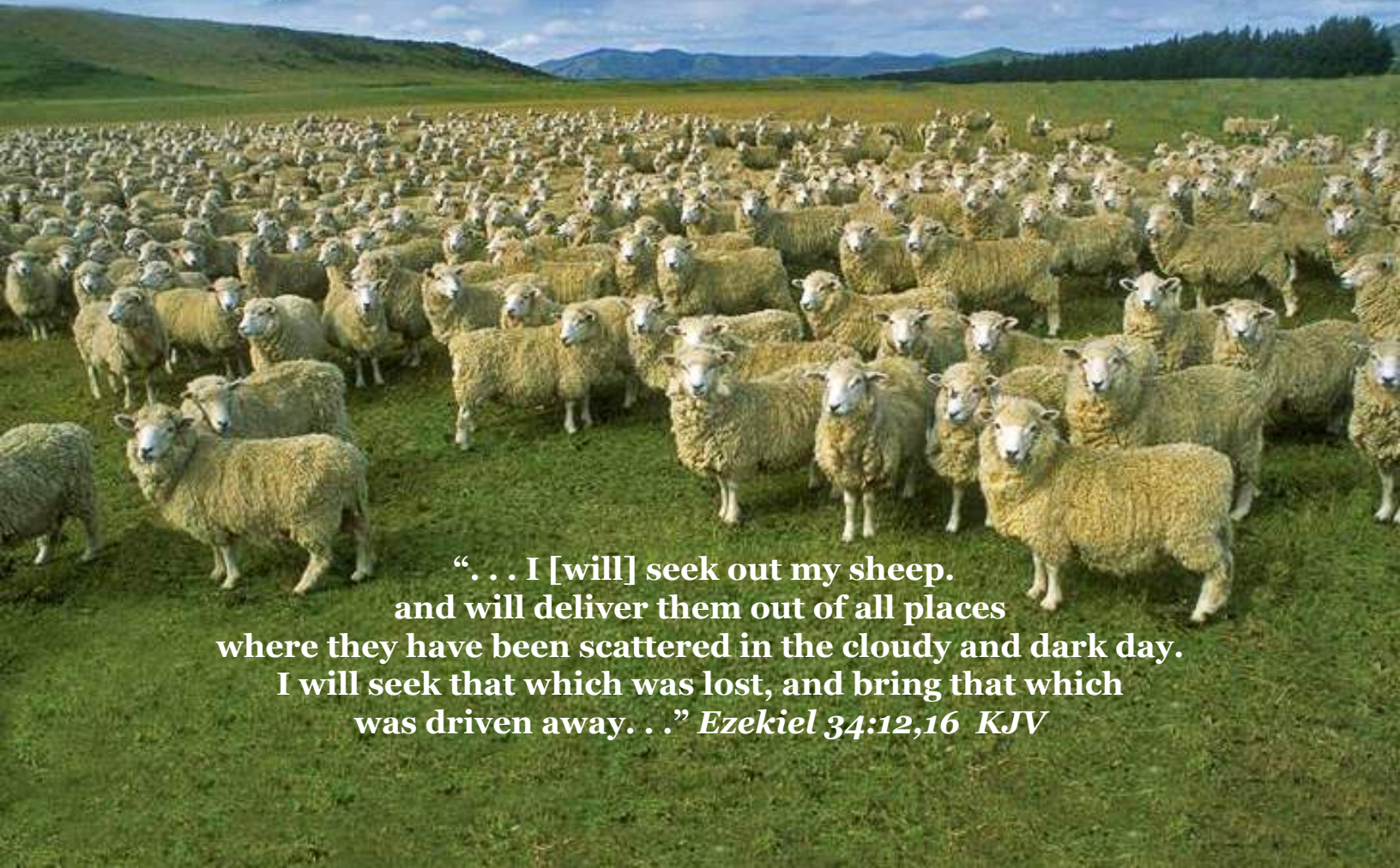


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“ . . . I [will] seek out my sheep.  
and will deliver them out of all places  
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.  
I will seek that which was lost, and bring that which  
was driven away. . . ” *Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV*

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# What You Should Know about the Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong



**CREATION** is the proof of the existence of God. Creation identifies God. The Sabbath is a weekly memorial of creation. A weekly reminder of God's power to create. Therefore, it identifies God to us—keeps us in the true memory and true worship of the true God. No other day but the **SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK** could have that great significance and **MEANING**. It was designed to keep us in the true worship of God.

## The Purpose of Holydays

Now in like manner, God gave His Church seven *annual Sabbaths*. These holy days were given to keep God's children in the true memory and worship of God *by keeping us constantly in the understanding of God's great plan of redemption. For these annual days picture the different epochs in the Plan of redemption—mark the dispensations, and picture their meaning.*

The whole story of the redemption of man was, in these feast days, to be reenacted year after year continually. They have vitally important symbolism and meaning.

God purposed to impress the truths these "high" Sabbaths picture upon the minds of His children through ALL time, keeping His Church in the true understanding of His plan.

## The PASSOVER, and Days of UNLEAVENED BREAD

Most churches teach that Christ finished the Plan of Redemption on the Cross. But the very **FIRST** event in God's great **PLAN** for man's redemption was the death of Christ on

the cross. We find the operation of this great Sacrifice beginning in Eden, when God killed a lamb or goat, in order to **COVER** the nakedness (*type of sin*) of Adam and Eve with skins. We find it operating when Abel sacrificed a substitute lamb. And so the **PASSOVER** is the **FIRST** of these events picturing to God's children year by year His great **PLAN**.

Let us understand it.

Egypt is a type of **SIN**. As God's people Israel are today in "**BABYLON**," and soon are to be delivered after God pours out His **PLAGUES** upon Babylon, so they once were in Egypt, and were delivered after the

pouring out of the plagues.

And, as Rome has changed times and seasons and days, professing Christians have been deceived, and have lost sight of true TIME, and God's DAYS, as well as the true WORSHIP of God. So it was with the children of Israel in Egypt.

For years they had been in severe BONDAGE in Egypt ---

forced to work with taskmasters over them. There was no Bible—no written Word of God. They were not permitted to worship God as He had ordained. They were forced to work seven days a week. They have lost even the true

Sabbath— and that is why God REVEALED the Sabbath to them in the wilderness of Sin (Exodus 16). Just as Rome has changed times and seasons, so had Egypt.



## Passover Only the Start

And so, on delivering His people from Egypt (sin), God straightened them OUT as to TIME. And, as the BEGINNING of our salvation was wrought by Christ's death on the cross, so God said, "THIS month (in the Spring) shall be unto you the BEGINNING of months." (**Exodus 12:2.**)

Some few keep the BEGINNING of this first feast of salvation in observing Passover, *but never go on to know the "depth of the riches" of God's grace pictured by the following feasts!* Christ is not only the author, or beginner, but the FINISHER of our salvation!

On the tenth day of this first month the Israelites were instructed to take a lamb without blemish. They kept it UNTIL—not after—the 14th day of the same first month. AT EVEN, at DUSK as the Jewish translators have it—between the two evenings, or between sunset and dark, when it was killed.

This was IN, not AFTER the 14th day. They shed the blood of the lamb, picturing Christ's sacrifice to come. They ate the

flesh IN THAT NIGHT. At midnight the death angel came, but PASSED OVER every house where the BLOOD had been sprinkled.



There are some *very important details* it is vital that we notice at this point. Perhaps we have not seen them before. It proves that the Passover shall be observed the 14th, not the 15th.



## Passover 14th, Not 15th

Notice Exodus 12, Verse 6, **they shall kill the lamb at DUSK** (*Jewish official translation*). Verse 8, **they shall eat the flesh in that night**—still the 14th. Verses 9-11 continue to describe how it shall be roasted and eaten—the time is still the same night—the 14th. Verse 12: **“For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born”**—still same night—14th.

Now notice carefully the paragraph beginning verse 21. Here are more detailed instructions for striking the blood on the door posts—the TIME this was done, as proven above, was the night part of the 14th. Notice carefully verse 22: **“strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and NONE OF YOU SHALL GO OUT AT THE DOOR OF HIS HOUSE UNTIL THE MORNING.”** Notice that carefully! NONE were permitted to leave their houses that night. They remained IN their houses UNTIL MORNING! They remained there all night.

Now read on. **Verse 29, at midnight (the 14th) the LORD smote the firstborn of Egypt.** Verse 30, **Pharaoh rose up in the night.** This was of course after the death angel passed at midnight, and therefore *after midnight*.

He called for Moses and Aaron. This must have taken

some time, but still the same night. Verse 33, the Egyptian people were urgent to get rid of the Israelites. Verse 35, the Israelites borrowed [*asked – gladly gave, Companion Bible*] of the Egyptians silver and gold and clothing, and spoiled the Egyptians. When? Surely the borrowing and spoiling of the Egyptians took several hours. The Israelites were forbidden to LEAVE THEIR HOUSES UNTIL MORNING—SO THIS SPOILING AND BORROWING took place through the DAYTIME of the 14TH Day.

## Exodus 24 Hours After Passover

But—notice this highly important point—the *Israelites did not GO OUT from the land of Egypt UNTIL THAT NIGHT*—the 15th Nisan! Notice the paragraph composed of verses 40-42.

**“Even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord WENT OUT from the land of Egypt. It is a NIGHT to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt: THIS IS THE NIGHT to be observed.”**

Which is the NIGHT to be observed? The NIGHT they came out of Egypt, not during the daytime the 14th, but after that day has ENDED—after the sun had set—the following

NIGHT—on the 15th Abib. And THAT night, the 15th is to be observed!

The following verses beginning verse 43, form a new paragraph, and refer again to PASSOVER—the 14th day.

Now notice *Deuteronomy 16:1*. **“Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto the Eternal thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt BY NIGHT.”** Notice it, they did not GO OUT of Egypt until NIGHT. And this night was the 15th, not the 14th. Further proof?

Notice now *Numbers 33:3*. **“And they DEPARTED from Rameses in the first month, on the FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH, ON THE MORROW AFTER THE PASSOVER the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.”**

There it is, in plain language.

Now some believe that they killed the lamb between noon and sunset the 14th—about 3 pm., near the END of the day—ate it that night, the 15th (*claiming that is when the Passover was eaten, and when we should take it today*) and then went out of Egypt THAT SAME NIGHT. But this theory will not hold water, in view of ALL these Scriptures, and following through Exodus 12.

The Israelites were not permitted to *leave their houses* that night after eating the lamb. They remained in their own houses—up in the land of Goshen—until daylight. Then they went to their Egyptian neighbors, and borrowed from them and spoiled them. There were millions of them. It took TIME to notify them. It took TIME to do all this. It could not have been done after midnight, when Pharaoh rose up, and still have gotten out of Egypt the same night.

The Israelites were in their own houses in Goshen ALL THAT NIGHT. Exodus 12:10 further proves this. Whatever remained of their roasted lamb uneaten UNTIL MORNING they were to burn with fire. That shows they stayed in their homes UNTIL MORNING.

They did not leave Egypt until after that day had ended—after night fall again, during the NIGHT part of the FIFTEENTH.

### In, Not After, 14th!

Now to connect one other vital point, turn to Numbers 28:16-17, **“IN the 14th day (not after it) is the PASS-OVER of the Lord. And in the FIFTEENTH day (not BEFORE it) of this month is the FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.”**

**Leviticus 23:5-6** says the same thing. Notice the PASS-OVER is not on the 15th, but in

the 14th (*though the Passover is elsewhere called a feast*), but the FEAST DAY is the 15th. The 15th is the FIRST of the seven days of unleavened bread.

However, since leaven was put out of the houses during the 14th day, it came to be called one of the days of unleavened bread by New Testament times, but when this is done EIGHT DAYS are included as days of unleavened bread. The entire EIGHT DAY period is, in New Testament usage, called by the name “PASSOVER.”

But the SEVEN DAY period begins the 15th, after the 14th, or Passover, has ended.

The 14th day is the Passover. It is the first of God’s festivals. It is not the FEAST DAY mentioned here. In the FIFTEENTH that is the FEAST—the 14th day is the PASSOVER. This FEAST day begins after PASSOVER has ended.

Now with these facts well in mind, let us turn back to Exodus 12. Notice beginning verse 14, **“And THIS DAY shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it A FEAST to the Lord throughout your generations, you shall keep it A FEAST by an ordinance [statute] FOREVER. Seven**

**days shall you eat unleavened bread . . . in the FIRST DAY there shall be AN HOLY CONVOCATION to you.”**

WHAT DAY is established as a MEMORIAL—not a shadow, a MEMORIAL—a FEAST—to be kept FOREVER? Notice, it is the day that is the FEAST— **“You shall keep it a FEAST.”** It is the day that is the FEAST DAY—the 15th Abib, not the 14th—not the Passover!!

This day is the FEAST DAY—a MEMORIAL, to be kept a Sabbath, or Holy Convocation, FOREVER! Seven days are included, and we have shown that the seven-day period begins the 15th, after the Passover has passed. **“In the fourteenth is the PASS-OVER, but in the FIFTEENTH DAY IS THE FEAST—seven days.”**

Many have always believed the day here spoken of, and ordained forever, was the PASSOVER, or 14th. But it is not—it is the 15th day.

Now this day—the 15th—is established a HOLY CONVOCATION. Look in the dictionary. A Convocation is an assembly of the people where their presence is *commanded*, under power and authority. A Holy Convocation is a religious assembly, for purposes of worship.

The weekly Sabbath is a holy convocation. So is Abib 15th.

Our presence is **COMMAND-ED**, under God's power and authority. But let us continue on.

