

I Corinthians First Things First V notes

We left off last time with a comment from me about basically saying beware of major control centers like DC or Austin because these are places where satanic work is most concentrated. I wanted to add to that comment as we begin this morning. Where was the most dangerous place the night before Jesus was betrayed and crucified? The upper room! Where Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, where the first communion was served, where Jesus taught for what covers 5 chapters in the book of John. Satan was in that room

Revelation 12:1-5

We are studying Satan, angels and demons because we hear and see so much about them in the Bible but don't spend much time figuring out what the Bible actually says about them.

--All my years in seminary and I may have spent only a couple of hours being taught or studying about this part of the spirit world.

What have we discovered?

Satan was never an angel but a cherub

--Is there that much difference really? About as much a difference between a cat and rhinoceros.

--Cherubs aren't naked, winged babies! They are a multi-faced, multi-winged, multi-handed, creature covered with eyes and jewels.

--What would a fallen one of those look like?

Angels have no wings, are not female, appear as men, have bodies that eat and walk, and, in rebellion, that procreate.

Fallen Angels in Genesis 6 procreated a hybrid half-angel, half-human monster race called the Nephilim or Rephaim as well as other names both before and after the flood.

--We saw that these mutants were always enemies of God and his people and were possibly bred as an attempt to poison the genetics of the Messiah who has been the target of the Devil since Genesis 3.

--**Revelation 12:1-5** (The angels who fell--a full 1/3 of the total number, are now in two categories: **one** -- those locked up since the flood; **two** those ruling at the behest of the Devil on earth today.)

--The first brood of these monsters was slaughtered in the flood of Noah and were believed by the Jews and the early church to remain on earth as disembodied spirits that were referred to as Rephaim (the dead one) or otherwise referred to as demons.

--The second brood (after the flood) were also killed out and are also considered among the evil spirits that roam the earth to this day.

What's keeping these angels from creating a third iteration? Are they one day going to engineer another rise of these Nephilim?

--Does the Bible indicate that this is even a possibility? I think it does:

Daniel 2:43.

Another place that I believe speaks to this possibility comes in the form of an analogy: David's encounter with Goliath.

Follow the thinking:

--A genetics war was declared back in **Genesis 3:15** "I will put enmity between your seed and her seed"

--Let's call this the "[Serpent seed -- woman's seed war](#)" -- we can trace this war through the Bible.

Boiling point #1-- the fallen angels produce a mongrel race in **Genesis 6**, and God wipes out all genetics save one family.

Boiling point #2 -- several hundred years after the flood, God disowns the majority of the peoples and nations at the tower of Babel and chooses one man, Abraham, and his genetics to bring the Messiah into the world.

Boiling point #3 -- The line of David

--David represents the progression of God's promise to bring the Messiah into the world to conquer the Devil.

--God chooses the Jews and then the line of David, and from the line of David, a woman named Mary from whom comes Jesus.

Boiling point #4 -- David's entrance into leading Israel is very thought provoking:

--He comes to center stage by defeating a Nephilim; if you will, God's genetic line defeating Satan's genetic line.

--Do you remember what they called David? "The Lord's anointed" in Hebrew "the Lord's Messiah"

--God's genetic line has been narrowed down to David and they are calling him the Messiah and this Messiah takes on and single handedly defeats this champion of the line of Satan.

--**That's too many coincidences!**

Since there has been this "serpent seed—woman's seed war" going on and the possible indication that there could be angelic breeding again in the future—A question: [Is the Antichrist going to be a Nephilim?](#)

--What were the Nephilim? Fallen angels incarnate—cruel monsters just like their daddies.

--What will the Antichrist be? The Devil incarnate: **Revelation 12** tells us that the dragon (Satan) has seven heads, how many does the antichrist have in **Revelation 13**? Seven just like daddy.

--**Revelation 17:8** -- The antichrist comes up out of the abyss...what's down there? Angels who procreated with women and produced giants.

--Too many coincidences for me!

Where are things now?

This war reached the boiling point on a number occasions, but it boiled completely over when from the line of David comes one who will "**rule the nations with a rod of iron**" -- Jesus defeats the Devil by means of the cross: **Colossians 2:13-15**

--There is an ancient cosmic battle being waged and humans are the subject of that battle that's what's actually going on.

--Its not what's being reported on the news, its not what we think matters and what upsets us on day to day issues.

--It's a real war that requires us to be alert, to wear armor and be armed, to see through all the distraction of what purports itself to be import and see what's really going on.

--It piques my interest when I hear of these alien encounters that are often like biological research and sexual leaning according those who have supposed been abducted.

--These were blamed for leading people astray, being the power behind idols and being responsible for the doctrines of those idols.

--They were also thought to possess or control people and dwell in their bodies as well as other creatures like goats, certain animals of prey.

Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 32:17 “shedim” or “hairy ones” referring to them either being goats or looking like them.

