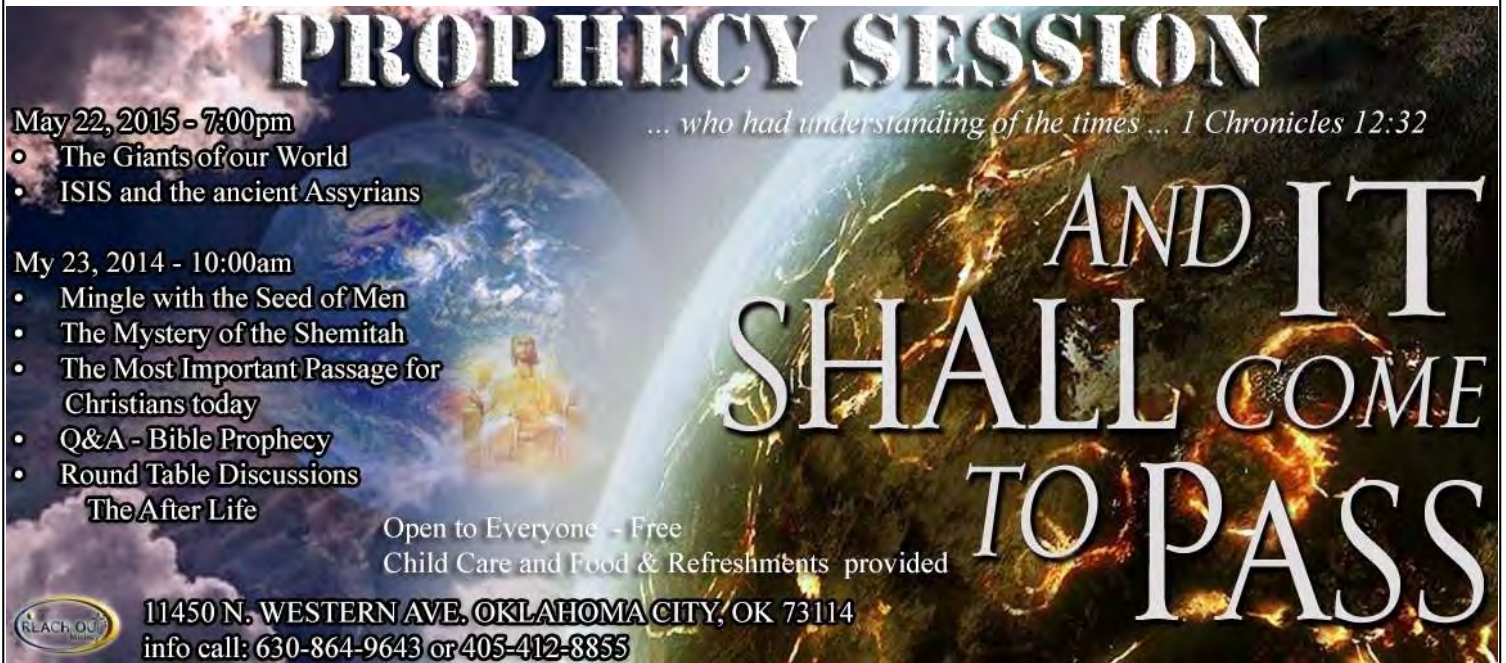


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**JUST ANOTHER WATCHMEN**

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# Eschatology

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## End Time Prophecy

***1 Chronicles 12:32:*** From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.



# Why Study Prophecy?

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## Isa. 41

- <sup>21</sup> “Present your case,” says the LORD.  
“Set forth your arguments,” says Jacob’s King.  
<sup>22</sup> “Tell us, you idols,  
what is going to happen.  
Tell us what the former things were,  
so that we may consider them  
and know their final outcome.  
Or declare to us the things to come,  
<sup>23</sup> tell us what the future holds,  
so we may know that you are gods.  
Do something, whether good or bad,  
so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear.



# Why Study Prophecy?

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**Isa. 42:9**, “See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you..”





# Why Study Prophecy?

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**Isa. 45:21**, “Declare what is to be, present it—  
let them take counsel together.

Who foretold this long ago,  
who declared it from the distant past?

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no God apart from me,  
a righteous God and a Savior;  
there is none but me.”



# Why Study Prophecy?

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**Is. 46:9-10**, “Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.’”





# Why Study Prophecy?

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## John 16

**1**“I have told you these things so that you won’t abandon your faith. **2**For you will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time is coming when those who kill you will think they are doing a holy service for God. **3**This is because they have never known the Father or me. **4**Yes, I’m telling you these things now, so that when they happen, you will remember my warning. I didn’t tell you earlier because I was going to be with you for a while longer.



# Why Study Prophecy?

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## Matthew 16

<sup>2</sup> But He replied to them, “[b]When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*’ <sup>3</sup> And in the morning, ‘*There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.*’ **Do you know how to discern the [c]appearance of the sky, but cannot *discern* the signs of the times?**



# Why Study Prophecy?

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**Revelation 19:10:** “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**”



# Why Study Prophecy?

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**2 Peter 1:19**

“**We have also a more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:”



# Why Study Prophecy?

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## 2 Tim 4

<sup>8</sup> And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. **And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.**

# How to study Prophecy

Keep in mind...

- The focus of the End is on the Middle East
  - Israel and the surrounding nations
  - Particularly Jerusalem





# How to study Prophecy

Keep in mind...

- The Jewish mindset of prophecy is cyclical.

Example:

- The sacrifice of Isaac in Gen. 22 was a picture of what was to come through God the Father giving His only Son Jesus to be sacrificed.



# How to Interpret Scripture

- **2 Peter 1:20:** “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”





# How to Interpret Scripture

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- **2 Corinthians 13:1:** “This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”



# Wide Variety of Interpretations

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- Highly Symbolic Language
  - Symbols → open to vastly different understandings
  - Presuppositions about Biblical Eschatology:
    - Literal: Predicts the future, the coming End of the World
    - Historical: Reflects persecutions faced by Early Christians
    - Theological: Describes timeless conflict: Good vs. Evil
- Ex: When is Millennium vis-à-vis Parousia?
  - Pre-millennialism / “Catastrophic” - 1000-year reign of peace will come only after the great tribulation and the return of Jesus; believers must be prepared to endure difficult trials
  - Post-millennialism / “Progressive” - 1000-year reign of peace must be established on earth by human beings and societies; Jesus will return only after that is accomplished
  - A-millennialism – 1000-year reign of Rev 20 is not literal, but purely symbolic; when Jesus returns cannot be predicted



# Wide Variety of Interpretations

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## Pre-millennialism

- **Pre-Tribulation**
  - Jesus removes the Church before the tribulation.
- **Mid-Tribulation**
  - Jesus removes the Church in the middle of the tribulation.
- **Post-Tribulation**
  - Jesus removes the Church at the end of the tribulation.



# How the Church Got Away From Bible Prophecy

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# THE GIANTS OF OUR WORLD

Richard Osei



## 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

- **<sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**





## **JESUS' REFERENCES TO OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES**

- **Man shall not live by bread alone (Matthew 4: 4, NKJV, c.f. Luke 4:4) --> (Deuteronomy 8:3)**
- **You shall not tempt the LORD your God. (Matthew 4:7; cf. Luke 4:12) --> (Deuteronomy 6:16)**
- **You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only (Matthew 4:10, cf. Luke 4:8) --> (Deuteronomy 6:13)**
- **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me (Luke 4:17-19) --> (Isaiah 61:1-2)**



# JESUS' REFERENCES TO OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

- You shall not murder. (Matthew 5:21) --> (Exodus 20:13)
- You shall not commit adultery (Matthew 5:27) --> (Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18)
- (Matthew 5:31) --> (Deuteronomy 24:1-4)
- (Matthew 5:33) --> (Leviticus 19:12) (Numbers 30:2; cf. Deuteronomy 23:21)
- (Matthew 5:38) --> (Exodus 21:23-25; cf. Leviticus 24:19-20, Deuteronomy 19:21)
- (Matthew 9:13, cf. Matthew 12:7) --> (Hosea 6:6)
- (Matthew 10:35, 36, cf. Luke 12:52, 53) --> (Micah 7:6)
- (Matthew 11:10; cf. Luke 7:27) --> (Malachi 3:1)
- (Matthew 13:14, 15, cf. Mark 4:11-13, Luke 8:10) --> (Isaiah 6:9-10)
- (Matthew 15:3, 4; cf. Mark 7:10) --> (Exodus 20:12, cf Exodus 21:17)
- (Matthew 15:7-9, cf. Mark 7:6, 7) --> (Isaiah 29:13)
- (Matthew 19:4-6, cf. Mark 10:6-8) --> (Genesis 2:24)
- (Matthew 19:17-20, cf. Mark 10:19, Luke 18:20) --> (Exodus 20:12-16, cf. Deuteronomy 5:16-20, Leviticus 19:18)
- (Matthew 21:13, cf. Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46) --> (Isaiah 56:7) (Jeremiah 7:11)
- (Matthew 21: 16b) --> (Psalm 8:2)
- (Matthew 21:42, cf. Mark 12:10, 11, Luke 20:17) --> (Psalm 118:22, 23)
- (Matthew 22:31-32, cf. Mark 12:26, 27, Luke 20:37-38) --> (Exodus 3:6)
- (Matthew 22:37-39) --> (Deuteronomy 6:5, cf. Leviticus 19:18)
- (Matthew 22:43, 44, cf. Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42, 43) --> (Psalm 110:1)
- (Matthew 23:38-39, cf. Luke 13:35) --> (Psalm 118:26)
- (Matthew 24:15, 16) --> (Daniel 9:27, cf. Daniel 11:31, 12:11)
- (Matthew 26:31, cf. Mark 14:27) --> (Zechariah 13:7)
- (Luke 22:37) --> (Isaiah 53:12)
- (Matthew 27:46, cf. Mark 15:34) --> (Psalm 22:1)
- (John 6:45) --> (Isaiah 54:13)
- (John 8:17) --> (Deuteronomy 17:6, cf. Deuteronomy 19:15)
- (John 10:34) --> (Psalm 82:6)
- (John 13:18) --> (Psalm 41:9)
- (John 15:25) --> (Psalm 35:19, cf. Psalm 69:4)





# JESUS' REFERENCES TO OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

## ■ **Matthew 12:39-40**

- But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

## ■ **Matthew 24:15**

- <sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),



## **MATTHEW 24:37**

- **But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**
- **Business as usual?**
- **The world would be like the time of Noah?**





## GENESIS 6 – “SONS OF GOD”

- And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,  
<sup>2</sup> That the **sons of God** saw the **daughters of men** that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
- בני האלוהים Bene HaElohim = angels
- OT: Job 1:6, 2:21, 38:7
- NT: Luke 20:36
- Book of Enoch
- Septuagint (LXX) (70 scholars Translation)
- בנות אדם Benoth Adam “Daughters of Adam”



# GENESIS 6:4

- <sup>4</sup> There were **Nephilim** (giants) in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the **sons of God** came in unto the **daughters of men**, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
- ענקים Nephilim: “the fallen ones”
- Nephal: “ to fall, be cast down, to fall away, desert”
- HaGibborim: “the mighty ones”
- Septuagint (Greek) LXX:
  - Gigantes = “giants?”
  - Gigas = “earth-born”
- In Hebrew they are call the “the fallen once” and in Greek “earth born”





## GENESIS 6:9

- This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, **perfect** in his generations. Noah walked with God.
- מושלם tamiym - **perfect** = “without blemish, sound, healthful, without spot, unimpaired”
- Noah genealogy was without blemish



## JUDE 1:6-7

- <sup>6</sup> And the **angels which kept not their first estate**, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. <sup>7</sup> Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after **strange flesh**, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.