Notice, now, beginning verse 16: **"And in the first day (of the seven, 15th Abib), there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day (21st Abib) there shall be a holy convocation to you . . . And you shall observe the FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD; for IN THIS SELFSAME DAY"** (the *FIFTEENTH* Abib)— **"have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore, shall you observe THIS DAY— (the FIFTEENTH, not the 14th)—"in your generations by an ordinance FOREVER"** (verses 16-17).

There it is! Before the ceremonial Law of Moses. The day established as a Sabbath, or holy convocation forever is the feast day, the selfsame day on which they went out of Egypt, and they went out on the 15th, not the 14th (*Numbers 13:3*).

This day is a **MEMORIAL**, not a shadow of the cross. A memorial of **DELIVERANCE** from Egypt, which pictures to us **DELIVERANCE** from **SIN**!

To keep us constantly in the **MEMORY** of the great fact that, having had our sins **FORGIVEN** by Christ's **BLOOD** (pictured by the 14th) we are not to stop there, and **REMAIN** in sin, but to **GO**

**OUT** away from sin!

Why should we observe the 14th, picturing remission of **PAST** sins, and then we, **COMMANDMENT KEEPERS** of **ALL** people, refuse to continue the feast of unleavened bread, picturing the **COMING OUT** of sin—seven days of unleavened bread symbolizing and picturing **COMPLETE** putting away of sin, or, in other words, **THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS**!

### **Not Abolished With Old Covenant**

Observe that the days of unleavened bread are a **PERIOD**, having two high day **SABBATHS**. And this **PERIOD** is established **FOREVER**—while the Israelites were still in Egypt—before one word of the ceremonial law of Moses had been given or written—before God even proposed the Old Covenant!

What the Law of Moses, or the Old Covenant, did not bring or institute, **THEY CANNOT TAKE AWAY**! And in Fenton's translation, we find the 16th verse translated thus: **"Consequently KEEP THIS PERIOD AS AN EVERLASTING INSTITUTION."** The whole period is included.

This alone ought to prove that the **HOLYDAYS**—and the seven days of unleavened

bread—are binding today, and **FOREVER**!

Now, if these texts apply to the 15th, not the 14th, as they assuredly do, and is here conclusively proved, then is the Passover established **FOREVER**? Indeed, it is! But **THESE TEXTS** above refer to the **FEAST**, and not the **PASS-OVER**. In the paragraph beginning *Exodus 12:21* the **PASSOVER** is again referred to, and verse 24 establishes it **FOREVER**.

### **Purpose of Festival**

But let us learn the full significance of this. **WHY** did God ordain these feast days? What was His great **PURPOSE**? Turn now to *Exodus 13*, verse 3:

Moses said unto the people, **"Remember THIS DAY, in which you CAME OUT from Egypt."** This was the 15th of Abib. Verse 6, **"Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and the seventh day shall be a FEAST unto the Eternal . . ."**

**This is done BECAUSE of that which the ETERNAL did"**— (a memorial)— **"and it shall be for a SIGN (miraculous PROOF of identity)—"unto thee upon thine hand and for a MEMORIAL between thine eyes"—WHY?—that the LORD'S LAW MAY BE IN THY MOUTH . . . Thou shalt therefore KEEP this ordinance."**



Oh, beloved brethren, do you see the wonderful meaning? Do you grasp the significance of it all? Do you see God's PURPOSE? The PASSOVER pictures the DEATH OF CHRIST for the remission of sins that are past. The accepting of His BLOOD does not forgive sin we shall commit—it does not give LICENSE to continue to sin—therefore WHEN we ACCEPT it, our sins are forgiven only up to that time—PAST SINS.

But shall we stop there? Past sins forgiven. But we are still *flesh* beings. We still shall suffer *temptations*. Sin has held us in its clutch—we have been SLAVES to sin, in its power. And we are powerless to deliver ourselves from it! We have been in BONDAGE to sin. Let us understand the picture—the meaning.

### Quitting Sin Entirely

To what extent shall we put away sin? Not partially, but COMPLETELY! And, as leaven is also a type of sin—leaven puffs up, and so does sin—and, as SEVEN is God's number symbolizing COMPLETENESS, we are to follow the Passover with the *seven days of unleavened bread*!

The picture—the meaning—the symbolism, is not complete with Passover alone. Passover pictures the acceptance of Christ's blood for the REMISSION of past sins. It pictures the CRUCIFIED—the dead—Christ.

Shall we leave Christ hanging on the cross? The seven days of UNLEAVENED BREAD, following Passover, pictures to us the COMPLETE putting away of sin, the KEEPING of the Commandments—after past sins are forgiven.

They picture the life and work of the RISEN Christ—who ascended to the throne of God where He is now actively at work in our behalf as our HIGH PRIEST, cleansing us of sin—delivering us completely from its POWER!

To observe Passover alone, and then fail to observe the seven days of unleavened bread, means, in the symbolism, to accept Christ's blood, and then to continue on in sin—to say with the Sunday churches the Law of Moses is done away, we are under grace, meaning license, to continue in sin!

The seven days of the feast of unleavened bread picture the keeping of the commandments, which is another way of saying the putting away of sin.

And, as Rome's followers have the MARK of the BEAST in their right hand and forehead, so God's true church is to have these feast days, the first of which is a MEMORIAL picturing deliverance from sin, in OUR right hand and forehead, as God's SIGN, in order that we shall KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS.

And since the forehead is the seat of the intellect, and symbolizes ACCEPTANCE, and the right hand symbolizes WORK, we have this SIGN of GOD there by accepting this truth about the Holy Days and days of unleavened bread, and by NOT WORKING on these holydays! Not only is the weekly Sabbath God's SIGN (**Exodus 31:12-17**) but annual Sabbaths are God's SIGN as well!





## One Incident

Just a short personal reference showing how marvelously this ordinance pictures the PLAN OF REDEMPTION. It happened years ago at Eugene, Oregon. One year, as we assembled in Holy Convocation the last of these Sabbaths, 21st Abib, one sister mentioned she had found a half slice of leavened bread behind some things in her home, during the days of unleavened bread.



She had put it out of the house immediately. Another spoke up and said she had found a can of baking powder half full, which she did not know she had. Another found a slice of bread and some yeast. All had put the leaven out as soon as discovered.

How true to life is the picture! How often do we, after we think we have put away sin, discover hidden sins or habits we did not know we had—or thought we had overcome? They must be put away, and overcome as soon as discovered.

## The Perfect Picture

But let us notice the wonderful picture further. The children of Israel started out of Egypt, the night of the 15th Abib, as we must, willingly, of our own accord, start out of sin as soon as we accept the Blood of Christ. They started out *on their own power*—and we must make the start of ourselves.

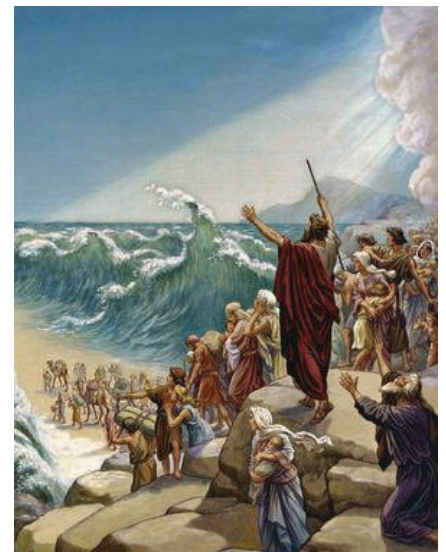
But they did not get far until Pharaoh pursued after them. If Egypt is a type of sin, then surely Pharaoh must picture Satan, the army of Egypt Satan's demons.

While Israel was IN EGYPT they were Pharaoh's slaves, helpless and powerless under his taskmasters—just as the sinner is in the power of the devil. But when Israel took the Blood of the lamb when God acted, and as a result of God's act of the plague of the first-born, Pharaoh released Israel. *When* we accept Christ's Blood, GOD ACTS, and the Devil must release us.

And, as the Israelites went out WITH A HIGH HAND (**Numbers 33:3**), probably in great exultation and elation over their deliverance from bondage, so does the new-begotten Christian start out his Christian life—up in the clouds of happiness and joy. But what happened?

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**Exodus 14:5** — Pharaoh immediately began to pursue *after them*, with soldiers in 600 chariots. So the Devil immediately pursues after the newly-begotten child of God, with his demons—and soon the new and inexperienced Christian finds he is down in the depths of discouragement, and tempted to give up and quit.



Notice, beginning verse 10—as soon as the Israelites saw this great army pursuing them, they lost their courage. Fear came over them. They began to grumble and complain. They saw it was IMPOSSIBLE for them to get away from Pharaoh and his army, because he was too powerful for them. And they were helpless. So it is with us.

## Our Strength Not Sufficient!

But notice the message of God to them through Moses: **“Fear you not, STAND STILL, and SEE THE SALVATION OF THE ETERNAL . . . for**

**the Egyptians . . . you shall see them again NO MORE forever. THE ETERNAL SHALL FIGHT FOR YOU!"** How wonderful!

Helpless, *we are told to stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.* He shall fight for us. We cannot conquer Satan, but He can. It is the risen Christ—our High Priest—who will cleanse us—sanctify us—deliver us—who said He would never leave us nor forsake us!

We cannot keep the commandments in our own power and strength. But Christ IN US can keep them! We must rely on HIM, in faith.

Notice verse 19. **The angel that had gone before, showing the Israelites the way, now went behind them, getting between them and their enemy, protecting them.** And then God parted the *waters of the Red Sea.*



**“And the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.”** (V. 33.) In *Isaiah 55:1*, and *John 7:37-39*, the WATERS are a symbol of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The LIVING WATERS of God are a wall to us, on our right hand and on our left, guiding us in the true path, making the path, protecting us in it. But when Pharaoh and his army attempted to follow after Israel in this divinely created path, these same waters completely COVERED THEM, as the Holy Spirit removes and covers our sins, and the Israelites SAW THEM NO MORE! What a wonderful picture!

### **No Sacrifices Originally**

Thus we see, the FEAST of unleavened bread, as well as the PASSOVER, was ordained and established FOREVER, PRIOR to the ceremonial Law of Moses—PRIOR to the Old

Covenant. Let us be consistent about this. Opponents tell us in reply they existed before the Law of Moses, are carried over in the New Testament, and therefore are binding today.

Notice especially, that originally there were NO SACRIFICES—no MEAT AND DRINK ordinances—held on these days. See *Jeremiah 7:22-23*. *These days were not instituted FOR THE PURPOSE of the sacrifices as some have wrongly supposed.* These holy-days are not shadows—they are MEMORIALS, and twice plainly called such. Where do we find such plain language calling the Sabbath a memorial? (See also *Leviticus 23:24*.)

The Sabbath, too, existed BEFORE the law of Moses—was made HOLY UNTO THE LORD before the Mosaic law was given.

When the Law of Moses came, with its sacrificial ordinances, its meat and drink ordinances, then THESE SACRIFICES AND MEAT AND DRINK OFFERINGS WERE INSTITUTED, TEMPORARILY — until Christ — To BE HELD, *some daily*, SOME ON THE WEEKLY SABBATH AND SOME ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH, and SOME ON EACH OF THE ANNUAL SABBATHS.

But, mark well this fact! Where we find these sacrifices



and meat and drink offerings instituted on the holydays we find them also on the weekly Sabbath. The same chapters in the Law of Moses adding them to the annual days ALSO ADD THEM TO THE WEEKLY DAYS.

The argument that these sacrifices held on these days does away with the days APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE SABBATH! If this argument abolishes one, it abolishes also the other.

The Sunday preachers argue that these sacrifices do away with the Sabbath. We deny it—why? The Sabbath existed BEFORE these sacrifices were added. THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE HOLYDAYS! They began, too, BEFORE the ritualistic Law of Moses!

This is SO PLAIN that none will deny it except those whose hearts are rebellious against Almighty God and His TRUTH!

### **Sacrifices on Weekly Sabbath**

Let us notice, Numbers 28 and 29: First, the offerings by fire DAY BY DAY, the “morn-ing-evening sacrifice. Second, verses 9-10, burnt meat offerings, and drink offerings every SABBATH. Third, verses 11-15, NEW MOONS. Then, verse 16, to end of chapter 29, the annual days.

Now we know these MEAT AND DRINK offerings, by fire, were TYPICAL, and were

DONE AWAY. But are the seven week days DONE AWAY? Is the weekly SABBATH done away? Is the first day of each month DONE AWAY? Only in BABYLON—not in God’s sight. Then neither are the annual HOLYDAYS OF THE LORD done away!

The sacrifices were typical, and they came with the Law of Moses, and they WENT with it. But the DAYS on which they were held were not typical, did not come with the Law of Moses, and did not go with it.

The DAYS binding FOREVER! As the Sabbath is a MEMORIAL, so are the Holy days!

### **Commanded in New Testament**

And now we wish to show a NEW TESTAMENT COMMAND—more plain, more direct, than any we can find for the weekly Sabbath—to keep these annual HOLYDAYS.

Observe again, *Numbers 28:16-17*: “**IN the fourteenth day of the first month is the PASSOVER of the Lord. And in the fifteenth day of this month is the FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.**”

This FEAST was not the 14th, but the 15th. It was the

PASSOVER, when the lamb was killed, that was the 14th. The daylight part of the 14th was the PREPARATION for the FEAST. (*Matthew 27:62; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14.*)

(NOTE, in Jesus’ day the Jews celebrated their Passover one day late according to the tradition of the elders—*John 18:28.*)

Let us get this point thoroughly established in our minds, for if this is true, as it is, THEN ALL OF THESE DAYS ARE STILL BINDING UPON US, BY NEW TESTAMENT, as well as Old Testament AUTHORITY!

