

- Good morning, TAC

Last week, we explored profound Biblical topics that are seldom discussed in such a public setting. Our message, titled Chaorskampf, outlined the genuine spiritual struggle between Yahweh and the lesser gods.



Contrary to the traditional belief that false gods are mere myths, the reality is that these myths are distortions of a spiritual truth unfolding around us. Chaorskampf, a term coined by a German theologian, describes the battle for order against chaos among spiritual entities. Unlike the myths, which are corruptions of the truth, the Bible asserts that Yahweh created all spiritual powers and can end them at will. These battles are not between equals; the true nature of the conflict involves spiritual powers that have rebelled against the One Supreme Creator.

Our message this morning will dive further into that narrative because

it is the back drop for the Bible and the worldview of the recipients of the Text. Our great hope is that you will understand your role in this cosmic struggle and learn to "Go on the offensive". The title of the Message is:



Theomachy

Theomachy is a term describing battles among gods or against God, with deep roots in ancient mythological traditions. Etymologically derived from Greek, meaning "god fighting", theomachy refers to a war or struggle either among gods or against God[1]. Scholars have studied theomachies across diverse civilizations including Sumer, India, Anatolia, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Canaan, finding remarkable similarities in these mythological battles[2].

Typically, these myths involve a god of "release" defeating a god of "restraint", with the victor establishing cosmic order by overcoming chaos[2]. These battles were often seen as driving back chaotic forces to impose order on the cosmos, and could be found in various mythological traditions - such as Marduk battling Tiamat in Akkadian literature, Baal's conflict with Yam in Ugaritic texts, and Re fighting the serpent Apophis in Egyptian literature[3].

In the ancient Near East, there was a common belief that as human armies battled, their respective national deities would wage war above the firmament. This concept is prominently displayed in biblical narratives like the Exodus, where Yahweh confronts and defeats the gods of Egypt[4]. Interestingly, while biblical accounts acknowledge divine combat, they emphasize that these struggles pose no real threat to Yahweh, who remains the ultimate force holding chaos at bay[3]

[1] Soanes, C., & Stevenson, A., eds. (2004). In Concise Oxford English dictionary (11th ed.). Oxford University Press. [2] Walke, B. K. (2016). Myth, History, and the Bible. In D. A. Carson (Ed.), The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures (p. 549). William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. [3] Walton, J. H. (2003). Creation. In T. O. Alexander & D. W. Baker (Eds.), Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch (pp. 162-163). InterVarsity Press. [4] Keele, Z. (2020). The Unfolding Word: The Story of the Bible from Creation to New Creation (p. 52). Lexham Press.

The Bible clearly presents Yahweh as the one true God, the Most High, with all other spiritual beings created by Him and inherently lesser in comparison. However, the text does acknowledge the existence of these other powers, referring to them as "gods" and recognizing their reality. Gaining a deep understanding of this concept will illuminate the heights of your actual calling and destiny, empowering you to go on the offensive and triumph over spiritual forces in the heavenly realms.

Isa 44:8

8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

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- All other lesser gods are demeaned to the point of virtually not existing when compared to our God!

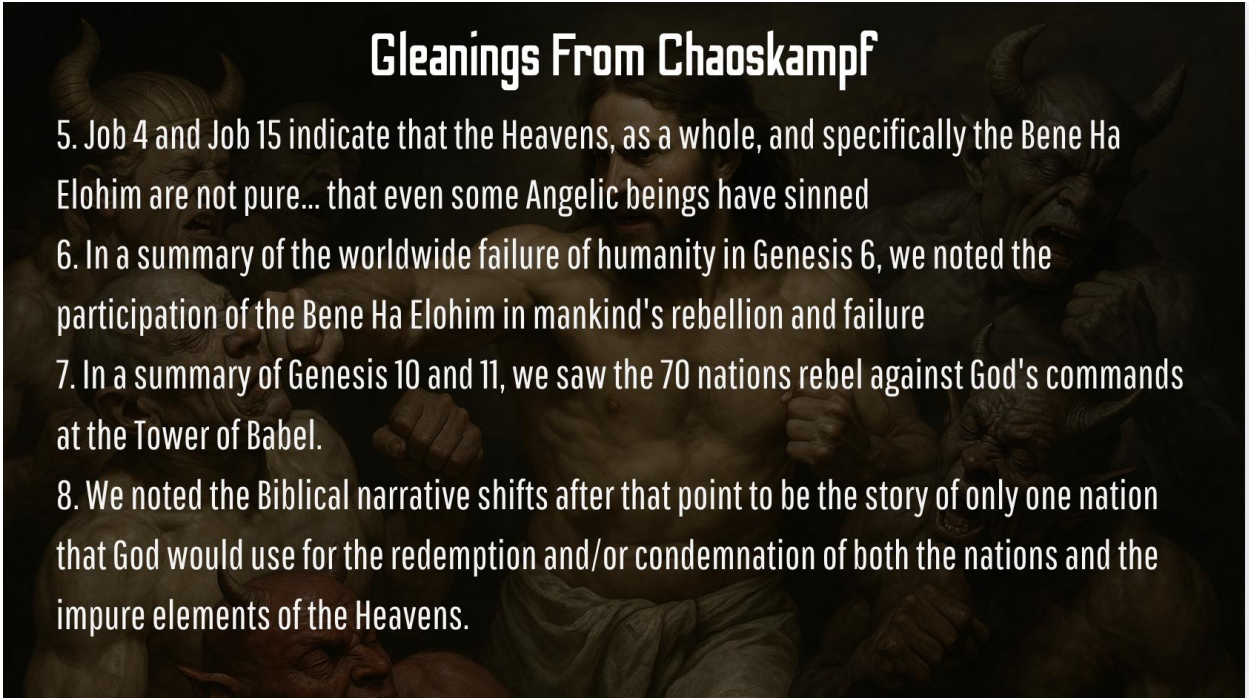
- He has made the nation of Israel and you mysterious gentile graft-inns witnesses of His wonderous power
- When God says it that will settle it... if only you have the faith and courage to believe it and do it!

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In our Church, we gather almost every night for various meetings, some of which are well attended and others which have been prompted by the questions of a few excellent students in smaller settings. As we begin this morning, let's first recap some key points from Chaoskampf before diving into new material. We'll also highlight details from previous teachings on the "sons of God" and the Rephaim found in foundation studies and the "Heavenly Calling series".

Gleanings From Chaoskampf

1. Job 38 relates Stars to Angelic beings called Bene Ha Elohim or Sons of God that were present before man at the foundations of the world
2. Judges 5 has Stars participating in warfare on earth in the valley of Megiddo
3. Psalm 82 portrays a Heavenly council of Bene Ha Elohim or Spiritual Beings and links them with the Starry or Celestial realm
4. Jeremiah 23 rebukes prophets who speak on behalf of God that have never witnessed, heard, seen, or stood in communication with this Heavenly Council



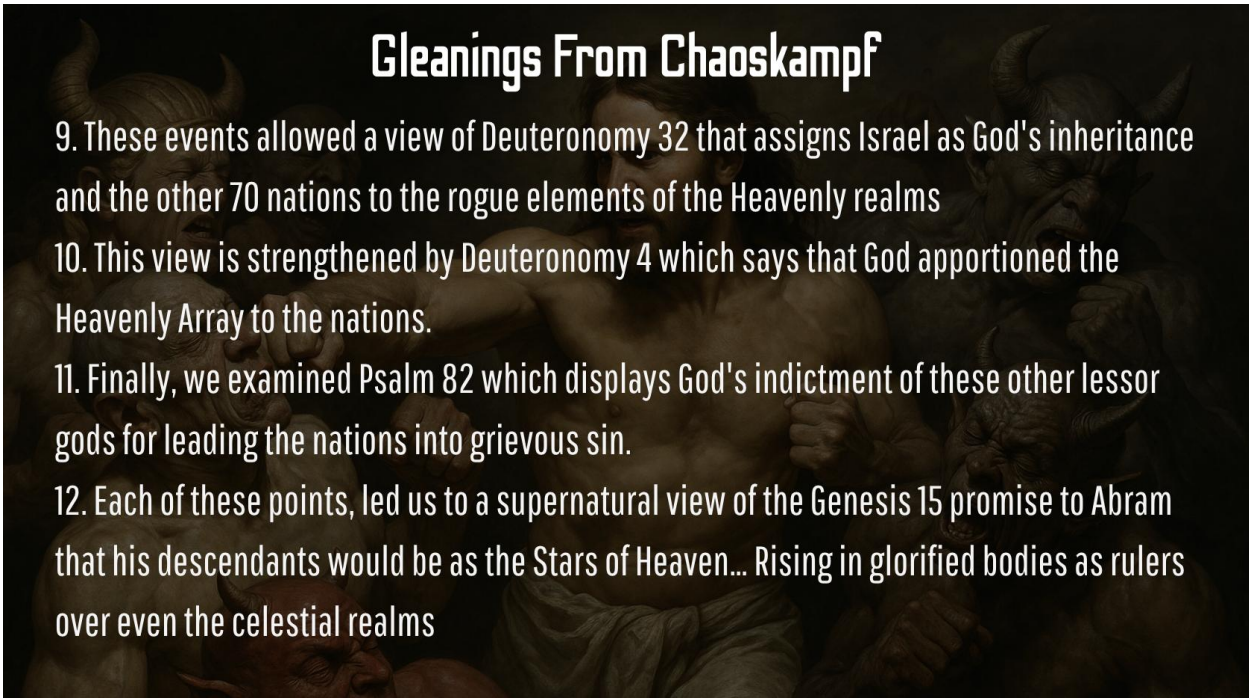
Gleanings From Chaoskampf

5. Job 4 and Job 15 indicate that the Heavens, as a whole, and specifically the Bene Ha Elohim are not pure... that even some Angelic beings have sinned

6. In a summary of the worldwide failure of humanity in Genesis 6, we noted the participation of the Bene Ha Elohim in mankind's rebellion and failure

7. In a summary of Genesis 10 and 11, we saw the 70 nations rebel against God's commands at the Tower of Babel.

8. We noted the Biblical narrative shifts after that point to be the story of only one nation that God would use for the redemption and/or condemnation of both the nations and the impure elements of the Heavens.



