

Bible Study
Enigmas, Volume III:

*Applying cultural anthropology
to biblical prophecy*

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Preface

In Volume 1, we addressed some theological topics and applied cultural anthropology as an interpretative tool. In Volume 2, we applied cultural anthropology to New Testament passages to understand the 1st century environment, Yeshua, Pentecost and the apostle Paul. In this Volume, we will address Biblical Prophecy. Again, cultural anthropology can offer more insight than just a plain reading from a purely modern western perspective. We will look at biblical prophecy with more “Hebraic eyes”, using their culture to understand their writings.

In the modern world of biblical prophecy, or foretelling the future, you enter a speculative world where no one has provable definitive answers that satisfy the desire for, “Thus saith the Lord”. Anyone statement like that should be suspect and reexamined. The prophets did not forecast the future in modern western terms but in the metaphors of the Hebrew culture. Consequently, future events are often offered in what seems like vague sayings to modern westerners. However, our perception of vagueness was not a problem to the ancient Hebrews. They did not have a quest for exact answers, they only needed the divine promises and covenants to assure them that their current circumstances would not last forever. Prophetic utterances served, at the time they were given by the prophets, as hope for the future but not a definitive or exact portrayal of future events.

All culture can be described as descending from four topics, from spiritual down to the mundane. These topics serve as an outline for any cultural study, biblical or secular:

1. Deity Definition
2. World View
3. Belief Structure
4. Behaviors and Habits

The Deity Definition identifies their god(s) and the relationships to each other, if more than one. A World View describes to what degree the god(s) interact with the physical

environment and human kind. A Belief Structure about how to act with reference to the deities engagement in human society. The Behaviors and Habits are the resulting activities of a society which includes their physical artifacts. Altogether these four topics define a culture.

Applying cultural anthropology¹ to biblical prophecy deals primarily with the Hebrew's World View and Belief Structure. In the Hebrew World View, the Creator, as single deity, only interacts with the material realm through agents. Anything could be an agent, wind, fire, weather, angels, men and man made things such as political entities and political leaders. However, in their World View, the heavenly realm is not unified but chaotic with some heavenly beings loyal to the Creator and some rebellious. Both the loyal and rebellious heavenly beings can and do interact with our material realm. Exactly how this occurs they did not know nor did they diligently inquire. The Hebrews primary interest was the material present and future well being of their families and tribes. Hebrew prophecy revolves around their primary concerns, not ours.

To apply cultural anthropology to Hebrew prophecy requires the modern westerner to view the Hebrew prophets through the culture of their original audiences. It requires considering what the prophecies meant to their major concern, their families and tribes.

The prophets provided a picture of how they (the audience) fit into the overall plan of the Creator. The primary belief of the Hebrews was that their God cared about them. They were supposed to honor and praise their God by their obedience to the instructions of their God. In their Belief Structure, their families and tribes fared well if they did this but calamity would befall them if they did not. Hence, in their belief system, they were at peace or won battles due to their spiritual life. If they were conquered or lost battles, it was due to their own errors, failing to honor and obey their God in their lifestyle.

All this means that the ancient Hebrews had no religion in the modern sense. They had a lifestyle of obedience or failure to obey

1 Anthropology is a scientific word that means the study of man.

Yehovah in everything they said and did. Their World View determined their Belief Structure which was their culture, their culture was their Belief Structure and not separate as in modern western thinking. The prophetic sayings of the prophets were given in that context and only in that context do the prophet's saying make sense.

Ignoring the cultural context can lead to serious errors in judgment and interpretation of the biblical text. But, discovery of the cultural context may take one outside of the biblical narrative. It can seem like a daunting task to the average pew sitter but many authors have done this for us and offered their insights in dozens of books available through popular book sellers. This is especially true of the biblical prophecy researchers. There are many books on the market which do take into account useful extra biblical material, dating from either the time of the original prophecies or at least predating the birth of Yeshua by a couple of centuries. These extra biblical materials are an integral part of cultural studies of the ancient middle east and influence Biblical Prophecy studies.

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Introduction

Biblical Prophecy teachers typically follow one of two branches which I describe as “scientific” and “political”. The *political* branch examines prophesied battles, kingdoms, kings and political events to see into the future. With political thinking, they attempt to align prophesied events with history and modern day political struggles and political entities such as countries and governments. From there, they make predictions about the future.

The *scientific branch* studies ancient cultures while the *political* studies prophecies regarding conflicts and kingdoms. Of course, since both are seeking insight into the present and future, there will be considerable overlapping of their studies and conclusions.

The *scientific branch* deals more with history and archaeological evidence. This branch also includes ancient non-biblical manuscripts and books which date to the 1st century and earlier. This branch is easier to follow and verify since their sources are publicly available and more tangible. The *scientific branch* is less speculative and is less guesswork than the *political branch*.

Neither branch can definitively say, “Thus saith the Lord” but both attempt to suggest how close to the “end times” we are. The political branch is more likely to relate specific historical events with exact prophecies to establish definite markers on the way to the “end times”. The *scientific* branch examines historic trends in relation to prophecy about the “end times”. How close we are to the “end times” is debated among themselves. Estimates vary from under twenty years to a couple of centuries. No one actually knows.

To make matters less clear, what to call an “end times” scenario is debated and contradict one another. But by applying cultural anthropology, some of their complicated “end times” scenarios can be simplified. However, that might require some adjusting of our personal Belief Structure for many of us. Our former beliefs

might not be right and not all the teachers and commentators can be right, all at once either.

No matter what you believe, the work of either branch is easier to understand when it is compared to ancient Hebrew thinking ... the stuff of cultural anthropology.

To make it clear, I am not a prophecy teacher and do not absolutely side with one branch, theory or conclusion versus another. As a researcher, I am always open to more data on any given topic. Comparing ancient cultural thinking with modern research has given me some ideas about what the future will bring but everything is adjustable. I am not a rock or a stick about future events or even doctrines.

This should be one's attitude for all of one's theology, doctrinal and religious beliefs. Since we only know about the ancients through the fog of antiquity, we should be continually on a quest for clearer sight into the foundation of our faith, the Holy Bible. Our unclear vision of our ancient ancestors, should press us to remain ready to revise our own belief structure as we learn more. This attitude should apply to the Bible teachers, pastors and commentators as well as to all of us regular pew sitters.

The beliefs of the great denominations and most independent churches, were established by theologians or reformers who knew almost nothing about the ancient Hebrews and very little about the 1st century original followers of Yeshua. Worse, most theologians of the past, had an agenda, something to protect or promote. That bias colored all of their thinking, commentaries, conclusions and even how Bible versions were edited and published. This is why depending on theological bias is a problem for Christians. To make understanding prophecy even harder, few modern Christian leaders and pastors really think for themselves. They just repeat and quote their college teachers and books they have read, recommended by their teachers, or go along with the status quo to avoid controversy. These methods and attitudes are not really honest. Sometimes they're just lazy. We're going to challenge status quo and thoughtless theology.

First Enigma: Hebrew Circles in History

Biblical prophecy deals with the Hebrew prophets' beliefs and their concept of the future and then interpreted for the present. While no one knows if their concept of time was god-given or in common with the whole middle eastern culture. Either way, what is needed at the outset is an answer to the question, “How did the ancient Hebrew think about time?” and “What was their concept of the future?”. Perhaps no passage of scripture reveals the Hebraic view of time² better than this famous passage:

What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9 [ESV])

The ancient Hebrews did not see a straight line progression of time like we do in the west. They thought of themselves as points along a great repeating circle, repeating the same human cycles, over and over. The details vary but each generation experiences the same challenges, the same joys and the same endings. Every human is born, grows up, contributes to society, extends the family and eventually dies. Everything they know and experience is endless repeating circles.

The biblical story is laid out in this manner: what was, leads to what is; what was lost, will be found again. Genesis begins with Yehovah making the heavens and earth. The heavens are filled with divine creatures. The material world, the earth, is filled with material creatures. Yehovah filled each realm with what they both need to thrive. These two realms are not independent from one another; they are related and interact with one another with their paths crossing frequently in the biblical narrative. Each realm, the heavenlies and the material, were supposed to be interdependent.

The Bible relates in detail only one great circle story, man's story, but it does offer a few details about the heavenly story. The biblical story of man starts in paradise and ends with sorting out

2 The Hebrew's concept of time is shared with all the ancient middle eastern cultures.

and judging good and evil, the chaos and conflict, on the earth. After that, a new paradise, a new heavens and earth, is established with a new city for humans to dwell in called the New Jerusalem. The biblical story is one great circle: from paradise to paradise.

The earth is a place of Yehovah's making, intended for humans to live in fellowship with their Creator. It starts in perfection and at the end of time, finishes in perfection. The heavenly story also starts in perfection and ends with judgments which cleanses the heavenly realm of its chaos and conflict so it can end in perfection. The last phase of both great circle stories is a merging of the heavenly and material realms into a single perfect whole. In the Hebrew view, this final merging restores the original design where the heavenly and the material realms were together in harmony.

Biblical Prophecy concerns itself with the interaction of these two great circular stories. It assumes what was, will be again. The prophecy teachers look to what was, as a guide to how far along human kind and the material world is on the path to what will be again, the restoration of all things to its original state.

The challenge for the *scientific branch* of bible prophecy researchers is getting an accurate view of what was. If they can do that, then what will be, becomes more clear. The Hebrew prophets told of what will be but expressed it within their culture and time. They were not too concerned with all the details, just the final outcome. The Hebrew prophets confronted error of their day, compared to the ways of Yehovah. But they also offered future hope, if the Hebrews would mend their ways. If they would reform, Yehovah would look upon them kindly again. The goal of the prophets' utterances was the final outcome, the restoration of Yehovah's people back to a state of fellowship with their Creator. It was not their primary goal to explain the future in detail, only the final outcome, consequently their future visions were not described in the kind of detail and metaphors modern westerners appreciate.

That makes Bible Prophecy researchers anthropologists. They search the scriptures like scientists gathering data for the details of these two overlapping stories: the heavenly and the earthly. As

anthropologists, they also search extra biblical materials such as ancient manuscripts and the preserved writings on clay tablets and stone, the work of “paleography”.³ The biblical prophecy researchers rely on archeology, linguistics, geology and other sciences to reveal a picture of once was.

The body of work available for biblical prophecy research is based upon the ancient middle eastern concept of repeating cycles in human history. If the pattern existed in ancient history, a current pattern can be recognized and projected into the future or at least expected to exist in the future. The advantage we have, as modern believers, is that the whole story is entirely written in scripture from the beginning to the end. The goal of the bible prophecy researchers is to fill in the details of what used to be, so as to develop a picture of the current episode in the whole story. If that can be determined, then the progress to the next episode of the story can be inferred. Even though we might develop a reasonable picture of the present, there is still the enigma of when this episode will end and when the next episode will start.

Additionally, our picture of the current episode in man's story is fuzzy and thus the details of the next episode are contested. Consequently, there are many opinions about our current state and the nature of the next episode. The repeating patterns are complex and overlap. Sorting them out is not an easy or quick task. Some prophecy researchers have devoted decades to the hunt for what used to be, while others have devoted decades to what will come. They work together to provide a more complete picture of the story of man.

To make researching biblical prophecy even more difficult, the picture of the episodes of the great story of man has been developed by theologians and church leaders, who have ignored the Hebrew culture. This process started at the end of the 1st century and through the succeeding centuries when the gentiles became the dominate ethnic group of Yeshua followers. The Jewish sect, the Nazarenes, were becoming fewer and less influential in interpreting the Hebrew scriptures. Roman

3 Paleography is the study of ancient manuscripts, clay tablet writings and stone carvings and paintings.

historians of the 1st and 2nd centuries, do speak about the Nazarenes, but not a lot. They were disappearing from history.