## 2 PETER 2:4-5

- <sup>4</sup> For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus (hell), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
- <sup>5</sup> 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;
- Tartarus (hell) – does not appear any where else in the bible
- Greek term for dark abode of woe
- Pit of darkness in the unseen world
- Homer's Iliad:
  - "...as far below hades as the earth is below heaven ..."



# GREEK TITANS

- Partly terrestrial; partly celestial
- Rebelled against their father Uranus
- After prolonged contest were defeated by Zeus and condemned into Tartarus
- The legends of the ancient Greeks embody the truth of what really happen in the past, that there were strange creatures (Titans – Zeus, Atlis, Herculis)





# ANCIENT LEGENDS

- Sumer                      Persia
- Assyria                    Greece
- Egypt                      India
- Incas                        Bolivia
- Mayan                      South Sea Islands
- Gilgamesh                American Indians
- Legends of the star people (came down and have children with women)



## Pawnee Account

“While we were in the sandhills, scouting the Niobrara country, the Pawnee Indians brought into camp some very large bones, one of which the surgeon of the expedition pronounced to be the thigh bone of a human being. The Indians said the bones were those of a race of people who long ago had lived in that country. They said these people were three times the size of a man of the present day, that they were so swift and strong that they could run by the side of a buffalo, and, taking the animal in one arm, could tear off a leg and eat it as they ran.”

Colonel Wm. F. Cody, 1920



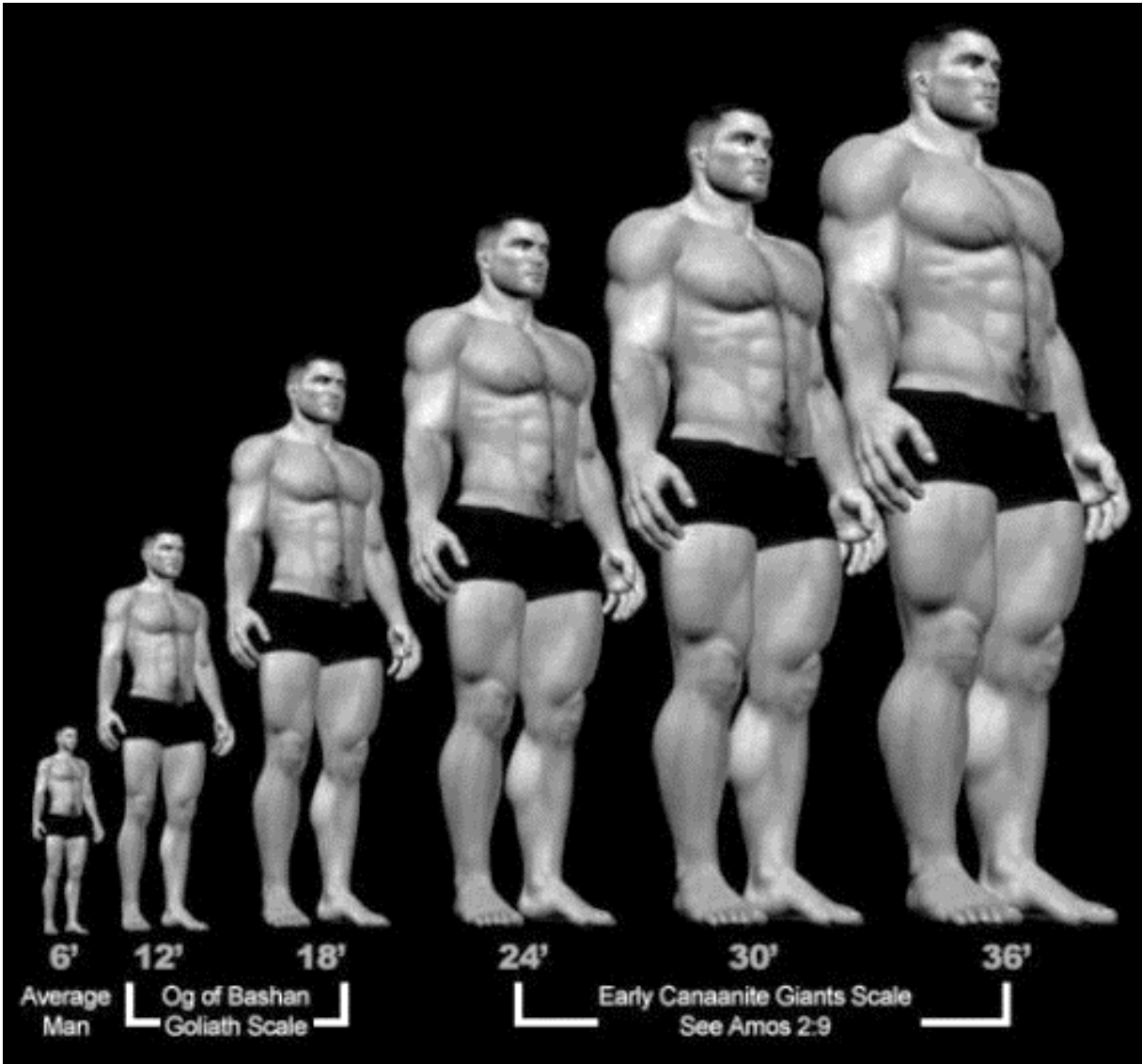














# “LINE OF SETH” VIEW

- “Sons of God” ~ Sethite Leadership?
- “Daughters of Adam” ~ Daughters of Cain?
- Sin = failure to maintain separation?
- Nephilim = ?
- Celsus and Julian the Apostate used traditional belief to attack Christianity
- Julius Africanus resorted to the Sethite theory as more comfortable ground
- Cyril of Alexandria used it to repudiate the orthodox position
- Augustine embraced the Sethite theory
- Prevailed into the Middle Ages



# TEXT ITSELF

- “Sons of God” never used of believers in the Old Testament
- Seth was not God; Cain was not Adam
- (No mention of the “daughters of Elohim”)
- All flesh corrupted
  - <sup>12</sup> So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (Gen. 6:12)
- Why did the Sethites perish in the flood?
- Enosh, Seth’s son, initiated the defiance of God
- Genesis 4:26 “ the men began to profane the name of the Lord”
  - Began to pronfane (instead of “ began to call on”
  - -Supported by Targum of Onkelos | Targum of Jonathan | Kimchi, Rashi, et all | Jerome | Maimonides, Commentary on the Mishnah, 1168 Ad



# THE UNNATURAL OFFSPRING

- Nephilim = ?
- Supernatural offspring: “Mighty men”
- What made Noah’s genealogy so distinctive? (Gen. 6:9) – **no contamination**





## **NEW TESTAMENT CONFIRMATION**

- **“In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses...”**
  - **Jude 6-5**
  - **1 Peter 3:19-20**
  - **2 Peter 2:4-5**
  - **-- even the unique use of “Tartarus”**



## **“ANGEL” VIEW: B.C.**

- Traditional Rabbinical literature
- Book of Enoch (2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC)
- Josephus Flavius
- Septugint
- Church Fathers
  - Philo of Alexandria
  - Justin Martyr
  - Irenaeus
  - Athenagoras
  - Tertullian
  - Lactantius
  - Amrose
  - Julian



## NEPHILIM AGAIN

- <sup>33</sup> And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. (Numbers 13:33)





# WHO BUILT THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS?

- The Great Pyramid at Giza?
- Stonehenge in Britain?
- The “Circle of the Rephaim”?











# **GILGAL REPHAIM - "THE CIRCLE OF REPHAIM"**

- 5 Circles including 20-ton stones (Diameter = 155 meters)
- Dated: 3000 BC
- Build on flat plateau; only visible from above
- 10 miles from Asteroth-Karnaim
- Gen. 14:5; Josh 12:4; 1 Chron. 6:71





## **OUR WARFARE (EPHESIANS 6:12)**

- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but
- Against principalities,
- Against powers,
- Against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
- Against spiritual wickedness in high places



# OUR ARMOR: EPHESIANS 6

- Girded with Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Feet shod with preparation
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Our Heavy Artillery: Prayer





# ISIS AND THE ANCIENT ASSYRIANS



# Overview

- The Ancient Assyrians
- ISIS
- Possible Implications





# Ancient Assyrians

- Assyria was a kingdom located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers that dominated the ancient world from the ninth century to the seventh century B. C. Its capital was Nineveh.



# Ancient Assyrians



- The early inhabitants of Assyria were ancient tribesmen (Gen. 10:22) who probably migrated from Babylonia. They grew powerful enough around 1300 B. C. to conquer Babylonia. For the next 700 years they were the leading power in the ancient world, with their leading rival nation, Babylon, constantly challenging them for this position.



# Ancient Assyrians



- It was the Assyrians that destroyed the northern kingdom Israel under Shalmaneser IV who besieged Samaria and then died during the siege leaving Sargon II to finish the task and drag Israel into captivity. After defeating the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 B. C., the Assyrians carried away thousands of Israelites and resettled them in other parts of the Assyrian Empire. This was a blow from which the nation of Israel never recovered. The ten tribes that were taken to Assyria became the ten lost tribes, for they have never again emerged in world history.

# Ancient Assyrians

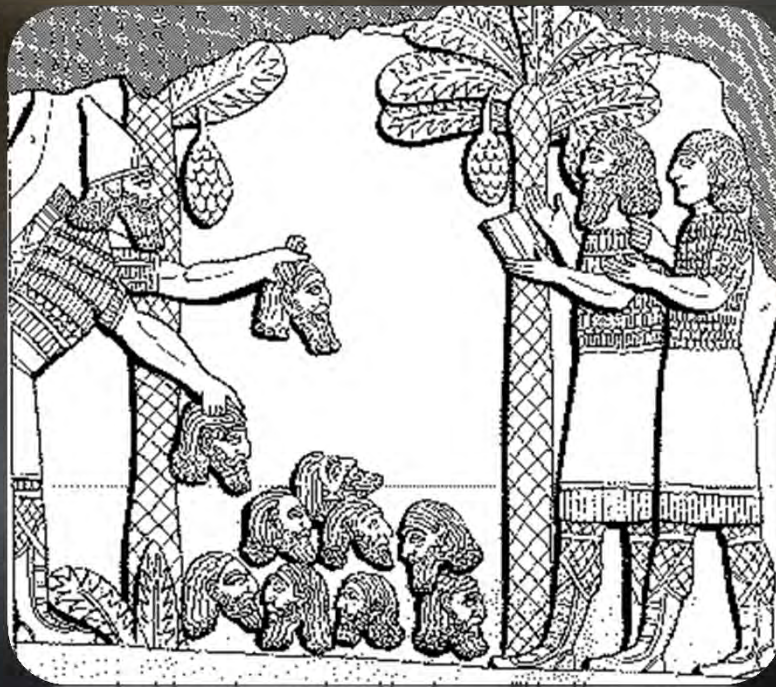


- Assyrian policy was to deport conquered peoples to other lands within the empire, to destroy their sense of nationalism, and break any pride or hope of rebellion and replace them with strangers from far away. Assyrians were great warriors. Most nations at that time period were looters, building their state by robbing other nations. Assyria was the most ferocious of them all. Their very name became a byword for cruelty and atrocity.



