

NEPHILIM : THE GIANTS OF GENESIS : PART 1

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The mere mention of the word "giants" probably results in a variety of reactions, and creates different images in each of our minds. For some of us, an image of young David and the Philistine giant, Goliath, of Biblical fame enters our minds, while others perhaps think of Jonathan Swift's 1726 tale called "Gulliver's Travels". Of course, in reality, it wasn't that Gulliver was actually a giant, it was that the Lilliputians were rather small in stature, being only one twelfth the size of normal men. Other people may think of one of their favorite classic sci-fi movies -- such as the "Fifty-Foot Woman" or 2005's "The Fallen Ones" -- or maybe of the tale of Apollo in one of the first generation "Star Trek" TV episodes. Then of course we also have the tales of "Jack And The Beanstalk" and "Paul Bunyan", as well as the Jolly Green Giant from the American television commercials. The figures from Roman and Greek mythology -- giant "gods" who allegedly descended from the halls of Mount Olympus -- was the central theme in the 2010 American movie, "Percy Jackson And the Olympians: The Lightning Thief". These are but a few of the many images which have been passed down to us from ancient times up to our current day.

Of course, there are also those people who simply scoff and roll their eyes in disbelief at the mere mention of the word "giants". After all, everyone knows that giants never really existed, and that they are just the product of superstitious ancient cultures, fiction writers and people who have a good imagination, right? If this happens to be your personal view regarding this topic, then you probably won't want to read this series any further. However, if you have an open mind, and are willing to consider other possibilities, no matter how strange they may at first appear to be, then I invite you to continue reading.

As you may possibly already know, the sixth chapter of the Book of Genesis in the Holy Bible offers us some startling proof that giants did in fact roam the Earth millennia ago, before the time of the Great Flood which engulfed our world during the days of the Patriarch Noah. Please consider the

following intriguing verses:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were 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."
Genesis 6:1-4, KJV

The common interpretation of the previous verses, which has been accepted by many orthodox Christians -- at least those who are even aware of them -- is that the phrase "sons of God" is referring to the righteous descendants of Seth -- the third son of Adam and Eve -- who beheld the beauty of the daughters of the descendants of Cain, and thus chose to engage in sexual intercourse with them. According to this interpretation of the previous Scriptures, this sexual union somehow resulted in the birth of a race of great giants, who were known in ancient times as the Nephilim. However, is that what Moses was really describing in the verses from the Book of Genesis? Personally, I don't believe that it is; and I will now explain why I reject the "sons of Seth" doctrine.

If we accept for a moment that the sons of Seth and daughters of Cain interpretation is correct, then the obvious question would be this: If the sons of Seth and the daughters of Cain were normal-sized human beings with normal human genes, then how in the world could their sexual union possibly result in the birth of giant offspring? If the birth of giants was a case of natural genetic mutation -- and on a very large scale no less -- then why haven't we seen any further occurrences of this in our current time? Even if the birth of giants was a sporadic, random event which occurred at widely-dispersed intervals in the historical and genetic timeline, doesn't it seem likely that we would have at least a few records which reveal that similar incidents have occurred over the past few millennia? Yet no such records exist. Well, to be fair about it, at least the public has no knowledge of such records.

Thus, in my opinion, it seems that a more logical, and a more plausible position to embrace, is that some unknown, outside agent interfered with normal human fertilization; and this is what resulted in the birth of the giants which are mentioned in Genesis chapter six. Furthermore, I believe that this is precisely what the Bible is indicating, and that this outside agent really is not unknown to us; that is, if we have faith to believe in God's Word, and are willing to accept what it really says concerning these events instead of trying to make it conform to what we personally want to believe.

As I point out in my 1997 article, "The Book Of Enoch: Truth Or Heresy?", it is my personal belief that this outside agent which directly intervened in the affairs of men, was nothing less than a group of rebellious Fallen Angels. In the Aramaic language, these spiritual beings are referred to as the "Ir", -- or "Irin" in its plural form -- which is translated as the "Watchers" in the Book of Daniel, as well as in the Book of Enoch. Please consider the following verse which deals with how it fell upon the Watchers to determine the fate of King Nebuchadnezzar, after the king foolishly became lifted up in his pride:

"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

Daniel 4:17, KJV

Contrary to the belief that these "sons of God" -- please notice the capital "G" -- were the descendants of Seth, the Scriptures offer some evidence, which in my view, strongly suggests that they were in fact Spiritual Entities who dwelt in the Heavenly Realm, precisely as I indicated a moment ago. It may surprise you to know that at one time -- and possibly in our current time as well, depending on your understanding of when Satan was, or will be, permanently cast out of Heaven -- it was permissible for Satan and his followers to enter the Heavenly Courts. In the following verses, it is evident to me that the phrase "sons of God" is referring to Angelic Beings, and not to human beings:

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them."

Job 1:6, KJV

"Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD."

Job 2:1, KJV

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Job 38:7, KJV

As you can plainly see, these Spiritual Beings are referred to as the "sons of God" -- just as was mentioned earlier in the sixth chapter of Genesis. They are also referred to as "morning stars"; perhaps because God brought them into being at the very beginning of Creation. You may recall that in the Book of Revelation, Jesus likewise calls Himself the "bright and morning star", as we see here:

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Revelation 22:16, KJV

As I point out elsewhere, it is because Jesus was willing to make the Ultimate Sacrifice, by giving His life for the sins of the world, that God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a position above all of the other morning stars, or sons of God. As the Apostle Paul was inspired to write:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11, KJV

If you personally doubt that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, then I encourage you to read my 1998 six-part series called "Is Jesus The Only Begotten Son Of God?". But, to continue, based on the previous verses taken from the Books of Daniel, Job, and Revelation, it is my personal understanding that

the "irin" -- or "watchers" -- as well as the "holy ones", "sons of God" and "morning stars" are all Spiritual Entities of one kind or another who exist in the Heavenly Realm, and who perform different functions for God the Father.

Now, if you still remain unconvinced that the "sons of God" who are mentioned in the sixth chapter of Genesis are Angels and not the sons of Seth, then allow me to share two more very interesting facts with you. It may interest you to know that there are only two Books in the entire Old Testament in which the phrase "sons of God" is used; and we have already looked at both of them: Job and Genesis. Therefore, in order for these verses to retain their integrity, consistency, and Scriptural Harmony, they must all be referring to the same thing. In other words, if the "sons of God" in the Book of Job are referring to Angelic Beings, then so must the verses in Genesis chapter six. The exact opposite also holds true. If the "sons of God" in the Book of Genesis are referring to the descendants of Seth, then so must the verses in the Book of Job. Quite frankly, given the contents of the verses in Job, this latter possibility simply does not make sense.

The second point is even more powerful, and came as quite a revelation to me personally. As all Christians will already know, the principle message of the New Testament deals with how we too can become the sons of God through our faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. There is a very interesting verse, written by the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Romans, which I've become convinced is directly related to the "sons of God" of the Old Testament, as well as to the Coming of Jesus Christ, and the events that will occur as a result of His Coming.

In Romans chapter eight, Paul talks about how we can become the Children of God through Spiritual Adoption. Paul states that we are "joint-heirs" with Christ, and that our current sufferings are nothing compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us; that is, the wonderful transformation of our bodies. This, of course, is the same theme that the Apostle Paul discusses in 1 Corinthians 15. Consider the following key verses:

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you . . . For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God . . . For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Romans 8:11, 18-19, 22-23, KJV

Please notice carefully that Paul clearly states that we are waiting "for the manifestation of the sons of God". What is Paul talking about? Well, it may interest you to know that the word "manifestation" is derived from the very same Greek word from which we derive the name of the Book of Revelation. That word is "apokalupsis", which we translate into English as "apocalypse" or "revelation". The Greek lexicon defines "apokalupsis" as meaning laying bare, making naked, making visible to all, manifestation, appearance. In other words, we are anxiously awaiting for the revelation, manifestation

or appearance of the "sons of God". Exactly who are these "sons of God"? If you accept my previous explanation from the Old Testament Scriptures, then the answer makes perfect sense. These "sons of God" will be the Angelic Host who are going to accompany Jesus Christ at His Return. That this is so, is clearly backed by Scriptures such as the following:

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

Matthew 25:31, KJV

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:38, KJV

"For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

Luke 9:26, KJV

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, KJV

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean . . . And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."

Revelation 19:11-14, 19, KJV

Exactly as the Apostle Paul stated in Romans chapter eight, when Jesus and His mighty army of "sons of God" are revealed from Heaven, we shall indeed be miraculously transformed, and we shall receive our new glorified bodies, so that we will be just like Jesus, as we see by the following verses:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, KJV

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

1 John 3:2, KJV

That, my friends, is the Revelation and the Mystery of the Ages! Christ shall indeed return, and we shall indeed be transformed!

While I have taken considerable time to prove my point that the "sons of God" of Genesis chapter six are in fact Angelic Beings who backslid from the Heavenly Realm, I hope that you are now convinced of the same, if you weren't previously. To reiterate, based upon the preponderance of Scriptures that I have now shared with you, in my view, it does not make much sense to continue to insist that the "sons of God" were the descendants of Seth, as certain wayward, modern preachers like to teach their flocks. There is no Scriptural support to sustain that position, as far as I can tell.

Similar to the Book of Genesis, the controversial Book of Enoch likewise informs us that these "sons of God" were so captivated by the beauty of Earthly women, that they chose to abandon their Heavenly Abode, descended to Earth on Mount Hermon -- which is situated on the border between modern-day Lebanon and Syria -- and then engaged in sexual intercourse with them. Instead of doing as they had been commanded to do by God -- that is, instruct man and watch over man -- led by Mastema, Azazel, Semjaza and a number of others, this group of about two hundred Angels made a pact between themselves, and rebelled against the Lord. As a result of their wicked deeds, the violence-prone giants known as the Nephilim were born into the ancient world.

In fact, it may surprise some of you to know that even the very name of the giants points to the Fallen Angels as being their progenitors. You see, the word "Nephilim" is derived from the Hebrew word "nephilyl" -- or "nephil" -- which itself is derived from the primitive word "naphal". This latter word means to fall, to throw down, to cast down, to cause to fall. Thus, the Nephilim were the half-human, half-Angel children of the Fallen Angels who forsook their Heavenly Estate. They were the progeny of the Fallen Ones. Following are several groups of verses, taken from the Book of Enoch, that amply describe the folly and sin of these Fallen Angels:

"And it came to pass when the children of men had multiplied that in those days were born unto them beautiful and comely daughters. And the angels, the children of the heaven, saw and lusted after them, and said to one another: 'Come, let us choose us wives from among the children of men and beget us children.' And Semjaza, who was their leader, said unto them: 'I fear ye will not indeed agree to do this deed, and I alone shall have to pay the penalty of a great sin.' And they all answered him and said: 'Let us all swear an oath, and all bind ourselves by mutual imprecations not to abandon this plan but to do this thing.' Then sware they all together and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. And they were in all two hundred; who descended in the days of Jared on the summit of Mount Hermon, and they called it Mount Hermon, because they had sworn and bound themselves by mutual imprecations upon it. And these are the names of their leaders: Semiazaz, their leader, Arakiba, Rameel, Kokabiel, Tamiel, Ramiel, Danel, Ezeqeel, Baraqijal, Asael, Armaros, Batarel, Ananel, Zaqiel, Samsapeel, Satarel, Turel, Jomjael, Sariel. These are their chiefs of tens. And all the others together with them took unto themselves wives, and each chose for himself one, and they began to go in unto them and to defile themselves with them, and they taught them charms and enchantments, and the cutting of roots, and made them acquainted with plants."

Book Of Enoch 6:1-8, 7:1

"And they have gone to the daughters of men upon the earth,

and have slept with the women, and have defiled themselves, and revealed to them all kinds of sins. And the women have borne giants, and the whole earth has thereby been filled with blood and unrighteousness."

Book Of Enoch 9:8-9

"Wherefore have ye left the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and lain with women, and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives, and done like the children of earth, and begotten giants as your sons? And though ye were holy, spiritual, living the eternal life, you have defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and have begotten children with the blood of flesh, and, as the children of men, have lusted after flesh and blood as those also do who die and perish."

Enoch 15:3-4

"And I, Enoch, answered and said unto him: 'The Lord will do a new thing on the earth, and this I have already seen in a vision, and make known to thee that in the generation of my father Jared some of the angels of heaven transgressed the word of the Lord. And behold they commit sin and transgress the law, and have united themselves with women and commit sin with them, and have married some of them, and have begot children by them. And they shall produce on the earth giants not according to the spirit, but according to the flesh . . .'"

Book Of Enoch 106:13-14, 17

Concerning Mastema -- who was one of the primary leaders of the Fallen Angels -- in the Hebrew language, his name means "hatred" and "hostility". Some people believe that this may be another name for Satan. While I'm not fully convinced that Mastema and Satan are one and the same entity, if we consider that Satan was already clearly at work in the first chapter of the Book of Job, and likewise in the third chapter of the Book of Genesis, it does appear quite plausible that he may have spearheaded this renegade group of Fallen Angels, when they came down to the Earth to engage in sex with the women of Earth. In fact, as you will see in a moment, in the Book of Enoch, in the fifty-fourth chapter, Satan is mentioned by name as having been involved in the rebellion that occurred on the summit of Mount Hermon.

There is another interesting point to consider regarding the Fallen Ones. While it is possible that these women may have been raped and forced against their will, if we consider the fact that these Angelic Beings were created by God, served in the Heavenly Courts, and that Satan can appear as an Angel of Light, it is quite possible that those women were simply mesmerized and seduced of their own free will. As I explain in "Satan: Origin, Purpose And Future", Lucifer was indeed a very beautiful Angel, so it's logical to assume that the rest of the renegade Fallen Angels were as well. I doubt that God employs ugly Angels in the Heavenly Courts. If these women were willingly seduced, it certainly gives a new meaning to the old adage "You handsome devil, you!".

While the Book of Enoch informs us that the "sons of God" who partook in this rebellion against the Lord repented of their evil deeds, nevertheless, what occurred next in both the Book of Genesis, as well as in the Book of Enoch, reveals that it was already too late, because serious damage had already been done. As we have already seen, the immediate consequence of their foolish actions was that the Earth became filled with the violent, blood-thirsty Nephilim. According to the Book Of Enoch, the Nephilim began to eat people when the resources of

the Earth were no longer enough to sustain them. In chapter seven of the Book of Enoch we find the following verses:

"And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells: Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind."
Book Of Enoch 7:2-4

Not only had the human gene pool become seriously polluted, but the violence and the wickedness of the Fallen Angels and their progeny -- the Nephilim -- had spread throughout all of humanity and corrupted them. Thus, God decided that He must destroy His own creation by way of the Flood in the days of the Patriarch Noah. But this is not all that God did in His endeavors to cleanse the ancient world of the evil which had filled it. According to certain passages which are found in the Book of Enoch, these fallen "sons of God" -- or Watchers -- were cast into a dark abyss within the Earth, where even now they await their final judgment. Consider these verses:

"And again the Lord said to Raphael: 'Bind Azazel hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dudael, and cast him therein. And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him abide there for ever, and cover his face that he may not see light. And on the day of the great judgement he shall be cast into the fire . . . And the Lord said unto Michael: 'Go, bind Semjaza and his associates who have united themselves with women so as to have defiled themselves with them in all their uncleanness. And when their sons have slain one another, and they have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations in the valleys of the earth, till the day of their judgement and of their consummation, till the judgement that is for ever and ever is consummated. In those days they shall be led off to the abyss of fire: and to the torment and the prison in which they shall be confined for ever.'"

Book Of Enoch 10:4-6a, 11-13a

"And I looked and turned to another part of the earth, and saw there a deep valley with burning fire. And they brought the kings and the mighty, and began to cast them into this deep valley. And there mine eyes saw how they made these their instruments, iron chains of immeasurable weight. And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: 'For whom are these chains being prepared?' And he said unto me: 'These are being prepared for the hosts of Azazel, so that they may take them and cast them into the abyss of complete condemnation, and they shall cover their jaws with rough stones as the Lord of Spirits commanded. And Michael, and Gabriel, and Raphael, and Phanuel shall take hold of them on that great day, and cast them on that day into the burning furnace, that the Lord of Spirits may take vengeance on them for their unrighteousness in becoming subject to Satan and leading astray those who dwell on the earth.'"