Gleanings From Chaoskampf

9. These events allowed a view of Deuteronomy 32 that assigns Israel as God's inheritance and the other 70 nations to the rogue elements of the Heavenly realms

10. This view is strengthened by Deuteronomy 4 which says that God apportioned the Heavenly Array to the nations.

11. Finally, we examined Psalm 82 which displays God's indictment of these other lesser gods for leading the nations into grievous sin.

12. Each of these points, led us to a supernatural view of the Genesis 15 promise to Abram that his descendants would be as the Stars of Heaven... Rising in glorified bodies as rulers over even the celestial realms

Having reviewed the key insights from Chaoskampf, let's turn to Genesis 3 and recognize that the concept of this warfare and its ultimate resolution are not novel ideas that appeared in Genesis 15.

They have been foretold since the time of the garden.

Gen 3:15

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."

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- We tend to view this promise as being given to Adam and Eve (and it was) but more specifically it was spoken to the Serpent as a declaration of war
- This proclamation was understood by the rogue elements of the heavenly realms.
- Many of the main offenders would remain in anonymity for much of the Biblical narrative but the lackies, fall guys, and proxies are both recorded and judged

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Let's take a look at Gen 6

Gen 6:1-4

6 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the **sons of God** saw that the **daughters of men** were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

4 The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days — **and also afterward** — when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

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- Let's remind you of a few key details from Genesis foundations studies, and unpack this a little as, we look at the Rebellious manifestation in response to God's Genesis 3 proclamation:

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Genesis 6:4

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hā'ādām	benôt	'el-	Hā'elōhîm	benê

TERMS OF CONTRAST

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- Bene Ha Elohim is a genetic designation indicating the primal origin of these creatures was celestial
- Benot Ha Adam is a genetic designation indicating the primal origin of these women was terrestrial or normal human kind
- These terms of contrast were used to explain the hybrid offspring that resulted from this rebellious manifestation

Let's look at the hybrid offspring for a moment because they are significant players in the Biblical narrative:

The Nephilim

נְפִלִים

Nephilim “the fallen ones”

נָפַל

ephel: “to fall, be cast down; to fall away; desert”

הַגִּבּוֹרִים

HaGibborim: “the mighty ones”

Septuagint (Greek) LXX:

γίγαντες

– gigantes (- “giants?”)

γίγας

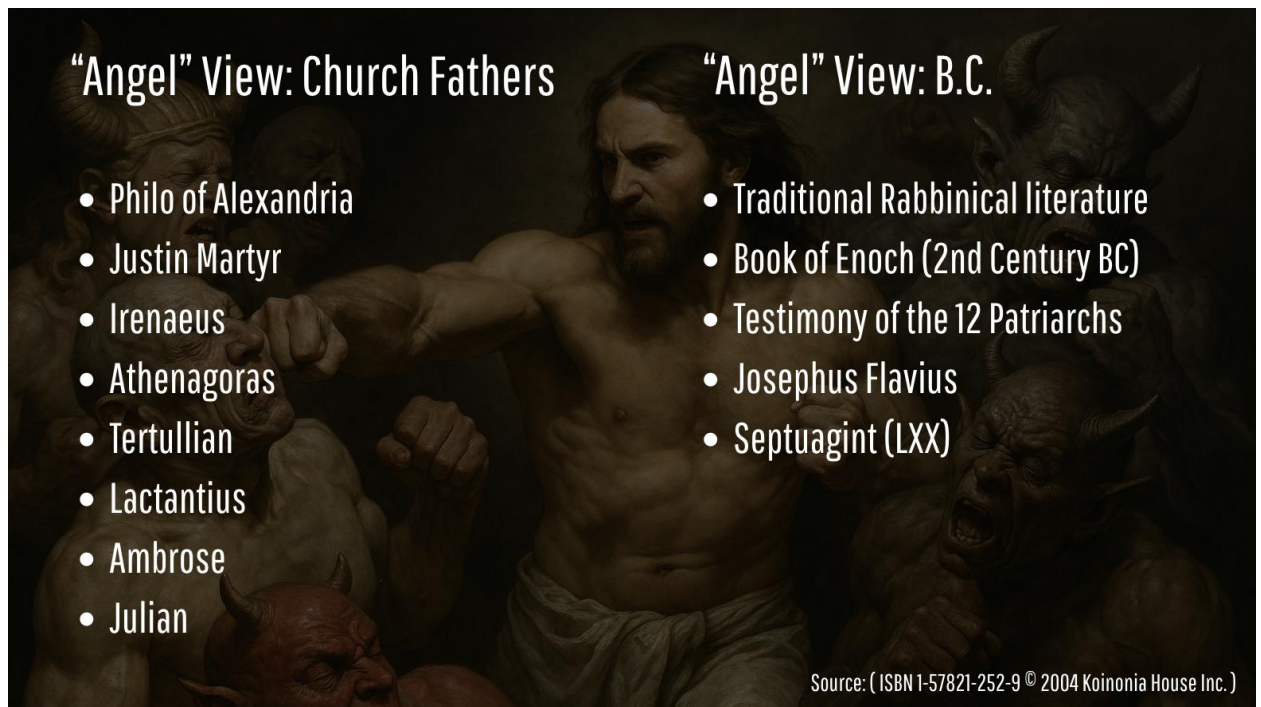
– gigas = “earth-born”

Geneges is the same word used in Greek mythology for “Titans,” creatures emerging from interbreeding of the Greek gods with human beings. Genea, means “breed,” or “kind.” The English words “genes” and “genetics” come from the same root.

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- (Summarize the Slide)
- While this view may seem too fantastic to be presumed as valid, it was the dominant view of the first 4 centuries of Church Fathers

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- More important than the Church Fathers, it was the predominant view of Judaism in the centuries leading up to Christ and immediately after Christ:
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- While we could have included many more examples, such as the Book of Giants from the Dead Sea Scrolls, it is unnecessary given the clarity of ancient testimonies. Instead, let's focus on one of these historical accounts by examining the records of Josephus.
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Josephus: Antiquities of the Jews – Chapter 1

[73] for many angels {a} of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, that these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Greeks call giants.

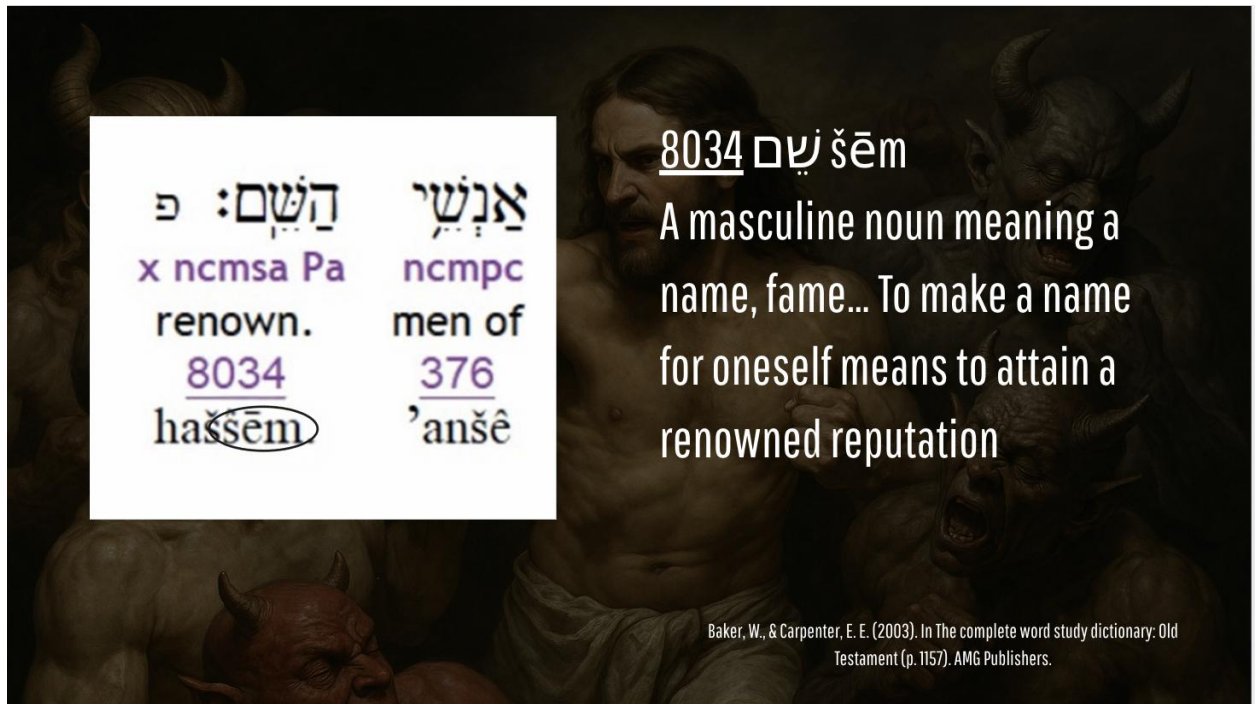
[74] But Noah was very uneasy at what they did; and, being displeased at their conduct, persuaded them to change their dispositions and their acts for the better; but seeing they did not yield to him, but were slaves to their wicked pleasures, he was afraid they would kill him, together with his wife and children, and those they had married; so he departed out of that land.

