

A Biblical View OF THE END TIMES

NARROWING THE FOCUS

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Review:

NOTE: Up to this point, I've presented the Biblical position from **Gen. 6:1-4** that fallen angels abandoned their domain and had unlawful sexual relations with human women.

- This is not a wild theory or a baseless interpretation. The apostles and early church fathers taught this view, and proper interpretation rules support this conclusion.
- **Jude 1:6** makes this situation very clear. Depending on your translation, the Bible says these fallen angels "*did not keep their positions of authority.*" "*did not stay within their own domain,*" or, "*did not keep their first estate.*"
- It's all saying the same thing. God intends for the angels – whether fallen OR righteous – to STAY within the realm and rules of their created order.
- Righteous angels abide by this prescription according to **Matt. 22:30**, but the fallen angels – being evil – chose to violate God's design.
- This breach of God's laws produced the hybrid Nephilim giants we are first told about in **Genesis Ch. 6**. These giants were half-human and half-angel. They had a physical side, and a spiritual side.
- But they were conceived in rebellion, they were not intended to exist, and they were not redeemable. They were also very violent, depraved, and intelligent.
- This incursion into humanity by these fallen angels – this violation of God's created order of things - took place during that period of history leading up to The Great Flood.
- It was a tactical effort by Satan to comprehensively corrupt the human genome.
- The goal of Satan and the fallen angels (AKA the "sons of God" or **b'nai Elohim**) was to prevent Jesus Christ's arrival and prevent the destruction of Satan which was first prophesied in **Genesis 3:15**.
- Hundreds of years after this incursion, conditions on earth became very bad. **Gen. 6:12** says, "*all flesh (had become) corrupted.*" It was an unnatural era of time – one that spawned the legends about which all ancient cultures speak of.
- But Noah was found to be "*perfect in his generations*" in **Gen. 6:9**, meaning his own genetic lineage was still 100% human.
- God sent The Great Flood to destroy this Nephilim invasion, to reboot humanity as He'd originally created it - - and to preserve the conditions on earth necessary for the Messiah's arrival and God's plan of salvation.
- God also imprisoned all the fallen angels that had brought all this about. Both **Jude** and **2 Peter** are clear about this.

- But, in accordance with the ongoing hostility between the “seed” of the serpent and the “seed” of the woman - first foretold in **Genesis 3:15** - the giants returned after the Great Flood as we see in **Gen. 6:4**.
- I believe the Bible tells us how this happened. The giants – and the specific tribes of the giants – are carefully traced through the lineage of Ham, one of Noah’s sons.
- The Bible gives disproportionate attention to Ham’s lineage. I believe it’s because God wants us to understand how His prophecies in **Gen. 3:15** continued to play out.
- In particular, the Bible gives great attention to Nimrod, Ham’s grandson, who the Scriptures state “**began to be** a ‘gibborim’ (or giant).”
- This focus is not something we should overlook, because Nimrod is the FIRST Biblical type of the future and final antichrist. God’s Word will **yet** show us how several things about Nimrod come full circle at the very end of time.
- The grand takeaway is this: since Noah and his wife were genetically-untainted, and since Shem – another of Noah’s sons – also remained genetically-unpolluted to continue the lineage of Jesus Christ, the logical conclusion is Ham’s wife carried a latent Nephilim gene.
- That is MY conclusion, although other theories about how the giants returned post-Flood do exist. These things were the focus of last week’s session.

NOTE: Now, there are various animated assaults against the MAIN premises of all this, but this opposition faces a BIG problem - the Bible backs up everything we’ve learned!

- In fact, and as I’ve shared from my own beliefs, this is the ONLY position to take if we properly interpret the Scriptures. That means, this is the conclusion we arrive at if we:
 - Stick with the original meaning of the Biblical language,
 - If we seek to align our conclusions with ALL other Scriptures that discuss the same issues, and...
 - If we conform our views to the development of the larger context.

NOTE: To put what I’m saying another way...