Enoch 54:1-6

You'll notice that Satan is also implicated in those verses. As I briefly explain in "The Book Of Enoch: Truth Or Heresy", these very same events were briefly described by the Apostles Jude and Peter in their Epistles, as we see by the following verses where Peter talks about "the spirits in prison which sometime were disobedient", and Jude talks about "the Angels which kept not their first estate". They are both discussing

the Watchers; that is, the Irin, or the Fallen Angels:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

1 Peter 3:18-20, KJV

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

2 Peter 2:4-5, KJV

"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."

Jude 1:6, KJV

As the Book of Genesis makes clear, God was so angered by the rebellious actions of these Fallen Angels, and the evil which their actions had produced upon the Earth, that in addition to imprisoning the Watchers in the Earth until their time of judgment should arrive, He also set a specific timetable of one hundred and twenty years, at the end of which all living things upon the Earth were going to be destroyed. This was the only way in which the Lord could fully purge the Earth. Consider the following verses taken from chapters six and seven of the Book of Genesis:

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years . . . And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth . . . And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die . . . For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth . . . And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with

him in the ark."

Genesis 6:3, 5-7, 11-13, 17, 7:4, 21-23 KJV

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A descriptive account of the rebellion of the Fallen Angels, as well as of the birth of the Nephilim giants, and the great Flood which God sent afterwards, is also found in the Jewish Book of Jubilees. In the seventh chapter of this ancient book, we find the aging Patriarch Noah relating these events to his grandchildren, as we see here:

". . . And in the twenty-eighth jubilee Noah began to enjoin upon his sons' sons the ordinances and commandments, and all the judgments that he knew, and he exhorted his sons to observe righteousness, and to cover the shame of their flesh, and to bless their Creator, and honour father and mother, and love their neighbour, and guard their souls from fornication and uncleanness and all iniquity. For owing to these three things came the flood upon the earth, namely, owing to the fornication wherein the Watchers against the law of their ordinances went a whoring after the daughters of men, and took themselves wives of all which they chose: and they made the beginning of uncleanness. And they begat sons the Naphidim, and they were all unlike, and they devoured one another: and the Giants slew the Naphil, and the Naphil slew the Eljo, and the Eljo mankind, and one man another. And every one sold himself to work iniquity and to shed much blood, and the earth was filled with iniquity. And after this they sinned against the beasts and birds, and all that moves and walks on the earth: and much blood was shed on the earth,

and every imagination and desire of men imagined vanity and evil continually. And the Lord destroyed everything from off the face of the earth; because of the wickedness of their deeds, and because of the blood which they had shed in the midst of the earth He destroyed everything . . ."

Book Of Jubilees 7:20b-26a

There is also brief mention of the rebellion and sins of the Fallen Angels in the Jerusalem Targum -- Targum Yerushalmi -- which is also known as the Targum Of Palestine, the Targum Of Jonathan Ben Uzziel, or Targum Pseudo-Jonathan. "Targum" is a word of Aramaic origin, and simply means "translation". Allow me to very briefly explain what targums are and how they came about.

Following the prophesied Seventy Years of Captivity in the land of Babylon, many of the Jews who returned to Israel as a result of the edict of Persian king Cyrus -- Koresh -- were no longer literate in the Hebrew language. You must realize that during the Exile the Jews were for the most part cut off from their own culture, and were surrounded by the Babylonian culture. Not only that, but a new generation had been born as well. So, when they returned to their own land and heard the Scriptures being read in the synagogues in the Hebrew tongue, they did not understand it. By this time the Aramaic language -- which even Jesus spoke -- was beginning to make inroads in Israel. Thus, in order to accommodate non-Hebrew-speaking Jews, it became customary to employ translators who would provide a running translation in the Aramaic language. In other words, they would paraphrase the Hebrew Scriptures and provide a bit of commentary. These oral translations by the "turgeman" were eventually written down, and thus we have the targum.

Following then are some excerpts from the Jerusalem Targum, where the sins of the Fallen Angels are mentioned. They are from Berashith -- or Genesis -- chapter six, as we Christians know it. The paraphrases are in brackets. In particular, you will notice that two of the Fallen Angels are mentioned; that is, Schamchazai and Uzziel. The former name is probably the same being as Semjaza -- or Semiazaz -- in the Book of Enoch:

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VI. And it was when the sons of men began to multiply upon the face of the earth, and fair daughters were born to them; and the sons of the great saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and painted, and curled, walking with revelation of the flesh, and with imaginations of wickedness; that they took them wives of all who pleased them. And the Lord said by His Word, All the generations of the wicked which are to arise shall not be purged after the order of the judgments of the generation of the deluge, which shall be destroyed and exterminated from the midst of the world. Have I not imparted My Holy Spirit to them, (or, placed My Holy Spirit in them,) that they may work good works? And, behold, their works are wicked. Behold, I will give them a prolongment of a hundred and twenty years, that they may work repentance, and not perish.

[JERUSALEM. And the Word of the Lord said, The generations which are to arise shall not be judged after (the manner of) the generation of the deluge, (which is) to be destroyed, and exterminated, and finally blotted out. Have I not imparted My Spirit to the sons of men, because they are flesh, that they may work good works? But they do works of evil. Behold, I have given them a prolongment of a hundred and twenty years,

that they may work repentance; but they have not done it.]

Schamchazai and Uzziel, who fell from heaven, were on the earth in those days; and also, after the sons of the Great had gone in with the daughters of men, they bare to them: and these are they who are called men who are of the world, men of names.

And the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and all the imagery of the thought of his heart was only evil every day. And it repented the Lord in His Word that He had made man upon the earth; and He passed judgment upon them by His Word.

[JERUSALEM. And there was repentance before the Lord in His Word that He had made man upon the earth...And He said, and judged in His heart.]

And the Lord said, I will abolish by My Word man, whom I have created upon the face of the earth, from man to cattle, to the reptile, and to the fowl of the heavens; because I have repented in My Word that I have made them. But Noah, who was righteous, found favour before the Lord.

[JERUSALEM. But Noah, because he was righteous in his generation, found favour and mercy before the Lord.]

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While the previous groups of verses from Genesis, the Book of Jubilees and the Jerusalem Targum appear to be rather ambiguous regarding the actual destruction of the Nephilim, it should be noted that we're informed in the Book of Enoch, that part of the punishment of the "sons of God", or Fallen Angels, was that they would witness the destruction of their half-human offspring. In the verses that I shared with you earlier, the tenth chapter of the Book of Enoch specifically states "And when their sons have slain one another, and they have seen the destruction of their beloved ones, bind them fast for seventy generations in the valleys of the earth, till the day of their judgement and of their consummation". My understanding is that these two phrases, "their sons" and "their beloved ones", are references to the Nephilim, and the Fallen Angels beholding their destruction.

While Enoch tells us that the physical bodies of the giants were destroyed during the Great Flood, that was not the only judgment that God passed upon them. Enoch likewise informs us that upon departing from the bodies of the giants, those same spirits became evil demons which the Lord condemned to wander throughout the Earth, causing war, destruction, and other evil acts, until the day of the Great Judgment, as we see by the following verses:

"And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from men, and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called. As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling. And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but

nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them. From the days of the slaughter and destruction and death of the giants, from the souls of whose flesh the spirits, having gone forth, shall destroy without incurring judgement -- thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgement in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated."

Book Of Enoch 15:8-16:1

The previous verses from the Book of Enoch are interesting in that they also shed some light on events that are found in other parts of the Bible. More specifically, I am thinking of the people who were demon-possessed in the New Testament. In reading the Gospels, we discover that there are a few stories where demon-possessed people displayed super-human strength. One such example is found in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Mark, where we read about the man who was possessed by a horde of demons named Legion, as we see here:

"And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel."

Mark 5:2-20, KJV

Considering the great strength that this man possessed, and the fact that he repeatedly broke his chains and fetters, in spite of all of the attempts that were made to restrain him, is it possible that he may have been possessed by the very same spirits which had given life and great strength to the

Nephilim in ancient times, so that they became "mighty men" and "men of renown", as we are told in the Book of Genesis?

If there's any truth to this speculation, is it possible that down through history, and even in our current time, certain people who have committed unspeakable, gross acts of violence such as torture, cannibalism, serial murders, etc., have also been possessed by these same ancient spirits of the Nephilim? Taking this thought a step further, can we likewise attribute modern warfare and other acts of destruction to some people unknowingly giving their ear to, being oppressed by, or even possessed by these very same demonic forces of ages past? All of these heinous acts certainly seem to agree with what we know about the nature of the Nephilim. Allow me to remind you again of what Enoch wrote:

". . . the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them."

Let us also not forget that Enoch wrote that the evil spirits of the Nephilim -- that is, the demons -- would be allowed to continue to engage in these wicked, destructive activities until the day of the Great Judgment, as a punishment against humanity, since the Nephilim sprung forth from human women:

". . . thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgement in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated."

Let me also remind you again that the Apostle Paul made it very clear that during the Endtime, men would take counsel from lying, deceptive spirits, as we see by this verse:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

1 Timothy 4:1, KJV

Considering that the giant Nephilim were violent creatures, and masters of war, it makes perfect sense in my mind, that in our current time, as well as in times past, their spirits would continue to counsel men in the affairs of war, even if such men are not fully aware of it. As I have shared with my readers before, it is a fact that we live in both a physical world, as well as in a spiritual world, and our mind is the battleground, and the crossover point, where Satan and his minions have been given the power to influence our thoughts, either for good, or for evil. This is why the Apostle Paul admonishes us to maintain control of our thoughts, as we see here:

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

2 Corinthians 10:5, KJV

Before leaving behind the story regarding the man who became possessed by the horde of demons known as Legion, allow me to share with you one additional interesting point. In the Gospel story, we are told that this demon-possessed man cut himself with stones. Some of you who are reading this series

are probably familiar with the Old Testament story regarding how the Prophet Elijah challenged the four hundred and fifty false prophets of Baal. During the test, as a result of Baal failing to perform as the false prophets had expected, we're told that they became so desperate, that they too began to cut themselves with knives and lancets, until their blood gushed forth, as we see here:

"And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded."

1 Kings 18:27-29, KJV

If you are interested in learning more about the subject of demonic possession, please consider reading the four-part series entitled "Demonic Possession And Sickness: A Biblical Perspective".

If there's one thing that we learn from the Scriptures, it's that Satan has been God's enemy for an extremely long time. In fact, as I have mentioned before, the name "Satan" itself actually means "adversary" or "one who withstands" in Hebrew. It becomes obvious from the Scriptures, that since his fall, Satan's plan has been to frustrate and to defeat the Plans of God. Taking this thought into consideration, we must ask ourselves if it is possible that the devilish pact that was made on the summit of Mount Hermon between the fallen "sons of God", and the creation of the Nephilim that followed, was perhaps an intentional preemptive strike by Satan to try to disrupt and destroy God's ultimate plan for humanity; that of course being the Plan of Salvation. Perhaps if God hadn't intervened when He did, and in the absolute way in which He did, the Fallen Angels, along with their giant offspring -- the Nephilim -- would've maintained their evil kingdom upon Earth, and thus prevented the eventual arrival of the Christ child.

So, in retrospect, while some unbelievers may view the Flood of Genesis as a horrendous thing which -- in their minds -- was perpetrated by an unmerciful, unloving God, the truth of the matter is that it was in fact the Flood which saved us all; because from that global destruction sprang forth new life, new hope, and eventually, our manner of Salvation. Had it not been for the Flood, today, we might be living in an oppressive Kingdom of Darkness; assuming, of course, that we would even be living at all. Our ancestors could have become the Nephilim's next meal.

At this point in our discussion we come to a very interesting question: Were there giants on the Earth following the Great Flood that occurred in the days of Noah? According to God's Word, the answer to this intriguing question is an undeniable "Yes!"; however, the real question is: Were these giants the direct descendants of the Nephilim, or were they the result of some genetic disorder/mutation in Noah's descendants, or perhaps due to some other event which occurred in the years following the Flood?

For me personally, this latter question has presented quite a mystery, as well as a significant Biblical quandary. There is

one belief which holds that the Philistine giant Goliath was a descendant of the antediluvian Nephilim. While that is one possibility, the problem that I personally have with such a position, is that according to the Genesis account in the KJV Bible, as well as the Book of Enoch, the Book of Jubilees and the Jerusalem Targum, except for the eight immediate members of Noah's family -- which, as we saw in part one, even the first Epistle of the Apostle Peter confirms -- all manner of life on the Earth was destroyed; that is, all air-breathing life.

To believe that any of the giants somehow survived the Flood certainly seems to contradict the Genesis account. Not only that, but to accept that position basically suggests that God failed in His plan to eradicate His first creation, which had become corrupted and turned evil and extremely violent, as a result of the rebellion and sins of the Fallen Angels; that is, the Watchers, or Ir.

There are a number of ways that we can try to get around what is plainly stated in the Book of Genesis, the Book of Enoch, Peter's first Epistle, and these other ancient texts, but they are all unsustainable in my view. For example, as I explained in part one, the Book of Enoch informs us that these Nephilim were "three thousand ells" in height. But what is an "ell"? Following is the definition that is provided on the Wikipedia website:

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An ell (from Proto-Indo-European *el- "elbow, forearm"), is a unit of measurement, approximating the length of a man's arm.

Several national forms existed, with different lengths, including the Scottish ell (approximately 37 inches or 94 cm), the Flemish ell (approx. 27 in or 69 cm), the Polish ell (approx. 31 in or 79 cm) and the Danish ell (divided into a length just under 25 inches, approximately 63 cm).

In England, the ell was usually 45 inches (1.143 m exactly for the international inch). It was mainly used in the tailoring business but is now obsolete. It was derived from the length of the arm from the shoulder to the wrist, although the exact length was never defined in English law.

Sometimes ell is used as an alias for the cubit.

An ell-wand or ellwand was a rod of length one ell used for official measurement. Edward I of England required that every town have one. In Scotland, the Belt of Orion was called "the King's Ellwand."

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Based on the previous information, while it was still in use in Europe, the ell measured from twenty-five to forty-five inches in length, depending on the country which used it. It should be noted, however, that the ell was also used as an alias for the cubit, which is a unit of measurement that is used in both the Old and the New Testaments. While there are different kinds of Biblical cubits, generally-speaking, one cubit was the measure of distance from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. In other words, it was the length of the forearm, which is typically about eighteen inches. In fact, I just measured mine, and it is a little more than a

cubit -- or eighteen inches -- in length. There was also a unit called a long cubit which was about twenty-one inches in length.

If we use a typical cubit of eighteen inches as our standard for determining the height of the giants of Genesis, then it would seem that Enoch was saying that the Nephilim stood at a minimum height of fifty-four thousand inches, or 4,500 feet, or more than three quarters of a mile tall. If we were to use the Royal Egyptian Cubit instead, which is about 20.6 inches in length, and which is what would have been in common use at the time that Moses wrote the Pentateuch, or first five books of the Bible, then the giants of Genesis would have been not quite a mile tall.

Upon hearing such a figure, our immediate natural reaction is probably to say, "Hogwash! That is nonsense! That is totally impossible! It is obviously the crazy invention of some very imaginative minds! Either Enoch was on hallucinogenic drugs, or else he was simply exaggerating or outright lying!". Well, whatever the case may be, the only information we have to go by, is what Enoch wrote in his book; unless we suppose that there is a grave translational error in regards to the word "ell". As difficult as it may be for even my natural, logical human mind to accept that figure, I must confess that I can't outright reject it, and I will tell you why.

In the article "The Triumphant Touchdown Of Jesus Christ", I mention that, according to the Prophet Zechariah, when Christ returns, He is going to stand upon the summit of the Mount of Olives, and the Mount of Olives is going to split in half, as we see by the following verses:

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

Zechariah 14:2-4, KJV

I don't know about you, but whenever I read those verses, the image that enters my mind is of Jesus standing on top of the Mount of Olives, and then a huge fissure opens which extends from the east to the west. This results in that famous mount literally splitting in half, with part of it shifting to the north, and the other part shifting to the south, exactly as the previous Scriptures state. Now, for those of you who may not quite understand what I am suggesting here, I am saying that a great valley is going to be formed below and between Jesus' legs. In other words, I have long had this impression that when Jesus returns, He is going to be very big; because that is the only way that He could simultaneously stand on both sides of the Mount of the Olives, while it is split in two like that. As I believe that I have hinted a few times before, I have long had the suspicion that things are very big in the Spirit World. They are not the same dimensions as things in our physical universe.

