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The Truth about Angels



Spring 2004 Bible Conference

May 7 - 9, 2004



Fri., May 7 7:00 p.m. *Angels:* The Master's Mysterious Messengers

Sat., May 8 1:00 p.m. *Angels:* Their Splendid Service during End-time Events

2:30 p.m. **DEMONS:** Their Supernatural Ability and Satanic Activity

4:00 p.m. **DEMONS** and **UFO'S:** A Devilish Connection in the Last Days?

Sun., May 9, 9:30 a.m. *Satan:* From Holy Cherub to Hellish Counterfeiter

10:40 a.m. *A Mother's Day Message* from the Pastor

6:30 p.m. *Satan:* His Final Fling and Dreadful Doom



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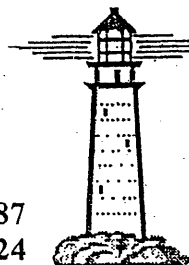
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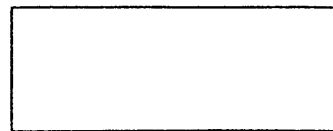
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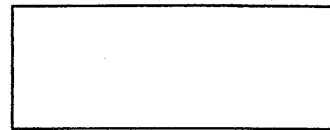


According to the Apostle Paul, the first benefit of Bible study is *doctrine* or *Sound teaching (2 Tim. 3:16)*. Doctrine gives content and conviction to one's beliefs. Join us for an interesting study of the *doctrine of angels*. Holy angels are the Master's mysterious messengers and special ministers to the saints. Satan and his demons are counterfeiting and contradicting the plan and purpose of God. In these last days the believer needs to be alert and prepared. These 6 sessions will help us greatly.

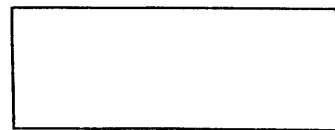
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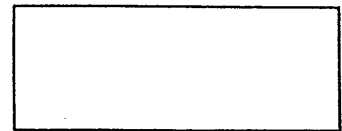
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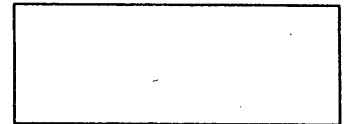
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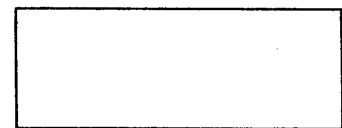
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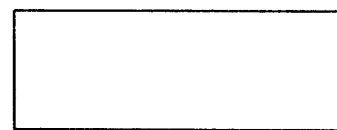
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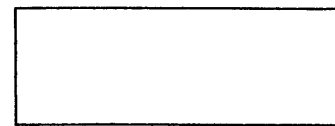
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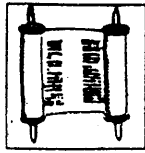
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Angels And Bible Doctrines

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Scriptures

**Prominent
Company**

Genesis 3:1-Revelation 22:8

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God

**Praising
Creatures**

Job 38:6-7

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Christ

**Perpetual
Messengers**

Hebrews 1:14

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Holy Spirit

**Personal
Spirits**

Luke 15:10



ANGELS

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Man

**Providential
Protectors**

Luke 16:22

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Sin

**Perfect
Beings**

Matthew 25:41

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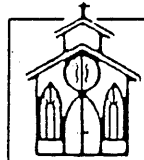


Salvation

**Peaceful
Observers**

1 Peter 1:12; 1 Corinthians 4:9

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Church

**Powerful
Ministers**

Hebrews 1:14

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Last Things

**Proclaiming
Heralds**

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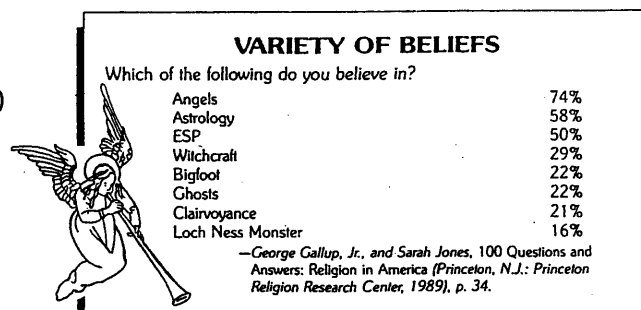


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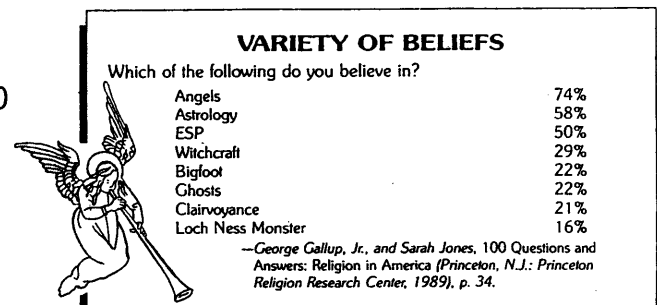


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- 1c. Liberals **deny** the existence of angels.
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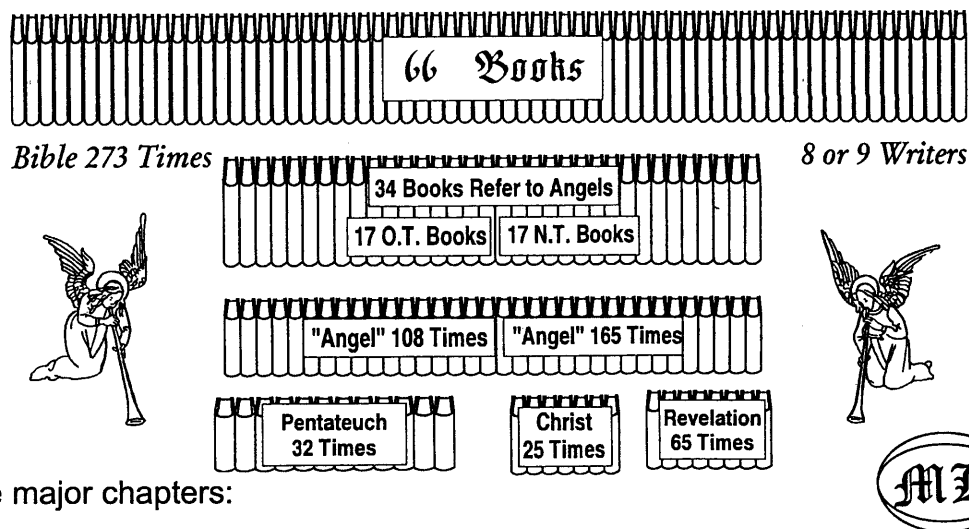
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- 2c. The writers:
From Moses (Gen. 3) to John (Rev. 22:6,8)

BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO ANGELS



- 3c. The major chapters:

- 1d. Genesis 3
- 2d. Genesis 19
- 3d. Job 1
- 4d. Daniel 10
- 5d. Luke 2
- 6d. Matthew 4, Luke 4
- 7d. Revelation 22

2A. THE EXISTENCE OF ANGELS:

- 1b. The teaching of Scripture:

The doctrine of angels is not a peripheral matter of biblical revelation but a core ingredient of divine disclosure. These spirit beings are seen as messengers for God and ministers to believers throughout the canon. They play a significant role at the epochal events in the universe. Angels

are present at the creation of the universe, the incarnation of Christ and the consummation of creation.

2b. The teaching of Christ:

1c. He assumes their existence:

Mt. 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

2c. He acknowledges their existence:

Mt. 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 13:41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness.

Cf. v. 39, 49 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.

3c. The alternatives to accepting Christ's teachings concerning angels:

- (1) Either He was deceived or
- (2) He deceived the people or
- (3) He accommodated Himself to the thought of His time or
- (4) angels are an embellishment by the early church or
- (5) Christ believed in angels because, after all, He had created them.

3b. Their primary designation:

1c. O.T. term:

malakh: messenger (also sons of God, heavenly beings, holy ones, etc.)

2c. N.T. term:

angelos: messenger (also heavenly host, Luke 2:13)

Consistently angels appear in human form, with the exception of the seraphim (Isaiah 6:2) and contrarily, angels never appear in subhuman forms such as animals, birds or material objects.

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

4b. The definition of angels:

Angels are an order of supernatural spirit beings who act as God's messengers to men and agents who carry out His will.

3A. THE CREATION OF ANGELS:

1b. The fact of their creation:

1c. Christ created all things:

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

2c. Christ created all living creatures:

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.

3c. Christ created holy angels:

Ps. 148: 2,5

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

Neh 9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

4c. Christ created Lucifer:

Ezek 28:14-15 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

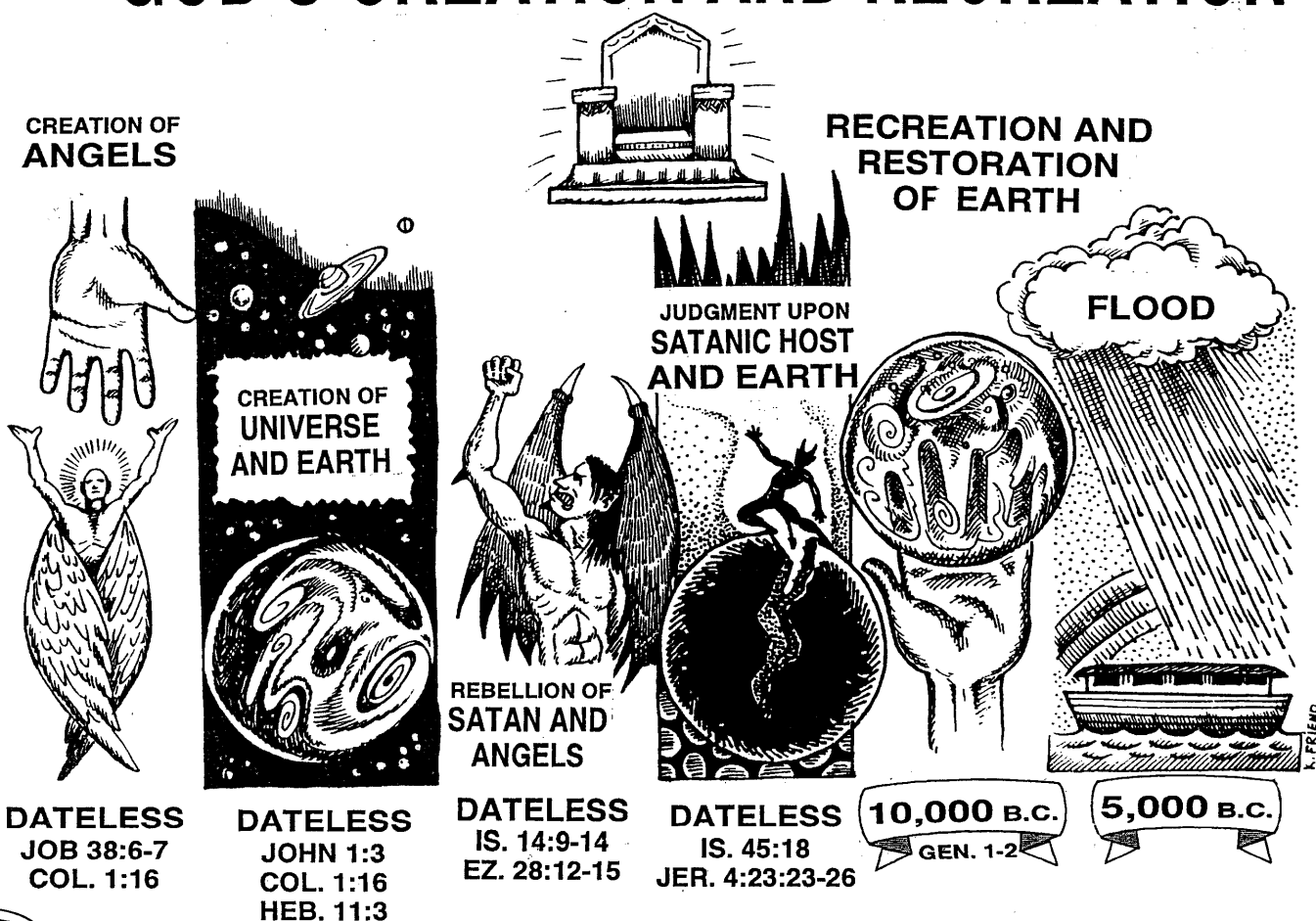
2b. The time of their creation:

Job 38:6-7

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Angels were created at a point in time prior to the six days of creation of Genesis 1. Time began with their creation but since the date of their creation is unknown, it is best to say that angels were created in dateless past.

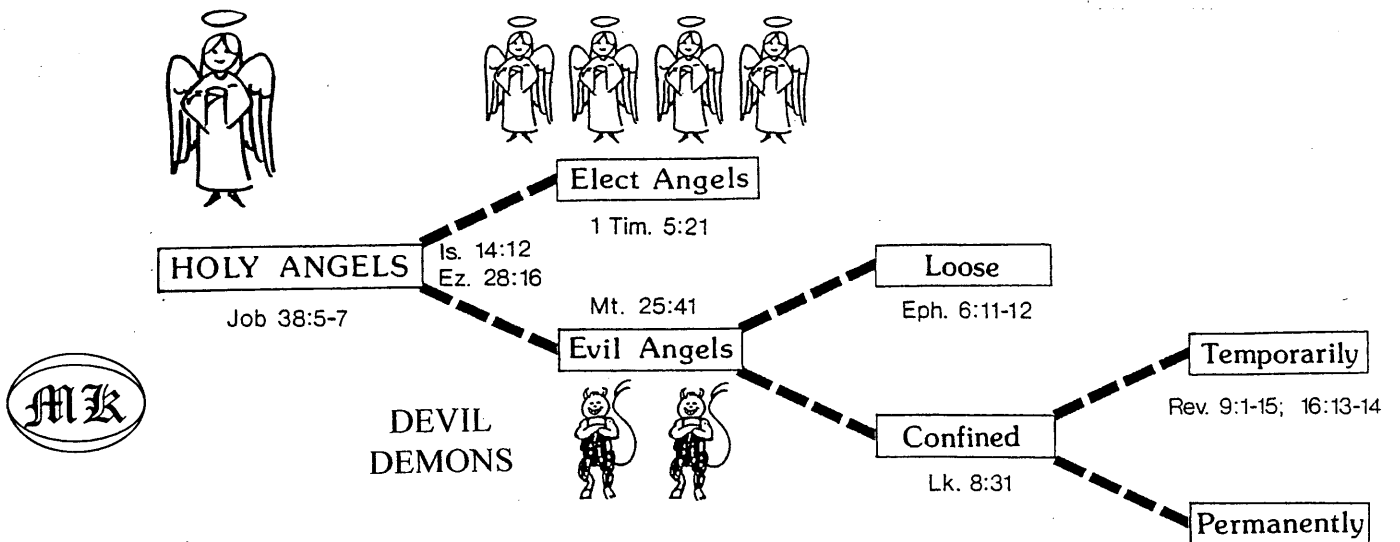
GOD'S CREATION AND RECREATION



Their creation has certain implications namely, there are no baby angels. All angels are of the same age. Furthermore, angels are a company not a race. Humans are related, angels are not.

3A. THE DIVISION OF ANGELS:

1b. The divisions:

The Spirit World

2b. They are an innumerable company:

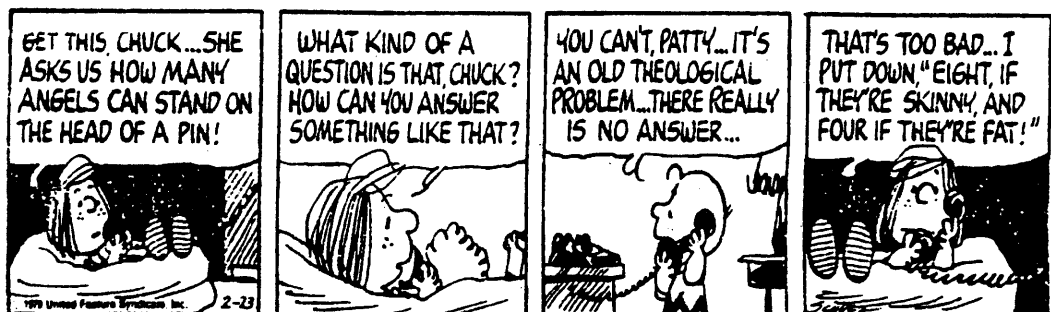
2 Peter 2:4 Jude 6

Heb. 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Rev. 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.

Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

If the number of presently unfallen angels according to Rev. 5:11 is to be taken literally as approximately 400 million (actually 404 million) and one-third of the original angels fell with Satan, then the original number of angels must have been at least 600 million. It appears that presently the unfallen angels outnumber the demons 2:1.



Angelic Arithmetic

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Myriad: 10,000

Chilia: 1,000

Myriads: at least 20,000

Chilias: at least 2000

20,000 x 20,000=400,000,000

2000 x 2000=4,000,000

Total number of **holy angels** (2/3 of all original angels): **404,000,000**

Total number of **fallen angels**: **202,000,000**

Total number of **original angels**: at least **606,000,000**



5A. THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS:

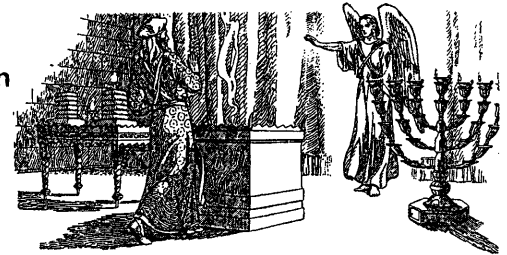
1b. In relation to the Savior:



Angels in the Life and Ministry of Christ



- 13 | Promised His Return
Acts 1:10-11
- 12 | Preached His Resurrection
Mt. 28:5-6; Lk. 24:4ff
- 11 | Pushed away the Stone from the Tomb
Mt. 28:2
- 10 | Provided Sustenance after His Testing
Lk. 22:43
- 9 | Prepared to Defend the Savior
Mt. 26:53
- 8 | Proffered Help after His Wilderness Temptation
Mt. 4:11
- 7 | Permitted the Holy Family to Settle in Galilee
Mt. 2:22
- 6 | Proclaimed the Death of Herod
Mt. 2:19-21
- 5 | Protected the Holy Family
Mt. 2:13
- 4 | Praised the Father at the Incarnation
Lk. 2:13-14
- 3 | Prompted Joseph to Take Mary
Mt. 1:20-21
- 2 | Prophesied the Incarnation
Lk. 1:26-38
- 1 | Predicted the Birth of the Forerunner
Lk. 1:11-20



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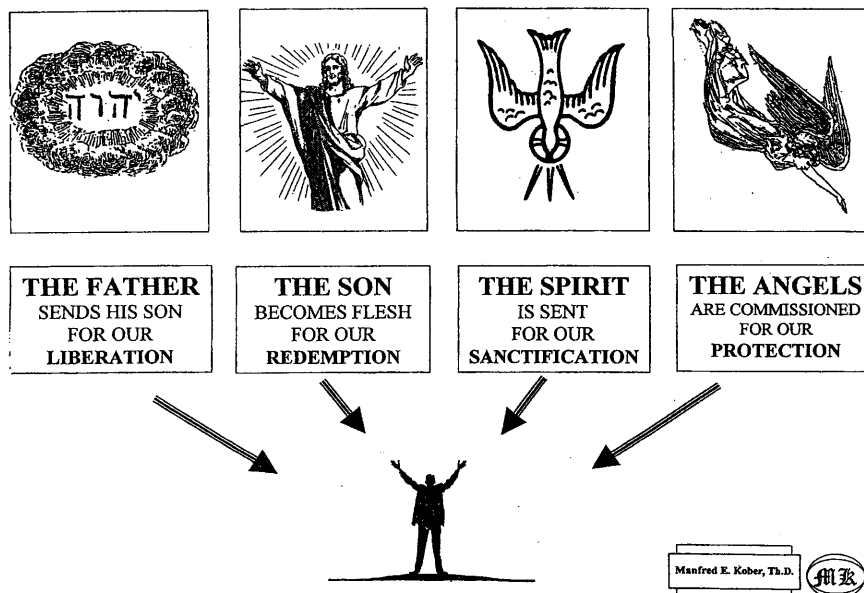


2b. In relation to believers:

1c. Their ministry to believers generally:

THE CELESTIAL COMPANY AND THE BELIEVER'S BENEFITS

Johann Gerhard, possibly the greatest theologian since Martin Luther, wrote very fittingly in *Meditationes Sacrae* (1627), "The heavenly Father sends His Son for our liberation; the Son of God becomes flesh for our salvation; the Holy Ghost is sent for our sanctification; the angels are sent for our protection. Thus the entire celestial company serves us and ministers its benefits to us."



2c. Their ministry to believers specifically:

1d. They answer prayer:

Acts 12:7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

2d. They direct service:

Acts 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

3d. They aid in revelation:

Acts 27:22-24 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.

4d. They give encouragement in times of danger:

Acts 27:23-24 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.



DEUTERONOMY 34

5 ¶ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 ¶ And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.