Until about the mid 2nd century, most rank and file Christians associated with messianic Jews and their synagogues. A few Christians had built their own buildings but those who did not attend messianic synagogues, usually met in homes. The writings of Christian leaders of that era reveal that, in spite of their associations, they were largely Greco-Roman thinking people. The theological implications in their letters indicates a new theology was developing in their western minds, one suited to their culture but contrary to the Hebraic culture.

Consequently, the view of each episode in man's great story is colored with Greek and Roman mythology⁴ and Greek philosophy. These deviations from the original concepts and understanding of the Hebrew prophets, which have been handed down, has become deeply ingrained in modern religious traditions. These religious traditions color how each episode of man's story is understood, past, present and future.

There are university professors, college and seminary teachers and even some church leaders who are aware of these cultural changes; they even understand the implications for modern Christians. However, most either lecture to a few students in their protected academic environments or are reluctant to speak out at all. If they did, it would be damaging to their careers if not career ending. Consequently, the Bible prophecy teachers tread the lonely path of “fringe religious nuts”.

However, a new day in biblical research is dawning. In the 19th century, human sciences were coming into their own as method of data collection and interpretation were developed and improved. Among these sciences was the study of man's past and present: Anthropology. This might not have been important for Christians except that some scientists were believers who applied their scientific craft to biblical topics.⁵ As more artifacts were uncovered and interpreted, the Bible's own records about man's

4 Greek and Roman mythologies are the same stories, told with different names for the same mythological figures.

past came under scientific scrutiny. At first, scientists scoffed, attempting to ridicule the biblical records as invalid. However, in mid 20th century, two events challenged the scoffers.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, found around 1947, validated the accuracy of our modern Bibles. This discovery and everything else dug up in the middle east seemed to validate the biblical records. This new scientific certainty provided researchers the confidence to develop new, and more accurate insights, into the ancient past. Another cache of manuscripts was discovered in a sealed earthen jar around this time was the Nag Hammadi gnostic manuscripts. These manuscripts provided evidence that the New Testament condemnation of gnostic heresies was valid.

There are historical records of religious fights from the 3rd century which led to ordering the destruction of religious texts which were not approved by the orthodox catholic bishops. The Nag Hammadi manuscripts cache proved these events true. There had been an ongoing struggle between the Christians and the Gnostics as suggested in the New Testament, also validated.

Another event occurred which has captured the attention of the population. In 1947, the UFO phenomena started with a supposed alien spaceship crash in Roswell New Mexico. Believe it or not, all these things occurred within a few years of each other and are relevant for the bible prophecy researchers. To them, there are no aliens, or extraterrestrials, just another chapter in the heavenly story of chaos and conflict: the repeat of the fallen angels episode.

This “alien incursion” is viewed by the prophecy researchers as a counter against the biblical proofs offered by the sciences. UFO mania distracts from biblically related science. It should not surprise any believer that the adversary of men, the serpent of Eden, could not allow humans to focus on validating the Bible – a book which reveals him and his agenda.

5 Many consider Sir Issac Newton (1642-1727) the founder of modern science. Yet, his primary interest was biblical studies. He made this prediction: *"About the time of the end, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the Prophecies, and insist upon their literal interpretation, in the midst of much clamor and opposition."*

IMHO: We have a modern repeat of ancient stories: the return of the ancient gods from the skies but this time, we have a new modern name for them: extraterrestrials. Today, we are experiencing a repeat of the story of the origins of the ancient sky-god myths ... just with new names. It has all happened before but told through the Hebraic view of the story telling. The scene may change, the names of the players may change but the script remains the same. If the script has not changed, then the emphasis of research will be on uncovering the old story script and updating it for the current generation.

The Hebrew prophets present the episodes in the story of man with unending variations on the same theme. If we can filter out western religious traditions, we will find the original Hebrew episodes. Then we can accurately paint a more accurate modern version of the old story and update it for modern times. That is biblical prophecy research in a nutshell.

Second Enigma: Original Story Episodes

Biblical Prophecy researchers tend to dive into details before attending to the overall plot line first. Here, we will start with the big story, original intent of the Creator. Then we will look for the details of how the players departed from the original plot line and script of the Creator.

The first episode, of human history starts when Genesis says, “In the beginning, Yehovah created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1-2). Both the heavens and the earth was a dwelling place and stage for its own citizens, each with its' own sets of players. Each kind of citizen had a dwelling place in which to function. They were not created to be separate from each other, they were originally complimentary. The heavenlies, was to be a dwelling place of Yehovah with His heavenly hosts. How many creatures are in this heavenly host, is unknown but we do know that angels number in the many thousands. They are arranged in a hierarchical order, with archangels over legions of other angels. Yehovah commands them by speaking to the archangels, who then, with their legions, carry out Yehovah's will.

The Bible doesn't say how many angels or archangels there are but extra biblical sources agree that there are seven archangels who command at least twelve legions each of other angels: Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, Uriel, Raguel, Remiel and Saraqael. These are the primary heavenly players. Archangel responsibilities cover such things as the world, the depths of hell, taking vengeance in behalf of Yehovah's people, and combating rebellious angels, to name a few jobs they perform.

The primary material realm players are Adam and Eve and their descendants: human kind. Unlike the heavenly hosts, humans are all the same type of creatures. Our bodies are all alike, our genetics and biology all work the same. Unlike the angels, humans and animals are male and female. We have the capacity to reproduce since our material form does not last forever. We need replacements, but the citizens of the heavenlies do not. Angels are created once and continue forever until, and

unless, Yehovah Himself destroys them. Humans are mortal, eventually we will die and cease to live on the planet earth, hence humans have a reproductive ability. Our mortal nature is both a curse and a blessing. This mortality is different from the immortality of the heavenly hosts. This difference is a curiosity to the angels who are part of the story of the conflicts in both the heavenlies and in human history ... more on that later.

Biblical Prophecy researchers typically start their research with man's original state and what happened next, step by step in sequence. They project the plot lines of early episodes into the present and on into the future for both the heavenly and the earthly stories. According to the Hebraic circular way of thinking, the basic story plot lines will repeat. The story might seem to change with new names given to the angelic players and changes in human history but the overall story plot will remain the same.

There are two plot lines to identify. One is the conflict in the heavens, the other is the conflict on earth. The heavenly players are the created beings who live there.⁶ The earthly players are the humans who inhabit this material world. The conflicts in the plot lines in the two realms are similar, though the players differ greatly. The characters of the two realms also interact with one another. Neither realm is completely without influence from the other. Each realm has a divine intended purpose for its players, and originally they were intended to compliment one another.

The original heavenly players went off the divine script and ad libbed their own plot lines, inventing chaos where none existed and none was intended. This is the origin of the conflicts in the story of the heavenlies. Chaos, in both the heavenlies and upon earth, was introduced by their respective players, and both sets of players have been off the divine script ever since. The entire biblical record is the story of the events in the conflict. The biblical story portrays a process to get both sets of characters

6 The Bible describes four types of heavenly beings: cherubs, seraphims, angles and 'living creatures'. Extra biblical sources add one more: a serpent. The Bible also speaks of an evil serpent but doesn't identify it as a heavenly being, probably to separate it from the angels loyal to God.

back on their respective divine script if at all possible. Biblical human history occurs between man's origins in original Paradise and his final destination in a new Paradise.

Neither set of characters remained on script for very long. Heavenly and earthly chaos and conflict is almost as old as the creation itself! Sorting out the intended script from the one we know is a cooperative effort between the prophecy researchers and believing scientists. The departure from the original divine plan was first done by the players in the heavenlies. Then the conflict was brought to the material realm by the Satan, called the Serpent, that we find in Genesis, talking to the first woman, Eve, Adam's soul mate.

Scientists, who hold to the accuracy of scripture, are called "Creationists", take scripture at face value but come in two varieties: Young Earth and Old Earth Creationists. As the names imply, the Bible prophecy researchers take one of these positions or the other. Their controversy revolves around a single issue: how to interpret Genesis 1:2:

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2 [ESV])

Hebrew, being a fluid language, is unclear if "without form and void" was the earth's original state at creation or if it became that way some time later. Those who hold to "without form and void" being its original state are called "Young Earth Creationists". The other camp are called "Old Earth Creationists". This latter group subscribe to an interpretation known as the "gap theory", which is a space of time between the original creation and the rest of the story in Genesis. This is also the view taken by most of the ancient rabbis.

Old Earth Creationists allow for the eons of time universally accepted by secular scientists between creation until the present.⁷ Young Earth Creationists need to explain ice ages and dinosaur fossils, etc., within a very short period of time, under two

7 Sir Isaac Newton was an "Old Earth Creationists".

thousand years! The arguments and debates over this are endless and cause hard feelings among the researchers against one another. From a practical point of view, Old Earth theory satisfies commonly held facts about the earth and does not seriously ruffle the feathers of the secular science community. It is also the more commonly held position among prophecy researchers.

That does not mean the Old Earth Creationists do not have conflicts with secular scientists. Both the Young Earth and Old Earth theories hold that humankind started with Adam and Eve. If there were biped humanoid creatures before Eden, they are regarded as non-human (a type of animal), a different species, and extinct.⁸ They are not regarded as the ancestors of modern humans who populate the earth today. The limited provable facts about ancient human development do not actually contradict this view. Darwin evolution as taught in our high schools and colleges makes use of extensive conjecture, to fill in missing artifacts.⁹ For our purposes, we will assume the biblical position that modern man is a descendant from Adam and Eve, though other humanoids might predate them. We will also assume that the Bible is correct when it teaches that the human race restarted with only eight individuals after Noah's flood. That makes the entire human race descendants from Noah's grandsons: the five sons of Shem, the four sons of Ham and the seven sons of Japheth, (sixteen grandsons).

In biblical family descendant, only the males are tracked. This is not arbitrary nor accidental.

then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (Genesis 2:7 [ESV])

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- 8 The phrase, "let us make man in our image" can be taken as change in an existing biped creature being transformed from beast into the modern human. Only a very few Bible researchers hold to this view.
- 9 Creationists do not contest that species evolve, they just believe the theory is applied far too universally and broadly. They also object to extending the theory to cover missing proofs, especially applied to human development.

The ancient prophets and modern bible researchers, see this passage as the origin of the life of man, the human spirit or soul. It originates from the “breath of Yehovah” and hence, what Yehovah makes alive by His life giving force, cannot be killed by anything or anyone but by Yehovah himself. That is the basis of the concept of the soul continuing after death.¹⁰

This passage, plus others, means that the ancient Hebrews, by recording male lineage, were tracing the extent of the spread of the “breath of Yehovah”. The woman was not given this life spirit directly. She attained it from the man, being made from Adam's body, his rib as the text says. Women, share with men the breath of Yehovah but they do not pass it on to their offspring since it did not originate with them. Men are the carriers of the divine spirit of life, soul life, but can not pass it on without their helper, the woman. This is also why the biblical records nearly always speaks of the exploits and activities of men but says less about the women. This is also why men are regarded as the leaders in scripture. However, there are stories almost exclusively about women and sometimes women had to perform the duties of men. These stories are more the exception rather than the rule.

All this emphasis on males, having the divine life spirit and passing it on is very important in biblical studies. It comes up when Adam and Eve are expelled from the garden of Eden, but we're getting ahead of ourselves in the story.