I realize that some of you, particularly any scoffers who may

be reading this, are probably now even more convinced that I have a few screws loose; but for those of you who are people of faith, accepting this interpretation certainly makes it a lot easier to understand the events surrounding the birth of the giants, or Nephilim, in the Book of Genesis, and the Book of Enoch. In other words, if in their natural spiritual state the Fallen Angels were large beings, then perhaps when they assumed human form, and engaged in sex with human women, some aspects of their Angelic Nature was genetically passed on to their half-human offspring, which is why they were so big. It seems like a very plausible explanation to me. The great size of the giants had to come from somewhere, and if not from the human women then from where? It only leaves the Fallen Angels.

In fact, it may interest you to know that there are a certain number of people and cultures who believe that in the ancient past, our ancestors were much larger than we are today. Allow me to give you an example.

After reading about the alleged discovery of Noah's Ark in an article which appeared in a 1960 edition of "LIFE" Magazine, now-deceased, controversial Biblical archeologist, Ron Wyatt, made a long journey to the remote village of Dogubeyazit in eastern Turkey in 1977. While there with his two sons, Wyatt claims to have discovered an ancient stone house, which he believed was the winter home of Noah and his family following the Flood. In addition, Wyatt claims to have discovered the two grave sites, with the grave stones, of Noah and his wife, as well as miles and miles of area which was sectioned off by ancient stone walls. Wyatt believed that Noah used this area to breed animals following the Flood, as well as to grow his vineyard, which is briefly mentioned in the Book of Genesis, as we see by this verse:

"And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:"
Genesis 9:20, KJV

So at the very least, we can confirm from that verse that Noah did in fact become a farmer -- or husbandman -- after the Flood, and that he did plant a vineyard.

Furthermore, Mr. Wyatt said that he found a number of huge, ancient anchor stones which were used with the Ark. But the most significant discovery, insofar as this current series is concerned, is that in the middle of a beautiful valley, Ron Wyatt reported that he discovered what appeared to be a huge stone altar that measured twelve feet by twelve feet by twelve feet. This stone altar was surrounded by a type of natural amphitheater and had one large step which was almost three feet in height. Wyatt believed that this was evidence that Noah must have been a very large, and very strong man; considerably larger than modern man. As I mentioned a moment ago, there is a degree of controversy surrounding Ron Wyatt and his alleged discoveries, so I will leave it to you, the reader, to arrive at your own conclusions.

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If the giants of Genesis -- the Nephilim -- were as tall as the Book of Enoch states, then obviously, such a tremendous height would have given them a distinct physical advantage, insofar as the Flood waters were concerned. Concerning the actual depth of the Flood waters, the seventh chapter of the Book of Genesis informs us of the following:

"And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered."
Genesis 7:19-20, KJV

In reading the previous verses, I have always understood them to mean that the Flood waters rose at least fifteen cubits -- or at least twenty-three feet -- above the highest mountains. I also believe that Genesis is inferring that this event was global in scale, and not simply a localized event as it seems some doubters wish to believe. Of course, one of the problems in understanding those verses, is that we honestly don't know what the topographical layout of the Earth was like at that particular time in our history. We have no idea how high the tallest mountains were. Regardless of that fact, a Nephilim standing three quarters of a mile to almost a mile tall would have a huge advantage over normal human beings.

There is, however, one major problem with that speculation; and that is that -- as we saw in part one -- the account in the Book of Genesis, as well as in the other texts, clearly states that all land-based, air-breathing life was destroyed by God, and that only Noah and his immediate family of eight members survived. Consider what we are told right after the verses I shared with you a moment ago:

"And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils

was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark."

Genesis 7:21-23, KJV

What we have here is a picture of very complete, total, utter destruction of all land-based, air-breathing life. Absolutely nothing survived outside of the confines of the Ark according to the Genesis account. Some people -- perhaps jokingly so -- have suggested that being as the Nephilim possessed a partial Angelic Nature, maybe they were able to walk above the Flood waters. Even if that were true -- which I seriously doubt -- again, the Bible says that all land-based, air-breathing life was destroyed.

Is it possible that in an attempt to save their progeny, the Fallen Angels may have airlifted their Nephilim children? As we have already seen, this is not a plausible theory either; because the Book of Enoch clearly states that the rebellious Fallen Angels had to helplessly watch while God destroyed the giants, and all other life on the Earth. Furthermore, both the Bible and the Book of Enoch state that the Fallen Angels were imprisoned deep in the bowels of the Earth; that is, in Tartarus -- a place of utter darkness. That being the case, there's no way that they could have protected or saved their giant offspring.

Another speculation I would like to bring to your attention concerns an old Jewish belief, which apparently, many Jewish parents recite to their children as a fable. I am reminded of what the Apostles Peter and Paul wrote concerning "Jewish fables". Consider the following verses:

"Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth."

Titus 1:14, KJV

"Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do."

1 Timothy 1:4, KJV

"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."

1 Timothy 4:7, KJV

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

2 Timothy 4:4, KJV

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

2 Peter 1:16, KJV

According to this fable, King Og of Bashan was the father of the giants, and the lone survivor of the Flood; at least the lone surviving giant, that is. In an online version of this fable which I read, it explains that the way that Og managed to survive the Flood, was by bringing Noah a large unicorn. Due to its large size, Noah had to leave the unicorn outside of the Ark, but attached a rope to it. As the Flood waters rose, the story explains that Og the giant jumped onto the

back of the unicorn and rode it, as the Flood waters filled the whole Earth and destroyed all life on it. There is a lot more to the tale, but ultimately, it ends with Moses slaying Og the giant, by mortally wounding him in his ankle with a sword. If you wish to read the whole story, you may possibly still be able to find it at the following URL:

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/jft1/jft105.htm>

Obviously, I don't believe this tale as I related it to you in the previous paragraph. However, as you will see later on in this series, this fable is not so much a fabrication as you may be inclined to think. It is in fact based on actual characters, elements and events that are found in the Bible. In other words, Noah and Moses obviously really did exist; but guess what? So did Og the giant, and he was slain by the Israelites. As to why the Jews would create an embellished version of the event, and turn it into a children's fable, I honestly do not know. Perhaps this is their way of trying to explain to their children how there were giants on the Earth following the Flood, when all life -- outside of the family of Noah -- was supposed to have been destroyed by God, due to the extremely violent nature of the giants and men.

Another theory proposes that perhaps Moses, one of his sons, or one of the wives of his three sons, carried the genes of the Nephilim in their body; which at some point following the Flood resulted in the resurgence of the Nephilim. Personally, I find this idea rather far-fetched, and I will tell you why.

God specifically chose Noah and his family to perpetuate the human race for a very particular reason. God's motivation is concealed in two verses that are found in the sixth chapter of the Book of Genesis. They read:

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."
Genesis 6:8-9, KJV

Upon reading those verses, many people -- including quite a few Christians -- have assumed that the reason why God chose Noah was because he was a just, righteous, perfect man. In other words, it is assumed that Noah deserved to be saved as a result of his own good merits. However, doesn't that idea contradict everything that we Christians believe concerning the nature of God's Salvation Plan? In other words, either we believe that we're truly saved by God's Grace, or else we are saved by our own supposedly "good works". I discuss this issue in great detail in quite a few articles, so I will not belabor the point here.

The point is, that while Noah may have been a just man who walked with God, nevertheless, he was no more perfect than you or I; because as the Apostle Paul so plainly tells us, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God". Noah had his share of faults. For example, consider the fact that shortly after the Flood had ended, and the Flood waters had receded, Noah grew a vineyard and then became drunk, as we see by these verses:

"And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent."
Genesis 9:20-21, KJV

The Christian concept of Grace is something we receive which we truly don't deserve. Thus, the fact that "Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" must mean that he likewise received something which he truly didn't merit, based on the standards of the Almighty. Why then were he and his family chosen to perpetuate the human race? I have come to believe that we can find the answer in the phrase "perfect in his generations". What does this phrase mean? If you are a long-time reader of my articles, then you may recall that in a few of them, I've explained that the way that the word "perfect" is used in the Bible does not mean the exact same thing as it does today. In this case, it is derived from the Hebrew word "tamiym", which is pronounced *taw-meem'*. The Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic English Lexicon -- which I have been using for many years now -- defines this word as follows:

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- 1) complete, whole, entire, sound
 - 1a) complete, whole, entire
 - 1b) whole, sound, healthful
 - 1c) complete, entire (of time)
 - 1d) sound, wholesome, unimpaired, innocent, having integrity
 - 1e) what is complete or entirely in accord with truth and fact (neuter adj/subst)

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Please carefully notice that the primary meaning which this word conveys is that of completeness, wholeness, entirety and soundness in a physical sense; that is, health-wise. It is for this very reason that the vast majority of times that we find "tamiym" used in the Old Testament of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible, it is translated as either "without blemish", or "without spot"; and the word is almost exclusively used to describe the physical state of animals which were to be sacrificed before the Lord. In other words, these animals had to be genetically perfect animals, without any physical defects of any kind, as otherwise, they would be unacceptable to the Lord.

Of course, we all know -- as I explain in such series as "The Lamb Of God Was A Goat" -- that these Old Testament practices were merely a type and foreshadow of greater things to come, in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who is the spotless Lamb of God who died for the sins of the world.

Thus, I have become convinced that the reason why God chose Noah and his family, wasn't just because Noah was pleasing to Him; it was also because the Patriarch Noah's gene pool had remained genetically pure, and was unpolluted by the DNA of the Fallen Angels and the violent, wicked Nephilim. God had to find a family whose genes were so pure, that they would be able to sustain the human family in relatively good shape for thousands of years to come, despite wars, pestilences, man's violence against his fellow man, inter-marriage, old age, and most importantly, the ravages of sin.

Perhaps the very fact that the world today is so full of many new and/or recurring sicknesses, genetic disorders, so-called super bugs, etc., is a clear sign that the initial life force and pure gene pool that was possessed by Noah and his family, has finally lost the battle to the ravages of sin. If this is so, could this be yet one more sign that the Advent of Christ draws near? Truly, as the Apostle Paul wrote so long ago, we

groan and travail in our bodies, as we patiently await the Blessed Return of our Lord, and the redemption of our bodies. Let me share those inspiring verses with you one more time, along with a few more. One of these days, as Paul also wrote, we shall be "conformed to the image of his Son", and He will "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body", and "we shall be like him", and "we shall also bear the image of the heavenly":

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you . . . For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God . . . For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Romans 8:11, 18-19, 22-23, KJV

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:29, KJV

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life."

2 Corinthians 5:1-4, KJV

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

Philippians 3:21, KJV

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

1 John 3:2, KJV

"There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that

are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
1 Corinthians 15:40-52, KJV

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, KJV

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."
1 Corinthians 2:9, KJV

It's for these reasons that I must reject the suggestion that perhaps Nephilim DNA had survived the Flood in the bodies of Noah or his family. If God chose Noah for the reasons that I have suggested, then I don't believe that He would've allowed this to happen. He wouldn't have allowed the corrupt DNA of the Fallen Angels and the Nephilim to slip past the Flood.

Having said that, we still have a very perplexing, persistent problem to deal with. In Genesis chapter six, as well as in a few of the other mentioned texts, there are four words which can be interpreted as meaning that there were Nephilim giants on the Earth both before, as well as after the Flood. Those four words, which are found in the following verse, are "and also after that", as we see here:

"There were 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."
Genesis 6:4, KJV

The big question is: Exactly how are we supposed to interpret those four words "and also after that"? Does the phrase mean after those particular days, or does it mean after the Flood? If it is the latter, how do we explain it? Are we to believe that God failed to accomplish what He set out to do? Are we to believe that in spite of His best efforts to wipe out the evil which had filled the Earth, God failed miserably, and that evil seed sprang back to life while God wasn't looking?

Before moving on to the next area of discussion, I would like to backtrack for a moment and add a few comments to something that I said in part one. As I noted there, the notion of the "sons of God" meaning Fallen Angels is not readily embraced by everyone. In fact, there are those theologians and Bible scholars who stiffly resist this particular interpretation of events, and insist that the "sons of God" were in actuality the spiritually backslidden descendants of Seth, who forsook God's ways, yielded to their baser bodily passions, and chose to marry the daughters of the murderous Cain. Additionally, they also insist that the "giants", "mighty men" and "men of renown" who are mentioned in Genesis 6:4 weren't truly beings

which were giant in physical stature, but merely regular men who had acquired great honor and glory through their exploits.

For example, consider the notes that noted British Methodist theologian Adam Clarke included in his 1832 "Commentary On The Bible". His perspective is typical of scholars who reject the Fallen Angels scenario. Please note that where you see what appears to be gibberish in the text below, there are actually Hebrew words in the computer program that I use, but I am not able to reproduce them properly in this text format:

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Verse 4. There were giants in the earth] Mylpn nephilim, from lpn naphal, "he fell." Those who had apostatized or fallen from the true religion. The Septuagint translate the original word by gigantev, which literally signifies earth-born, and which we, following them, term giants, without having any reference to the meaning of the word, which we generally conceive to signify persons of enormous stature. But the word when properly understood makes a very just distinction between the sons of men and the sons of God; those were the nephilim, the fallen earth-born men, with the animal and devilish mind. These were the sons of God, who were born from above; children of the kingdom, because children of God. Hence we may suppose originated the different appellatives given to sinners and saints; the former were termed gigantev, earth-born, and the latter, agioi, i.e. saints, persons not of the earth, or separated from the earth.

The same became mighty men-men of renown.] myrbg gibborim, which we render mighty men, signifies properly conquerors, heroes, from rbg gabar, "he prevailed, was victorious." and Mvh yvna anshey hashshem, "men of the name," anyrwpoi onomastpi, Septuagint; the same as we render men of renown, renominati, twice named, as the word implies, having one name which they derived from their fathers, and another which they acquired by their daring exploits and enterprises.

It may be necessary to remark here that our translators have rendered seven different Hebrew words by the one term giants, viz., nephilim, gibborim, enachim, rephaim, emim, and zamzummim; by which appellatives are probably meant in general persons of great knowledge, piety, courage, wickedness, &c., and not men of enormous stature, as is generally conjectured.

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As I have already made clear, I do not agree with this view; the reason being that we have the testimony of Moses, Enoch, the Apostle Peter, the Apostle Jude, as well as the Book of Jubilees and the Jerusalem Targum, which all plainly declare that in ancient times, there was an invasion of the Earth by a group of rebellious, backslidden, lustful Angelic Beings. These Fallen Angels, Watchers, or Ir, conspired together on Mount Hermon to engage in sexual relations with the women of Earth, which resulted in the birth of the evil Nephilim, who then proceeded to teach men evil things, to devour men, and to spread their wickedness and violence across the Earth. It is for this reason that God had to take the drastic step of completely wiping out all life upon the Earth, except for the family of righteous Noah.

If, as these other theologians and scholars state, this is not the case, then why did God choose to take such drastic

measures? While Satan's subtle attack in the Garden of Eden was grievous, and has left humanity spiritually scarred for millennia now, the attack he apparently led in Genesis six was even more devastating; so much so that God was forced to take even more drastic action than what He had taken in the third chapter of Genesis, when He cast Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. This external attack by the Fallen Angels on God's Creation could only be rectified by another External Intervention; that is, the Flood, which God sent in the days of the Patriarch Noah.

As I sit here writing about these ancient events, I cannot help but think of how many things must be occurring in the Spiritual Realm, even at this very moment, and yet we humans remain so oblivious to them. I am again reminded of these verses from the Apostle Paul, where he describes the warfare that is going on in the Spiritual Realm:

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"
2 Corinthians 10:3-5, KJV

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."
1 Timothy 6:12, KJV

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."
2 Timothy 2:3-4, KJV

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
Ephesians 6:10-12, KJV

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12, KJV

Returning to our main topic, for me personally, a key issue is discovering how it came to be that there were still races of giants on the Earth following the Flood. Reiterating my questions from part two, did God actually fail? I doubt it. Were the antediluvian Nephilim possibly genetically related to the post-Flood giants, or did the latter have a different origin? I have no solid answers to this question. I can only offer human-based theories.