Notice *Matthew 26:5*: The Jews, conspiring to kill Jesus, said: “**Not on the FEAST DAY, lest there be an uproar among the people.**” They hastened so they could take and kill Him the day *before* the feast, or on the 14th Nisan.

*Mark 14:2* says the same thing. Now to establish that *the feast day* was the day *after* the Passover festival, and that it was the high day Sabbath—the day AFTER Jesus was crucified, notice *John 13:29*: “**For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag (was treasurer - Fenton), that Jesus had said unto him, ‘Buy those things that we have need of for the FEAST.’**”

This was at the Passover supper. They thought Jesus was sending Judas out to buy provisions to prepare for the FEAST. Surely this proves the FEAST was the following day—the 15th Nisan, as all these Scriptures positively affirm.

Now let us examine carefully **I Corinthians 5:7-8**. Churches have applied this to the PASSOVER. Notice it does not say, nor apply to, PASSOVER at all. Let us willingly, prayerfully, study to see what it does say:

**“For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: *therefore*, LET US KEEP THE FEAST.”**

Notice it. Because Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed, therefore let us of the NEW Testament dispensation—BECAUSE Christ has died—keep, WHAT? Notice it! NOT the Passover, which was on the 14th Nisan—but let US keep the FEAST—which was the 15th! The high-day Sabbath of **John 19:31**! The annual HOLY DAY.

And, in a larger sense, the FEAST included all seven of the days of unleavened bread, including the SECOND Holy Day, or Sabbath, on the 21st Nisan! We cannot escape this, if we are yielded to the Lord and the Word of God!

There it is, in plain language, in the New Testament! Because Christ was crucified, therefore let US keep the FEAST! The 14th was the Passover, *but in the 15th day of this month is the FEAST!* Let us no longer apply that to the Passover, for it SAYS “feast.”

### **Days of Unleavened Bread KEPT BY PAUL and NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH**

It is faithfully recorded in the New Testament that, during the period its history covers, the Church was keeping those days!

In **Acts 20:6**, “**We sailed away from Philippi AFTER THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.**” Paul and companions plainly had observed the days of unleavened bread at Philippi. The Holy Spirit could never have inspired such words otherwise.

Notice also **Acts 12:3--1**: “**Then were the days of unleavened bread . . . intending after PASSOVER (see Greek) to bring him forth to the people.**” Could the Holy Spirit have inspired the direct affirmation, “**Then WERE the days of unleavened bread**” if those days had, in God’s sight ceased to exist?

Notice, it is not any blinded Judaizers, ignorant of what was abolished, *making this statement*—it is Almighty God saying it through inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This was YEARS after the crucifixion.

The days of unleavened bread still existed, or the Holy Spirit could not have inspired “**Then WERE the days of unleavened bread.**”







# PERSONAL FROM THE EDITOR,

GN March 1984,

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

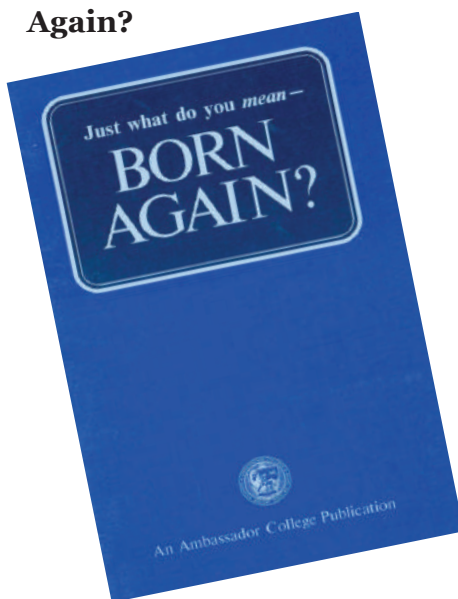
Some of the teachings in the Bible are a little hard for the average thinking mind to understand. James tells us to count it all joy when trials, ordeals, reverses, beset us (*James 1 :2*).

## Troubles a JOY?

That's pretty hard to accept, isn't it? And, for the average person, a lot harder to put into practice. Few find any pleasure, let alone JOY, in the obstacles and troubles they encounter. Yet this biblical teaching says we ought so to count them. There is a reason, although few understand it.

In one of the Psalms you'll read that the righteous are going to have to bear many afflictions. But, it promises, the Eternal will deliver us out of them all – if we believe and trust Him (*Psalms 34:19*)!

Again, it is through much tribulation that we must enter the Kingdom of God (*Acts 14:22*). WHY? There's a reason! Now consider another biblical teaching hard for some to understand. We publish a booklet, available to the public at no charge, entitled **What Do You Mean - Born Again?**



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In the fifth chapter of Ephesians you find a husband-wife relationship pictured as corresponding to Christ and the Church. Scriptural teaching assures us that, at His coming, Christ is going to marry the Church. Also, the Scriptures teach that the Church will, at His coming, be born of God, by a resurrection of all who have died, and the instantaneous conversion from mortal to immortal of those then living (*I Cor. 15:50-53*).

So one man reasons: Could a full-grown MAN marry an infant girl baby, just born? If those in the Church are to be just then born of God, how can they marry Christ before they grow up? This, too, seems difficult for some to comprehend. Yet the answer to James' teaching—the UNDERSTANDING of what James really means—is also the answer to this seeming inconsistency.

There is a third seeming inconsistency, hard for some to understand. I have previously explained how, contrary to the thinking of many, a Christian may—and too often does—actually commit sin after he is converted. He should not, of course. But too often he does, and yet he still remains a Christian.

The true explanation of James' teaching, first mentioned above, is also the explanation of this experience. So let's understand! WHY were we born, in the first place?

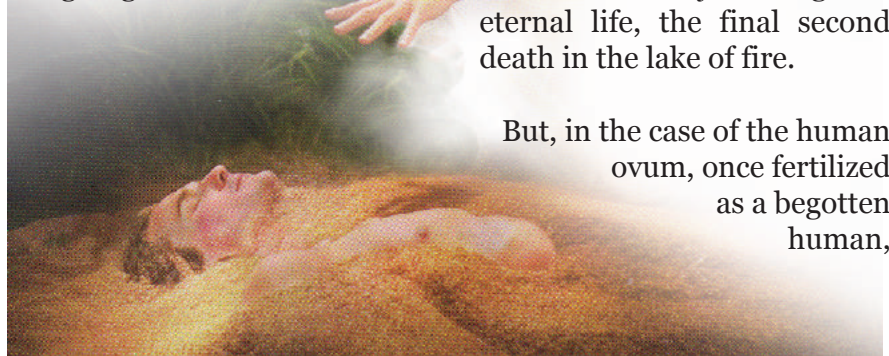
### What is the real PURPOSE of human life?

God Almighty the Creator is reproducing Himself! As truly as we mortal humans have been given power to reproduce ourselves—to bring forth progeny in our own image, born with our very nature—even so the great God is bringing forth sons in His image, born with His very divine nature!

The very **PURPOSE** of our existence is that we be begotten as God's children, and ultimately become **BORN** of Him. And human reproduction is the very type of spiritual reproduction.

What God created at the time described in the first chapter of Genesis was a physical creation. You'll find nothing spiritual there. In physical man, made of the dust of the ground, God created the **MATERIAL** with which He

may mold, shape, form and create the spiritual being. He pictures us as the clay, Himself as the potter—forming us into the spiritual image of His designing.



entering to impart eternal life to us, we shall die and that shall be the end, except that God has appointed a resurrection of all who have lived and, for those who reject His gift of eternal life, the final second death in the lake of fire.

But, in the case of the human ovum, once fertilized as a begotten human,

Now human reproduction, I say again, pictures spiritual reproduction. Each human, since Adam and Eve, started from a tiny egg, called an ovum, the size of a pinpoint. It was produced in the body of the mother. The egg is incomplete, of itself. It has a life of only about 48 hours, according to some authorities. Unless fertilized by the life-giving sperm cell from the human father within that limited lifetime, it dies.

Each human, spiritually speaking, is like an egg. The average human lifetime is said to be 70 years. Adam was created incomplete, and each of us was **BORN INCOMPLETE**—that is, we were made to need the Holy Spirit of God.

And unless, within our limited life span of some 70 years, we are begotten of God by His Spirit, which is **His IMMORTAL, DIVINE LIFE**,

the egg—now called an embryo—is kept within the body of the mother, and is nourished and fed material food through her and protected by her. And there it must grow, being fed physically through the mother, large enough to be born. After a number of weeks, the embryo is called a fetus, and at birth it is a human baby.

In like manner, the Bible calls the **CHURCH** the "mother of us all" (**Galatians 4:26**). That is, the mother of Christians those begotten of God. It is the function of the Church to protect and feed, spiritually, on the spiritual food of God's **WORD**, those begotten children of God, so that we may **GROW SPIRITUALLY**, in the divine character, ready to be born. Surely this is a wonderful comparison.

Yet types and anti-types are not always alike in every detail. When a physical baby is born, it is not ready for marriage. When the spiritual child of God is born, he will be fully



mature for the spiritual marriage. How can this be? This is what one thinking man could not see.

The unborn human fetus is only growing physically. At birth, the human baby knows nothing. He is helpless. He must be taught. He must learn. He is born merely with a mind capable of learning, knowing, thinking. He is not yet of mature size physically or mentally.

Many do marry who are still entirely immature spiritually and/or emotionally. But we do assume that one has reasonable maturity physically and mentally before marriage. In the human, this development takes place in the human state after the human birth. Therefore, the human baby is not ready for marriage at birth. But the spirit-born are different! Just as the fertilized ovum—the embryo that becomes the fetus - must grow physically from material food, so the Spirit begotten child of God must grow spiritually before he can be born.

But there is a difference! The fetus does not attain to complete physical maturity before birth, and has no mental maturity. But, in the spiritual rebirth, one must attain reasonable spiritual maturity before he is spirit-born.

### **Now what is spiritual growth?**

Just as the physical embryo-fetus must grow physically

large enough to be BORN, so the Spirit begotten Christian must grow spiritually or he will never be born of God. But spiritual growth is CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. The Spirit-begotten starts out with a MIND from the beginning. God is perfect character—divine, spiritual character. God is also LOVE. And perfect spiritual character is THE WAY of LOVE!

Such character is the attainment of the ability, in a separate, independent entity of free moral agency to be able to discern right from wrong—the true values from the false—truth from error—the right way from the wrong, and then to make the right CHOICE or DECISION, even against self-desire, impulse or temptation, plus the WILL and self-discipline to resist the wrong and to DO the right.

No human, with human nature, has the power—alone by himself—to do this. But God has made the spiritual power and help man lacks available. Man must desire to know—must hunger and thirst for truth; man must make his own decision, exercise his own will, even against the pulls of his nature. But without the help of God—without spiritual POWER from God—man is utterly unable.

That is why truly converted Christians sometimes actually do sin. They are like the apostle

Paul, as he describes himself in Romans 7. With his mind he wanted to go the way of God's law, yet he found himself unable. Another law—human nature—warred within him against the good resolutions of his mind.

But the sequel to Romans 7 is Romans 8—the Holy Spirit chapter. **“WHO, Paul cried out, could save him from this body of death . . .”** he struggled against in vain? The answer is God, through His Holy Spirit (**Romans 7:24-25**).

A true Christian doesn't want to sin—should not. But sometimes he finds himself caught in the vise of habit, or overwhelmed by temptation or by circumstances from which he is unable to free himself.

Surely, had such a one been continually praying, keeping himself close to God and detached from the world or its lures or the temptations of the flesh, he probably would have had sufficient divine help to have prevented the sinning. But only Jesus Christ ever did keep that close to God! God looks on the heart.

In such a case, the Christian does not sin maliciously, with malice, a fore thought. He is merely caught in the vortex of a temptation that sucks him helplessly down into the sin. Then he is terribly sorry. He is disgusted with himself. He repents. He goes to work to overcome. He may not succeed, due to human weakness,

at once. But he remains determined and finally does, with God's help, overcome completely.

Many a true Christian has had such a struggle over a particular human weakness and temptation, and after even several setbacks, finally, through God's power, won the victory and fought his way free.

God looks on the heart. God FORGIVES in such cases. The living Christ, our High Priest, has compassion, is filled with mercy—as long as the attitude is right, the desire of the inner man is to conquer the flesh and overcome the temptation and be FREE from it entirely.

In the end, it is GOD who gives the victory. But, in such a struggle, the Christian DEVELOPS CHARACTER. Now character, I have said, many times, is something God does not create automatically. It is developed, against the opposing pulls of human nature, with the decisions and wills and struggles of the individual, and through EXPERIENCE.

The development of that CHARACTER is the very PURPOSE of our being alive. Also the development of that character, unlike the purely physical growth of the unborn baby, actually is growing toward SPIRITUAL MATURITY, right now in the begettal stage prior to spirit BIRTH—in this present mortal human life. Notice how the "mother of us all," the Church, is to protect and feed

those in it, until they reach spiritual MATURITY.

In I Corinthians 12 you'll read how God gives spiritual gifts for various administrations, or functions of service. **Ephesians 4:11-13** shows that Christ has given special spiritual abilities or talents to certain ones in a chain of authority under Him in the Church—and notice for what PURPOSE:

**"And His [Christ's] gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ [the Church], UNTIL we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" [Ephesians 4:11-13] (Revised Standard Version).**

In other words, to full spiritual maturity! Now WHY should we count the troubles and problems and temptations that beset us as all JOY? Simply because we cannot hurdle these obstacles successfully in our own power. They drive us to seek help from God. To go to God for the wisdom to know what to do, and the power to be able to do it, requires FAITH.