ST. LUKE 16

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into A'bra'hām's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

5d. They care for the believer at death:

1e. Angels care for the believer's immaterial part.

Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried.

2e. Angels care for the believer's body.

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.



God, in His providential care for the believer, puts at the Christian's disposal the power of the triune God and the presence of His holy angels to care for him in life and in death; indeed, to usher him immediately into the presence of God at the conclusion of life.



ST. MATTHEW 18

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you. That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

HEBREWS 1

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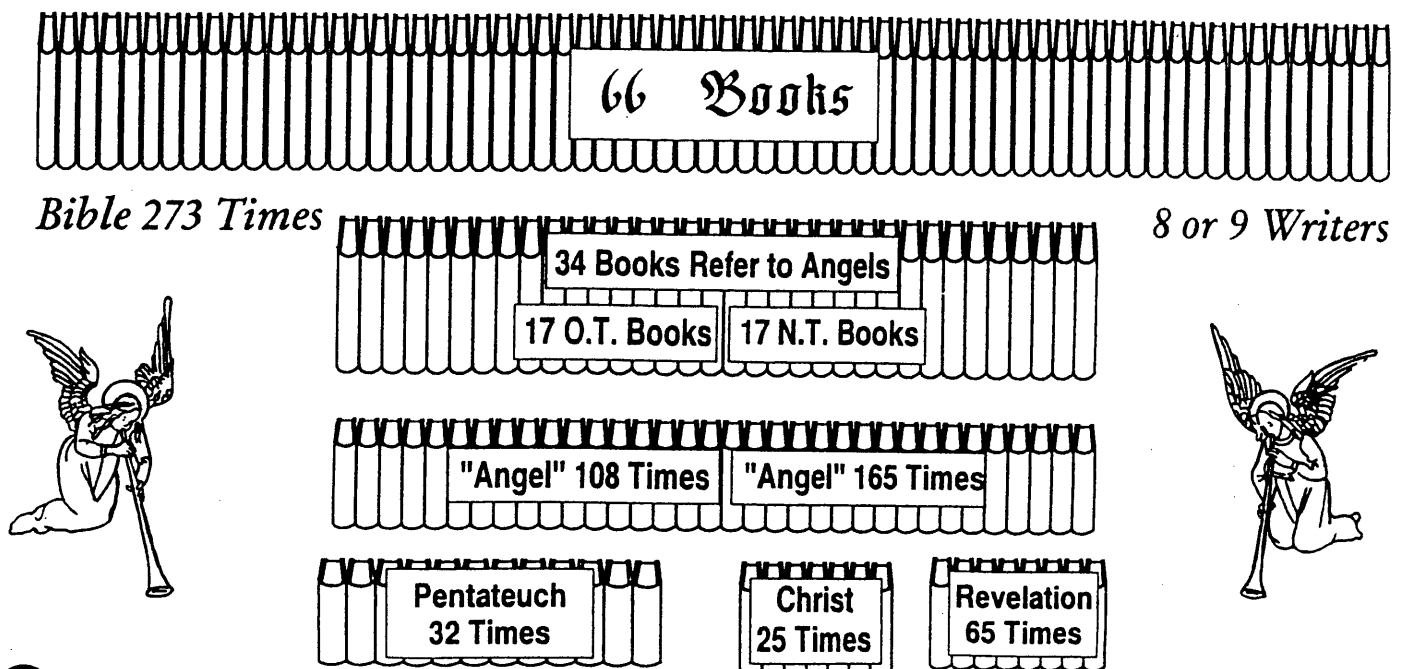
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THE FUTURE AND ANGELS

The doctrine of angels forms an integral part of God's supernatural revelation. The Bible begins and ends with references to these spirits known as beings (Gen. 3:1, 24; Rev. 22:16). All told, there are 273 references to angels in the Scriptures. They are mentioned 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament. The activities of holy angels in the past related primarily to the revelation of God's truth and later their appearances clustered around the life and ministry of Christ. In addition, the Bible predicts important involvement of angels in God's final dealings with the church, the Jews, the Gentiles and this planet.

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1A. The Angels Proclaim the Rapture.

The next event on God's prophetic calendar is the rapture of the church. The dead church age saints are resurrected and the living saints are translated. As the Bridegroom returns for His bride, three sounds will herald His coming: the shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. It is difficult to discern the specific meaning of these three sounds. Undoubtedly these signals involve the angelic announcement that the Bridegroom is coming and a summons to the saints on earth to join Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

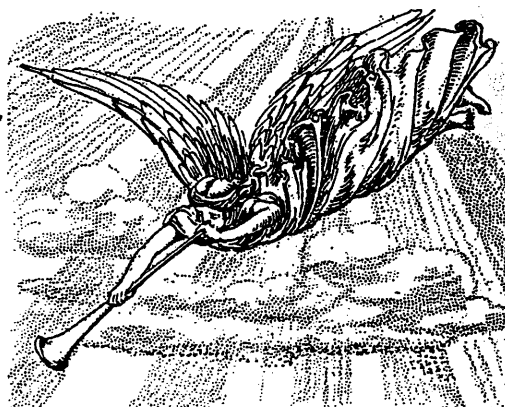
1 Corinthians 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

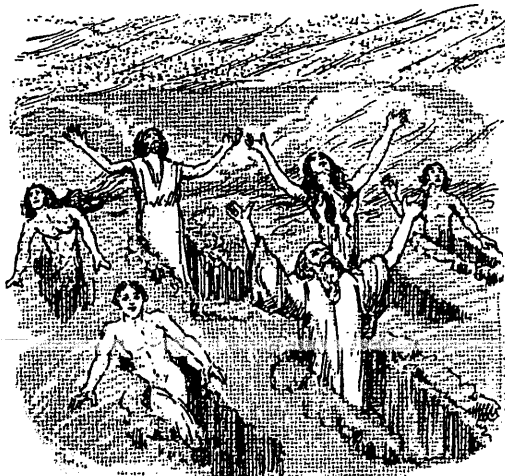
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2A. The Angels Punish the Wicked.

When the long-delayed and well-deserved judgment comes upon a Christ-rejecting world, God will employ cosmic catastrophes, hordes from hell and angelic avengers. Beginning soon after the commencement of the Tribulation period, angels will be involved in the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments.

Revelation 8:2

² And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

Revelation 8:13

¹³ And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Revelation 10:1-2

¹ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

² And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his left foot* on the earth,



The Seven Last Plagues.

3A. The Angels Prostrate Themselves Before God.

Various times throughout the Tribulation the Apostle John is granted a glimpse into heaven where before the throne of God the 24 elders and angelic beings bow in adoration and worship. The angelic woes declared on earth (Rev. 8:13) are paralleled by the angelic worship in heaven.

Revelation 4:6-8

⁶ And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 7:11

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.



4A. The Angels Push Satan to Earth.

At the midpoint of the Tribulation Michael, the archangel, and a host of holy angels will engage Satan and his demons in combat. God's angels will be victorious and Satan and his subjects are forced to restrict their activity to earth for three and a half years. It is interesting to contemplate how this climactic cosmic conflict will take place between spirit beings who do not possess physical bodies. What are the weapons used? How is force applied?

Revelation 12:7-9

⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.



It was the archangel Michael who led the good angels: "And there was a great battle in heaven; Michael and his angels battled with the dragon,

and the dragon fought and his angels. And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any more in heaven" (Ap. 12:7, 8).

5A. An Angel Preaches the Gospel.

The time of the Great Tribulation will also be a time of unprecedented salvation. The testimony of the 144,000 witnesses, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel, will be complemented by other witnesses on earth and an angelic messenger. The latter will preach the gospel to every nation and tribe on earth. His ministry will result in the salvation of vast multitudes. This angel extends God's last call of grace to a world that consistently rejects Him and openly defies Him.

Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,



6A. The Angels Proceed from Heaven.

The dramatic conclusion of the Tribulation involves the return of the conquering Christ with His heavenly host. The entourage includes the saints of heaven and the holy angels. It is difficult to imagine a more awe-inspiring scene. On earth the foreign armies are engaged at Armageddon (Rev. 16:16) and at Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-3) in bloody conflict. Suddenly the Messiah appears triumphantly, accompanied by angelic hosts and the redeemed of all the ages described as a glistening white army on horseback.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

Matthew 25:31

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Revelation 19:11, 14

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

¹⁴ And the armies *which* were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

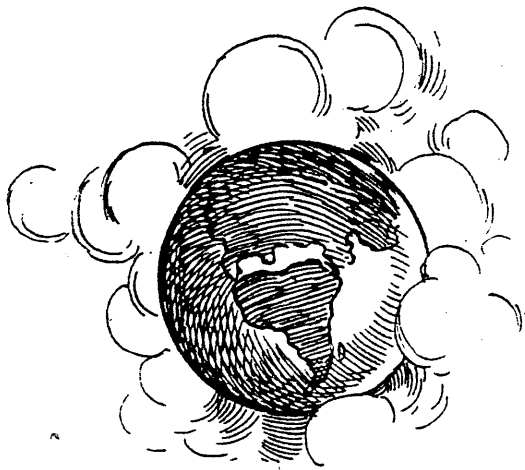


7A. The Angels Present the Elect.

Many of those redeemed in the Tribulation period will die a martyr's death. Others will find a refuge in remote areas of the world. In fact, the region of Ammon, Moab and Edom (Dan. 11:41) to the east of the Dead Sea is designated as an off-limit area for Antichrist where Jews will enjoy safety during the last half of the Tribulation. At His return, Christ will dispatch the angels to summon the elect from their various hiding places to a private audience with the messianic Monarch.

Matthew 24:31

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



8A. The Angels Pull Out the Tares.

Both in the church age and Tribulation the wheat and tares, the believers and unbelievers, coexist side by side within professing Christendom. God is mindful of the fact that Satan has planted professors in the church to undermine the work of God. At the second advent a series of judgments will take place when believers and unbelievers are separated. Angels will aid the Savior in the removing of the impostors from the earth.

Matthew 13:30, 39-42, 49-50

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

³⁹ The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁴⁹ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

⁵⁰ And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.



9A. An Angel Places Satan in the Pit.

As soon as Christ returns He will consign Antichrist and his false prophet to the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20). Perhaps at the same time an angel operating at the command and in the authority of God will bind Satan in the bottomless pit, rendering him inactive for 1,000 years in his work of deceiving the nations.

Revelation 20:1-3

¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.



10A. The Angels Produce the Books.

After the 1000 years of Christ's reign, all the unsaved of all the ages appear before the Great White Throne in heaven. The book of life is opened to indicate that these individuals were never saved. Likewise, the books of works will be presented and the punishment of the unsaved will be based on the amount of wickedness committed during their lifetime. While angels are not specifically mentioned in connection with this judgment, it is reasonable to assume that angels are involved in opening the books here, much like an angel is involved earlier in presenting the book of judgment.

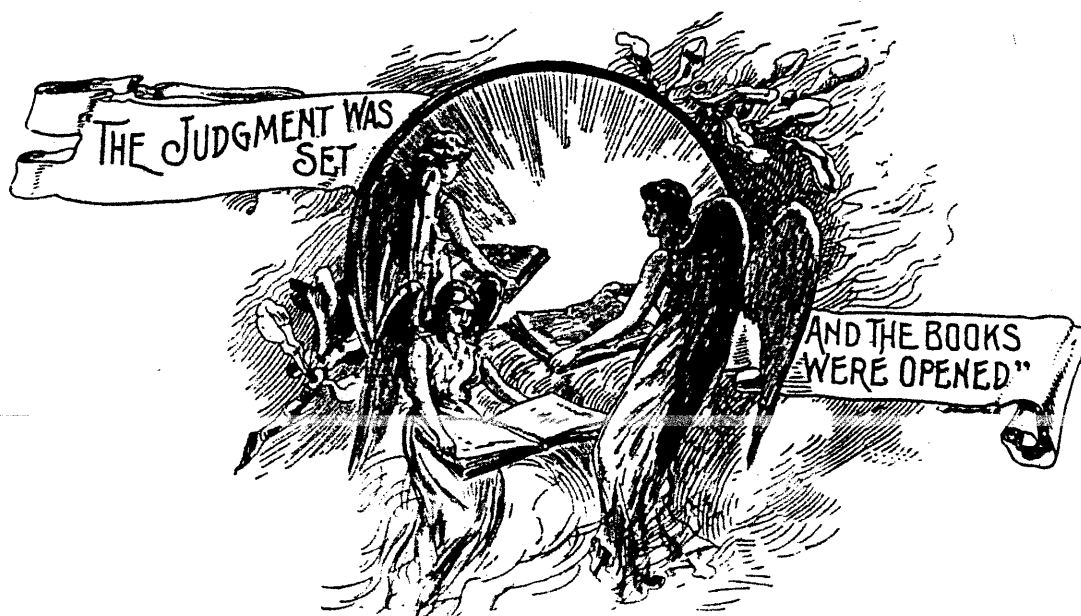
Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 10:1-2

¹ And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

² And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his left foot* on the earth,



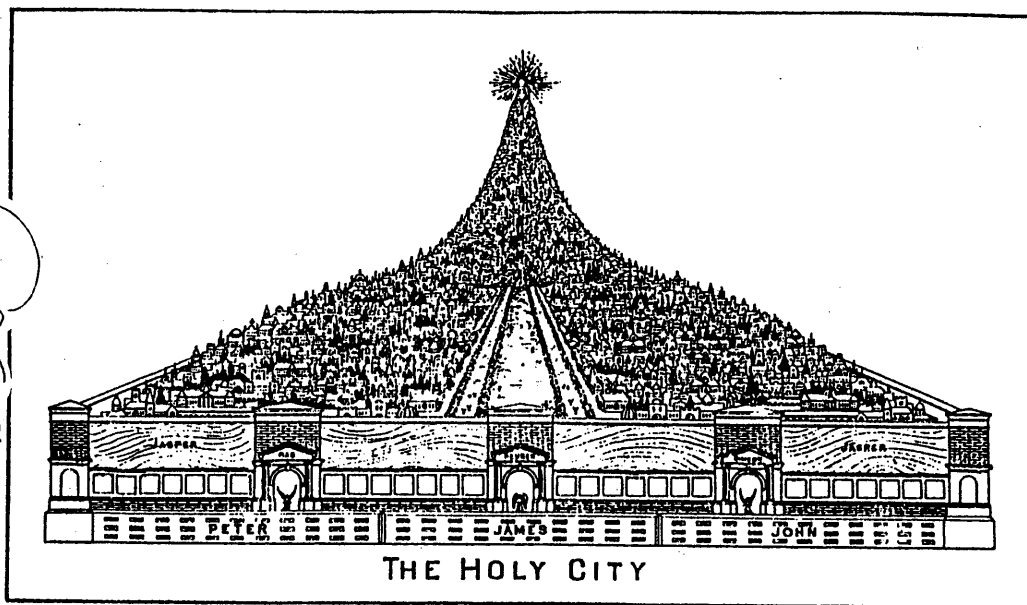
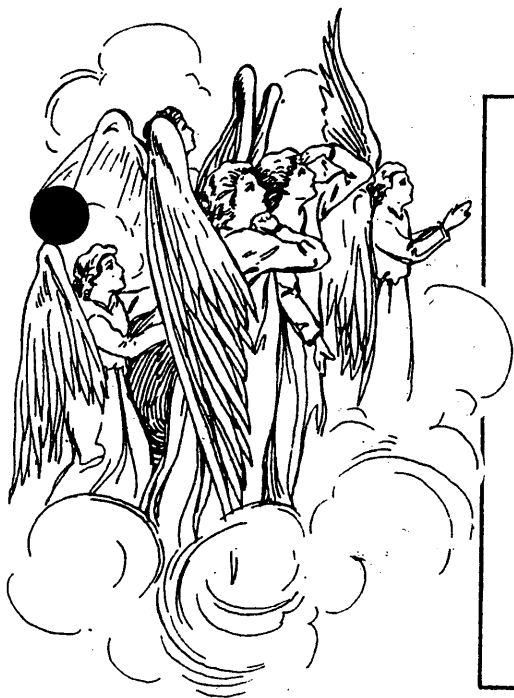
11A. The Angels Populate the New Jerusalem.

The believer's heavenly home, the New Jerusalem, promised by the Savior to His disciples in John 14:1-3, will also be the residence of the triune God and an innumerable company of angels. This everlasting residence of the redeemed will settle on the new earth after the old heavens and old earth have passed away.

Revelation 21:1-2

¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



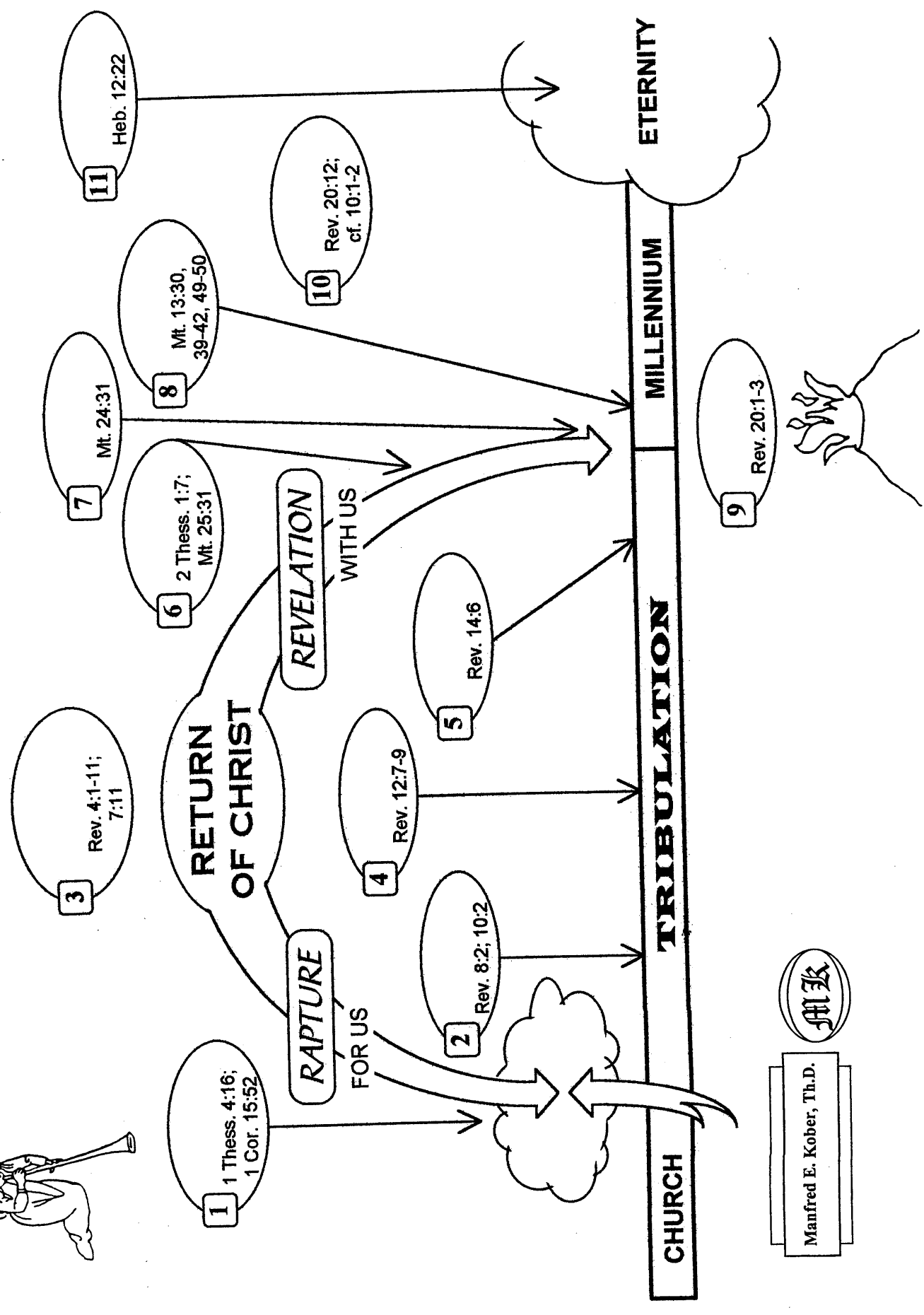
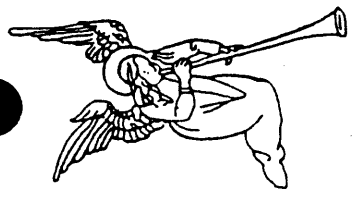
HEBREWS 12