[75] Now God loved this man for his righteousness; yet he not only condemned those other men for their wickedness, but determined to kill the whole race of mankind, and to make another race that should be pure from wickedness; and cutting short their lives, and making their years not so many as they formerly lived, but one hundred and twenty only, {b} he turned the dry land into sea;

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- As we move on from Gen 6 and begin to point to the next world wide rebellion, let us make one more note about these Bastard offspring, these Celestial-Terrestrial hybrids, these abominations that were aimed at corrupting the Divine proclamation that a human being would be born to crush celestial powers:

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A masculine noun meaning a name, fame... To make a name for oneself means to attain a renowned reputation

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haššēm	'anšê

Baker, W., & Carpenter, E. E. (2003). In The complete word study dictionary: Old Testament (p. 1157). AMG Publishers.

- The primary motivation of this attempt was in reaction to Gen 3 and the "celestial powers) own desire to promote a name other than Yahweh
- Remembering that God wiped this from the face of the earth and chose Noah to reboot the human race, we will move on to consider the Proclamation given to Noah and then look at the Rebellious Manifestation that resulted:

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This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Gen 6:9

Righteous

6662. צַדִּיק ṣaddiyq

An adjective meaning just, righteous. The term bears primarily a moral or ethical significance.

Someone or something is considered to be just or righteous because of conformity to a given standard...or in a religious context, that they were in accordance with God's standards (Gen 6:9).

Blameless

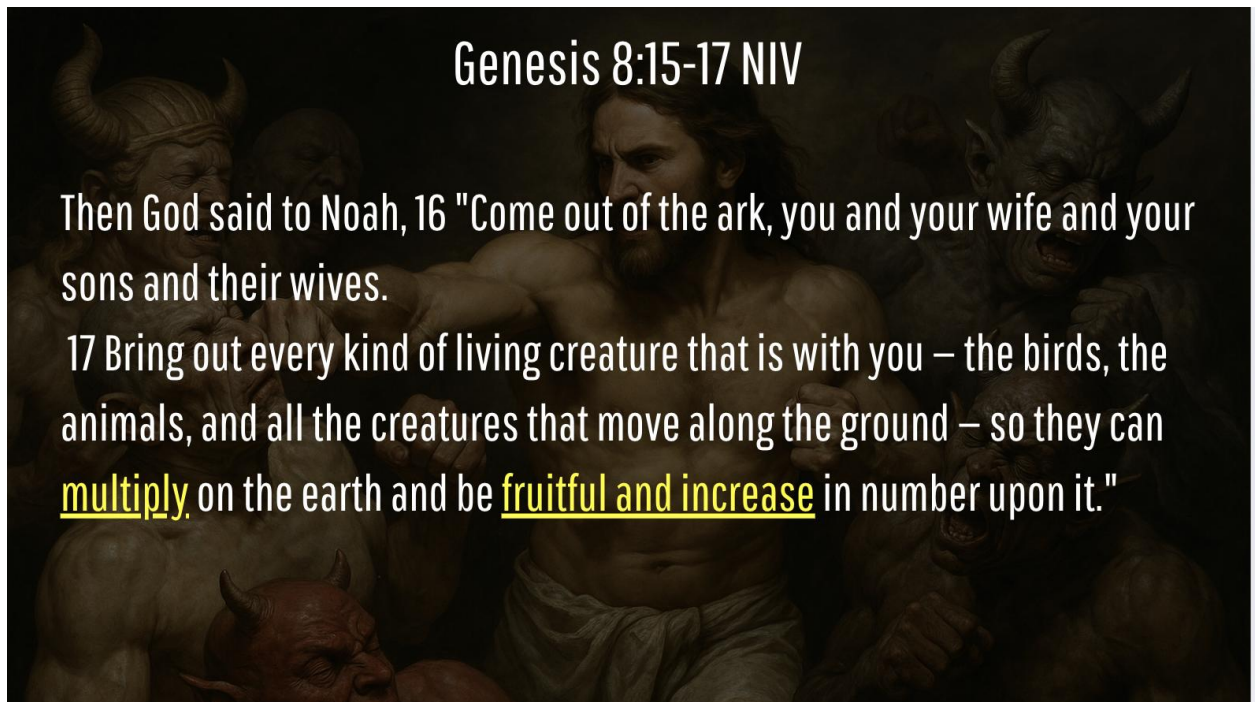
8549. תָּמִיִּם tāmiym

An adjective meaning blameless, complete. In over half of its occurrences, it describes an animal to be sacrificed to the Lord, whether a ram, a bull, or a lamb.

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- God would wipe out all mankind and the hybrid problem because of its evil
- The Lord would then reboot... start over with a Family that was both morally upright and pure in their genetics
- The Lord then restates the Adamic mandate to Noah and his family

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Genesis 8:15-17 NIV

Then God said to Noah, 16 "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives.

17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you – the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground – so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

- It is incredible to think that every nation on earth can be tied to Japheth's 14 sons, Hams 30 sons, or Shem 26 sons according to Genesis 10
- These 70 nations did not obey the Noahic proclamation... they move eastward towards the plain in Shinar or Babylonia
- Let's read about the rebellious manifestation in response to God's proclamation:

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Gen 11:3-9

3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 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 and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

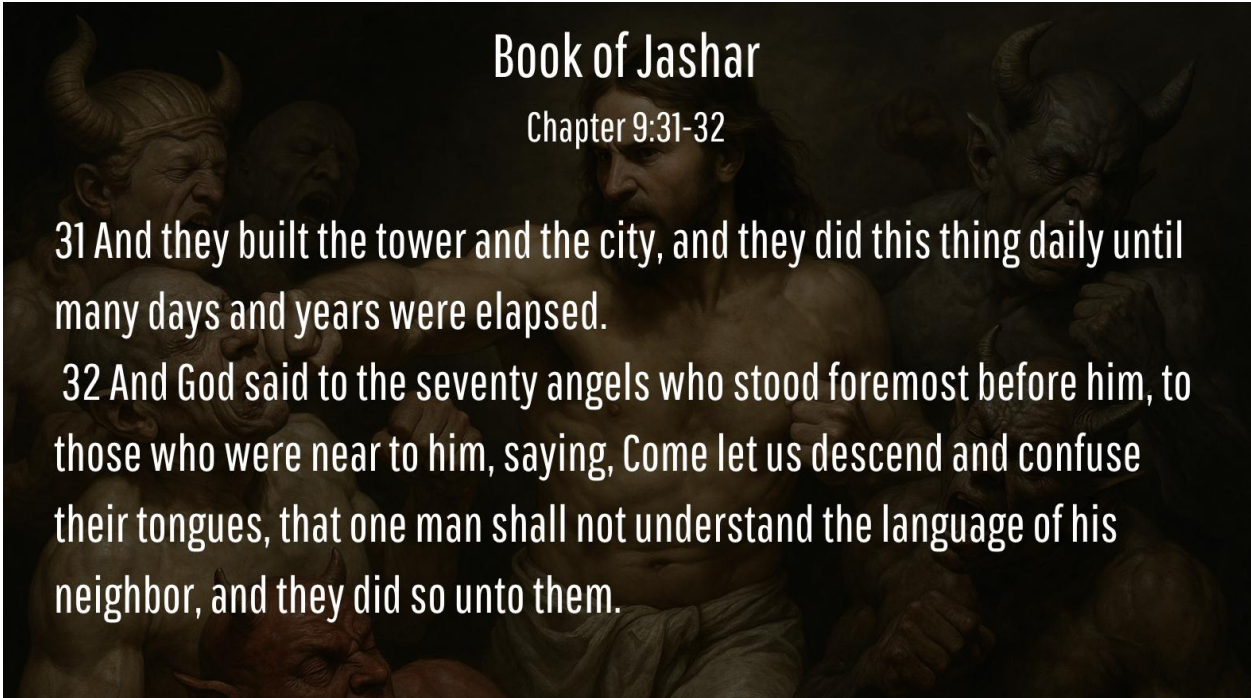
5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men

were building. 6 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. 7 Come, **let us** go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 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.**

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- The Tower of Babel event was the second time mankind, the nations, had rejected Yahweh's rule as a whole in favor of honoring a name other than the Ha Shem
 - Twice mankind had heard God's proclamation and chose a rebellious manifestation
 - This event, like the previous one, involved heavenly beings other than the Lord.
- Consider:



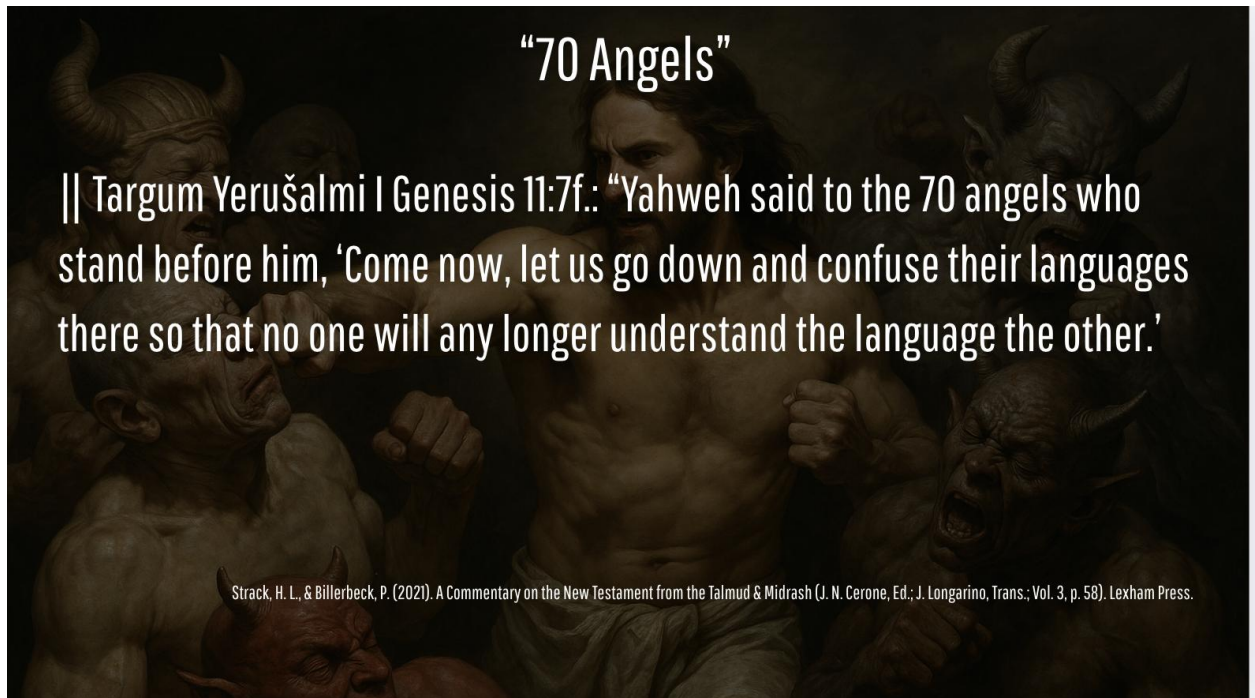
Book of Jashar

Chapter 9:31-32

31 And they built the tower and the city, and they did this thing daily until many days and years were elapsed.

32 And God said to the seventy angels who stood foremost before him, to those who were near to him, saying, Come let us descend and confuse their tongues, that one man shall not understand the language of his neighbor, and they did so unto them.

This account is not limited to the book of Jashar. The same story is told throughout Jewish literature. Here is another source:



- These "Angels" or Bene Ha Elohim are part of the Heavenly council that Yahweh finds fault with... They are the powers that the nations are given over to in Deuteronomy 32 and Deuteronomy 4... They are the supernatural beings that are indicted by Yahweh in Psalm 82 (Their impurity would not become immediately obvious until, you are able to see what they led the nations into: namely idolatry)
- After the Babel event, the Biblical narrative shifts dramatically from all mankind to only one man, his family, and the nation that would come from Abram.
- Abram's family would be transformed into a nation that did not exist among the 70 nations of Genesis 10... one that had not been disinherited or given over to rogue celestial powers... One that Yahweh Himself would lead and call His own Heritage.

- The birth of this nation would be dependent upon a supernatural birth and a promised son.... (We don't have time to go through each detail of the Heptadic blessing given to Abraham, so we will fast forward to the Star Power proclamation in Gen 15)

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Gen 15:4-6

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." 5 He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars — if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "**So shall your offspring be.**"

6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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- The Lord's divine proclamation was not only about the number of Abram's offspring but more importantly about their Glorification... They would be like the Stars! This is the beginning of what we are calling Theomachy... Celestial powers are at war and so are their offspring. The destiny of Abraham's children is to replace "stars" that have fallen from grace.
- This promise was restated to each of the Patriarchs of the nation of Israel and according to Hebrews 11:19 Abram's faith was in the resurrection to accomplish it
- Like each of the Divine proclamations... a rebellious manifestation is anticipated in the same chapter

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Look at:

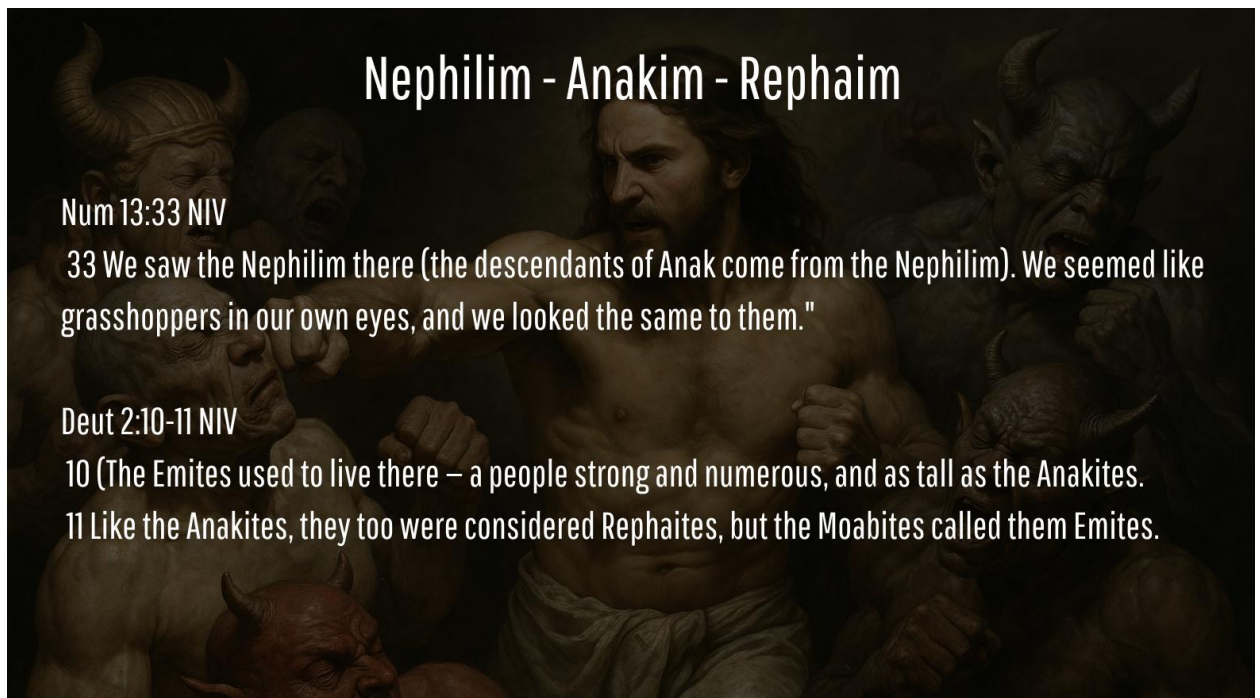
Gen 15:13-16

13 Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants **will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.** 14 But I

will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. 15 You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. 16 In the fourth generation **your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."**

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- The Lord laid out a timeline giving both Abram and the Starry celestial realm time to prepare for and react to what Yahweh declared
- Do you remember the phrase from Genesis 6:4 "and also afterwards" that is because the Nephilim problem would take center stage in the theomachy... This is easily understood when considering the... the Anakim!
- Let's refresh your memory on the conquest of the Land:



- The hybrid abominations that resulted from Bene Ha Elohim taking human women were in the land God promised to give

Abraham and his descendants who were destined to be glorified.

- Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai are specifically named in the text in Moses and Joshua's day, as being huge obstacles to entering the Land
- Deuteronomy records various tribes of Canaanites infected with these hybrids: Emites, Anakites, Zamzumites, see Deuteronomy 2-3 but the most prolific name is Rephaim or Rephates the descendants of Rapha.

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(As we continue this message on Theomachy, now is a good time to make yourself a note to get the recording from LCM's foundations study on 1 Chronicles 18-20 for more insight into these topics)

Let's go to the Book of Isaiah chapter 26:

Isa 26:12-15

12 Lord, you establish peace for us;

all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

13 O Lord, our God, **other lords** (*other Adonai*) besides you have ruled over us,

but **your name alone do we honor.**

14 They are now **dead**, they live no more;

those departed spirits (*Rephaim*) do not rise.

You punished them and brought them to ruin;

you wiped out all memory of them.

15 You have enlarged the nation, O Lord;

you have enlarged the nation.

You have gained glory for yourself;

you have extended all the borders of the land.