This is a living faith. It is ALIVE. It is active. When we meet such trials, we often do not know what to do. We lack the WISDOM to make the right decision. So open your Bible to the first chapter of James. Notice verse 5. **"If you lack wisdom" in such trials, GO TO GOD for it!**

But ask IN FAITH - no wavering - no doubting. Be SURE God will not fail, but will give you this wisdom. Depend upon Him for it. If you waver, you are like a wave in the ocean—tossed back and forth—going nowhere! So, instead of wavering, BE STEADFAST.

And if you don't get the answer immediately from God, have PATIENCE. Don't give up. Trust Him. Now notice verses 2-3: **"Count it all JOY, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness" (RSV).**

These trials force you to your knees. You must have FAITH to meet them. They test your faith. They develop spiritual CHARACTER! In the Authorized Version, it says the trying of your faith produces patience. It produces that kind of patience that is steadfastness.

THAT IS CHARACTER! Sure, it may be unpleasant for a while. But, Paul assures us that if we suffer with Christ, we shall REIGN with Him—and the GLORY to be revealed in us is

so incomparably greater than anything we now are that this promised future for eternity is something to REJOICE over!

Yes, count it all JOY! Even if unpleasant. It is maturing you, now, for the marriage to Christ. The CHURCH of God shall be BORN into the KINGDOM OF GOD! The Kingdom of God will not be composed of spiritual know nothings and infants.

When we are born again—born of God—resurrected in spirit bodies—those bodies will not be small, like a human physical infant that must grow to full physical size. We shall look as we do now, so far as form and shape and features are concerned. But the resurrected body will be a different body—composed of SPIRIT instead of flesh and blood (**I Corinthians 15:35-44**).

The original 12 apostles were Christ's witnesses. That is, they were actual eyewitnesses that Jesus rose from the dead—that the living, resurrected Christ was the same Jesus who had been crucified. They were with Him 40 days after His resurrection.

But nobody will be foolish enough to suggest that when Christ was BORN very Son of God by the resurrection (**Romans 1:4**) that He was resurrected in a tiny infant's body composed of spirit. He was resurrected FULL GROWN, as He had been when crucified.

How did the apostles know

He was the same Jesus? Because they knew what Jesus had looked like—and in His born-again, resurrected body He looked the same, except He now was composed of spirit instead of matter!

The resurrected Christ was PERFECT - He was very God! But He did not grow up into perfection after He was 'resurrected. It was during His human lifetime, setting us the example, that He was made perfect, as you read in **Hebrews 2:10** and **5:8-9**.

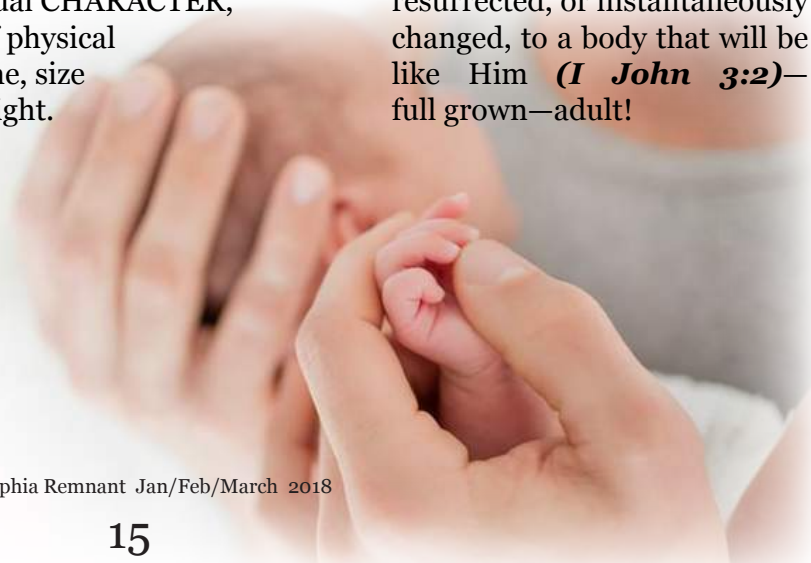
Thus it is plain that we must develop spiritual character, growing to spiritual adulthood, during this life—not after our resurrection in GLORY! This is the spiritual growth, of which the physical growth of the unborn child, from tiny embryo to a size and weight of some six to eight pounds at birth, is a type. The physical growth of the unborn human is a growth of physical size and weight. The spiritual growth of the begotten but yet unborn spiritual child of God is a growth in spiritual CHARACTER, not of physical volume, size or weight.

The human baby merely grows large enough to be born prior to birth—NOT TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL MATURITY. But he does grow.

And this physical growth is the TYPE of the spiritual growth by feeding on the Word of God, and prayer, and Christian fellowship, and participation in the Work of God in the life of the begotten child of God. The difference is merely the difference between matter and spirit.

One is a material growth. Material growth is measured by volume, size, weight. The other is spiritual growth, measured by character development. Jesus was BORN very Son of God by His resurrection (**Romans 1:4**). He was born fully mature. He was born in a spirit body, which was manifested to His apostles in the same apparent size and shape as when He died.

When He appears on earth the second time, in His spirit, glorified body, we shall be resurrected, or instantaneously changed, to a body that will be like Him (**I John 3:2**)—full grown—adult!





# ***The Ancient World***

***“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned . . . and did not keep their proper domain but left their own abode . . . but cast them down to hell (Greek: Tartarus, meaning: pits) . . . He has reserved in everlasting chains of darkness . . . and did not spare the Ancient World . . .”***

***II Peter 2:4; Jude 6***

By  
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## ***The Ancient World***

This was the first world, a world of mystery and intrigue that existed billions of years ago. A world that hardly anyone knows anything about except for the very few having the curiosity to do research into that ancient time.

A world that first came to be populated with billions of angels. Later in time, God created the dinosaurs and other strange looking creatures that preyed on one another as can be seen in museums.

The Holy Bible says very little about that world, but what it does, coupled with the findings in many places in Europe and America are the skeletal frames of dinosaurs and other creatures of that time, make known its one-time existence.

But this is getting ahead of what really made all of this possible, the creation of the physical universe.

## **The Creation of the Universe**

This awesome universe and the planet earth came into existence many billions of years ago due to the creative powers and purpose of the Almighty God in heaven above.



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Though Geologists and Archeologists cannot pinpoint an exact time for its coming into existence, they estimate it to have been 13.8 billions of years ago. Astronomers believe it to be 15 billions of years ago. Though they may be close, only God knows for sure.

It was the Almighty God in heaven above who created the physical Universe and brought it into physical existence. This beautiful planet earth was created at the same time (*cf. Genesis 1:1*). Prior to this time, God had created the angelic world. He then gave the planet earth to billions of the angels to be their home.

Viewing it, they marveled at its beauty:

**“When the morning stars (the created angelic world) SANG TOGETHER, and all the sons of God shouted for joy” (Job 38:7).**

The angels rejoiced with great happiness to see the beautiful planet earth—knowing it was to be their home with Lucifer as their king and ruler (**Ezekiel 28:12-15**). Prior to this time, he had been at the very throne of the Almighty God covering it with his wings.

Tragically, Scripture reveals during that ancient age after the passage of millions of years Lucifer’s mind became corrupted! This led to the rebellion and fall of the greatest of God’s created angels—that of Lucifer—and one-third of his angelic kingdom.

All those ancient events are all linked together and will be considered later on in this present writing. First, it is necessary to understand how all this came about many billions of years ago after had God created this vast universe together with the planet earth.

## In the Beginning

The Apostle John was led to write of the ever-present and eternal existence of the Almighty God and the WORD (*ELOHIM*, cf. *Genesis 1:1*) dwelling in eternity: **John 1:1-5**

**vs.1-2** In the (‘A’) (Clarke Commentary; there is no article ‘A’ in the Greek, but the article THE is.) beginning (before anything was) was the WORD (Logos, Spokesman), and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God. He was in the BEGINNING with God (*A conscious personal existence apart from God the Father, John 17:5*).

The LOGOS, the WORD, was with God before all time and created existence (cf. *John 5:37; 17:5*).

**vs. 3-5** All things were MADE through Him (**John 12:49**), and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was LIFE (inherent), and the LIFE was the LIGHT of men. And the LIGHT shines in the darkness (*overpowering the darkness*) and the darkness did NOT comprehend it (cf. *Genesis 1:3-5*).

LIGHT is a constant in the Universe. It always travels at the same speed – regardless: 186, 000 Miles per second.

## At What Point in Eternity did the Creation Occur?

A Psalmist was inspired by God to give the answer:

### Psalm 90:1-2

**vs.1-2** “LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the

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**mountains were brought forth (created), or ever You gave birth (marginal reading) to the earth and the world, even FROM EVERLASTING ‘TO’ EVERLASTING, You are God.”**

The word ‘TO’ gives the answer when the universe took place—somewhere between everlasting and everlasting in eternity. Mind boggling to think of infinite eternity—and it is from eternity, came the existence of the physical Universe!

This was the real beginning in order of time sequence. The events in Genesis occurred later—possibly many billions of years later (**Hebrews 1:2**). A Psalmist wrote of the beginning time of the creation:



### Psalm 33:6, 9-10

**“By the (spoken) WORD of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. For He SPOKE, and it was done (an unimaginable thunderous sound that reverberated throughout the newly created universe as it instantly came into physical existence); He commanded and it stood fast (cf. Hebrews 1:1-3).”**

## The Starry Heavens

The command from the WORD, the Spokesman for the Almighty God (*cf. John 1:1-3*), brought about the creation of the universe, its starry systems and their PUSH out into outer space, the planets, and all in it at the same time. It is impossible to measure the enormous size of the heavens (*cf. Job 22:12; 38:4-6*).

Among those stars is the planet earth within its own Milky Way Galaxy. Amazingly, there is design, pattern and purpose for each one (*cf. Job 31:33*), while having been set in their individual courses (*cf. Judges 5:20*), no two are alike (DNA), as determined by Astronomers.

Each of those stars of light is a gigantic, flaming sun, some of which are millions of times larger than the one that warms this planet earth and gives humanity its light. And though the distant suns, or stars appear to be grouped together like clusters of diamonds, they are billions of miles apart (*cf. Isaiah 54:2*).

*Internet:* Stars are not boring objects with the same physical features. They come in a wide variety of sizes and colors. Stars are beautiful, wondrous things. Much like planets, planetoids and other stellar bodies, they come in many sizes, shapes, and even colors. And over the course of many centuries, astronomers have come to discern several different types of stars based

on these fundamental characteristics.

For instance, the color of a star – which varies from bluish-white and yellow to orange and red – is primarily due to its composition and effective temperature. And at all times, stars emit light which is a combination of several different wavelengths. On top of that, the color of a star can change over time.

End of quotes.

*Astronomer, writing for the Denver Post:* “The heavens are orderly . . . they are arranged in orderly systems called galaxies. any system, of course, has a shape. Our galaxy is shaped like a pinwheel.”

Truly, how awesome and great are the creative artistic powers of the Almighty God and the WORD! The Creator God asks:

### **Isaiah 40:25-26**

**vs.25-26** “To whom will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. “Lift up your eyes on high (to the starry heavens), and see who has created these things. Who brings out their hosts (starry systems) **BY NUMBER** (knows exactly how many are there); **HE CALLS THEM ALL** (each one) **BY NAME**, by the greatness of His Might and the Strength of His POWER; not one is missing.”

A Psalmist was led to write about the creation and praise God for it:



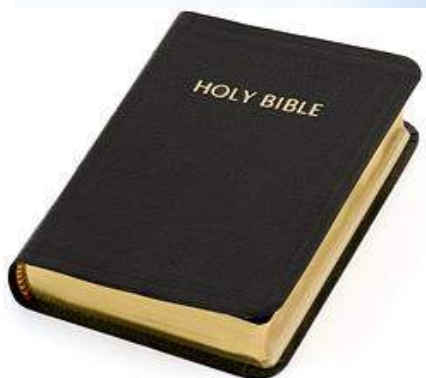


**Psalm 148:1-6**

**vs.1-4** “PRAISE (*Hallelujah*) the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all you angels; Praise Him, all you hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of lights! Praise Him, you heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

**vs.5-6** “Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He COMMANDED and they (*instantly*) were created. He also ESTABLISHED them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall NOT pass away.

The Holy Bible speaks of the WORD (*Jesus Christ*) as both the Creator and active Sustainer of the universe.



**Colossians 1:16-17**

“For by Him (*Christ, the WORD and Spokesman for God*) all things were created that are in heaven and that are upon the earth, things visible and invisible . . . all things were created through Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (*are held together*).”

**A Perfect Creation**

A quote from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong: “Apparently God created the entire physical universe at the same time He created the earth (**Genesis 1:1**).”

A perfect creation – so utterly beautiful and desirable that the angels greatly rejoiced upon seeing it come into existence knowing it would come to be their new home (*cf. Job 38:7*). And it materialized from nothing physical, but rather from the non-physical (*cf. Job 38:1-38*). Baffling to scientists,

but not to the true people of God. It should be realized the Eternal never creates or does anything half-way, it is always perfect in every way.

The Eternal God scorns all the disbelievers for their lack of belief of His awesome and majestic ever-living Existence by pointing to His creation that had been brought into physical existence from non-visible existence by His awesome creative powers as made known through the Apostle Paul:

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### Hebrews 11:3

**“By faith we understand that the worlds** (*margin: ages, Greek: aiones, aeons; three worlds: Pre-Adamic world, Noah’s World, this present world*) **were FRAMED** (*brought into physical existence*) **by the Word of GOD, so that the things which are SEEN were NOT made of things which are VISIBLE** (*by God’s Spirit – spirit was changed into atoms and molecules, cf. Job 9:8-10*)” (**Hebrews 11:3**).