22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Eschatology of Angels

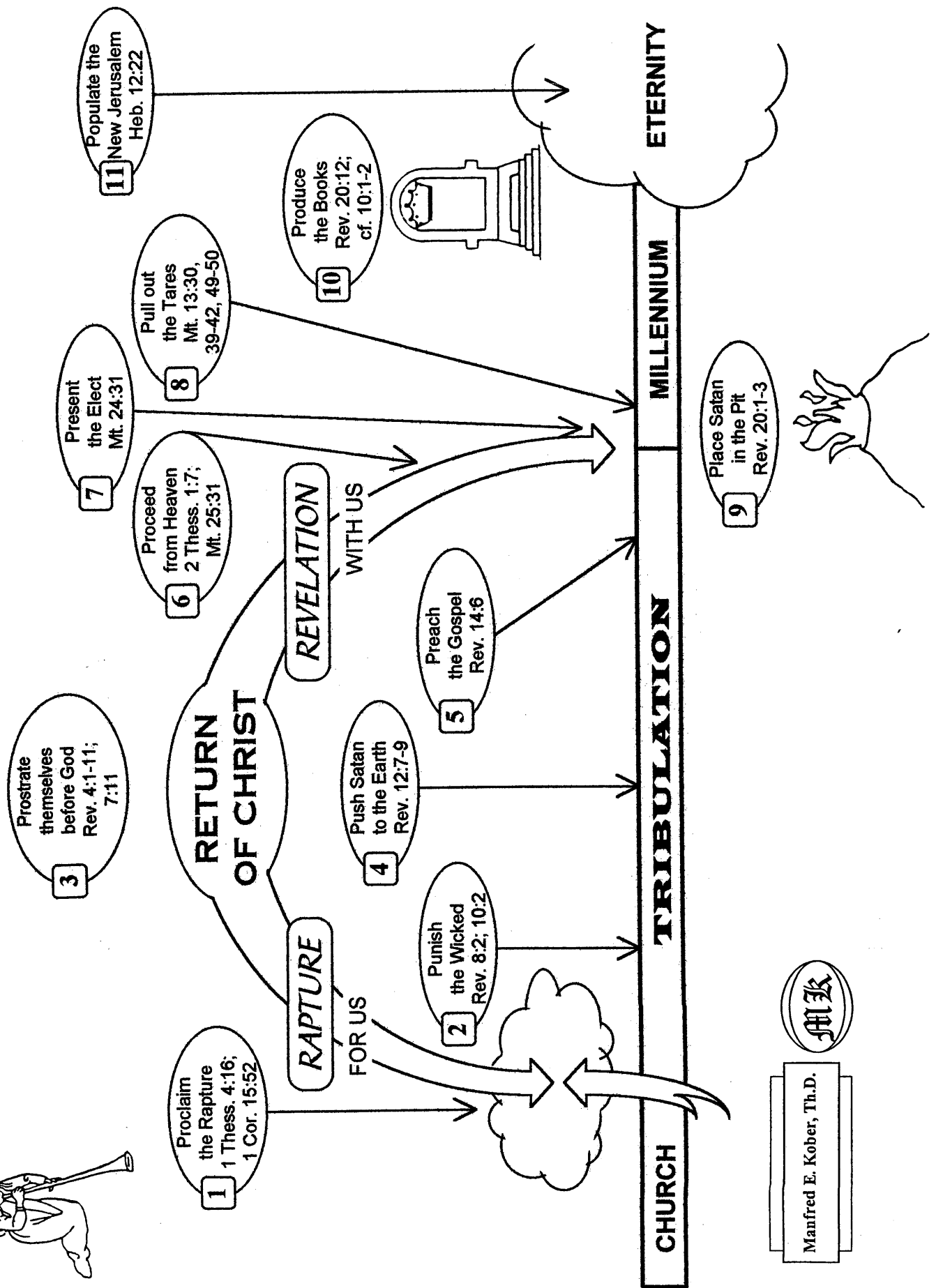


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Eschatology of Angels



DEMONS: THEIR SUPERNATURAL ABILITY AND SATANIC ACTIVITY



1A. THE IDENTITY OF DEMONS:

1b. Their origin:



- 1c. The depraved souls of departed evil men:
Upon death the wicked immediately goes to a place of punishment.
Heb 9 27
- 2c. The disembodied spirits of a pre-Adamic race:
There is no evidence that the earth was populated with human-like beings before Adam and Eve.
- 3c. The degenerate offspring of angels and antediluvian women:
Whoever the "sons of God" of Genesis 6 were, they were not fallen angels. Only good angels are called sons of God.

The term "sons of God" according to recent archeological discoveries, refers in Near-Eastern literature to a group of tyrant or noblemen who claimed divine origin for themselves and wanted to subjugate other tribes through indiscriminate intermarriage (as did Solomon centuries later).

4c. Fallen angels

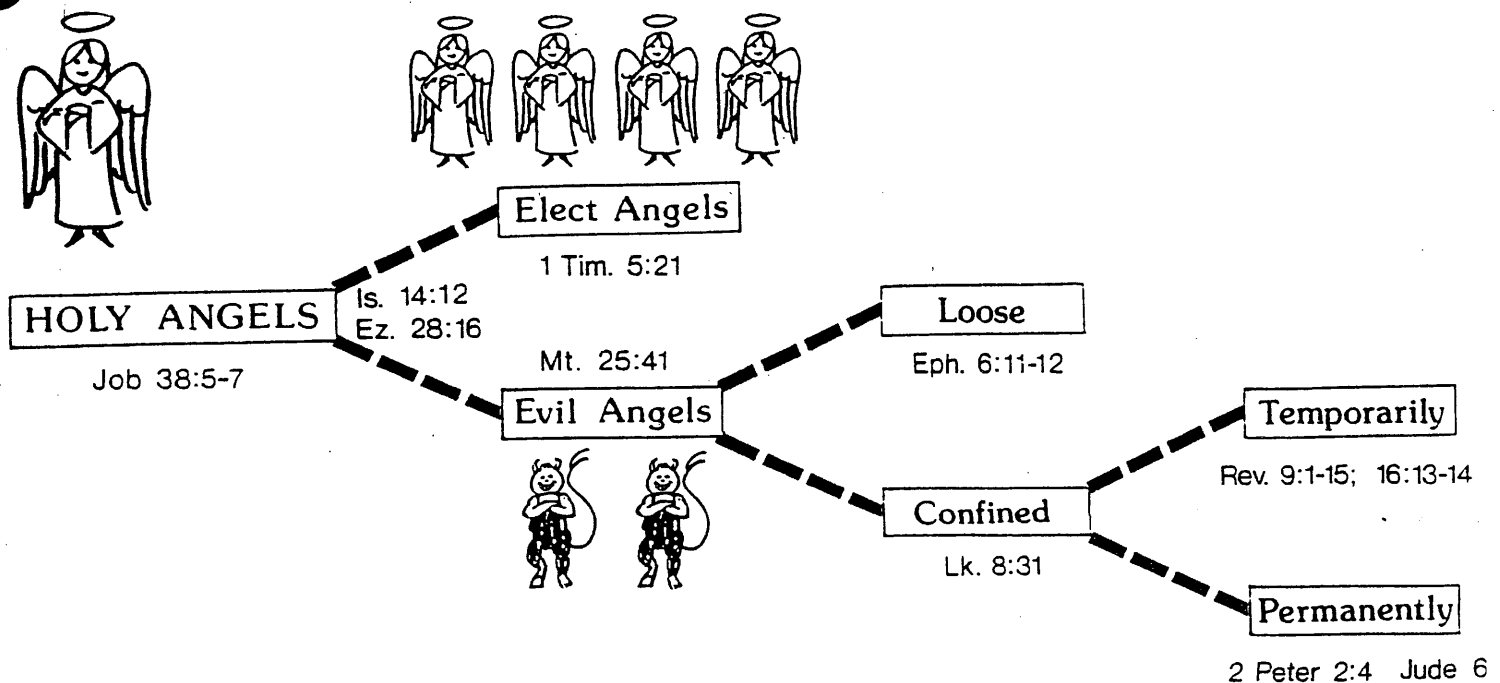
- 1d. Satan is an angel and is called the prince of demons:
Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
- 2d. Satan has angels which apparently are identical with demons:
Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.
- 3d. Satan has well-organized ranks of angels:
Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 4d. Some demons are confined already and some are loose to do Satan's work:

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

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2b. Their reality:

1c. Their attestation in Scripture:

"That the New Testament writers believed firmly in the existence of demons is capable of ample proof. They declare their existence (Jas. 2:19; Rev. 9:20), describe their nature (Luke 4:33; Luke 6:18), and their activity (1Tim. 4:1, Rev. 16:14), mention their expulsion from human bodies (Luke 9:42), suggest their organization under Satan (Matt. 12:26; Eph. 6:12), and indicate their abode (Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:11), and point to their final doom (Matt. 25:41)" (Unger, *Biblical Demonology*, p. 36).

2c. Their acknowledgement by Christ:

1d. The biblical account:

"That Christ Himself shared the identical views of the biblical writers, though this fact is extensively denied, is subject to the same ample proof. He commanded His disciples to cast out demons (Mark 5:8), had complete power over them (Matt. 12:29) and viewed His conquest over them as over Satan (Luke 10:17-18)" (*Ibid.*).

2d. The logical alternatives:

- 1e. Christ accommodated Himself to the superstitious beliefs of His age.
- 2e. Christ was deceived.
- 3e. Christ or the Evangelists were deceivers.

3c. The assent of the Jews:

Even Christ's enemies accepted the reality of demons and no one denied that He cast them out.

3b. Their names:

1c. The Bible usage:

In the AV the word "demon" itself does not occur but these beings are variously designated by such terms as:

- 1d. "Devils"

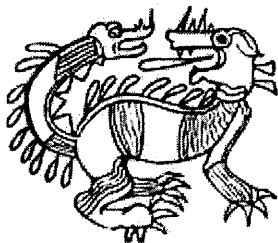
Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

2d. "Spirits"

Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

3d. "Unclean spirits"

Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.



4d. "Foul spirits"

Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

5d. "Evil spirits"

Luke 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.

2c. The derivation:

1d. Daimon

1e. Frequency:

Once in the critical text:

Matthew 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Four times in the Textus Receptus:

Mark 5:12

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

Luke 8:29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

Revelation 16:14

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world,

Dæmon, in Greek *δαίμων*, and its derivative *δαίμόνιον*, both rendered "devil" in the English version of the New Test.; in the original, however, they are carefully distinguished from the term *διάβολος*. See **DEVIL**. These two words, *δαίμων* and *δαίμόνιον*, are used as synonymous both by profane and sacred writers. The etymologies which the Greek authors themselves assign to them all point to some supposed characteristic of those *intelligent beings* to whom the words are applied. For example, Plato, in his *Cratylus* (i, 398, ed. Serran.), derives the word from *δαίμων*, "knowing" (of which, indeed, the form *δαίμων* is found in Archil. [B.C. 650]), in allusion to the superior intelligence and consequent efficiency ascribed to dæmons; Eusebius (*Præp. Evang.* iv, 5) from *δαιμαίνω*, "to be terrified;" others, as Proclus (*in Hesiod.*), from *δαίω*, "to distribute," because dæmons were supposed to assign the lots or destinies of mankind (in which case it would be similar to *Μοῖρα*). The subject is greatly encumbered with superstition.

to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

- 2e. Meaning
from dao, meaning "knowing" or "intelligent"
demons: beings who have superior knowledge to that of humans.

2d. Daimonion:

- 1e. Frequency: 59 times as devil(s)
1 time as god (Acts 17:18 "a setter forth of strange gods...")

2e. Meaning:

1f. To the pagans:

2f. To the Jews:

3d. Daimonizo:

4b. Their personality:

1c. Liberal denials:

Davies: so-called demonism is nothing more than "certain diseases superstitiously regarded as due to demonical influence."

2c. The biblical description:

1d. Their intellect:

- 1e. They recognize Jesus:
Mark 5:7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

- 2e. They construct doctrinal systems:
1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2d. Their emotions:



1e. Their impassionate pleas ("besought")
Matthew 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

2e. Their "trembling" in anticipation of judgment:
James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

3d. Their volition:

Their choice of the alternative of entering the swine:
Matthew 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Luke 8:32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

As Smith so succinctly remarks, "Diseases do not speak as did the demon who cried out, 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou son of the most high God?' (Mk. 5:7)." ("The New Testament Doctrine of Demons," *Grace Theological Journal*, X, April 1969, 38).

5b. Their nature:

1c. They are spirit beings:

1d. They are called spirit beings:



Mt. 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Mk. 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

cf. Lk. 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Lk. 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Lk. 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Lk. 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

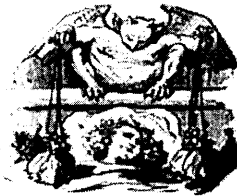
2d. They are described as spirit beings:

Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

"the spirit of an unclean demon" is a genitive of apposition, lit. **"the spirit, namely an unclean demon."**

3d. They crave embodiment:

Lk. 11: 23-26 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. ²⁴When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. ²⁵And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. ²⁶Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.



This is never said of angels. Demons are depraved spirits who either seek the gratification of their sensual desires by embodiment, or who can best further their satanic program by embodiment.

(Jn. 13:27) And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

2c. They are intelligent beings:

Lk. 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

They understand who Christ is and know of their own doom.

3c. They are powerful beings:

1d. They cause deformities:

Lk. 13:11-17 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. ¹²And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. ¹³And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and

be healed, and not on the sabbath day. ¹⁵The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? ¹⁷And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

2d. They give supernatural strength:

Mk. 5:4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

Lk. 8:29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

4c. They are immoral beings:

1d. They are unclean spirits:

Lk 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Lk. 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

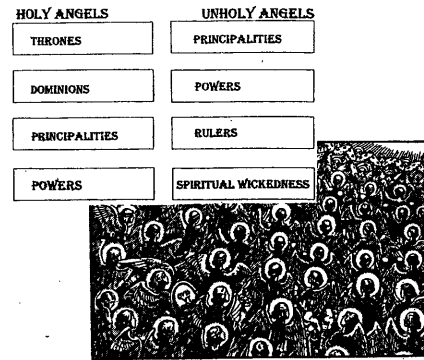
Lk. 6:18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Lk. 8:29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

Lk. 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

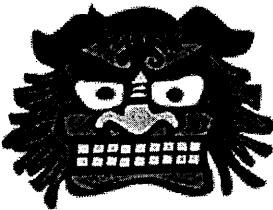


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EHP. 6: 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- 2d. They are evil spirits:
Lk. 7:21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.



Lk. 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

The actions of the demonized seem to indicate that the unclean "spirit takes possession in some instances for the purposes of sensual gratification, and uses every type of uncleanness. This may explain the desire of the possessed to live in a state of nudity, to have licentious thoughts (Luke 8:27), and to frequent such places as tombs." (Unger, *Biblical Demonology*, p. 67).

2A. THE ACTIVITY OF DEMONS

1b. Their activity in relation to Christ:

1c. Active opposition:

"The coming of Christ was a signal to a general counter-offensive on the part of the forces of hell. The Gospels give the impression that a multitude of evil spirits had gotten together in Palestine to oppose the Savior's ministry and to turn men's attention to themselves. There was indeed much at stake. After having unsuccessfully tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Satan, by mobilizing all his allies, tried to set up an obstacle before Him. This diabolical frenzy went on right up to the pages in the book of the Acts. . . and far beyond." (Rene Pache, *The Future Life*, p. 143).

2c. Immediate confession:

Lk. 4:34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

Wherever Christ went, demons acknowledged Him as the Messiah, so much so, that Christ had to silence them:

Mk. 1:34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Lk. 4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

3c. Occasional promotion of God's purposes:

2 Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

(See also 1 Cor. 5:5—The offending church member is to be delivered to Satan for the destruction of the flesh.)

1 Kings 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

1 Sam. 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

2b. Their activity in relation to men:

1c. Demonic oppression:

Lk. 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

2c. Physical diseases:

1d. Blindness:

Mt. 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

2d. Deformity:

Lk. 13:11-12 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. ¹²And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

3c. Personal injury:



Lk. 9:39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

Mk. 9:26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

4c. Moral attacks:

1d. Unclean thoughts and actions:

Lk. 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

2d. Immoral activities:

1 Tim. 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ²Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; ³Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

2c. Demonic opposition:

1d. By means of promoting idolatry:

1 Cor. 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

2d. By means of instigating jealousy, faction, and pride.

James 3:13-16 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

3d. By means of using prophecy:

Acts 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: ¹⁷The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. ¹⁸And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

- 4d. By means of furthering apostasy:
 1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

3c. Demonic possession:

1d. The theological definition:

1e. Description of demon possession:

"Demon possession means a demon residing in a person, exerting direct control and influence over that person, with certain derangement of mind and/or body. Demon possession is to be distinguished from demon influence or demon activity in relation to a person. The work of a demon in the latter is from the outside; in demon possessing it is from within. By this definition a Christian cannot be possessed by a demon since he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. However, a believer can be the target of demonic activity to such an extent, that he may give the appearance of demon possession" *Ryrie Study Bible*, KJV, p. 1838.

2e. Definition of demon possession:

"Thus demon possession means the residing of a demon in a person, periodically or permanently, controlling and influencing the person's thought, feeling and action."

2d. The main characteristics:

- 1e. Demon possession involves the residing of a demon or demons in the person.
- 2e. Those who are thus afflicted express the mind and consciousness of the demon or demons indwelling them.
 Mk. 1:23-26 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. ²⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. ²⁶And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.
- Mk. 5:6-12 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, ⁷And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most

high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
⁸For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. ⁹And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.
¹⁰And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. ¹¹Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. ¹²And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

- 3e. Demonism is clearly and repeatedly distinguished from disease:

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Mt. 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

- 4e. Demons possess children as well as adults:

Lk. 9:42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

- 5e. The fact that demons seek rest and find none once they had left a person implies that they cannot possess just anyone. Some willingness or yieldedness by the subject may be necessary.

Mt. 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Lk. 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

- 6e. It is possible to be possessed by more than one demon:

Lk. 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

Lk. 11:26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Lk. 8:30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

cf. Mk. 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

- 7e. Possession can be overcome permanently and instantly only by faith in the power of Christ:

Lk. 9:41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

Lk. 9:49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

Lk. 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

- 3d. The Synoptic illustration:
Lk. 8:26-39
Mt. 8:28-34
Mk. 5:1-20

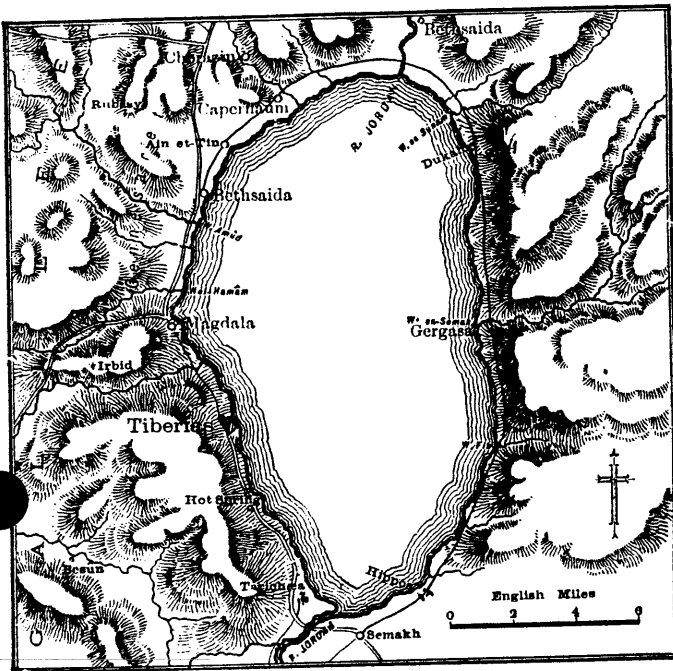
All three Synoptics record what may be called the classic case of demon possession which reveals all the characteristics of possession. Dr. Kurt Koch, a German pastor and psychiatrist, has listed these marks in terms of modern psychiatry. He discusses the Marcan account:

- v. 2: possessed with an unclean spirit
- v. 3: accelerated motoric—no one can bind him
- v. 4: paroxysm—he breaks shackles and strikes himself with stones.
- v. 6: disintegration—desire of help and fear of help
- v. 7: resistance—defense against Jesus
- v. 7: hyperesthesia—he recognized the deity of Jesus and His omnipotence
- v. 9: psychic variations—change of voice
- v. 12: occult transference—entrance into swine
(*Christian Counseling and Occultism*, p. 226.)

- 4d. Possible identification of demon possession:



THE HILL COUNTRY ROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE.



MAP OF THE LAKE OF GALILEE.