Many biblical researchers assume from the list of angelic responsibilities, that they were created around the time of the beginning of mankind, since some of their jobs are directly related to humans. It is assumed by the prophecy researchers that Yehovah established the earth and it's original contents while the heavens were in a harmonious state, not chaotic. However, tranquility in the heavenlies did not last long. One creature of heaven, the serpent, rebelled against his job and by inference, rebelled against Yehovah Himself. Just when this occurred is not agreed upon but there is one indication in scripture.

¹⁰ This was discussed in greater detail in Volume 1 of this series, “What Is The Afterlife?”.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31 [ESV])

This “very good” state would include the heavenly beings as well, being created when the heavenlies were created. That would mean that the heavenly rebellion had not happened yet. However, not long after Adam and Eve started living in the garden, a heavenly being called the serpent confronted Eve with a new concept: hidden divine knowledge that would make a human god-like. Suddenly there was a new possibility for Eve, perhaps she had not been informed of everything she might need or want to know. Apparently she forgot or did not know about the divine warning to stay away from this knowledge ... or she ignored it. Instead of being a lower creature than the heavenly beings, with this knowledge she could become like the heavenly beings, knowing good and evil. Until then, she did not know about evil.¹¹

There was no edible fruit from a physical tree, called knowledge. It is a metaphor for Eve becoming a protégé of this heavenly creature called the serpent. Eve was deceived in this act but when she shared this knowledge with Adam; he was not deceived, he understood the consequences. So why did Adam allow this? It is very simple: once you know something, you can not “unknow it”. Adam had a choice, refuse the offer and lose Eve forever, or join her but lose his alignment and fellowship with the Creator. Satan set up the original, “damned if you do and damned if you don’t” situation and is the author of every similar one since. Adam chose to keep Eve, knowing the consequences of his decision. Adam willingly accepted the knowledge and himself became a protégé of Satan¹², the ultimate treasonous act.

This is the first episode in the history of man. Adam committed a fatal error. Jehovah had warned against this act of treason, telling Adam that the day he crossed that line, and learned this

11 No one knows the content of this knowledge labeled “evil” although Bible prophecy researchers speculate that it is a knowledge of how to bend the very nature of the creation for another purpose.

12 I Timothy 2:14

forbidden knowledge, he would die. Westerners see an enigma in this warning. Adam did not instantly die but lived nine hundred and thirty years after that. However, the apostle Peter makes a statement that sheds a bit of light on how Yehovah's warning was true.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (II Peter 3:8 [ESV])

In Hebraic thinking, a thousand years is a divine day. That would mean the Adam did not live even one full divine day. His death occurred within the time specified by Yehovah. No human has ever lived past one divine day. Modern man only lives one hundredth of a divine day, at best, and most humans do not even live that long. How far we fallen from the original divine intent for human life! Also from this idea, the ancient rabbis conclude that the total time of man, before the restoration of all things is six divine days. In 2015, the Hebrew year was 5775. If you add either 167 or 204 years to allow for an intentional corruption in the Hebrew calendar, the end of man's history is approaching very soon.¹³ That is what most Bible prophecy researchers believe, though they differ in the exact time left until the end. This is why biblical researchers study prophecy, they expect the prophecies to be completed very soon and do not wish to be taken by surprise and unaware.

This first episode ends with a divine judgment and prophecy:

The LORD God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring [seed] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

13 See Volume 1, Appendix "Sources", page 56 Some scholars believe 204 years was deleted from the Hebrew calendar, others believe it was 167 years.

To the woman he said, I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for [against] your husband, and he shall rule over you.

And to Adam he said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, You shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
(Genesis 3:14-19 [ESV])*

This passage sets the scene for the next episode in the history of man. The deception of Eve and Adam's decision had severe consequences. The ground became cursed and would not give of its abundance like it had before. The idyllic life of paradise was over. Mankind would have to work hard for his sustenance, to feed and clothe himself. Even the relationship between men and women would change. It would no longer be totally equal. Each had a role to play and both had to cooperate together to survive. Women would suffer pain and trauma in childbearing.

But there was a hope given too, a redeeming offspring. Many English Bibles cover up the Hebraic concept of the breath of Jehovah by using the word "offspring". The Hebrew text is more specific than just offspring. It literally says and means "seed" which is carried by men. Women receive this seed to start a new life in the womb. The breath of Jehovah, the spirit of man, is passed on and continued by the new life in the child. It is important to understand the concept of male seed because in offering hope for undoing Adam's error, a special prophecy is revealed.

There would be conflict between two seeds, two different sources of life, two different "divine breaths". One would be the

seed or offspring from Satan. The other would be the seed or offspring of the woman. But a woman has no seed! Only one other time in the whole biblical story is a human born who is not from the seed of a man. That “seed” was the prophesied Jewish Messiah, the redeemer of human kind, Yeshua himself. He received his “seed” directly from Yehovah, the same as did Adam. Thus, by his genetics, Jesus was literally another Adam or second Adam.

The prophecy researchers are very interested in the serpent's seed because it is little understood today but hold the key to understanding much of reality and future events. Modern Christians are rarely taught about this “other seed,” but it is as real as the seed of the woman. Identifying this other seed and its activities against the righteous is the main conflict of the ages. We know that this other seed can only bruise the heel of the righteous seed while the righteous seed can crush the head of this serpent seed. That should be comforting to all believers in the righteous seed. And so ends the beginning of man's history, the first scene of the story.

The next scene of the story continues after the fall of man until Noah's flood. To figure out the next scene in the story, we turn to Yeshua himself. He was very aware of end time prophecies, as were the Jews of his era. He responded to these questions when asked by his apostles.

As he [Yeshua] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age? (Matthew 24:3 [ESV])

Among other things, Yeshua described coming future events; he used the days of Noah to indicate what the last days were about:

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,

and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 24:36-39 [ESV])

The future conditions which preceded the return of Yeshua is the part which reads “as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” The days of Noah are the next part of this episode in the story of man. One must wonder how could the flood take them unaware? Noah knew about it one hundred and twenty years before it happened. He spent five years building the ark. How could people not know? How could Noah's immediate family be the only ones who knew? Did everyone just ignore Noah? Apparently they did ignore him and went on with life like nothing was going to happen.

There is not much in the biblical record which tells us about the days of Noah, the days leading up to the flood. But what there is, is one shocking passage about those times:

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,

the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.

Then the LORD said, My Spirit shall not abide in [contend] man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.

The Nephilim [giants] were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. (Genesis 6:1-4 [ESV])

The ancient rabbis understood the “sons of God” to mean angels. This can also be seen in another passage:

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan [the Adversary] also came among them. (Job 1:6 [ESV])

Clearly, these sons of God were angles or heavenly beings, although the term does have other uses.

Most translators of modern English Bibles do not know what to do with the King James Version's phrase, “men of renown” and so just repeat it as is. However, a bit of research reveals it is the same word used of one of Noah's sons, Shem. His name, used a word, means men who made a great name for themselves and their descendants. We know the Hebrews were descendant from Shem. Through them, the Messiah eventually was born. These are great names in the Bible, and the Messiah's name, the greatest of all in human history.

However, it is this other seed line, the fallen angels seed, the nephilim line, that defines this part of this episode in human history. It also defines what those days of great troubles and the future tribulation, will be like. In Hebraic thinking, the days of Noah will repeat just before the Messiah is revealed in the sky for all to see. Examining the character of this episode is part and parcel of the work of the biblical prophecy researchers. If this first episode can be fully understood, then we will be able to see how far along we are today toward in reproducing the days of Noah. That becomes an indicator of how close we are to the the anti-christ's rule. Describing accurately the days of Noah will prepare us to recognize the approach of the days of the great troubles or tribulation.

The days of Noah are the days when men made great names for themselves and their offspring. The phrase, “every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” describes the nature of those great names of the nephilim tribes, also called giants. In modern physiological terms, they were psychopaths.¹⁴

¹⁴ Psychopathy is defined as a personality disorder characterized by enduring antisocial behavior, diminished empathy and remorse, and

But the record goes on to say these nephilim tribes not only existed in the days of Noah, but also after his days. Prophecy researchers speculate that both sets of nephilim tribes came into existence the same way: disloyal angels cohabiting (as in marriage) with human women.¹⁵ The nephilim are this “other seed” of which Genesis 3:15 speaks, the seed of the serpent. Here, this seed of the serpent is used to speak of all the seed or offspring of those who joined in the rebellion in heaven and cohabited with human women.

Extra biblical literature must be used for additional information about these rebellious angels and their offspring,¹⁶ the book of 1 Enoch. It is quoted twice in the New Testament by the apostle Peter and alluded to in other New Testament books. The book of 1 Enoch is a history of this period. 1 Enoch describes a group of one hundred and eighty angels involved in this cohabiting activity. For this ungodly thing, corrupting the human genome with their evil angelic seed, these angels were judged and sent to the depths of hell or “Tartarus”. 1 Enoch even names the archangel who is in charge of keeping them there: Uriel.

Many Bible prophecy researchers are certain that these nephilim are the truth behind Egyptian and Greek mythologies about deities coming down from the sky, cohabiting with human women and producing the gods they revere. When the biblical records are compared with the mythologies, and ancient Jewish books, the parallels among them are many and disturbing. Even the judgment and defeat of the rebellious angels finds parallels in the mythologies.

The judgment of the fallen angles, by sending them to Tartarus, did nothing to dissuade their offspring from continually thinking evil. Reality does not curb the behavior of psychopaths. Rebellion and evil was their nature, being the spawn of the Satan seed. They were totally unredeemable, completely engulfed in self

uninhibited or bold behavior.

15 This idea of a second cohabiting event is not universally shared among Bible prophecy researchers.

16 These sources are described in the appendix of Volume 1, “Sources” of this series.

indulgence, doing whatever came to mind, without any reservation or restraint. They completely lacked what we call a conscience. They were tyrants of the first order, evil doers and bullies. This evil branch of genetically altered humans represented nearly all of the population in the days of Noah. There were only a few exceptions, the righteous branch, a line of humans who honored Yehovah, whose genetics were still pure. The corrupted branch of human kind grieved the Creator to the point that He was determined to destroy them. That was the purpose of the Noah's flood, cleanse the earth of this evil, genetically altered population of humans, to wipe out the nephilim.

The record even says that not only had these rebellious angels corrupted human flesh, they also did the same thing to the animal kingdom. All flesh became corrupted by them! There was absolutely nothing in Yehovah's creation they were not willing and able to corrupt. Did they combine human and animal DNA? There are many legends from ancient cultures which suggest such hybrid creatures once existed in reality, not just metaphorical ideas, but real creatures.

So why is genetics such a big deal? Corrupted genetics is one of the reasons for the destruction of the earth by the flood and one of the reasons Noah and his sons were preserved in the ark.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Genesis 6:10 [ESV])

Noah was blameless in his generations. That means there was no genetic corruption in Noah's lineage, from Adam to Noah, there were no nephilim genes.

This is not said about his son's wives, so some Bible researchers suggest that the later tribes of Nephilim were genetic throwbacks by recessive gene paring. The nephilim tribes could have sprung up again by genetics with inbreeding men and women who carried the genes of the nephilim. But this view is not shared by all the Bible prophecy researchers even though it is

plausible. Other Bible prophecy researchers believe another set of rebellious angels cohabited with women after the flood, not having learned the lesson from the first bunch who did it. However, scripture does not say that nor indicate it. There is also no record of divine judgment for a second interbreeding of angels and human women. How a second set of nephilim tribes arose after the flood, no one knows for certain. However, we know without a doubt that a second set of nephilim tribes did arise and lived in Canaan. The wording of Genesis 6:4 does not eliminate the possibility of another set of angels cohabiting with human women. History and mythology suggests that this second incursion, of corrupting the gene pool, was not nearly as extensive.