At this point in our discussion, we are going to advance some nine hundred years in our story to the time of Moses. In the set of verses which follows, Moses sends Joshua and Caleb to spy out the promised land of Canaan, along with many other of the Israelite tribal leaders. Upon their return, they report

to Moses that a race of giants -- the sons of Anak -- dwell in the land of Canaan, and that they are no match for these giants, as we see here:

"And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs. The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. And they returned from searching of the land after forty days. And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 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 13:22-33, KJV

Allow me to bring a few things to your attention regarding the previous verses. First of all, you will notice that the spies describe the land of Canaan as "a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof". Exactly what do they mean by this? Obviously, physical land -- the ground -- cannot eat anyone, unless of course you are perhaps referring to an earthquake, a sinkhole, or a mudslide; but that is not what the spies were referring to. As it turns out, the Hebrew word that is used there is "erets" or "eretz". Some of you are probably familiar with the well-known phrase "Eretz Israel", which means the "Land of Israel". However, the word "eretz" isn't always used to refer to the physical land, it is also used to refer to the actual people who dwell in the land.

Please also note that the phrase "eateth up" is derived from the Hebrew verb "akal", the primary meaning of which is to eat, devour or consume. Thus, it is my belief that what the spies were really saying, is that Canaan was full of giants who ate other people. Isn't that precisely what Enoch tells us concerning the Nephilim as well? Here again are the words of Enoch:

"And they became pregnant, and they bare great giants, whose height was three thousand ells: Who consumed all the acquisitions of men. And when men could no longer sustain them, the giants turned against them and devoured mankind."

Even in our modern day, there still exist certain tribes of people in certain remote regions of the world -- such as in the jungles of South America and Indonesia -- who have no qualms about eating other people; so why should it come as a surprise to us that there were man-eating giants in the land of Canaan?

Once we understand this, the remaining terms that the spies use -- "great stature", "giants", "which come of the giants" and "as grasshoppers" -- make perfect sense. Just as a man would seem like a small bug in the hand of a Nephilim who stood three thousand ells tall, this is precisely how some of the spies must have felt when they beheld the towering giants -- the sons of Anak -- in the land of Canaan. They were much bigger than the Israelites, and may have eyed the Israelites as their next meal. Perhaps these facts will help some of you to better understand why some of the spies were so hesitant to march into Canaan and claim it for their own.

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Are We Trusting In God Or Trusting In Our Flesh, God Promises To Fight Before The Israelites, Older Unbelieving Generation Wanders For Forty Years, Theologian Adam Clarke Resists Truth Of Scriptures Regarding Nephilim Giants, Possession Of Anakim Giants Divided Amongst The Israelites, Arba Is Given To Caleb And Levites, Genealogy: Levi Kohath Hebron Amram Aaron Moses, Mamre = Machpelah = Kirjatharba = City Of Arba = Hebron, Heth, Abraham Isaac & Jacob Die & Are Buried In Mamre-Arba-Hebron, Modern Hebron And The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Negotiations, Like Zoan/Tanis In Egypt Hebron Is An Extremely Ancient City, Deeply-Rooted Jewish-Palestinian Sentiments Make Peace Hard, Anakim Giants Driven To Coastal Areas Of Gaza, Gath & Ashdod, Israelites Backslide During The Period Of The Judges & Kings, Philistines Steal Ark Of The Covenant & Suffer Consequences,

Continuing our discussion from part three, as we know from the Scriptures, God was not very pleased by the Israelites' obvious lack of faith. When they beheld the giant sons of Anak in Canaan, they were trusting in their own arm of the flesh. They were thinking that they had to overcome these man-eating monsters alone, when in fact it would be God who would miraculously be doing it through them. Thus, as King David so wisely wrote many years later:

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

In fact, when the Lord, through Moses, gave the Israelites the command to cross over the Jordan River in order to take possession of Canaan from the giants and other tribes which dwelt there, He clearly told them that He would go before them and fight. Furthermore, the Lord informed them that He wasn't going to do this because of their own righteousness, but rather because of the wickedness of the Anakim and the people who dwelt in Canaan. Consider the following verses:

"Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak! Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee. Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people."

Deuteronomy 9:1-6, KJV

As we know, the ancient Israelites had to pay a very stiff penalty as a result of their lack of faith. We are told that God forced them to wander about in the wilderness for forty years -- one year for each day that they had spent spying out Canaan -- until the doubting older generation had died off, as we see here:

"Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it . . . How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye

shall know my breach of promise. I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die."

Numbers 14:22-23, 27-35, KJV

Thus, while the Israelites marched the march of death in the Sinai for forty years due to the Lord's anger against them due to their unbelief, the sons of Anak -- and other giants -- continued to rule in Canaan. But in God's time, and as we shall soon see, their reign of terror was destined to come to an end.

Despite the obvious truth which is revealed by verses in the Book of Genesis, the Book of Enoch, the Book of Jubilees and the Jerusalem Targum, British theologian Adam Clarke insists that we should not believe for a minute such tales concerning Angel-human offspring known as the Nephilim, towering giants in whose sight the Israelites were as grasshoppers, and the man-eating sons of Anak, or Anakim, as they're also known. In his "Commentary On The Bible" he writes the following notes for Numbers 22:33:

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"Tales of gigantic men are frequent in all countries, but they are generally of such as have lived in times very remote from those in which such tales are told. That there have been giants at different times, in various parts of the earth, there can be no doubt; but that there ever was a nation of men twelve and fourteen feet high, we cannot, should not believe. Goliath appears to have been at least nine feet high: this was very extraordinary. I knew three young men in my own neighbourhood, two of them brothers, each of whom was upwards of seven feet, the third was eight feet six inches, and these men were very well proportioned. Others I have seen of extraordinary stature, but they were generally disproportioned, especially in their limbs. These instances serve to prove the possibility of cases of this nature. The Anakim might appear to the Israelites as a very tall, robust nation; and in comparison of the latter it is very probable that they were so, as it is very likely that the growth of the Israelites had been greatly cramped with their long and severe servitude in Egypt. And this may in some measure account for their alarm. On this subject the reader is desired to turn back to the note on Ge 6:4."

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In my view, Clarke is attempting to downplay what God's Word clearly says, even going so far as to use the feeble excuse that the Israelites were diminutive in size due to having served under Egyptian bondage for four hundred years. Please notice that Clarke also refers the reader to the comments he made concerning Genesis 6:4, where he likewise downplays the true meaning of the verse, by insisting that the Nephilim weren't really giants in a physical sense, rather, they were giants in the sense of fame, notoriety, glory, deeds, etc. The truth is, in the previous verses, the word "giants" and the phrase "which come of the giants" are derived from the very same Hebrew word that is used in Genesis 6:4; that is, "n@phiyl". So there should be no misunderstanding regarding exactly what the spies meant.

Please also notice the subtlety that is employed in the first sentence of Clarke's previous explanation. While he does not

say it outright, his inference appears to be that due to the great passage of time between when these "gigantic men" lived on the Earth and when the tales were actually told, there was sufficient time for exaggeration and embellishment to creep into the stories. While this may be true, it still does not change the truth of God's Word. Finally, please also be aware of the fact that the phrase "great stature" in the previous verses from the Book of Numbers, is derived in part from the Hebrew word "middah". This word means measurement, measured portion, size, or garment. In other words, the spies were in fact referring to the physical size of the giants and not to their level of greatness or notoriety.

Many years later, after the forty years of wandering had come to an end, and the younger generation of Israelites had the faith to cross over the Jordan River, and take the land of Canaan from the Anakim and other giants who dwelt there, when it came time to divide the land of Canaan amongst the tribes of Israel, we discover that Caleb was given the city of Arba, which belonged to Arba, who was the father of Anak the giant, as we see by these verses:

"And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak."

Judges 1:20, KJV

"And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron. And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak."

Joshua 15:13-14, KJV

However, later, the Levites -- who were the priestly tribe of Israel -- came to Joshua, Eleazar the priest, and the other tribal leaders, and reminded them that the Lord had told Moses that they should likewise receive an inheritance. As a result, each tribe was required to give a portion of their heritage to the Levites. Thus, the Levites were given the main part of the city of Arba -- or Hebron -- while we are told that Caleb retained the outer fields and villages, as we see by these verses:

"And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs,"

Joshua 21:11-13, KJV

As the previous verses explain, after conquering Arba, we are told that the Israelites renamed it Hebron, or Hevron. Biblical research reveals that Hebron was the third son of Kohath, and the grandson of Levi, as we see here:

"And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years. The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years."

Exodus 6:16-18, KJV

It is quite probable then, that being as Hebron was of the priestly Levite tribe, and Arba was given to the Levites, that the city was named in his honor. Equally interesting is the fact that Hebron's brother -- Amram -- was the father of Aaron and Moses; which is why Aaron and Moses were likewise Levites; and Aaron thus become the high priest under Moses. So literally-speaking, Aaron's children did in fact receive Hebron for an inheritance. Following are a few more verses which confirm that Kirjatharba -- which in Hebrew literally means "city of Arba" -- was the same as Hebron:

"And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her."

Genesis 23:2, KJV

"And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war."

Joshua 14:15, KJV

"And Humtah, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:"

Joshua 15:54, KJV

"And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah."

Joshua 20:7, KJV

"And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai."

Judges 1:10, KJV

You will notice that the previous verses inform us that the father of Anak was Arba, and that the city of Arba was named after him. It was a common practice in those days to name a place after a person as a way to honor him, just as this same practice continues in our modern times as well. For example, many of you are familiar with St. Petersburg, Florida, as well as Saint Peter's Square and Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, and Saint Petersburg in the nation of Russia, to name a few. I don't have any additional information concerning Arba, but it would be very interesting to find out how the sons of Anak, the Anakims, came to possess it to begin with; which I assume must have occurred sometime after Abraham's days. The reason why I say this will be explained shortly.

Aside from the fact that all of the previous verses are very important to our discussion of the Nephilim and the Biblical giants, there's a much deeper and more important significance to these historical and Biblical events. From reading the Old Testament Scriptures, one acquires the understanding that God deemed it very important that the Israelites gain control of Hebron; that is Arba, or Arbah, which was the headquarters of the Anakim. In fact, this city has been important to the Lord since the days of the Patriarch Abraham, as is revealed by the following verses, where we learn that following the death of his wife, Sarah, Abraham purchased the field of Ephron and the cave of Machpelah, which was next to the field of Mamre, for four hundred shekels of silver from Ephron the Hittite:

"And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died in

Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you. And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead. And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth."

Genesis 23:1-20, KJV

As the previous verses suggest, additional Scriptures reveal that all three of the Patriarchs not only sojourned at Mamre at one time or another, but were in fact buried there, along with their wives, as we see here:

"And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife."

Genesis 25:7-10, KJV

"And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned. And the days of Isaac were an hundred and

fourscore years. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him."

Genesis 35:27-29, KJV

"And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years. And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head."

Genesis 47:28-31, KJV

"And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth. And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people."

Genesis 49:29-33, KJV

"And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days. And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan. And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre."

Genesis 50:1-13, KJV

From the following verse, we also learn that many years prior to these events, Arba -- a.k.a. Arbah, Mamre or Hebron -- was the very place where the Patriarch Abraham had chosen to move his tent and flocks, after he and his nephew Lot had divided the land between themselves, due to the fact that the land was no longer able to sustain them both:

"Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD."

Genesis 13:18, KJV

It seems to me that all of the previous events which concern Abraham and his descendants could not have taken place if the sons of Anak -- or other giants -- were already in control of Mamre, a.k.a., Arba or Hebron. In fact, these verses make it very plain that this area of Canaan was under the control of the sons of Heth; that is, the Hittites, whose empire at one time extended throughout what is now modern Turkey.

If you are one who regularly follows the news, then you will already know that in our current time, Arba/Hebron continues to make the headlines on a regular basis. While Hebron is a part of the West Bank, and is controlled by the Palestinians, there is an enclave of several hundred Jewish settlers living there amongst the 165,000 Palestinians at this current time. Hebron -- which is known in Arabic as al-Halil -- is in fact the largest city in the West Bank. It's located about twenty miles to the south of Jerusalem. As we have seen, Hebron is an extremely old city, like many of the cities of Israel and Palestine. In fact, according to the following verse, Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt:

"And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were.

(Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)"

Numbers 13:22, KJV

Zoan was an ancient city of Lower Egypt -- meaning the area surrounding the Nile Delta -- which was known to the Greeks as Tanis. It was located on the eastern bank of the Tanitic branch of the Nile River, and was the capital of the Hyksos, or Shepherd Kings, dynasty. These were foreign rulers not of Egyptian descent. Some scholars believe that Zoan was also the dwelling place of the Pharaoh at the time the Biblical Exodus occurred. According to the Hebrew lexicon, Zoan was built well before the time of the Patriarch Abraham. Today, Zoan is known as San al-Hagar. If Hebron -- then known as Kirjatharba or Arba -- was built seven years before Zoan, then it is truly a very ancient city. Please understand that when I say ancient, I am not referring to the modern city itself, but rather to the ancient ruins and tells upon which many of the modern cities of the Middle East are built. The spiritual aura which envelops some of these places must be profound.

Given the lengthy history behind this ancient city, it's easy to understand why it remains so important to both Israelis and Palestinians. While we often hear how Jerusalem is at the center of the troublesome Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, I can't help but wonder what will happen to Hebron once all is said and done. Just as many Jews and Palestinians have some very deep-rooted sentiments regarding Jerusalem, there exist the very same feelings for Hebron as well, which explains why the Jewish settlers have staked their claim in Hebron. It is

feelings like these which make peace negotiations extremely difficult for both parties. Jacob and Esau still don't see eye-to-eye.

If there's one thing that the Bible makes very clear, and if there is one thing that all of this historical data should impress upon you, it's that since the very beginning of time, Israel, Jerusalem and Hebron have played extremely important roles; not only in world history, but also in God's Ultimate Plan to reconcile the world to Himself. It is important that we understand that the spiritual war that was revealed in the Garden of Eden, and which was later heightened by the arrival of the Nephilim, has been going on ever since; and the Bible seems to indicate that it will end in the very area of the world where it first began. In short, the conflict between the Jews, the Palestinians and other Arabs, is not a modern development; it has been waged for millennia without end.

Contrary to what one may be led to believe, in spite of the conquest of Arba -- later to be known as Hebron -- this isn't the last time that we hear of these evil giants. Even after this victory by Joshua, Caleb and the younger generation, the sons of Anak -- the Anakims -- still maintained strongholds in the land of Canaan. While the Israelites drove them from the high mountains of Judah, as the following verse reveals, the Anakim giants migrated to the Mediterranean coastal areas of Gaza, Gath and Ashdod:

"There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained."

Joshua 11:22, KJV

As I explain in such series as "The Fruits Of Disobedience", once the obedient generation of Joshua, Caleb and their peers had passed on -- and even before that time -- the Israelites began to backslide into their old ways, just as they had done soon after being liberated from Egypt bondage. During the era of the Judges, and the kings which followed afterwards, they repeatedly fell in and out of favor with the Lord as a result of their disobediences and hardness of heart. Each time this would happen, the Lord would punish them by allowing their enemies to conquer them.

Let me share with you one example that's directly related to our story concerning the Nephilim and giants. In the verses that follow, the Philistines have conquered the Israelites, and have stolen the Ark of the Covenant, which contained all of the holy items, such as Aaron's rod, the Books of the Law, etc. Little did the Philistines realize their grave mistake until it was too late. Each town that the Ark of the Covenant was taken to -- which included Gath, which, as we saw earlier was a stronghold of the Anakim giants -- the Lord would smite the inhabitants; until finally, absolutely no one wanted it anymore. Finding themselves in quite a predicament, the Bible states that the Philistines consulted their high priests, who decided that their best option was to return the Ark to the Israelites. In fact, they included a few gifts, just to make sure that they were back on good terms with the God of the Israelites. Consider these key verses:

"They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither."

1 Samuel 5:8, KJV

"And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;"

1 Samuel 6:17, KJV

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Let's continue our discussion from part four. Following this particular incident with the Philistines in Gath, we're told that there was about a twenty-year period during which time the Israelites again began to worship foreign gods. Thus, as had occurred before, the Lord sent the Philistines to fight against them. In other words, as I explain in other articles, God will often use our enemies as His "vessels of wrath" in order to punish us for our sins. He did this frequently with the ancient Jews, as is very evident by the Egyptian bondage, the Assyrian and the Babylonian invasions, the occupation by Rome, the utter destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem by Roman forces in 70 AD, etc. Is it possible then that the modern Palestinians are likewise playing the role of God's thorn-in-the-flesh for the Jews today, due to their overall continued rejection of Christ?