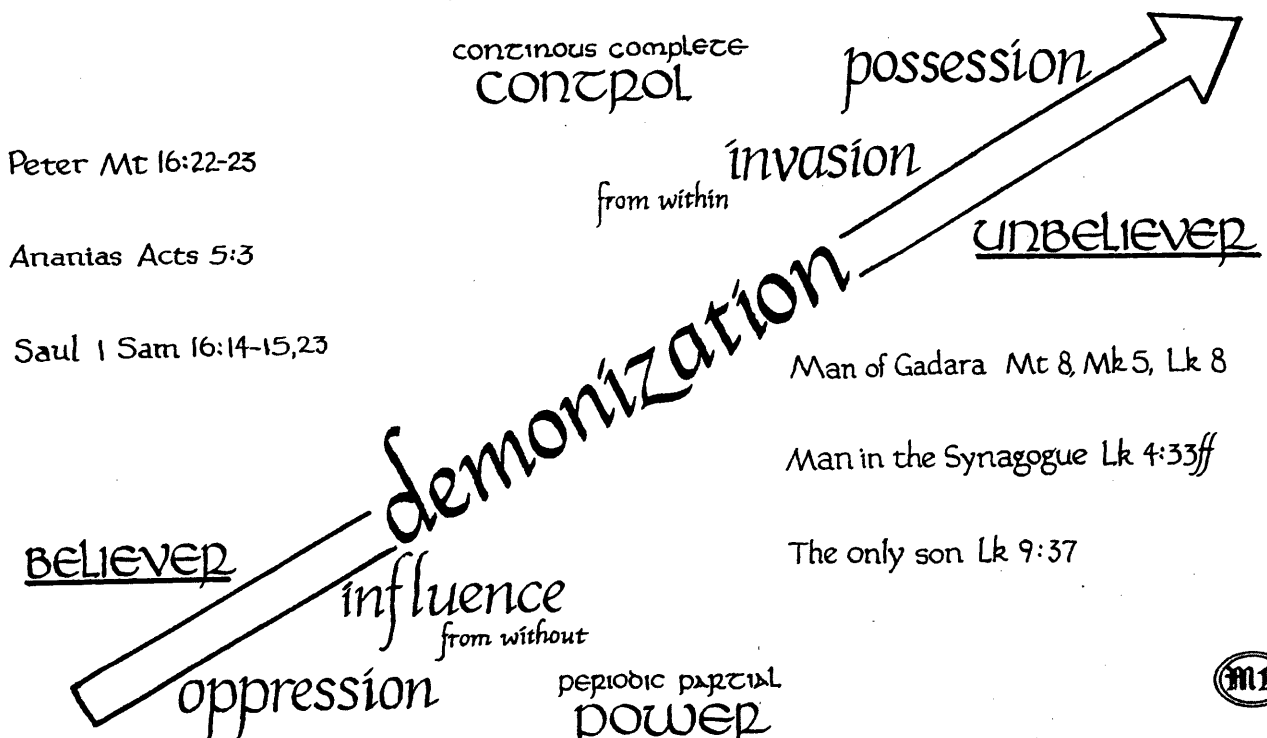


JESUS CASTS OUT THE EVIL SPIRITS.



- 1e. Spurious admission of certain individuals: Persons who claim to be demon possessed usually are not.
- 2e. Strict aversion to godly activities: A demonized individual cannot endure Bible reading or prayer, whereas a mentally deranged person is generally calmed by these activities.
- 3e. Sudden agitation at the name of Christ: A demonized individual reacts violently to the name of Christ.
- 4e. Supernatural abilities of physical or mental nature: A demonized individual frequently displays supernatural strength or superhuman mental ability.
- 5e. Spiritual awareness in the Spirit-controlled saint: The indwelling Holy Spirit will alert the believer to a demonic presence. The Spirit causes "spiritual alarm bells" to go off in the believer when he is in the presence of demons.
- 5d. The human subjects:
It is best to use the biblical term "demonized," rather than demon possession.
- 1e. The unsaved as subjects of demon possession or invasion:
- 2e. The saved as subjects of demon oppression or influence:

CAN A CHRISTIAN BE DEMON POSSESSED ?





1A. Distinctives of demon possession: (Mark 5)

- 1b. Unclean _____: v. 2-3
- 2b. Unusual _____: v. 3
- 3b. Continuous _____: v. 4
- 4b. Abnormal _____: v. 5
- 5b. Paradoxical _____: v. 6
- 6b. Superior _____: v. 7
- 7b. Paralyzing _____: v. 10

2A. Discernment of demon possession:

- 1b. The individual who claims to be demon possessed is not.
- 2b. Display of supernatural power or intelligence
- 3b. Resistance to _____ and _____
- 4b. The believer's spiritual _____ is triggered by the _____

3A. Deliverance from demon possession:

- 1b. Determine the _____ which caused demonic possession.
- 2b. Confess any known _____
- 3b. Secure the regular _____ of _____ believers.
- 4b. Rely on the superior power of the Holy Spirit.

6d. The cure of demon possession:

- 1e. Find the reason for demon possession: Demonization is the result of sin. The individual needs to confess that particular sin and turn in faith to the Savior who gives power to forsake the sin.
- 2e. Follow the recommendation of gifted individuals: The most important remedy for demon possession are the fervent, frequent prayers of "a circle or *band of faithful Christians*, who regard themselves responsible for the support of the pastor toward these afflicted." (Koch, p. 274, italics in the original.)

Both unbelievers and believers can be demonized. The believer has the triune God indwelling him and therefore has the power to overcome demonization. An unbeliever can be totally controlled by a demon so that the demon's

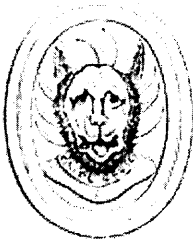
DEMON POSSESSION



- 1A. Distinctives of demon possession: (Mark 5)
 - 1b. Unclean habits: v. 2-3
 - 2b. Unusual ability: v. 3
 - 3b. Continuous movement: v. 4
 - 4b. Abnormal sounds: v. 5
 - 5b. Paradoxical behavior: v. 6
 - 6b. Superior intelligence: v. 7
 - 7b. Paralyzing fear: v. 8
- 2A. Discernment of demon possession:
 - 1b. The individual who claims to be demon possessed is not.
 - 2b. Display of supernatural power or intelligence
 - 3b. Resistance to Bible reading and prayer
 - 4b. The believer's spiritual alarm is triggered by the Holy Spirit.
- 3A. Deliverance from demon possession:
 - 1b. Determine the sin which caused demonic possession.
 - 2b. Confess any known sin.
 - 3b. Secure the regular intercession of mature believers.
 - 4b. Rely on the superior power of the Holy Spirit.

voice and personality can dominate, something not likely for the believer.

7d. The problematic evaluation of demon possession:



Alex Konya had an extremely helpful discussion of demon possession and exorcism. It seems to be worthwhile to reproduce the entire section from his excellent book.

Present-day "exorcisms" can be explained in four ways. First, problems may be falsely attributed to demon possession when, in fact, the source of such problems may be found elsewhere. The most common mistakes relating to false identification usually involve the failure to recognize mental derangement or the fallen nature of man. Certain kinds of mental disorders, for example, may manifest themselves in bizarre or violent behavior, terrible fears or hallucinations; yet the problem may be unrelated to demonism. Here are some Biblical examples of gross moral sin or bizarre behavior not due to demon possession: Lot's incest with his own daughters (Gen. 19:30-38); homosexuality and the rape of a woman by the Benjamites (Judg. 19:29,30); and the murder of seventy half-brothers by Abimelech (Judg. 9:1-5). These were terrible and even bizarre acts, but they apparently were the result of man's wicked sinful nature, not demon possession. Human depravity is terrible indeed, but it must not be confused with demonization.

Second, demons themselves may mislead by deliberately and voluntarily leaving their victims, thus creating a false impression of being cast out. Cases in point are the exorcists of Mathew 12:27 and other exorcists such as the sons of Sceva. There is no way apart from Scripture to determine if a demon's departure is faked or if he really is compelled to leave. Demons may voluntarily depart to further their own purposes or to promote false recognition in association with *any* ministry.

Third, many so-called Biblical exorcisms may in fact be more correctly understood to be prayers for *divine* compulsion to remove these evil spirits from their victims. Many protracted prayer-battles fall into this category. These experiences, which are sometimes valid, are incorrectly called "Biblical exorcism," when in fact they bear little resemblance to the demonic expulsions performed by Jesus and the apostles. We have no reason to believe that Jesus cannot sovereignly cast demons out even today, when earnest believers call upon Him to deliver the hapless victims of demonization. This is not, however, a display of casting out demons as it was in the New Testament. It is a different phenomenon.

Fourth, some present-day exorcisms may be explained by the power of suggestion. It is interesting to observe that certain types of "demon possession" sometimes seem to follow exorcists who warn about the dangers of these kinds of possessions. A sincere Christian counselor who works with the demonic mentioned in passing that most of his counselees had already suspected a demonic source to their problems when they came to him. This suggests a possible subliminal conditioning to finding a demonic source to problems among at least some counselees.

(*Demons, A Biblically Based Perspective*, pp. 91-92)

3b. Their activity in relation to animals:

Mt. 8:28-34

Mk. 5:1-20

Lk. 8:26-39

The case of the Gadarene demoniac vividly demonstrates that demons can indwell, terrify and destroy animals.

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DES MOINES TRIBUNE

Mon., June 12, 1978

Berkowitz terms total 315 years in 13 shootings

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — After a friend of one of his victims screamed, "You're gonna burn in hell," "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz was sentenced today to a total of 315 years for six murders and seven wounding. Under state law, he could be paroled in 30 years.

In rapid appearances before trial court judges from three New York boroughs, Berkowitz was given consecutive 25-year-to-life sentences for the six murders in the random shooting rampage that terrorized the city for a year.

He received additional sentences for the woundings.

Ira Jultak, one of Berkowitz's attorneys, said an appeal would be filed within 30 days on grounds that Berkowitz was not competent to be tried, enter a plea or be sentenced.

Berkowitz, 25, first appeared to be sentenced for the murder of his last victim, Stacy Moskowitz. After sentencing was pronounced in that case, Daniel Carrique, a friend of the

Moskowitz family, bolted from his courtroom seat and went screaming after Berkowitz.

However, guards in the court building, which was overflowing with heavy security measures, got to Carrique and carried him from the courtroom. He was arrested and was to be charged with assault and obstruction of government administration, a court officer said.

Then, Justices Nicholas Tsoucalas of Queens and William Kapelman of the Bronx took the bench and completed the one-hour session. It brought, at least for a moment, an end to the rampage that began July 29, 1976, and ended Aug. 11, 1977, when he was arrested outside his suburban Yonkers apartment.

Berkowitz appeared somber and docile as he entered the courtroom manacled and wearing a blue suit and open shirt. He did not break into the wild outbursts that forced postponement of a similar session last month.

Justice Joseph Corso informed the



David Berkowitz
Attorneys plan appeal

court that a psychiatric examination filed last Thursday found Berkowitz competent to be sentenced.

Twice, Corso asked Berkowitz if he wanted to address the court. Berkowitz answered, "No," and "No, sir."

Corso then imposed sentence for the July 31, 1977, murder of Moskowitz, 20. Corso also sentenced Berkowitz to 25 years sentence for the wounding of Robert Violante, Moskowitz' date who lost one eye and most of his sight in the other eye when Berkowitz opened fire as they sat parked on a Brooklyn lovers' lane.

It was after both sentences were imposed that Carrique, a family friend who has accompanied Moskowitz' mother, Neysa, to the hearings, leaped to his feet and charged toward Berkowitz.

The guards lifted Carrique off the floor and carried him horizontally from the courtroom.

Outside the courtroom, Neysa Moskowitz said of Berkowitz, "I want him dead."

She said she was not satisfied with the sentence and called for the restoration of capital punishment in New York State.

Berkowitz signed himself "Son of Sam" in notes sent to a newspaper columnist before his capture. The reference evidently was to a neighbor of Berkowitz's, Sam Carr, through whose dog Berkowitz said he got messages ordering him to kill.

Judge Kapelman asked Berkowitz whether he or the demons had entered the guilty pleas. "They had some influence," Berkowitz said. "That's what the demons want."

Kapelman said he desired "that this defendant remain in jail for life, until the very day of his death."

The final matter was disposition of Berkowitz's claim that he set 2,000 fires in New York City between 1974

B2 s Mon., Apr. 13, 1981 Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Could a Demon Make Him Do It?

It is a case within a case. In addition to the Warrens, who have an arguable commercial interest in the matter, it involves clergy of the Catholic Church, a family that seems utterly convinced of the devil's presence in their house and a defense attorney who intends to force evidence of that influence onto the court. "The courts have dealt with the existence of God," says Martin Minella, the attorney. "Now they're going to have to deal with the existence of the devil."

The case arises at a time when there is a growing belief across the nation in various forms of the occult. The publishing and movie industries in the last several years have become factories of books and films about the supernatural. A national Gallup Poll taken 15 months ago for the journal Christianity Today showed that 34 percent of adults believe that "the devil is a personal being, who directs evil forces and influences people who do wrong."

That is essentially the defense being offered here for

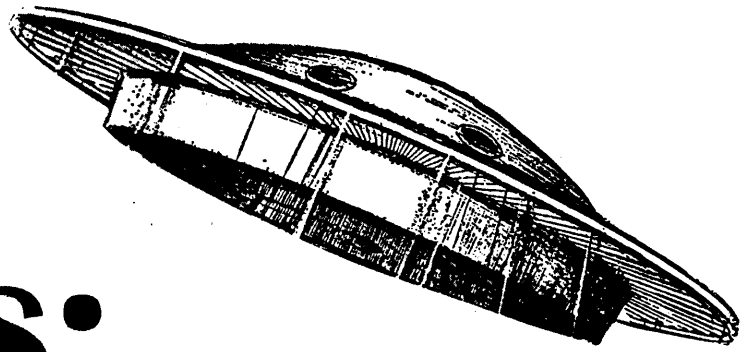
Johnson. A compact, muscular youth with wispy blond hair, he has no prior criminal record, and it appears that the only witnesses to the slaying are his two younger sisters and his 26-year-old girlfriend, Deborah Glatzel. The slaying reportedly took place after Johnson, Glatzel and Bono, all friends, had returned from lunch. An argument ensued and Bono was stabbed.

Glatzel is saying that the killing was literally the devil's work — that Johnson had become possessed while trying to help free her younger brother from being possessed. There are others who are saying the same, and they have what they say is evidence.

"Look at this one," Glatzel said one recent day. She pushed a color snapshot across the table. It showed her brother, an obese and mop-haired boy of 12, lying on his back on the floor with a sloppy expression on his face. Kneeling over him, pressing a crucifix from a chain around his neck onto the boy's forehead, was Johnson, whom she calls Cheyenne. The next photograph seems to show Johnson trying to hold the boy down, and the crucifix, with its chain broken, is lying on the floor.

Those and a stack of other photographs and tape recordings, Glatzel and the boy's mother say, were made in the months since last July, as four Catholic priests, the Warrens, the boy's family and Johnson all worked to free the boy from what the family had come to regard as possession by the devil.

"He would kick, bite, spit, swear — terrible words," his mother, Judy, said. Worse, she said, he experienced strangling attempts by invisible hands which he tried to pull from his neck, and powerful forces would flop him rapidly head to toe like a rag doll. "And he can't even do a sit-up," she said. "He's too fat."



UFOs:

A DEMONOLOGY CONNECTION?

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UFO'S: A DEMONOLOGY CONNECTION?

1A. THE PROOFS FOR UFO'S

1b. Visual evidence:

1c. Kenneth Arnold: June 24, 1947, Mt. Rainier:

The age of the flying saucer began for Americans on June 24, 1947. Pilot Kenneth Arnold was flying a private plane near Mt. Rainier, Washington when he observed a chain of nine peculiar-looking objects flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet. Describing the objects that evening to a newspaper reporter, Arnold said that they "flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." That was the origin of the term "flying saucers." Since then there have been tens of thousands of reports of strange objects in the sky.

2c. Arthur Godfrey:

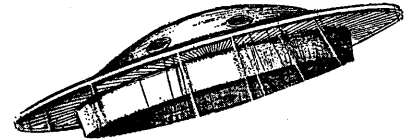
Godfrey was one of the major entertainers two generations ago. Each Monday he piloted his plane from Virginia into New York City. He reports being accompanied on several occasions by strange non-aircraft-like crafts flying intermittently on his right then left wingtips. He refused to speculate what the unidentified objects might have been.

3c. Betty and Barney Hill, Portsmouth, NH:

The experience of the Hills has been considered for many years by believers as a classic close contact of the UFO sightings. The Hills, both middle-aged at the time of the incident, were partners in a mixed marriage: she was white, he was black. In September 1961 they returned by car from a vacation in Canada to their home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Somehow the trip took about two hours longer than it should have taken. Beset by a number of emotional problems subsequently, both testified separately under hypnosis that they encountered a UFO parked on the lonely country road. The human-like creatures from the craft took Betty and Barney on board and gave them a series of physical tests before releasing them. Through mental telepathy they were told that they would not recall the incident.



4c. Jimmy Carter and the Governor of Ohio:



While Governor of Georgia, before becoming President of the USA, Jimmy Carter testified in October 1969 that he witnessed a UFO. As a former nuclear scientist, he could not explain the sighting.

5c. Astronaut James McDivitt:

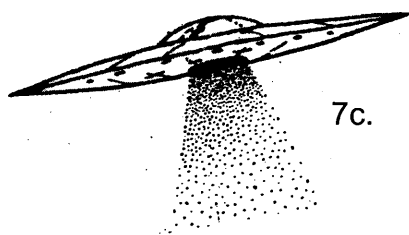
On a Dallas radio show, he gave testimony that he and the other astronauts, while flying over Australia, viewed a strange craft which was also tracked by radar from western to eastern Australia. He did not believe that it was of human origin.

6c. The Roswell incident:

Sometime during the first week of July 1947, a local New Mexican rancher near Roswell discovered a considerable amount of debris scattered over a large area of his ranch. After he notified the authorities, military personnel from nearby Roswell Army Airfield closed out the area and retrieved the wreckage. On the morning of July 8, 1947, Colonel William Blanchard, Commander of the 509th Bomb Group, issued a press release stating that the wreckage of a "crashed disk" (UFO) had been recovered. The UFO discovery made headlines in over 30 US afternoon newspapers that same day.

Within hours the Air Force rescinded the first press release and charged the initial investigators with an enormous blunder of identifying a weather balloon and its radar reflector as the wreckage of a "crashed disk."

In recent years the government has given two additional and contradictory explanations in an effort to explain away the reported UFO incident.



For a detailed report see <http://www.cufos.org/ros2.html>

7c. The Rendlesham Forest incident:

In December 2002 the British government, after a lengthy cover-up, released the eyewitness accounts by US Air Force officers at a military base near Rendlesham Forest, near Ipswich in Suffolk, southeastern England, who saw a brilliantly lit object land in the forest in December 1980.

A report by the American Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt of the US Air Force, is reproduced in the appendix. The news release about the Rendlesham Forest UFO sighting can be read at <http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc664.htm>



8c. Sightings by responsible personnel:

On the night of November 17, 1989, the crew of a JAL 747 cargo plane reported seeing an object near them at the altitude of 30,000 feet, over Alaska, "two times bigger than an aircraft carrier." (See the *Newsweek* report in the appendix.)

9c. Sightings around the world:

Numerous UFO sightings are reported in countries around the world. In 1991 the Belgian Ministry of Defense released radar tapes from two Belgian Air Force F-16s that had been scrambled to pursue a UFO detected by four ground-based radar stations. The object was also seen by numerous citizens and by police.

2b. Pictorial evidence:

1c. Photographs:

2c. Films:

3b. Material Evidence:

1c. Crafts or parts of crafts:

2c. Occupants:

3c. Landing traces:

Encounters with UFOs are sometimes cataloged the following way:

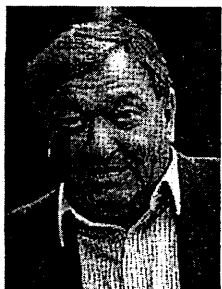
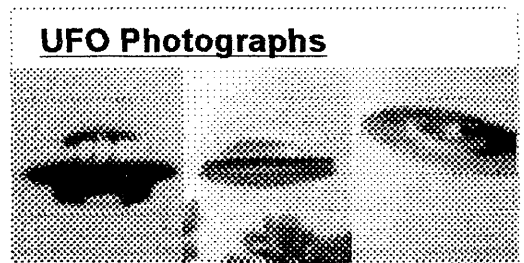
- 1—Close encounters of the first kind: less than 500 feet from the observer.
- 2—Close encounters of the second kind: record of a visit or encounter with the UFO.
- 3—Close encounters of the third kind: presence of animated creatures.

2A. THE POPULARIZING OF UFO'S:

1b. John Fuller: *The Interrupted Journey, Incident at Exeter*

2b. Charles Berlitz: *The Bermuda Triangle* (See book review in the appendix.)

3b. Erich von Däniken: ("von Däniken is not a scholar but an autodictat")
Chariots of the Gods



DDP
Erich von Däniken:

(Clifford Wilson has capably answered this book with his engaging
Crash Go the Chariots.)

Gods from Outer Space

The Gold of the Gods

In Search of Ancient Gods, etc.

***Chariots of the Gods: Unsolved
Mysteries of the Past***
by Erich Von Daniken,

4b. J. Allen Hynek, the late Director of NW University Dearborn Observatory:

5b. Films:

- 1c. Star Wars
- 2c. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
- 3c. Return from Witch Mountain
- 4c. Star Trek
- 5c. E.T.
etc.

Area 51 / S4 / Dreamland Category : Government Conspiracies

One of the most well known Government Cover-ups of the present day - the existence of an alleged top secret military base in North America, known as "Area 51" or "Area S4". Situated 95 miles north of Las Vegas near dried up "Groom Lake", the base is surrounded by mystery and intrigue, and is believed by some to be used by the US Military to reverse-engineer captured Alien Technology.