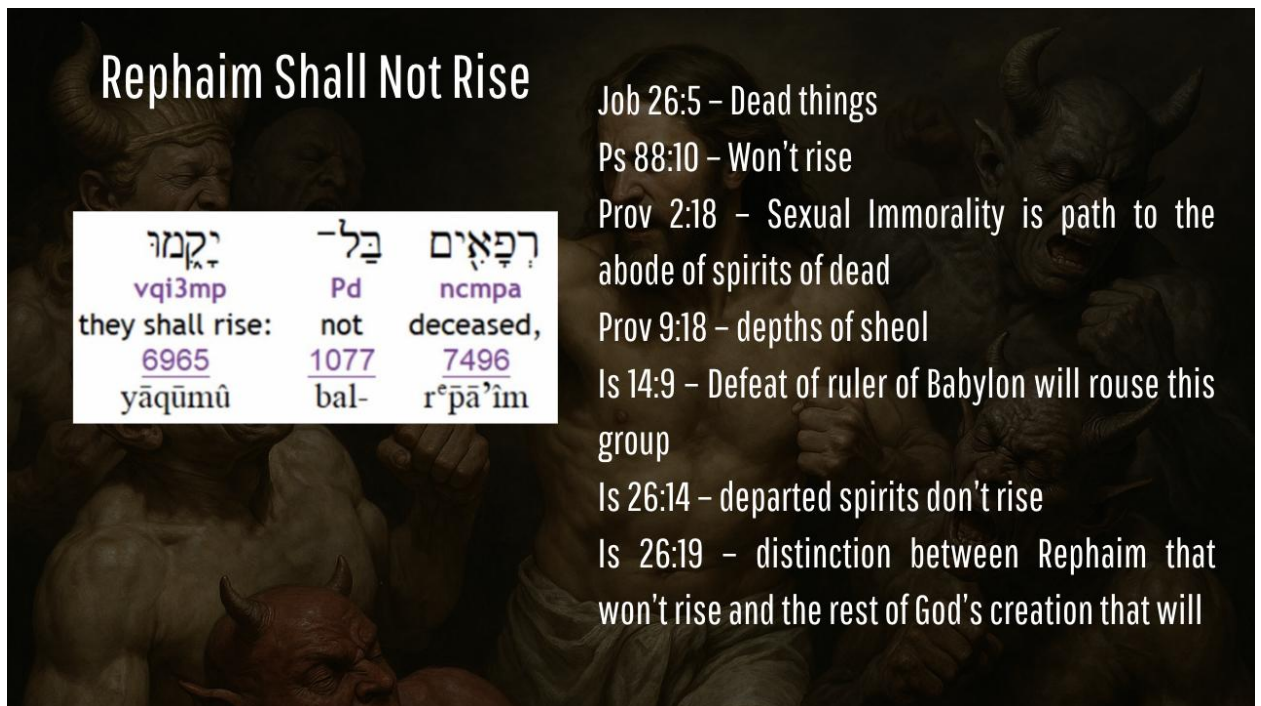
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- All that Israel ever accomplished had been done through the power of Yahweh and no other lessor Adonai... Chiefly

because Israel honored, carried, and stood for Ha Shem uniquely

- The other Lords are now dead... the Rephaim... will never rise... they have no part in the resurrection
- The passage places these statements within the context of Joshua's conquest and goes on to teach that Israelites will resurrect from the dead because they are destined to be glorified, in other words, the (Theomachy) would be won by Yahweh and the Israelites

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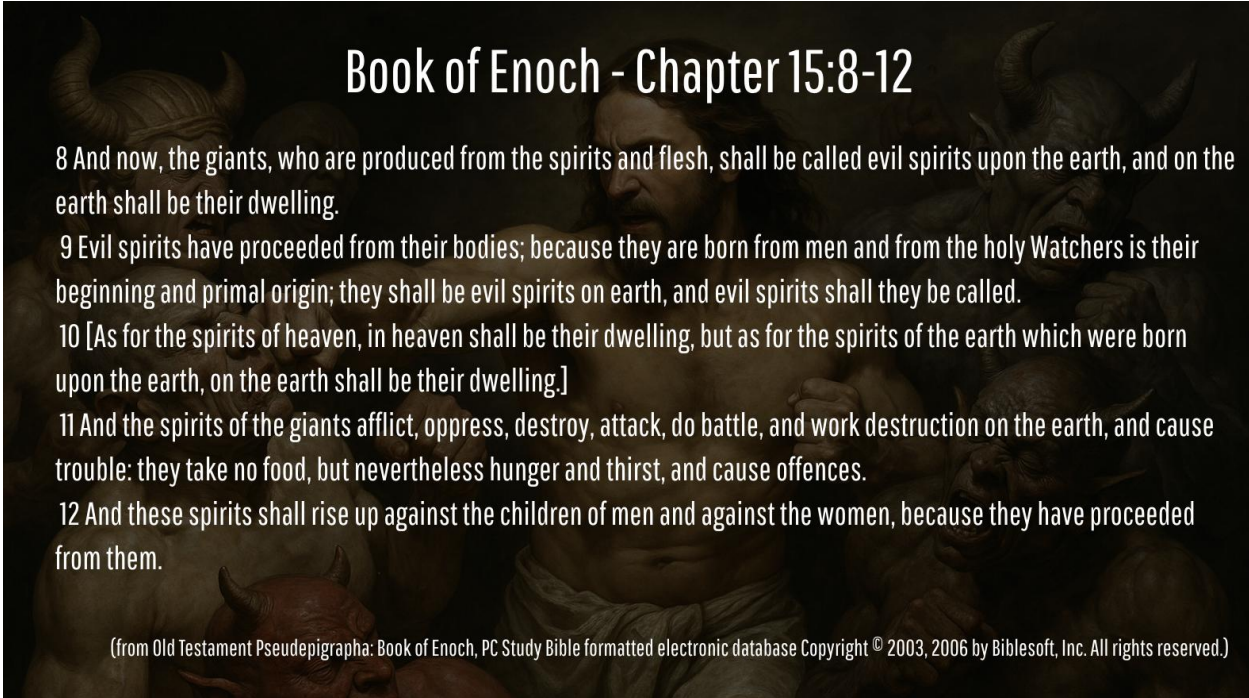


Rephaim Shall Not Rise

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they shall rise:	not	deceased,
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Job 26:5 – Dead things
Ps 88:10 – Won't rise
Prov 2:18 – Sexual Immorality is path to the abode of spirits of dead
Prov 9:18 – depths of sheol
Is 14:9 – Defeat of ruler of Babylon will rouse this group
Is 26:14 – departed spirits don't rise
Is 26:19 – distinction between Rephaim that won't rise and the rest of God's creation that will

The Book of Enoch speaks about these events (even if Enoch is apocryphal it still represents Jewish thought on the subject... By the way apocryphal generally means false writings... that is not the proper designation for Enoch... Enoch is pseudepigrapha, meaning that its authorship is in question not that its writings are false)



Book of Enoch - Chapter 15:8-12

8 And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling.

9 Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from men and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called.

10 [As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.]

11 And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences.

12 And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them.

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Saints so that you don't get lost in these details (knowing that we are summarizing many hours of previous teachings) look up at this slide for a moment:

Genesis 6 gave us 3 categories, races, groupings of beings:

3 Categories in Genesis

1. Daughters of Men (Benot Ha Adam)

2. Sons of God (Bene Ha Elohim)

• 1 Peter 3:18-22; 2 Peter 2:3-10; Jude 4-10

3. Nephilim (Hybrid Offspring)

• See slide on Rephaim; demon spirits wandering earth

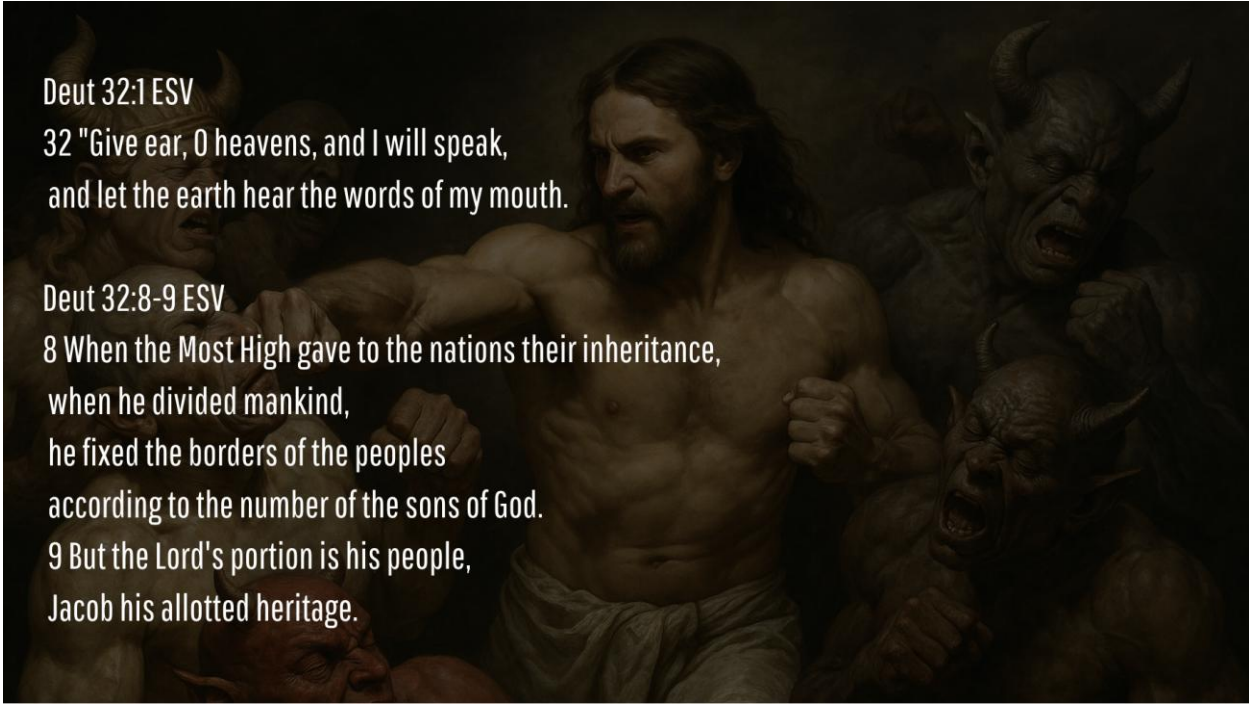
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- Normal human offspring died in the flood and faces standard Biblical judgement
- Many of the Sons of God that defected were placed into Tartarus (2 Peter 2:4), although it was clearly not all of the Sons of God... There were still groups of loyalty and still later defections!
- The Nephilim or Rephaim are disembodied demonic spirits whether they died in the flood, during Moses conquest, Joshua's conquest, or David's ultimate victory.