The worlds were created from invisible, intangible, non-physical essence – out of Spirit, or of spirit essence into atoms and molecules. An atom is a tiny universe of energy (**Psalms 33:6**), a world within a world.

### The Creation of Angels

Before the physical creation there was only eternity—a *Spirit World*. Somewhere in eternity, before the creation of all physical existence, the LORD God created the angelic world to be His created sons (**Job 1:6**). The following is a writing by God’s late apostle who wrote an overview of that ancient world and the creation of the angels.

*MYSTERY OF THE AGES*, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Chapter 2, *Mystery of Angels and Evil Spirits*, Page 60. “... Perhaps few realize, the very first thing God created was not the earth, suns, other planets--the universe.

Before all these He created the angelic beings—a spirit world of myriads of angelic beings.

“The Great God through the Word first designed and created these SPIRIT BEINGS—angels, each individually created—millions or perhaps billions of them. Angels are actual personal spirit beings, each having a mind of greater capacity and ability than human minds, capable of attitudes, purposes and intentions.

It is stated that even Jesus as a human was made “a little lower than the angels” (**Hebrews 2:7**). They are composed wholly of spirit. They were given self-containing life—life inherit—immortality. They have no blood circulating in veins and do not need the breath of air to sustain life, but have self-containing inherent life. Angels are, because created by God, called sons of God (**Job 1:6**), but they were not begotten and born sons of God. ...



### The Supreme Creative Accomplishment

Page 69. God assigns angels responsibilities, but God created within the MINDS WITH POWER TO THINK, TO REASON MAKE CHOICES AND DECISIONS!

But there was one super-important quality that even God’s creative power could not create instantly by fiat—the same perfect, holy, righteous CHARACTER inherent in both God and the Word!

That kind of character must be DEVELOPED, by the CHOICE and the INTENT of the one in whom it comes to exist ... but further, even then it must be instilled by and from the Holy God who only, has such righteous character to endow. ...

Page 70. What was God’s ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE for the angels? Beyond question it is that which, now, because of angelic rebellion, has become the transcendent potential of humans!

As the testing ground, and opportunity for positive and active creative accomplishment, God created—brought into existence—the entire vast material universe.

### Page 71, The Perfect Creation

The original Hebrew words (*the words written by Moses*)

imply a perfect creation. God reveals Himself as Creator of perfection, light and beauty. Every reference in the Bible describes the condition of any completed phase of God's creation as "very good"—perfect."

salvation of all mankind who will desire it and live their lives accordingly.

### ***The Ancient Mysterious World of Giant Creatures***

does not make known? Paleontologists estimate the dinosaur age began about 200 million years ago. Perhaps it was somewhere about the beginning of that time that God created that world.

#### ***Angels on Earth Sinned***

Pages 72-73. Other passages place angels on earth prior to man. Notice ***II Peter 2:4-6***. First in time order "angels that sinned." Next in time sequence, the antediluvian world beginning with Adam, carrying through to the Flood. After that Sodom and Gomorrah. . . .

Notice carefully what is revealed ***II Peter 2:4-5***: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell [Greek: tartarus], and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly." These verses show that universal sin brings universal destruction to the physical earth [*Genesis 6:11-13*]. . . . The sin of the angels was worldwide (*and there is reason to believe, as will be explained in chapter seven, universe wide*).

It is revealed in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, that God placed the archangel Lucifer, a cherub, on a throne on the earth. He was placed there as a ruler over the entire earth. God intended him to rule the earth by administering the government of God over the earth. And the government of God was administered on earth until the rebellion of the sinning angels.

How long these angels inhabited the earth before the creation of man is not revealed. It might have been millions—or even billions—of years. Page 74. Angels are immortal spirit beings and cannot die. . . . By this angelic sin, Lucifer became Satan the devil and his angels become demons. . . . Satan is destroyer." End of Quotes

#### **Creation and Mankind Bound Together**

While viewing and studying the creation together with mankind, it becomes easy to see both are inextricably bound together with a limited life-span designed to fulfill the purpose and plan of God (*cf. Romans 8:19-21*).

This is made known in other Scriptures as God's Master Plan that in time to come, according to His perfect Time Table, will lead to the ultimate

Now the focus comes to be on that ancient world—a world that existed perhaps millions of years, or more, after the creation of the universe. To keep the time order in mind, it should be remembered the angelic world was created before the creation of the physical universe.

How long was it afterward before the WORD created that world, the Holy Bible



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The following are a few excerpts taken from the writing of the booklet: *The Dinosaurs – A New Discovery* by Janet Stewart, page 9, coupled with this writing.

“Consider that ancient time when dinosaurs varying in size from huge [*weighing 45 tons, 90,000 pounds*] to very small, huge reptiles on land together with flying reptiles, lizards, mastodons (*huge elephants*), saber-tooth tigers, etc., roamed the land, huge flying creatures ruled the skies, and a variety of smaller creatures populated the earth and the seas. They ruled the earth and the seas.

They have their theories but not the real answer which will be made known briefly later in this writing.

be remembered the Eternal God does not do anything without plan and purpose. And all that God creates does fit into



the overall scheme of His Master Plan and His perfect Time Table to attain His ultimate objective.

Further, when connecting this ancient world with Satan the Devil and his other names that connect with those ancient creatures, we should be able to begin understanding in part—why—when considering the writing of the Apostle John in his vision and writing of the Book of Revelation.

Though some lived longer than others, the belief is the dinosaurs ruled the earth for 200 million years before becoming extinct. In the minds of geologists and archaeologists are the lingering and puzzling questions— why did they become extinct; and how did it happen?”

End of Quotes.

They are baffled as to whatever caused their disappearance?

In view of the postulation in early years that it was Lucifer, or later Satan, that created that world is not true based on Scripture. It was the WORD, the Spokesman for the Almighty God who created that world (***John 1:3***).

Though we do not know all the answers as to why, it should

### **The Conspiracy Lucifer Formed Against His Creator God**

Somewhere within the time frame of millions or billions of years, the super-cherub angel, Lucifer (*cf. Ezekiel 28:12-15*), began forming a conspiracy against his Creator God. Possibly this took a million years to

put it together, more or less (*MYSTERY OF THE AGES, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Mystery of the Angels and Evil Spirits, What Caused the Angel's Sin? Page 85*)!

When considering how Eve was deceived by Satan into eating of the forbidden fruit by telling her they would have awesome greatness and then be on the same level with God, Lucifer must have used the same strategy with the angels.

The angels under him would have awesome grandeur and higher offices by banding together with him. With skillful cunning and persuasion, Lucifer deceived one-third of the angels under his domain to unite together with him (*cf. Revelation 12:4*).

This conspiracy was with the intention of invading God's heaven and toppling their Creator God, the Most High and Almighty God, from His throne and then replace Him and His holy angels with the Adversary, Satan, and his evil angels.

### **The Faithful Angels**

Scripture does not reveal anything about the remaining angels who refused to cooperate with Lucifer. But based on the Scriptures that speak of God placing His angels about His people for their protection, it seems logical to believe that by retaining their love and loyalty to God, they remained on the earth during this troublesome time for that purpose

as well as for other reasons.

They were used by Jesus Christ to protect His true people throughout the millennia as well as to aid His patriarchs (*cf. Job 1:10*), the apostles, and the true Church of God (*pf. Psalm 34:7; Hebrews 2:16; 13:1-2*); usually without their presence being known to them.

### **The Beginning Treachery by Lucifer**

Similar to the many nations of this earth today, Lucifer also established his kingdom with billions of angels throughout the earth as nations. He had perfect government with high-ranking angels and lower ranking angels ruling over the angels.

And this was great—until, he began to dwell in thought of his greatness! After all, was he not the anointed cherub angel (*Ezekiel 28:14*)!

Over millions of years, he had relished his role as king and governed his kingdom of angels perfectly and it was a peaceful and happy planet. But he became dissatisfied believing God had limited his potential of greatness by just giving him rulership over the small planet earth when there was so much more he was capable of doing when considering the vastness of space with its stars and planetary system, *and even heaven itself*.

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### **Conjecture Based On Scripture**

While considering his awesome greatness, power, and wisdom to provide the leadership over the recruitment of all his angels he would form into an enormous army, Lucifer believed it was possible for him to replace God and the Word on Their thrones; it was worth the try—just as he continues to think today even knowing he will fail.

Since the Almighty God and the WORD were Spirit Beings, and could not be destroyed, he would give them the same fate that will in the future come to be his fate (*Leviticus 16:20-22*)! They would be isolated on a far distant planet out in outer space. The angels who would fight against them would also be imprisoned there with God the Father and Jesus Christ for all eternity.

Such thinking must have been among the many other thoughts and formulation of his plans during that time to make his conquest of the Almighty God and the Word.

### **Did Not God Know of Lucifer's Plan?**

Did not God and the Word know what was taking place with Lucifer's thinking and planning? Yes, They knew! Nothing can be hidden from God as made known in many Scriptures (*cf. Psalm 139:1-12*).

With the future creation of mankind in mind, God permitted this gigantic battle to take place knowing the terrible devastation that would befall the universe should be a lesson for mankind to see the effects of sin and its consequences and learn from it (**Romans 6:23**). This would also establish the everlasting fact that God in heaven is the Almighty God—no one greater! He is the Most High God—the Eternal ever-living God.

### **Duality of Scripture**

The Apostle John makes the beginning of this destructive warfare very clear in his inspired prophetic writing of this gigantic battle in duality form:

#### **Revelation 12:7-9**

**vs.7-8 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon (Satan the devil); and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.**

**v.9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old (cf. Genesis 3:1), called the Devil and Satan, who DECEIVES the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

This furiously fought battle is further made known in the following Scriptures:

#### **Isaiah 14:12-15**

**v. 12 “How you are fallen from heaven (cf. Luke 10:18), O Lucifer, son of the morning (lower type lifted to the greater type)! How you are cut down to the ground! . . .**

**v. 13 “For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ASCEND into heaven; I will exalt my throne (rulership on earth) above the stars of God (the angels of God); I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north (possibly meaning: Mount Zion where the angels of God assemble before Him at special times (Job 1:6; 2:1);**

**vs.14-15 “I will ASCEND above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High (meaning: “I will become the Most High”)’ Yet you shall be brought down to sheol, to the lowest depths of the pit (duality: the king of Babylon - the Beast; Lucifer and his demons to be imprisoned in Tartarus, II Peter 2:4).”**

**Note:** Following the fall of Satan to this earth in a short time to come (cf. Revelation 12:10-12), he will bring about the revival of the Holy Roman Empire that will be made up of Ten Nations in Europe to bring about the Great Tribulation at which time they will be used to bring about the demise of the nations of Israel very possibly in 2026 (cf. Jeremiah 30:5-7; Revelation 13.; 17.).

The second battle is yet to occur in this end-time. However, Satan will not damage the universe this coming time. The battle was doomed from the very beginning—in no way could angels or anyone else overpower the Almighty God—as will be proven once again in just a few short years during the battle in the Valley of Jehoshaphat – called the battle of Armageddon.

### **The Futile Effort by Satan to De-Throne the Almighty God**

To the chagrin of Satan and his angels they fought a losing battle. This first battle brought about by Satan occurred many millions or billions of years ago, more or less! How long this devastating battle lasted between the fighting Spirit forces is not known. At the conclusion of it, the Adversary, Satan the Devil, was thrown out of heaven as made known by Jesus Christ to His disciples:



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### **Luke 10:17-18**

**vs.17-18** Then the 70 (disciples of Christ) returned (from their mission, **Luke 10:1**) with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name.” And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”

No prominent and favored place was found for them after they turned and fought against God, but Satan the devil still was permitted access to heaven and God (*cf. Job 1:6*) for he continued to be the accuser of the brethren throughout the millennia and unto this present time (**Revelation 12:10-11**).

### **The Disastrous Effects of Lucifer's Sin of Rebellion Against His Creator to the Universe**

This gigantic battle brought great scarring damage within the starry heavens, the milky way—the galaxy containing earth's solar system—the planets—and throughout the universe! Due to Satan's futile struggle to overpower God, the planet earth also experienced an enormous upheaval leaving it in darkness and confusion.

### **Genesis 1:2**

**The earth was (became) without form and void** (*Hebrew: became chaotic and in confusion or desolation, tohu, bohu*) **and darkness was on the face of the deep.** The great and terrible damage to this planet earth is described in the following writing.

### **EARTH IN UPHEAVAL, Immanuel Velikovsky, Jacket Cover, Excerpts:**

“... In Earth and Upheaval the author brings together a multitude of remarkable facts—such as palms found in northern Greenland, corals in Alaska and Spitsbergen, the unfossilized bones of hippopotami in England and France, and the remains of polar bears and arctic foxes crushed together in one mass with ostriches and crocodiles . . . the level of the world's oceans dropped sharply, climate was violently altered . . . these great disturbances which rocked our globe were caused by forces outside the earth itself.

p.2. Millions upon millions of animals were torn limb from limb and mingled with uprooted trees.

p.3. What could have caused the Arctic Sea and the Pacific Ocean to irrupt and wash away forests with all their animal population and throw the entire mingled mass in great heaps all over Alaska . . .

p.6. The encasing in ice of huge elephants, and the perfect preservation of the flesh shows that the cold finally became suddenly extreme, as of a single winter's night, and knew no relenting afterward. In the stomachs and between the teeth of the mammoths were found plants and grasses that do not now grow in northern Siberia.

p.14. (*The most renowned naturalist . . . was George Curvier*) Curvier was surprised to find that “life has not always existed upon the globe,” for there are deep strata which contain no vestiges of living beings.

p.15. But what could have caused these catastrophes? Curvier reviewed the theories of the origin of the world current in his time but found no answer. He did not know the cause of these vast cataclysms; he only knew they had occurred

p.33. (Charles Darwin) . . . “What, then, has exterminated so many species and whole genera? The mind at first is irresistibly hurried into the belief of some great catastrophe; but thus to destroy animals, both large and small, in Southern Patagonia, in Brazil, on the Cordillera of Peru, in North America up to Bering's Straits. We must shake the entire framework of the globe.” No lessor physical could have brought about this wholesale destruction, not only in the Americas but in the entire world.

pp. 64-65. The Asphalt Pit of La Brea (*located in the immediate neighborhood of the luxurious shopping center in Los Angeles*) bones of extinct animals and of still living species are found in abundance in asphalt mixed with clay and sand.