- The Bible does NOT support the notion that mankind’s sin overwhelmed God’s unchanging character or His tolerances.
- The Bible does NOT support the idea that one faction of humanity was somehow lifted ABOVE mankind’s baseline depravity (*Cf. Romans 5:12*).
- The Bible does NOT suggest the idea that another portion of humanity was somehow pushed BELOW mankind’s baseline depravity.
- And the Bible does NOT suggest God was different THEN than He is NOW.
- While each of these errant notions resides somewhere between **passive ignorance** and **active irresponsibility** – they DO describe what most churches, pastors, and seminaries teach today.

NOTE: Moving forward here, our primary assumption is Satan is doing all he can to prevent his own inevitable destruction. This is the big picture issue we need to keep top of mind.

- These have been Satan's motives since earliest times – since God first prophesied Satan's ultimate destruction in **Gen. 3:15**.
- If we can accept this sensible assumption, then everything else falls into place. Satan's first attack followed God's first prophecy about the arrival of Jesus Christ.
- Satan's initial target was the genetics of the entire human race since Jesus Christ was prophesied to come through the “seed” (Hebrew: “zera”) of a woman.
- If he could poison the genome of humanity completely, then he could prove God wrong, prevent the Messiah's arrival, and position himself to be worshipped as “God.”
- That last objective was Satan's original desire just before his own fall which was BEFORE the literal 6-Day Creation of this present world.
- We read about Satan's fall in **Isaiah 14:13-14**:

“You said in your heart: “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God. I will sit on the mount of assembly, in the far reaches of the north. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”

- Satan's obsession to be worshipped continued AFTER the arrival of Jesus Christ (**Cf. the temptation of Jesus in Matt. 4:1-11**).
- It will continue to be Satan's goal as this present chapter of human history winds down. For example, we read in **Revelation 13:4** -

“People worshiped the dragon (Satan) because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against him?”

- We will learn later that Satan won't stop trying to defeat God even at the threshold of the “new heaven and new earth” (**Satan is released one last time at the conclusion of the Millennial Kingdom - Cf. Revelation 20:7-10**).
- This is why we need to go back to the beginning of the Bible if we are to do a proper study of Biblical prophecy.
- FUTURE prophetic events find their origin, reason, and purpose in PAST events.

NOTE: Today, we will see how Satan learns something important. He can now ‘narrow his focus’ as he attacks God's prophetic plan and as he seeks to prevent his own destruction.

NOTE: To see this, we must leapfrog from **Gen. 3:15**, to **Gen. 6:1-4**, then to **Gen. 12:1-3**, and finally to **Gen. 15:18-21**.

- In **Gen. Ch. 3**, Satan first learned that one will eventually come from the pure seed of a woman who will ‘crush’ him.
- In **Gen. Ch. 6**, Satan tries to corrupt the genetics of ALL humanity to keep this from happening.
- In **Gen. Ch. 12**, Satan will discover he now has a smaller target he can focus on.
- In **Gen. 15:18-21**, Satan is alerted to what part of the world he will need to concentrate his greatest attacks.