# Ancient Assyrians

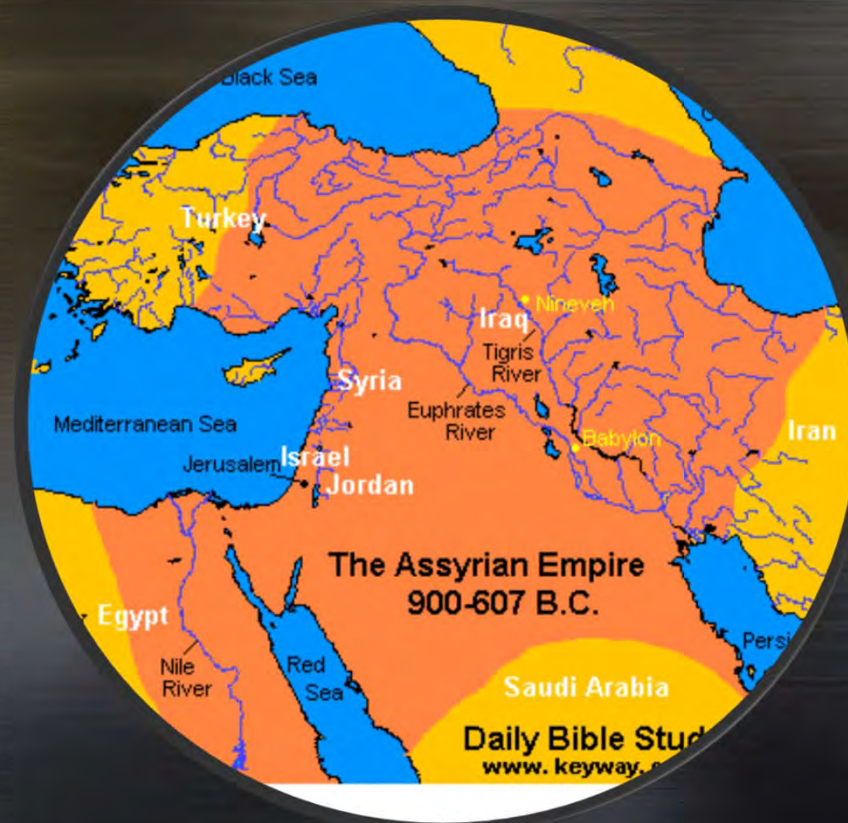
- They skinned their prisoners alive, and cut off various body parts to inspire terror in their enemies. There is records of Assyrian officials pulling out tongues and displaying mounds of human skulls all to bring about stark horror and wealthy tribute from surrounding nations. Nowhere are the pages of history more bloody than in the records of their wars.





# Ancient Assyrians

- Assyria was a world empire for about 300 years under several warrior kings some of which wielded Assyria into the best fighting machine of the ancient world. Finally the brutal empire fell in 607 B.C. giving way to the Babylonians.





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## INFIDELOPHOBIA

"I shall cast terror into the hearts of the infidels. Strike off their heads, strike off the very tips of their fingers."

Quran 8:12

# Islamic State of Iraq & Syria (ISIS)





# The Implications



THE END

IS APPROACHING



# The Implications



# The Implications

## Micah 5:6

- They will rule Assyria with drawn swords and enter **the** gates of **the** land of Nimrod. He will rescue us from **the Assyrians** when **they** pour over **the** borders to invade our land.

## Isaiah 33:8

- Your roads are deserted; no one travels **them** anymore. **The Assyrians** have broken **their** peace treaty and care nothing for **the** promises **they** made before witnesses. **They** have no respect for anyone.



# The Implications

## Micah 5:5

- And he will be **the** source of peace. When **the Assyrians** invade our land and break through our defenses, we will appoint seven rulers to watch over us, eight princes to lead us.

## Nahum 1:12

- This is what **the** Lord says: “Though **the Assyrians** have many allies, **they** will be destroyed and disappear. O my people, I have punished you before, but I will not punish you again.



# The Implications

## Isaiah 30:31-32

- At the Lord's command, **the Assyrians** will be shattered. He will strike **them** down with his royal scepter. <sup>32</sup> And as **the** Lord strikes **them** with his rod of punishment, his people will celebrate with tambourines and harps. Lifting his mighty arm, he will fight **the Assyrians**.



THE END



# **MINGLING WITH THE SEED / TRANSHUMANISM**

Richard Osei





## 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

- <sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



## THE GENESIS PROPHECY AND THE TWO SEEDS

- <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between **your seed** and **her Seed**;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel.”  
(Genesis 3:15)



# AGE OF HYBRIDS

- Transhumanism
  - Four Accelerating Technologies
  - The Challenges and the Dangers
- Alien Visitations?
  - Nephelim: Genesis 6 and "After that..."
  - "Days of Noah" and the Coming of the Son fo Man?





# TRANSHUMANISM

- Accelerating Convergence of Technologies
  - Genetics & Microbiology
  - Robotics
  - Nanotechnologies
  - Artificial Intelligence
- Aspirations & Priorities
- Dangers



# TEMPERING WITH THE ENGINES OF CREATION

- **The Myths of Yesterday  
Becomes the Realities of  
Tomorrow**



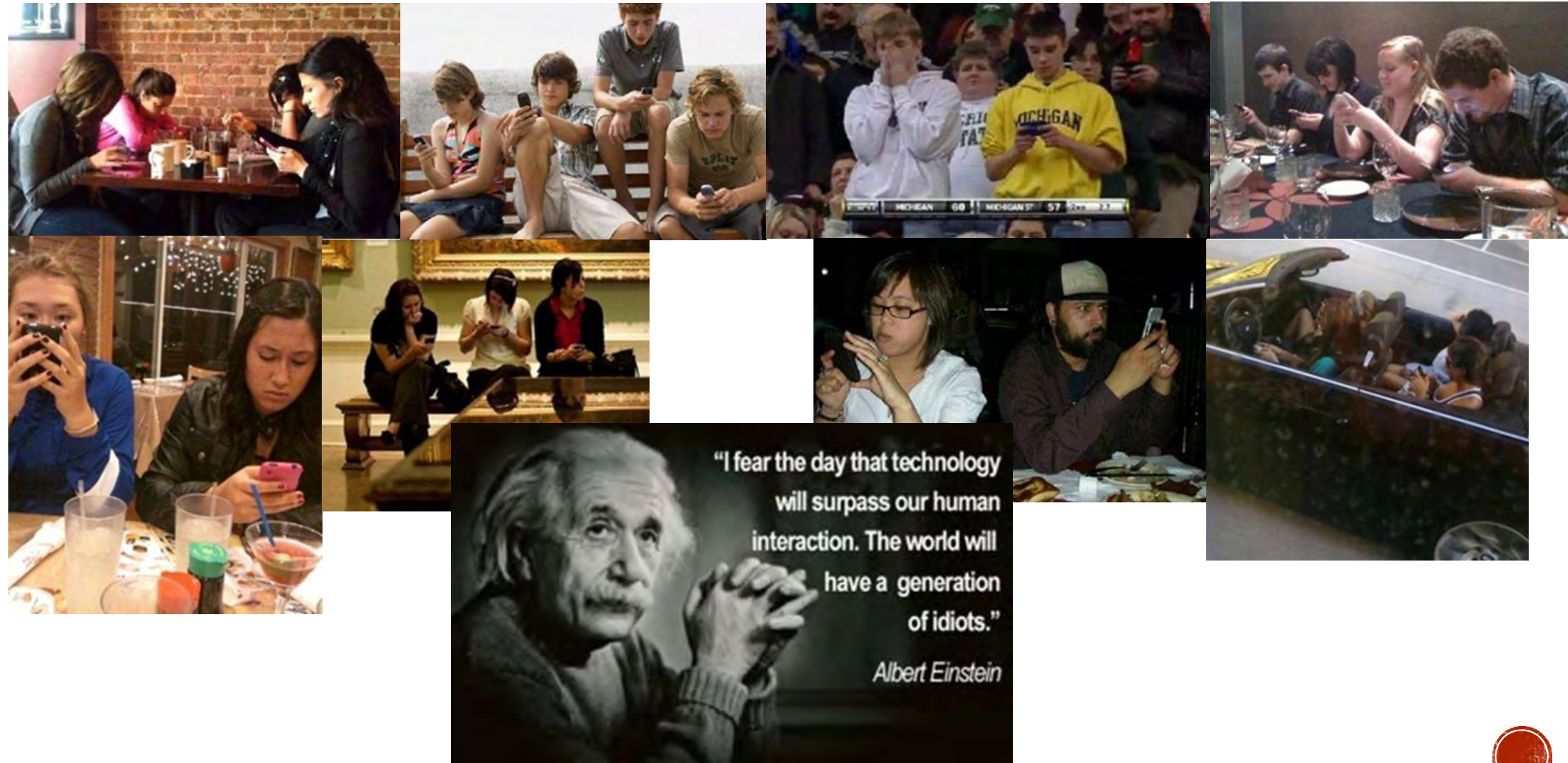
# EVERYTHING HAS BEEN INVENTED

- Charles H. Duell was the Commissioner of US patent office in 1899. Mr. Deull's most famous attributed utterance is that "everything that can be invented has been invented."





# ALBERT EINSTEIN FEARED



## **ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU?**

- **Animal-human hybrids in H.G. Wells 1896 novel**
- **Hybrid animals are called chimeras:**
- **A mythical Greek creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a serpent's tail.**
- **Scientists have created sheep that possess human hearts and livers**
- **Pigs that have been born with human blood**
- **Altering genetic makeup: Pandora's Box?**



# OF MICE AND MEN

- Scientists at the Salk Institute in San Diego recently engineered mice that possess a small percentage of human brain cells.
- Scientists injected human embryonic stem cells into the brains of rodent fetuses, resulting in the birth of mice with both human and rodent brain cells.
- One goal of the research is to make realistic models of neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease.
- Irving Weissman, of Stanford university, and his team injected human neural stem cells into mouse fetuses
- Weissman also helped make the first mouse with a nearly complete human immune system
- Although the percentage of human brain cells in the existing mice is only about 1%, Weissman is considering making chimeric mice whose brain are made entirely of human cells





# GROWING CONCERNS

- Few safeguards against errors or abuse
- Cross-species implications
- Unknown disease or complications



# TAMPERING WITH THE HUMAN GENOME

- Genetic Discovery
- Scientist at Johns Hopkins university have discovered a gene in mice which controls growth: GDF-8
- Growth/Differentiation Factors-8 (GDF-8)
- Disrupting GFD-8 yielded "supermice" three times larger and much stronger (Nature, Apring 30, 1997)



# GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ATHLETES?

- H. Lee Sweeney at University of Pennsylvania was investigating ways that gene therapy might help people with muscular dystrophy, or elderly patients whose muscle mass has dangerously declined
- Sweeney created a synthetic gene that promotes an insulin-like substance encouraging muscle cell growth, and used a tiny virus to carry the gene into the muscles of laboratory mice.
- The muscles grow 15 to 30 percent larger than normal - even though the mice had no exercise.