--The word we use for these “dead ones” is demon or unclean spirit and what was believed by the ancient world we find them actually doing in the New Testament. Possessing humans and animals, being behind idolatry. **1 Corinthians 10:20-21**

Last time we went over a couple of very important Bible interpretation rules:

1. When the Bible raises a question that the Bible doesn't answer, then we should assume there isn't an absolute answer.

--Word of God is absolute authority on whatever it addresses and whatever it doesn't address is something less than that.

--Important with our current topic because there is some questions like why did the angels rebel and why they created these Nephilim that the Bible doesn't answer definitively.

2. Another rule of Bible interpretation is that we are not coming close to the right interpretation until we understand the issue from the perspective of the original hearers.

--We saw the ancient first hearers of the Bible, Jews and the early church believed these fallen angels were trying to sabotage God's plans for bringing the Messiah into the world through a woman.

--They also saw a clear difference between fallen angels and demons: 1. Fallen angels who ruled geographic territories (principalities and powers). 2. Demons who were the disembodied offspring of these fallen angels

Here is a challenge to our conventional thinking: the standard position on demons is that they are these fallen angels, but that is not what the bible says they are?

--The Bible doesn't clearly say what demons are besides being evil, unclean spirits.

Who are the fallen angels that we deal with and are prominent in spiritual wickedness today? The angles of Jude are locked up.

--Was there another fall? Apparently, because there are still fallen angels causing mayhem on earth to this day.

We left off last time with the first clear fall of angels in **Genesis 6:4-6.**

--Remember I proposed to you that it wasn't random that they created these half breed mutants—they were trying to thwart the plan of God which was to bring the Messiah into the world through a woman.

--Whether you buy that or not, we have to agree that the evidence is that these were horrible creatures—always the enemies of God and His people.

--Remember also that the Bible and ancient traditions agree on this: these half supernatural creatures terrorized the earth and dominated cultures and peoples.

Leaving these Nephilim behind for the time being, let's get back to fallen angels.

--Angels that fell before the flood are held to this day in a pit of darkness according to Jude and II Peter.

--Why do we still have to deal with fallen angels if they are locked up?

Not all are locked up.

--Apparently, there was another fall that the Bible does explain to us but can be surmised by the fact that we still have fallen angels causing problems.

--In fact, it can be demonstrated from the Scriptures that these angels have been left here as a form of judgment from God because of our sin.

Deuteronomy 32:8

This is a troublesome verse because it makes no sense.

--God divided the nations at the tower of Babel where He confused the languages in Genesis 11 because the people refused to obey Him.

--But He didn't divide them according to the number of the "sons of Israel"—How do we know this? Because the sons of Israel did not exist at this time.

--Abraham, the father of the Jews wasn't born for another 260 years according to the Scriptures.

We get this translation from the King James primarily which was interpreted from the Hebrew manuscripts that the scholars had at that time.

--Since the King James was written, we have found much older Hebrew manuscripts that say something different in **Deut. 32:8**.

--The Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1948, say "**according to the Sons of God**" instead of the Sons of Israel.

--This agrees with the **Septuagint** which is the Greek translation of the Old Testament translated by Hebrew scholars 200 years before Jesus.

--Several of our more modern translations follow this better rendering.

--ESV, MSG.

Deuteronomy 32:8-9

God takes Israel to be His and effectively gives the jurisdiction of the rest of the nations to angels.

Which angels? The good ones or the bad ones?

--That can be answered from four directions:

One, why did He divide them? Because of sin and rebellion (was the consequence good or bad angels put in charge? What would you have done?)

Two: what has been the result of these angels overseeing these peoples and nations? Have they followed God? Have they been friends of or enemies of the people of God?

--Its interesting that though many of the belief systems in the ancient world held to a creator God, they all believed that that Creator either no longer existed or was uninterested and that they are ruled by lesser gods who they have formed worship systems around.

Three: What was the belief of the Jews and the early church? Without exception the Jews and early church believed that God had given the world away to an array of dark lords underneath the sway of the ultimate dark lord himself, Satan.

- Part of interpreting the Bible in its context means we have to understand how people thought and believed back then.
- They all believed that the world was controlled by the devil and that he administered it through fallen angels.

Four: What is the witness of Scripture? Daniel 10:12-13; 20-21

- This is angelic warfare; these are spiritual principalities that are behind all these powerful kingdoms and world regimes.
- Ephesians 6:10-12** – Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles—He was sent to wade off into foreign territory and take on very old and very evil enemies.

If we only think of the spiritual darkness and spiritual warfare in terms of the low-life demons whose goal is to wreck individual lives and cause people to do crazy things, we are missing the biggest part of what spiritual darkness is up to.

- This is what we are up against: highly powerful and sophisticated spiritual rulers of wickedness who are influencing and controlling the masses.
- These entities have principalities, territories and jurisdictions as well as armies both human and non-human.

This is what Paul is underscoring for us: our problem isn't flesh and blood.

- Remember, Paul lived in day when rulers were some of the worse that have ever lived and who commanded vast resources.
- But Paul said, "our problem isn't them it's what's behind them"
- This is why he says we have to put on only spiritual armor because the enemies are spiritual.