Just like so many people today who only seem to call out to God when they are in trouble of some kind, fearing the worst, the Israelites sought the help of the Prophet Samuel, who then intervened for them before the Lord. This resulted in a

great victory being wrought for the Israelites that day. The Bible does not go into great detail regarding this particular battle, but it appears that there was some kind of miraculous intervention. This resulted in the Philistines losing some of the cities which they had taken from the Israelites, as we see by this verse:

"And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites."

1 Samuel 7:14, KJV

You will notice that Gath -- one of the cities that belonged to the Anakim -- was included in the spoil. Please keep this point in mind, as it may be significant.

Following these events, the Bible informs us that there was a period of peace. However, once again the Israelites began to complain against the Lord, and they foolishly rejected Him as their only true and rightful King. They then made the serious mistake of demanding that the Lord set a human king over them, like other nations. Against his better judgment, the Bible records that the Prophet Samuel eventually anoints Saul as the first king over Israel, due to the hardness of their hearts. However, it isn't long before Saul likewise displeases the Lord, and he is rejected by the same, as we see here:

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou."

1 Samuel 15:22-28, KJV

It is at this point in our story concerning Biblical giants that we come to the story of the power struggle between the house of Saul and the house of David, during which time the Philistines once again attack the Israelites. While Saul's house was slowly in decline, we are told that due to his military exploits and victories for King Saul -- which were obviously aided by the Lord -- the house of David was on the rise. As many of you will already know, young David's fame was cemented when he went against a Philistine giant by the name of Goliath.

While it is not stated plainly in the Bible, if we consider that upon being ousted from the Judean mountains, the Anakim migrated and settled in the coastal areas of Philistia, it's not too unreasonable to conclude that in addition to being a Philistine, Goliath was apparently also a descendant of the

Anakim. Furthermore, Goliath was from Gath, which, as we saw earlier, was one of the Anakim strongholds. According to the description that is found in the Scriptures, we are led to believe that Goliath was somewhere between nine and eleven feet tall, depending on what lengths we accept for the cubit and the span.

As a result of David's bravery and faith, and the Lord's anointing which rested upon him, young David slew the Anakim giant, and the demoralized Philistine army fled before the forces of Israel, all the way back to Gath. Please consider the following verses:

"And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid . . . And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid . . . Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron."

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 23-24, 45-52, KJV

While young David's fame spread abroad as a result of slaying the Philistine giant, his victory only caused King Saul to hate him all the more; for in their delight, the women of Israel said "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." Saul's hatred, jealousy and desire to kill David is made evident in the following verses:

"And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them."

1 Samuel 18:8-16, KJV

Saul's hatred for David and his desire to kill him continued to grow; particularly after Saul's daughter, Michal, fell in love with David. After several more failed murder attempts, in a strange twist of fate, with the help of King Saul's son, Jonathan, David fled from King Saul, who refused to give up his kingship, and sought refuge with Saul's enemies; that is, with Achish, who was the king of Gath and a Philistine, as we see here:

"And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath."

1 Samuel 21:10-12, KJV

"And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath. And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him."

1 Samuel 27:2-4, KJV

The Scriptures inform us that David dwelt several years with Achish, the king of Gath. Eventually, the Philistines warred again against Israel, and Saul and his three sons were killed during the course of the battle. While Achish participated in this particular battle against Saul and the Israelites, it is interesting to note that the Philistine lords did not trust David, so he was sent back to the land of the Philistines, and had no hand in the death of King Saul.

To be more specific, King Saul was seriously wounded during the battle, and chose to fall upon his own sword, being as

his armourbearer refused to kill him. His armourbearer then also proceeded to take his own life. We later find out that an Amalekite came upon Saul who had fallen upon his sword, and was in great agony, but had not yet died. Upon Saul's request, the Amalekite finished the job for him. Eventually, the Philistines arrived and cut off the head of King Saul, and carried it throughout the Philistine cities in order to brag of their deeds.

While the Amalekite had performed a mercy killing for King Saul at Saul's request, we are told that King David had the Amalekite slain; because even though King Saul had turned against David, David still considered him to be the Lord's anointed leader. As far as Achish of Gath is concerned, there is no further mention of him in the Scriptures. We can only assume that peace remained between him and David as a result of the kindnesses which they had shown to each other, even though later, David in fact conquered the city of Gath, as we see by this verse:

"Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines."

1 Chronicles 18:1, KJV

The account of David's encounter with the Philistine giant, Goliath of Gath, is also found in the Book of Second Samuel, and in the Book of First Chronicles. These two books provide us with more details concerning the death of Goliath, and his sons and brothers: Ishbibenob, Saph (or Sippai), Lahmi, and a fourth unnamed son, who were likewise giants. In these books, Goliath is referred to as Goliath the Gittite, because he was from Gath. You will notice that King David was in fact almost killed by Ishbibenob the giant, but one of David's men came to his rescue. Consider the following two verse groups:

"And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants."

2 Samuel 21:16-22, KJV

"And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued. And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and

twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants."

1 Chronicles 20:4-8, KJV

It is interesting to note that, just as the Israelites were required to spend 430 years under Egyptian bondage, another 430 years would pass before David would be anointed as the second king of Israel, and would set up his headquarters in Arba, or Hebron, which, as we have seen, had previously been the headquarters of the Anakim giants. The Scriptures inform us that King David ruled Israel for a period of forty years; seven and a half years from the city of Hebron, and later, thirty-three years from Jerusalem, as we see by these verses:

"Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah."

2 Samuel 5:1-5, KJV

It is interesting to note that in the Old Testament, there are only four Books where the Devil is mentioned by the name of Satan. They are the Books of I Chronicles, Job, Psalms, and the Prophet Zechariah. In other places, Satan is called Lucifer, or is referred to as a serpent or a dragon. What I find interesting is that this last mention of Satan is found exactly one verse after the four sons of Goliath are slain, as we see by this verse:

"And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel."

1 Chronicles 21:1, KJV

Obviously, the Devil was rather upset that the seed of the giant Anak had been destroyed by David and his servants; so in the very next verse, having lost some of his best pawns, Lucifer then persuaded David to take a census of Israel. The Bible informs us that this greatly displeased the Lord; the reason being that David was trusting in the arm of the flesh; that is, he was trusting in his military might, instead of trusting in the Lord. You may recall from part four that the king eventually wrote the following:

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

Psalms 20:7, KJV

At any rate, because of David's sin of not trusting in the Lord, the Scriptures inform us that seventy thousand people were slain of the Israelites. But that isn't all. This same chapter informs us that the Lord sent an Angel to destroy Jerusalem because of David's sin. We read that David lifted up his eyes and actually beheld this Angel, as we see by the following verse:

"And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces."

1 Chronicles 21:16, KJV

As King David often wrote in the Psalms, the mercy of the Lord endures forever. Thus, David regretted his mistake, and we are told that the Lord refrained from destroying the city. Afterwards, David purchased some land from Ornan -- who had also seen the Angel, along with his four sons -- and made a burnt offering to the Lord, as we see by the following verses:

"And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof. At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD."

Chronicles 21:26-30, KJV

What I find particularly interesting about this incident is the fact that we are told that this Angel was seen suspended between the Earth and the sky with his sword over Jerusalem. King David clearly saw him, as did the others, and perhaps the elders of Israel did as well. This description seems to suggest that this Angel was very large, as was his sword. In fact, he was so large, that David was even afraid to pass by him, in order that he might go to Gibeon in order to inquire of the Lord. In my view, this Angelic description adds even more support to the idea that beings in the Spiritual World are much larger than beings in the physical realm. Not only that, but this story also helps to explain why the Nephilim grew to such a large size. As we saw earlier in this series, the Nephilim had to obtain their large size from somewhere, and DNA from the Fallen Angels appears to be a plausible answer.

While the death of Goliath, the giant of Gath, and his family must have weakened and demoralized the Philistines, it didn't bring a complete end to the wars between the Israelites and their Philistine enemies. As we saw earlier, King David's men eventually retook Gath and other surrounding towns, but the Israelites did not hold on to them forever. At one point, we are also informed that a Syrian king by the name of Hazael also conquered Gath, as is made clear by the following verse that is found in the Second Book of the Kings:

"Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem."

2 Kings 12:17, KJV

Hazael made considerable war against Israel, and conquered much territory that was east of the Jordan River. He would have proceeded to take the city of Jerusalem as well, except that he was bribed into abandoning his war efforts by Judean king, Jehoash, who gave Hazael not only everything out of the royal treasury, but out of the House of the Lord as well. It

was a very dark time for Israel and Judah, being as a number of assassinations of royalty were occurring at the time. This began with the murderous acts of Athaliah, the mother of King Ahaziah, who slew all of the royal seed, except for Jehoash, who was hidden from her evil clutches as a child.

Jehoash was eventually assassinated after reigning for forty years. His son and heir, Amaziah, was likewise assassinated after reigning for twenty-nine years. Amaziah was followed by his son and heir, Uzziah, who once again waged war with the Philistines, and reconquered Gath, and other coastal cities which belonged to the Philistines, as we see by the following verses. This occurred about two hundred and fifty years after King David's conquest of Gath:

"Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did. And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims."

2 Chronicles 26:3-7, KJV

So based upon all of the previous Scriptural evidence, it seems that beginning with the death of Goliath the giant of Gath, who was probably a descendant of the Anakim, and his immediate family, we have the beginning of the end of what was left of the Anakim giants. There are a few other brief mentions of Gath in the Bible, but there is no additional mention of the sons of Anak, or of any other giants, after that time, to my knowledge. Whether or not any of the other Philistine inhabitants of Gath, Ashdod, Jabneh, Arba or Gaza were giants is a matter of debate. Personally, I suspect at least some of them were, due to a certain place which the Philistines seemed to favor, which I'll discuss momentarily. Let's also not forget that the giant Goliath had a shield bearer who went before him. Obviously, it must have been a very large shield, much larger than normal men would use; so this suggests that the shield bearer may have been a giant as well.

While I have stated that there is no specific mention of the sons of Anak after these events, please note that the Bible does mention other giants, earlier in the Biblical timeline. For example, in the Book of Deuteronomy, while Moses gives an account of how the Lord gave him instructions regarding how the Israelites were to pass along the borders of Ammon and Moab on the eastern side of Canaan -- what is today modern Jordan -- he mentions that in "old time", the region had been the home of a great race of giants who were known as the Zamzummims, who were driven out by the Ammonites. As you may recall, Ammon and Moab were the sons of Abraham's nephew, Lot, which Lot fathered by his own daughters, while in a drunken state, following the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Consider the following verses:

"That the LORD spake unto me, saying, Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day: And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress

them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)" Deuteronomy 2:17-23, KJV

You will notice that a section of the previous verses is in parentheses. Depending on how one reads them, he may acquire the understanding that Moses may be saying that in addition to the Zamzummims -- who were tall like the Anakim giants -- the cave-dwelling Horims, as well as the Avims, may have also been giants. After all, Moses does refer to the area in those verses as "a land of giants". The Horims are also mentioned as being defeated by Esau's progeny in Mount Seir in verse twelve as well, as we see here:

"The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them." Deuteronomy 2:12, KJV

Here again, let me mention that in his 1836 "Commentary On The Bible", British theologian Adam Clarke again blatantly attempts to downplay what is being said by Moses concerning the Zamzummim giants. While Moses clearly describes them as "A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims", in his attempt to disprove the existence of these ancient races of Biblical giants, Clarke goes to the exact opposite extreme and says "Of these ancient people we know very little; they were probably inconsiderable tribes or clans". In my view, "A people great and many" doesn't sound like Moses meant for us to understand "inconsiderable tribes". What do you think?

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In the very next chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy, we also find mention of Og -- the king of Bashan -- who is described by Moses as "the remnant of giants". In this particular case, the word "giant" is derived from the Hebrew word "rapha", or "raphaim", which the Hebrew lexicon describes as "old race of giants". In this case, Moses adds that Bashan was called "the land of giants". Please also notice that, based on the verses which follow, Og appears to have been about the same height as Goliath:

"Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city. But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves. And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon; (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;) All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man. And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites. And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants."
Deuteronomy 3:1-13, KJV

Because of the similar phraseology in the previous two sets of verses, some Bible scholars have proposed that the giants of Bashan and the Zamzummims of Ammon may possibly have been the same race of giants. In fact, it's important to point out that in ancient times, different people referred to the same people and places by different names. We have already seen this in the case of Mamre, Arba and Hebron, which basically were all the very same city. Jerusalem likewise experienced the very same thing. While it was founded by Jebus, and thus was named Jebus/Jebusi in ancient times, once the Israelites took it over, they gave it the new name of Jerusalem, as we see by the following verses:

"And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:"

Joshua 15:8, KJV

"And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,"

Joshua 18:16, KJV

It should also be recognized that this custom of renaming places is a political ploy which has been used down through the ages by many conquering armies. Not only do name changes send a strong political message that "We now control this place", but it is also a subtle way to destroy any evidence or record of the previous occupant who was defeated. Truly then, history is written by the victor.

This renaming of people and places can sometimes make it a bit difficult for the modern Bible student to understand what is being said. In fact, this is why scientists have designed a system whereby flora and fauna are designated by their Latin names. In this way, everyone knows without a doubt which species one is referring to.

At any rate, if we examine chapter fourteen of the Book of Genesis, we discover that some of the exact same races of giants appear to be mentioned there. We are told that during those ancient days -- which was actually the time of Abraham and the early Patriarchs -- a powerful Babylonian king from the province of Elam by the name of Chedorlaomer, along with a confederacy of other Babylonian kings -- Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, and Tidal king of nations -- smote the Rephaims, the Zuzims, the Emims and the Horites. Consider the following verses:

"And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness."

Genesis 14:5-6, KJV

If we examine the Hebrew root, we discover that the Raphaim and the Rephaim are the same race of giants. Furthermore, The cave-dwelling Horims and the Horites were likewise the very same people. If there were true cavemen in our ancient past, surely it was the Horites. Not only did they live in caves, but they were descended from Seir -- after whom Mount

Seir is named -- whose name actually means hairy or shaggy. What I also find interesting is the fact that the Horites were driven out of Mount Seir by Esau -- Jacob's brother -- who is also described in the Bible as being very hairy. In fact, the name Esau means "hairy" in Hebrew. Consider this verse:

"And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau."
Genesis 25:25, KJV

You may recall that when Jacob went in to deceive his aging and almost-blind father, Isaac, into thinking that he was Esau, so that Isaac would give him Esau's inheritance as the firstborn, following his mother Rebekah's instructions, Jacob placed goat skins on his hands and neck, so that when Isaac touched him, he would think that Jacob was Esau. Here again are the verses:

"And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am."
Genesis 27:16-24, KJV

So with the account of the Horites, we have certainly seen a story of hairy, cave-dwelling men in the Old Testament. Did they grunt and crawl around like wild animals as cavemen are often depicted in our modern day? I seriously doubt it. Like us, they were created in God's image with a certain level of intelligence.

Whether or not the Zamzummims of Ammon and the Zuzims of Ham are the same race of giants is debatable, being as there are a variety of theories regarding the actual location of Ham. Personally, I suspect that they are the same race of giants, simply because Moses lists them with three other races of verified giants. The Emims were clearly giants as well, as can be determined by the following verses which are found in the Book of Deuteronomy. In fact, as you can see, in writing about the Emims, Moses describes them exactly the same way as he described the Zamzummims; that is, they were great, many and tall:

"And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession. The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims."
Deuteronomy 2:9-11, KJV

Allow me to also add that "Emims" was a very suitable name for these monstrous giants; the reason being that the Hebrew word means "terrors". On the other hand the name Zuzim means "roving creatures", which also isn't a very inviting name.

Earlier, we discussed the giant Og, king of Bashan, who was defeated by the Israelites. In discussing him, I noted that Bashan was known as "the land of giants", and that scholars believe that the Zamzummims of Ammon may have been the same race as the giants of Bashan. One possible reason why they believe this is because Ammon -- which now constitutes a part of modern Jordan -- was located to the northeast of Jerusalem and Judea, across the Jordan River, and so was Bashan; that is, the land of the giants.

