

## **THREE FALLS.....ONE HOPE**

THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY OF JESUS LEADS US THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD!

**John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**John 1:9-14** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CHRISTMAS STORY IS A MIRACULOUS ONE!

**Matthew 1:23** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

THE ENTIRE BIBLE COVER TO COVER IS ABOUT A LOVE STORY!

-God created a FAMILY!

And He wants to be with them FOREVER!!!

Week one: Went back to Adam & Eve and the FALL OF MAN

-Sin entered the world and innocence was lost!

-RELATIONSHIP WAS BROKEN

-God provided a covenant relationship with His people!

-Blood would make atonement for the sins of humanity

**Lev 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.**

**Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

THAT WAS THE RULES....BLOOD SHED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS!

-FIRST COVENANT: Animal sacrifice

-JESUS INSTITUTED A "NEW COVENANT" THROUGH HIS BLOOD

**Heb 9:14-15 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! 15For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.**

## JESUS “WAS” THE NEW COVENANT 2.0 Upgrade!

**Matt 26:26-28** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

### **THE STORY OF HUMANITY HAS BEEN A MESSY JOURNEY!**

-Humans are created in Genesis Chapter 1

**Genesis 1:28** Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

-First 11 chapters we see 3 Epic Falls of Mankind!

-Genesis 3 is the Fall of Adam & Eve! INNOCENCE IS LOST!

-By Genesis 6.....God is needing to destroy the Earth with a flood!

**Genesis 6:5-7** The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup> The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. <sup>7</sup> So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.”

WICKEDNESS.....BROKE GOD’S HEART! (STILL DOES TODAY)

-So God came up with a plan of REDEMPTION!

**Genesis 6:8-13** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

-GOD WAS GOING TO KEEP HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HUMANITY

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

-INCREDIBLE FORESHADOWING OF THE END TIMES!

-Jesus equated the End times to “As in the days of Noah”

-We see a beautiful picture of the “SAFETY” God provides!

-We see a beautiful picture of the “REDEMPTION” God provides!

-We see a foreshadowing of the “End Times” and God’s “RESCUE”!

**After the flood, here are the instructions again!**

**Genesis 9:1** Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and told them, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth.”

-Let’s give this another try!!!

WELL NOW WE ARE GOING TO DO A COOL OFFROAD TRIP!

-Who likes FROSTING???? This is the frosting on the cake!

-Today doesn’t change anything.....just fills in some gaps.

Back to Week 1:

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

NOTE: verse 26 “US” & “OUR”

## **HUGE QUESTION: WHO IS THE US?**

-Obviously one of those in this convo was Jesus!

-But could there be more???

SO...IF THE DEVIL WAS IN THE GARDEN.....WHEN WAS HE CREATED?

Lucifer was a leader in heaven!

-Insights in Isaiah 14 & Ezekiel 28 Jude 6 & Revelations 12

(Lead a Rebellion and took 1/3 of the Angels with him)

**Isaiah 14:12-15** How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” <sup>15</sup> But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

He clearly roamed the earth and TALKED to EVE!!!!

-He tempted Adam & Eve and succeeded and was punished!

-We see God’s ultimate authority of the Devil

**Genesis:3:14-15** So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

-We see the foreshadowing of Jesus!

The divine offspring from the Seed of Abraham through the line of David who would CRUSH the head of Satan, but Satan would cause injury!

SO MUCH HERE!!!!

**Genesis 3:15** **And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”**

-THE DEVIL WOULD HAVE OFFSPRING AND REPRODUCE!!

-Adam & Eve told to “Be Fruitful and multiply”

-Noah’s sons told to “Be Fruitful and multiply”

-WE WERE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD.....

-AND GOD HAD A SON!!!

“WE ARE ALL PART OF GOD’S FAMILY”

-There is a “FAMILY” Inheritance of “ETERNAL LIFE”

**Galatians 4:2-7** **The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.**

**<sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.**

Under the spiritual forces of the world!

-WHAT IS PAUL TALKING ABOUT???

**Ephesians 6:10-12** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

-THERE IS AN ENTIRE SPIRITUAL REALM THAT WE DON'T SEE!

Let's back track a bit! God was speaking to Satan.....

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers.

SO: THE DEVIL WAS GOING TO HAVE OFFSPRING!

Fast forward to Genesis 6 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> fall:

**Genesis 6:1-4** Wickedness in the World

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. <sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years." <sup>4</sup> The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

NOTICE: Vrs 2 says the "son's of God"

There was a Spiritual realm in place BEFORE the Earth!