# **GROWING CONCERNS**

- Few safeguards against errors or abuse
- Cross-species implications
  - Unknown diseases or complications
- Potential self-replicating mutations
  - ... all impossible to fully anticipate
- Few Regulatory or procedural disciplines
  - Small, intensely competitive laboratories
  - Few government or established labs



# GENETIC WEAPON TARGETING

- Genetic Weapon Targeting
- "The free access to genetic sequence data for the human genome and a large number of the genomes, including for pathogenic microorganisms could pose a significant threat if misused," (European Think Tank, Stockholm)
- Terrorist might develop a pathogen that could target a specific ethnic group (Barbara Rosenberg, Scientists Working Group, Biological and Chemical Weapons, Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation)



# ROBOT WEAPONS PREDICTED IN THE BIBLE

- <sup>9</sup> For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. (Jeremiah 50:9)
- their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man;
- In Hebrew → "as of a mighty expert"
- Characteristics of the arrow not the shooter
- sakal:
- to be prudent, be circumspect, wisely understand, prosper;
- Hiphil participle masculine singular absolute:
- to have insight; to give attention to, consider, ponder, be prudent; have comprehension;





# AS OF A MIGHTY EXPERT (JEREMIAH 50:9)

- Their arrows will be like skilled warriors who do not return empty-handed. (NIV)
- Their arrows will be like a skilled warrior; they won't miss their targets (ISV)
- Their arrows will be like [a]an expert warrior Who does not return empty-handed.(NASB)
- The intelligence is in the arrow: they can't miss.
- i.e., "smart weapons"; missiles, bombs, etc.
- חֲנִיִּים khayts (arrows)
- לִיטִים lits, shot from engine of war; or shot from a bow by hand;
- לִלְחָם LLX: a missile; or anything thrown, such as an arrow or javelin;





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- Coming to a war near you.
- The XM25 Counter Defilade Engagement System has a roughly 2300 feet
- The rifle's gunsight uses a rangefinder to exact distance to after which the soldier can add or subtract up to 3 meters from that distance to enable the bullet to clear the barrier and explode above or beside the target.
- Soldiers will be able to use them to target snipers hidden in tranches rather than calling in air strikes.





# **DIRECT HUMAN EXTENSIONS**

- **Supplementing the Human Anatomy**



## FDA Approves Telescopic Bionic Eye Implant



- The FDA has approved a telescopic eye implant that can help the visually impaired. The procedure involves removing the lens of the eye completely and replacing it with the now FDA-approved implant, which is capable of magnifying things by 2.2-2.7 times
- Created by VisionCare Ophthalmic Technologies, the telescope projects images in your field of view onto healthy areas of your central retina outside of any degenerated macula.

## Bionic Muscle



- A new Bionic muscle is 100 times stronger than yours.
- These muscles are made of an elastic metal called "shape memory wire" and are chemically powered with alcohol.
- Scientists at the University of Texas at Dallas have developed these "artificial muscles" with funding from the military.



## Limb-to-Brain Communication



- Robotic limbs have limited motions and the user can't feel what he or she is "touching."
- A new approach using optical fibers implanted around nerves can transmit more data and let prosthetics speak to the brain. Scientists have discovered that they could stimulate a neuron to send a message by shining infrared light on it.





## Direct Brain-to-Computer Interfacing (BCI)

Monkey operating a robotic arm with direct brain-computer interfacing:



## Sensitive Synthetic Skin

- Two research teams working independently (one from Stanford and one from UC Berkeley) have created prototypes of artificial human skin that are extremely sensitive.
- Both techniques use a thin rubber surface with an electronic substrate that can measure changes in electrical properties that result from pressure: skin sensitive enough to feel the tickle of fly feet.



# NANOTECHNOLOGY

- Nanotechnology involves the manufacture and manipulation of materials at the molecular or atomic level - the smallest things can get.
- At that scale, materials are measured in nanometers or billionths of a meter
- A sheet of paper, in comparison, is a whopping 100,000 nanometers thick
- The potential for Nano-materials could have enormous effect on much of what we do, including developing drugs and dealing with toxic pollution
- Nano-materials already are used in at least 80 consumer products made by U.S. companies (Small Times Magazine)



# **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

- **Artificial Intelligence**
- **Blurring the distinctions between Man and Machine**





## Brain Scans



- A first step toward computer mind-reading has come from using brain scans to identify certain thoughts with certain words at Princeton University's Neuroscience Institute.

## Brain Scans



- "The basic idea is that whatever subject is on someone's mind — not just topics or concepts, but also emotions, plans or socially oriented thoughts — is ultimately reflected in the

pattern of activity across all areas of his or her brain"

Matthew Botvinick, psychologist, Neuroscience Institute, Princeton University



# Interactive Television?



- Consumers are used to watching their televisions, but in the future their devices may watch them — or at least read their minds.
- Chinese television maker Haier is taking the wraps off of its first Cloud Smart TV, which it says is capable of
- Haier says that their Smart TV can detect human brainwave patterns, turning the information into digital signals that the display is able to pick up and translate into... Channel changing? Volume control?







mindset

Precision EEG. Wireless audio.  
A new interactive experience.



- “Prior to the MindSet, EEG was complex, immobile, and required a shielded room. The MindSet rewrote the rules for EEG research.
- “Used by over 300 universities, the MindSet has been referenced in dozens of published academic papers.
- “It delivers RAW signal, power frequency bands and NeuroSky eSense meters: Attention, Meditation, and Eye blinks.”





## Army's Mind Control Project



- The U.S. Army has just awarded a \$4 million contract to begin developing "thought helmets" that would harness silent brain waves for secure communication among troops.
- Ultimately, the Army hopes the project will "lead to direct mental control of military systems by thought alone."
- Improvements in computing power and a better understanding of how the brain works have scientists busy hunting for the distinctive neural fingerprints that flash through a brain when a person is talking to himself.
- A five-year contract has been awarded to a coalition of scientists from the University of California at Irvine, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Maryland, which seeks to "decode the activity in brain networks" so that a soldier could radio commands to one or many comrades by thinking of the message he wanted to relay and who should get it.



# Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs)



- **Partially-invasive BCIs:**  
BCI devices are implanted inside the skull but rest outside the brain rather than within the grey matter.
- They produce better resolution signals than non-invasive BCIs where the bone tissue of the cranium deflects and deforms signals and have a lower risk of forming scar-tissue in the brain than fully-invasive BCIs.





# Computers that Learn

- Technology giant IBM has unveiled experimental computer chips designed for a new generation of brain-inspired computers capable of learning from what's going on around them.
- Such cognitive computing aims to use information from many different inputs — similar to how the human brain can harness its experiences of hearing, sight, smell and touch.
- The new chips could allow a sensor-studded glove to monitor the sights, smells, texture and temperature of grocery store products and flag bad or contaminated foods.
- Or they may enable computers to issue tsunami warnings based on tracking of temperature, wave height and ocean tide.





# Artificial Intelligence

- The power of computers continues to accelerate
- Their size, energy, and costs continue to diminish
- The facility of software continues to accelerate and expand
- **The “Singularity”**:\*
  - When computational intelligence exceeds that of the human mind.
- The Ultimate Aspiration:
  - The ability to exchange “consciousness” between bodies
  - ... *Which could offer a path toward immortality.* (!?)

\*coined by Ray Kurzweil, an acknowledged guru of the craft



- The real “you” is software: call it “soul,” “spirit,” “consciousness,” ...whatever...
- You are temporarily resident in a disposable “hardware” environment.
- Why shouldn’t it be transferable to an alternative (perhaps advantageous) environment? ...even a machine-*enhanced* environment?
- What would limit a continuing path to subsequent “upgrades”?



# Convergent Technologies

## Nanotechnologies

- Molecule-sized machines

## Robotics

- Self-modifying, sentient, machines

## Genetics

- Self-replication of manipulated entities
- Directable diseases targeting specific groups or individuals

## Artificial Intelligence

- Exceeding the human mind: ... "the singularity"





## The Coming Nightmare(s)

- Super-soldiers armed with ultimate weapons...
- Networked super-leaders with unlimited mind controls...
- Unenforced lawlessness among a privileged few...
- Consciousness exchanges offering a form of immortality...
- Collective consciousness ushering in a utopian collective...  
...or the ultimate nightmare...



# Convergent Technologies

## Composite Goal:

- *Self-replicating sentient machines*
- *Superior (overwhelming) combatant strengths*
- *Transfer of consciousness between (and to exterior) bodies*
  - *...a path toward immortality! (?)*
- *...a lure toward global tyranny.*



## “Jasons”

- **JASON** is an independent group of scientists which advises the United States government on matters of science and technology.
  - The group was first created as a way to get a younger generation of scientists—that is, not the older Los Alamos and MIT Radiation Laboratory alumni—involved in advising the government. It was established in 1960 and has somewhere between 30 and 60 members.
- For administrative purposes, JASON's activities are run through the MITRE Corporation, a non-profit corporation in McLean, Virginia, which contracts with the Defense Department.





