

Fallen Angels *Architects of This Present Darkness*

II. Watchers and Nephilim: the Source of Demons

Purpose of the series: to recognize that:

We humans are not exclusively responsible for evil

Satan, not Adam or Eve, initiated and brought evil into this world

Our personal evil thoughts and deeds are most often imposed and suggested to us by evil supernatural beings (*and don't originate with us*)

Our challenge is not to condemn ourselves—it is to resist and overcome temptations

The righteous anger and indignation we often feel about injustice should be directed at these evil beings, and not at people

Our job is to love people—family, friends, even enemies—not hate or criticize them

Our prayers to God for oppressed and oppressive people are frequently more effective if directed toward the evil beings influencing them (*particularly when our prayers are not being answered*)

Trained intercessors and deliverance ministers can spiritually war against these evil forces

Indeed, we have more authority over these evil beings and their wills than we do over human actions and wills

Gen. 6:1-8

When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, the sons of God (*Heb. ha-elohim bene*) that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD

"Sons of God:" only divinely, directly created beings are referred to as "sons of God" in the Bible

Angels and other supernatural beings (good and evil)

Adam

Born-again humans

Not humans (without salvation or before salvation)

These are sons of Adam

John 1: 12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 3:6: For that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit

Rom. 8:14-16

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Angelic beings (*good and bad*) are referred to as "sons of God"

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the "sons of God" (*Heb. ha-elohim bene*) came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

Gen. 6:2 "sons of God" is rendered "*angelos*" in the Septuagint, the Hebrew-to-Greek translation of the OT

These fallen angels are called "Watchers" in the Second Temple Jewish Literature

Dan. 4:17

This decision is the decree of the "watchers," the verdict declared by the holy ones, so that the living will know that the Most High rules over the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whom He wishes, setting over it the lowliest of men.'

Second Temple Jewish literature

Inter-testament writings in Israel from about 300 BC to 100 AD

Many of the writings go into great detail about the Watcher and Nephilim narrative

These writing are not considered part of the Bible canon

But undoubtedly Jesus, the apostles, and the New Testament writers were familiar with these writing about the Genesis 6 events

So these can may be helpful in sorting out the implications of this cryptic passage

1. Greek translations of the OT (*also called the Septuagint, or LXX*)
2. The Dead Sea Scrolls (*DSS*)
3. Old Testament Apocrypha
4. Old Testament Pseudepigrapha
5. Rabbinic Literature of the inter-testament period
6. Philo: 20 BCE – c. 50 CE: was a Hellenistic Jewish philosopher who lived in Alexandria, in the Roman province of Egypt.
7. The Targums: Hebrew to Aramaic Bible translations
8. Flavius Josephus: c. 37 – c. 100 was a first-century Romano-Jewish historian and military leader, best known for *The Jewish War*, who was born in Jerusalem—then part of Roman Judea—to a father of priestly descent and a mother who claimed royal ancestry.

Most relevant books to the Nephilim and the Fallen Angels study:

The Book of Giants in the Dead Sea Scrolls

The Book of Enoch I, and The Book of Jubilees in the Pseudepigrapha

In the Second Temple literature Enoch "preaches" to the Watchers and tries to "save" them

Who was Enoch?

Gen. 5:21-24

When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah. And after he had become the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. So Enoch lived a total of 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and then he was no more, because God had taken him away.

Enoch is the great-grandfather of Noah

He is the supposed author of the Pseudepigraphal books of Enoch
Penned between 300 BC -100 BC

The Apocrypha are works, usually written, of unknown authorship or of doubtful origin.

The word *apocryphal* was first applied to writings which were kept secret because they had esoteric knowledge profound or too sacred to be disclosed to just anyone

Apocryphal: of questionable authorship or authority; erroneous, fictitious

The apocalypse : the end or destruction of the world especially as described in the Christian Bible

Apocalyptic: relating to or predicting the end of the world, especially as described in the Bible or another religious text; or predicting widespread destruction or a disastrous outcome.

Rev. 1:1

The uncovering or revealing of Jesus Christ (*Gr: Apokálupsis Iesou Christou*)

The books in the Catholic Apocrypha (and in the Septuagint +/-):

Deuterocanonical book: relating to a second canon

The First Book of Esdras

The Second Book of Esdras

The Book of Tobit

The Book of Judith

Additions to the Book of Esther

The Book of Wisdom

The Book of Sirach

The Book of Baruch

The Epistle of Jeremiah

Additions to the Book of Daniel

The Prayer of Manassas

The Additional Psalm

The First, Second, Third, and Fourth Book of Maccabees

Pseudepigrapha

Apocalypse of Abraham

Apocalypse of Moses

Tales of the Patriarchs

Letter of Aristeas

Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah

the story of Joseph and Asenath

Life of Adam and Eve

Lives of the Prophets

Ladder of Jacob
Jannes and Jambres
History of the Captivity of Babylon
History of the Rechabites
Eldad and Modad
History of Joseph
Odes of Solomon
Prayer of Joseph
Prayer of Jacob
Vision of Ezra
Book of Enoch
Book of Jubilees
the Apocalypse of Baruch
Psalms of Solomon
Revelation of Esdras
Psalm 151
Prayer of Azariah
3 Maccabees
4 Maccabees

Dead Sea Scrolls (Qumran Cave Scrolls) (1947)



Dating from the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD, the Dead Sea Scrolls have great historical, religious, and linguistic significance

They include the oldest surviving manuscripts of entire books later included in the biblical canon

They also feature deuterocanonical and extra-biblical manuscripts which preserve evidence of the diversity of religious thought in late Second Temple Judaism.