One thing seems to be certain. The land of giants in ancient Israel is discussed in more places in the Bible than what one might at first assume. This is because in certain places, the Hebrew word "rapha" or "raphaim" is retained in its original form, while in other places, it is translated as "giants". I mentioned in part five that I suspect that more Philistines may have been giants as well. I base this reasoning on the following verses, which demonstrate that the Philistines had no problem camping out in the Valley of Raphaim, or Valley of the Giants, if you prefer. It is the same exact place. How were they able to do this unless they fit right in with the giants, and were possibly giants themselves?:

"And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:"
Joshua 15:8, KJV

"And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,"
Joshua 18:16, KJV

"The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim . . . And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim."
2 Samuel 5:18, 22, KJV

"And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim."
2 Samuel 23:13, KJV

"Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim."
1 Chronicles 11:15, KJV

"And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim."
1 Chronicles 14:9, KJV

"And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim."
Isaiah 17:5, KJV

Are the previous verses possibly another indication that the Philistines may have been direct descendants of the Anakim? Let's not forget that the Anakim giants were forced out of Hebron, which is located twenty miles south of Jerusalem, and then apparently migrated to the Mediterranean coastal cities, which included Goliath's hometown of Gath in the Gaza Strip.

At this point, let's take a quick review of the various races of giants that we have discussed in this series, along with their locations. They are as follows:

Anakim	- Arba/Hebron
Avims	- possibly giants, not enough data
Emims	- Moab
Horims	- possibly giants, though doubtful
Nephilim	- pre-Flood period
Og	- Bashan (Raphaim giants?)
Philistines	- Goliath & family in Gath
Raphaim	- Valley of the Giants, Bashan
Zamzummims	- Ammon (a.k.a. Zuzims?)

As I explained earlier in this series, because of the fact that the giants were known to different people by different names, and because places in ancient Israel often changed names when they were conquered by someone else, a certain degree of ambiguity does exist, and it is rather difficult to know exactly how many different races of giants there actually were. However, regardless of whether they were all the same race, or belonged to various races, one thing is certain: They populated a rather large area that extended from east of the Jordan River, to the south of Jerusalem in Hebron, to the Mediterranean coastal cities of Philistia in the current-day Gaza Strip, and northward towards Ashdod.

According to the clear descriptions of Goliath and Og, and the description that was provided by the spies who were sent by Moses, we know that these giants stood approximately nine to eleven feet in height, that they were fierce warriors and that they ate people. In light of these facts, is it really any wonder then that the Israelites initially shrank back in fear of them? Wouldn't you do the very same thing if you were to encounter such a beast today?

As I mentioned earlier in this series, for me personally, the most perplexing issue is whether or not there is a connection between the antediluvian Nephilim, and the giants which are discussed later in the Scriptures. One thing we should take into account, is that the person who wrote "there were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that", is the same one who wrote about the giants in later books and chapters; that is, Moses. Of course, we need to realize that Moses did not actually witness these antediluvian/pre-Flood events; he was writing about them after-the-fact, probably based on the oral accounts of the Patriarchs who had preceded him, such as Noah and his sons, and Abraham.

Being as all of these events occurred so long ago, we tend to forget that in the beginning, human beings lived a very long time; probably due to the lingering effects of the original Creation, before the full physical effects of sin set in, and men's lives began to be radically shortened. As a result, the lives of some of these Patriarchs overlapped and intersected each other.

For example, based on my calculations in "The Earth Is Under

7,000 Years Old", while the progenitor of humanity -- Adam -- died about one hundred and twenty-six years before Noah was born, Noah died only two years before the Patriarch Abraham was born. However, Noah's son, Shem, didn't die until Abraham was one hundred and fifty years old. Abraham's life extended well into the life of Isaac, Isaac's life extended well into the life of Jacob his son, and the lives of Jacob's twelve sons, and his grandchildren, -- which included Levi -- also intersected each other during their time in Egypt. Thus, we see that Moses -- who was a Levite -- was born about ninety years after Joseph died in Egypt.

My point in sharing all of this with you is simply this: It would have been very easy for Moses to eventually receive a very clear and accurate account of Pre-Flood conditions on the Earth, the arrival of the Fallen Angels, and the rise of the Nephilim giants; whether it was an account which had been written by others before him, or simply an oral account which had been passed down to him. Shem, Noah's son, was an actual eyewitness to all of these events, and he probably shared his experiences with Abraham, and perhaps with Isaac as well, who would have been fifty years old at the time that Shem died. So there was very little opportunity for corruption occurring in the Pre-Flood story, before it was received by Moses.

The solution to the antediluvian Nephilim Post-Flood giants problem may possibly be easier than we have assumed. It may be something so simple that we have overlooked it. While he wrote that there were giants "in those days; and also after that", perhaps our mistake has been to assume that Moses was referring to the same race of giants, when maybe he actually wasn't. As a recipient of the accounts of great giants which existed prior to the Flood, and as one who had likewise heard firsthand accounts of the existence of the giants from those who had spied out the land of Canaan, it's possible, perhaps even probable, that Moses was simply saying that "There were giants then, and there are still giants now", without ever intending for us to think that they were the very same race of giants.

In other words, as the author of the Pentateuch -- the first five books of the Bible -- Moses obviously realized that he could not write that, as a result of the sins of the Fallen Angels, the rise of the Nephilim and the violence that filled the Earth, God destroyed all land-based, air-breathing life, and then turn around and say in the same breath that some of the giants somehow managed to survive, as that would directly contradict his own words. That is why I am becoming convinced that the only contradiction lies in our understanding of what Moses wrote.

However, there are a few other reasons why I am beginning to think that the only contradiction is one which lies in our own understanding concerning what Moses wrote. Perhaps one of the most glaring reasons is the obvious difference in size of the antediluvian Nephilim and the Post-Flood giants. We have seen that -- according to the description that is found in the Book of Enoch -- the Nephilim were towering monsters with a voracious appetite who began to eat people when the natural resources of the Earth were no longer enough to sustain them. In contrast, while Moses does tell us that the giants of the land of Canaan likewise ate people, going by the descriptions of Goliath of Gath and Og of Bashan, these giants only stood about nine to eleven feet tall, which is obviously a far cry from the size of the antediluvian Nephilim, based on Enoch's description of them.

Furthermore, we are clearly told in the Book of Genesis, and in other Books of the Bible, as well as in the Book of Enoch and the Jerusalem Targum, that the Nephilim were the result of a hybridization of Angel DNA with human DNA. In contrast, there is no hint or suggestion anywhere in the Books of Moses or the Book of Joshua or any other Books where the giants are mentioned, that the giants of the Post-Flood period resulted from this same process. They were simply there and the Tribes of Israel, and other peoples, fought against and subdued them.

The fact that normal-sized humans with the anointing of God -- the Israelites -- and even people without the anointing of God -- Babylonian king Chedorlaomer, for example -- were able to drive out and in some cases destroy the Post-Flood giants, also seems to indicate that these giants were not the same as the towering Nephilim of Pre-Flood days. In fact, when Moses describes the giants in Genesis chapter six he says "the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown". In other words, these giants were still men; they were just very huge, powerful men -- they were the "ghibbowr" -- which means that they had their weaknesses, and could therefore be defeated by a wise and cunning opponent, just as a young David slew the towering Goliath. This was not the case with the antediluvian Nephilim, which required a direct action from God to destroy them.

Concerning the cause behind the great physical stature of the Post-Flood giants, let us consider a few other possibilities. Is it possible that the tremendous size of these Post-Flood Anakim, Raphaim, Zamzummims, and Emims was merely the result of some genetic aberration or mutation? If we consider that at least one of Goliath's sons had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, this seems like a very plausible theory. In fact, even in our own day, a genetic abnormality referred to as gigantism continues to afflict certain people.

Gigantism is believed to be caused by a tumor forming on the pituitary gland, which is a small endocrine gland, about the size of a pea, and weighing a mere 0.5 grams, that is located near the base of the hypothalamus, just above the brain stem. Despite its small size, when a tumor develops on the pituitary gland, it results in an over abundance of human growth hormone being produced which ultimately leads to gigantism. One of the more notable nineteenth century cases of gigantism involved a Canadian woman named Anna Haining Bates. While she was born to Scottish parents who were of normal stature, Anna eventually reached a height of seven feet and five and a half inches at the age of seventeen. Sadly, she died one day short of her forty-second birthday, due to heart failure.

According to online statistics, there have in fact been many people over the past two centuries -- some of whom are still alive today and others who are now deceased -- who have grown to a height of from seven feet to over eight feet. Among them are 7'3" Peter Mayhew, who played the Wookiee "Chewbacca" in the Star Wars movies, 7'1.5" Richard Kiel, who played "Jaws" in the James Bond movies, and 7' Dutch actor Carel Struycken, who played "Lurch" in the Addams Family movies, as well as notable roles in many other movies and television shows such as the Star Wars franchise, the Star Trek franchise, and the short-lived television series "Twin Peaks". You might also be interested to know that Struycken also played a role in the 2005 American made-for-TV movie "The Fallen Ones", the theme of which was the return of the Nephilim.

There are even some unverified claims of certain individuals surpassing the nine feet mark. You can find a list of these people at the following URL on the Wikipedia website:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_people

But gigantism is not the only possible explanation for the presence of giants in the Post-Flood world. In fact, it may not even be a very plausible explanation, unless you accept that all of the Post-Flood giants had brain tumors which resulted in their huge growth. It doesn't seem very likely to me.

As I mentioned earlier, prior to the Flood, human beings lived considerably longer than we live today. However, as a result of sin entering into the world, and the natural order and balance of life being thrown off kilter in a variety of ways, following the Flood, the human life span began to be radically shortened. Thus, while the progenitors of our race -- i.e., Adam, Methuselah, Noah, Shem and others -- lived to be five hundred to almost one thousand years old, by the time of Abraham, one hundred and seventy-five was a great age; and by the time of Moses, one hundred and twenty was considered a great age. Today, very few people live to that age; and when they do, they usually end up in the Guinness Book of World Records.

But, what if in addition to man's life being radically cut short, something else happened? That is, what if some other physical change occurred as well? In case you have not yet understood what I am suggesting here, allow me to state it plainly for you: What if in their natural, physical state, as created by God in the Garden of Eden, the First Pair was considerably larger in height than we are today? Even modern science recognizes that physical traits are passed on to our offspring; which means that Noah and his sons, and his son's wives, would have also been very tall in height, and would have had body measurements that were proportionate to that height.

Now, before you are too quick to dismiss this speculation, allow me to remind you of something that I shared with you in part two. When Biblical archeologist Ron Wyatt visited eastern Turkey in 1977, one of the things that he found was what appeared to be a huge stone altar that measured twelve feet by twelve feet by twelve feet. This great stone altar, which was surrounded by a type of natural amphitheater, had one large step which was almost three feet in height. Allow me to share with you an excerpt from a July 1994 newsletter written by Mary Nell Wyatt -- Ron Wyatt's widow -- entitled "The Discovery Of Noah's Ark", that is found on their web site at arkdiscovery.com:

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"The altar itself measures 12' x 12' x 12' and it has one step. When we stood upon it, it was obvious that whoever stood upon this altar was quite a bit taller than we are, for the step is about three feet high. The complex of pens adjacent to the altar also indicates that whoever arranged the rocks in this pattern was very, very strong, because today many of the large rocks could not possibly be moved by humans without mechanical assistance. At one point, a very large boulder is balanced upon several upright stones, forming a covered area that a six foot tall man can walk under without stooping."

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Think about that fact for a moment. How big would a man have to be in order to comfortably use that step? How tall and strong would he have to be, especially if he was heaving a large sacrificial bullock on his shoulders? The answer seems clear in my mind: As large as the nine to eleven foot tall giants that were known to exist in Post-Flood days. That is why Ron Wyatt became convinced that Noah was a very big man.

Earlier in our series, I proposed that one of the reasons why God may have selected Noah and his family, is because their gene pool had not become corrupted by Angelic DNA, or by the mixed DNA of the Nephilim. In other words, Noah was exactly what God was looking for in order to preserve the human race. It may be that Noah was a genetically-perfect human specimen. Some of you may be wondering, "Well, if Noah was a just and righteous man who walked with God, and a genetically perfect human specimen, how is it then that the evil, violent giants resulted from his seed?"

While Noah was a just man who walked before God, that doesn't mean that all of his descendants were. In fact, God created Adam and Eve, yet in the first generation, Cain rose up and murdered his brother. Similarly today, one family can produce law-abiding citizens, yet at the same time produce murderers. The Bible makes it very plain that following the Great Flood, men did in fact turn evil again. Thus, I posit that it's very possible that some of Noah's descendants likewise turned evil and became the vicious, man-eating giants who were known to the Israelites and to other nations of that area of the world. In my view, this is a very plausible, acceptable explanation. However, I obviously cannot solidly prove it one way or the other.

According to my calculations in "The Earth Is Under 7,000 Years Old", the Flood occurred when the Earth was about 1,556 years old. Following the genealogical timelines, we discover that the spies went to Canaan when the Earth was about 2,539 years old. This means that from the time of the Flood, until just prior to the beginning of the conquest of Canaan, almost one thousand years had passed. As we've already seen, during this long period, as a result of sin and other biological and physical factors, the human life span dramatically shortened, so that Methuselah died at 969 years of age, while Moses died at 120 years old. Is it possible then that just as man's life span was shortened, his height and related body measurements were likewise reduced during that stretch of time?

If my theory is correct, and if the first humans were larger than we are today, not due to corruption by Angelic DNA, or by Nephilim DNA, and not due to a genetic abnormality such as gigantism, but rather because that is simply the way that God made the First Pair, then perhaps we have an easy solution to our problem concerning the Post-Flood giants, which does not contradict the account given by Moses, concerning the Flood and the destruction of all land-based, air-breathing life on the Earth. In other words, even though God destroyed all of the Nephilim during the Flood, we may still have a plausible explanation for the Post-Flood giants, which were not related to the Nephilim. This theory would easily explain why, by the time of the Canaan conquest, the number of existing giants had also been reduced as well.

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Is it possible that this may also be one of the reasons why the author of the Book of Joshua referred to Og, the giant king of Bashan, as "of the remnant of the giants"? In other words, is it possible that Og was one of the few giants who remained, not only because the Israelites and other peoples had begun to smite and destroy them, and to drive them out, but also because their number had been greatly reduced as a result of the one thousand year period we've just discussed? Consider these verses:

"And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,
Joshua 12:4, KJV

"All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.
Joshua 13:12, KJV

Earlier in this series, I shared with you the Jewish fable concerning Og of Bashan. As we have now seen, while the tale is indeed an embellished fable which Jewish parents tell to their children, some of the characters and events which form a part of the fable are in fact based upon actual Biblical events. If you were curious, and took some time to read the online full version of the fable, you may have noticed that at one point in the tale, Og the giant complained that he was shrinking, due to the lack of enough food to sustain him. Is it possible that this point was based upon an actual Jewish belief concerning these giants; that is, that they actually

began to shrink in size over time? If so, it would certainly be in agreement with the theory I have proposed here.

While this series has concentrated on events concerning the giants, as they are described in the pages of the Bible and other Judeo-Christian texts, allow me to point out that the Judeo-Christian literature is not the only text where beings of a great size are discussed. In fact, within Islam, there is likewise a belief concerning huge people and shrinking giants, which ties in directly with everything that we have discussed here, including with the Patriarch Noah.

Islam's holy book -- the Qur'an -- speaks of an ancient tribe of giants who known as the 'Ad, A'ad or 'Adid. They are said to have descended from the Patriarch Noah, or Nuh. The A'ad established their kingdom -- with its capital of Ubar -- in the southern Arabian Peninsula, in an area which ran from the Arabian Sea up into the Dhofar Mountains, and to the edge of the Rub' al-Khali, or the "Empty Quarter". This huge area, which later became eastern Yemen and western Oman, is one of the largest sand deserts in the world. It spans approximately 250,000 square miles, and also happens to be the second most oil-rich region in the world. The first leader of the Adid is believed to have been 'Ad ibn Kin'ad, who lived somewhere between the 23rd and 10th century BC. As a point of reference, the 10th Century BC was also the time of King David and King Solomon.

Similar to the Nephilim, the Qur'an relates in quite a few Surah that the 'Ad were destroyed by Allah by way of a severe storm -- which sounds very similar to a hurricane being as it lasted for seven days and eight nights -- after they refused to take heed to the words of the prophet Hud, who had warned them to return to Allah. Over and over again, the example of the 'Ad is used to warn Muslims to not abandon their faith in Allah. According to the Wikipedia website, the 'Ad kingdom crumbled sometime between the Third Century AD and the Sixth Century AD, "due in large measure to a natural catastrophe which seems to have destroyed much of Ubar."

