

"The keys of discernment can hold at bay the poisons of the Enemy that try to make the lies as truth and the truth as lies."

Deceiving and Being Deceived

In the book of Exodus, chapter 20, verse 4, we find an unusual verse:

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

A graven image is:

"an image of wood, stone, or metal shaped with a sharp cutting instrument as distinguished from one cast in a mold". The New Compact Bible Dictionary

Another unusual verse is Philippians, chapter 2, verse 4:

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth".

Why did God warn the Israelites not to make an image to anything in the "water under the earth" and what is it that has knees, whose habitation is "under the earth".

These are questions we hope to answer as we continue on in our discussion. Before we do though, we want to present a few more scriptures to help bolster our premise.

"When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living. Ezekiel 26:20

To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel 31:14

By which also he (Jesus) went and preached unto the spirits in prison. 1Peter 3:19

For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. 1Peter 4:6

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Revelation 5:13

And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon." Revelation 9:11

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. Revelation 11:7"

Are there "beings" of some type living below the surface of the earth on which we live. If the Bible is to be believed this would certainly appear to be the case. The book of 1 Peter, even says that Jesus preached (told them His plan of salvation) to the spirits in prison. Incidentally, if there was no possibility of salvation why would Jesus make the effort to preach to them?

Another point to bring out is Genesis, chapter 3, verses 1-4:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God

hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die".

These verses do not represent an allegory, but rather an actual conversation that took place between a human being, Eve, and a serpent.

Jesus does not refer to the story of the Creation of Adam and Eve as an allegory but as an actual historical event.

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female. Matthew 19:4 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. Mark 10:6"

Also in Luke, chapter 23, verses 23-38, Jesus' lineage is traced back to Adam.

Now to give you some idea of how thinking has changed, especially in western culture, we wanted to share some quotes from Martin Luther concerning negative spiritual entities and demons.



Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) changed the course of Western civilization by initiating the Protestant Reformation. As a priest and theology professor, he confronted indulgence salesmen with his 95 Theses in 1517. Luther strongly disputed their claim that freedom from God's punishment of sin could be purchased with money. His refusal to retract all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms meeting in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the emperor.

Luther taught that salvation is a free gift of God and received only by grace through faith in Jesus as redeemer from sin, not from good works. His theology challenged the authority of the pope of the Roman Catholic Church by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge. His translation of the Bible into the language of the people (instead of Latin) made it more accessible, causing a tremendous impact on the church and on German culture. It fostered the development of a standard version of the German language, added several principles to the art of translation, and influenced the translation of the King James Bible. His hymns inspired the development of singing in churches. His marriage to Katharina Von Bora set a model for the practice of clerical marriage, allowing Protestant priests to marry.

Luther on Demons

"A large number of deaf, crippled and blind people are afflicted solely through the malice of the demon. And one must in no wise doubt that plagues, fevers and every sort of evil come from him.

As for the demented, I hold it certain that all beings deprived of reason are thus afflicted only by the Devil.

At Poltersberg, there is a lake similarly cursed. If you throw a stone into it, a dreadful storm immediately arises, and the whole neighboring district quakes to its centre. 'Tis the devils kept prisoner there.

Demons live in many lands, but particularly in Prussia.

"How often have not the demons called 'Nix,' drawn women and girls into the water,

and there had commerce with them, with fearful consequences.

I myself saw and touched at Dessay, a child of this sort, which had no human parents, but had proceeded from the Devil. He was twelve years old, and, in outward form, exactly resembled ordinary children.

In Switzerland, on a high mountain, not far from Lucerne, there is a lake they call Pilate's Pond, which the Devil has fixed upon as one of the chief residences of his evil spirits....

Many demons are in woods, in waters, in wildernesses, and in dark pooly places ready to hurt...people.

Our bodies are always exposed to Satan. The maladies I suffer are not natural, but Devil's spells.

Snakes and monkeys are subjected to the demon more than other animals. Satan lives in them and possesses them. He uses them to deceive men and to injure them."

"Some [demons] are also in the thick black clouds, which cause hail, lightning and thunder, and poison the air, the pastures and grounds.

The best way to get rid of the Devil, if you cannot kill it with the words of Holy Scripture, is to rail at and mock him. Music, too, is very good; music is hateful to him, and drives him far away.