While the majority of Dead Sea Scrolls were written in Hebrew, the collection also includes many Aramaic and Greek texts

In the Dead Sea Scrolls every book of the Old Testament is represented except the book of Esther.

Three works of the Apocrypha are found among the Dead Sea Scrolls

Ben Sira (also known as the Wisdom of Ben Sira, Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus)

The book of Tobit

The Epistle of Jeremiah.

Other works, including some of the Pseudepigrapha are found in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Genesis Apocryphon

Enoch

The Temple Scroll

The Book of Jubilees

The Book of the Giants

The Second Temple Literature are heavy reads--with lots of stuff not about our topic; so you can scan through them.

The two books I've read (perhaps you have as well) that point out the most applicable passages from these three Second Temple Jewish literature books are by Michael Heiser.

The Unseen Realm

Reversing Hermon

Humans were created to be rulers on the earth, co-ruling with the Lord

Gen. 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth"

God's holy angels help the Lord rule in heaven (*the story of Job: the Micaiah/Ahab/Jehoshapha narrative*)

Angels were in the Garden of Eden to help God and men begin ruling on earth

The holy angels help God's holy people help rule over earth

Heb. 1:14

Are not the angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Man and woman lost their authority over creation and gave it to Satan and then the fallen angels

By disobeying God and thereby making themselves and the serpent their "god" ...

Humans lost their authority to rule the earth

Satan and fallen heavenly beings took over the "reins" and now "reign" on earth

So...the first "fall" of a good angel, to become a "bad" angel, may well have been Satan in the Garden (or before)

And then there was the events of Gen. 6:1-4 – a second recorded "falling" of good angels

Gen. 6:1-4

Now when men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took as wives whomever they chose. So the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days shall be 120 years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and afterward as well—when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of men. And they bore them children who became the mighty men of old, men of renown.

The Book of Enoch, the Book of the Giants, and the Book of Jubilees, as well as other pseudepigraphal books (Second Temple Literature) go into detail about this event:

These fallen angels were depicted as rebels against God

They were lured by the charms of women, they "fell," defiled their heavenly purity

They introduced all manner of sinfulness to earth.

Their giant offspring were wicked and violent; these giants, or their offspring, are identified as Nephilim

One writing asserts that evil spirits (demons) originally issued from the bodies of the slain giants.

The Babylonian Talmud mentions the names of Shamhazzai, Uzza, and Uzziel, as the leaders of the fallen angels described in Genesis 6

In the minor Midrash (*an expansive Jewish Biblical exegesis in the Talmud*) the stories of Enoch are expanded upon.

In one essay, the Jewish writer goes to the Seventh Heaven, where he met Enoch, who claims that earth had, in his time, been corrupted by the demons Shammazai, and Azazel

In Book of Enoch I: Enoch "preaches" to the Watchers in hell (Tartarus) – trying to "save" them

Enoch then goes to Heaven to plead their case and ask that the Lord forgive them

And "prove" that God is not cruel

Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Cyprian, Ambrose, Lactantius

Josephus, the great Jewish historian, wrote, "Many angels accompanied with women, and begat Sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good" (Antiquities of the Jews - 3:1, pg. 28)

Jubilees 5:1 And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they 2 chose, and they bare unto them sons and they were giants...

Enoch 15:8-10 "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

La-Azazel is the Hebrew word in the Old Testament for scapegoat in Leviticus 16.

Lev. 16:8-10

And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat (*Heb: la-azazel*). And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat (*la-azazel*) into the wilderness.

In Second Temple literature:

Azazel is associated with a demon god to which the scapegoat is sent in appeasement of sins

The priest sent the scapegoat over the Azazel outside of the city

Pre-figuring Jesus being handed over to the Sanhedrin, Pilot and Satan to be crucified outside the city at Golgotha

The Book of Enoch mentions Azazel into a connection with the Biblical story of the Genesis 6 fall of the watcher angels

The fallen angels arrive on Mount Hermon, a gathering-place of demons of old.