The Area 51 Legacy

In the past the base was used as a testing ground for previously top secret military projects such as the U2, F117A and SR-71.



However in recent years, incredibly fast and advanced airborne craft have been sighted by hundreds of witnesses over the Area51 test ground "AreaS4", which clearly exceed all of humankind's current technological abilities.

This, along with reports of Alien Bodies and other strange Extraterrestrial artifacts witnessed by those who have worked at the base, has now lead many to believe that Area51 houses much more than a few new test aircraft.

3A. THE POSSIBILITIES CONCERNING UFO'S

- 1b. Scientific hoax
- 2b. Natural phenomena
- 3b. Interplanetary crafts
- 4b. Intergalactical objects
- 5b. Earthbound civilizations
- 6b. Secret weapons
- 7b. A real mental vision as a substitute for God
- 8b. Ultradimensional beings

4A. THE PERCEPTION OF UFOS:

It is an extremely interesting and telling *Life* magazine poll, published in *Life* in its March 2000 issue, indicates that about half of America's population believe that UFOs are real and about 6 per cent of America's population claims to have seen UFOs.

LIFE UFO POLL

1. Do you think there is intelligent life somewhere in the universe, other than on Earth, or not?

Yes	54%
No	32%
Not sure*	14%

4. In your opinion, are UFOs real or just the product of people's imaginations?

Real	43%
Imaginary	42%
Not sure*	15%

5. Have you or anyone you know ever seen a UFO, or haven't you?

Yes, personally	6%
Yes, someone I know	13%
No	79%
Not sure*	2%

5A. THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING UFOS:

1b. The Astronomical problems:

1c. Distances to the stars:

There are 100 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy.
There are 100 billion galaxies in the universe.
There are one million planets supposedly inhabited.

2c. Difficulties of space travel:

The nearest star, Proxima Centauri, is 4.3 light years away. One light year equals 6 trillion miles. At the speeds of 17,500 MPH it would take about 170,000 years for a craft from our nearest star to reach us.

If UFOs are interested in earth's technology developed in the last 40 years, they must have had an advanced knowledge of that for 169,960 years.

Theoretically it could be, of course, that a civilization more advanced than ours would have developed means of transportation faster than the speed of light.

Many clear-thinking scientists discount the possibility of space travel:

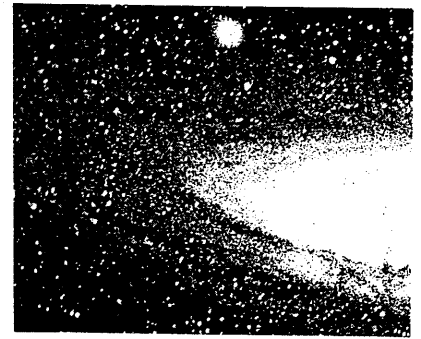


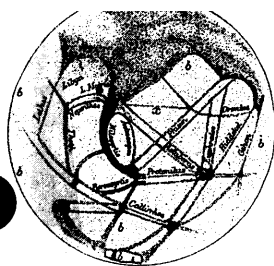
Interstellar travel, it seems to us, will be enormously difficult for any community, no matter how advanced. The probability of its occurrence in sparsely populated parts of the galaxy is remote. The idea that Earth is under more or less constant, or even sporadic, surveillance by interstellar spacecraft, whose crews have gone to very great lengths to get here and who do not then reveal themselves to us, is, simply, preposterous.

(Menzel, Donald H. & Ernest H. Taves, *The UFO Enigma—the Definitive Explanantion of the UFO Phenomenon*, Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1977, p. 209.)

3c. Discoveries in space:

Space exploration on earth's planets such as Mars has indicated that there apparently is no life, though scientists have supposed





that most certainly rudimentary forms of life would be present at least on Mars. Recent Mars probes may have found evidence that water formerly existed on Mars, but their conclusion that therefore life may have evolved is unscientific, wishful thinking.

4c. Dismissals that life exists elsewhere:



Marsmensch, Marskanäle*

Two scientists, Peter D. Ward and Donald C. Brownlee, in their book *Rare Earth* (2000) say the conventional wisdom is wrong. Life does not exist in distant galaxies, only on this planet.

Drawing on new findings in astronomy, geology and paleontology, the two argue that humans might be alone, at least in the immediate neighborhood of the cosmos. Modern science is showing that earth's composition and stability are extraordinarily rare. Most everywhere else, the radiation levels are too high, the right chemical elements too rare in abundance, the hospitable planets too few in number and the rain of killer rocks too intense for life ever to have evolved into advanced communities (*New York Times*, Tuesday, February 8, 2000, P. D1).

2b. Biblical problems:

1c. The silence of Scripture:

While some have seen evidence of UFOs in passages such as Ezekiel 1, it is better to understand them as angelic beings. Furthermore, there are no references in the Bible to life on other planets.

2c. The questions of theologians:

If there are other life forms in the universe:

- 1—Are these extraterrestrial beings fallen creatures?
- 2—Did Christ die for them?
- 3—What is their destiny?
- 4—Where is the biblical support?



6A. THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BIBLE:

1b. The earth is a special creation of God: Isa. 45:18

For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and *there is no other*."

2b. The sun, moon, and stars were created for man's benefit: Gen. 1:16-18

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

3b. The earth alone seems to be inhabited: Ps. 115:16

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

4b. The biblical doctrine of man shows him to be a direct creation from the hand of God:

Mt. 19:4 (Mark 10:6) And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female.

Man did not evolve through lower forms of life. And there is no evidence that life would evolve elsewhere.

5b. The Scriptures give a detailed revelation concerning all of God's creation:

1c. The division of Psalm 8

PSALM 8

Creation 1-3

Humiliation 4-5

Exaltation 6-9

--The universe is created by God (v.3)

--The universe is put under man's dominion (v.6)

--The universe includes 3 and only 3 life forms outside of God:

2c. The doctrine: God's creation & creatures

1d. Implications:

1e. Divine life:

2e. Angelic life:

3e. Human life:

4e. Lower life:

1f. Creatures of the air:

2f. Creatures of the land:

3f. Creatures of the sea:

2d. Inference:

1e. Since God never mentions any other creatures besides those, it stands to reason that there are no other living beings.

To the chief Musician upon Git'-tith,
A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

2e. There are only two eternal abodes for God's creatures.

1f. The Lake of Fire: For the Devil, his angels, and unrepentant sinners, (Mt. 25:41).

2f. The New Jerusalem: For God, the holy angels, and the redeemed of all the ages, (Heb. 12:22).

God will eternally reside with men on this earth. There are only two eternal places for God's creatures: the Lake of Fire and the New Jerusalem. Any additional beings from distant planets or galaxies do not fit into the biblical framework.

7A. A PROPOSAL CONCERNING UFOS:

1b. The evaluation of the data:

1c. The categorization of UFO sighting reports:

CATEGORY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Astronomical	479	21.8
Aircraft	474	21.6
Balloon	339	15.4
Other	233	10.6
UNKNOWN	434	19.7
Insufficient information	240	10.9
TOTAL	2,199	100%

(Davidson, L., *Flying Saucers: An Analysis of Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14*, 4th Edition Rev., 1971).

2c. The conclusions thus far:

1d. UFOs are not crafts from this earth because their flight patterns and characteristics are beyond earth's present technology.

The so-called **alien visitations** and **alien abductions** should be treated separately from the well-attested sightings of unidentified crafts. The concept of extraterrestrial aliens may well be the product of **psychologically-challenged minds**

rather than real life experiences by individuals who see "something out there."

- 2d. UFOs are not crafts maneuvered by extraterrestrial civilizations because there is no scientific or biblical evidence life exists elsewhere in the universe.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had Sherlock Holmes say in "The Case of the Greek Interpreter": **"It is an old maxim of mine that whenever you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."**

If UFOs indeed exist, as evidence appears to indicate, and if they are neither of human nor of extraterrestrial origin, then the only possibility is that they be of divine or angelic origin. Since neither God nor the good angels would involve themselves in trite, trivial and sometimes terrifying maneuvers such as observed by radar and simultaneously by qualified observers (for instance our three Apollo astronauts); the only conclusion is that there is a demonology connection.

- 2b. The emergence of a demonology connection:



- 1c. Recent scientific publications stress the demonology connection of UFOs as a viable alternative.
- 2c. There is no life outside that revealed in the Bible: divine, angelic, human and animal.
- 3c. God and the holy angels would not be involved in UFO capers.
- 4c. Man is unable to produce the kind of crafts observed frequently.

****these crafts fly at times at 6000 mph without causing a sonic boom**

****these objects can make 90 or 180 degree turns at 3000 mph**

****UFO's can materialize then disappear at will**

- 5c. The only being apparently capable of producing these phenomena called UFOs are demons:

- 1—To strike terror in the hearts of men in the latter days.
 - 2—To bring confusion to those who are religiously minded.
 - 3—To accomplish certain nefarious purposes of their commander:
- "The prince of the power of the air" Eph. 2:2**

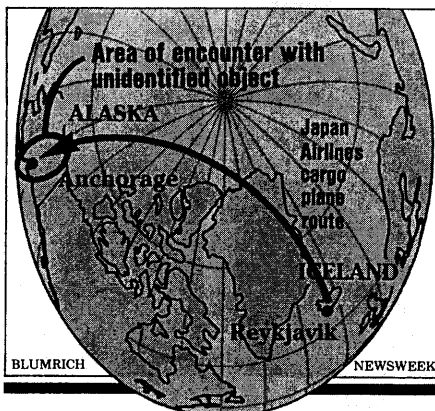


Strange Encounter Over Alaska

Was an FAA-confirmed sighting really a UFO?

It was big—bigger than anything known to fly, according to an experienced pilot who watched it from as little as eight miles off. It was fast—fast enough to keep pace with a 747 jet for half an hour as it flew over the empty Alaska wilderness. It was flanked by two smaller objects that maneuvered with it; together the three objects flashed a brilliant pattern of yellow, amber and green lights. And—if this sounds awfully familiar to connoisseurs of UFO tales—there is one thing that set this particular apparition apart: it may have shown up on radar.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration confirmed last week that some sort of sighting did take place aboard Japan Air Lines Flight 1628, much of what happened remains a mystery. The incident began on the evening of Nov. 17, with veteran pilot Kenjyu Terauchi, 47, at the controls of the JAL cargo plane, which was en route to Anchorage from Reykjavik, Iceland, the middle leg of a Europe-to-Tokyo flight. The weather was clear as the jet crossed the Beaufort Sea off Alaska's north coast. Suddenly Terauchi and his two fellow crew-



men spotted flashing lights moving alongside them—about eight miles off, at the plane's altitude of 35,000 feet. Terauchi radioed FAA controllers and received permission to descend to 31,000 feet. After a minute the controllers asked if the lights were still there. "It is descending in formation," the pilot replied.

Terauchi said he glimpsed the full craft only once, in profile. "It was a very big one—two times bigger than an aircraft carrier," he reported. He sketched it as walnut-shaped, with a wide flat rim and bulges above and below. According to FAA spokesman Paul Steucke of the Anchorage regional office, Terauchi located the object

with his own on-board weather radar. Both Air Force and civilian flight controllers reported briefly seeing echoes of what might have been another craft nearby the JAL flight. But when radar tapes covering the period were replayed by FAA investigators, Steucke says, the reported echoes could not be found. The Air Force, he added, is now attributing the supposed radar sightings to "clutter."

'A mystery': Approaching Fairbanks, Terauchi steered his plane in a 360-degree circle, but the object stayed with him, finally disappearing as the 747 approached Anchorage. FAA officials interviewed the crew on the ground and found them, in Steucke's words, "professional, rational, well-trained people." The FAA confirmed the incident after inquiries from Japanese reporters, who heard about it from a relative of one of the crewmen. But it has closed its inquiry into the sighting. "It's a mystery," Steucke concedes, "but, really, we have nothing here to investigate. The controller saw what he saw . . . As far as what it could be, on the extreme side it could have been the proverbial unknown object, or possibly military aircraft from the United States, Canada or some foreign country." As for Terauchi, he told a UPI reporter that he believes the object he saw over the Alaska sky that night must have come from another planet with a civilization far more advanced than ours. Only that can explain, he says lightly, their interest in his cargo: cases of French Beaujolais wine.

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National UFO Reporting Center

Sighting Report

Occurred : 3/25/2004 19:00 (Entered as : 03/25/2004 19:00)

Reported: 3/25/2004 5:47:27 PM 17:47

Posted: 3/28/2004

Location: Omaha, NE

Shape: Formation

Duration: 20 min

Air Traffic Controller receives a report from airline pilot of UFO's

I am an air traffic controller for Minneapolis Center. This evening at 1900 the pilot of an air carrier that was under my control reported two flights of two aircraft. There were no other aircraft in the vicinity at the time. He said they were 15 miles in front of him at 35,000 feet traveling away from him in a westerly direction. The UFO's stayed out in front of his aircraft for approximately 15 minutes until the pilot said that the UFO's were so far out in front of him that he could hardly see them anymore. After being relieved of my duties I reported it to my supervisor who put me in contact of the Military Air Defense. The person at the other end of the phone said that they saw no objects in the area of this aircraft.

((NUFORC Note: We have communicated multiple times with this witness, and FAA Air Traffic Controller, as well as with the Supervisor, alluded to above. They both confirm that no radar returns were visible on the Controller's radar screen at the time of the incident.

The case has been forwarded to the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomenon (<www.narcap.org>), whose Executive Director is Ted Roe, and whose Chief Scientist is Dr. Richard Haines, Ph.D., former Senior Research Scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in San Jose, CA. The case is under active investigation, and audio and radar data will be requested from the FAA with a Freedom of Information Act request.

We express our sincere gratitude to the personnel in the FAA who saw to it that the information was forwarded to our Center!! PD))

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13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

TO: RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.
2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.
3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

Charles I. Halt
CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

Officials continue search, but no trace of small plane

Pilot sights UFO before his disappearance

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) — The search for a small plane launched a

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planes sighted an oil slick about 18 miles off the coast but officials said it

reported a UFO was following him at 4,500 feet.

He described his pursuer as having "a bright light and sort of metallic light on the

Tuesday, October 24, 1978 .. was no air traffic

Aussie pilot reports UFO, disappears...

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Authorities were trying to determine Monday whether an oil slick

spotted in the sea south of Melbourne came from a light plane that vanished after its young pilot radioed that a large object hovering above him was not an aircraft.

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Air traffic controllers on the mainland reported he radioed at 7:06 p.m. that he could see four bright lights about 1,000 feet above him that appeared to be in the shape of a large aircraft. Whether any in the area and not.

Two minutes later he radioed: "It is approaching toward me. I need some sort of guidance. I cannot estimate its speed."

At 7:09 he radioed: "It is not an aircraft. It's ... " and radio contact was lost briefly. He was asked to identify the object.

"It is flying past. It is a long shape. I cannot identify more than that. It's coming for me right now," he said. At 7:10 he said: "It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside."

A few minutes later he reported that his plane's engine was idling roughly and coughing.

His last words before radio contact was lost were: "It is not an aircraft."

Searchers give up on plane

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) — Authorities Wednesday called off a ground, air and sea search for a pilot who vanished after radioing that his light plane was being pursued by an unidentified flying object.

A Federal Transport Department spokesman said eight civil aircraft and an air force reconnaissance Orion plane had searched 1,000 square miles of ocean without success for Frederick Valentich, 20, and his Cessna 182.

The spokesman said ships and planes crossing Bass Strait between Victoria and the island of Tasmania would be asked to watch for wreckage.

Valentich was flying the single-engine aircraft from Melbourne's suburban Moorabbin airport to King Island, 130 miles south of Melbourne, when he told air traffic controllers he was being followed by a strange craft.

He asked the Melbourne flight service unit whether there were any other planes flying below 5,000 feet in the area. Melbourne said no.

or into a steep bank and saw the reflection of his own light in the water.

An air force plane taking part in an air and sea search for Valentich found an oil slick in the strait Sunday, and oil from the plane was analyzed to determine aviation fuel.

Pilot reports UFO above, and then plane disappears

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that his plane's engine was idling roughly and coughing. His last words before radio contact were: "It is not an aircraft."

Air traffic controllers reported they then heard a noise on the radio. Valentich's parents said they believed their son was seized by an unidentified flying object (UFO). They discounted a theory, raised by an unidentified person, that the plane had somehow turned the plane upside down or into a steep bank and disappeared. They said the plane had some reflection of his own light in the water.

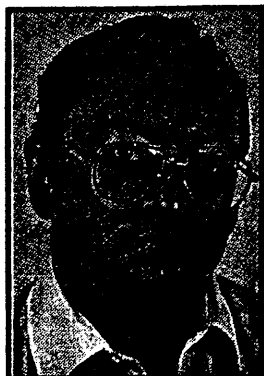
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The object eventually disappeared toward the Canadian border, where Canadian air force jets were on alert. There was no indication whether the Canadian planes spotted the object.

ET, Is That You?



Bob Dix/Union Leader



CONCORD'S UFO — This artist's recreation of what motorist Roger Cross, left, said he saw along Route 3A/South Main Street in Concord Tuesday night shows a huge triangular object with pulsating bluish-white lights disappearing over the tree line near Broadway. Other reports, starting about 6 p.m., came from people in Claremont, Newport, Bradford, Salisbury, Penacook and Concord and were of a similar object at a higher altitude, according to Cheryl A. Powell, an investigator for Mutual UFO Network. Cross, of Concord, spent about two hours yesterday with Union Leader artist Bob Dix describing what he saw about 7:50 p.m. This view looks west-northwest from where Cross pulled his car over on South Main Street near the Interstate 93 overpass. He described the object as flying just above the treetops, "awesome in size," and making a sound "like increasing rain on a summer night on a canvas tent." There was no turbine or jet whine, he said. Cross concedes there wasn't a lot of time to take in more detail of the object in the dark, but it was like nothing he has ever seen before.

► **UFO SIGHTINGS:** Michigan authorities are probing sightings of low-flying, brightly lighted objects last week by dozens of residents from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan. The National Weather Service also noted unusual radar trackings about the same time.

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Interest soars in recent UFO sighting over lake

► *A UFO group sends a team to investigate the sightings, which were picked up on radar.*

By Michael G. Walsh
Grand Rapids Press News Service

MUSKEGON — A West Michigan UFO sighting is prompting worldwide interest because the phenomenon was not only seen by several people but also was picked up on radar.

Walter Andrus, director of the Texas-based International Mutual UFO Network, said the radar verification is extremely rare.

"That's why we're especially interested in this case," Andrus said. Several MUFON investigators were to be in West Michigan this weekend to probe Monday's sighting.

"What impressed us most is that it was picked up on weather radar, 20 miles out in Lake Michigan, moving east to west," Andrus said.

"We're interested in knowing if anyone in (West Michigan) saw it pass over, then

we'd have a real confirmation," he said.

The case started about 10:15 p.m. Monday when a Holland police officer and others in Ottawa County noticed sets of red and green lights "oscillating" over Lake Michigan south of Holland.

At the same time, tower personnel at the Muskegon County Airport saw what they took to be aircraft flying in formation some 60 miles south, near South Haven.

Simultaneously, a National Weather Service operator picked up radar blips that found a fast-moving object near South Haven.

Leo Grenier, official in charge of operations at Muskegon's National Weather Service station, said the most interesting aspect of the phenomenon was the object's — or objects' — speed.

The radar blips zipped from South Haven to 10 miles west of the city, over Lake Michigan, in 10 seconds, Grenier said.

The speed is not beyond human ability. Modern military aircraft can fly even faster.

However, unlike known aircraft, the South Haven phenomenon could hover and was quiet. There were no sonic "booms" reported.

"To go out and hover over Lake Michi-

gan is not what aircraft would be able to do," Andrus said. "That's what becomes more interesting."

Unidentified flying objects are not a new phenomenon to West Michigan skies, but what they are remains a mystery.

A review of sightings over the past 40 years shows most occurred this time of year, of what people believed were spaceships over Lake Michigan or remote areas of West Michigan.

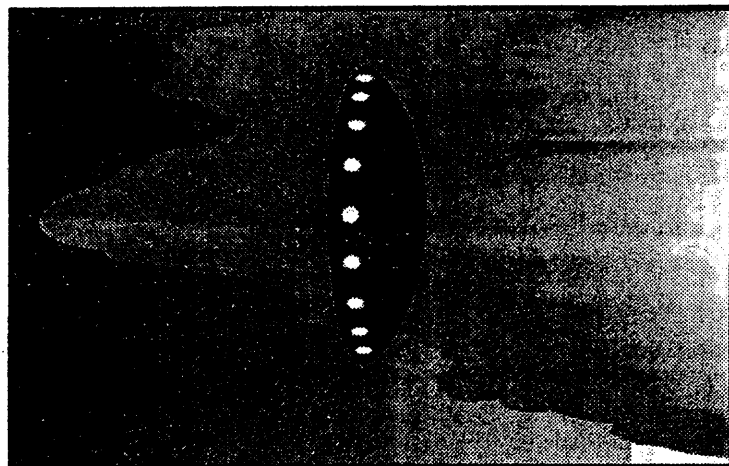
A few witnesses claimed they saw cylindrically shaped objects flying at incredible speeds. Most reported seeing mystic lights in the sky.