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Let's look again at Deuteronomy 32:



Deut 32:1 ESV

32 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

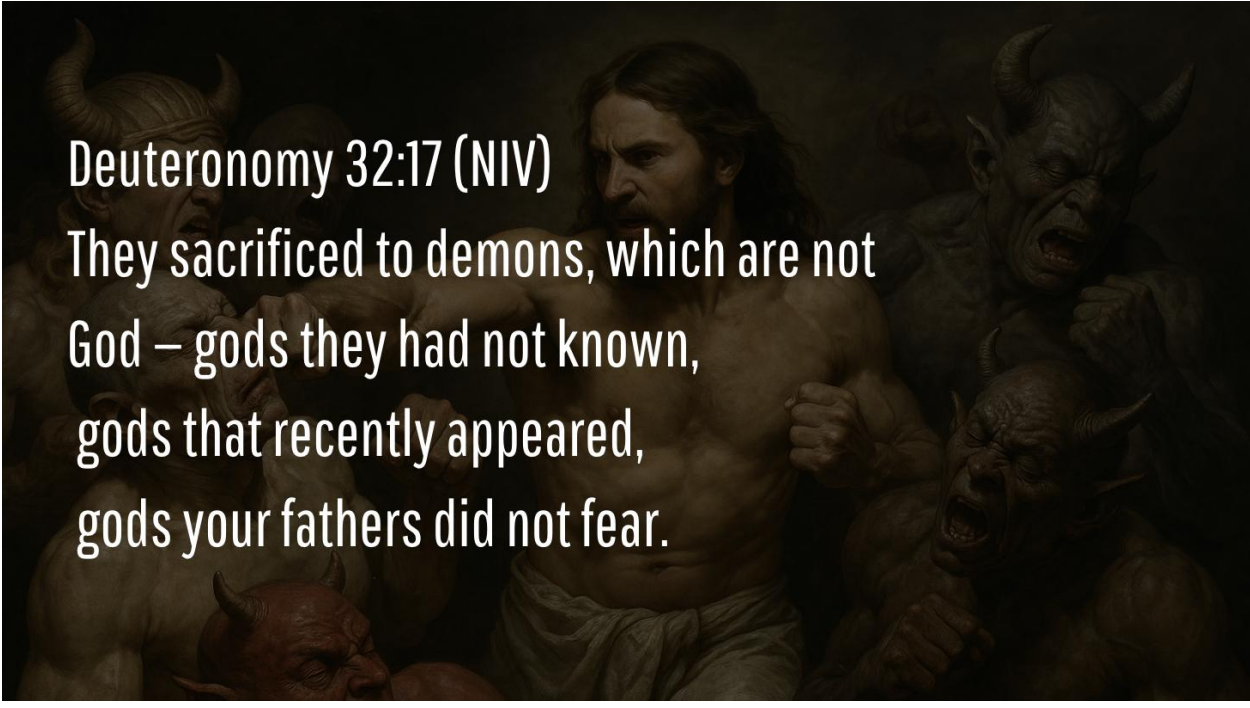
Deut 32:8-9 ESV

8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
when he divided mankind,
he fixed the borders of the peoples
according to the number of the sons of God.

9 But the Lord's portion is his people,
Jacob his allotted heritage.

- The first verse clearly addresses the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth
- Verses 8 and 9 should be understood as a reference to the world wide rebellion at the Tower of Babel.
- Yahweh gave the disobedient nations over to their desires and placed them under the dominion of other spiritual beings... At the same time Yahweh disinherited them, He raised up Israel as his Heritage and His portion or spoils of war.
- To understand the implications of this Biblical worldview we should consider Yahweh's anger with his people when they worship these lessor deities that he gave the nations over to (See Deut 4 for the apportioning of the nations to lessor deities)
For now let's look at Israel in the Law, Prophets, and Writings flirting with these powers:

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Deuteronomy 32:17 (NIV)

They sacrificed to demons, which are not
God – gods they had not known,
gods that recently appeared,
gods your fathers did not fear.

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- Do you see the link between the gods of the nations and demon spirits?

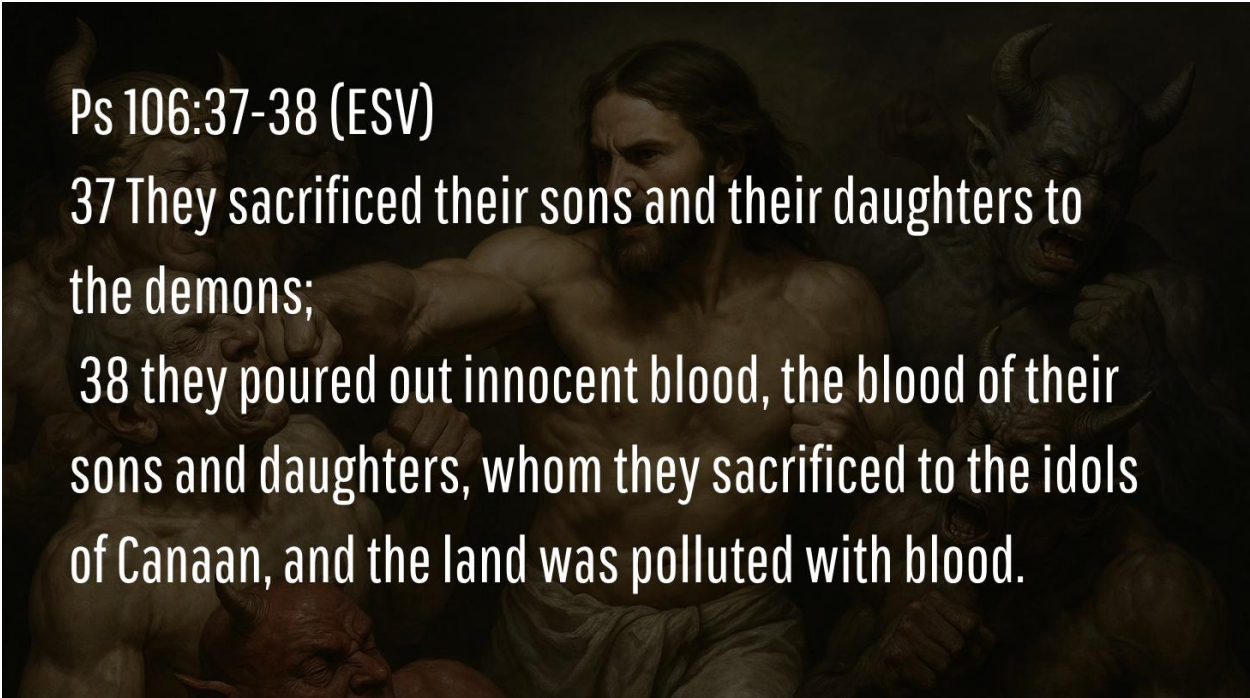
Isaiah 65:3

65:3 ο λαός ούτος ο παροξύνων με εναντίον εμού
This people, the one provoking me, [²before ³me
διαπαντός αυτοί θυσιάζουσιν εν τοις κήποις και
¹is always]. They sacrifice in the gardens, and
θυμιώσιν επί ταις πλίνθοις τοις δαιμονίοις α
they burn incense upon the bricks to the demons which
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are not.

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- Do you see the link between the gods of the nations and demon spirits?



Ps 106:37-38 (ESV)

37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons;

38 they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.