The second episode, of human history starts with the aftermath of the flood. Noah plants a vineyard among other agricultural activities. Apparently atmospheric and earth environment have changed because when Noah drinks of the grape juice from his vineyard he gets drunk and passes out. Ham takes advantage of the situation and “uncovers the nakedness of his father”. He also tells his two brothers. This is a curious event until you apply some cultural anthropology and look up what this phrase, “nakedness” a person means.

The Old Testament reveals much about the Hebrew's culture and idiomatic phrases. This expression is clearly defined in Leviticus chapters eighteen through twenty. It means to have sexual relations. The nakedness of the father is his wife. Ham had violated his own mother by having sexual relations with her. His mother got pregnant by her own son. The result was a male baby that was named Canaan.

Eventually Noah either realizes what Ham did or is told. He is angry and pronounces a curse, not on Ham for his behavior but on Ham's son Canaan.¹⁷ Nearly all of the post flood nephilim giants are descendant from this illicit union and came to reside in the land named after this son of Ham by his mother. The nephilim giants living in Canaan are described as not only as much larger than normal, up to two or three times normal. They are also

17 Ham's sons were Canaan, Cush, Mizraim, and Phut.

reported to have had six digits on each hand and foot and sometimes double rows of teeth. Such descriptions persist in many cultural legends across the world. Perhaps Noah saw the extra fingers and toes and knew, a corrupted line of humans was on its way to becoming many tribes. Or perhaps by spiritual insight he knew this was going to happen without seeing any outward sign. Either way, Noah got it right, Canaan's line was corrupt, both in character and in genetics, just like the pre-flood nephilim Noah knew so well. Noah knew a whole portion of his descendants were going to be unredeemable psychopaths. Noah's curse was prophetic.

Canaan was not the only one of Ham's lineage that lives in infamy. Ham's grandson by Cush, Nimrod, is another prominent name in ancient history.

Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. [he began to be a mighty man on the earth]

He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD. (Genesis 10:8-9 [ESV])

Nimrod is a title or a description of him. It means, “the rebellious one”. Scholars believe the ancient Sumerian king Gilgamesh, is the same person as Nimrod of Genesis. If so, then the stories of Gilgamesh, found on clay tablets in the cities he ruled explain him more than the Bible does.

In addition to the Sumerian's, the Babylonians wrote about this person as did the Assyrians and the Hittites. Even in other parts of the middle east, this man's name is found. He was obviously the a very popular hero in the ancient middle east. All the accounts of this person agree that he was not only a great hunter and also a tyrant king. Nimrod proposed that he had killed the god who caused the great flood. He did that with the help of a half animal, half man friend. He also proclaimed himself a god-man whose father was of heavenly origin, not Cush as the Bible says. Nimrod, having vanquished the god of the flood, decreed “god is dead”, and the people should not worship that dead god but

instead worship him as their savior. Nimrod was the first secular, atheist civil ruler. As the unchallenged ruler, he conducted himself just like the nephilim of the pre-flood era. He took of women whomever he liked and did with them what he wanted. The descriptions of him on the ancient clay tablets and images of him, show Nimrod (Gilgamesh) as a giant, holding a full grown lion as though it were but a house cat. He was nephilim all over again.

The cities of his kingdom are the most ancient cities known. These cities are considered to be the dawn of civilization. What we think of as civilized, was founded in rebellion against Noah's god when men proclaimed themselves to be the deities, the great ones of earth. Every civilization since has been based on Nimrod's rule. That includes the Babylonians, the Romans, the Greeks and the Egyptians. Each one was ruled by tyrants who were self proclaimed deities and worshiped as deities.

The accounts of the persecutions of Jews and Christians at the end of the 1st century through the 2nd century were all based on punishing the rebels who refused to worship the civil rulers as gods. Worshiping Yehovah has traditionally been considered rebellion against civilization from Nimrod's time to the 4th century, when the Roman Empire adopted Christianity as an arm of the state ... to control the people.

Only America stands out as a nation of religious freedom even though it was founded on the humanistic idea that man himself, is the sovereign. The big difference in the founding of American from all others preceding it was the notion that each man should determine his own destiny without the civil government lording itself upon individuals. That allowed for religious freedom. The American founders were against any religious form or institution controlling the civil government. That closed the door on making the president and politicians deities or god-men. But there is always a temptation among people to elevate their leaders to deity status and always the temptation among civil leaders to consider themselves a kind of secular divinity, who are above the population in reverence and above civil laws, just as in the days of Nimrod (Gilgamesh).

The third episode starts with the descendants of Abraham, the children of Israel, in Egypt. They arrived there due to a famine in Canaan, the land Yehovah gave to Abraham. At first they were immigrants but eventually became slaves to the deity pharaohs. No matter their state in Egypt, they were not in the land given them by their god. They had grown apart from their god, adopting the Egyptian ruler deities, during their generations. They forgot who they were and who was their god.

When Moses was confronted by the angel in the burning bush, one of his questions was what was god's name so he could tell the Israelites who sent him. The response was a name that means, "I exist" which also can be translated as, "I will exist" and other variations, which translators have elected to render, "I AM". Moses returns to Egypt, not as an adopted son of a Pharaoh, but a leader of the Israelites who offered to lead them out of Egypt and back to Canaan where they belonged.

Thus the story of the Exodus is summarized by the writer of the book of Hebrews in the New Testament:

He [Moses] considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. (Hebrews 11:26-29 [ESV])

The historical reality and the biblical details are hotly contested among archaeologists and Jewish historians. The biblical story is told from a particular perspective and not intended to be a clinical history in the modern sense. Therefore, the number and type of people leaving Egypt is disputed. What can be proven historically

and in other ways, was the people whom Moses led out of Egypt were descendants of Abraham and of the tribe of Levi. It is also known that some of the people were from the other Hebrew tribes and some were not Israelites at all. Moses himself was a Levite, the leadership tribe of Israel but he led a very mixed throng of people out of Egypt. There is some evidence that before the Levites became the spiritual leaders of Israel, they were a warrior class whose strength and abilities none dared challenge. It is interesting that they eventually became the only tribe who did not participate in sending their men to defend Israel. Instead they oversaw the worship center, the tent of witness called the tabernacle. They were in charge of its sacrifices, offerings and ceremonies in behalf of the rest of the tribes. No matter what the historical details, the exodus of Israel from Egypt was a defining event for the Hebrew nation. They entered Egypt as a large family and left as a nation.

The Israelites traveled from Egypt to Arabia, to mount Sinai. Sinai was mis-located by Helena, mother of Constantine I, who traveled to the Arabian desert in the early 300s AD. A monastery was built at that site but it has been discredited by modern explorers. The true location is still disputed today though creditable evidence exists for a location in present day Saudi Arabia.¹⁸

Many scholars are beginning to believe that “Jabal el Lawz”, located east of the Red Sea, in the land of Midian, is a very likely spot for the real Mt. Sinai. This place has more evidence than any other locations to establish it as the real mountain of God, the location where Moses received the commandments. It has the scorched mountain top, the split rock according to the biblical record and much evidence of human habitation. Other scholars reject that location though most of them have never set foot outside their own countries to go look. Proponents of that location have been there. Examining that location is not easy since the

18 The area called Arabia in the New Testament is not necessarily the identical area of the modern state. It seems in antiquity, that Arabia was a much larger area than the modern state established in the 20th century.

Saudi government has fenced it off and visitors are not permitted within the fence. Some have dared to sneak in and photographed it. The pictures are on the Internet. Apparently the Saudis think it is the real Mt. Sinai, but being Muslim, have reasons to discourage validating the biblical account.

Also in dispute is how to interpret some of the biblical passages. In our modern times, we also are not sure of some of the ancient names from ancient times and we do not know what is meant by certain biblical phrases. However, that does not invalidate the events of the exodus and its meaning for all worshipers of Yehovah.

Following the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the children of Israel traveled to the borders of Canaan, the land given by Yehovah to Abraham. They sent spies into Canaan to see the nature of the land, its abundance and its defenses. In the spies report, the bible prophecy researchers find evidence of tribes of nephilim living in Canaan.

Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country,

and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, (Numbers 13:17-18 [ESV])

Twelve men were sent on a reconnaissance mission to check out the land and its inhabitants. They were gone for forty days, observing the land and its people. The first part of their report was very encouraging:

And they told him, We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. (Numbers 13:27 [ESV])

However, the next part was not what anyone wanted to hear:

However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan. (Numbers 13:28-29 [ESV])

The spies reported many walled cities inhabited by warriors of great reputation. Worse, they saw the descendants of Anak and went on to describe them:

And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them. (Numbers 13:33 [ESV])

How big must a warrior be to make you feel like a grasshopper if you stand next to him? Of course this is an exaggeration but that does not discount the literal fact that there is a huge difference in size between the average Israelite and a son of Anak. All this taken together becomes a push-pull on the emotions or two handed thinking in Jewish way. On one hand there is a land of great abundance with crops growing to super size.¹⁹ On the other hand, the inhabitants have many warriors of super size. This makes for a super dilemma!

At this point, two spies wanted to go ahead, believing their god was greater than any challenges. But the other ten, feared and would not support an invasion. Worse, the rest of the Israelites sided with the fearful spies. This was not so much a military evaluation but a crisis of faith for the Israelites. Was their god with them in this endeavor or not?

The third episode, continues to find the Israelites turning back to the desert and spending the next forty years wandering about before the next approach to Canaan. They were not up to the challenge of taking on the terrifying warriors in Canaan in spite of the abundance that the land had to offer.

After forty years, they returned to Canaan. All the unbelieving adult Israelites had died off. Remaining alive from this

¹⁹ Numbers 13:23. A cluster of grapes so large it required two men to carry it.

generation, were Moses and the two believing spies, Joshua and Caleb. The children of this generation would accomplish what their parents would not. At the next approach to Canaan, Moses would not continue to be their leader. He was already one hundred and twenty years old. He died upon a mountain within sight of Canaan and his body was hidden by Yehovah. Joshua became their leader and commander who would lead the invasion to reclaim Canaan for Israel.

However, in spite of the command, some of the Canaanites and the nephilim escaped or were not completely wiped out. Israel fought the Canaanites and the giant warriors for years, until they just could not do it any longer. The campaigns ended before Joshua and those he commanded were dead (from old age). They made treaties with some of the walled cities who surrendered without any fight. Eventually the Israelites ruled the whole land and divided it among their own tribes for an inheritance.

At this point, Israel was at peace; they laid down their swords and set about to cultivate the land. They transitioned from warriors to farmers and herders. One could consider Israel a nation but they had no central government in the modern sense. Like the Canaanites before them, they were a loose association of individual tribes, each with a patriarchal leader.²⁰ The only rule in the land was the rules for righteous living left by Moses in the form of the Sinai commandments.

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 21:25 [ESV])

However, not all of Israel followed the Torah of Moses.²¹ The remaining Canaanites and their pagan influence caused some Israel departed from the ways of Yehovah.

20 A Patriarchal leader is the usually the oldest male in a family or tribe, thought not necessarily. Sometimes the next male in line served as the family or tribal leader.

21 Torah is considered by Jews to be not laws in the civil sense, but instructions about living life.

And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.

And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger.

They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth.

So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies,

so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress. (Judges 2:11-15 [ESV])

To resolve this distress, Yehovah raised up “judges” to lead the people against their enemies.

Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. (Judges 2:16 [ESV])

But once the current crisis was over, they ignored the judges and went back to serving other gods again. Since Israel had not completely wiped out the pagan nations, they remained a plague in Canaan, preying on the Israelites. Israel was being tested, challenged to return to Yehovah and His covenant with them.

Now these are the nations that the LORD left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan.

It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before.

These are the nations: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath.