Andrus said 80 percent to 90 percent of reports MUFON receives "turn out to be something mundane after investigation."

Nonetheless, Andrus said, "we take our UFOs very seriously" and he has assigned a team to probe Monday's West Michigan sighting.

About one or two sightings take place in the region each year, according to Muskegon Chronicle files. However, between 1982 and 1993, none was reported.

Most of the reported sightings had natural explanations. A sighting last year, for example, turned out to be student pilots practicing their skills.



It sounds crazy, but this close encounter was too close for comfort

► When this many people report UFO sightings you know it's more than just some hopped-up Trekkies playing games.

For me, alleged sightings of UFOs have almost always conjured up the same humorous image — of the lon in "The Wizard of Oz" left alone in the forest to cower and stammer "I do believe in spooks, I do believe in spooks..."

Not anymore. There's something out there. Up there. Maybe it's our own government and maybe it's not. But it's definitely not a bunch of fraternity brothers whooping it up in souped-up Cessnas.

I didn't see anything. But too many people living in West Michigan did reportedly witness — and concur in — sightings of strange somethings in the heavens last week.

"This series of reports is the most important — the hottest — we're working on at the moment," says Walter Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Texas, which investigates UFO reports worldwide.

MUFON is especially anxious about last week's reports because the Tuesday-night sightings seem to coincide with unexplained radar trackings from the National Weather Service in Muskegon.

What happened last Tuesday — and by some accounts, other weeknights last week — has folks from South Haven to Muskegon and as far inland as the Grand Rapids area humming that little tune from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Perhaps the closest reported encounter of all was experienced by a Holland



TOM RADERMACHER

family who claim a craft hovered above their neighbor's farmhouse about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, maybe 100 feet away. (The neighbors were in California at the time).

'It reminded me of Saturn'

"What we saw was not a whole craft, but the bottom of it, turning in a clockwise motion," Holly Graves, 36, said Monday. "It wasn't like an airplane or a flying machine I've ever seen."

Holly says she and husband Darrell, reacting to their 14-year-old son Joseph's screams, ran to the living room window of their home on Country Club Road.

There, they joined Joseph and younger sister Michelle, 10, in viewing a globe-shaped object of indiscernible size. It featured lights which didn't blink, but alternated from white to red. The craft also appeared to be tilted on its axis. "It reminded me of Saturn," Holly said.

"I just sat there looking at it. My adrenalin was really going and I said, 'Darrell, what is that?' He's really into aviation — he watches 'Wings' every night — and he said, 'That's no aircraft, so we called 911.'"

Holly said the craft remained aloft perhaps 10 minutes then moved south and out of sight before Holland police responded. "People might think we're nuts," says Holly, "but we're not."

The weather service in Muskegon

detected something on its screens roughly an hour after the Graves reported their sighting. Radar data picked up a fast-moving phenomenon over Lake Michigan, which was promptly reported to the National UFO Reporting Center, a government-controlled agency.

Most interesting was the radar's tracking of the object, which showed a blip moving from South Haven to a point 10 miles offshore in just 10 seconds.

The calls keep coming in

Reports continue to filter in elsewhere from observers who saw something last week, especially Tuesday night. More than a few have contacted The Press from their homes in Kent, Allegan and Ottawa counties.

Bob and Norma Venema moved recently from Grand Rapids to the east side of Saugatuck, a stone's throw from Lake Michigan, over which others reported seeing something.

The Venemas, both 57, said they were facing west when they saw green and red lights moving north to south about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday. "We thought maybe they were some small airplanes practicing," says Norma, "but they were too close together. It was really strange... just so unusual."

In Wyoming, Erwin Rosenberg, 70, of Oregon St. SW, said he went out for some air about 10 p.m. Tuesday and while facing east noticed at least eight sets of "pulsating" lights positioned about the horizon and "blinking furiously."

He summoned his wife, Barbara, 54, who was inside practicing the accordion, and she stepped to the porch to see the same thing. "At first, we weren't going to call (The Press)," she said. "People kind of look at you like you're crazy."

But Erwin is convinced he saw



PRESS PHOTO TERESA HERNANDEZ

Holland residents Darrell and Holly Graves watched out their window as a craft hovered near a neighbor's house for about 10 minutes.

something out of the ordinary — and not a balloon or satellite or plane. As a war veteran, he says he's seen "flares and flak and grenades and all the phenomenon man-made."

"I'm a pretty regular fellow," he says, "and still in possession of my faculties. But I'd never seen anything like this."

"This — this was illogical."

Jane Woodall, who lives near Cutlerville, said she saw a "pointed" object in the skies this past Thursday or Friday. Near Allendale, Phyllis Davis said she and her son witnessed a half-dozen

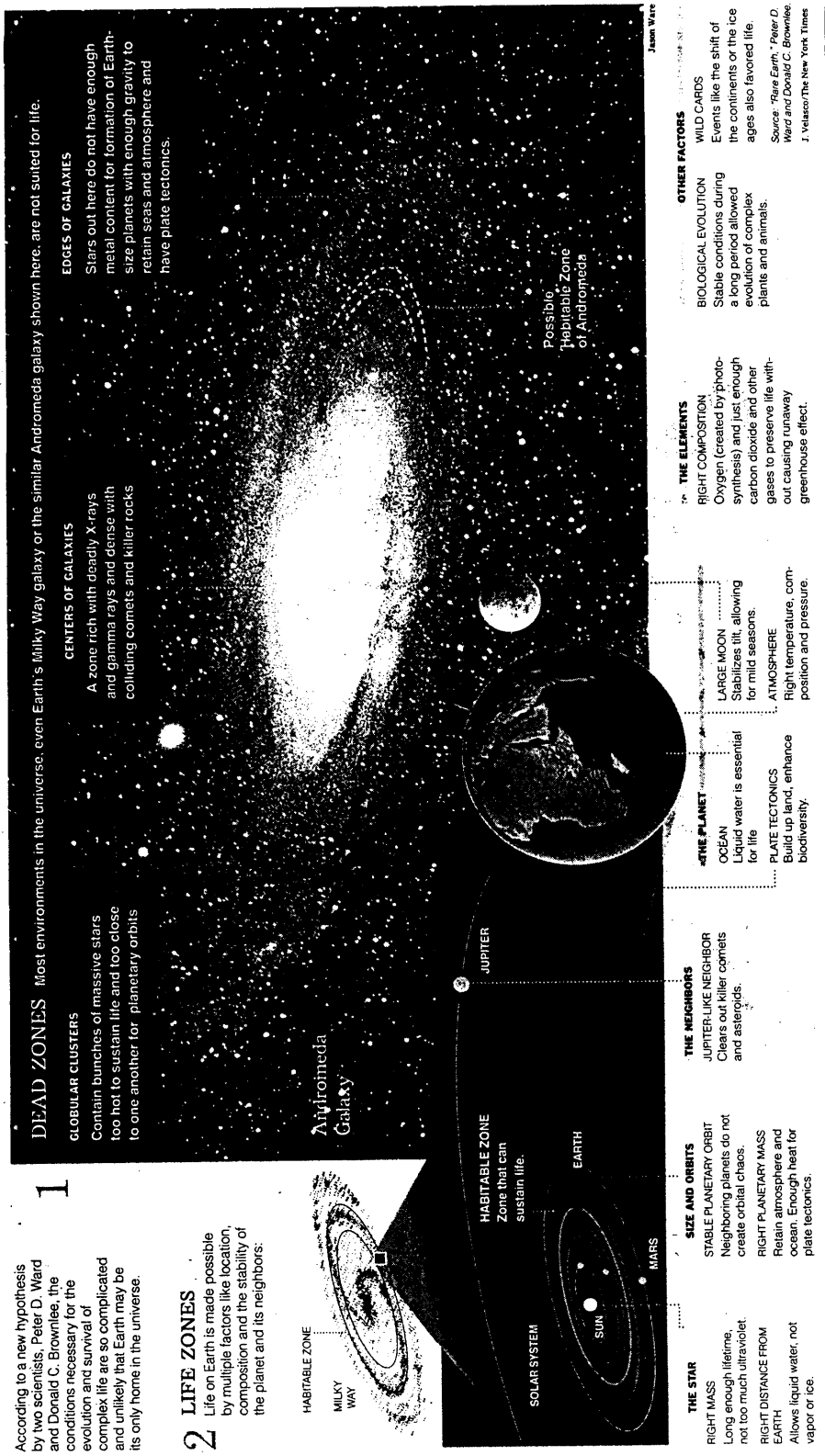
strobe-like lights moving in unison, then apart from each other, giving off white and then bluish-green tint.

"To me, it looked like they were sending messages back and forth to each other," Davis said.

The Graves family, meanwhile, wishes it would have passed a single message from one member to another the night they watched something hover just 100 feet away: "Get the camera."

But nobody did. And the whole time they were being visited, there was a loaded 35mm Vivitar in the next room.

Maybe We Are Alone in the Universe, After All



According to a new hypothesis by two scientists, Peter D. Ward and Donald C. Brownlee, the conditions necessary for the evolution and survival of complex life are so complicated and unlikely that Earth may be its only home in the universe.

2 LIFE ZONES
Life on Earth is made possible by multiple factors like location, composition and the stability of the planet and its neighbors:

DEAD ZONES Most environments in the universe, even Earth's Milky Way galaxy or the similar Andromeda galaxy shown here, are not suited for life.

GLOBULAR CLUSTERS
Contain bunches of massive stars too hot to sustain life and too close to one another for planetary orbits

CENTERS OF GALAXIES
A zone rich with deadly X-rays and gamma rays and dense with colliding comets and killer rocks

EDGES OF GALAXIES
Stars out here do not have enough metal content for formation of Earth-size planets with enough gravity to retain seas and atmosphere and have plate tectonics.

By WILLIAM J. BROAD

In the last few decades, a growing number of astronomers have promulgated the view that alien civilizations are likely to be scattered among the stars like grains of sand, isolated from one another by the emptiness of interstellar space. Just for Earth's own galaxy, the Milky Way, experts have estimated that there might be up to one million advanced societies.

This extraterrestrial credo has fueled not only countless books, movies and television shows — not to mention hosts of Klingons,

Wookies and Romulans — but a long scientific hunt that uses huge dish antennas to scan the sky for faint radio signals from intelligent aliens.

Now, two prominent scientists say the search, they add, is likely to fail. Drawing on new findings in astronomy, geology and paleontology, the two argue that humans might be alone, at least in the stellar neighborhood, and perhaps in the entire cosmos. They say modern science is showing that Earth's composition and stability are extraordinarily rare. Most everywhere else, the radiation levels are too high, the right chemical elements too rare in

abundance, the hospitable planets too few in number and the rain of killer rocks too intense for life ever to have evolved into advanced communities. Alien microbes may survive in many places as a kind of cosmic shower scum, they say, but not extraterrestrials civilized enough to be awash in technology.

Their book, "Rare Earth" (Springer-Verlag), out last month, is producing whoops of criticism and praise, with some detractors saying that the authors have made their own simplistic assumptions about the adaptability of life forms while others call it "brilliant" and "courageous."

"We have finally said out loud what so

many have thought for so long — that complex life, at least, is rare," said Dr. Peter D. Ward of the University of Washington, a paleontologist who specializes in mass extinctions and whose previous works include "The Call of Distant Mammoths" (Springer-Verlag, 1987). "And to us, complex life may be a fluke."

The book's other author is Dr. Donald C. Brownlee of the University of Washington, a noted astronomer, member of the National Academy of Sciences and chief scientist of NASA's \$166 million Stardust mission to capture interplanetary and interstellar dust.

"People say the Sun is a typical star," he

said in an interview. "That's not true." Dr. Brownlee added: "Almost all environments in the universe are terrible for life. It's only Garden of Eden places like Earth where it can exist."

Dr. Geoffrey W. Marcy of the University of California at Berkeley, a leading seeker of planets around other stars, 31 of which have been found so far, hailed "Rare Earth" as likely to spark a revolution in thinking about extraterrestrial life.

"It's brilliant," Dr. Marcy said in an interview. "It delineates many things I've been thinking about but does a much more

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By Jim Gallagher

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WEIRD THINGS are happening in the Atlantic Ocean, just off the southeast coast of the United States. That's the area you fly through when you vacation in the Caribbean.

Some people, apparently, fly farther than they care to. They disappear — into thin air, it would seem. Or into another dimension. Or the clutches of extraterrestrial beings.

These are some of the possible explanations advanced by Charles Berlitz for the phenomenon known as the Bermuda Triangle, a three-sided section of the Atlantic with Bermuda, Miami and Puerto Rico at its apexes, in which mysterious disappearances have been occurring for years.

The most famous incident involved a flight of five Navy TBM Avengers, with a combined crew of nine men, which disappeared simultaneously while on a routine training mission in the area.

The aviators apparently lost their bearings rather suddenly and for no apparent reasons.

"Everything is wrong . . . strange," the flight leader radioed his ground control. "We can't be sure of any direction . . . even the ocean doesn't look as it should . . ."

As if that weren't enough, a twin-engine aircraft with a crew of 13 sent to rescue the nine Avenger fliers soon vanished as well. No wreckage was ever found, not even an oil slick.

A Naval Board of Inquiry studying the disappearances came up with no logical explanation.

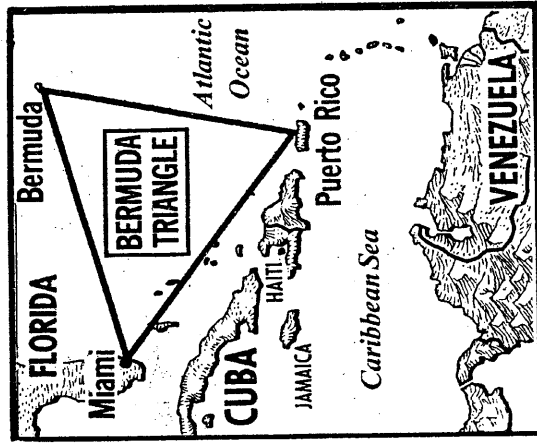
"We don't know what the hell is going on out there," one member said.

"They vanished as completely as if they had flown to Mars," another one said.

Berlitz is pretty sure they didn't fly to Mars, and he admits he, too doesn't know for certain "what the hell is going on out there." But he isn't afraid to speculate.

For Berlitz, whose book "The Bermuda Triangle" is fast becoming a best seller, the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle goes deeper than the bottom of the Caribbean.

It reaches back in time to ancient civilizations destroyed by cataclysm and out into space where intelligent life may exist.



It even involves a possible universe existing contiguous to ours — in the space between our atoms — another dimension into which we might slip and never return.

The Bermuda Triangle, he suggests, may be a roadway into this mysterious dimension.

IN MY OPINION," Berlitz said, "we are not yet advanced enough scientifically to understand what is happening, but we are making technological advances at such a rate that I think we will know the answer in the near future."

What we know now, Berlitz said, is the fact that ships and planes are disappearing in the area (also known as the Devil's Triangle) at an alarming rate. One boat a week and two planes a month is his estimate, a figure that a Federal Aviation Agency spokesman in Atlanta thought much too high, but which a Coast Guard spokesman in Miami said was "not out of bounds."

"I get letters every day from people telling me about their experience in the triangle," he said. Many, he said, have experienced strange happenings in the area but have not been lost: Compasses cease working, electrical systems are drained, planes glow with an eerie phosphorescence, greenish-white clouds appear out of nowhere.

From studying the radio communications of those who have not survived, Berlitz said he has determined that the appearance of the cloud occurs almost always.

He believes it may be an electromagnetic haze, which would explain the mechanical failures. He argues further that such a haze might very well transform matter into an invisible state.

FOR ALMOST three decades, he said, there have been reports that the U.S. Navy successfully conducted an experiment with magnetically induced disappearances in the Philadelphia naval shipyard. A ship and its crew, he said, was reported to have been made invisible, and then visible again.

He claimed an honorary close collaborator of his, J. Manson Vallentine, curator of the Museum of Science of Miami, has spoken to some of those involved, although he admits he has never met any of them. According to Vallentine, Berlitz said, some of the men died during the experiment and others became emotionally disturbed.

Some, he said, continued to disappear and appear again from time to time over the years. But the Navy never has verified that such an experiment took place.

If magnetism is involved, Berlitz said, it may emanate from a power source beneath the sea. In a previous book he suggested that the lost civilization of Atlantis is located beneath the Caribbean, where recent discoveries have included structures that appear to be manmade.

Perhaps, he suggested, there may be a power source in the area so powerful as to still be operative, or which might flare up every now and then.

Or, he continued, there may even be a civilization flourishing beneath the sea, one suddenly alarmed by pollution of their previously remote and protected environment.

While reserving judgment on this point, Berlitz did say that most sightings of unidentified flying objects and unidentified submarine objects — strange vehicles beneath the surface — have occurred in the triangle area.

OF ALL THE disappearances in the triangle, perhaps the most intriguing involve those in which entire crews have van-

ished, while their ships were left to float adrift. It is these occurrences that have given rise to the cosmic zoo theories, which propose that alien creatures are collecting humans for study in some other part of the universe.

What makes these theories more palatable, Berlitz said, is the fact that animals are always left behind, except for talking parrots — as if the alien creatures used speech as the mark of a human being.

Spokesmen for the FAA and the Miami Coast Guard unit refused to take the talk of a mysterious Bermuda Triangle seriously.

Both pointed out that the area includes more than 200,000 square miles, most of it water. Considering the great flow of air and sea traffic through the area, they said, the disappearances that do occur are not really unusual.

The Coast Guard spokesman added that planes or ships that sink in that area of the Atlantic would probably be sucked into deep currents and pulled north along the bottom of the ocean by the Gulf Stream.

Much of the free-floating debris in the North Atlantic, he suggested, may be wreckage of disasters in the Bermuda Triangle. Other vehicles, he said, probably disappear in the sandy ocean bottom.

THE BERMUDA Triangle," he said, "is one of two areas in the world where compass needles point to true north, not magnetic north (the North Pole) as they do everywhere else.

"If this compass variation is not accounted for, you can be put off your course, by as much as 100 miles. You can be going out to sea and think you're going back to shore." He attributed most of the disappearances to poor seamanship or poor airmanship.

In the face of such official pool-poohing, which he refers to a "cosmic Watergate," Berlitz persists.

"When we learn more about the Bermuda Triangle," he said, "we will learn more about man's past. There are indications that past civilizations destroyed themselves in some sort of nuclear conflagration. Isn't that what we're on the verge of doing again?"

SATAN: FROM HOLY CHERUB TO HELLISH COUNTERFEITER

1A. THE EXISTENCE OF SATAN:

1b. Modern denials:

Modern man generally believes in Satan but religious liberals deny the personality of Satan. A case in point is the denial by a study committee of the former Southern Presbyterian Church.

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Council member Harrison Taylor said that the film *The Exorcist* was the "straw that broke the camel's back." Many commissioners told of young people from their churches who were involved with the occult and Satan worship.

After discussing the literal and the symbolic interpretations of Satan and demons and what is meant by "personal," the paper comes out for a symbolic interpretation of Satan as "the absence or negation of the good which God is. . . . It concludes: "In answer to the question whether we believe in a personal devil and demons, we can only answer with a flat, 'Of course not!'"



2b. The evidence from Scripture:

1c. The evidence from the O.T.

- 1d. Genesis 3
- 2d. Job 1
- 3d. Isaiah 14
- 4d. Ezekiel 28

2c. The evidence from the N.T.

- 1d. Matthew 4, Luke 4, Mark 1
- 2d. Matthew 16
- 3d. Acts 5
- 4d. Revelation 12
- 5d. Revelation 20



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■ A poll taken for *Newsweek* has found that two out of three Americans believe in Satan. Sixty-one percent of those who define themselves as Evangelicals (born-again or Evangelical Christians) said they had been personally tempted by the devil, who apparently doesn't bother strutting his stuff for ordinary folks. Only 37 percent of the general population said they had been tempted by the Evil One.

3b. The evidence from the Savior:

1c. The frequent references to Satan:

The words of Christ contained frequent references to Satan and his demons. Indeed, His entire earthly ministry was lived in conflict with the Deceiver and his demons.

2c. The special revelation concerning Satan:

1d. The temptation account: Mt. 4, Lk. 4, Mk. 1

2d. Satan's fall from heaven: Lk. 18:10

3d. The unpardonable sin: Mt. 12

3c. The clear acknowledgement of the existence of Satan:

Matthew 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Luke 11:18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.