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- Do you see the link between the gods of the nations and demon spirits?
- When you are thinking of Heavenly Hierarchy, Theomachy, or Principalities in general:
 - The council of 70 sons of God are like 4 star generals (some loyal and some not)
 - The powers under them are also sons of god but lessor in rank (some imprisoned and some not)
 - The hybrid offspring they produced are Rephaim or Nephilim and when they are disembodied they become demons (and roam freely causing havoc)

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All of this makes Joshua's conquest so much more interesting:

King Og of Bashan

- Joshua 12:4-5
 - Last of the Rephaites
 - Ruled over Mount Hermon
- Deut 3:1-10
 - Ruled over 60 cities
 - Bed was 13 feet long & 6 feet wide
- Joshua 10:22
 - Only 3 cities (Gaza, Gath, & Ashdod) had hybrids when Joshua finished his work

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- Joshua broke the power of the Rephaim and destroyed their bodies
- Og was the last of the earthly kings of the hybrids
- It is important to note that he ruled over Mount Hermon (Deut 4:47-48)
- The only three areas that Joshua didn't remove the Rephaim were Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod

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David's 5 Stones: 1 Samuel 17:40

- Goliath – David
- Ishbi-Benob – Abishai (David's life saved by the act)
- Sippai – Sibbechai
- Lahmi – Elhanan
- (Unnamed) – Jonathan, David's nephew (2 Sam 21:18-22)

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- What Joshua began, David and his men finished!
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- As we move into the Newer Testament, where did Og rule over... What mountain? (Hermon)
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Book of Enoch - Chapter 6

1 And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters.

2 And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.'

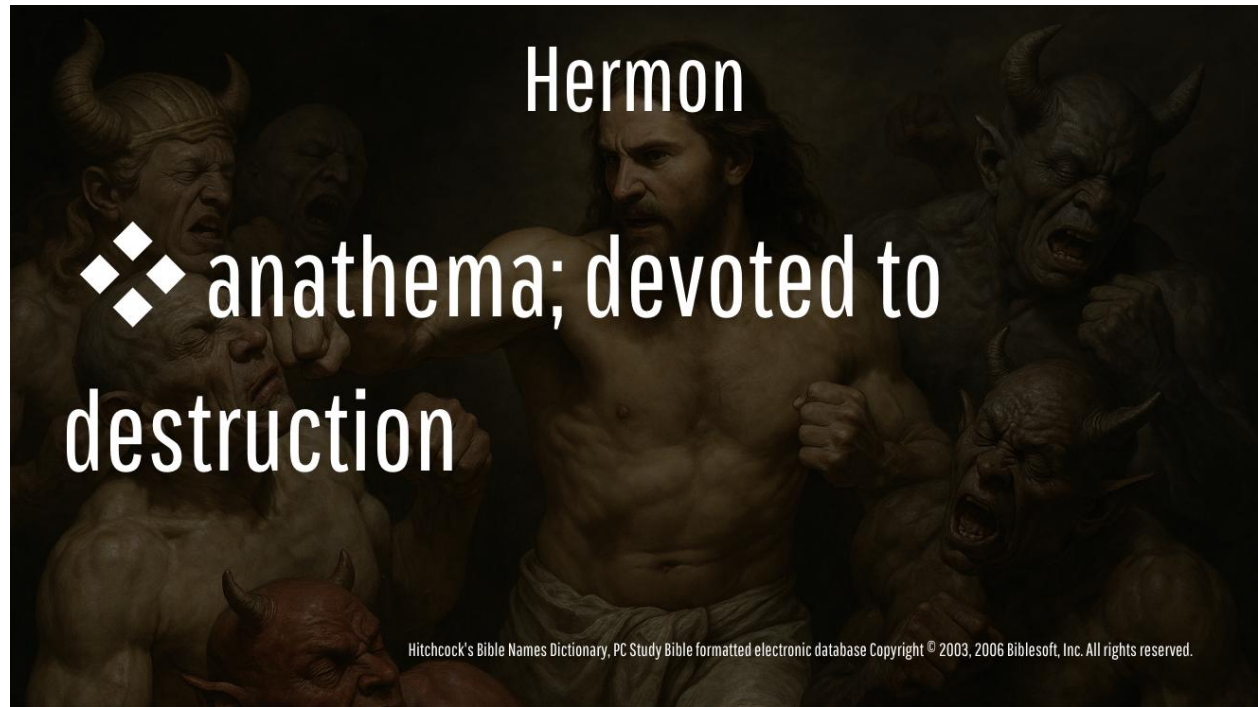
3 And Semjaza, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.'

4 And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.'

5 Then swore they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.

6 And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it.

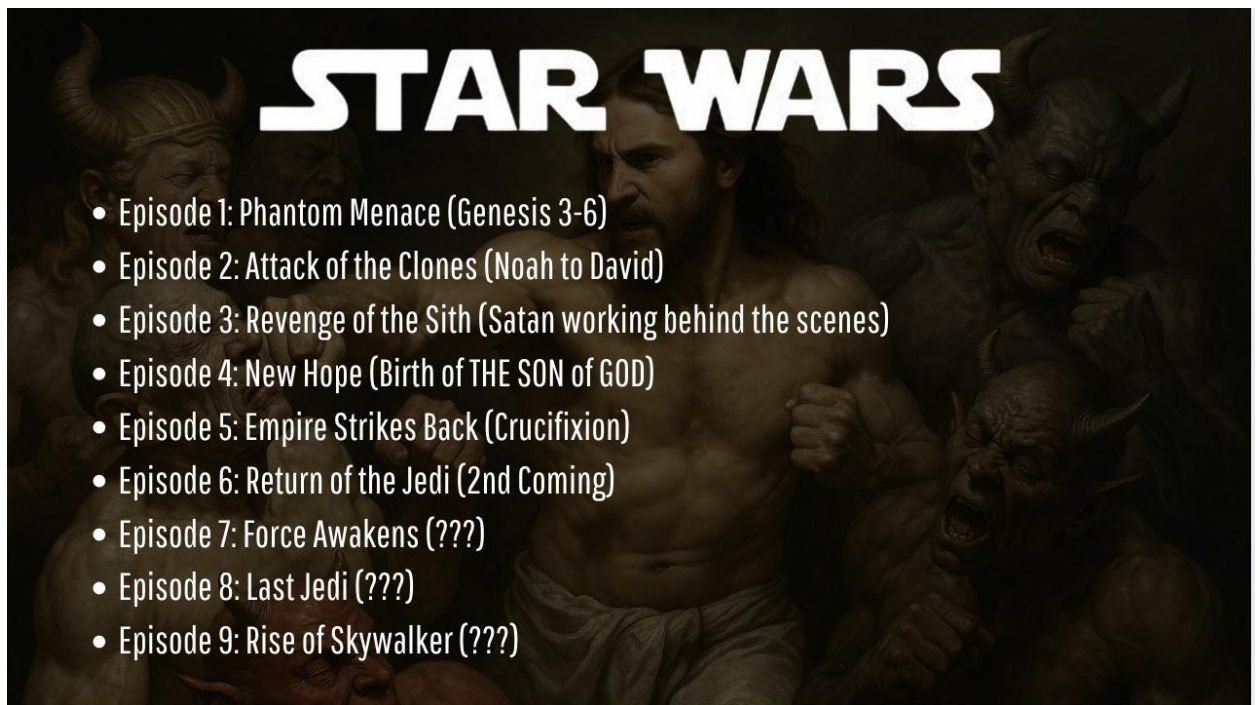
- Hermon got its name because of an evil devotion to corrupt the human race so that Messiah could not come.
- Hermon was the site of Baal Worship throughout the Biblical Narrative
- Look at how Hitchcock Bible Names Dictionary defines Mount Hermon



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- - The name “Hermon” is linguistically connected to the Hebrew verb “kharam”, meaning “to devote to destruction” - a term explicitly linked to the divine command to eradicate these giant clans (You can read about that in Heiser's book "The Unseen Realm")
 - This is essential in understanding the Older Testament as a whole
 - God wanted to wipe out even the memory of the Bastard Son spirits trying to prevent Messiah from appearing. In fact, the text repeatedly says, Yahweh devoted these towns, peoples, items to destruction. (kharam) in Hebrew
 - Mount Hermon was the landing spot for the first defection of Bene Ha Elohim and it was part of Og Kingdom who was the last of the Kings of the Rephaim still embodied.

● We are turning towards Matthew 16 but at this point in the message we should explain that nearly every story that deeply resonates with our hearts is derived from the basic themes of good versus evil in the theme of Theomachy.... The themes of movies like Star Wars are

actually cheap knock offs that reframe the nature of the battle between Abraham's offspring and the Angelic offspring that sought to prevent their glorification. I'm sure that most of you recognize George Lucas borrowed Biblical names and themes (Anakin, Endor, etc.) We thought we would return the favor in our explanation:



- Force Awakens... we never lost Him
- Last Jedi... we are not cessationist.. And we still disciple
- Rise of Skywalker... Our hero is already risen and is definitely not a woman!
- In addition to understanding Biblical principles this morning; you are also gaining insight into the reasons that these last 3 episodes were so terrible

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Now that we have had our fun! Let's get immensely serious for a moment. Number 1, you can hear more about the relationship between Star Wars and the Biblical story by visiting LCM's sermons under that name. Number 2, Matthew 16 is going to take on new dimensions for you:

Matt 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi (*This is on MT Hermon*), he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and **the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

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- Jesus intentionally took his Talmidim to a very specific place for Peter to get a special revelation. He took them to the gates of Hell on Mt Hermon for many reasons...

- Augustus had a temple there and claimed to be the Son of God
- Pan had a temple there and sacrificed children in a cave
- Og's (the last of the Rephaim kings) ruled here
- This was the original site of the Bene Ha Elohim defection
- Those who participated in the first defection were imprisoned in a gloomy dungeon in Hades called Tartarus

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- Jesus is the only **unique** Son of the Living God, the Christ or Messiah of Israel and the Human Race or genome.
- Nothing that comes from the gates of Hades whether angels defections, demonic dictators, Augustus impersonations, Pan's

perversions, or the Rephaim will prevail against the King and Kingdom that Jesus was establishing... We are on the Offensive... they are broken and on the defensive.