- JASON sponsors include the Department of Defense (frequently DARPA and the United States Navy), the Department of Energy, and the U.S. Intelligence Community. Most of the resulting JASON reports are classified.
- JASON members all have security clearances, and include physicists, biologists, chemists, oceanographers, mathematicians, and computer scientists. They are selected for their scientific brilliance, and, over the years, have included eleven Nobel Prize laureates and several dozen members of the United States National Academy of Sciences.
- *Classified "Transhuman Projects" are now spearheading a hidden arms race that are proceeding worldwide seeking dominance.*



- JASON studies include:
  - The \$100 Genome: Implications for the DoD, (JSR-10-100)
  - Science of Cyber-Security, (JSR-10-102)
  - High Frequency Gravitational Waves, (JSR-08-506)
  - Human Performance, (JSR-07-625)
  - High Performance Biocomputation (JSR-04-300)
  - Sensors to Support the Soldier (JSR-04-210)
  - Horizontal Integration: Broader Access Models for Realizing Information Dominance (JSR-04-312)
  - Biodetection Architectures, (JSR-02-330)



- Now a highly classified priority agenda drives a widespread global arms race that will eclipse all others.
- It is widely acknowledged among the informed that the next era to envelop us is

## The Age of the Hybrids

emerging from the accelerating convergence of

- Genetics
- Robotics
- Nanotechnologies
- Artificial Intelligence





# Transhumanism

- Accelerating Convergence of Technologies
  - Genetics & Microbiology
  - Robotics
  - Nanotechnologies
  - Artificial Intelligence
- Aspirations & Priorities
- Dangers



# The Dangers

Ignoring the Metacosm

## The Boundaries of "Reality"

**The Metacosm:**

Finite Limits: *A Digital Simulation*



**The Microcosm**

Quantum Physics  
Subatomic particles



*(Indivisible Units!)*



**The Macrocosm**

Astronomy  
Astrophysics



*(Finite!)*

Size

"Our universe is but a shadow of a larger reality"

*Scientific American, June 2005*



# Transhumanism

- Ignores the Metacosm:
  - A supernatural warfare in which we are both the puppets and prize!
  - When we open a communication channel into our software (call it “soul,” “spirit,” whatever), it yields an access permission that is not reversible...
    - ...and, (like birth control) it is not retroactive.
  - Also, we have an accountability to the Master Designer Himself...





# “Iron mixed with Clay”?

## Daniel 2



Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron + Clay

## Daniel 7

Winged Lion

Bear on side

Lion

Terrible Beast

10 Heads...

Babylon

Persia

Greece

Rome I

“Rome II”



And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they** shall mingle themselves with the **seed of men:** but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Daniel 2:43

- Note the shift to a personal pronoun...

Are these hybrids?

Are they "Nephilim"?

...or aliens of some other kind?



# SATAN'S DUET — REV. 13

- <sup>11</sup> And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
- <sup>12</sup> And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- <sup>13</sup> And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
- <sup>14</sup> And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
- <sup>15</sup> And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- <sup>16</sup> And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
- <sup>17</sup> And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.





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Revelation 13:16,17

 χάραγμα *charagma*: brand, seal

A mark is prohibited: Lev 19:28;21:5; Deut 14:1;

Isa 49:16; Ezek 9:4; Ex 13:9, 16

# GOD'S LIMITED BOUNDARIES?

- Limits to Human Arrogance
- Genesis 11
- And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
- <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- <sup>3</sup> And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.
- <sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
- <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
- <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
- <sup>7</sup> Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.







# Age of the Hybrids

## 1. Transhumanism

Four Accelerating Technologies

The Challenges and the Dangers

## 2. Alien Visitations?

*Nephilim*: Genesis 6 and “After that...”

“Days of Noah” and the Coming of the Son of Man?

The expectations of the Vatican

The Challenges Personally



### ***CORRELATION OF NEPHILIM NAMES***

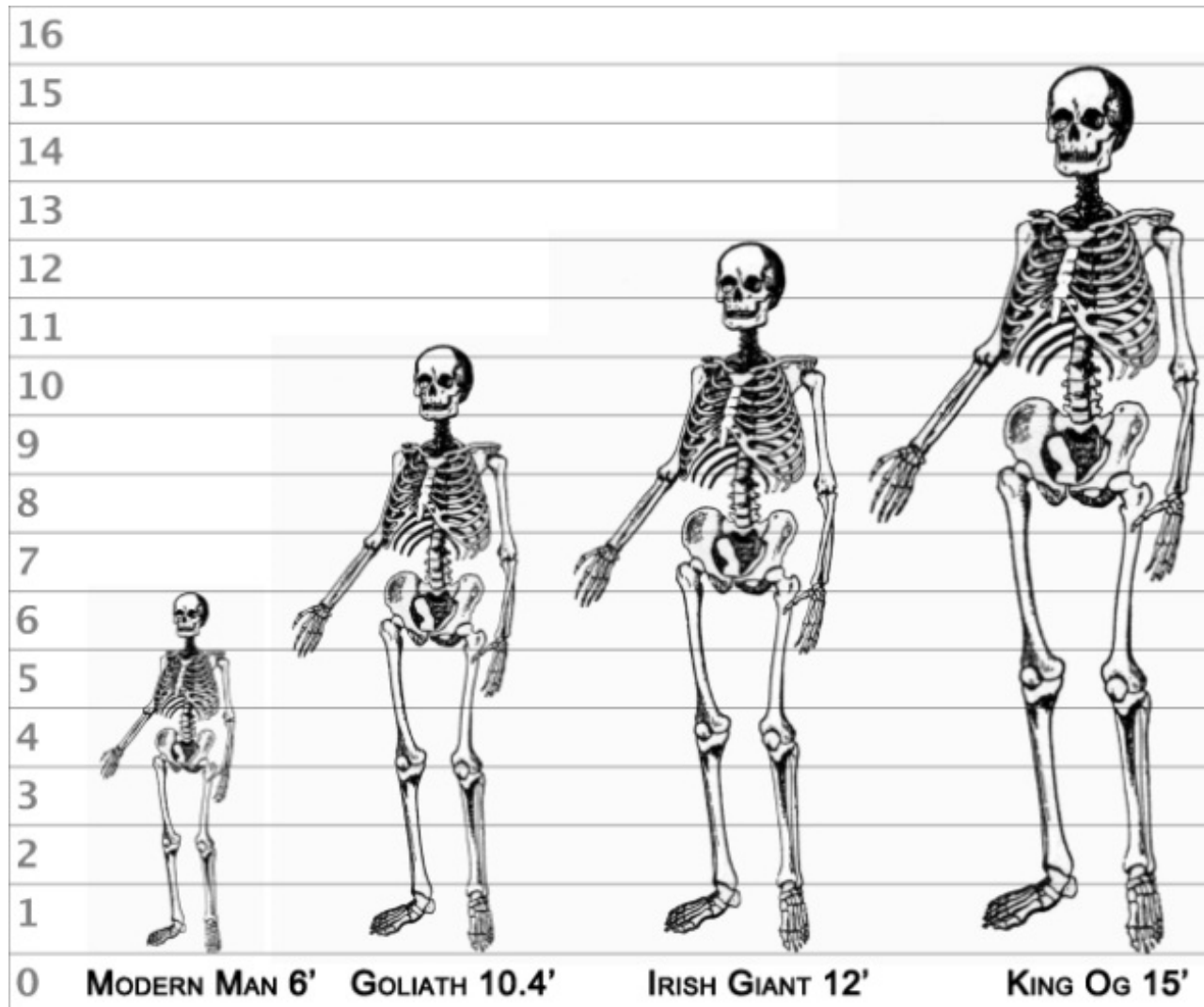
<b>Nephilim = Anakim</b>	The descendants of <b>Anak</b> came from the <b>giants</b> [Nephilim], (Numbers 13:33)
<b>Anakim = Rephaim = Emim</b>	The <b>Emim</b> formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the <b>Anakim</b> . Like the <b>Anakim</b> they are also counted as <b>Rephaim</b> , but the Moabites call them <b>Emim</b> (Deuteronomy 2:10,11 ESV)
<b>Rephaim = Zamzummim = Anakim</b>	(It is also counted as a land of <b>Rephaim</b> . <b>Rephaim</b> formerly lived there-but the Ammonites call them <b>Zamzummim</b> - a people great and many, and tall as the <b>Anakim</b> (Deuteronomy 2:20-21a, ESV)



Og, King of Bashan = Rephaim	Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the <b>Rephaim</b> , (Deuteronomy 3:11 ESV)
Bashan = Rephaim	All that portion of <b>Bashan</b> is called the land of <b>Rephaim</b> , (Deuteronomy 3:13, ESV).
Sihon of the Amorites = Rephaim = Amorites	For Heshbon was the city of <b>Sihon</b> the king of the <b>Amorites</b> (Numbers 21:26 ESV).









## BIBLE SCHOLARS SEE UFO ACTIVITY AS DEMONIC

- Walter Martin believes that demons have been masquerading as extraterrestrials
- David Hunt said: "UFOs [...] are clearly not physical and seem to be **demonic manifestations** from another dimension, calculated to alter man's way of thinking,"
- John Ankerberg and John Weldon: "**the fact that all UFO phenomena are consistent with the demonic theory**, indicate that this explanation is the best possible answer for the solution to the UFO mystery," David Hunt, *The Cult Explosion* (tract), n.p. 1981.





## WITNESSING THE RETURN OF THE FALLEN ANGELS

"We all know that UFOs are real.  
All we need to ask is where do they  
come from."



*Captain Edgar D. Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut*

- According to an ABC News poll conducted in 2000, "nearly half of all Americans and millions more globally believe we're not alone [...] 40 million Americans say they have seen or know someone who has seen an unidentified flying object, or UFO, a growing number believe they've actually met aliens." <http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/story?id=9330290> Aug. 17, 2009.



## US LEADERS

- "I looked out the window and saw this white light. It was zigzagging around. I went up to the pilot and said, have you ever seen anything like that? He was shocked and he said, "Nope." And I said to him: "Let's follow it!" We followed it for several minutes. It was a bright white light. We followed it to Bakersfield, and all of a sudden to our utter amazement it went straight up into the heavens..." Ronald Reagan, 1974
- "The US Air force assures me that **UFO's pose no threat to National Security,**" President John F Kennedy



- "I strongly recommend that there be a committee investigation of the UFO phenomena. I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding UFOs and to produce the greatest possible enlightenment on this subject." President Gerald Ford, 1966



"I do not laugh at people any more when they say they've seen UFOs. I've seen one myself!" Jimmy Carter, 1976



- "I certainly believe in aliens in space, and that they are indeed visiting our planet. They may not look like us, but I have very strong feelings that they have advanced beyond our mental capabilities." Senator Barry Goldwater, 1965





## GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR



- “You now face a new world, a world of change. We speak in strange terms, of harnessing the cosmic energy, of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the **sinister forces** of some other **planetary galaxy**. The nations of the world will have to unite, for the **next war will be an interplanetary war**. The nations of the earth must someday make a common front against attack by people from other **planets**.”

October 8, 1955



## COLONEL L. GORDON COOPER, MERCURY

- "I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets which obviously are a little more [...] advanced than we are."

Colonel L. Gordon Cooper, Mercury 7 Astronaut made the following statement in a letter to the United Nations, 1978



## MAURICE CHATELAIN, FORMER CHIEF OF NASA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

- **All Apollo and Gemini flights were followed**, both at a distance and sometimes also quite closely, by space vehicles of extraterrestrial origin - **flying saucers, or UFOs**, if you want to call them by that name. Every time it occurred, the astronauts informed Mission Control, who then ordered absolute silence.





# The Ultimate Enigma

This interval between:

The Miracle of our Origin

and

The Mystery of our Destiny...



# Architecture

## Hardware

- Microcircuits
- Memory
- Wires, resistors, etc.

## Software

- User Interface
- Internal Interfaces
- Machine Language
- Algorithms, etc.

## • Physical Body

- Flesh
- Bones
- Circulatory System etc.

## • Our Actual Self

- “Soul”
- “Spirit”
- “Mind”
- Thoughts, etc.