A. God sovereignly elects Abraham (Cf. Gen. 12:1-3)

“The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

1. Here, God issued another prophecy concerning the forthcoming Messiah.
 - It’s a slightly cryptic clue – but Satan gets the message loud and clear.
 - In **Gen. 12:1-3**, God sovereignly elects Abram (he’s not yet ‘Abraham’).
 - God gives to Abram the unconditional terms of what we now call ‘the Abrahamic Covenant.’
 - It is within these terms that we find God’s promise concerning Abram’s descendants. And it is through his descendants whereby “...*all peoples on earth will be blessed.*”
 - So now – as I said – Satan figures out what’s going to happen. He now has a smaller target.
 - After the original **Gen. 3:15** prophecy, Satan broadly attacked the entire human genome.
 - He didn’t know from what point this Messiah who would eventually destroy him would come – so Satan attacked the entire swath of humanity.
 - But now, God says the Messiah would come through the lineage of Abram.
 - BTW, Abram didn’t do anything to deserve this distinction – God sovereignly chose him, the same way as God sovereignly acts today.
 - As I said, these verses in **Gen. Ch. 12** may seem a bit cryptic insofar as the clue they are providing, but Satan understood it.
 - Now he knew something he hadn’t known before: the Messiah would not only come through humanity (he already knew that much) - - but the Messiah would come specifically through the lineage of Abram.
 - The target was now much smaller. Now Satan could proverbially use a ‘rifle’ instead of a ‘shotgun.’
2. A bit later, God further affirms this **irrevocable, unconditional, and unilateral** promise – which is based on God’s UNCHANGING character - in **Genesis 15:1-6**.
 - Let me add that those who claim God has moved beyond the Jews, that Israel holds no more prophetic significance, or that the church has either (a.) replaced, or (b.) become one and the same with ethnic / national Israel, **intentionally** sidestep this all-important truth.

- God's assurances to Abram are based on His (get this!): IRREVOCABLE, UNCONDITIONAL, AND UNILATERAL promises. In other words, God would not be God if any of His terms changed.
- To teach **anything other** than this truth is to teach irresponsibly, improperly, and ignorantly about God Himself (and there are many – as we have learned – who **make the wrong choice to teach this way**).
- Here, Abram is reassured that the Messianic lineage would continue through him.
- Despite his own personal situation, Abram '*believed the Lord*' – and it was credited to him as righteousness (we see this same example of Abraham's faith underscored in **Heb. Ch. 11**).

NOTE: I need to touch on an important sidenote here (I would be remiss if I did not...):

- This sidenote is going to be uncomfortable for some of you -- so stick with me until I get all the way through it. It will make sense if you do that.
- Abraham's SAVING faith was demonstrated during a 'dispensation' (or an age) that was long ago – even before the law that was given to Moses.
- But he was saved – **by faith!** The Bible is clear. He 'believed the Lord' and the Lord "credited it to him as '*righteousness*.'"
- He believed God was who He said He was. He took God's Word at face value. In that respect, it's no different today AFTER the cross as it was BEFORE the cross.
- Let me be **very clear** here -- this is SO IMPORTANT. You need to **know** this:
 - You are not saved **simply** because you prayed some particular words in a particular order.
 - You don't get your fire insurance by just saying stuff. I know people who do not live as believers, but they think they are saved because they prayed a 'certain prayer.'
 - As **Matthew 7:21-23** explicitly and frightfully shows us, "saying" certain things doesn't necessarily guarantee you're saved.
 - Furthermore, you're not saved because "you GAVE your heart to Christ." Nowhere in the Bible are we instructed to think this way.
 - There is no effort or action on OUR part which contributes in any way to the salvation transaction.
 - We can't "give" God anything which qualifies us for righteousness.
 - A saving faith is based on what HE gives US, and that is His gift of eternal life (**Cf. Ephesians 2:8-9**).

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not of works so that any man can boast."

- Let me turn up the burner a bit more. You're also not saved because you "confessed" your sins and you "asked the Lord to forgive you."
- The context of **1 John 1:9** makes it clear that confession of this sort is for true believers who are struggling with sin. **1 John 1:9** says:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

- Also, you're not saved simply because you "asked Jesus Christ to come into your heart."
- This is a very popular prescription, and I personally fear this has misled many - - it has given false confidence.
- Again – the Bible does not instruct us to gain salvation this way. Instead, the Bible tells us that we need to FULLY trust – we need to BELIEVE - in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and in His substitutionary death on our behalf (*Cf. Ephesians 1:7*).