They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

So the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

And their daughters they took to themselves for wives, and their own daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their gods. (Judges 3:1-6 [ESV])

Israel had broken the covenant (legal contract) relationship with Yehovah by worshiping other gods. In Hebrew thinking, good things happen when Israel keeps their end of the covenant and bad things happen when they forsake or break the covenant with Yehovah. This keeping or breaking the covenant revolves around Torah. At that time they only had the Torah of Moses, the 613 commandments. Of these, there were a few of utmost importance, absolutely not optional. The most important law was the one they were breaking:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (Deuteronomy 6:4-6 [ESV])

Israel was failing to love only their god. They were honoring Canaanite gods and following their ways, hence, troubles and conflicts followed.

IMHO: These early episodes reveal patterns which have repeated throughout the centuries. At first, man is in paradise, at peace with his maker and with each other. Then man forsakes Torah, the instructions from Yehovah. Following that is troubles, conflicts and calamity. Only the intervention of Yehovah restores man's fallen condition.

With the advent of the coming of the Hebrew's Messiah, Yeshua, a way was opened for man to repair his standing with Yehovah. It is the responsibility for each and every one to do this by accepting Yehovah's redemption for himself.

This is the pattern laid out in the New Testament which completes and reveals the prophecies of the Hebrew prophets. In spite of the Messiah having come, man will still fall into idolatry and need divine intervention. Until man is recovered from his idolatry, his condition will continually grow worse. This time around, his troubles will eventually become the worst of any in human history. This is described in scripture as “the great tribulation”. Following that, the Messiah returns, not as a humble Hebrew sage, but as king of kings, the mighty ruler of the Kingdom of God. He will establish his kingdom on earth, headquartered in Jerusalem.

The bible prophecy researchers look to discover how far man has slipped into idolatry today. The domination of idolatry in modern times, will bring to pass the days of Noah again. Those days were characterized by deities having come down from the skies to interfere with men. That feature seems to be happening again as many people are ready for the sky creatures to reveal themselves as man original deities. Those days will bring about the great tribulations predicted and herald the end of all of man's days. Then will the Messiah return just before all is lost. Coming close to that great day is both exciting and disturbing when we see how utterly evil the days will be when the Messiah returns.

Third Enigma: The Biblical Giants

The Bible prophecy researchers often speak of the existence of ancient giants. This is not sensationalism or flights of imagination, there are a lot of records and artifacts to back the claim. However, these claims do not fit the popular Darwinian theories of the evolution of man. Science denies that a humanoid super race of beings ever existed despite the evidence and the widespread cultural stories.²²

But for Bible believers, the biblical records are either true or not ... you can not cherry pick what you want and throw away the rest. If you believe in Yeshua and the gospel records of him, why not also believe the Hebrew prophets? Yeshua believed in them, so why not us also?

Christians and Jews alike, are stuck between the biblical records and secular religion: science. That is why there is a class of believing scientists called Creationists. They attempt to resolve the conflict between biblical accounts and science. For the biblical anthropologists, both the physical artifacts of human history and scripture must align. What seems to be the answer is that both our understanding of the ancient records about man is fuzzy, and our understanding of scientific evidence is in error on some points also. When there are contradictions, some one must be wrong and possibly all are somewhat wrong. In simple terms, there is much to learn about human history. That applies to both biblical and scientific studies. If both are being honest, neither will point fingers, vilify the other or engage in name calling – all of which is done on both sides. Honest dialog is not always a human long suit.

Stories and records of ancient giant humans and other strange things are not confined to the Bible. Nearly every ancient culture has stories about strange events including man like creatures descending from the skies and huge man like beings walking the earth. In every case, such unusual beings were revered as gods.

22 Cultural stories of giants and other creatures are relegated to “myth and legend” by modern scientists, hence they are easy to ignore.

Combine these stories with real artifacts and you have a case for a different history of modern man from the one we learned in high school and college. The Bible prophecy researchers and secular scientists have different interpretations of the same evidence. The Bible prophecy researchers interpret evidence in a way that supports the biblical stories and the cultural stories alike. Scientific interpretations support the scientific world view and secular culture. Their interpretations conflict with the biblical stories and ancient cultural stories. In our secular society, science has the reverence normally given to deity. Therefore, scientific interpretations prevail like traditional theology does in religion, no matter how much evidence there might be to the contrary.²³

Many ancient cultural stories are passed to our modern times in varied and even garbled forms. However, in each, there is some kernel of truth. When stories speak of the same events, from a variety of cultures, even with wildly varying details, they are probably all talking about a shared experience in the far past, they are relating same real event. That is how the Bible prophecy researchers align biblical accounts with secular histories and cultural stories. The Bible is used as truth and the fundamental framework for all ancient stories but other sources are used for some details when they do not conflict with the biblical record. Some of these extra biblical sources are ancient Jewish writings , oral stories from both middle eastern cultures and ancient western cultures.

Separating fact from fiction about ancient giant humans and a super human race is not a simple task. Sometimes you have to look at the source of the story, to determine if there is a special slant or agenda being promoted by that source. Most of the American stories of giants are recorded in news paper articles in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but they disappear from the news papers around 1920. It is also about that time that popular news papers changed their emphasis from being entertainment

23 You see this in the “climate change” models. The data is challenged and the interpretations of the same data are challenged. It is not “settled science” unless there is political advantaged to be gained.

tabloids to becoming more sincere and factual news reporting agencies. Coincidence?

Consider the American Indian legend of the Piutes fighting giants. It is reported on many websites and in many books that the Piutes were preyed upon by red haired giants. However, these websites and books are all dedicated to paranormal content and report many other outlandish stories of the unbelievable. There is an agenda here that can not be ignored. When more factual information is examined, the story comes back into the realm of the believable. There was, in fact, a race of humans who lived in the around Lovelock Nevada and preceded the habitation of the Piute tribes. Were they warriors and vicious giants? There is not a hint of that on the Piute's official website where they list their legends and cultural stories. The Piute stories all originate from a single book, copyrighted in 1882 by a Piute woman, the first of its kind for American Indians.²⁴ However, the book does not mention any battles fought with giants. That was an embellishment by others later.

There is another American Indian tale, recounted by “Buffalo” Bill Cody as told to him by members of the Pawnee tribe which is less ambiguous. This is from his autobiography:

According to Cody, one night a group of Pawnees came into camp bringing with them a number of large bones, one of which a doctor with Cody's expedition identified as a human thighbone. The Pawnees maintained that the bones belonged to an ancient race of men who inhabited the country and were three times the size of human beings of the day.

Any one of these giants could run down a buffalo and tear off its leg with one hand and then eat it as he walked. However, these giant men did not believe in the Great Spirit; they were not intimidated by the thunder and lightning and laughed at it. This angered the Great Spirit,

24 *Life Among the Piutes*, by Mary Tyler Peabody Mann,
<http://www.amazon.com/Life-Among-Piutes-Tyler-Peabody/dp/1230232109> Also available to read for free on line.

and he sent a great rainstorm that drove the giants to the hills.

But the water rose and covered the mountaintops as well, and the conceited giants were drowned. Once the floodwaters receded, the Great Spirit considered that he had made men too large and powerful, and he would henceforth re-create them smaller and weaker. The Pawnees maintained that this was Indian history handed down to them from time out of mind.

This explains why men are not like the giants of old and have to work harder to hunt and to live. Cody adds an interesting note to this episode. He remarked that since their expedition had no wagons with them and the thighbone was very large, it had to be left behind.²⁵

There are many other giants legends from the Americas but without any tangible artifacts, skulls or skeletons, none can be verified and there are not any wall paintings or other ancient documentation to verify the legends. Until there are, American giant stories will remain as legends and tribal stories. It is unknown if all these legends actually originate with the native Americans themselves. The same embellishments and lack of facts also applies to the mid-western mound builder legends of giant skeletons found in them. While mound builder artifacts are in museums, no large skulls or skeletons are anywhere to be found. Is this a cover up or just enhanced misleading stories? No one really knows but the Bible researchers tend to go in the direction of cover ups and conspiracies. They assume there is a secular attempt to obscure true history in favor of the popular one we learn in schools.

There are also stories about the Smithsonian Institute intentionally covering up the physical evidence of a pre-indian giant race. While the Smithsonian denies this, there is enough evidence from the history of the attitudes of its previous curators attitudes to keep the story alive.

25 Quoted from the Encyclopedia of the Great Plains:
<http://plainshumanities.unl.edu/encyclopedia/doc/egp.fol.025>
Buffalo Bill Cody's autobiography can be downloaded free.

These American legends originate with first hand interviews with Native Americans in the 19th century. Imagine how much more difficult it must be to verify middle eastern stories of giants which come from three and four millennia earlier? All we really have is biblical records and some other cultural stories from the same eras. However, we know from having discovered many ancient manuscripts, the current biblical records are accurate into deep antiquity, many centuries before Yeshua was born. We have little reason to doubt the records but interpreting them is a different matter.

Bible prophecy researchers tend to take the stories of giants at face value. A few apply certain cultural facts which would adjust the stories into a more believable form. There are biblical records describing amazing sizes for some ancient warriors. Goliath of the Philistines comes to mind as the most famous. Our Bibles say he was six cubits and a span.²⁶ However, the Greek translation, the Septuagint, states his height as four cubits and a span. Then there are also several different standards for a cubit. Each of the Babylonians, Egyptians and Hebrews had their own measurement for a cubit. Worse, the Hebrews and Egyptians both had a short and long cubits. These ranged from a small size of 17.5 inches to a large cubit of 20.6 inches. So how tall was Goliath?

Using the shortest cubit and his six cubit height, Goliath would have been 9 feet, 6 inches tall. Using the longest cubit, Goliath would have been over 11 feet tall. If we recalculate using his four cubit size, we get a range from 5 feet, 8 inches up to 7 feet, 5 inches. Goliath might not have been outside the range of a professional basketball player! Add to that the estimated size of a typical middle eastern man of that era, about 5 foot 4 inches, and you start to have a believable comparison. However, the Israelite spies reported feeling like grasshoppers next to the Canaanite warriors. Perhaps we should err on the tall side.

Besides Goliath, the Bible lists over twenty other giants by name along with six tribes of giants.²⁷ Invariably, they have names which depict them as tyrants and bullies, the very

26 A 'span' is a half cubit. It's size varies with the size of the cubit.

27 See Appendix, "Giants in the land".

character of the offspring of the fallen angels, the nephilim, which is what the Israelites spies said of them:

And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them. (Numbers 13:33 [ESV])

The sons of Anak, descendant from their ancestor Arba, were well known through out the middle east. Even the Egyptians knew of them.²⁸ It is possible that this Egyptian knowledge was carried by the Israelites and that is how they recognized the nephilim sons of Anak.²⁹

Another source of giant stories is the 1st century Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus. He validates the ancient belief that the Canaan was populated by many giant warriors. He accounts the exploits of Joshua in taking the land:

For which reason they removed their camp to Hebron; and when they had taken it, they slew all the inhabitants. There were till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, unlike to any credible relations of other men.³⁰

Apparently in the 1st century, physical evidence of a Canaanite race of giants still existed and anyone could view them.

IMHO: While physical evidence of an ancient race of giants is scant today, there still should be no question that such a race once existed, both before and after Noah's flood. Apparently, the physical evidence once existed but has been lost in history or perhaps intentionally lost. One can not discount the possibility that due to the reverence for the secular Darwinian view, the cover ups of the physical evidence have some basis in fact.