Most spectacular among the animals found at Rancho La Brea is the saber tooth tiger, previously unknown elsewhere

in the New or Old World, but found since then in other places too. The canine teeth of this animal, over ten inches long, projected from its mouth like two curved knives. With this weapon the tiger tore the flesh of its prey . . . No fewer than seven hundred skulls of the saber-toothed tiger have been recovered.



p.70. . . . Titanic displacements of mountains have been found in many places on the earth.

p.72. What could have these mountains to travel across valleys and uphill with their masses of granite weighing billions of tons?

pp.104-105 . . . evidence of great catastrophes that have altered the face of the earth . . . The oceanic floor all around the globe bears witness that the oceans of the earth were the scenes of repeated violent catastrophes when flows of lava and volcanic ash covered the precipitously rising and falling bedrock and tidal waves raced against continents. The bottom of the seas and oceans also

contains evidence that the earth was showered with meteorites on a very large scale. . . .”  
End of Quotes.

These extensive quotes from the writings of Immanuel Velikovsky clearly reveal the horrific damage done to this planet earth as the result of this furiously fought struggle of

Satan trying to rise above God and overthrow His Kingdom.

### **An Additional Writing of that Ancient World**

The following writing offers further insight of that ancient world by a student of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. It was written in textbook form to be used in the Imperial Schools. He was also aided by Dr. Herman L. Hoeh, Professor of Ambassador College.

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The Imperial Schools were made possible for the children of the membership of the Worldwide Church of God and were located near the campus of each College.

### ***Exploring Ancient History 2500 Years-Ray Schultz***

• THE FIRST 2500 YEARS  
Compiled by Roy Schulz,  
Social Studies Department,  
Imperial Schools at Pasadena,  
California, 1967

### ***CHAPTER 1: Before Adam—Creation and Chaos***

Bible True From Very First Verse—Before “The Beginning”—The Original Creation of The Universe—Earth’s First Catastrophe—

A Rebellion of Spirit Beings—Evidence From Outer Space—A Picture of Lucifer’s World From Geology—Disproving Evolution with Fossils—Satan’s Character.

### ***The Earth’s First Catastrophe***

“Many Bible translators (*Goodspeed and Moffatt are two examples*) COMBINE the first two verses of the Bible as if they were speaking of the same period of time. This is a common misconception that has caused millions to misunderstand the very beginning of the Bible. It is vital to understand this: THE FIRST TWO VERSES OF THE BIBLE

ARE SPEAKING OF TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT EVENTS. They ARE WIDELY SEPARATED IN TIME – by an untold number of years.

The true meaning of the second verse of the Bible is as follows:

**Now** (*Jewish translation, implying a later period of time*) **the earth HAD BECOME** (*the correct rendering of the verse, not "was"*) **chaotic and undistinguishable ruin, and darkness was upon the face of the muddy ocean depths [Genesis 1:2].**

The first verse of the Bible pictures a perfectly beautiful and harmonious creation **[Genesis 1:1]**. The second verse of the Bible shows an earth that has become a chaotic wreck. A PERFECT CREATION AND A COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OCCUR WITHIN THE FIRST TWO VERSES OF GENESIS. This is what the Bible reveals. What brought about this destruction?

The Bible does not tell the cause of this chaos at its opening because God, at this stage of the story, does not want to divert our minds from the concept of CREATION – the tremendously important realization that there was a BEGINNING and a BEGINNER. Other parts of the story are reserved till later. Bearing this in mind, we may, to fill in the story, bring in other parts of the Bible which reveal what occurred before the earth was re-created for human habitation.

**Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14, Hebrews 2:5, and II Peter 2:4** show that the original earth was inhabited -- not by men but by angels -- and the chief spirit being was "Lucifer" (*a Latin translation of the Hebrew word "Helel," which means "lightbringer" -- see page 24 of the February, 1965 "Plain Truth"*).

### **A Rebellion of Spirit Beings**

It is unnecessary to rehearse

the entire story of Lucifer's rebellion here since this has been amply covered in Mr. Armstrong's booklet. "Did God Create a Devil?" As well as lesson 11 of the old correspondence course. It is enough to note here that Lucifer did change his character to that of Satan – "destroyer" – by becoming a REBEL, an INSUBORDINATE, and an AGGRESSOR. He actually planned and attempted to wrest God's throne, office, and authority from him by attacking his throne with a force of one-third of the angels composing the angelic kingdom. (**Revelation 12:4, and Isaiah 14:13**).

A colossal battle of the spirit beings took place – the angels of God versus the forces of Lucifer, now the devil. The earth and all the universe was involved; tremendous catastrophes resulted. The earth was made a chaotic wreck. Plants and animals were buried in great tidal waves and floods. To use a geologist's expression, it was "a time of great dying."

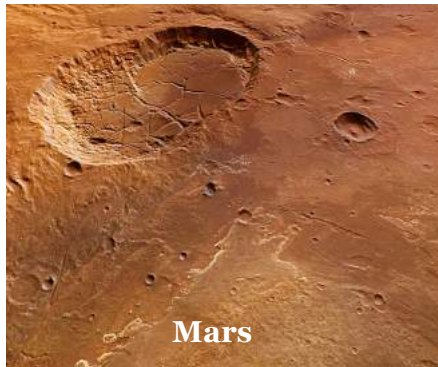
Look at other members of our solar system. Even the nearest planets – especially our own moon – bear scars of this fantastic space battle! Astronomers report that some of the huge craters on the moon are more than a hundred miles across. That means astral bodies weighing countless thousands of tons must have smashed into the surface of the moon.

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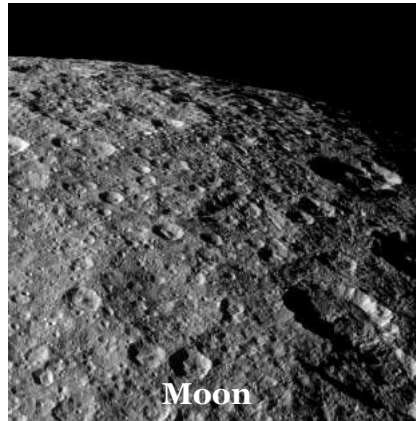


The planet Mars shows the same kind of destruction. Spectacular photographs taken by the mariner 4 scientific spacecraft revealed gigantic craters there, just as on the moon. Scientists estimated that more than 10,000 meteorite craters may pit the Martian surface.



Mars

(Notice, however, that this kind of a catastrophe is not continuing today. There are no new craters of such immense size being formed on the moon or any of the planets observable through powerful telescopes. This disproves an important principle of evolutionary theory, namely that the past can be interpreted in terms of what is going on in the present.)



Moon

### ***Evidence From Outer Space***

In short, the sins of rebellious angels reached into the heavens and wrought chaos on the earth. What scientists see in their observations is not an evolving universe, but the wreckage of a titanic battle waged by spirits in all parts of the universe – a battle fought before man's creation. There is an interesting point about this battle. It concerns actual astronomical evidence of Satan's initial attack against the Creator.

The throne of God is situated in the northern heavens (***Isaiah 14:13***). There is an empty space between our earth and God's heavenly city. This space, as mentioned in ***Job 26:7***, is also toward the north.

The Washington Observatory has discovered a VAST EXPANSE IN THE NORTHERN HEAVENS WHICH DOES NOT CONTAIN A SINGLE STAR. The rebellious Lucifer and his force of angels, rising in a northerly direction, were met and defeated by the forces of God (***II Peter 2:4***). It is God's custom to destroy areas in which sin – rebellion against him – has occurred.

Before Lucifer (Helel) rebelled and became Satan, he had dominion over the earth, which was inhabited by millions of other angels over whom he had charge. What were Satan and all his angels doing here before the first man was ever created?

In ***Ezekiel 28:13*** we read of Satan's "workmanship." He and his assistants actually had the job of preparing this earth for human habitation. If Lucifer and his angels had carried out God's will, they would have had satisfaction and rewards far beyond even their expectations – but they were not content with the role God had assigned them.



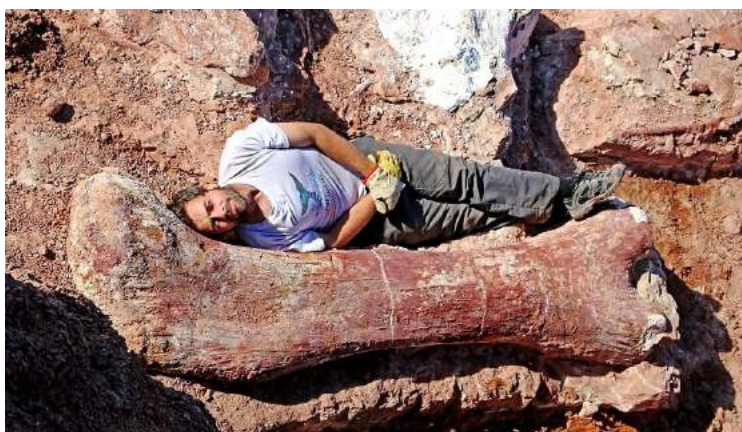


## ***A Picture of Lucifer's World From Geology***

The world before Adam was inhabited by spirit beings. But there were also physical plants and animals at this time. Geologists have discovered fossils in the strata of the earth which show what one could have seen in the pre-Adamic creation. It would have been an amazing sight to behold.



It was a world characterized by giant dinosaurs that weighed as much as forty tons [the equivalent of 90,000 pounds]. Some roamed the land, some were sea creatures, and others actually could fly. In addition to these gargantuan reptiles, there were giant insects that filled the air. Huge plants covered the ground comprising vast and dense forests which far surpassed even our densest jungles of today.



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To put it in geologic terms, these were the creatures and plants of the Mesozoic and Paleozoic eras. This portion of the Mesozoic era is termed early Cretaceous. It contains the last deposits of the pre-Adamic world. (Cretaceous, then, contains material of Adam's time and thereafter.) Geologists assign long periods of time to these so-called eras because they believe the animals in them evolved over a long time span. But actually, these layers show the order in which these creatures were BURIED when the earth was wrecked in Satan's war of rebellion. The larger creatures were in the higher strata because they tended to be buried later than the smaller creatures.

In other words, the fossil remains in the earth do not show the process of evolution but the relative order of burying in a great catastrophe which occurred before any men existed. Man and mammals appeared later in the geological picture in the Cenozoic era, not because it took them a long time to evolve, but **BECAUSE THEY WERE CREATED LATER!** (see the chart on page 26 in the November, 1963 "Plain Truth").

### ***Disproving Evolution – With Fossils***

The geologist Dunbar has provided us with a startling admission: "... fossils provide the only historical, documentary evidence that life has evolved from simple to more and more complex forms." ("Historical Geology", page 47) now bear this in mind: evolution teaches that the strata of the earth were laid down slowly and in perfectly smooth and uniform fashion by the land areas slowly rising above and sinking below the ocean waters.

This is the theory known as "uniformitarianism." And during these long ages which covered millions of years, plants and animals were supposedly evolving from the original single living cell which once had miraculously appeared down by the sea shore. But here is the catch. If such a process did go on in the distant undeterminable past, no fossils could have been buried. Why? Because fossils,

in order to be preserved, must be buried **SUDDENLY** – and packed tightly in sediment where no air can ever reach them. A sudden burying must take place otherwise the plant or animal will decay.

If the evolutionary concept is true, all fossils would have decayed and none would exist. So the unanswerable question for the evolutionist is: if evolution were an extremely gradual process, but fossils can be formed only by sudden burying, **HOW CAN FOSSILS PROVE EVOLUTION?** (see article, "Proof of the Flood," December, 1963. Plain Truth.) As a result, then, of Lucifer's rebellion, great catastrophe struck this earth and all the strange creatures of the pre-Adamic age were buried and geologists themselves call this the first "time of great dying," but they cannot explain why all these life forms suddenly became extinct. If they had analyzed the Bible to see what it really did say, they would have had to understand the full significance of only the very first two verses.

A number of fundamentalist church denominations believe the Bible account of Noah's flood. But these groups do not understand the great catastrophe which occurred after **Genesis 1:1**. Consequently, they try to interpret all the geological evidence of destruction and stratification evident in the layers of the earth's crust **ON THE BASIS OF ONLY ONE DELUGE.**

The unbelieving, geologists realize this explanation is entirely illogical and out of harmony with evidence. Therefore, they reject the Bible account because they believe it says the same thing, the fundamentalist interpreters think it says. If the agnostic geologist would lay aside the assumptions he has inherited from others and read the Bible with an open mind, he would discover that the Scripture is **SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE.**



### ***Satan's Character***

Lucifer, then, changed his character from that of light bringer to that of destroyer. He had developed a philosophy just the opposite of God's – he wanted to get instead of serve, help, and give.

Lucifer's job was to prepare this earth for human habitation. He knew this was to be the place where God was going to carry out His great spiritual creation of forming members of His very own Family. He knew that God was planning to raise man to the level of the God kind – the God kingdom – a position higher than the angel kingdom.