- The rebellious manifestations in response to God's divine proclamations all had associations with this spot... They would never prevail against Yahweh or His Sons in the Theomachy
- Israel and the mysterious gentile graft-inns will rise above the angelic realm and rule the World to come... it is not to Angels that He has subjected the world to come (Hebrews 2:5)
- We appear a little lower than the Heavenly beings for now but are called above them (Psalm 8)
- It is difficult to see this now; but we see Jesus risen above them now as a glorified man (Hebrews 2)

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In the original text there are no breaks in chapters. Caesarea is in the foothills of Hermon. In the same passage Jesus takes the Talmidim further up the mountain:

Matt 17:1-3

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

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- Jesus revealed Himself in His true nature... with the glory He had before time began... He is the Morning Star of God... the firstborn among many brothers who would share His nature... He is the victory in the Theomachy and we shall be like Him
- Luke 9:31 is the same event and it makes it clear that Jesus spoke with Moses (the representative of the Law), and with Elijah (the representative of the Prophets) about one thing...
- They spoke about the up coming Exodus!
 - In the first Exodus the gods of Egypt were judged and Israel was delivered

- In the second Exodus the gods of the world would be judged and Israel would be delivered
- In the first Exodus a remnant of the nations joined with Israel and were saved
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Even as Joshua broke the power of the Rephaim so would Jesus deal with there demonic spirits reclaiming the world for mankind and demonstrating our true calling:

Matt 4:17-25

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

- Like Joshua, Jesus was bringing God's Kingdom into this region

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18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

- Like Joshua, Jesus had Israelites following his lead... He put their feet on the necks of the enemy (think Joshua 10)

- 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness** among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria (*Bashan*), and people brought to him **all who were ill with various diseases**, those suffering **severe pain**, **the demon-possessed**, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed

them.

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- Like Joshua, Jesus demonstrated the victory that He expected other Israelites to live in and continue
- Jesus was restoring mankind's role to correctly witness the image of God all over the earth... starting in Israel

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Eph 6:10-12

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 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.**

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- Like David, Jesus has killed giants and now he expects his men to take care of the remaining stragglers

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Col 2:9-11

9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 **and you have been given fullness in Christ,** who is the head over every power and authority.

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- Jesus is a Glorified Man in whom all the fullness of the Deity lives--- You have been given fullness in Him and are **over** all other spiritual forces... Do you job we are at War... Star Wars... fighting for the proclamation of God and our own divine destiny!

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The climatic end of the Biblical Narrative presents most in Humanity rejecting Yahweh's plan as they have done every time before... As in the other times, they are aided by lessor gods or the sons of lessor

gods:

Rev 9:20-21

20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not **stop worshipping demons**, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood — idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

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- Only a small remnant of Egyptians were saved with Israel and only a small remnant of the nations will be delivered with Israel in the New Exodus

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Rev 16:14

14 They are **spirits of demons** performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

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- Spiritual beings have been an aid if not the cause in all previous rebellions and they continue to be right up until the day of God Almighty.... We must be with Him as His chosen, called, and faithful followers (Rev 17:14)
- You are destined to be God's ruling agency... His Sons that were loyal displacing spiritual beings that were not!

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This is how Theomachy ends... The children of Abraham shine like stars and the Morning Star that is Jesus Christ, with the members of his body, wins:

Rev 18:2-6

2 With a mighty voice he shouted:

"Fallen! Fallen is **Babylon the Great!**
She has become a home for demons
and a haunt for every evil spirit,

a haunt for every unclean and detestable bird.

3 For **all the nations** have drunk

the maddening wine of her adulteries.

The kings of the earth committed adultery with her,
and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive
luxuries."

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

"Come out of her, my people,

so that you will not share in her sins,

so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

5 for her sins are piled up to heaven,

and God has remembered her crimes.

6 Give back to her as she has given;

pay her back double for what she has done.

Mix her a double portion from her own cup.

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- Babylon was the home of many grievous sins against Yahweh, starting at the Tower of Babel and continuing through Revelation 18. But the gods of Babylon and the Bastard Offspring lose to the loyal Sons of God in the Theomachy Saga. Eph 3:10 literally says that we are displaying Yahweh's manifold wisdom to them!

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Rev 22:16

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

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- Jesus is the answer to the renegade sons of God... He is the bright Morning Star
- Jesus is the firstborn among many brothers and we will become what He is!

- 1 Cor 15:49

49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, **so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.**

 - You will be glorified as He is
- Rev 3:21

21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right **to sit with me on my throne**, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

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 - You don't just look like Him... You participate with Him in rulership of the creation... sitting with Him on His throne
- Rev 2:26

26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give **authority over the nations—**

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 - You will have authority over the nations!
- 1 Cor 6:3

3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

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 - You will judge the angels!
- Rev 3:5

5 He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

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 - You will be acknowledged before the Father and his angels!
- Rev 2:11

11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the

churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

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- The Lake of Fire will not hurt you at all!

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Rev 2:7

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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- You will live forever eating from the tree of life!

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Rev 21:7

7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

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- God will be your God and you will be His Son!

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1 John 3:2

2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, **we shall be like him**, for we shall see him as he is.

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- You will be like Jesus!

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We serve a God who likes to make Divine Proclamations as an invitation for the rebellious to manifest themselves.... It is like goading the other powers into an attempt to stop Yahweh... He knows they can't! Look at how Paul describes the end game of God (*not Thanos*):

1 Cor 15:24-28

24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after **he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power**. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under

his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that **God may be all in all**.

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- Jesus is in substance God and He is a glorified man. He and His men will destroy all opposition and the Human but Glorified Sons of God will reign so that the Kingdom of God is perfectly established from the Heavens above to the earth below!

This is the proclamation and you are the witnesses:

Isa 44:8

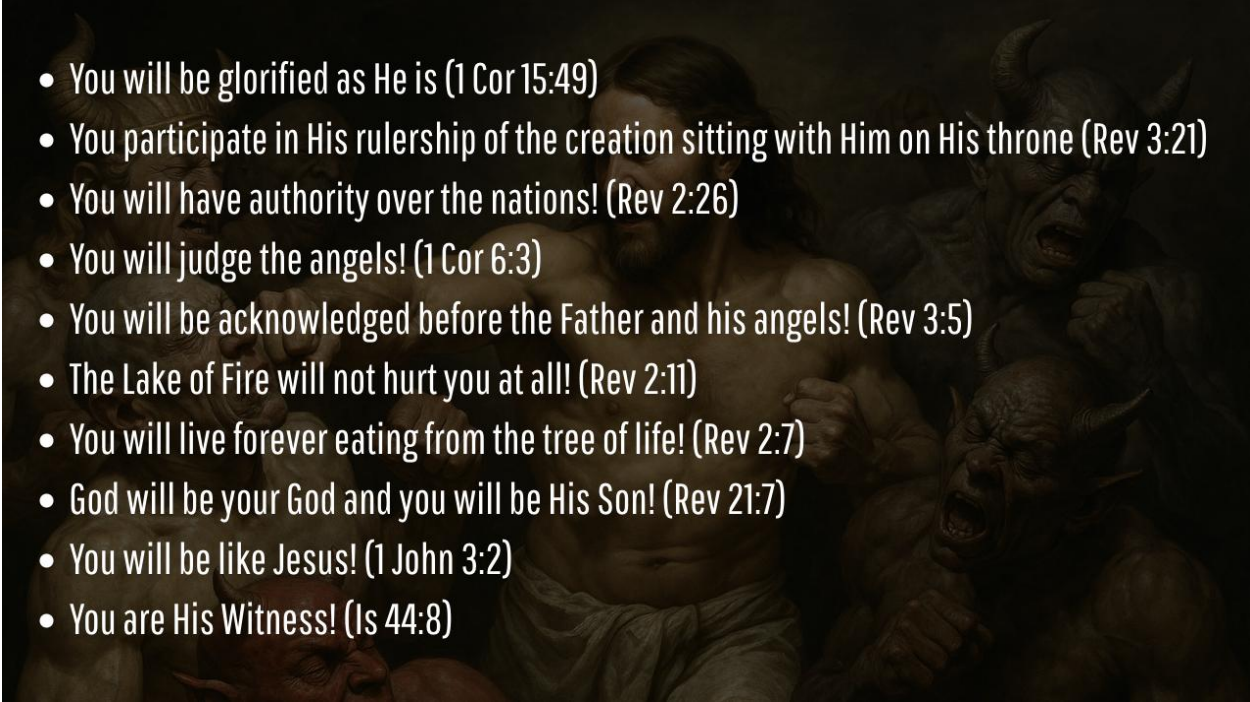
8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

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- You will be glorified as He is (1 Cor 15:49)
 - You participate in His rulership of the creation sitting with Him on His throne (Rev 3:21)
 - You will have authority over the nations! (Rev 2:26)
 - You will judge the angels! (1 Cor 6:3)
 - You will be acknowledged before the Father and his angels! (Rev 3:5)
 - The Lake of Fire will not hurt you at all! (Rev 2:11)
 - You will live forever eating from the tree of life! (Rev 2:7)
 - God will be your God and you will be His Son! (Rev 21:7)
 - You will be like Jesus! (1 John 3:2)
 - You are His Witness! (Is 44:8)

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."