As I note in the three-part series "2012 - New Age Deception And Psychobabble", in addition to the Qur'an, Muslims revere certain collections of writings known as the "hadith". The hadith are narrations concerning the teachings and practices of Muhammad. One hadith collection which is highly esteemed by Sunni Islam is the Sahih al-Bukhari. In fact, the Sunnis consider the Sahih al-Bukhari to be the most authentic book after the Qur'an itself. In Volume 8, Book 74, Number 246 of the Sahih al-Bukhari, Abu Huraira -- who became a follower and a companion of Muhammad -- narrates the following story concerning the creation of Adam:

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The Prophet said, "Allah created Adam in his complete shape and form (directly), sixty cubits (about 30 meters) in height. When He created him, He said (to him), "Go and greet that group of angels sitting there, and listen what they will say in reply to you, for that will be your greeting and the greeting of your offspring." Adam (went and) said, 'As-Salamu alaikum (Peace be upon you).' They replied, 'AsSalamu-'Alaika wa Rahmatullah (Peace and Allah's Mercy be on you) So they increased 'Wa Rahmatullah' The Prophet added 'So whoever will enter Paradise, will be of the shape and form of Adam. Since then the creation of Adam's (offspring) (i.e. stature of human beings is being diminished continuously) to the present

time."

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So as you can see by the previous quote, not only do certain Muslims believe that our ancient ancestors were considerably larger than ourselves, but they also believe that humans have shrunk in physical size since those times. Again, this is in perfect agreement with the theory which I have proposed here concerning the descendants of the Patriarch Noah. Along these same lines, there is another Islamic source -- which I have not been able to verify yet -- which posits that the pyramids of Egypt were built by the Ad giants, which, as we have seen, were believed to stand one hundred and thirty feet in height.

While some people have proposed an alien intervention theory as a way to explain how the Egyptians were able to obtain and elevate such huge blocks from distant quarries, personally, I have my doubts about this theory. One obvious question which seems to expose the weakness of the alien intervention theory is this: If some, or all, of the ancient pyramids were built by an alien race, why is it that, to our knowledge at least, the only mummified remains to be found in such pyramids are of normal-sized human beings? Why would aliens be interested in burying humans in pyramids? The same question can be asked of the Ad giant theory as well. If the pyramids were built by a race of giants, why then do we only find normal-sized human remains within them?

A more plausible theory, which even the Scriptures appear to support, is that ancient Egyptian cities and pyramids were built in part using human slave labor. It has been proposed that the ancient builders of the pyramids simply constructed tiers of sand around the pyramids, as they rose higher and higher in the sky, thus enabling them to mount one block upon another as the project continued. Once the capstone was put in place, the slaves would work in reverse by removing the tiers of sand. In my opinion, this seems like a very logical explanation, which does not require the presence of giants, or intervention by an extraterrestrial race. Consider these verses which are found in the Book of Exodus:

"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour."

Exodus 1:8-14, KJV

Judeo-Christian and Islamic texts are by no means the only sources which discuss over-sized humans and violent giants. While conducting research on the topic of Intelligent Design and Creationism, I discovered that certain Native American tribes -- I wasn't able to pinpoint the exact tribes -- also have beliefs concerning such things. According to one story

of creation -- that may actually be an amalgamation of a few different creation stories that was done by Native American author, theologian and historian, Vine Deloria Jr. -- in the beginning, giant people and "megafauna" -- i.e., very large animals -- once lived together in peaceful harmony. However, as a result of volcanic activity, the Golden Age came to an end, and both people and animals began to shrink in size.

Other cultures and religions have their stories of ancient giants as well. For example, in the mythology of India, the "Rakshasas" -- who were likewise known as "Daityas" -- were giants who reigned over the forests in a country known as Lanka. According to the Hindu epic "Ramayana", Vishnu, who was the chief of the trio of supreme Hindu gods, is said to have incarnated in a royal family, and then slew the king of the Rakshasas.

Perhaps you are also familiar with the "Gigantes" of Greek mythology. Said to be the children of Gaia -- or Gaea -- and Uranus, the Gigantes challenged Zeus and the Olympians, who themselves had achieved power after defeating Zeus' father, Cronus, and the Titans. The latter were then imprisoned in Tartarus. Ultimately, the Gigantes were likewise defeated by the Olympians with the help of Heracles -- known in the West as Hercules -- and the Olympians imprisoned the Gigantes in Tartarus, where the Titans were already. According to Greek mythology, it is the writhing of these imprisoned giants which causes earthquakes and volcanic activity.

As I mentioned earlier in this series, and also explain in more detail in the article "Hell And The Lake Of Fire", it is rather interesting to note that Tartarus is the very same place in the bowels of the Earth where the rebellious Fallen Angels -- or Watchers -- are currently awaiting their final judgment from the Lord. As I explained in part one, in his Epistles, the Apostle Peter writes:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

1 Peter 3:18-20, KJV

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"

2 Peter 2:4, KJV

Please note that in that latter verse, the word "Hell" is in fact derived from the Greek "tartaroo". This word originates from "tartaros", which is defined in my Greek lexicon as "the deepest abyss of Hell". To my knowledge, the previous verse from the Apostle Peter's second Epistle is the only place in the entire New Testament where this Greek word is used. If we add to this the fact that Tartarus is "the deepest abyss of Hell", in my mind, it suggests that Tartarus is a very unique prison, which may be reserved for the very worst of beings. The lexicon also states:

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1) the name of the subterranean region, doleful and dark,

regarded by the ancient Greeks as the abode of the wicked dead, where they suffer punishment for their evil deeds; it answers to Gehenna of the Jews

2) to thrust down to Tartarus, to hold captive in Tartarus

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Considering the previous facts, is it possible then that the aforementioned tales from ancient Greek mythology may really be based upon earlier accounts concerning the giant Nephilim and the fate of the Fallen Angels? While we have discussed the fact that the Fallen Angels were imprisoned in the Earth according to the Book of Genesis, we never concentrated on exactly how this was achieved. In other words, if the Book of Revelation informs us that the Archangel Michael and his Angels fought against Satan and his Angels, and cast them out, is it not reasonable to assume that very similar wars must have been waged in order to subjugate the Fallen Angels in the Book of Genesis? Or are we to believe that they just willingly allowed themselves to be imprisoned in the deepest darkest recesses of Hell without a whimper or a fight? These verses would seem to suggest contrariwise:

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." Revelation 12:7-10, KJV

So again, perhaps -- and I do stress "perhaps" -- the wars of the Greek gods and giants were simply a retelling of certain events which had transpired much earlier in human history. If we consider how easy it is for historical accounts to become distorted, corrupted and embellished over time, particularly over extended periods of time long after the original actors are dead, then this seems like one plausible explanation in my view.

However, it's not the only possible explanation. In his only known work "Historia" -- or "The Histories" -- which was an investigation into the root causes of the Greco-Persian Wars, and which chronicles the lives of four Persian kings, that is, Cyrus, Cambyses, Darius and Xerxes, 5th Century BC Greek historian, Herodotus, who some people refer to as the "Father of History", relates an account of the discovery of the body of Orestes -- who was the son of King Agamemnon of Mycenae -- by Spartans in Tegea.

Herodotus describes in Book 1, Chapter 68, how the Oracle of Delphi -- oracle was the name given to seers at that time -- prophesied that the Spartans would not be able to defeat the Tegeans, until they had moved the bones of Orestes to Sparta. Herodotus relates that a Spartan named Lichas discovered the bones of Orestes; and that his remains measured seven cubits in length. Using the short cubit of eighteen inches, Orestes would have been ten and a half feet tall. However, if we use the long cubit of twenty-one inches, Orestes would have stood twelve feet and three inches in height; clearly a giant of a man by anyone's recognition.

There are several other noted Greek historians who provide us with brief descriptions which suggest men of unusual stature. For example, in "The Comparison Of Romulus With Theseus", 1st Century AD Greek historian Plutarch relates how the people of Athens discovered the body of their city's founder; that is, Theseus. In writing about this event, Plutarch notes that the remains of Theseus were "of more than ordinary size". It is interesting to note that Plutarch was a strong critic of the writings of his predecessor, Herodotus.

While not specifically classified as a Greek historian, but more as a Greek traveler and geographer, Second Century AD writer Pausanias also offers us a glimpse into the ancient past, and provides us with a small piece of information that suggests the existence of giant men in bygone times. He was a careful writer, and one who had traveled extensively from his probable native land of Lydia in Western Asia Minor, the capital of which was Sardis. As you may recall from the New Testament's Book of Revelation, Sardis was one of the seven churches in Asia Minor, to whom John was directed to send a letter; although in this case, it wasn't a very positive one. Consider the following verses:

"Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

Revelation 1:11, KJV

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

Revelation 3:1-5, KJV

At any rate, the most notable work by the widely-traveled Pausanias is the ten-volume "Description Of Greece"; which, as its name implies, provides the reader with an in-depth description of ancient Greece, based upon his own personal observations during his many travels throughout the lands of the Middle East and the Mediterranean region. In one of his books, Pausanias describes how what were believed to be the skeletal remains of Ajax -- who, like his friend and fellow Achaean warrior, Achilles, was a great hero and formidable adversary in the army of King Agamemnon -- were found on a beach near Sigeum, on the Trojan coast. In describing these remains, Pausanias wrote as follows. I have included some words in brackets in order to clarify his statement:

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"The man [who discovered the exposed bones on the beach after the sea had suddenly washed away part of the beach] told me to

judge the size of Ajax like this. The kneecaps, which doctors call the millstones, were exactly the size of a discus for the boy's pentathlon."

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The size of the discus that is mentioned by Pausanias was probably about 12 to 14 centimeters, being as discuses which have been found in more recent times, and which are believed to have been used by adult athletes, have measured 6.5 to 9 inches in diameter, or 16.5 to 23 centimeters. If we assume that the discus that would be used by a boy athlete in such an event was five to six inches, or 12 to 14 centimeters, it provides us with a clue regarding the actual size of Ajax. In other words, if we consider that the normal size of a patella in an adult human is about five centimeters in diameter, this suggests that Ajax may have towered as much as fifteen feet in height; again, clearly a giant of a man.

This same writer -- Pausanias -- who some people believe may have been a doctor, and who seems to have possessed quite an interest in examining unusual skeletons, also mentions in his writings that in the sanctuary of Asklepios at Asopos, he had an opportunity to examine some bones which were "enormous but apparently human". Would a trained doctor make such a comment unless he was reasonably sure of himself?

Of course, as is to be expected, there exist quite a number of modern skeptics who are quick to propose that Pausanias may have in actuality, and unwittingly, examined the remains of a mastodon, or some other large mammal. They use this very same approach as a blanket statement to try to explain away or to totally discredit similar tales regarding the discovery of the ancient remains of giants throughout the world. In an attempt to neutralize anything which does not fit into their narrow-minded, rigid, tightly-controlled understanding of the natural world, these modern skeptics argue that just as that area of the world is the home of many tales concerning giant human beings, it is also replete with the fossilized remains of many large, ancient creatures; too many for me to mention in the scope of this series.

Well, obviously, I cannot disagree with that point. However, at the same time, to only accept their view to the exclusion of all other possibilities is just as dangerous in my view. The slow, careful, methodical, scientific approach no doubt has its merits; and strong ones they are; but is it possible that in certain instances, men of science have built so great a wall of reason and scientific dogma around themselves, that they have in fact become blind, and cannot see the forest for the trees? If Pausanias was a doctor of some kind, as certain people have surmised from his writings, doesn't it seem a bit odd that he would mistake a mastodon skeleton for giant human remains?

On an even larger scale, are we to assume that the Greeks, who contributed so much to the world in the way of the arts, science, literature, mathematics and other disciplines, were at the same time so ignorant, that they were not capable of differentiating a human skull from that of a mastodon or some other large ancient creature? Or are we to suppose that all of the remains that they discovered were simply headless for some odd reason, and that this led to their confusion? As I am sure you realize, this line of reasoning is nothing short of ridiculous; yet I am sharing it with you to point out how the reasoning and arguments put forth by some skeptics is no

less ridiculous.

In his "Iliad", noted Greek epic poet Homer seems to offer a degree of support concerning the claim of Ajax's great size. In an English translation of the Iliad by Canadian professor Ian Johnson, in Book Seven entitled "Hector And Ajax", Homer describes the notable Ajax using phrases such as "like some gigantic Ares", "huge Ajax, bulwark of Achaeans", "moving his feet with giant strides" and "godlike".

On a related note, in his classic work "Heroikos" -- or "On Heroes" -- Second Century sophist Philostratus the Athenian, through the voice of his character the vinedresser, describes Achilles as possessing a body that "was beyond natural size, since he grew more easily than do trees near springs". When the Phoenician merchant -- who plays the role of the devil's advocate -- reveals to the vinedresser his doubts regarding the belief that some of the Greek heroes stood ten cubits -- fifteen feet -- in height, the vinedresser replies in part:

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"Then let the ancient things which you find unconvincing be the beginning of my story. You say, I suppose, that you disbelieve that human beings were ten cubits tall. When you can sufficiently accept this, you ought to demand the rest of the story about Protesilaos and whatever else you want about Trojan matters. You will disbelieve none of these things."

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The vinedresser then recounts a story which had been told by his grandfather concerning the remains of Ajax, which is very similar to the account that was written by Pausanias in his "Description Of Greece", as we saw earlier:

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"Listen now, my friend. I had a grandfather who knew many of the things you do not believe. He used to say that the tomb of Ajax was destroyed by the sea near which it lies, and that bones appeared in it of a person eleven cubits tall. He also said that upon his arrival at Troy the emperor Hadrian embraced and kissed some of the bones, wrapped them up, and restored the present tomb of Ajax."

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At this point, the doubting Phoenician merchant challenges the vinedresser by saying that everything he has shared with him is based upon things he has heard, and not upon his own personal eyewitness experiences. To this, the vinedresser then replies:

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"Indeed, if I were versed in legendary lore, I would describe the seven-cubit-long corpse of Orestes, which the Lacedaemonians found in Tegea, as well as that corpse inside the bronze Lydian horse, which had been buried in Lydia before the time of Gyges. When the earth was split by an earthquake, the marvel was observed by Lydian shepherds with whom Gyges then served. The corpse, appearing larger than human, had been laid in a hollow horse that had openings on either side. Even if such things can be doubted because of

their antiquity, I do not know anything from our own time that you will deny. Not long ago, a bank of the river Orontes, when it was divided, revealed Aryades -- whom some called an Ethiopian, others an Indian -- a thirty-cubit-long corpse lying in the land of Assyria. Moreover, not more than fifty years ago, Sigeion -- right over here -- revealed the body of a giant on an outcropping of its promontory. Apollo himself asserts that he killed him while fighting on behalf of Troy. When sailing into Sigeion, my guest, I saw the very condition of the earth and how big the giant was. Many Hellespontians and Ionians and all the islanders and Aeolians sailed there as well. For two months the giant lay on the great promontory, giving rise to one tale after another since the oracle had not yet revealed the true story."

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The giant corpse that was discovered near the Orontes River in Syria is also discussed by Pausanias in his "Description Of Greece". Pausanias notes that a certain Roman emperor, who remains unnamed, made plans to build a canal from the Orontes River near Antioch to the Mediterranean Sea. It was during the construction phase that the giant corpse was unearthed.