# The Mass of Software



Disk + 0 bytes = 0.7 oz  
Disk + 1,000,000 bytes = 0.7 oz  
Software mass = 0.0 oz



# Physics of Software

- Software has no mass
  - (The weight of a storage device is not impacted by its presence)
  - It can even be sent through the air waves...
- Software is not constrained by time
  - Time is a physical property and varies by mass, acceleration and gravity.



# Your Destiny

- The real YOU is, indeed, software, not hardware.
  - Call it “soul,” “spirit,” whatever...
  - It is temporarily resident in a disposable hardware environment.
- The real you has no mass.
  - Only your temporary container has (perhaps too much) mass...
- The real you requires no time dimension.
- You are eternal (whether you are “saved” or not!)
  - The issue is where are you going to spend it?
  - If you are “perfect” there’s no problem...







## It's Time to Review Our Citizenship

For [Abraham] looked for a city which  
hath foundations, whose builder and  
maker *is* God.      Hebrews 11:10



## The Final Agenda

- Psalm 83 a prelude to Ezekiel 38 & 39...
- An anticipated World Leader exploiting a global crisis
- Roles involving alien encounters:  
creatures beyond our imaginings...
- Climaxing in the actual "Armageddon" ...



2045

STRATEGIC SOCIAL INITIATIVE

# AVATAR PROJECT MILESTONES



Avatar **D** 2040 - 2045  
A hologram-like avatar

Avatar **C** 2030 - 2035  
An Avatar with an artificial brain in which a human personality is transferred at the end of one's life

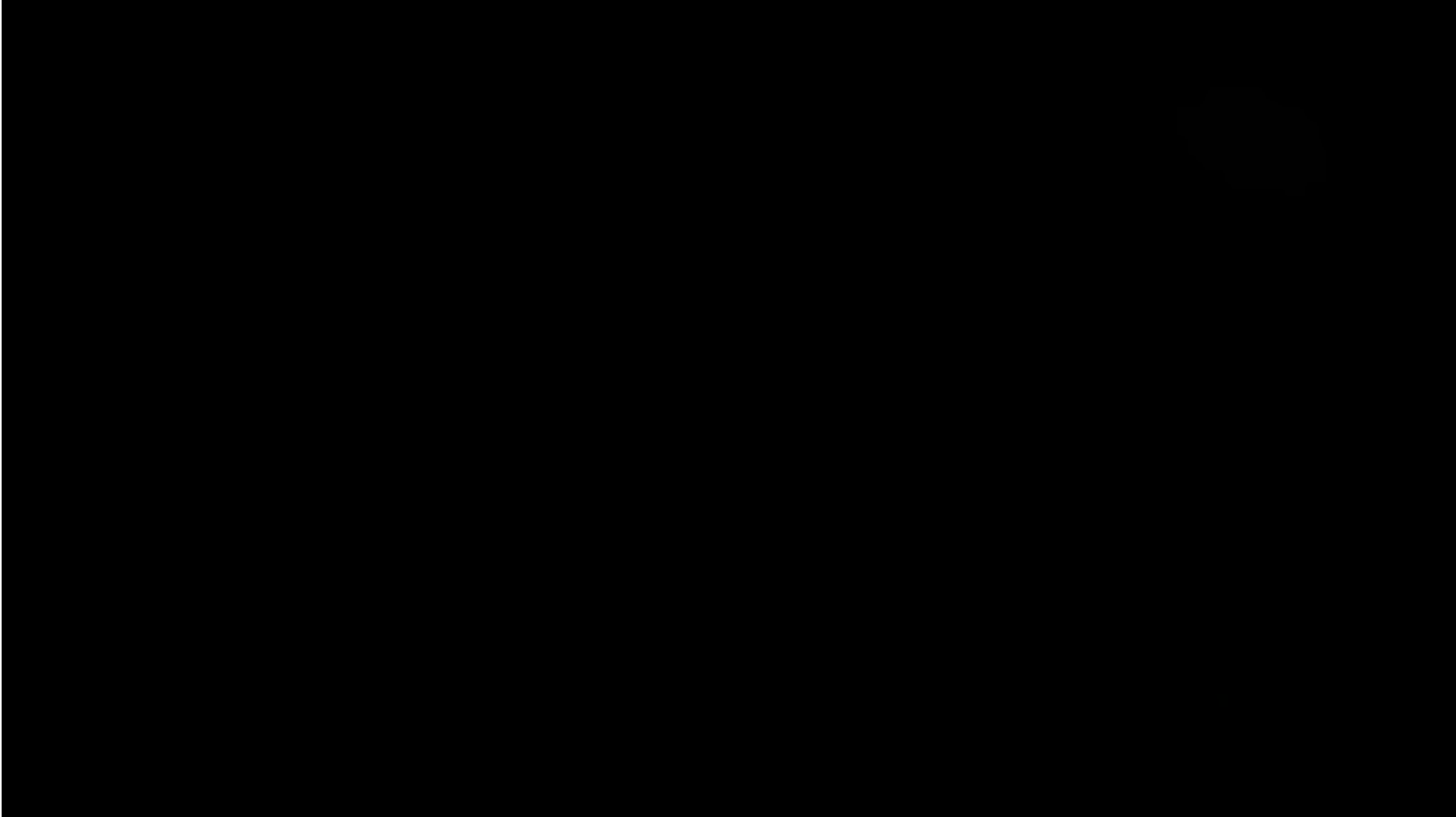
Avatar **B** 2020 - 2025  
An Avatar in which a human brain is transplanted at the end of one's life

Avatar **A** 2015 - 2020  
A robotic copy of a human body remotely controlled via BCI

2045.COM







# Your Challenge

(If you accept this preposterous proposition  
you flunk the course.)

“We are being plunged into a period of time  
about which the Bible says more  
than it does about any other period of time  
in history . . .

*including the time that Jesus  
walked the shores of Galilee or  
climbed the mountains of Judea.”*



# Two Basic Challenges

## 1. Find out what the Bible says

Not to be delegated to others      Matt 5:17

Our unique environment of *Today*

*Advanced Information Appliances*

*Internet Resources*

The role of small groups

## 2. Find out what is really going on

“What is truth?”

The Age of Deceit

The Ultimate Delusion...





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# THE MYSTERY OF THE SHEMITAH





# Overview

- What is Shemitah
- The historical context
- World History
- Recent history
- Special times
- Future Implications





# What is Shemitah?

Shemitah: *Strong's 8059 definition*- a letting drop or a temporary remitting.

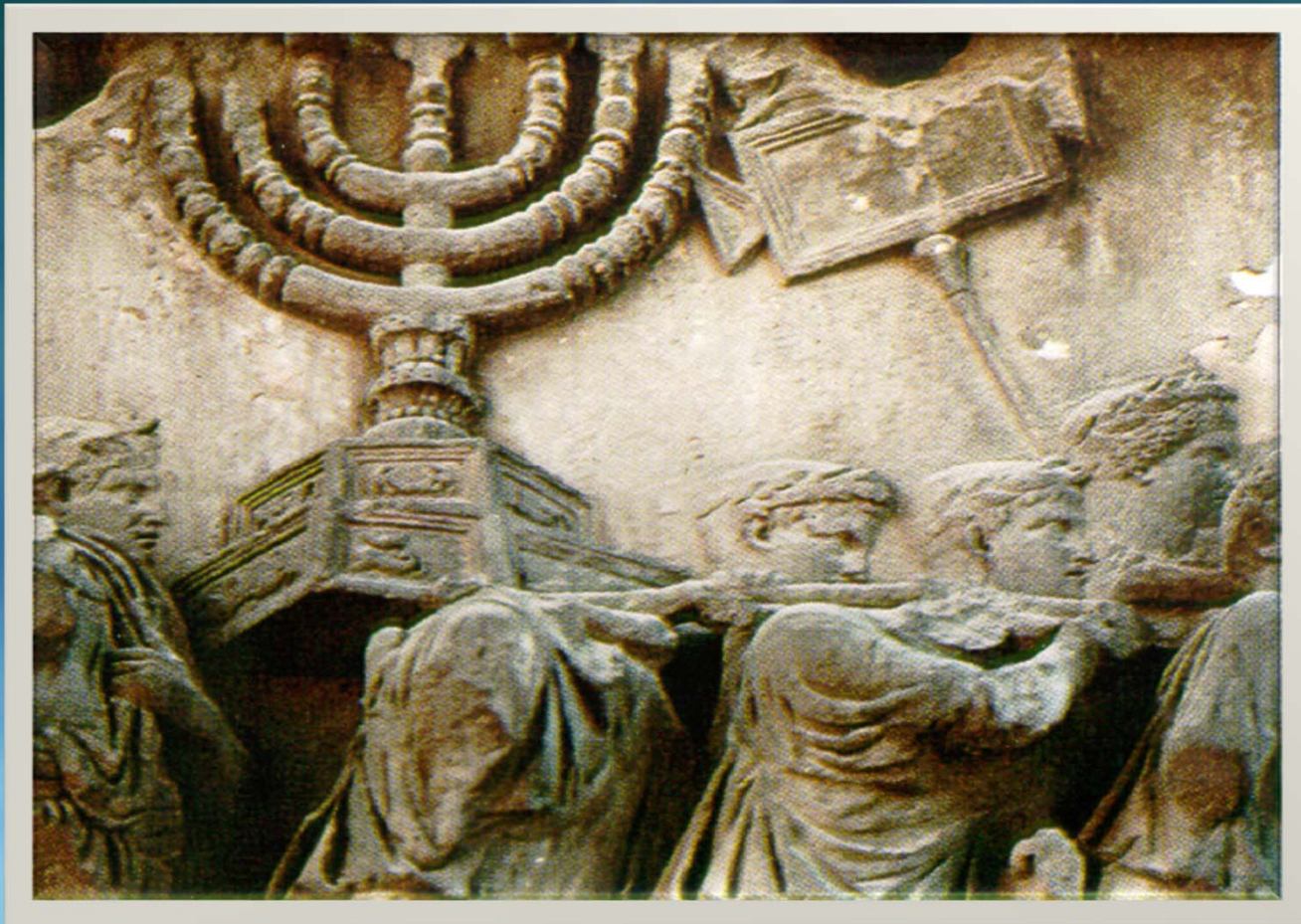
Remission (of debt) or suspension of labor.

Release.

Collapse, or to fall.



# Historical Context





# Beginning of the Shemitah

## Exodus 23:9-11

<sup>9</sup> “You must not oppress foreigners. You know what it’s like to be a foreigner, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

<sup>10</sup> “Plant and harvest your crops for six years, <sup>11</sup> but let the land be renewed and lie uncultivated during the seventh year. Then let the poor among you harvest whatever grows on its own. Leave the rest for wild animals to eat. The same applies to your vineyards and olive groves.