28 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anak>

29 Joshua 15:13

30 Josephus, Antiquities, 5.2.3.

Fourth Enigma: Sky Gods And Demons

Every culture, ancient and modern, has its deities. In ancient times they were often described as giants, both in character and physical size as in the case of Nimrod (Gilgamesh) who began to be a mighty hunter. In nearly every ancient culture, their gods were the offspring of creatures who descended from the skies or heavens and cohabited with human women producing the men or creatures of legend. They were deified humans, being part god and part human. They were the original “sky-gods”.

In every pagan religious form, the sky-gods disappear leaving only their offspring among men to be worshiped as gods. They have many different names and descriptions in different cultures but all describing similar semi-divine beings. In Greek culture (adopted by the Romans), they were the Titans and Olympians. In Egyptian culture, they were the royal Pharaohs. Egyptian hieroglyphics show giant humans³¹ and animal-human hybrids. Perhaps the most bizarre of these offspring are described in the Hindu religion which have many animal-human hybrid gods and humans with multiple arms and other bizarre features.

In the Bible, this story is told as fallen angels producing an unredeemable offspring, evil in every thought and deed as in the days of Noah. Such angel-human hybrids were never supposed to exist, they were not part of the original creation. Their souls did not originate with the breath of Yehovah. In scripture, they are portrayed as the most evil and vile creatures imaginable. However, in pagan cultures, these evil creatures are revered (or feared) as gods. The similarities among the ancient cultural stories leads one to seriously consider a common event inspiring them all.

31 Some depictions show royalty with elongated heads like the elongated skulls on display in Paracus Peru. These skulls have a twenty five percent larger brain volume than normal humans. They are not due to shaping infants' heads with bindings as practiced in many cultures.

In the 1st century, like all centuries before, the pagan religions dominated all cultures except the Hebrews. Pagan cultures revered many gods while the Hebrews revered only a single god, the Creator of all that is. Pagan religions also had a creator god but generally he was absent or had withdrawn to his abode in the heavens, leaving his offspring to watch³² over human kind and be their gods. The Hebrews were unique from the time of Abraham until Yeshua's ministry. Many Hebrews believed Yeshua was their messiah but saw him as the prime representative of the Creator, like the prophets before him. To meet Yeshua in person, he was similar to other sages of his day and was thought of that way. According to their prophets, they were expecting a human king who would function as both the wisdom giver and political deliverer. The Hebrews were NOT expecting a deity of sky or earthly origin.

However, the gentile pagans saw in this Hebrew king, a person like the ones they already knew: a man-god, the direct offspring of the supreme deity of the skies (heavenlies). But unlike their own man-gods, this one was loving, kind and offered a paradise as a reward for believing in him. The pagans' own gods were untrustworthy, sometimes mean spirited, always fickle and offered little if anything for a positive reward for following them. To to avoid the pagans' god's wrath, these gods needed to be appeased by continually honoring them in their temples with ceremonies, offerings and celebrations. But this Hebrew man-god did not require sacrifices, ceremonies or even temples. The Hebrew messiah was loving and consistent. To some pagans Yeshua was a mystery just too far from normal religion to take seriously but to others, a breath of much needed fresh air, an infusion of freedom from oppressive religion.

Christianity was never, not in the 1st century, nor for centuries afterward, a unified consistent faith but all its forms were very similar in their adoration of its King.³³ Christianity was seen by

32 Angels are also called 'watchers'. Daniel 4:13, Daniel 4:17 and in the book of Enoch.

33 Christ is Greek for King. Christians and Messianics are the same thing, but in two different languages.

the pagans as a new religion, somewhat similar to the Jewish religion, but also more freeing. Its chief proponent for the pagan gentiles was the apostle Paul who did not require conversion to the religion of the Jews to become a Jewish King follower or “messianic” in Hebraic terms.

The gentile pagans saw Yeshua (renamed Jesus) in their own cultural way rather than in Hebrew way. To compete against the many man-gods of paganism, they needed a superior man-god. The Hebrews saw Yeshua, as the greatest in a long line of representatives like their prophets. However, the gentile pagans had no cultural equivalent to a Hebrew prophet. A superior man-god, who was fathered from the heavenly realm was what they needed and could understand.

Christianity competed successfully against the pagan religions and became the state religion of the Roman Empire early in the 4th century. From that time to the present, the Christian church has maintained its man-god view of Yeshua which conquered paganism.

But worship of the pagan man-god deities did not completely die out, in spite of the success of Christianity. All through the centuries, there have been pockets of paganism. Today we know paganism in the such forms as Wiccan, Witchcraft and some who openly practice pagan worship. The pagan man-gods also continue in the major secret societies. There are also many other similar religious notions but all rooted in the ancient forms of worshiping the offspring of the sky-gods. In spite of all this, paganism has never been successfully resurrected ... or has it?

In the 16th and 17th century Europe, there arose a philosophy known as “humanism”. This elevates the human as the sovereign of himself rather than a deity. American is founded on this philosophy. Unlike what many Christians believe. America was not founded as a Christian nation, it was founded as a humanistic nation where the citizens are the supreme entity, the sovereigns (deities). That is why there are elections, the people's voice over their affairs. In America, we believe that government serves the people rather than the people serving the government. That's

called “American Exceptionalism”, our founding philosophy. Many other nations have since followed this example. That is also why in democratic nations, there is a separation of church and state. To return to the old ways, where the government takes on divine status and its rulers become god-like, a new form of sky-gods worship must rise, new super-human deities must be invented.

The super human deities of paganism were “men of renown” like the Titans and Olympians of ancient Greece. In modern times, we have new superheros. In the 20's and 30's of the last century, superheros were introduced in comic books. They have only grown more popular with time, not diminished in anyway. We are still making superhero comics, books and movies. The number and type of superheros has increased until now we have a whole pantheon of heroes to save us from our problems. However, we all know they are not real, just fictional stories. But we have been conditioned to accept the concept of superior men who can deliver us. In effect, our superheros are a substitute for Yeshua, the original superhero.

If paganism is to rise again, the men-god superhero deities must become real and tangible, just like the Titans and Olympians were to the ancient Greeks.³⁴ This became possible, starting in the mid 20th century, when it was reported that an extraterrestrial space craft had crashed in New Mexico. Since then, sightings of strange lights in the sky, called UFO's are being reported at an exponential rate, year after year. These sightings are believed to be crafts from another planet or star system. This is the foundation of a new set of superior beings from the heavens, “the extraterrestrial”.

Since the mid 20th century, the belief in superior beings from the heavens has risen until today every one knows what E.T. means, (partly due to the success of a Spielberg movie by that name). There are literally millions of people anxiously awaiting a public announcement of their arrival and intervention in human affairs. They believe extraterrestrials will bring superior

34 In Greece today, these stories we call myths are still taught as real ancient history – nothing mythological about them.

knowledge and technology which will elevate our condition to a Utopian Society, a new paradise on earth. Even former high ranking government officials and prominent scientists are claiming that they are already here, supplying humans with knowledge which will make us god-like in our abilities to manipulate our environment and control our destiny. God-like knowledge was the deception presented to Eve in the garden of Eden. Humans have been in bondage to this deception ever since: god-like knowledge that will make humans like deities. This is what drives many human sciences, the quest for knowledge of how the Creators made universe and earth works. A short cut to this quest for superior knowledge is to have E. T. just show up and give it to us. This happened to Eve and that is what is behind the excitement of meeting extraterrestrials, meeting the gods of the new age who will give us new knowledge to become more god-like.

In fact, there is a modern pagan movement called just that: New Age. If you google “new age”, you get this definition:

“a broad movement characterized by alternative approaches to traditional Western culture, with an interest in spirituality, mysticism, holism,³⁵ and environmentalism.”

The New Age movement is little more than the old paganism of mystics, hallucinogenic drugs and sooth sayers. This is coupled with the practices of mediums performing séances, channeling the dead. The séance involves a spirit of a dead person allegedly taking control of a medium's voice and using it to relay a message, or where the medium simply "hears" the message and passes it on.³⁶ Instead of the spirits of the dead, new agers claim to be bringing messages from E.T. This new séance is becoming main stream. If you google “channeling”, you get this definition:

“Channeling is a natural form of communication between humans and angelic beings, nature spirits, non-

35 Holism is the theory that parts of a whole are in intimate interconnection, such that they cannot exist independently of the whole, or cannot be understood without reference to the whole, which is thus regarded as greater than the sum of its parts.

36 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediumship>

physical entities or even animals and pets. A channeler is very similar to a translator or interpreter. They allow themselves to feel or sense the communication from the other being.”

Notice in this popular definition channeling is called a “natural from of communication” with angelic beings and nature spirits (earth spirits). Becoming overtaken by a spirit entity is thought of as a normal and natural event! New Age followers claim to be channeling extraterrestrials, but in ages past, these spirits called themselves the spirits of the dead. They are the same spirits, with new titles. New Age channeling is the old séance of communicating with the dead or earth spirits. Society has accepted this spirit communication to the point that the term 'channeling' is use in very day speech to mean emulating someone else.

In the biblical records, such events were viewed as unnatural and evil. In the gospels, Yeshua resolved the problem of these spirits³⁷ by taking authority over them and casting them out of people. The apostle Paul also did this.³⁸ Today it is “natural” communication and people who practice this are respected and sometimes even paid to do this, just like in ancient times.

Paganism is on the rise again but it has been reformed for a secular society. It is the religion of celebrities, politicians, scientists and secret societies who do not think of themselves as religious, but in fact, are very religious. They practice a secular religion, which has the identical features of the ancient pagan beliefs and practices, but it has been updated for a modern technological society.

There is another aspect to this modern paganism. Many people claim physical contact with extraterrestrials in the form of “abductions”, where they are spirited away to another location for physical examinations and medical experiments. These experiences are very disturbing for the victims. One counselor, who has worked with these people extensively is Dr. David M.

37 These entities are also called 'evil spirits' and 'demons' in the Bible.

38 Acts 16:16-18

Jacobs. He offers the best insights into this relatively recent phenomena. According to his hundreds of interviews and hypnotic regression sessions, this is the life of an abductee:

“Abductees live in a strange world. They have a series of bizarre experiences which, if they are unaware of the connection to the abduction phenomenon, can constitute a world that others do not recognize. They see ghosts routinely, their relatives come back from the dead to give them a message.”

“They travel on the astral plane, they have unwanted and unexpected out of body experiences, they have guardian angels, devils plague them, balls of light terrorize them. They see religious figures. They might be in one place and then seemingly a few seconds later they are in another place and they have no idea how they got there. They seem to be in touch with an 'alternate reality.’”³⁹

Dr. Jacobs has examined this phenomenon for many years and has come to a few conclusions which actually parallels both biblical accounts of ancient paganism and other ancient Jewish writings. If so called extraterrestrials are in fact extra-dimensional earth spirits, what are they doing? Why are they messing with humans? In his own words:

So they're not here to sort of "examine" us in some way. They're here on a mission. ... The physical act of abducting people, which is the abduction phenomenon, really is only part of the program.

So what we have here is an abduction program, a breeding program, which accounts for all the reproductive activity that we see, and a hybridization program, which is why people see hybrids all the time--as babies, as toddlers, as adolescents, and then as adults.

And then, finally, I think all this is leading to an integration program in which ultimately these hybrids, who look very human, will be integrating into this society.