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace"

- Lastly, you're not saved because you raised your hand, you filled out a card, you came down to the front, you felt a 'shiver in your liver,' you had someone put their hand on your head, or you flopped around in the aisle - or burbled, stuttered, or muttered unintelligibly.
- You ARE saved if you fully BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be, and if you fully BELIEVE in His work on the cross as **full** payment of your sins.
- Here, in **Gen. 15:6**, Abraham "BELIEVED the Lord and it was credited to him as righteousness."
- It's the same thing the jailer did in NT times – during the dispensation of the church - when Paul and Silas told him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."
- The 'good' thief on the cross did the same thing. We see the pre-cross perspective, the post-cross perspective - - and the 'good' thief shows us the same perspective AT the time of the cross itself.
- He had a **RIGHT** view of Jesus Christ, and for his faith - for his BELIEF that Jesus was who He said He was, he was saved.
- **Romans 10:9** sums all this up by telling us:

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

NOTE: I've probably rattled some of you by this point. Others of you are feeling rather upset because I've just made hamburger with your sacred cows.

But the Biblical doctrine of salvation is we are not saved by ANY other means than TRUSTING in Jesus Christ fully - by BELIEVING He is who He said He is, and by believing He paid the full price for our sins when He was sacrificed on the cross as the substitutionary Lamb of God.

Now, don't get me wrong. We can say certain 'traditional' prayers and be saved - - I prayed for Jesus Christ to come into my heart when I was five years old. I remember it well.

But.....BUT - - what I remember MOST about that time is I fully believed what my mother told me. I believed that Jesus Christ was God, that He loved me, that He died for my sins and He rose again, and that I needed to trust Him for my salvation.

I understood my need for salvation – even at that young age. And so, the words I prayed at that time were my best reflection then of my **primary** belief.

Thank you for permitting me to give some voice to these **all-important** comments. Now let's get back to the main thrust of our lesson which is how Satan was able to narrow his focus.

3. God's affirmation to Abraham (I'll just call him 'Abraham' now), and God's promises to Abraham - - **these** are the things that alerted Satan to the fact he needed a new tactic.

- He now needed to focus on Abraham's descendants if he was going to disrupt God's prophetic plan and prevent his own future destruction. At least that's how Satan saw it here in **Gen. Ch. 15**.
- I personally hold to the conviction that Satan, being the '*father of lies*' as **John 8:44** describes him, has deceived nobody more than himself. He believes he can still succeed in his efforts to overcome Almighty God.
- That was true at all points before, it's true right now, and it will be true all the way up to the very end when Satan is cast into the flames of hell. Satan is massively and thoroughly deluded by his pride.

4. Now, let's get even more granular. I want you NOW to notice what God says to Abraham a few verses later in **Genesis 15:18-21**.

NOTE: This is SO significant. I want you to see TWO important things here:

- **FIRST, God gives physical boundaries to the promise of land (actual geography). Now, Satan knows WHERE to focus his future attacks.**

NOTE: This is a LARGE territory! This land that God defined includes everything modern-day Israel possesses, plus all of the Palestinian territories (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

- God's covenant with Abraham not only concerns the success of his **physical** descendants, but it also concerns THIS **physical** territory.

- There are many churches today – perhaps **most**, as some research studies indicate - that claim God's promises to Abraham are "spiritual" promises (not "physical" ones).
- These people TODAY are making the very same mistake Augustine and Calvin did (we talked about this a couple of lessons ago).
- They 'allegorize' the Bible. They claim it means something besides what it's saying. They think God does not mean what He says.
- As a result, such people believe these promises are now directed to the church, and not to Israel and the Jewish people.
- This is a VERY dangerous posture, and it makes no sense. NOTHING could be further from the truth.
- God gives to Abraham **measurable** definitions about land that Abraham's descendants would one day possess.
- It's no secret that the entire world is dead set against Israel and its rightful claim to 'territories' like Gaza, the West Bank (Biblical Samaria), the Golan Heights, east Jerusalem, and so on.
- All these worldly sentiments are nothing less than a Satanic rebellion against the plain truth of God's Word.
- The plain fact is God promised this territory to the Jews. They've never had all this territory. They got closest under the reign of King Solomon, but they were still a long way from having it all.
- Israel will not gain all this land until the future Millennial Kingdom, but she WILL get it!