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This was a thought Lucifer or Satan, finally could no longer take. He did not want to see man reach a level ABOVE HIS, SO HE DETERMINED TO TAKE GOD'S THRONE away from him and run things HIS way.

He failed miserably. He was cast out of heaven with his angels, now become demons. **(Luke 10:18, Revelation 7-9)**. His bright light became dull, dim, eerie, perverted. His whole nature had been miserably transformed. This, of course, was not the end of Satan's influence on earth or in the universe.

In fact, it is even possible to know what Satan tried to do to hinder God after he was cast out after the original rebellion and before man was created.

Satan's next scheme was to TRY TO DIVIDE THE GOD FAMILY. He thought if he couldn't conquer God by spiritual warfare he would do it by craft. He tried it with a very clever lie. Now it is true that Satan had been cast out of heaven, but the Bible reveals that at times he is still permitted to return and appear in God's presence (*Job 1 and Revelation 12*). And this was true even before man was created.

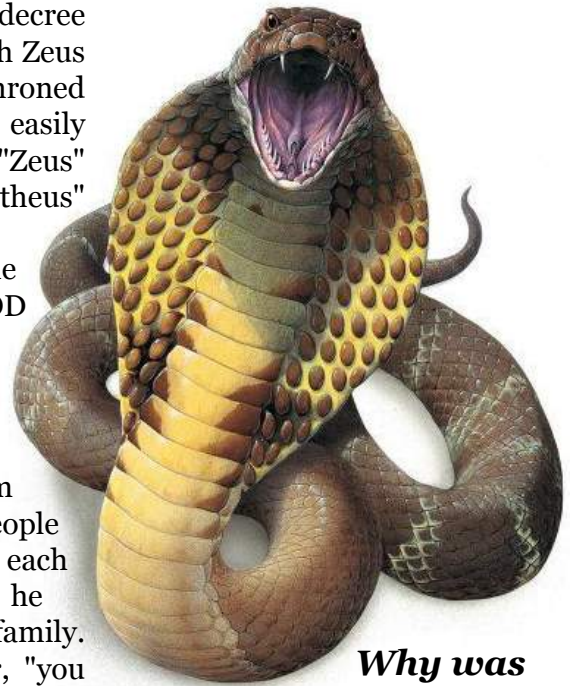
The first recorded lie is what Satan told Eve in Genesis 3. But that was not the first lie. There is an ancient source, known to the pagans which indicates what it was: "Prometheus still continued to defy Zeus and

declared that there was a decree of fate according to which Zeus was destined to be dethroned by his own son" as can easily be deduced from this, "Zeus" is God and "Prometheus" is the devil. And Satan was saying that the time would come WHEN GOD THE FATHER WOULD BE DETHRONED BY HIS OWN SON.

Satan's idea and aim is always to DIVIDE people and set them against each other. And this is what he tried to do to the God family. He told God the Father, "you watch, your SON will try to take your throne away from you. He'll try to DOUBLE-CROSS you. You'd better not trust him."

The Bible shows clearly that this is Satan's nature. It is precisely what he would try to do. Satan is the ACCUSER and he was now accusing Christ of what he himself had tried to do and still wanted to achieve. Did God Create a Devil? No, Satan "created" himself through his evil philosophy, thoughts, and actions. His warped character changed the entire universe in past ages and still influences our chaotic world to the present moment."

End of Quotes.



### ***Why was Satan the Devil Also Called the Great Dragon and that Ancient Serpent?***

In addition to Satan (meaning: the Adversary) also called the Devil, he has both the names, 'Great Dragon' and *'That Serpent of old'*! There seems to be no question but that both names connect with that ancient world for they all dwelled together for millions of years.

The following Scriptures speaks of these two names that connect with Satan the Devil together with the account of the destruction of the ancient world, re-creation, Adam and Eve, and the Serpent beguiling and deceiving Eve:

#### ***Revelation 12:7-9***

***vs. 7-8 And war broke out in heaven: Michael (a super-cherub angel) and his angels fought with the DRAGON,***

and the DRAGON and his angels fought, but they did NOT prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

**v.9** So the GREAT DRAGON was cast out, that SERPENT of old (*Greek: not old, but rather, 'ANCIENT' SERPENT*), called the DEVIL and SATAN, who DECEIVES the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

It was not just any dragon, but 'a particular dragon', that had all of the killer instincts within its nature, in addition 'a particular serpent' during that time that had the charming and deceptive instincts in its nature before striking its prey. However, it was Satan the devil with the murderous instincts of the Dragon that brought about the destruction of the Ancient world while seeking total conquest of the universe and the heavens – *including heaven itself*.

## The Re-Creation

After the terrible spirit war that had brought about the extinction of the ancient world, the Eternal God began the new creation that would be habitable for mankind. The following Scriptures speak of the death of the ancient world, then the renewing of the earth:

***Psalms 104:26-27***

**"You hide Your face, they are troubled (*the dinosaurs, etc.*). You take away**

**their breath, they die** (*during the battle of Satan the Devil's effort to dethrone God*) **and return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You RENEW the face of the earth."**



Afterwards, Adam and Eve were created and placed in the beautiful garden in Eden (***Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-25***). They were taught the commandments by God; they were also told they could eat the fruit from the Tree of Life, but forbidden to eat of the Tree of Good and Evil. It was probably the ninth day after their creation and marriage, that God permitted Satan in the guise of the SERPENT to TEMPT Eve to eat the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Good and Evil. The account is found in the following Scriptures:

***Genesis 3:1-6***

**v.1** Now the serpent was more 'CUNNING' than any

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**beast of the field which the LORD had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden (*a leading question to trap her*)'?"**

**vs.2-3** And the (*naïve and trusting nature of a woman felt the need to explain*) **the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall NOT eat it, NOR touch it, lest you die (*cf. Leviticus 11:7-8*).'"**

**vs.4-5** Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die, for God



**knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God; knowing good and evil (trying to destroy God's credibility, a lie, evil is unlike God)."**

**v.6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to make one wise, she took of the fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate (cf. I Timothy 2:14).**

A change took place in their minds as it did with Satan when he sinned (cf. *MOA*, Pages 93, 117)! The Serpent then injected its poisonous and deadly nature, his mind and attitude, into Adam and Eve and worked in him producing a state of mental perversion and opening his mind to the deceptions of Satan (cf. *Ephesians 2:2*)—now receptive to the sway of Satan even as it has in all their descendants, and works toward eternal death within each person—who yields to it (cf. *Romans 7:15-25*);

they would also have a limited life span before death and the grave.

### ***The Curse from God***

Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, God also brought a curse upon the whole earth and upon all the animals and creatures (***Genesis 3:17-19***)! As it was in the ancient world, it once again became a predator and prey world whereas it was not in the Garden in Eden before they ate of the forbidden fruit.



The planet earth, with its kingdoms and mankind, has continued throughout the millennia to belong to Satan the Devil (cf. *Luke 4:5-7*), the Great Dragon, and the Serpent of old, whose names and nature have continued to be part of his very being!



## The Created Cherubs

At this point it is needful to understand more fully a description of the Cherub angels for their appearance also describes that of Lucifer. He was the greatest of the created Cherub angels (**Ezekiel 28:12**); and had wings. This we know from Scripture for unknown years his wings covered God's throne:

### **Ezekiel 28:14**

"You were the anointed Cherub (to be king over the planet earth) who covers (*God's throne*).” God also created the cherubs with four faces and four wings:

### **Ezekiel 10:21**

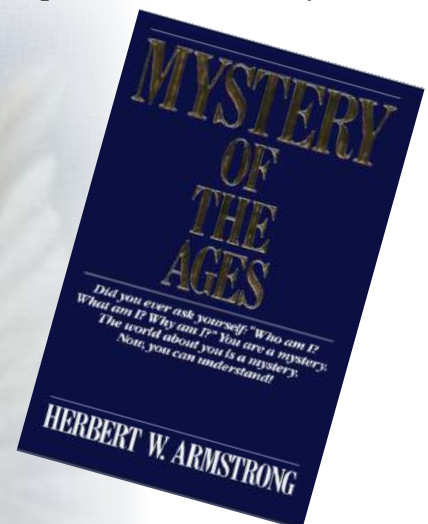
**v.21** Each one had four faces and each one had four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings (*cf. Revelation 4:6-8; Ezekiel 10:1-12*).

The Cherubim with their four-faces could use either face with or without the others as needed. Consider Gabriel, the messenger of God, being used by Him to speak to Zechariah, father of John the baptizer, to let him know he was going to have a baby son (**Luke 1:11-20**). Gabriel appeared to Zechariah in a man's image.

An example of an ox image. Many years ago, there was a young lad who had sinned by stealing. During the night he saw either a reality or a vision of the Devil appearing a very short distance away in the form of an ox with horns. A fact.

## **Satan a Murderer from the Beginning**

Satan the Devil has always been a MURDERER (**John 8:44**) from the time his mind began to be corrupted with hatred for His Creator God (*cf. I John 3:8,15*). The following quote makes this very clear:



MYSTERY OF THE AGES, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, *Mystery of Angels and Evil Spirits*, Page 93, "When Lucifer allowed thoughts of vanity (*his great beauty*), lust for power and greed, then resentment and rebellion, to enter and occupy his mind, **SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIS MIND!** *His mind became perverted, distorted, twisted!* His thinking became warped."

Even so, one must remember the great wisdom, far superior to mankind (**Ezekiel 28:12**), was created in Lucifer. Instead of that great wisdom being used for all the good reasons, with wonderful perfect peace and all of the angels vigorously happy, it was now to be used for treachery, craftiness and shrewdness in forming a conspiracy to topple God from His throne and with it to destroy God's Master Plan for the potential salvation for all of mankind.

Now Satan, the Adversary, would use his schemings through yielded human leadership of nations with no mercy nor compassion for anyone! History reveals the horrible deaths and sufferings of mankind throughout the millennia—beginning with Cain killing his brother Abel (**Genesis 4:8**). An example in the past century is that of his using, and often possessing, Adolf Hitler, to brutally murder six million Jews, men, women, children of all ages, during World War II.

### ***Satan the Devil— The Great Dragon***

There seems to be no question that Satan's name, 'THAT GREAT DRAGON', originated in that Ancient World. It came from his having observed the predator and prey world over billions of years and saw the savagery in which the killer creatures destroyed their enemies as well as using them for meat to eat. There was one that stood out from all of the other

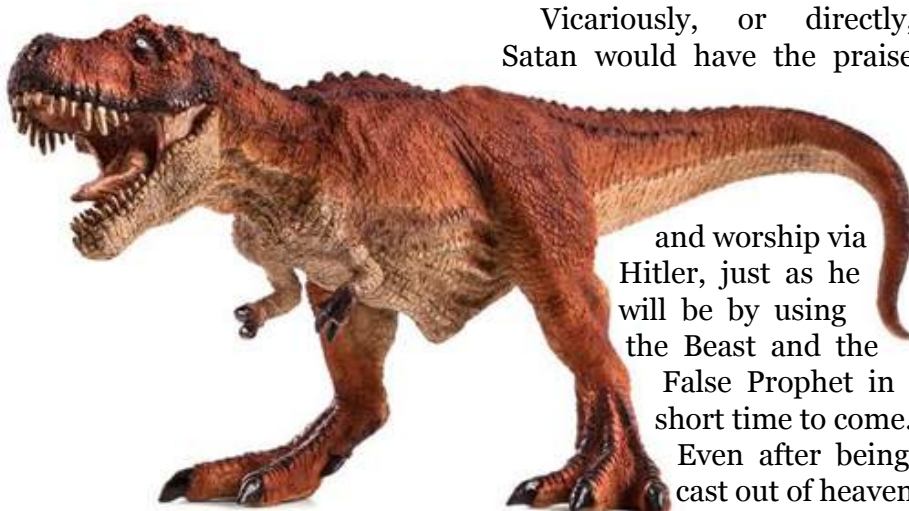
dinosaurs whose vicious nature Satan inculcated within himself, and its name:

### **Tyrannosaurus rex Dinosaur**

This monstrous dinosaur couples Lucifer, now the Adversary, with it! It was the most vicious, ferocious, tyrant killer of all the dinosaur family. It preyed and killed all of the other creatures it sought out or got into his way during that time.

*From the Booklet, The DINOSAURS, A New Discovery, by Janet Stewart, Page 17: It was the fiercest of dinosaurs. A carnivore (meat eater) with more than 60 razor sharp teeth, the mighty and biggest killer Tyrannosaurus probably terrorized most other dinosaurs. Along with other dinosaurs, he had teeth that would replace themselves."*

End Quote.



### ***Satan the Devil Seeks Worship for Himself***

The Devil seeks to be worshiped by mankind. In order to achieve it, he will either

possess or influence human leaders who are idolized by their people, and by that means, vicariously, they will be worshiping him.

As Satan has done with other leaders in past ages, he would often possess Hitler and then use him to give stirring inflammatory speeches in which he swayed the German masses to worship him not realizing they were in reality worshiping Satan the Devil (**I John 5:19**).

This can be viewed in historic films from that time period. To use an example from personal knowledge: During the close of WWII, while in Germany, a German woman was asked by an American soldier what they thought of Hitler: She replied, "*In the beginning we thought he was God!*"

Vicariously, or directly, Satan would have the praise

and worship via Hitler, just as he will be by using the Beast and the False Prophet in short time to come. Even after being cast out of heaven he has never given up seeking the rulership of the world directly or through other willing subjects.



Metaphorically, Satan the Devil's took on the name and nature of "THAT GREAT DRAGON": Just as the killer dinosaur did seeking out its prey and brutally killing them, so has Satan instigated wars and rumors of wars from the beginning of nations unto now (**Matthew 24:6-8**).