The Devil can so completely assume the human form, when he wants to deceive us, that we may well lie with what seems to be a woman, of real flesh and blood, and yet all the while 'tis only the Devil in the shape of a woman. 'Tis the same with women, who may think that a man is in bed with them, yet 'tis only the Devil; and...the result of this connection is oftentimes an imp of darkness, half mortal, half devil....

The Devil...clutched hold of the miserable young man...and flew off with him through the ceiling, since which time nothing has been heard of [him].

The Devil fears the word of God, He can't bite it; it breaks his teeth.

"The Devil, it is true, is not exactly a doctor who has taken degrees, but he is very learned, very expert for all that. He has not been carrying on his business during thousands of years for nothing....

The winds are nothing else but good or bad spirits. Hark! how the Devil is puffing and blowing....

...two devils rose from the water, and flew off through the air, crying, 'Oh, oh, oh!' and turning one over another, in sportive mockery....

We need not invite the Devil to our table; he is too ready to come without being asked. The air all about us is filled with demons....

When I was a child there were many witches, and they bewitched both cattle and men, especially children."

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In the Book of Jude there is a reference made to a man named Enoch.

" And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (Jude 1:15-16)

The Book of Enoch was found in Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in 1773 after being lost for about 1600 years. It was translated into English in 1821. The Book of Enoch was readily accepted by the early church fathers. For the first three centuries A.D. it was accepted as scripture by the early church. It was eventually dismissed from the Scriptures at the Council of Laodicea. Fragments were also found along with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The first thirty six chapters of the book of Enoch gives much information about these fallen angels and even gives their specific names.

1It happened after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful.

2And when the angels, (3) the sons of heaven, beheld them, they became enamoured of them, saying to each other, Come, let us select for ourselves wives from the progeny of men, and let us beget children.

(3) An Aramaic text reads "Watchers" here (J.T. Milik, Aramaic Fragments of Qumran Cave 4 [Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1976], p. 167).

3Then their leader Samyaza said to them; I fear that you may perhaps be indisposed to the performance of this enterprise;

4And that I alone shall suffer for so grievous a crime.

5But they answered him and said; We all swear;

6And bind ourselves by mutual execrations, that we will not change our intention, but execute our projected undertaking.

7Then they swore all together, and all bound themselves by mutual execrations. Their whole number was two hundred, who descended upon Ardis, (4) which is the top of mount Armon.

(4) Upon Ardis. Or, "in the days of Jared" (R.H. Charles, ed. and trans., The Book of Enoch [Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1893], p. 63).

8That mountain therefore was called Armon, because they had sworn upon it, (5) and bound themselves by mutual execrations.

(5) Mt. Armon, or Mt. Hermon, derives its name from the Hebrew word herem, a curse (Charles, p. 63).

9These are the names of their chiefs: Samyaza, who was their leader, Urakabameel, Akibeel, Tamiel, Ramuel, Danel, Azkeel, Saraknyal, Asael, Armers, Batraal, Anane, Zavebe, Samsaveel, Ertael, Turel, Yomyael, Arazyal. These were the prefects of the two hundred angels, and the remainder were all with them. (6)

(6) The Aramaic texts preserve an earlier list of names of these Watchers: Semihazah; Artqoph; Ramtel; Kokabel; Ramel; Danieal; Zeqiel; Baraqel; Asael; Hermoni; Matarrel; Ananel; Stawel; Samsiel; Sahriel; Tummiel; Turiel; Yomiel; Yhaddiel (Milik, p. 151).

10Then they took wives, each choosing for himself; whom they began to approach, and with whom they cohabited; teaching them sorcery, incantations, and the dividing of roots and trees.

11And the women conceiving brought forth giants.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. Genesis 6:1,2,4*

So we can see that in the days before the flood, giants lived on the earth that were the progeny of fallen angels and human woman-- hybrids. Incidentally Jesus refers to the flood as an actual historical event:

"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Luke 17:27

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matthew 24:37"

What were the days of Noah like?

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Genesis 6:11"

Not only was the earth corrupt and filled with violence but there was also a hybrid race of giants called the Nephilim.

Will this happen again in the "end times"?

"Lift up a standard on the mountain of the plain, exalt the voice to them, beckon with the hand, open the gates, ye rulers. I give command, and I bring them: giants are coming to fulfil my wrath, rejoicing at the same time and insulting. Isaiah 13:2-3"

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