NOTE: I need to bring this matter home. What we are seeing in this lesson is God gave Israel a **RIGHT** to the land she is in, and to much more territory besides.

- a. What we are ALSO seeing – and we will see this even more – is Satan does not want Israel in that land, because Israel's existence is tied to Satan's eventual destruction.
- b. The **adversaries** of Israel and the Jews – that includes the UN, the entire Islamic world, virtually every liberal --- **and many 'Christians' and churches today** – do not believe Israel has a right to her land.
- c. At the very least, most of Israel's opponents believe the Jewish nation should divide up her land and pursue a two-state solution.
- d. LET ME BE VERY CLEAR: This is a Satanically inspired view, and it is a key sign of the **absence** of true saving faith.
- e. Scripture is crystal clear that God has not abandoned Israel and the Jews. We have not dived into that issue too much yet – but we will!
- f. We HAVE seen the Bible is plain that Israel is unique and separate from the church in God's divinely ordained program.
- g. These teachings are among the very clearest in Scripture, and that will be further affirmed in our sessions ahead.
- h. The only way to NOT see the Bible's position for what it is - is to CHOOSE to misinterpret it. Many folks do **precisely** that, and this says much about how they are really viewing God.

- i. In the prophetic passage of **Joel 3:2**, God will gather the survivors in the aftermath of the Tribulation. He will levy judgment against those who tried to ‘divide up My land.’
- j. This will be an event synonymous with **Matthew 25:32** where Jesus will gather all the nations before Him, and He’ll ‘separate the sheep from the goats.’ It’ll be good for the sheep but bad for the goats.
- k. The context of these passages in **Joel** and **Matthew** show something VERY important. It shows that Jesus will evaluate one’s TRUE spiritual condition at that future time by their posture to national Israel and their attitude towards the Jews.
- l. It boils down to the fact our words and deeds show our heart’s true spiritual condition.
- m. This should be a BIG red warning light for anyone who nurtures anti-Jewish sentiments, who believes in a two-state solution, and who willfully ignores the plain truth of Scripture.

NOTE: The bottom line is this: The Bible clearly says that one’s treatment of the Jews and one’s attitudes towards Israel are strong indicators of one’s eternal destiny.

This matter therefore becomes the ultimate fulfillment of **Gen. 12:3** where God says, “*I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse.*”

- **Here’s the SECOND thing God tells Abraham in Gen. 15:18-21. In these four verses, God lists out some of Ham’s Nephilim descendants. God names them individually.**

NOTE: We looked at Ham’s lineage last week (**Cf. Gen. Chapters 9 & 10**), and we saw some of the **very same** nations listed there which we also see listed here in **Gen. Ch. 15**.

- Keep in mind, Israel isn’t even a nation yet. Isaac, Abraham’s son, isn’t even born yet.
- It’s a long time yet till Joseph is in Pharaoh’s house, till the Jews become slaves in Egypt -- and nobody knows the name of ‘Moses.’
- But WAY before any of those things, God told Abraham that his descendants would be forced to overcome these Nephilim nations to gain the physical land that God would give them.
- Again, the genealogical lineage has been **very specific** up to – and through - this point.
- We can trace each of these giant bloodlines back to Ham, and therefore – I believe – to Ham’s wife.

NOTE: So, not only does Satan get clues of a smaller target, but the Bible says Abraham’s descendants (the Jews) would encounter – and would have to overcome – the lineage of fallen angelic seed that would be pre-positioned in the land of Canaan to resist them.

NOTE: Even **before** Satan had any sort of plans to place his Nephilim ‘troops’ in the Promised Land to resist the entry of the Israelites, God told Abraham that this is what Satan would do.

5. The ongoing battle between the two ‘seeds’ – as was prophesied in **Gen. 3:15** – would now be concentrated in the land of Canaan, and the surrounding territories.

