

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

FROM EDEN TO ETERNITY

From Eden to Eternity - Part 2

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Last Sunday, we began our new series entitled, “From Eden to Eternity” during which we discussed the Creation of the Earth and the Chaotic Earth which is the Gap Theory based upon Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. We discussed about the darkness being upon the face of the deep, the ice age recorded in Job 38, and the subsequent Restored Earth that is outlined from Genesis 1:3 to Genesis 2:3.

I showed you Biblically that there were 7 literal days of creation and that Lucifer's fall outlined in Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 which predates the creation of man and the placement of said man in the Garden of Eden. Which facilitates the story line of the Gap Theory of Genesis chapter 1 verse 1 and 2. Remember, what was Lucifer set to guard over? The Earth. Satan was then deposed from his position of authority over the Earth and became the Accuser known as "Satan".

And Why did Lucifer tempt man to fall in the Garden of Eden? Because he was seeking to find a way to get his authority over the earth back. According to our graphic that outlines the historical progress of the Bible, The Antediluvian Age denotes the pre-flood period of man's existence after the creation of Adam and Eve in Genesis chapter 2 and the before the Flood of Noah in Genesis chapter 7.

Thus the Antediluvian Age spans the gap found from Genesis chapter 2 through Genesis 7. During the Antediluvian Age, there were two major dispensations that happen: Edenic Dispensation and the Antediluvian Dispensation.

It was during the Antediluvian Dispensation that the Bible records that the Angels, the "Sons of God" came to the earth and took the daughters of men and procreated with them; thus creating the Nephilim or otherwise known as the Giants that were in the earth during those days.

Goliath, who was killed by a shepherd boy who was destined to become the King of Nation of Israel, namely King David, was the generational offspring of this hybrid race of human and angelic creation, and it is these angels that were banished from Heaven and became “fallen angels” due to their deeds.

Genesis 6:1-4, “When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,²the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.”

And the end of the Antediluvian Dispensation came to an end when Noah entered the Ark and God judged the Mankind for the wickedness that was in the Earth. This flood was sent to destroy both man and beast; but it was not strictly relegated to the destruction of mankind because of Sin but also to destroy the Nephilim.

Obviously, the seed of the Giants survived the flood because Goliath was alive during David’s time which was over 1,000 years removed from the Flood of Noah; Noah’s Flood happening somewhere around 2300BC and David fight Goliath somewhere around 1025 BC.

Fun Fact: Why did David pick up 5 smooth stones from the brook before going to battle with Goliath? Because Goliath had 4 brothers; 5 total persons in all.

Their names are: Goliath, Ishbi-benob, Saph, Lahmi, and the unnamed one with 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot. David knew that if he killed Goliath that he would start a blood feud therefore he picked up 5 stones in all.

According to the Jewish Encyclopedia, it was a Giant by the name of Og, King of Bashan, which survived the Flood of Noah and continue to propagate this hybrid race in the Earth.

The Jewish Encyclopedia goes on to say concerning Og, and I quote, “Amorite king of Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and was conquered by Moses and Israel in the battle of Edrei in the Book of Numbers, sixty fortified cities, with high walls, gates, and bars, comprising the region of Argob, being taken and given to the children of Machir, son of Manasseh. Og was one of the giants of the remnant of the Rephaim. His iron bedstead in Rabbath, the capital of Ammon, is described as having been nine cubits in length and four cubits in breadth according to the Book of Deuteronomy.”

A Biblical Cubit is 18 inches or a foot and a half; 9 cubits long times 1.5 is 13.5 foot long and 4 cubits times is 6 feet wide so his bed was 13 and ½ feet long and 6 feet wide.

According to the Rabbinical Literature on this subject, also found in the Jewish Encyclopedia it records that, “Og was not destroyed at the time of the Flood for, according to one legend, the waters reached only to his ankles. Another tradition states that he fled to Palestine, where there was no flood; while, according to a third legend, he sat on a rung of the ladder outside the ark, and, after he had sworn to be a slave to Noah and his children, received his food each day through a hole made in the side of the ark.”

No matter how or why this happened, the seed of the Giant survived the Flood of Noah and it was Noah’s Flood that marked the end of the Antediluvian Age. And it is the ending of Noah’s Flood that transitions us into the Present Age section leading into the Post Diluvian Dispensation beginning at the Tower of Babel. And it is here that we will pick up today; today, we will cover from the Post Diluvian Dispensation to the First Advent of Christ.

Genesis 11:1-9 records the story of the Tower of Babel and its subsequent downfall due to the intentions of man’s hearts being corrupted for the building of said tower. The Bible records in **Genesis 11:1-9, “Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.**

⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”

It was after the confusion of the languages that drove man over the face of the earth and we see tribalism begin to manifest in the earth due to language barriers which introduces Human Government in the Earth. Some many ask why did God confuse their language because they were united and were doing something that could be considered “good”; but it was not the action so much as the intent that was the problem. What had just happened two chapters earlier?