39 <http://www.ufoabduction.com/thinking14.htm>

And who will eventually, I assume, be in control here because they do have superior technology and superior physiological abilities that we do not have. We would therefore be sort of second-class citizens.⁴⁰

These abducted persons are experiencing the world of the demons (earth spirits) masquerading as dead relatives and extraterrestrials. It is an evil world which frightens normal adults and children. It is not separated from our own world but exists alongside us. It is very real and not imagined and these spiritual entities have an agenda. They are intent on subjugating humans under them. They are working toward becoming the man-gods of modern times, the modern sky-god deities where human hybrid people will again declare themselves as part human, part god (extraterrestrial or heavenly). There is nothing in this whole UFO or extraterrestrial phenomenon which is good for mankind. All of it, along with the New Age secular religion will eventually bring about the great world ruler, the abomination of desolation, the anti-christ. This “extraterrestrial ruler” will make Jerusalem his headquarters and rule over the nations through religion, commerce and culture. The whole world will embrace this ruler, then the great tribulation of which Yeshua spoke will become a reality.

The plan of the fallen angels, to dominate human kind, is moving ahead full steam. The rebellious angels and their children, the demons are masquerading as extraterrestrials. Earth spirits, the nephilim of old, are masquerading as the spirits of extraterrestrials. The “alien grays” are a little more complicated but are in the same category. These “E.T.’s” have bodies produced by their genetic experiments – lab grown bodies. These artificial bodies are made by the fallen angels and demon spirits for the demons to inhabit, instead of using human bodies by possession. To expand their kind, more and more genetic material is continually needed. That is the point of cattle, sheep mutilations:⁴¹ gathering and manipulating genetic material from which to make

40 <http://aliensandchildren.org/InterviewwithProf.htm>

41 Cattle and sheep mutilations have become so intense in some areas that some farmers have gone out of business.

their bodies and produce more demon-human hybrids. Hardly any wonder the abductees exhibit all kinds of mental illness, anxiety and stress. They are victims in this hybridization agenda.

This is the world that intrudes into our own under the guise of UFO's, dead relatives, extraterrestrials and spiritual forces of all kinds. It is this alternate world that all paganism and New Age religion looks to for its deities. Those that experience it, do not find peaceful benevolent deities but find evil and strange creatures doing unspeakable things to humans.

If the Hebrews understood true reality of good versus true evil, then this is the standard by which we should judge all reality. The material world can be sensed, but the effects of the spiritual world can be observed. Reality is not purely of the material world like atheistic science would have us believe. Reality is actually a mixture of the heavenly realm and the material. We only sense the material world but we also observe the effects of the spiritual in our reality. Denying a mixed reality, or misidentifying it, only allows the fallen angels and their demon children to remain covertly hidden from us.⁴² Only the Hebrew scriptures and our God given holy spirit within, reveals this other reality to us.

In an undistorted view of reality, there are fallen angels who plague human kind through their children, the demons. The undeceived, the followers of Yeshua are aware of them and know they have authority over them. The time of the destruction of the demon spirits and their parents has not yet come but it will come and they know it, the prophets have said so. Eternal destruction in the lake of fire is reserved for them.

To make true reality simple, the Bible uses only brief statements. Those, combined with a few things from other ancient Hebrew writings exposes true reality. First is the reality of two "seeds" in conflict:

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and
between your offspring [seed] and her offspring; he*

42 Modern institutions of Christianity have also been complicit in the cover up, denying the existence of demons and their manifestations.

shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
(Genesis 3:15 [ESV])

This is both a promise and a prophecy. First, there is the seed of the woman who, as we discussed before, has no seed of her own. It is prophetic of the one who will repair the rift between the material world of man with the Creator and the heavenlies. The other part is the opposing seed, the offspring of rebellious angels. Not much is known about these events from scripture. However, the ancient Hebrew book, 1 Enoch, offers the origin of the other seed.⁴³ The fallen angel's seed that would be the enemy of the Creator's seed. Now we have a small problem.

At the time of the fallen angels cohabiting with human women, real hybrid-humans were born and walked the earth like normal humans, the men of renown. But they were not supposed to exist. Their life force, their souls, were not the same as the breath of God with enlivened normal humans. They were strictly earth bound entities, made of the earth but without godly souls. When normal humans die, their human-spirit returns to the Creator from whom it originates.⁴⁴ What of the earth bound souls? Their souls remain upon the earth at death. Their souls, as disembodied spirits continue to exist upon the earth. They hate anyone who carries the human-spirit from the Creator and they especially hate humans who also carry holy spirit, the spirit of Christ.

IMHO: These nephilim souls have plagued human kind from Noah's time, continuing on to the present. Their existence and activity influencing human beings is true reality. In normal living life, you will not generally notice them. Apparently their agenda has not reached its conclusion. As long as they are secretive and secluded, human kind is relatively free to choose its own destiny, or at least free to think they do. Once they and their hybrids “come out of the closet”, that will spell the end of human freedom and herald the end of man's rule on earth. These “aliens” are modern nephilim. The question for Bible prophecy teachers is, “how far along is this agenda” and “how close to the end times are we?”

43 Also see page 27 above.

44 Ecclesiastes 12:7

Fifth Enigma: End Times Conditions

The End is Near! Repent, the End is Near! We've heard this cry from the religious to the global warming crowd and other doom sayers. Every time there is a major catastrophe or an evil dictator arises, or social chaos occurs, we hear it. But then, nothing happens. Those declaring the end of the world are false prophets but present a continual enigma: if the Hebrew prophets are right, there will be an end to man's day on earth ... but when is it? The challenge is how to accurately identify the events that build up to the end of days.

The most detailed answer to this question are offered by Yeshua himself. His words are recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. The end of days, the time just before the son of man will come, are marked by a process, a series of events, not just one. Many false prophets will arise. Wars and stories of war will abound. Natural disasters will become common place:

Many will come in my name, saying, I am he! and they will lead many astray.

And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. (Mark 13:6-8 [ESV])

But the end is not yet, just the birth pains of the end, the labor pains of the process. Included in these pains is the fact that both civil governments and religious authorities will accuse and persecute the followers of Yehovah, Christian and Jewish alike. His people will be hated and even families will be treasonous among themselves, cooperating with the rulers of religion and government.

Yeshua prophesied that Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed, both before the son of man returns. Troubles will follow until life will be so bad, many will be praying for the return of the Messiah. We all can point to historical and even current events and say, "See, it has happened, it is happening", but the end has not come. Why? Because not everything foretold has happened. The end of days is a progressive series of events. Even the great empire, Rome did not fall in a day, or even a month. It took many years before the Roman Empire was no longer a world power.

There are events which herald the end that do happen relatively quickly and others which take considerable time to accomplish. The short term events are not the focus of the Bible prophecy researchers. The short term events will present themselves and will be unmistakable but by then, the end will be upon us. It is the long term events that warn us, not the short term events. Yeshua did speak of the short term events which occur just before he returns:

*And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars,
and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity
because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,*

*people fainting with fear and with foreboding of
what is coming on the world. For the powers of the
heavens will be shaken.*

*And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a
cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21:25-27
[ESV])*

The Bible prophecy researchers do not look for these events though they speculate about them from time to time. Instead, they look for the build up to these events. The final days of man occur when a number of conditions exist. It is these conditions that are the focus of Bible prophecy researchers. These conditions do not determine exactly when Yeshua will return but his return does not occur without them existing. The Bible prophecy researchers look for the human condition which sets the stage for his return. The human condition which will exist is revealed by a number of

biblical writers, some recent like the apostle Peter and some ancient like the prophet Daniel:

But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. (Daniel 12:4 [ESV])

Until the “end times” the prophecies given to Daniel will not be understood, although many have guessed at the meanings of his prophecies. Their guesses are just speculation even though some preach their guesses as truth. Their absolute revealings of Daniel's prophecies should not be taken seriously, no more than assigning dates to the return of the messiah should be taken seriously. Until the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecies are unmistakable, we all speculate on their meanings.

Until Daniel's prophecies are truly understood, another condition will exist. Men will cast about with guesses about reality, where to put their trust, what to believe and some will choose to believe in no gods. During this time, knowledge will increase. Some people think the Internet is the fulfillment of that prophecy. The Internet allows the common man to see the knowledge increase but it has been happening for nearly two centuries. Since the rise of the humanistic philosophies in the 16th and 17th centuries and the rise of modern sciences in the 19th century, knowledge has increased at an exponential rate. Both the human sciences and the natural sciences are atheistic.⁴⁵ The Internet has only allowed many people to see this first hand. It has also allowed the sharing of knowledge this ever increasing pool of human knowledge (an opinion) with far more people than ever in human history accessing it. Yet, for all of this, the end of days is not upon us. The immediate signs of the Messiah's return are not yet in play.

There are other features of the human condition which will prevail when the Messiah returns. The apostle Peter had a lot to say which accurately describes our modern era. Peter also

⁴⁵ Pursuing these sciences without their companion heavenly realities, leads to a false comprehension of true reality.

reminds us to pay attention to the end times prophecies of the Hebrew prophets as well as the teachings of Yeshua:

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

They will say, Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation. (II Peter 3:1-4 [ESV])

Bible prophecy is supposed to be main stream for Christian studies but today, it is called “fringe studies”. Yeshua's message about the Kingdom of God is all about prophecy and end times. In the first century, it was mainstream teachings. Today most Christians scoff and prophecy teachings. Worse, today, about half the population of America, scoffs at Bible believing people. Christians who are no longer in the majority. Many other countries have experienced the same phenomena. This is one sign leading up to the last days – the apostasy. Another sign is the foundation of earth sciences: things are as they have always been. Ignoring and denying the biblical record of the origins and cataclysms which have formed the world we know, is scoffed at and ridiculed. It is a sign of the times, a sign that we are developing the conditions leading up to the last days of man.

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,

and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. (II Peter 3:5-6 [ESV])

Creationists are ridiculed today by both the earth scientists and the humanities professors. This is not done out of ignorance but by intent. If the reality of the creation of the earth and the flood are accepted, then most of men's scientific knowledge disintegrates into pointless speculation. Science is supposed to interpret facts and develop a picture of reality for the benefit of mankind, but when spiritual reality is ignored, the picture of reality is misrepresented and distorted. It is not that the creationists and atheistic scientists look at different facts, but they interpret those same facts differently according to their foundational hypothesis, their starting axiom. The age of ignoring true reality is here and will only get worse. Ignoring reality was the topic of a prediction of Yeshua:

As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 24:37-39 [ESV])

The challenge is to figure out why the population in Noah's day were completely unaware of the coming flood. Noah had preached the message for one hundred and twenty years. The last five years he spent building the ark. A few believers knew, like Noah's living ancestors but no one else. How could the the general population have not known? Noah was not the only righteous man in his day either. The simplest answer is they ignored Noah and all other righteous voices. That situation is similar to today's situation.

There is not one secular scientists who does not know about creation and Noah's flood. They just ignore as a valid foundation for their studies and conclusions, just like in the days of Noah. However, today there are many scientists who are believers, not scoffers. In that sense, creation and the flood are not totally forgotten but not part of the mainstream, not part of popular

culture. This is not like the days of Noah when only his family were the last believers left. The Noah parallel to the end of times has not completely come to pass, but investigations into the days of Noah can reveal if modern society is heading in that direction.

We know that only eight believers were saved from the flood. We also have two reasons why they were saved: one, Noah believed the Word of God. The second reason mentioned was a curious statement about his genetics.

These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. (Genesis 6:9 [ESV])

The true meaning of this passage has been poorly translated in ESV (and all other modern versions) due to the modern bias, to present the passage to suggest he was a great guy, morally good, and honoring his God but the statement is really about genetics.