2A. THE CONSTITUTION OF SATAN:

1b. The personality of Satan:

1c. The demonstration of the personality of Satan:

1d. The traits of personality:

1e. Intellect:

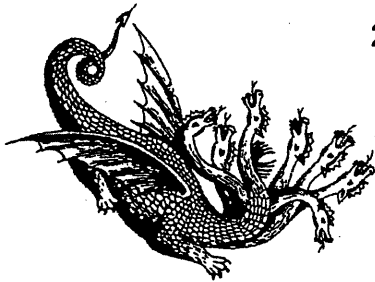
2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Lk 4:1-12 During the temptation of Christ, Satan quoted Scripture (Deut. 8:3), implying intelligence.



Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.



- 2e. Emotions:
Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

- 3e. Will:

Isaiah 14:12-17 The 5 "I wills" of Satan

2 Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- 2d. Personal pronouns:
Job 1 "he"

- 3d. Personal associations:
2 Corinthians 11:14-15 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

- 4d. Moral responsibility:
 Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

2c. The denial of the personality of Satan:

M'Clintock and Strong make a devastating case against modern theologians who consider Satan merely a negative force or a principle of evil.



This theory supposes the devil to be the *principle of evil*. Let it be applied in the interpretation of two or three passages of Scripture. "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil" (Matt. iv, 1-11). Was Jesus tempted by a real, personal being? or was it by the principle of evil? If by the latter, in whom or what did this principle reside? Was it in Jesus? Then it could not be true that in him was no sin. The very principle of sin was in him, which would have made him the tempter of himself. This is bad hermeneutics, producing worse theology. Let it also be remembered that this principle of evil, in order to be moral evil, must inhere in some conscious moral being. Sin is evil only as it implies the state or action of some personal and accountable agent. Again: "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth: he is a liar and the father of it" (John viii, 44). With what propriety could these specific acts of guilt be charged upon an abstraction? An abstraction a murderer! a liar! Seriously to affirm such things of the mere abstraction of evil is a solemn fiction; while to assert them of a fallen angel who beguiled Eve by falsehood, and brought death upon all the race of man, is an intelligible and affecting truth.

(*Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, 1894, Vol. IX, p. 361)

2b. The nature of Satan:

1c. Satan is a creature:

- 1d. He is described as a creature:
 Ezekiel 28:14-15 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

- 2d. He has creaturely limitations:
Job 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.
- 3d. He can be resisted by the believer:
James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- 2c. Satan is a spirit being:
 - 1d. He is incorporeal:
Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
 - 2d. He is invisible.
 - 3d. He is associated with other angels:
Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 3c. Satan is the highest creature:
 - 1d. He belonged to the order of angels called cherubim:
Ezekiel 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
 - 2d. He was the highest created angel:
Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith

the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

- 3d. He still has much power:
Jude 8-9 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

- 4c. Satan is the adversary and antagonist of God.

This fact is especially underscored by the designation Satan and devil.

- 3b. The names of Satan:

Sa'tan, the Scripture term for the chief of fallen spirits, and the arch-principle of evil. The doctrine of Satan and of satanic agency is to be made out from revelation, and from reflection in agreement with revelation. The obscurity of the subject need not deter us from a candid investigation of it.

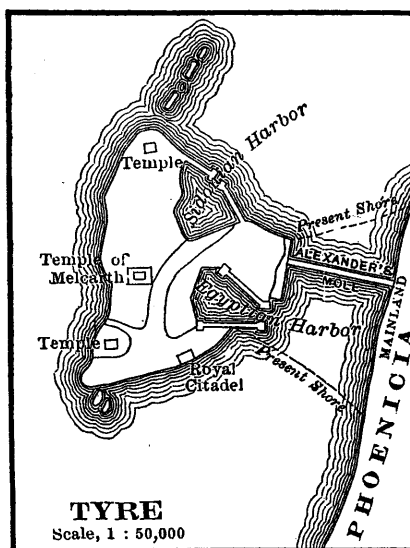
I. *Scripture Names or Titles of Satan*.—Besides *Satan*, he is called the *Devil*, the *Dragon*, the *Evil One*, the *Angel of the Bottomless Pit*, the *Prince of this World*, the *Prince of the Power of the Air*, the *God of this World*, *Apollyon*, *Abaddon*, *Belial*, *Beelzebub*. "Satan" and "devil" are the names by which he is oftener distinguished than by any other, the former being applied to him about forty times and the latter about fifty times. See each term.

Satan is the Hebrew word שָׂטָן, *satan'*, transferred to the English. It is derived from the verb שָׂטָן, which means "to lie in wait," "to oppose," "to be an adversary;" hence, the noun denotes an *adversary*, or opposer. The word in its *generic* sense occurs in 1 Kings xi, 14: "The Lord raised up an adversary (*satân*; Sept. *σατάν*) against Solomon," i. e. Hadad the Edomite. In the 23d verse the word occurs again, applied to Rezan. It is used in the same sense in 1 Sam. xxix, 4, where David is termed an adversary, and in Numb. xxii, 22, where the angel "stood in the way for an adversary (*satân*) to Balaam," i. e. to oppose him when he went with the princes of Moab. See also 2 Sam. xix, 22; 1 Kings v, 4, xi, 25; Psa. cix, 6, where the Sept. has ἐπιβουλος, ἀντικαίμενος, διάβολος, etc.

M'Clintock and Strong

In Zech. iii, 1, 2, the word occurs in its *specific* sense as a proper name: "And he showed me Joshua the high-priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan." Here it is manifest, both from the context and the use of the article, that some particular adversary is denoted. In Job i, ii, the same use of the word with the article occurs several times. The events in which Satan is represented as the agent confirm this view. He was a distinguished adversary and tempter.

Devil (Διάβολος) is the more frequent term of designation given to Satan in the New Test. Both "Satan" and "devil" are in several instances applied to the same being (Rev. xii, 9), "That old serpent, the devil and Satan." Christ, in the temptation (Matt. iv), in his repulse of the tempter, calls him Satan; while the evangelists distinguish him by the term "devil." Devil is the word διάβολος transferred from the verb διαβάλλω, "to thrust through," "to carry over," and, tropically, "to inform against," "to accuse." He is also called the accuser of the brethren (Rev. xii, 10). The Hebrew term Satan is more generic than the word *devil*, at least by its etymology. The former expresses his character as an opposer of all good; the latter denotes more particularly the relation which he bears to the saints, as their traducer and accuser.



3A. THE FALL OF SATAN:

1b. Satan's original **state**: Ezekiel 28

Ezekiel 28:12-19 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

1c. The interpretations of the passage:

- Some assert the passage speaks entirely of a human leader, the king of Tyre. However, some of the

descriptive language, even allowing for oriental hyperbole, could not be true of a mere human individual.

- Some assert the passage refers to a human leader (vv. 1-10) and a satanic leader (vv. 11-19).
- Some assert that the entire passage has both a human king and Satan in view.

2c. The description of Satan:

- 1d. His position: v. 12 – “thou sealest up the sum”
Satan was the perfect example or model of a wise and beautiful creature. He was the acme of God’s creatures.
- 2d. His habitation: v. 13 – “thou hast been in Eden”
Satan may have had a relationship with the pristine Eden prior to his fall and the creation of man.
- 3d. His appearance: v. 13 – “every precious stone was thy covering...”
He was dazzling!
- 4d. His duties: v. 14 – “thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...”
He was privileged to be in the very presence of God.
- 5d. His sin: v. 15 – “thou wast perfect in thy ways till iniquity was found in thee.”
After a period of unconfirmed creaturely holiness, Satan became a rebel against God’
- 6d. His punishment: vv. 15-19

2b. Satan’s original sin: Isaiah 14

Isaiah 14:12-17 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 That made the world as a

wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

2c. The intention of the passage:

1d. The king of Babylon:

Isaiah 14:4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

2d. Reference to Lucifer:

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

The same word here translated "Lucifer," however, occurs also in Ezek. xxi, 12 [17], as the imperative of *yala'*, "to howl," "to lament," and is there rendered "*howl*." Some take it in the same acceptation in the above passage, and would translate, "Howl, son of the morning!" But to this the structure of the verse is entirely opposed, for the parallelism requires the second line to refer entirely to the condition of the star before it had fallen, as the parallel member, the fourth line, does to the state of the tree before it was cut down. Hence the former derivation is to be preferred, namely, "brilliant," "splendid," "illustrious," or, as in the Septuagint, Vulgate, the rabbinical commentators, Luther, and others, "brilliant star;" and if *Heylel*, in this sense, was the proper name among the Hebrews of the morning star, then "Lucifer" is not only a correct but beautiful interpretation, both as regards the sense and the application. That it was such is probable from the fact that the proper name of the morning star is formed by a word or words expressive of brilliance, in the Arabic and Syriac, as well as in the Greek and Latin (see Gesenius, *Commentar*, ad loc.). Tertullian and Gregory the Great understood this passage of Isaiah in reference to the fall of Satan; in consequence of which the name Lucifer has since been applied to Satan. (*Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, 1894, Vol. V, p. 542).

3c. The intensity of the sin:

According to the Apostle Paul, the root sin was that of pride.
1 Tim. 3:6

The German commentator Delitzsch refers to pride as "the sin of sins."

It is worth noting the observation of Renald Showers here,

The root of the word translated "pride" means "smoke." Just as smoke blinds people to their surroundings, so pride blinds people to reality. Pride makes people believe that they are greater than they really are.

When this exalted angel became proud of his magnificent being, his pride blinded him to ultimate reality. Through pride he began to believe that he could be like God, as evidenced by his assertion, 'I will be like the Most High' (Isa 14:14). His pride blinded him to the ultimate reality that there is only one God who actually exists and is the ultimate sovereign of the universe and everything in it. No creature can become like God. (*Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels*, 1997, p. 82.)

THE FIVE "I WILLS" OF SATAN

Isaiah 14

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High."



THE SIX "I WILLS" OF GOD

Ezekiel 28

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

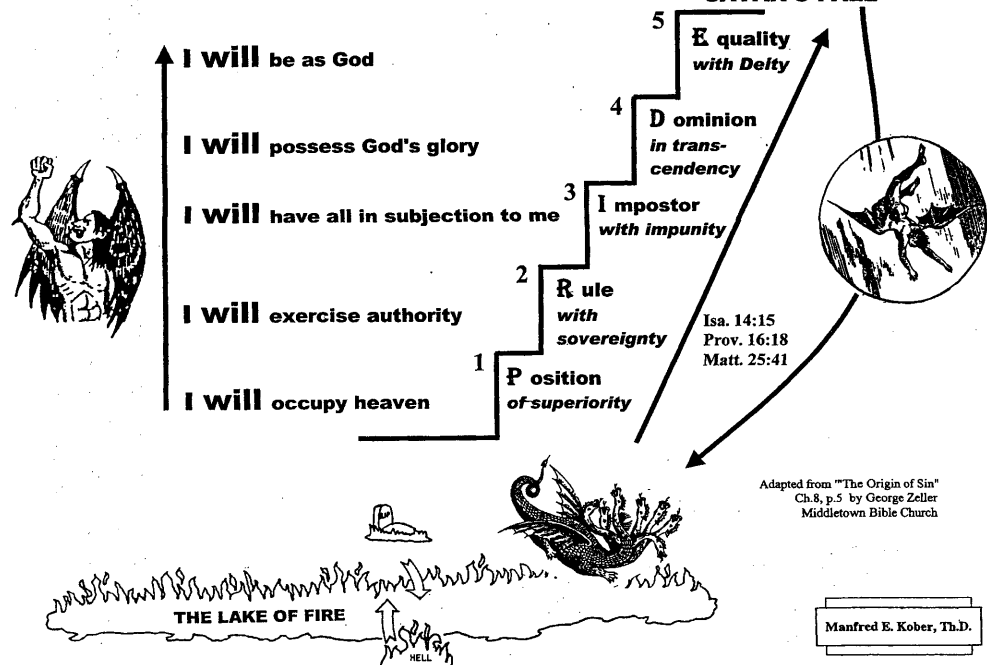
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ISAIAH 14

SATAN'S FALL



4A. THE JUDGMENTS OF SATAN:

- 1b. Barred from the mountain of God:
Ezekiel 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- 2b. Judged in the garden of Eden:
Genesis 3:14-15 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
- 3b. Condemned at the cross of Calvary:
John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

John 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
- 4b. Driven from heaven during the tribulation period:
Revelation 12:7-13 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.
- 5b. Confined to the bottomless pit:

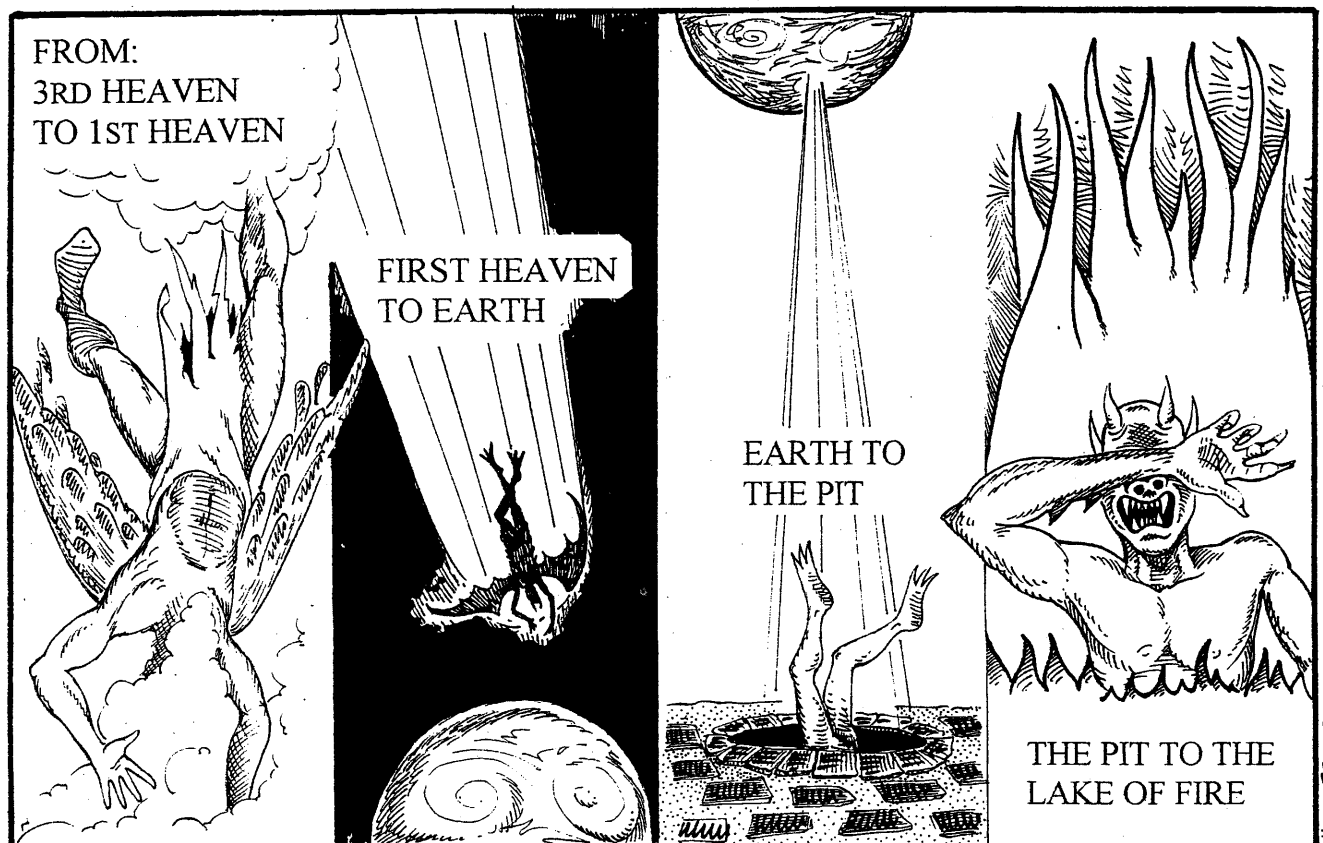
Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

- 6b. Consigned to the lake of fire:
 Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Revelation 20:10, 14 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The above judgments include the four falls of Satan.

THE FOUR FALLS OF SATAN



AT REBELLION
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MIDDLE OF
TRIBULATION
REV. 12

BEGINNING OF
MILLENNIUM
REV. 20:1-3

END OF
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REV. 20:6

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THE FUTURE AND SATAN



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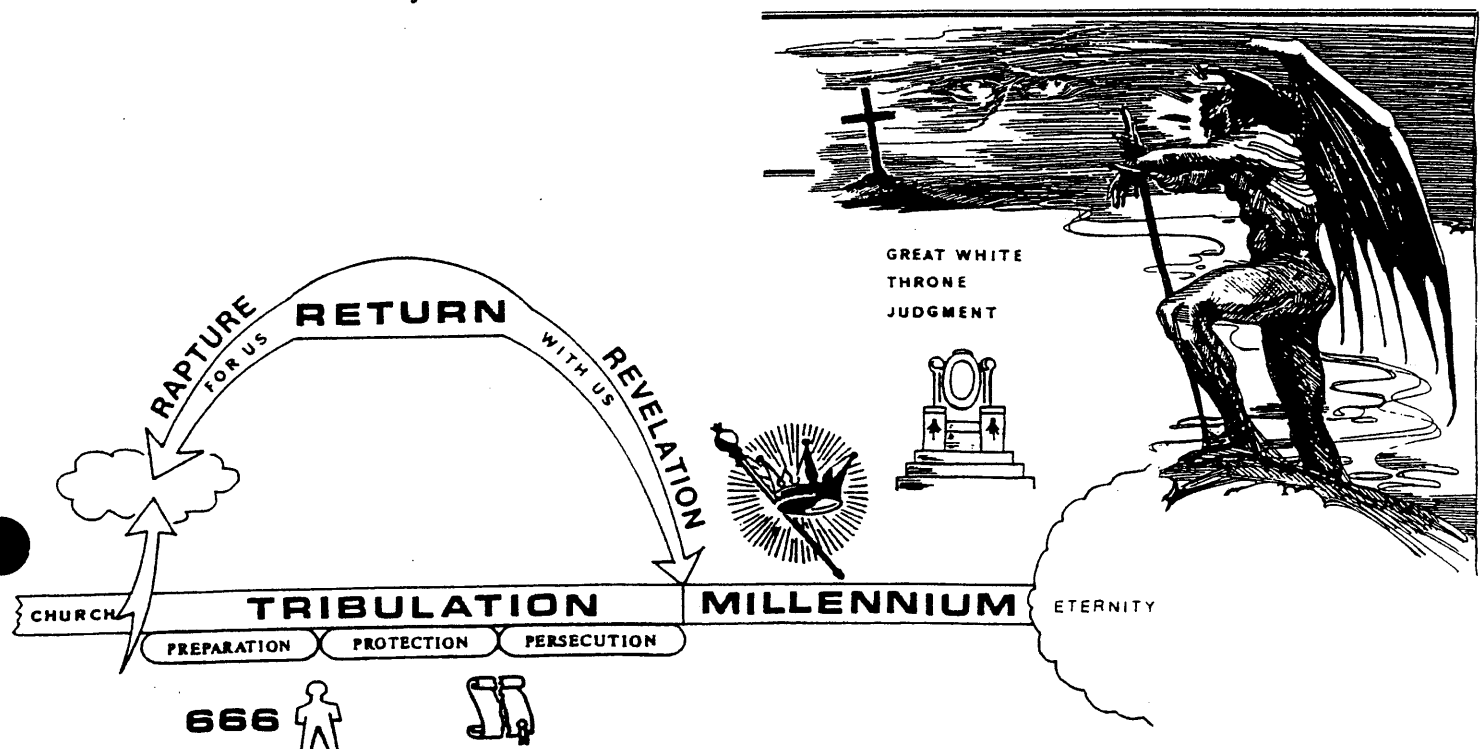


THE FUTURE AND SATAN

The existence of a personal devil is clearly taught throughout the inspired Scriptures. The opening verses of Genesis present him as a deceiver who entices our first human parents to sin (Gen. 3). At the conclusion of the biblical canon we find him attacking Christ and as a result he is consigned to the Lake of Fire. There are numerous references to Satan in God's Word. Satan is recognized by every writer of the New Testament. Nineteen of the 27 New Testament books mention Satan by one of the names. And yet, liberal theologians in mainline denominations deny his existence. To them he is merely a symbol of evil or a figure of speech. For example, a committee of the former Southern Presbyterian Church concluded a study on Satan and the demons with these words: "In answer to the question whether we believe in a personal devil and demons, we can only answer with a flat, 'of course not!'" (*Christianity Today*, July 18, 1975, p. 32).

The Christian would rather believe God who cannot lie that there is a Satan who is "the god of this age" (II Cor. 4:4) and "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). Christ, who is the incarnate Truth, must have personally related to His disciples the incidents of His desert temptations by Satan (Mt. 4; Mk. 1; Lk. 4).

As the Scriptures reveal the origin of the conflict between Satan and God, they also discuss the outcome of that cosmic conflict. Satan and his host feature prominently in end time events. The future in relation to Satan makes an interesting study. By a consideration of the eschatology of Satan one gains a graphic grasp of his fierce opposition to God and His people. But ultimately, one stands in awe at God's sovereign dealings with Satan. As the believer's fierce foe is permitted to have his final fling, God's suspended judgment will suddenly fall upon Satan as he is cast into the Lake of Fire. Satan's opposition to God has long been tolerated but in the end times it will be tamed and finally terminated.