The Flood waters were receding after the destruction of the Earth. So what was their motivation to build a tower that would ascend into the Heavens? By their actions, they were telling God, "You might have drowned mankind once but we won't allow you to do it again!" Their building of the tower was an act of defiance lead by a man named Nimrod. Human Government operated for 427 years and then the Family Development and Patriarchal Dispensation began to take form.

And it was this Post Diluvian Dispensation that lead to the introduction of Human Government but gave way to the Patriarchal Dispensation which would operate for 430 years leading up to the Legal dispensation.

The Patriarchal Dispensation is enforced within the historical confines of the Bible namely with three Primary Names of the Lineage of the Hebrews: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Abraham left Ur of the Chaldeans to go to a land that God would show him and give to him as an inheritance. Abraham was married to Sarah who talked Abraham into taking Hagar, a servant, into his bedroom chambers to have a son to carry on the patriarchal heritage.

But God had promised that Sarah would have a son. Abraham had a Son of Promise named Isaac from the womb of Sarah and Abraham had a Son of Faithlessness named Ishmael from the womb of Hagar.

Isaac then carried the Patriarchal Dispensation forward and had two sons named Jacob and Esau. Jacob stole his elder brother's birth right, deceived his father Isaac, and the ultimately almost lost his life over his misdeeds but God turned a mess into a miracle.

He took Jacob, changed his name to Israel, and Jacob, now called Israel, had twelve sons who would become the twelve tribes who would take their inheritance of Canaan after the Egyptian Bondage and the ultimate deliverance of the Hebrew people by Moses.

It was Joseph's plight, the son whom was given the coat of many colors who ultimately became the second most powerful man in Egypt, that lead to Jacob and his sons and their families to find their dwelling in the land of Egypt during the famine that Pharaoh dreamed about and Joseph interpreted the dream to mean 7 years of plenty and 7 years of lack that were coming for the Nation of Egypt.

Jacob's decision that move to Egypt due to the famine that had hit that part of the world subsequently lead to the subjugation and enslavement of the Jewish People for 430 years. We then find ourselves in the Book of Exodus with God raising up a Hebrew who was an adopted son of Pharaoh to deliver his nation out the bondage of Egypt.

It was this Exodus of the Hebrew People out of the Land of Egypt lead by Moses that introduces the Legal Dispensation which spans from the Book of Exodus to the Book of Matthew; quite literally from Moses to Christ.

- The Torah:
 - Genesis
 - Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy
- Joshua, Judges, Ruth
- 1 and 2 Samuel
- 1 and 2 Kings
- 1 and 2 Chronicles
- All of the Major and Minor Prophets
- As well as Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes

In the Old Testament, it can be broken down into 4 Primary Sections:

- The Torah or Pentateuch (Five Books of Moses)
- Historical Books
- Poetic and Wisdom Literature
- Prophetic Books

From the dispensation of the Law given to Moses on Mount Sinai in the Book of Exodus, the Hebrew people began the process of seeking to adhere to the order of the Ten Commandments and the six hundred and thirteen moral, sacrificial, and civil laws outlined by the Torah.

The commandments that were given were very stringent and covered a multiplicity of things ranging from sexuality, to legal procedures for theft, to the processes of atoning for one's sins and moral failures being found in violation to God's Law and Statutes. The Law of Moses could be broken into three primary parts: Legal, Civil, and Ceremonial Laws.

From the Sacrificial System to the Legal System, the Israelites strove to atone for their sin, develop a social system, and to ultimately build a nation whose cornerstone of existence was based upon God and God alone.

Down through the centuries, the nation of Israel experiences great peaks of success and, regrettably so, dark dungeons of despair.

From the great heights of the success experienced under the direction of King David's throne to the dungeons of despair found in captivity to the Babylonians due to rebellion against God, it would be easy to ascertain that the Jews are well acquainted with understanding the impacts of submission to God and, on the contrary, rebellion against His statutes.

During the Legal Dispensation period, there are some major events that happen: The Exodus and the forming of the Nation, the introduction of the Law of Moses, The Rise of King David and King Solomon,

the Nation dividing into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms then the ultimate implosion of the nation, the subsequent captivities that include the Babylonian Captivity and the Assyrian Captivity, the catching away of Elijah and the recording of the Prophet Daniel's 70 weeks which crescendos with the 70th week which overlaps with the 7 years of Tribulation found in the Book of Revelation. All of this leading up the First Advent of Christ to the Earth.

The First Advent of Christ denotes the point in History when God became man and was born from the virgin womb of Mary; when the Christ Child was born into the World! Many make the mistake of thinking that it was His life that was a Miracle or it was His death that was a Mistake but I'm here to tell you that it was what happened from the Time that Christ was Crucified to when He ascended on High to be seated at the Right Hand of the Father that is so fascinating to me. From the Cross to the Throne.

And Next Sunday I am going to teach you, right out of the Word of God, what happened from Christ's Death upon the Cross to the Point of His Ascension. His birth was a miracle, His life was amazing, but what happened after His death and burial leading up to this resurrection and His subsequent ascension is a topic rarely taught but profoundly important! So if you want to know what happened from the Cross to the Throne then be here next Sunday!