# Beginning of the Shemitah

## Leviticus 25:1-7

While Moses was on Mount Sinai, the LORD said to him, <sup>2</sup> “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. When you have entered the land I am giving you, the land itself must observe a Sabbath rest before the LORD every seventh year. <sup>3</sup> For six years you may plant your fields and prune your vineyards and harvest your crops, <sup>4</sup> but during the seventh year the land must have a Sabbath year of complete rest. It is the LORD’s Sabbath. Do not plant your fields or prune your vineyards during that year.



# Beginning of the Shemitah

## Leviticus 25:1-7 cont...

<sup>5</sup> And don't store away the crops that grow on their own or gather the grapes from your unpruned vines. The land must have a year of complete rest. <sup>6</sup> But you may eat whatever the land produces on its own during its Sabbath. This applies to you, your male and female servants, your hired workers, and the temporary residents who live with you. <sup>7</sup> Your livestock and the wild animals in your land will also be allowed to eat what the land produces.









# From Blessing to Judgment

## Leviticus 26

<sup>14</sup> “However, if you do not listen to me or obey all these commands, <sup>15</sup> and if you break my covenant by rejecting my decrees, treating my regulations with contempt, and refusing to obey my commands, <sup>16</sup> I will punish you.

# From Blessing to Judgment

## Leviticus 26

- <sup>33</sup> I will scatter you among the nations and bring out my sword against you. Your land will become desolate, and your cities will lie in ruins. <sup>34</sup> Then at last the land will enjoy its neglected Sabbath years as it lies desolate while you are in exile in the land of your enemies. Then the land will finally rest and enjoy the Sabbaths it missed. <sup>35</sup> As long as the land lies in ruins, it will enjoy the rest you never allowed it to take every seventh year while you lived in it.
- <sup>36</sup> “And for those of you who survive, I will demoralize you in the land of your enemies.



# From Blessing to Judgment

## 2 Chronicles 36

- <sup>15</sup> The LORD, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets to warn them, for he had compassion on his people and his Temple. <sup>16</sup> But the people mocked these messengers of God and despised their words. They scoffed at the prophets until the LORD's anger could no longer be restrained and nothing could be done.
- <sup>17</sup> So the LORD brought the king of Babylon against them. The Babylonians<sup>[g]</sup> killed Judah's young men, even chasing after them into the Temple. They had no pity on the people, killing both young men and young women, the old and the infirm. God handed all of them over to Nebuchadnezzar.



# From Blessing to Judgment

## 2 Chronicles 36

- <sup>19</sup> Then his army burned the Temple of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, burned all the palaces, and completely destroyed everything of value.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>20</sup> The few who survived were taken as exiles to Babylon, and they became servants to the king and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power.
- <sup>21</sup> So the message of the LORD spoken through Jeremiah was fulfilled. **The land finally enjoyed its Sabbath rest,** lying desolate until the seventy years were fulfilled, just as the prophet had said.

# World History: Towers & Nations





# Recent American History



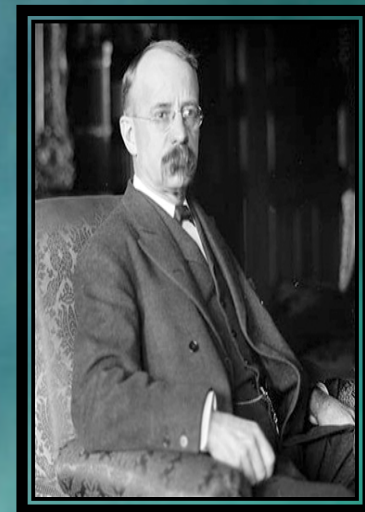
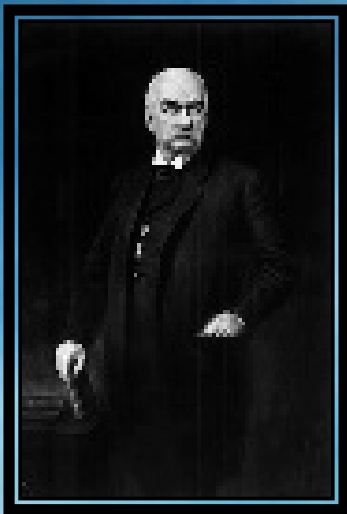


# American History

- 7 Big crashes in American history
  - 1901-1903 The Struggle of Titans
  - 1916-1917 First World War
  - 1930-1932 The Great depression
  - 1937-1938 The Recession of the Great depression
  - 1973 The Crash of Multiple Crises
  - 2000-2001 The Dot-Com Crash and 9/11
  - 2007-2008 The Great Recession

# American History

- 1901-1903 The Struggle of Titans
  - Wiped out 46% of the stock market
  - Shemitah begins September 1902 and ends September 21, 1903.
  - Less than 2 months later the market makes a recovery.





# American History

- 1916-1917 First World War
  - Wiped out 40% of the stock market
  - This was a Shemitah year.





# American History

- 1930-1932 The Great depression
  - Wiped out 86% of the stock market.
  - Starting in 1930, and its end on July 1932.
  - Global scale collapse.
  - Shemitah 1930-1931.
  - Market reached pre-crash numbers again in 1954.
  - The lowest point came on September 19, 1931.

# American History

- 1937-1938 The Recession of the Great depression.
  - Wiped out 50% of the stock market.
  - The Shemitah Started September 6, 1937.
  - The collapse started September 7, 1937.
  - Lasted 9 months.





# American History

- 1973 The Crash of Multiple Crises
  - Wiped out 45% of the stock market.
  - The Shemitah was 1972-1973.





# American History

- 2000-2001 The Dot-Com Crash and 9/11
  - Wiped out 37% of the stock market.
  - 2000-2001 was the Shemitah year.



# American History

- 2007-2008 The Great Recession
  - The collapse start to fall in August of 2007.
  - The collapse reached its peak in September 2008
  - The Shemitah was 2007-2008.





# Special Times





# Special Times

Tishri: Exodus 12:2

- 1st month of the civil year
- 7th month of the religious year
- Most Holy month of the year
- Falls between September-October



Elul 29 (The day of release):

- Is last day of the Shemitah
- The day all debts should be cancelled

# Special Times

Jubilee: Lev 25:8-22

- Comes the year following the 7<sup>th</sup> Shemithah
- Slaves released, get back lost land
- Israel restoration began 1917
- Israel won Jerusalem 1967





**Future**



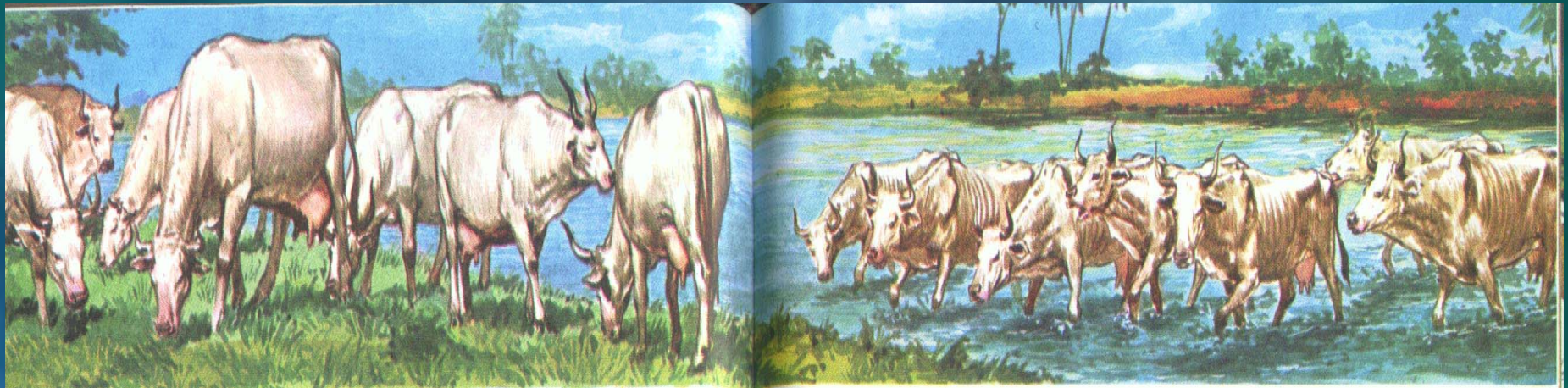


# Future Implications

- September 24, 2014 - September 13, 2015
  - ✓ Stock market scare as Dow drops 460 points - Oct. 14, 2014
  - ✓ Dow falls 270 points. Blame oil (again) - Dec. 10, 2014
  - ✓ Dow plunges 331 points as oil falls below \$50 - Jan. 5, 2015
  - ✓ Russia surpasses US as World nuclear power Oct 2, 2014
  - ✓ China surpasses US as World economic power Oct 8, 2014
  - ✓ 21 Asian countries opening investment bank Oct 24, 2014
  - ✓ New World Trade Centre opened Nov. 3, 2014
  - ✓ ISIS gain 1000+ members per month Jan 14, 2015
  - ✓ 80% Iran's demands being met in nuclear talks Jan. 30, 2015
  - ✓ California drought: Only one year of water left Mar. 13, 2015
  - ✓ Negative interest rates



# The Warning of Joseph to Pharaoh





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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a USA Today article. The browser's address bar shows the URL: [www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2014/09/29/ben-roethlisberger-calf-7/16436723/](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2014/09/29/ben-roethlisberger-calf-7/16436723/). The USA Today logo is visible at the top left, with the tagline 'A GANNETT COMPANY'. A navigation menu includes categories like NEWS, SPORTS, LIFE, MONEY, TECH, TRAVEL, OPINION, CROSSWORDS, and MORE. The article title is 'Cute cow born with lucky No. 7 on his forehead'. Below the title, it says 'USA TODAY NETWORK Eleanor Mueller, USA TODAY Network' and '3:52 p.m. EDT September 29, 2014'. There are social media sharing options for Facebook (17651), Twitter (30), LinkedIn, and Comment (2). The article text begins with 'An adorable calf, born Sept. 20 at a Pennsylvania dairy farm, bears a lucky number 7 on his forehead.' and 'The calf is named Baby Ben after Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger'. A small image of a black and white calf is on the left, and a larger image of a brown calf with a white number 7 on its forehead is on the right. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 8:40 PM on 4/16/2015.



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## Kentucky Derby: American Pharoah has the best name

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American Pharoah is taken for a walk Friday morning. (AP Photo)

The Kentucky Derby broke out of its slump in 2014. California Chrome won the Roses making a two-year streak of champions with dubious names.





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# OVERVIEW

- Did Jesus tell us exactly when He is coming back?
- The Passage
- The connected chain
  - ✓ Our duty



## THE RETURN OF THE KING

- Did Jesus tell us exactly when He is coming back?
- Yes!
- Are there specific requirements before His return?
- Yes!
- Is the Church's responsibility being neglected?
- Yes!

# THE PASSAGE





# THE PASSAGE

## Matthew 23:37-39

- <sup>37</sup> “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me. <sup>38</sup> And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate.<sup>[i]</sup> **<sup>39</sup> For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, ‘Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!’<sup>[k]</sup>”**

# THE PASSAGE

## Matthew 23:37-39

- <sup>37</sup> “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers!
  - Who is Jesus talking to specifically?
    - Jewish leadership, specifically the Sanhedrin.

