1

6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

7 And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Job 2

1 Again there was a day when the **sons of God**

came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

2 And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

Job 38

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 "Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 "Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 "Who determined its measurements? Surely you know!

6 "To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?"

Since there are only five Old Testament references where the phrase, "**the sons of God**" is used, if we can identify the meaning of this phrase, we will have our answer. One key is this phrase used in Job.

In Job 1: 6 and in Job 2:1, **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord along with Satan. Men born of woman do not come to heaven to present themselves before the Lord, **but angels do**.

In Job 38:6, when the morning stars sang together, **the sons of God** shouted for joy. Men born of woman do not hear the morning stars sing together and shout for joy, **but angels do**. That's three of the five Old Testament references.

I have found three versions of the bible that insert "angels" in parentheses after the phrase "the sons of God," in the above three Job references and two versions of the bible that translate these Job references as "heavenly beings" instead of "the sons of God." Therefore, I believe "angels" may be inserted in the place of the phrase "the sons of God" *in all three Job references* while doing no harm to the biblical text. That takes care of three of the five Old Testament references to "the sons of God." Only two remain.

Those two are found in Genesis 6:2 & 4 (cited previously on this page, column one) where we find "the sons of God" cohabiting with the daughters of men to produce offspring so wicked that every intent of the thoughts of their heart was only evil continually. This was the cause of Noah's flood. My conclusion is that the phrase, "the sons of God" in Genesis 6:2 & 4 *may also be translated as "angels"* the same as the three references in Job 1:6, 2:1 and 38:6.

The fact that all five Old Testament bible references to "the sons of God" are translated into

⁴I believe the days of man described as one hundred and twenty years in this Genesis reference are Jubilee years of fifty years each or six thousand years (50 x 120) from Adam to the Second coming. Saints of God, get ready, He is coming soon. Hallelujah!

English from the same Hebrew words (Strong's #1121 & #420) also seem to support my conclusion that "angels" may be substituted for each of the five Old Testament references to "the sons of God" with no harm done to the original text.

This will answer the question as to the origin of the angels bound with chains in hell as recorded in Jude 6 and 2 Peter 4:4 & 5. Those angels, who cohabited with the daughters of men, were under the evil influence of Satan, who is still at large roaming the earth seeking whom he may devour.⁵ Under his evil influence, I believe these angels were deceived into following him to earth (Earth Two) to corrupt it exactly as he corrupted the angels and man on Earth One. That is why immediately prior to Noah's flood, man became so wicked that every intent and thought of his heart was only evil continually. Therefore, destruction of Earth Two with Noah's flood was God's only solution just as it was in Earth One that was destroyed in God's fierce anger.⁶ The destruction of Earth One in God's fierce anger and the destruction of Earth Two with Noah's flood were both caused by Satan.

The reason the angels Satan corrupted just prior to Noah's flood are bound in chains under darkness (Jude and Peter reference cited on Page #1, column #1) is because hell had been created to receive them.

The reason Satan and his fallen angels, who corrupted Earth One, are still at large is because

(1) hell had not been created to receive them since it was created **after the destruction of Earth One**, and

(2) Satan's authority to rule has not been rescinded.

Yes, Satan was conquered at the cross, but no, his **authority** has not been rescinded nor will it be until the beginning of the Millennial reign as described by John in Revelation chapter twenty with these words:

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 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.

From these words we discover that Satan will be

⁵See 1 Peter 5:8.

⁶Earth One was destroyed in a flood. See the results as recorded in Genesis 1:2 and in Jeremiah 4:26. Noah's flood was therefore the second time the earth was destroyed with water. Hence, the significance of God's promise to never again destroy the earth with water since He had already done that twice. For this covenant between God and man see Genesis 9:11-17.

bound at the beginning of the Millennium but will be released again for a short while at the end of the thousand years.

This means that for many millennia, perhaps for millions or billions of years, Satan's authority in the world (not in the kingdom) has not been challenged nor dealt with authoritatively. This time span begins

(1) at the creation of Lucifer and his angels to rule over Earth One, and includes

(2) the time span of Earth One's total existence,

(3) the broad expanse of time between the destruction of Earth One and the beginning reconstruction of Earth Two as recorded in Genesis 1:3,

(4) the time it took to reconstruct Earth Two from the beginning through the creation of Adam,

(5) Earth Two time from Adam to Noah's flood,

(6) from Noah's flood to the cross,

(7) from the cross to the present day and

(8) from the present day to the beginning of the Millennium.

There is no way to calculate this broad expanse of time during which Satan's supernatural authority has not been revoked. This gives you some idea of the length of the reign of the fallen Lucifer, whom Jesus called the ruler of this world.⁷ Think that through and you will have some idea of the problem Lucifer's failure presented to God.