-Many believe these "Spiritual Beings" were called the "son's of God."

Spiritual beings started having babies with humans! CRAZY STUFF!!!!

They created this hybrid called NEPHILIM!

-Giants! "heroes of old....men of renown"

## **HUMANITY WAS INFECTED!!!! Why God was going to start over!!**

-This actually helps me see the heart of God and understand WHY!

-Why so much death and destruction in the Old Testament??

So, now let's go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall!

**Genesis 11:1-4** Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar (Babylonia) and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

-HERE WE GO AGAIN!!!

-Interesting: Book of Daniel: King Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon

-He tried to build a Tower to have people worship him

-Daniel refused and was thrown into the Lion's den

-God made Nebuchadnezzar go CRAZY! (like an animal)

**Genesis 11:5-9** But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

-There is a POWER in UNITY!!

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fall of Man

Interesting foreshadowing: Languages scattered until Acts 2 "Speaking in tongues"

So what does this all have to do with Jesus??



## EVERYTHING!!

-ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FROSTING TO FILL SOME GAPS??

In Luke 8, Jesus comes in contact with a demon possessed man:

**Luke 8:28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, **“What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!”**

We see authority! We see that Jesus is “THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH GOD”

We hear different names of God

<b>Yahweh</b>	<b>“He Brings the Hosts into Existence”</b>
<b>Jehovah</b>	<b>“I am....The Eternal living one”</b>
<b>Elohim</b>	<b>“plural word for God’s or deities”</b>
<b>El-Shaddai</b>	<b>“all sufficient one”</b>
<b>Adonai</b>	<b>“Lord”</b>
<b>Lord of hosts</b>	<b>“Ruler of the armies of heaven”</b>
<b>Ancient of Days</b>	<b>“divine all powerful ruler”</b>

IF GOD IS THE ONE “TRUE” GOD.....THE LORD “MOST HIGH”

-Then there must be other “gods” SMALL G GODS!

-Don’t worry....I am not preaching heresy!

-BUT I AM GONNA GO ALL STAR WARS ON US!!!

**Psalm 82:1-8** God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the “gods”: <sup>2</sup>“How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? <sup>3</sup>Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. <sup>4</sup>Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. <sup>5</sup>“The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. <sup>6</sup>“I said, ‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the Most High.’ <sup>7</sup>But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler.” <sup>8</sup>Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

THERE IS SOMETHING EVEN DEEPER BEHIND THE SCENES!

-EVEN MORE THAN HUMANITY!

**Deuteronomy 32:8-9** When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.<sup>l<sub>bl</sub></sup> (Masoretic Text; Dead Sea Scrolls (see also Septuagint says sons of God) <sup>9</sup> For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.

**ISRAEL didn't exist at the time of the Tower of Babel or in the time of Deuteronomy 32!**

-Manuscripts from the Dead Sea Scrolls (which they found in the 1940's & 50's) uses the terminology of "sons of God" here.

SO BASICALLY ....THERE WAS AN ENTIRE SPIRITUAL WORLD SET UP!

-AND "JACOB" WAS GOING TO BE HIS INHERITANCE!

GENESIS 12.....WE MEET "ABRAHAM"

-The "Father" of the great nation of Israel!

-THE GOD OF "ABRAHAM....ISAAC AND JACOB.....(Israel)"

Through which the "SEED OF ABRAHAM" Gave us JESUS.....

-the only "begotten" son of God!

-Begotten through human reproduction! Immaculate Conception!

**Galatians 3:16-19** The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and

to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

<sup>19</sup> Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator.

-Jesus was and is the seed of Abraham! The fulfillment of God’s covenant!

**Matthew 1:1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:**

**Matthew 1:23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).**

-HE IS THE ONE WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME!!

Paul writes about these little “g” gods, describing them as rulers, authorities, dominion, etc., and their rulings over the nations in the New Testament...

**Ephesians 1:20-21 He exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.**

**Ephesians 3:10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.**

**Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

**Colossians 1:16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.**

**Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**We get to have a relationship with Jesus!**

## **RESOURCES:**

**“The Unseen Realm” Dr Michael Heiser**

**<https://youtu.be/2QM7anD5vSI?feature=shared>**

**The Bible Project “Divine Council”**

**[https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/divine-council/?utm\\_source=web\\_social\\_share&medium=shared\\_video](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/divine-council/?utm_source=web_social_share&medium=shared_video)**