1A. Satan is Confounded by Christ at the Rapture.

During this age Satan has been granted control over this evil world system as well as the atmosphere surrounding this planet. At the time of the rapture Satan's temporary dominion will be challenged by an invasion from the earth and one from heaven. When the shout, the voice of the archangel and the trumpet sound, the dead Church age saints will be translated into the presence of the Savior, accompanied by the transformed living saints.

Meanwhile, Christ will return from heaven with the angels as well as the saints who have gone before. The saints of earth and the Savior, along with the angelic spirits and saints of heaven will meet in the clouds. This is Satan's dominion until the middle of the Tribulation period. Perhaps the voice of the archangel will be a signal to the angelic host to form a vanguard as they protect the saints ascending from earth and the Savior descending from heaven. Satan is shown to be impotent as the momentous meeting takes place in the clouds. It appears that some restraint will have to be put on Satan because he invariably attempts to thwart the purposes of God, no matter how hopeless the possibility for success.

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2

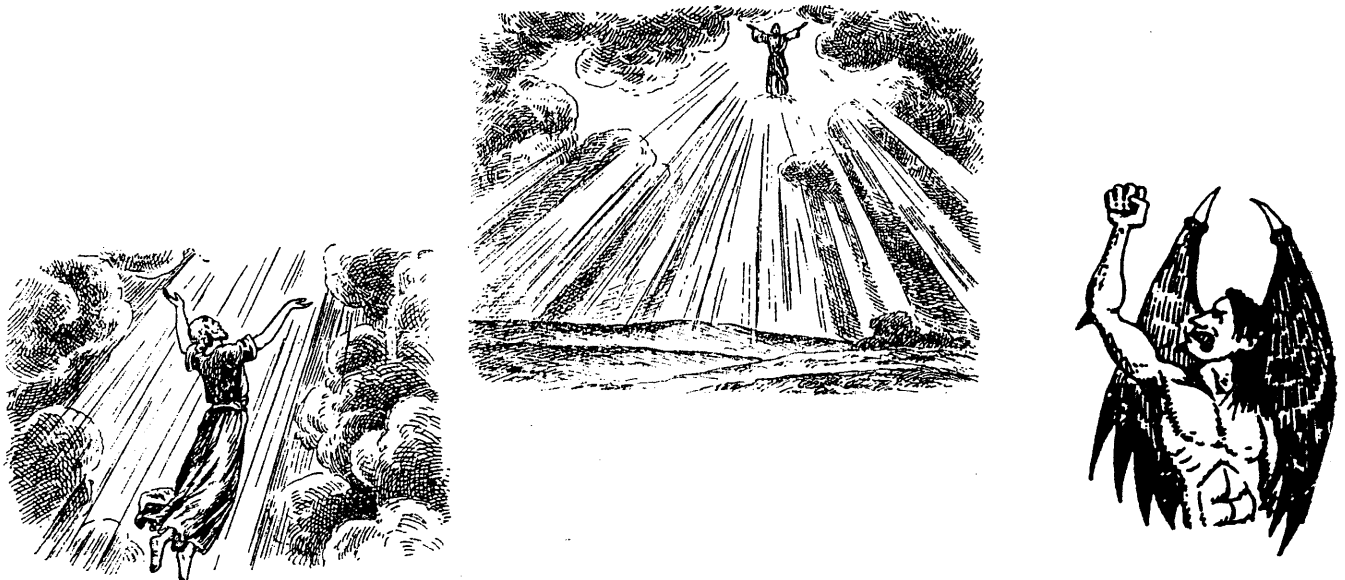
Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



2A. Satan Controls Antichrist and the False Prophet.

The Savior predicted that in the interim after the rapture many false Christs and many false prophets would arise. However, when the Tribulation proper begins, two individuals have risen to the top, one a political, the other a religious leader. The former, also known as Antichrist (1 Jn. 2:18), will sign a treaty with the nation of Israel. This event marks the beginning of the Tribulation.

During the preparation period the many false Christs and prophets are somehow eliminated. Perhaps the single most important reason for the prominence of the Antichrist and false prophet (or the first and second beasts of Rev. 13) is the empowerment of the two individuals by Satan himself. Their ability to perform miracles will lead to their acceptance and acclaim by the masses.

Matthew 24:5,11,24

⁵For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

¹¹And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

²⁴For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

2 Thessalonians 2:9

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

Revelation 13:4

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Revelation 13:11-14

¹¹And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

¹²And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

¹³And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

¹⁴And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.



3A. Satan is Combated in Heaven.

At the midpoint of the Tribulation the archangel Michael and his holy angels engage Satan in a battle in heaven. Michael, who leads the battle against Satan, is the special protector to the people of Israel (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1). He had been in conflict with Satan before (Jude 9) and seems to hold the same high rank among the unfallen angels as Satan does among the fallen angels. The occasion of the battle may be the effort of Satan to unseat Christ from His heavenly throne. Rev. 12:1-6 symbolically pictures the dragon's (Satan's) anger against the woman (Israel) as well as her manchild (Christ). Satan's attack against Christ to unseat Him and reestablish himself in the presence of God meets with total failure.

Revelation 12:7-8

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.



WAR IN HEAVEN

4A. Satan is Cast to the Earth.

The defeat of the devil results in his losing his access to heaven. The telling phrase, "neither was their place found any more in heaven" (Rev. 12:8) suggests absolute and complete exclusion. In Revelation 12:12a a song in heaven is recorded as the angels rejoice because of the elimination of Satan from their surroundings. The devil's anger is heightened because he knows his time on earth is short, limited to the final 3 and one-half years of the Tribulation.

Revelation 12:8-9, 12

⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹²Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.



5A. Satan Commences Armageddon.

John sees in his vision of the final campaign of the Tribulation period three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. The source of these demonic spirits is the unholy trinity of the Tribulation: Satan, the anti-Father, the beast who is the Antichrist and the false prophet, who is the anti-Spirit. These demons are dispatched by the counterfeit trinity to gather "the kings of the earth and of the whole world. . .to the battle of the great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14).

Though the armies of the whole world are lured by the demons under the direction of Satan, they nevertheless fulfill God's plan, because John adds that "he (God) gathered them into a place called. . .Armageddon" (Rev. 16:16).

Revelation 16:13-16

¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

¹⁴ For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

¹⁵ Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

¹⁶ And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.



6A. Satan Conspires Against Israel.

Once Satan is cast out of heaven he will especially persecute the godly remnant of Israel. Satan has always attempted to thwart God's purposes for the Jewish race but satanic anti-Semitism will reach its peak against Jewish believers during this period.

Israel is hated by Satan because she is the chosen of God and essential to God's overall purpose for time and eternity.

Israel will find refuge in the mountains to the East of the Dead Sea. Satan casts water as a flood out of his mouth to drown Israel but the earth helps Israel and swallows the flood.

As God sustained Elijah supernaturally at the brook Cherith and as He nourished Israel with manna during the 40 years it lived in the wilderness, God will in similar fashion preserve His people despite Satan's fierce and final efforts.

Revelation 12:13-16

¹³And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man *child*.

¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

¹⁵And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.



7A. Satan is Constrained by an Angel.

Satan, who is now on earth, having lost his place in heaven earlier (Rev. 12:9, 12) will be prevented from spreading havoc on earth by being bound for 1,000 years. God designates a lower angel to bind Satan who was formerly the most exalted creature among God's angelic beings. As "Lucifer, son of the morning" (Is. 14:12), he occupied a special place of prominence in guarding the throne of God as "the anointed cherub that covereth" (Ez. 28:14). What a disgraceful end for such an exalted angel!

John saw an angel with a chain draped over his hand who bound Satan. It is interesting to contemplate how a spirit being can be bound with a chain. Apparently God uses the language of appearance. There will be an actual constraint upon Satan, as confining as the chains that fell off Peter's hands (Acts 12:7; the same word, *halysis*, cf. Mark 5:3; Acts 28:20; 2 Tim. 1:16).

While the chain itself might not be a literal chain, the binding most certainly is actual and effectual.

Revelation 20:1

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.



8A. Satan is Confined to the Abyss.

The dramatic prophecy of Rev. 20:1-3 depicts an angel seizing Satan and binding him 1,000 years. Good reason exists for taking the number 1,000 literally. As if the Holy Spirit expected the denial of the millennial reign of Christ in the latter days, six times the term 1,000 years is repeated (20:2,3,4,5,6,7).

If language means anything, Satan is totally out of commission for 1,000 years (and so are the demons, Zech. 13:2). As a guarantee of Satan's inactivity, various steps are depicted for his confinement: (1) he is seized by an angel, (2) he is bound by a chain, (3) he is cast into the abyss, (4) a key is used to lock up the abyss, (5) a seal is set upon Satan, rendering him inactive for 1,000 years.

Revelation 20:1-3

¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Zechariah 13:2

²And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.



9A. Satan Collects the Nations.

On being released from his confinement, Satan loses no time in his nefarious schemes. Satan's incurable bent toward evil evidences itself in his campaign to deceive the nations of the entire earth.

Those who are deceived by Satan are the descendants of the Tribulation saints who survived the Tribulation and entered into the Millennium in their natural bodies. Outwardly, these individuals will conform to the rule of Christ the King. Inwardly, they will not believe in Christ as Savior. Though they have obeyed Christ as Sovereign, they have rejected Him as Savior. How tragic that individuals can live 1,000 years under the beneficent rule of the Savior in peace, prosperity and a perfect environment and still spurn the grace of God and live in enmity with God.

Revelation 20:7-8

⁷ And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

⁸ And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.



10A. Satan Compasses Jerusalem.

Satan deceives the nations and recruits them for an all-out attack on Jerusalem. Incredibly, he will find willing combatants all over the world and launch a lightning attack against Jerusalem.

As during the first battle of Gog and Magog in the middle of the Tribulation period (Ez. 38:2), the immense invading army suffers immediate destruction. Satan directs his troops against Jerusalem to unseat the King on the throne of David and to displace the saints from the holy city. Satan must know the end result of his evil plan. How could he who is undoubtedly familiar with Revelation 20 still attempt to defeat Christ, knowing it would lead to his own doom? The sinfulness and irrationality of Satan is nowhere more evident than here.

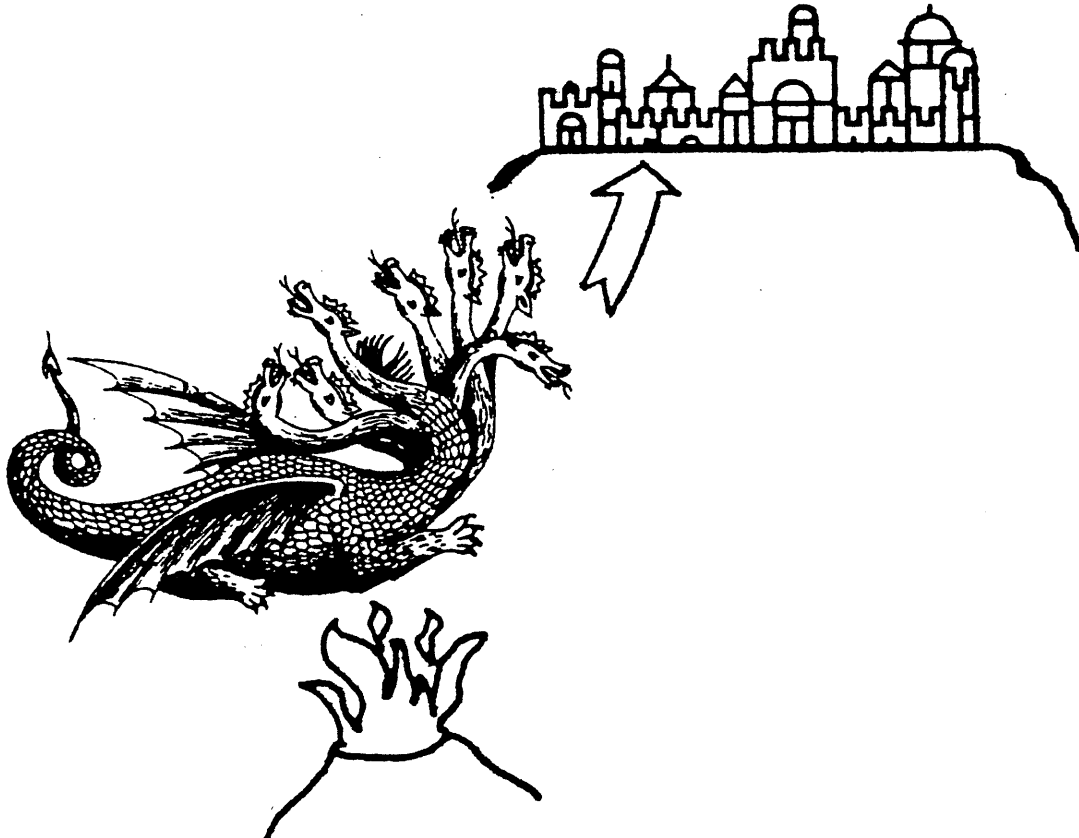
Satan must anticipate the results. Doomed to failure, his army will be destroyed by fire.

Revelation 20:7-9

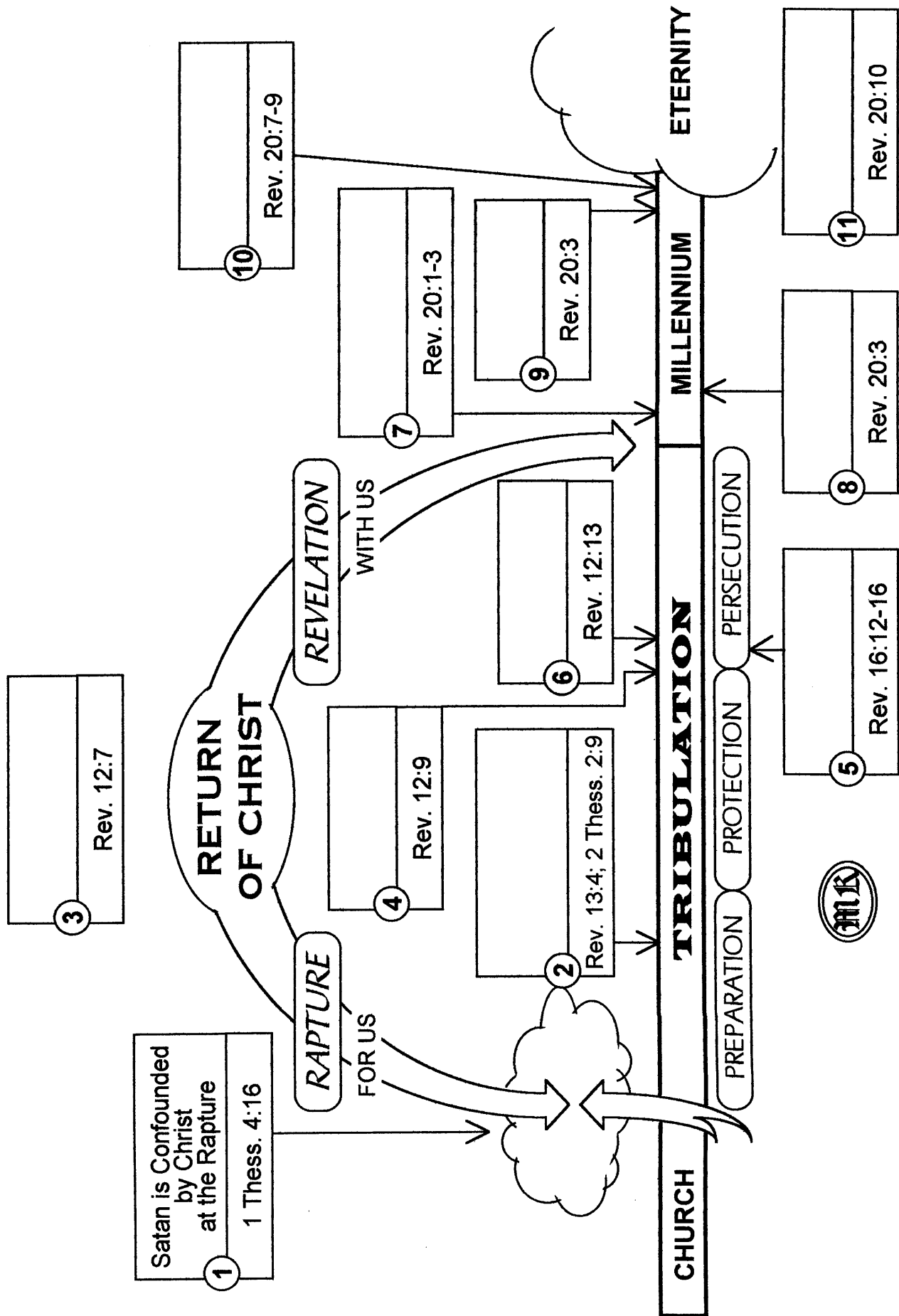
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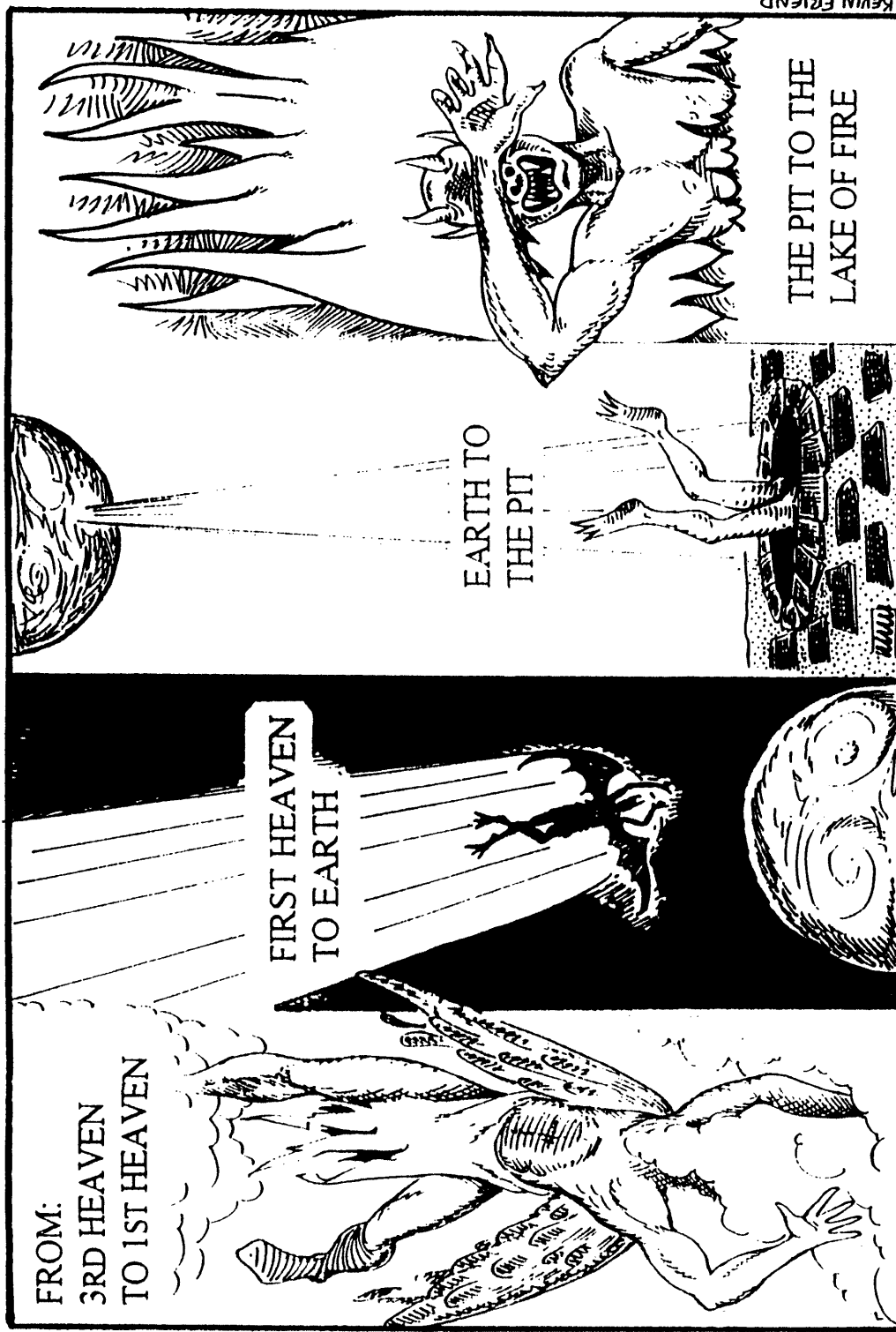
⁹And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.



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AT REBELLION ISAIAH 14	MIDDLE OF TRIBULATION REV. 12	BEGINNING OF MILLENNIUM REV. 20:1-3	END OF MILLENNIUM REV. 20:6
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