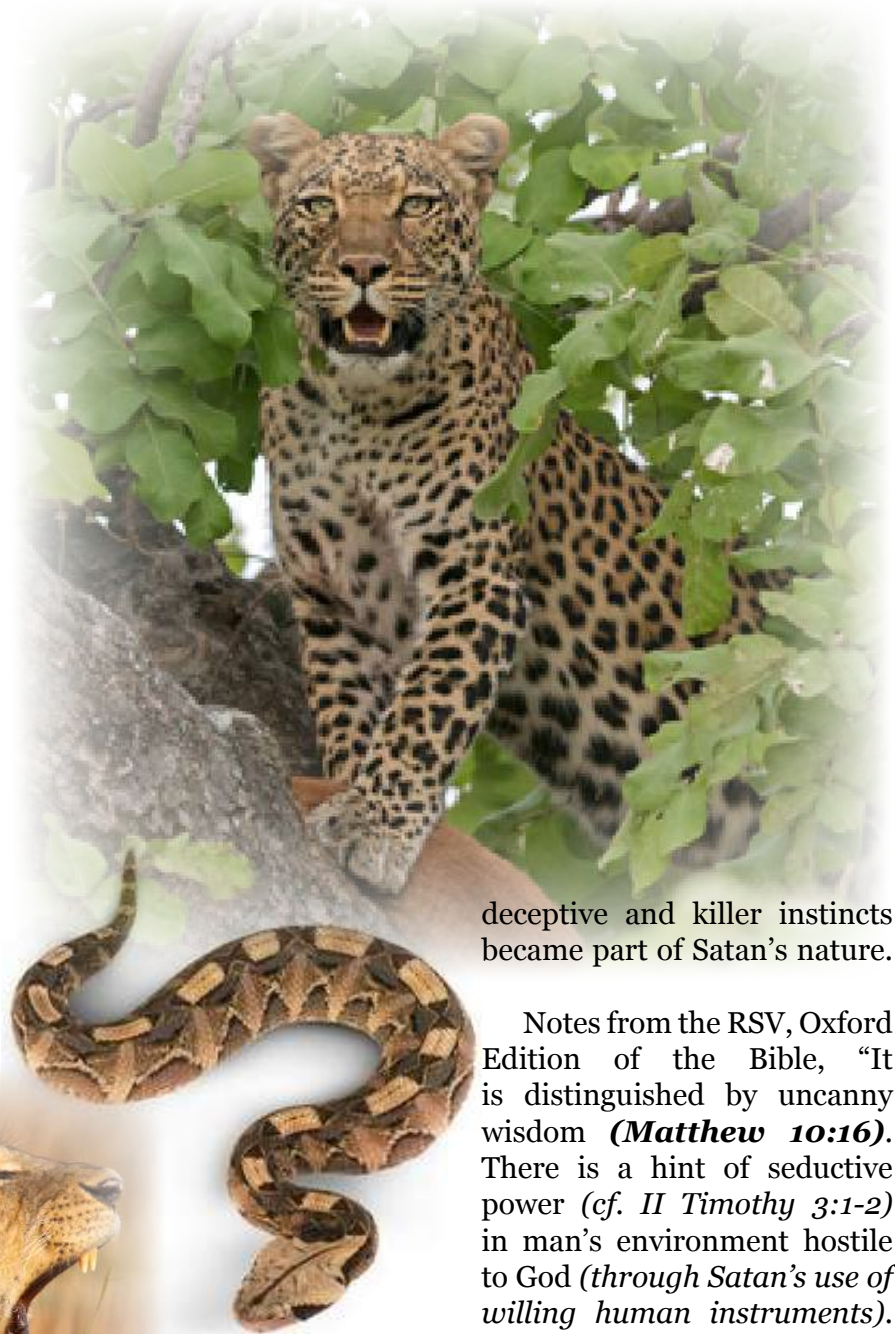
### ***Satan the Devil— the Serpent of Old***

Metaphorically, Satan the devil also took on the nature and name of — "*THAT SERPENT OF OLD*." This was after Lucifer had observed the Serpents over those billions of years and knew this was what he needed as well.

Somewhat like the cat family (**I Peter 5:8**), the serpent would with its created wisdom within it, observe and then stalk its prey.



Snakes can be deceptive, cunning, even charming with its beautiful colors and artistic designs on their bodies, hereby they would attract attention to them as was Eve attracted by the serpent in the Garden in Eden.



deceptive and killer instincts became part of Satan's nature.

Notes from the RSV, Oxford Edition of the Bible, "It is distinguished by uncanny wisdom (**Matthew 10:16**). There is a hint of seductive power (*cf. II Timothy 3:1-2*) in man's environment hostile to God (*through Satan's use of willing human instruments*). Man is instinctively hostile to it."

End of Quote

### ***Satan the Serpent in the Garden in Eden***

Considering the Serpent Satan used to talk to Eve from the Tree of Good and Evil

Sometimes its prey was hypnotized by watching the serpent's movements and its beady eyes staring at them. At the precise moment, it would strike its victim while injecting its deadly poison into it. It would then die almost immediately. Serpents are deadly and an enemy to its prey and to mankind (**Genesis 3:14-15**). All these



(cf. *Numbers 22:28-29*), it was not the huge Serpent of the ancient world from which Lucifer took its name and nature, but a much smaller one. Possibly it was a King Cobra. It would be long enough to be of that size. *The King Cobra Serpent – National Geographic*: It seems unfairly menacing that a snake that can literally "stand up" and look a full-grown person in the eye would also be among the most venomous on the planet, but that describes the famous king cobra.



King cobras can reach 18 feet in length, making them the longest of all venomous snakes. When confronted, they can raise up to one-third of their bodies straight off the ground and still move forward to attack [standing 6 feet tall with a length of 18 feet]. They will also flare out their iconic hoods and emit a bone-chilling hiss that sounds almost like a growling dog."

End of quotes.

Another quote: It can sense its prey from a distance of 130 feet. When it bites its victim it does not turn loose, but repeatedly continues biting its victim."

End of Quote

## The Possession of a Human Being

By continual biting, while clinging to its victim, pictures Satan the Serpent, or his demons, possessing or using people until they die or are cast out. Only a minister of God can cast them out and free the person (*Matthew 10:1; Luke 10:17; Acts 19:11-12*)

## The Serpents Had Legs in that Ancient World

Internet: "So the only difference between this ancient snake and the modern one is the legs, except for its much larger size in that world. While the scientific establishments are evolutionists they cannot deny that snakes 'evolved' from a four legged creature:

*Internet: "The snake (Tetrapodophis amplexus), described in the latest issue of the journal Science, is also the first known snake to have four limbs. This strongly suggests that snakes evolved from terrestrial lizards, and not from water-dwelling species,*

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as had been thought before." Now no one can deny the Biblical account: snakes had legs.

End of quotes



## The Holy Bible Speaks of its Legs Being Removed

Due to Satan's use of the Serpent to deceive Eve, God brought a curse upon all snakes as the following Scriptures make known:

### Genesis 3:14

**And the LORD God said unto the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life"**

Hebrew and Greek

"The Hebrew word for serpent is *nachash*, and the Greek equivalent is *ophis*. It means 'snake, serpent, sly, cunning, and image of a serpent.' The late Dr. Henry Morris says of the Hebrew word:

There has been much speculation as to whether the serpent originally was able to stand upright (*the Hebrew word nachash, some maintain, originally meant*

“*shining, upright creature*”). This old Serpent (*Greek, ancient serpent*) also represents or typifies the Serpent of the ancient world that also appeared before Eve in Eden.

The Apostle Paul makes this understandable in the following Scripture: “For Satan himself TRANSFORMS HIMSELF INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT (light—meaning TRUTH). . . (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

This makes known Satan the Devil can TRANSFORM himself into whatever image he wants for whatever the need or occasion, an ox, eagle, or man (*Ezekiel 10:14, 21*). Metaphorically posing as the killer Dragon or as the deceitful and cunning Serpent of old.

The Apostle John wrote, “. . . the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world . . .” (*Revelation 12:9*). All of mankind and its religions are deceived with the lone exception of God’s ELECT, His Chosen people (*Ephesians 1:4-5; I Thessalonians 5:1-5*).

## This Evil End Age

The Apostle Paul wrote this is a present evil age (*Galatians 1:4*)! People giving heed to deceiving spirits (*I Timothy 4:1*). This is clearly made known when observing astutely society and its leadership. It presents great danger from Satan’s world to God’s people.

Satan the Devil knowing the closeness of the end of this age, and his works of evil are to be destroyed by his use of willing human instruments (*Revelation 20:10; 19:17-21*), it would appear he and his demons are more active than in previous millennia to do all the destructive and deadly damage possible to humankind in every way possible before being isolated and chained in darkness.

They have been influencing Hollywood to produce demonic movies, such as the recent one named: “IT.” And seeing its great popularity, they are producing more of such movies.



Without any question, it is Satan himself possessing or influencing the writers of such demonic films for their production. There are also the séances, high ranking people talk to dead people (*cf. I Samuel 27:3-8*). Demonic Ouija boards are increasingly popular now with children buying them.

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By using the Internet—one can learn the White House is filled with demons.



From an understanding of the Holy Bible, while beholding the evil pervading society makes known all of the governmental agencies, including the judiciaries, are all affected in this and other societies of

Israel, just as the Apostle John wrote!

“The whole world lies under the sway of the Wicked One” (*I John 5:19*). The Devil is swaying Hollywood, officials, and virtually all others, to mislead them into making very bad and harmful decisions injurious to the minds and well-being of others—including the little children, while brutally murdering the unborn (*I John 5:19*).



## **The Wiles of Satan the Serpent**

Knowing the wiles (*scheming*) of Satan (this can only refer to THAT SERPENT OF OLD, not, 'THAT GREAT DRAGON!' Remember the created wisdom within the serpents, and use of it in many and various ways to deceive and kill its victims). The Apostle Paul expressed great concern for God's people:

### **II Corinthians 11:3**

**v. 3** "For I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the purity (*margin*) that is in Christ."

Whatever the occasion calls for, Satan will appear in the needed manner while using willing mankind to be a *FRONT* for him and his demons as Scripture makes known. God's people are exhorted to use the armor of God for their protection:

### **Ephesians 6:11-12**

**vs.11-12** "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (*as the Serpent of old*). "For we do NOT wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities (*governments*), against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

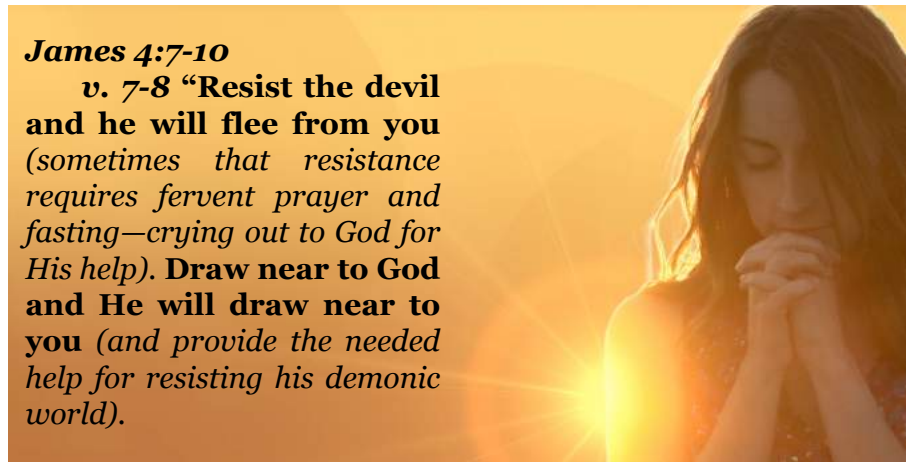
## **The Counsel of Jesus Christ**

Realizing the ever-increasing danger to God's true people from the world of Satan the devil, there are many Scriptures that make known how God's people can escape the Great Dragon and the Serpent of old, among them is what the Apostle James wrote:

### **James 4:7-10**

**v. 7-8** "Resist the devil and he will flee from you (*sometimes that resistance requires fervent prayer and fasting—crying out to God for His help*). Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (*and provide the needed help for resisting his demonic world*).

**v.9-10** "Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."



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## *Conclusion* – The three Worlds

The Ancient World has past! The Pre-flood world of Noah has past! This present evil world will soon be past! Then a new age, a new world, will dawn with the return of Jesus Christ who will isolate Satan the devil for a 1000 years (**Revelation 20:1-3**).



In between the Millennium and the Great White Throne Judgment period of time, Satan will be loosed for a short season to bring about another war (**Revelation 20:7-9**). Afterwards, Satan and his unrepentant demons will be isolated forever on a faraway distant planet out in space (**Leviticus 16:20-22**).



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## ***Revelation 21:1-5***

**vs. 1-2** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away . . . Then, I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**vs. 3-4** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God (*the Father, I Corinthians 15:24*) Himself will be with them and be their God."



**v.5** "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away (*Psalm 33:18-20*)."

***"Thy Kingdom come."***

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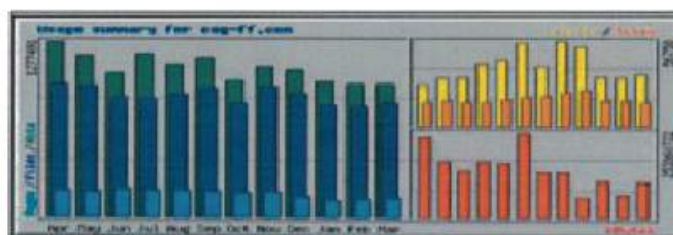
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