# THE PASSAGE

## What is the Sanhedrin?

- The ancient Jewish court system was called the Sanhedrin. The Great Sanhedrin was the supreme religious body in the Land of Israel during the time of the Holy Temple. There were also smaller religious Sanhedrins in every town in the Land of Israel, as well as a civil political-democratic Sanhedrin.
- The Sanhedrin had no authority after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD. They completely disband 425 AD.
- They have re-emerged as of 2004.



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# THE CONNECTED CHAIN





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Hosea 5:15

- Then I will return to my place until they admit their guilt and turn to me. For as soon as trouble comes, they will earnestly search for me.”

Zechariah 12:10

- <sup>10</sup> “Then I will pour out a spirit<sup>[b]</sup> of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died.

# THE CONNECTED CHAIN

Micah 7:7-9

As for me, I look to the LORD for help.

I wait confidently for God to save me,  
and my God will certainly hear me.

<sup>8</sup> Do not gloat over me, my enemies!

For though I fall, I will rise again.

Though I sit in darkness,  
the LORD will be my light.

<sup>9</sup> I will be patient as the LORD punishes me,  
for I have sinned against him.

But after that, he will take up my case

and give me justice for all I have suffered from my enemies.

The LORD will bring me into the light,  
and I will see his righteousness.



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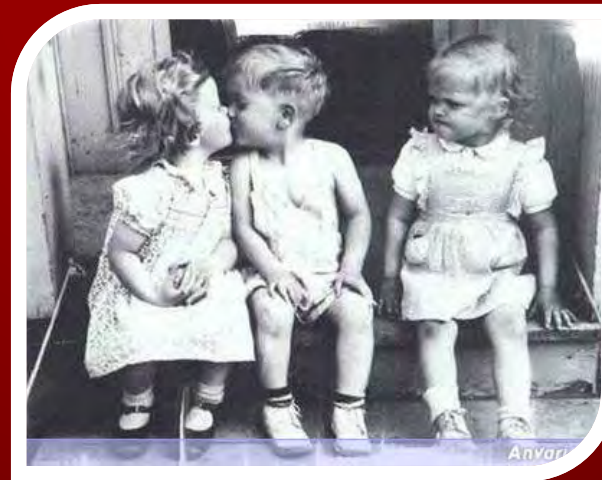




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Romans 11:13-14

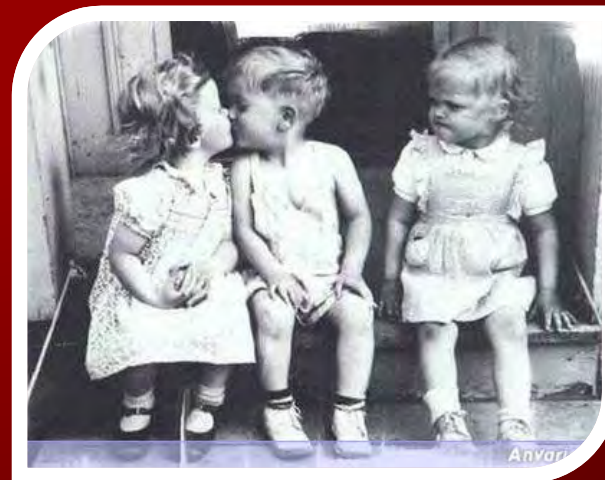
- <sup>13</sup> I am saying all this especially for you Gentiles. God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles. I stress this, <sup>14</sup> for I want somehow to make the people of Israel jealous of what you Gentiles have, so I might save some of them.



# THE CONNECTED CHAIN: OUR DUTY

Deuteronomy 32:21

- They have roused my jealousy by worshiping things that are not God; they have provoked my anger with their useless idols. Now I will rouse their jealousy through people who are not even a people; I will provoke their anger through the foolish Gentiles.



# THE CONNECTED CHAIN: OUR DUTY

## Things We Can Do!

- ✓ Study and gain an understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)
- ✓ Celebrate God's appointed times in light of what Jesus has done and will do
- ✓ Support Israel





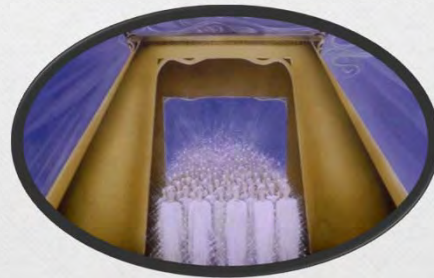
# THE KING SHALL RETURN



# What Happens When You Die?

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Sleep or Life





# The After life

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- **Luke 16**

<sup>19</sup> “Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. <sup>20</sup> And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. <sup>22</sup> Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and \*saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.



# The After life

- **Luke 16**

<sup>24</sup> And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.'<sup>26</sup> And [a]besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.'



# The After life

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- **Acts 7:54-56/59-60**

<sup>54</sup> The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen's accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>56</sup> And he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!"

<sup>59</sup> As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, "**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**" <sup>60</sup> He fell to his knees, shouting, "Lord, don't charge them with this sin!" And with that, he died.



# The After life

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- **Luke 23:46**

<sup>46</sup> And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.”** Having said this, He breathed His last.





# The After life

- **1 Peter 3**

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the [\[a\]](#)spirit; <sup>19</sup> in [\[a\]](#)which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, <sup>20</sup> who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* [\[a\]](#)water.



# The After life

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- **1 Peter 4**

<sup>4</sup>In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*; <sup>5</sup>but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For the gospel has for this purpose been [e]preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of God*.





# The After life

- **Ephesians 4**

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says:

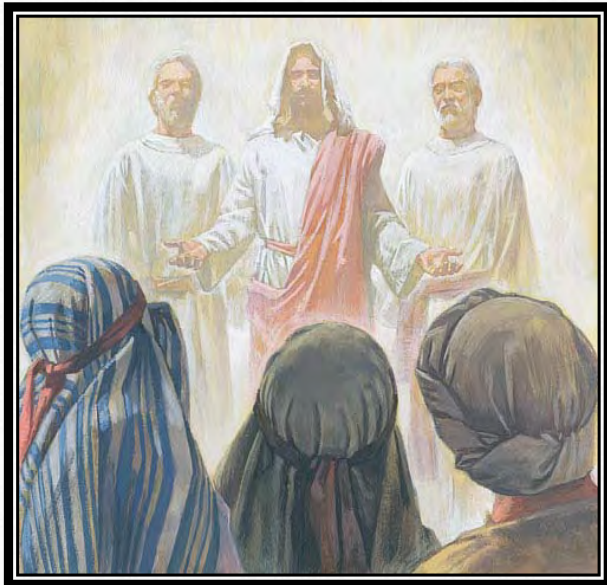
**“When He ascended on high,  
He led captivity captive,  
And gave gifts to men.”<sup>[b]</sup>**

<sup>9</sup> (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first<sup>[c]</sup> descended into **the lower parts of the earth?** <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)





# The After life



- **Matthew 17**

1 Six days later Jesus \*took with Him Peter and [a]James and John his brother, and \*led them up on a high mountain by themselves. 2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

# The After life

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- **2 Corinthians 5**

<sup>8</sup> Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.



## Life after death – by Richard Osei

Luke 16:19-31 - The Rich Man and Lazarus

<sup>19</sup> “**There was a certain** rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> But **there was a certain** beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, <sup>21</sup> desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to **Abraham’s bosom**. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ <sup>27</sup> “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup> And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

Similar parable

### Luke 18:1-8 - The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Then He spoke a parable to them that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying: “**There was in a certain** city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. <sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’” <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. <sup>7</sup> And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

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### What is Abraham’s Bosom?

Death can be thought of as separation. Physical death is the separation of our body from our soul/spirit, while spiritual death is the separation of our soul from God. Jesus taught that we ought not to fear physical death, but we should be most concerned about spiritual death. As we read in Luke 12:4-5, Jesus also said, "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!" Jesus’ use of the term “Abraham’s bosom” was a part of His teaching to focus the minds of His hearers on the fact that our choices to seek God or disregard Him here on earth literally affect where we spend eternity.

### What and where is Paradise [Paradeiso]?

The only way to make sense of this is that, the righteous have always gone to paradise; the wicked have always gone to hell. For right now, both paradise and hell are “temporary holding places” until the day when Jesus Christ comes back to judge the world based on whether or not individuals have believed in Him.

<sup>43</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

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Luke 23:43

Paradise is the abode of Adam and Eve before the Fall in the biblical account of the Creation; **the Garden of Eden**

<sup>7</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” (Rev. 2:7)

2 Corinthians 12:4

<sup>4</sup> how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

<sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God; ... Ezekiel 28:13

You used to be in Eden— God’s paradise! (ISV)



He will make her wilderness like Eden.—interesting as showing Isaiah’s associate with Genesis 1-3. (Comp. Ezekiel 31:9; Ezekiel 31:16; Ezekiel 36:35; Joel 2:3.) “Paradise” has already entered into the idea of future restoration (Revelation 2:7).

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places;  
He will make her wilderness like **Eden**, And her desert like the **garden of the LORD**;  
Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody. (Isaiah 51:3)

### **Death being a sleep?**

<sup>24</sup> He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. (**Matt. 9:24**)

<sup>39</sup> When He came in, He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.” (**Mark 5:39**)

<sup>52</sup> Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” <sup>53</sup> And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. (**Luke 8:52-53**)

<sup>10</sup> So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. (**1 Kings 2:10**)

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to Moses: “Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go *to be* among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. (**Deut. 31:16**)

<sup>43</sup> Then Solomon rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place. (**1 Kings 11:43**)

<sup>11</sup> These things He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”

<sup>12</sup> Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” <sup>13</sup> However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. (**John 11:11-14**)

<sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (**Acts 7:60**)

<sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. (**1 Corin. 15:6**)

<sup>15</sup> As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. (**Psalms 17:15**)  
Psalms 90:3-6, Job 7:21, Job 14:10-12, Psalms 13:3, Daniel 12:2, Matthew 9:24, Mark 5:39, Luke 8:52-53, 1 Kings 2:10, Deuteronomy 31:16, 2 Samuel 7:12, 1 Kings 11:43, 1 Kings 14:20, 1 Kings 16:6, 1 Kings 22:50, 2 Kings 14:16, 2 Kings 15:7, 2 Kings 16:20, 2 Kings 20:21, 2 Kings 21:18, Revelation 14:13, John 11:11-14, Acts 7:60, 1 Corinthians 15:6, John 5:28-29, Job 14:13-15, Psalms 17:15, Isaiah 26:19, Daniel 12:3, Luke 16:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Jeremiah 51:57, Psalms 7:3-5, Psalms 76:5, Jeremiah 51:39

<sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. (**2 Corinthians 5:8**)

### **If everyone is already in Paradise (Heaven), who comes out of the grave when the trumpet sound?**

<sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**)

<sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-17**)

So in conclusion, death is sleep/rest and God, Jesus, Paul etc... said, and The Rich Man and Lazarus is a Parable