I have chosen to emphasize this broad period of time to underscore the authority and the supernatural power that was given to Satan at his creation. No angel like him was ever created nor will ever be. The thing that attests to this fact is that God, Himself, has had to stand by until Jesus has His full contingent of angels, at the end of the Tribulation, before Satan's authority could be challenged. Only at the Second Coming will

⁷Three times Jesus called Satan the ruler of this world. See John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11. The world, including the Church, has not yet understood how he still rules the world – not the kingdom – but the world and the world system. Everything that is self-based is in the world system controlled by Satan. When any activity, be it large or small, is initiated by self and taken to conclusion without the Lord's approval, regardless of the good that may be accomplished, that activity is of the world controlled by the enemy and is as filthy rags in the kingdom. Self is the god of Satan. That's why Jesus said, "If any man desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross **daily** and follow Me." (See Luke 9:23). The antidote to escape from the ways of the world is to seek the guidance or the permission of the Holy Spirit on **EVERYTHING** we do. Everything in the world is self-based. The educational system, the government the economic system are all self-based. In most cases the home is self-based. And the Church is partially self-based and partially faith-based which is spiritual adultery. The reason Jesus said that his disciples should deny self is because self is of the flesh in which nothing good dwells.

This is not to say that everything you do without God's approval is wrong. This is to say unless you get His approval, (1) what you may accomplish is of no value in the kingdom, (2) if it is successful it will open the door to pride, **AND** (3) you are not under God's umbrella of protection. On the other hand, if you get His approval and are then successful, He will get the praise, glory and honor. He will have it no other way in the kingdom.

Jesus have the authority to command an angel to bind Satan in the bottomless pit for the Millennium. Think that through and you will have some idea of the authority and supernatural power originally given to Satan to rule over Earth One.

This seems to satisfy the definition of the two sets of fallen angels, but there is still an angel time gap to be filled. That thousand year gap is from the binding of **Satan** in the bottomless pit, at the beginning of the Millennium, to the great white throne judgment. Where are Satan's angels during this period of time? The bible record is not clear on this subject but perhaps Jesus and the apostle John may offer some help. First, hear these words from Jesus concerning the *great white throne Judgment* as recorded by Matthew:

Matthew 25

41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

This means that Satan and his fallen angels, who have been at large since the destruction of Earth One, are cast into the lake of fire at the *great white throne judgment*. Now hear these words again recorded by John on Patmos Island:

Revelation 12

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

Satan and his angels are together to be cast into the lake of fire at the end of the Millennium, as recorded by Matthew. Satan and his angels are also together and cast to the earth at or near the beginning of the Tribulation as recorded by John.

I have therefore concluded that when Satan is bound in the bottomless pit at the beginning of the Millennium, his angels will be bound with him. I have concluded this by what appears to me to be an obvious implication.

Another bible record that seems to point in this direction is the record of the Millennium. There is an absence of evil during the literal reign of the Lord from Jerusalem, the then capital city of the world, for that thousand year period.

For these reasons I believe that both **Satan and his fallen angels** are bound in the bottomless pit during the Millennium even though the bible record does not so state.

This emphasizes again something the Lord has confirmed to me: When you understand everything about the failures of Lucifer and the destruction of Earth One, you will understand everything else God has done since then, because the Earth One model will be replicated.

That is what God is in the process of doing today. Evidence of His success this time will begin after the Tribulation at the second Coming. Then is when Jesus will put down the insurrection at Armageddon and establish His throne in Jerusalem to rule and reign over the earth as its absolute Monarch during the Millennium.

In each of the six Old Testament references where the phrase **the sons of God** is used, "angels" may be inserted in the place of that phrase, in order to clarify the proper meaning of the written word.

This explains why the angels referenced in Jude 6 and 2 Peter 4:4 & 5 (cited on page one column one) are bound in chains in hell until the *great white throne judgment* and why Satan and his angels, who are still at large, will be cast to earth at or near the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation, for example.

In summary, according to the bible there are two sets of fallen angels. One set is still at large, the other is not. **The sons of God** whose conduct brought about Noah's flood were angels who left their own abode, were deceived by Satan and are bound by chains in darkness until the *great white throne judgment*. The fallen angels under Satan's authority are still at large. They will be cast down to earth at the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation and will be bound in the bottomless pit at the beginning of the Millennium. After the Millennium, Satan and his angels will then be loosed for a little while at the end of the thousand years, after which they will be cast into the lake of fire at the *great white throne judgment*.

This is a short synoptic overview of the cause of all evil that has occurred on Earth One, Earth Two and Earth Three from the beginning of earth time until Satan and his angels are cast into the lake of fire at the *great white throne judgment*. There is no way to estimate the broad expanse of time over which this has occurred.

All praise, glory and honor to the Great God Jehovah who has patiently and lovingly devised the way to take from a fallen Lucifer unprecedented supernatural authority that corrupted into all evil that has befallen mankind.

Lastly, you have heard that the best way to identify a counterfeit is to carefully study the original. While that may be true in the physical, it is not necessarily true in the spiritual. What you don't know in the spiritual realm can hurt you – can kill you – in the physical realm. That's why Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil.⁸ What are his works? Death, all illness and disease and all other problems detrimental to mankind and his well-being! We therefore are involved in an all-out war against a common enemy. That war will not end in surrender, but will end with the complete annihilation and destruction of the loser. That's why it is important to know something about our common foe who wants to destroy us.

⁸See 1 John 3:8 (b).