The word “perfect” is the Hebrew word, “tamiym” (taw-meem – Strong’s # 8540). It means without blemish. It is used many times in scripture referring to the quality of animals used for sacrifice. The sacrificial animals were to be the best of their breed, without any impurities in their blood lines or blemish in appearance. That is its use here, Noah was unblemished in his blood line. His family tree did not have any of the corruption of the rest of the population of his day. Not only was he genetically pure, but he also walked with God. There were two sides to his salvation by the ark: moral foundation and genetics. Noah married the daughter of Methuselah, another great believer, so we might expect she was also of a pure blood line. That would make Noah’s sons also genetically pure. However, nothing is stated about their moral stance or the purity of the blood lines of the sons wives.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (Genesis 6:11-12 [ESV])

The whole human and animal population was genetically corrupt save only a very few. This might explain why the whole population ignored Noah's preaching about the judgment of God with a flood. Genesis tells us the reason for the corruption was the fallen angels cohabiting with human women. In Noah's day, the whole earth was populated by nephilim. The human race had been replaced with hybrids, descendants of the original incursion of angels breeding with humans. That was the days of Noah and the reason they were ignoring all the warnings of the impending flood. That is who was drinking, eating and marrying in his days: hybrid humans.

To embellish Matthew's statement with this new information you get this:

“For in those days when the nephilim filled the earth, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, and by nature, ignored all divine knowledge and warnings until the day when Noah entered the ark.”

The original nephilim drowned in the flood. However, since their life-spirit was not the breath of Yehovah, their spirits have remained upon the earth since. They have plagued mankind since they died, just like they did when they were alive in their original bodies. The ancients called these nephilim remnants, demons and evil spirits. They are glutenous, thirsty, evil, deceptive and forever seeking new human bodies to inhabit. Even being born of Yehovah's spirit will not prevent them from taking that body or mind if the believer is weak or invites them in with his lackadaisical attitude about spiritual matters or is ignorant of the spiritual realm ... or worse, is involved in occult activities, even at a casual level. When people do these things, it is called “opening your mind” to spirit possession, which can be partial or extreme depending on how much control the demons wish to exert.⁴⁶

46 Demon possession and influence is a huge topic, too large to handle in this booklet.

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Our modern culture is being prepared for another rise of nephilim. Already the terminology is in place such as the popular use of 'channeling'. Consider the Katy Perry song, "E.T." from her 2010 album, "Teenage Dreams".

You're so hypnotizing
Could you be the devil, could you be an angel
Your touch magnetizing
Feels like I'm floating, leaves my body glowing

They say be afraid
You're not like the others, futuristic lovers
Different DNA, they don't understand you

You're from a whole other world
A different dimension
You open my eyes
And I'm ready to go, lead me into the light⁴⁷

According to Perry, the song is about "falling in love with a foreigner", but it sounds more like falling in love with an extraterrestrial or fallen angel, especially considering the title. The song also includes "different DNA" which is what nephilim-human hybrids are all about. Our culture is being conditioned for the coming of the New Age sky-gods.

Consider how deeply ingrained the UFO phenomenon is when a town in Alberta Canada builds a UFO landing pad as part of a centennial celebration in the late 60's:

"Republic of St. Paul (Stargate Alpha). The area under the world's first UFO Landing Pad was designated international by the Town of St. Paul as a symbol of our faith that mankind will maintain the outer universe free

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from national wars and strife. That future travel in space will be safe for all intergalactic beings. All visitors from Earth or otherwise are welcome to this territory and to the Town of St. Paul."

Consider that Wikipedia not only has a page about UFO's in culture, but it has five subcategories and a whole page of links to other pages about this phenomena! From every angle, language, entertainment, political leaders to average citizens, we are inundated with the metaphysical, the spiritual side of life and it is not good for mankind. Just like the ancients, whose religion was adoring and appeasing the sky-gods and their offspring, so we, in this "enlightened age" are preparing to do the same thing.

According to the abductee interviews, these extra-dimensional beings are preparing a non-violent invasion. If they are successful, they will again produce the days of Noah when the nephilim ruled. Even the Hebrew prophet Daniel foretells of this scenario:

As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, [by the seed of man] but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, (Daniel 2:43-44 [ESV])

In the last days of man, like the days of Noah, there will be a mixing of seed but the two seeds will not cleave together. The last kingdom before the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom of God on earth, there will be a genetically mixed kingdom. Some of the population will be natural, some of it developed by unnatural means, a hybrid people, but it will not last long.

This reflects the New Testament and John's Revelation speaking about a time of great troubles (tribulation). Yeshua said he will come again in power and might when certain conditions

exist. The stage is set for Daniel's last kingdom to arise which will make normal humans subservient and inferior to the offspring of the sky-gods.

The Bible prophecy researchers expect some cataclysmic event which will strike great fear in earth's population. That will be followed by the disclosure of the superior ones from the skies, our ancient sky-gods returning. These returning sky-gods will proclaim that they, not Yehovah, are responsible for creating the modern human by manipulating prehistoric man. They will lay claim to being the progenitors of the beginnings of human civilization. They will claim they invented religion to honor themselves as the caretakers and watchers of humankind. They will proclaim themselves the new modern secular gods. As such, they might even offer a microchip to embed under the skin to alter our DNA to produce long life without health problems. That's the same lie offered to Eve, celestial knowledge will give long life and make you god-like.

It is not a metaphor that the apostle Paul calls the adversary a prince⁴⁸ of celestial origin. It is also not metaphorical that Paul calls the adversary's hosts, sons of disobedience:

in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— (Ephesians 2:2 [ESV])

IMHO: End Times Scenarios are building. It might be obvious to everyone in only another two or three generations. Look for a major event upon the earth which will scare the whole planet into accepting these saviors from the sky. (worse than the politics of global warming) Look for sky-gods disclosure soon after that. The stage is set for man's last act on this earth before divine intervention is necessary, to save ourselves from being over run by the adversary's plans.

48 The prophet Daniel uses the term “prince” to refer to ruling angels.
Example: Daniel 8:11

Appendix: Giants in the Land

Tribes of Giants and their name meanings:

The Rephaim (lofty men), The Zuzim (tall ones), The Emim (terrible ones), The Horim (cave dwellers), The Avvim (dwellers among the ruins), The Anakim (long-necked ones).

Bible References:

Rephaim: Genesis 14:5, Genesis 15:20, Deuteronomy 2:11, Deuteronomy 2:20, Deuteronomy 3:11, Deuteronomy 3:13, Joshua 12:4, Joshua 13:12, Joshua 15:, Joshua 17:15, Joshua 18:16, II Samuel 5:18, II Samuel 5:22, II Samuel 23:13, I Chronicles 11:15, I Chronicles 14:9, Isaiah 17:5

Zuzim: Genesis 14:5

Emim: Genesis 14:5, Deuteronomy 2:10, Deuteronomy 2:11

Horims: Deuteronomy 2:12, Deuteronomy 2:22

Avvim: Deuteronomy 2:23, Joshua 13:3, Joshua 18:23

Anakim: Deuteronomy 1:28, Deuteronomy 2:10, Deuteronomy 2:11, Deuteronomy 2:21, Deuteronomy 9:2, Joshua 11:21, Joshua 11:22, Joshua 14:12, Joshua 14:15

Appendix: Bible Prophecy Resources

There are many hours of Bible prophecy teachings available on YouTube and many hours can be spent reading articles and blogs on line as well as reading many of the books available. To help you get started in this wild and amazing field of biblical studies, there is a short list of authors to look up. This list is not an endorsement of these authors. The prudent researcher must always decide for himself what he will believe and accept as truth. There are also many duplications of material, sensationalists and Photoshop hoaxes – be discerning about you are seeing and reading. The following authors are believed to have done their own research and provided honest materials for study, the best they can. Be forewarned, they do not all agree on everything.

Steve Quayle: He is a radio talk show host and has been featured on many other shows. He has produced some of the best documented research in the field of Biblical Prophecy. He has produce many works of fiction, non-fiction, DVD's and live lectures. He has made numerous predictions based on his research, that have come to pass. As an example, Quayle went on record predicting a major chemical or biological attack in a large world city. Three weeks later, the Aum Shinrikyo cult released nerve gas in the Tokyo subway.

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L.A. Marzulli: He is an author, researcher and lecturer. He has developed a tremendous library of DVD's, and books. He has traveled the world checking out real artifacts and sites backing his presentations of the earth's amazing but hidden past.

Website: <http://www.lamarzulli.net/>

Brien Foerster: Brien Foerster was raised on the west coast of Canada, where he developed a fascination,early on, of the Native people, their art, and oral traditions. This led to his becoming a professional sculptor, after graduating with an honors BS degree from the University Of Victoria. His contribution to this topic is

hands on research at locations around the world. He leads tours to Peru, Egypt and other exotic places. His tours in Peru provide first hand viewing of artifacts left behind by an unknown race of people, with elongated skulls, who preceded the Inca but revered as gods by them. Brien can be followed on Facebook.

Books by Brien: <http://www.amazon.com/Brien-Foerster/e/B0043JJ3JS>

Thomas Horn is an internationally recognized lecturer, radio host and best selling author of several books including his newest books, “Petrus Romanus: The Final Pope Is Here”, “Forbidden Gates” and “Apollyon Rising 2012”. He is a well-known columnist whose articles have been referred to by writers of the L. A. Times Syndicate, MSNBC, Christianity Today, New Man Magazine, World Net Daily, News Max, White House Correspondents and dozens of news magazines and press agencies around the globe.

Website: <http://www.apollyonrising2012.com/>

Sid Roth: He is a former account executive for Merrill Lynch, was raised in a traditional Jewish home. Yet, religious tradition provided no answers when he hit rock bottom in 1972. With his life out of control and his marriage in shambles, Sid was set free from demonic oppression through a supernatural encounter with Jesus. Immediately, he began to boldly proclaim Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. Sid Roth, a Jewish believer in Jesus, hosts It's Supernatural! TV. He has spent years investigating the supernatural acts of God.

Website: <http://sidroth.org/>

Doug Hamp: “I believe that the Bible is God’s Word in its entirety and is infallible and inerrant. We can trust it in everything that it says. I believe that God created all angels good but Satan (Lucifer) took a third of the angels with him when he fell. He and they are now referred to as fallen angels or demons. Angels do the bidding of God in this world whereas the demons serve Satan.”

Website: <http://www.douglashamp.com/>

Cris Putnam: In addition to his scholarly work in apologetic theology, Cris D. Putnam is a bestselling co-author of two recent books with co-author Thomas Horn: “Petrus Romanus and Exo-Vaticana” as well as a contributor to the compilation “Pandemonium's Engine: the Rise of Transhumanism”. His latest book “The Supernatural Worldview: Examining Paranormal, Psi, and the Apocalyptic” argues that naturalistic materialism is waning in the midst of "the paranormal paradigm shift." The book presents ground breaking new evidences supporting the biblical worldview replete with miracles, angels and demons.

Link to his many books: <http://www.amazon.com/Cris-D.-Putnam/e/B007A708GC>

Rob Skiba: He is an author, lecturer and videographer. His video presentations are rich with visual aids. He is not an original researchers but compiles the best from many other authors. He has hours of YouTube videos available as well as a number of books. He is planning to present some of the wilder aspects of biblical prophecy topics as graphic novels and eventually as animated 3D movies.

Website: <http://www.babylonrisingblog.com/>

Additional Bible prophecy authors and lecturers who speak at national prophecy conferences: Russ Breault - Jonathan Cahn - Dr. Kevin Clarkson - Bob Cornuke - Jerome Corsi (WND⁴⁹) - Billy Crone - Russ Dizdar Joseph Farah (WND) - Bill Federer - Jim Fletcher - Gary Frazier - Dan Goodwin - Hagmann & Hagmann - David Hamblin - Thomas Ice - Terry James - Doc Marquis - Jonathan Matusitz - Paul McGuire - Brent Miller - Don Perkins

Many others can be found on YouTube and with Internet searches. Many can also be found on Facebook and Google Plus.

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