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NEPHILIM : THE GIANTS OF GENESIS : PART 8

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Returning to the vinedresser character in Philostratus the

Athenian's "Heroikos", the vinedresser then continued his narrative with the following. Please notice that during one discovery, they poured two amphoras of wine into the skull of one of the giants, and yet it still was not full. Now, if it had been a non-human skull, doesn't it seem probable that they would have realized this, and Philostratus would have described it as being non-human? Yet, he doesn't do that:

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"If those monstrous beings existed, my guest, and if they were joined with snakes, I do not know. But the one in Sigeion was twenty-two cubits long, and it was lying in a rocky cleft with its head toward the mainland and its feet even with the promontory. But we did not see any sign of serpents around it, nor is there anything different about its bones from those of a human being. Furthermore, Hymnaios of Peparethos, who is on friendly terms with me, sent one of his sons here some four years ago to consult Protesilaos through me about a similar marvel. When Hymnaios happened to dig up vines on the island of Ikos (he alone owned the island), the earth sounded somewhat hollow to those who were digging. When they opened it up, they found a twelve-cubit corpse lying there with a serpent inhabiting its skull. The young man then came to ask us what should be done in his honor, and Protesilaos said, "Let us cover the stranger completely," without doubt urging those who were willing to rebury the corpse and not to leave it exposed. He also said that the giant was one of those who were hurled down by the gods. But the corpse that came to light on Lemnos, which Menekrates of Steiria found, was very big, and I saw it a year ago when I sailed from Imbros, only a short distance from Lemnos. Its bones, however, no longer appear in their proper order: the vertebrae lie separated from each other, tossed about by earthquakes, I suppose, and the ribs are wrenched out of the vertebrae. But if one imagines the bones together as a whole, the size seems to make one shudder and is not easily described. Certainly when we poured two Cretan amphoras of wine into the skull, it was not filled. Now, there is a headland on Imbros called "Naulokhos" facing the south, under which a spring is found that turns male animals into eunuchs, and makes females so drunk that they fall asleep. At this spot, when a piece of land was severed from the mainland, the body of a very large giant was pulled out. If you disbelieve me, let us set sail. The corpse still lies exposed, and the sea journey to Naulokhos is short.

But do not yet regard as credible what I have said, my guest, until you sail to the island of Cos, where the bones of earth-born men lie, the first descendants of Merops, they say, and until you see the bones of Hyllos, son of Herakles, in Phrygia and, by Zeus, those of the Aloadae in Thessaly, since they are really nine fathoms long and exactly as they are celebrated in song. The Neapolitans living in Italy consider the bones of Alkyoneus a marvel. They say that many giants were thrown down there, and Mount Vesuvius smolders over them. Indeed in Pallene, which the poets call "Phlegra," the earth holds many such bodies of giants encamped there, and rainstorms and earthquakes uncover many others. Not even a shepherd ventures at midday to that place of clattering phantoms which rage there. Disbelief in such things probably existed even at the time of Herakles. Hence, after he killed Geryon in Erytheia and was alleged to have encountered the most enormous creature, Herakles dedicated its bones at Olympia so that his contest would not be disbelieved."

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Please note that in the previous quote, the name "Herakles" is the same as Heracles, or Hercules as he is called in the Western world. When asked by the Phoenician to describe the now-deceased Protesilaos' appearance, the vinedresser then responded in part by saying:

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"His height is easily ten cubits, and it seems to me that he would have exceeded this had he not died in his early twenties."

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Please note that the entire exchange between the Phoenician merchant and the vinedresser occurred near the gravesite of Protesilaos, who was the first Greek warrior to die in the Trojan War. While Philostratus the Athenian obviously meant for us to understand that the dialog between the vinedresser and the Phoenician merchant was fictitious nature, what we need to realize, is that he was using these characters, and Heroikos as a whole, as a vehicle to inform the reader of things, persons and events which he believed to be true to some degree. In other words, while the dialog itself was a work of fiction, the contents of the dialog between these two characters was not, at least not in whole.

There is obviously much more that can be said regarding Greek mythology, giants, and the Greek historians and other writers who wrote about them; but suffice it to say that the region surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, as well as all of Europe, is an area of the world which is rich in such legends. Many other European cultures, such as the Romans, Norse, Bulgars, English, Irish, Scots, Welsh, Slavs, etc., each possess their own stories regarding giants, whether they were good or evil creatures, as do many other cultures outside of that region. While we as Christians cannot accept many of the tenets that other non-Christian faiths embrace, nevertheless, we cannot ignore the fact that they too possess stories concerning the giants. It seems to be a common thread that we all share.

Some of these stories concerning giants no doubt seem rather ridiculous, and quite outlandish, to the modern reader, and may in fact be complete fabrications which were invented in the minds of very imaginative people. In fact, even I will readily admit that I find some of these giant stories to be rather silly and nonsensical, and I do not accept them as being true for a minute. For this reason, I have chosen to not even include some of them in this series. Nevertheless, even after we attempt to discard the stories and traditions which border on the insanely ridiculous, and which could not possibly be true, we are still left with some accounts which not only appear to contain certain elements of truth, but which also seem to be corroborated by sources other than the original author.

This certainly appears to be the case with the Nephilim, the post-Flood giants, our giant progenitors the Patriarch Noah and his sons, and even with the Greek giants. We have found different people from various cultures and religions who are writing and conveying the same basic message during different time periods; or at the very least, providing certain facts which add another small piece to the overall giant puzzle, by

confirming what others have said before them. If there is a basic message to all of these tales, it is this: Giants have lived among us.

Please understand that this is not to emphatically suggest that these remaining giant accounts do not likewise contain some level of embellishment; after all, we humans will do as we humans do. However, to outright reject all giant legends, is to suggest that the entire ancient world had gone utterly mad, and was full of nothing but liars, deceivers and people whose imaginations had gotten the better of them. Or perhaps all of these ancient cultures, each in their own time, chose to effect a practical joke on future humanity, by leaving us with fantastical tales of ferocious, warrior giants who were at least nine feet tall, and in some cases, much more. Do you honestly believe that? I don't.

That being the case, we need to stop and question why it is that so many giant tales continue to persist all around the world, even in our modern age of so-called "enlightenment". While we started this series by examining the giants which dwelt in ancient Israel and the surrounding area, with this additional information -- which still by no means offers a complete picture -- it's plain to see that the existence of towering giants in one form or another was known by, as well as experienced by, many different peoples and cultures. Even if only a small percentage of the giant legends are factual accounts, how is that they came to occupy so wide an area of the world?

If we go back to our theory concerning the Patriarch Noah and his sons being the progenitors of the post-Flood giants, and recall what seems to have happened a few centuries after the Flood occurred, perhaps we can find a plausible answer. As you may know, modern science has proposed that in the distant past, the Earth was comprised of one super-continent, which has been referred to as "Pangaea". This super-continent then split into Laurasia and Gondwana, according to the theories proposed by palaeogeographers. They then inform us that over time, as a result of continental drift and tectonic plate movement, our modern continents eventually evolved.

While none of us know with one hundred per cent certainty if this is exactly how our modern continents came into existence being as none of us were there at the time, it does seem very clear from the Old Testament Scriptures that just a couple of hundred years after the Flood, in the days of Peleg, who was the great, great, great grandson of Noah, the Earth was in fact physically divided, as we see by this verse:

"And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Joktan."

1 Chronicles 1:19, KJV

The two Hebrew words that are used in that verse are "erets palag". As we saw earlier in this series, the word "erets" can refer to the land or ground itself, as well as to the inhabitants of the land. The word "palag", from which Peleg derives his name, means to split or to divide. We know from verses in Genesis chapter ten, that following the incident at the Tower of Babel, God chose to confuse and scatter the people by giving them many different languages, as well as by dispersing them across the face of the Earth, as we see by these verses:

"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. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." Genesis 11:6-9, KJV

Please note that in the previous verses, the word "scatter" is not derived from the word "palag", which means to divide or split; rather, it is derived from the Hebrew word "puwts" which means to scatter. This difference is very important. Thus, what we can gather from all of these verses, is that two things appear to have occurred a few hundred years after the Flood. Not only did God choose to physically divide and split the surface of the Earth itself, but He also chose to scatter the people upon the face of it, by dividing them into different language groups. Now, if, as we've theorized, some of Noah's descendants were giants, this would easily explain how the giants came to be dispersed in various parts of the Earth. In other words, it explains why there are legends of giants all over the world, and not just in ancient Israel.

If we consider how the Earth was physically divided in the centuries following the Flood, plus the fact that humanity was likewise divided in a lingual and ethnic sense across the face of the Earth, it also becomes easier to understand how over time the original stories concerning the existence of the giants would slowly be changed and adapted by each individual culture. These changes in the story would more than likely be affected in part by the particular politics, religion, taboos and other factors that pertained to each culture. Thus, while the basic message of "Giants have lived among us" may have remained the same despite the passage of time, peculiarities to each giant legend began to emerge.

This theory can be easily proved, if one were to line up two dozen people in a room, share a short story with the first person in the line, then ask them to whisper the same story into the ear of the second person in the line, and finally, have each person share the story with the next person in the line. By the time the story reached the last person in the line, it would undoubtedly have undergone a few alterations. The basic story would probably still be recognizable; but as a result of each person's understanding of the story, as well as personal prejudices, and just plain human nature, a word might be changed or added here and there, so that when all is said and done, there may possibly be as many as two dozen versions of the very same story.

That is not all. As a result of human migration, each giant legend will be accepted as truth by that particular culture. While each giant account may contain elements of the truth, that is, elements of the original story, it is probable that only the original story will contain all of the facts in the right order, and with very little, if any, embellishment. So the question is, which do we trust to be the original story? Obviously, being as I am a Bible-believing Christian, I place my trust in the Bible, and in other historical and religious documents which support its contents; while at the same time, not neglecting to consider what other sources may have to say concerning this matter as well. This series is clear proof of

that.

Obviously, this series will not convince someone to believe in the accounts regarding ancient giants on the Earth if they are already predisposed to certain ideas which convince them to the contrary. However, for those of you who still retain an open mind concerning this subject, it is my hope that the information which I have presented here, will at least provide you with some new food for thought. Personally, I don't doubt the veracity, reliability, integrity or accuracy of the Bible. I remain convinced that it is an honest, trustworthy account of historical events, as they pertain to the Creation of the Universe, the Earth and all life on it, and the Fall of man, as well as the consequences that have resulted from the Fall. Furthermore, I remain convinced that the Bible is a precise revelation of God's plans and intent for all of humanity, and that this plan has been in effect since the pages of the Old Testament.

Allow me to add that skepticism does have its place in our lives, as it motivates us to carefully and judiciously weigh what is presented to us as fact, and then to separate truth from error. Contrary to what some of my critics may be led to think, I do possess a skeptical side to my personality. There are many things which I do not accept at face value. However, more often than not, my skepticism is directed towards things of the world, and not those things which pertain to God, as they are revealed in His Word.

Some skeptics will undoubtedly ask "So where is the physical proof? Where are the giant skeletal remains if these behemoth humans really roamed the Earth at one time?" That is a very good question, and one for which I obviously cannot provide a definitive answer. Yet, let me ask you a question in return. If there is positive, physical proof of the existence of the giants in our ancient past, are you absolutely certain that we would know about it? More specifically, are you sure that the powers-that-be, particularly the scientific powers, would even want us to know about such things? Do you realize how a revelation of that magnitude could not only totally alter our perception of ourselves and our understanding of our past, it could also result in negative repercussions in the arenas of science, religion, government, etc.?

I honestly do not know if the skeletal or fossilized remains of human giants have ever been discovered or unearthed; but if they have, then the previous explanation may offer a good reason why we have not been made aware of them. For many in the scientific community, it would totally turn their world topsy-turvy. Some people of faith would be forced to question their beliefs. Many people the world over would question what other things their governments have lied to them about. In a word, the revelation of the existence of giant human beings in the ancient past could potentially create quite a mess in many different spheres of our lives. The aim of governments is to maintain societal order for the most part, even if some of them tend to be very heavy-handed and oppressive in their particular approach. Most governments do not go out of their way to purposely create chaos, confusion and havoc amongst their constituents, as it would only present challenges to their own hold on power.

If you doubt what I am saying, and don't believe that certain world governments would not be forthcoming in regards to the existence of ancient giants, allow me to offer you a modern example which clearly demonstrates how unbending governments

can be, even when they are confronted with sound, scientific evidence: Global Warming. If one goes back even ten years in time to the beginning of the George W. Bush administration, he will discover that the attitude of said administration was in essence one of total disbelief, perhaps even bordering on outright mockery, insofar as Global Warming or Climate Change is concerned. It took years of mounting scientific evidence before we began to see an attitudinal change in George Bush's administration, and the first hints that it was beginning to accept the reality of the potential threats that are posed by Global Warming.

The Bush administration clearly had the facts in hand, but it simply did not want to accept them. Why? A lot of people surmise that it may have had something to do with the Bush family's strong connections to the oil and gas industry, who continue to get filthy rich while we continue to pollute our world with dangerous emissions. So the point is this: If a world government like the U.S. Government is willing to be so adamant in its resistance to the dangers posed by Global Warming and Climate Change, even going so far as to resist belief in even the existence of the threat, what does that tell us about other possible scientific realities which for one reason or another, may possibly not sit well with their particular agenda? Having said that, do you still believe that all world governments would step forward if scientific evidence was presented to them regarding the existence of ancient giants? I don't. Can you imagine the snide remarks and one-liners on late night television shows if certain "respectable" people began to make public admissions about their belief in ancient giants?

Along the same lines, let's not overlook the arrogance of quite a few members of the modern scientific community. As I noted earlier, for many of them, the world, and perhaps even the Universe, is as they want it to be. In other words, if they put their stamp of approval on a particular pet theory, then it is as they say it is, regardless of what God's Word may say about it, and perhaps in some cases, even regardless of what the actual scientific evidence may point to. Thus, if scientists scoff and say that giants never existed, who are we to doubt their word; right? Wrong!

While this series has dwelt much on events from the distant past, I am going to conclude it by discussing a topic which, according to some people, may possibly have something to do with our future. As I mention in the series "2012 - New Age Deception And Psychobabble", currently, there is a popular belief that is being promoted by several Bible teachers and authors which claims that the Nephilim may possibly return to rule the Earth. For example, according to one author, Tom Horn, the Nephilim will be led by the false god Apollo, who Horn equates with the ancient Babylonian ruler, Nimrod, and also with the ancient Egyptian god of the underworld, Osiris. Furthermore, in his writings, Mr. Horn also insists that this resurrected Apollo/Nimrod/Osiris deity is the same being as Abaddon -- or Apollyon the Destroyer -- who we find mentioned in the Book of Revelation, as we see by these verses:

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as

the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter."

Revelation 9:1-12, KJV

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt."

Revelation 9:13-19, KJV

At this current time, personally, I haven't formed any solid conclusions regarding the identity of Abaddon/Apollyon, or of the "horde from hell" that follows him out of the Bottomless Pit. Whoever that vast army of two hundred million is, they certainly do not seem human to me. Furthermore, as we have already seen, God's Word and the Book of Enoch make it rather clear that the Nephilim giants were utterly destroyed during the Flood. None of them survived, and there is no mention of their spirits being cast into the Bottomless Pit. What we are told, is that the Fallen Angels were imprisoned in Tartarus, and that the spirits of the Nephilim became demons upon the Earth. Allow me to share those verses from part two with you again:

"And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from men, and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called. As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall

be their dwelling. And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them. From the days of the slaughter and destruction and death of the giants, from the souls of whose flesh the spirits, having gone forth, shall destroy without incurring judgement -- thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgement in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated."

Book Of Enoch 15:8-16:1

To reiterate, based on the previous verses, I don't see how the Nephilim could possibly ascend out of the Bottomless Pit in order to rule the Earth, when they were never cast into the Bottomless Pit in the first place. Enoch plainly informs us that the spirits of the Nephilim are condemned to wander the Earth as demons, so the army of two hundred million must be something else. Exactly what they are, I honestly don't know, but they certainly don't appear to be flesh and blood human beings.

Furthermore, let me remind you again that the giants known as the Nephilim resulted from the sexual union of the rebellious Fallen Angels with human women. They resulted from a blend of Angel DNA with human DNA. That being the case, it seems to me that unless a new incursion by rebellious Angels occurs, and unless they again mate with human women, I honestly don't see how we can expect the Nephilim to arise once again. Based on my current understanding of the Bible, I find no Scriptural evidence to support another mating of Angels with humans, or the return of the Nephilim, in the Scriptures which deal with the Endtime, or anywhere else for that matter.

On a side note, I again urge everyone to please exercise a great deal of caution if you choose to read the writings of Tom Horn. He is just another money-making Bible huckster in my view; and like many other 2012 promoters, I sense that he will be very embarrassed when his 2012 predictions fail to materialize, including his predictions regarding the return of Apollo and the Nephilim. Of course, by 2012, he will have already earned a handsome profit from his books, like so many other similar 2012 authors. A scam remains a scam no matter how many people are doing it; and right now, many people are in fact being scammed by these authors, due to the heightened interest in 2012. These authors are taking advantage of the gullibility and naivety of so many people who are searching for the truth.

With that admonition, I will bring this study of the Nephilim and other giants of the Bible to its conclusion. It has been an amazing and a rewarding study in the wonderful Word of God, and I trust that you have been blessed by it as much as I have been blessed in writing it.

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