- Satan now had new objectives. If he could disrupt the terms and ramifications of the Abrahamic Covenant, if he could defeat – or eliminate - the Jews, maybe he could prevent God’s greater plan from achieving success.
- This is why the Israelites faced the Nephilim in **Numbers 13:31-33**.
 - These were “...*the giants, the sons of Anak*” whose genealogies could be traced directly back to Ham.
 - It’s why the Israelites faced the gigantic King Og of Bashan (**Num. 21:10-35; Deut. 3:11**). Remember that name, “Bashan.”
 - It’s why, after being so afraid of their Nephilim adversaries in the Promised Land, God sent the Israelites back into the desert to wander in the wilderness for 40 more years.
 - It’s why Moses – after 40 more years, when the Israelites stood once again on the borders of the Promised Land - rallied the Israelites. He reminded them that they would face giants (**Cf. Deut. 7:1-2**).
 - It’s why Moses listed seven Nephilim nations which he specifically mentioned as being “...*larger and stronger than you*,” and it’s why he commanded the Israelites to “...*completely destroy them*,” and to “...*show them no mercy*.”

NOTE: It’s no coincidence that God had mentioned six of those seven Nephilim nations when He had reassured Abraham of His covenant promises all the way back in **Gen. Ch. 15**.

- Keep in mind, this enmity between the Nephilim and Abraham’s descendants continued well past Canaan’s conquest.
 - David killed Goliath (**Cf. 1 Sam. 17**) who had ridiculed the God of the armies of Israel (**Cf. 1 Sam. 17:45**).
 - David and his men also killed four more giants who were related to Goliath in subsequent battles (**Cf. Sam. 21:15-22**)
 - The whole premise that Satan positioned his Nephilim troops in the Promised Land to resist the entry of the Israelites and the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant explains why God ordered Joshua to “...*wipe out all the inhabitants*” that were there (**Cf. Josh. 9:24**).
 - It’s why God directed Saul to attack and kill the Amalekites and to put to death “...*every man, woman, child and infant*” (**Cf. 1 Sam. 15:2-3**).
 - The Amalekites were a subset of the “*descendants of Anak*” (**Cf. Num. 13:22-23**), and God’s orders got down to the nitty-gritty.
 - In the instructions Moses gave to the nation of Israel and which Moses, Joshua, and Saul also received, God was scrubbing the earth to rid it of the sordid stain of the fallen angelic seed.

NOTE: Satan’s actions and motives in this whole “sons of God” storyline are not hard to see.

- Knowing the Messiah – the one that would ‘crush’ him - would come through the human race, Satan first assaulted all of mankind.
- When Satan later learned that prophecy would be fulfilled in the lineage of Abraham, he went after the Jews.
- Satan’s methods along the way have stayed true to the original **Genesis 3:15** prophecy that his “seed” – his “zera” - would be at enmity with whatever human “zera” Jesus Christ would come from.
- Satan went from a broad-brush approach to a more specific one as he gained more information along the way.
- Today, the Jews are reviled and resented. That is not only the secular perspective, it is unfortunately true within much of the church as well.
- It’s an evil prejudice. According to the Bible, it’s a sign of spiritual darkness. It shows no presence or control of the Holy Spirit.
- Antisemitism – and all its variants (BDS, Replacement Theology, etc.) are first cousins to the physical “seed war” that was prophesied all the way back in **Gen. 3:15**.
- It’s been this way for centuries. Martin Luther’s antisemitic writings inspired Hitler. It’s all playing out exactly as God’s Word said it would.
- Today, there is a strong upswell in anti-Jewish sentiments. Satan is working furiously on his plans to prevent his destruction. It’s a sign that our time is short on earth.
- That ancient hostility which God first prophesied in **Genesis 3:15** is alive and well.

NEXT WEEK: We are going to see how this ancient enmity proceeded into the NT, in fact – at the cross! – and how it is showing up today in OUR time.



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The rules are simple. First, teach what IS there. Don’t pretend the Bible is not saying what it is saying.

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Second, don’t teach what is NOT there. Don’t force a passage to mean something it really doesn’t.

And – number three, if the Bible states it plainly, we should too.

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