Azazel is one of the leaders of the rebellious Watchers

These Watchers taught men the art of warfare, of making swords, knives, shields, and coats of mail

They also taught women the art of deception by ornamenting the body, dyeing the hair, and painting their face and the eyebrows

And also revealed to the people the secrets of witchcraft and corrupted their manners, leading them into wickedness and impurity until they were hopelessly evil

Gen. 6:1-4 is a "polemic" against the worshipped Mesopotamian gods

These gods are fallen angels and nephilim

Not the creator god

And not worthy of the Mesopotamian's worship or admiration

At a famous archeological site found in 1928 called Ugarit (from northern Syria):
 Amorite and Hittite (Canaanite) civilization from 6000 BC is documented (*would include the times of Abraham 2000 BC*)
 The peak of the Canaanite empire was 1800 – 1200 BC (*the time of Moses and Joshua 1400-1200 BC*)
 Archeological evidence of Baal, Dagon other Biblical false gods was found
 Also the archeologists found reference to the "Apkallu" – gods and demi-gods like the Watchers and Nephilim worshipped by Mesopotamian cultures
 Writings describing the Apkallu in cuneiform inscriptions call them "wise" or "sage".



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The *Apkallu* in the Ugaritic findings are seven demi-gods, sometimes described as part man and part fish
 Associated with human wisdom
 Often referred to in the ancient pagan literature as the *Seven Sages* sent by the gods to impart knowledge to people

The names and "titles" of these seven sages in order can be given as:
 Uanna, "who finished the plans for heaven and earth",
 Uannedugga, "who was endowed with comprehensive intelligence",
 Enmedugga, "who was allotted a good fate",
 Enmegamma, "who was born in a house",
 Enmebulugga, "who grew up on pasture land",
 An-Enlilda, "the conjurer of the city of Eridu",
 Utuabzu, "who ascended to heaven".

Seven *Apkallu* are described before the Flood; eight after the Flood

Some commentators theorize that these fallen angels and their offspring helped ancient man build the pyramids, ziggurats, and other amazing ancient structures

Summary:

The Watchers: the angels which fell in Genesis 6 (and later)

The Nephilim: their offspring from the "daughters of men"

Sometimes these two groups are confused in Mesopotamian and Second Temple Literature

As man lost his authority to the fallen angels, wickedness increased

Gen. 6: 5-7

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, and *that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was altogether evil all the time*. And the LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will blot out man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—every man and beast and crawling creature and bird of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them.

The Flood came because of the wickedness of man and because of the Genesis 6 events exclusively to destroy the nephilim

God dealt with the Watcher angels that fell by sending them to a special hell: Tartarus

II Peter 2:4-5

For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell (*Greek: Tartarus, not Gehenna*), placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; If He did not spare the ancient world when *He brought the flood on its ungodly people*, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, among the eight...

The place in Greek mythology where the Olympians threw their defeated parents the Titan: Tartarus

Jude 6

And the angels who did not stay within their own domain but abandoned their proper dwelling (*Gr: oiketerion*)—these He has kept in eternal chains under darkness, bound for judgment on that great day

II Cor. 5:2

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling (*Gr: oiketerion*)

The first "Watchers" fathered the Nephilim

They were banished to Tartarus – II Peter verse

Enoch is asked by them to appeal to God for mercy

No mercy was granted

The offspring of the Watchers, the Nephilim filled the earth and contaminated the human seed
According to the Jewish Second Temple literature they taught mankind:

The occult arts: witchcraft, magic, potions, perfumes

Industrial, agricultural and military arts and science

By the time of the Flood, only Noah and his wife and children were not part-Nephilim

Gen. 6:9

This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless (*Heb: tamim*) in his generation; Noah walked with God.

The Hebrew: *tamim*: without blemish: bodily and physical perfection (*not moral perfection*)

This Hebrew word is used of animals to be sacrificed in the Old Testament

Exodus 12:5

Your lamb shall be without blemish (*Heb: tamim*), a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

If Noah was being described as "holy" or spiritually pure, in this passage, the Hebrew word describing him would more likely be "*qadosh*"

Noah was physically uncontaminated by the Nephilim seed

The Genesis 6 fall of angels was Satan's first attempt to prevent the coming of the Seed, the Messiah that God foretold of in Gen. 3:15

The Seed that would crush his head

Further attempts by Satan to end the line of the holy seed from Eve to Seth to Noah

Destroying the Israelites by famine during the Joseph story of Genesis

The midwives being instructed to kill all the baby boys born in Egypt

Destruction of the Israelite nation fleeing Egypt by Pharaoh

Queen Athaliah killing all the seed of David (only baby Joash was rescued)

Haman tries to destroy the Jewish nation during the time of Esther and Mordecai

Herod the Great kills all the children born around the time of Jesus

Satan tempts Jesus to "cast Himself down" off a high place

Christ is almost thrown off a cliff early in His ministry

Two violent storms on the Sea of Galilee almost drown Jesus and the disciples

The Flood was ordained by God exclusively to destroy the Nephilim (the children of the Watchers)

Their bodies perished in the Flood

But their spirits "survived" the Flood and are the demons that have torment individual people throughout time

Deut. 29:29

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, so that we may follow all the words of this Law.

Prov. 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

Compelling evidence for demons being the disembodied spirits of the dead Nephilim?

They desire to inhabit physical bodies again (*evil principalities, fallen angels may not*)

They have appetites and want to experience pleasures through us like they did in the past

Particularly evil pleasures and excesses

May not these demons be the spirits of those who once trod this earth in the flesh before [*the Flood*] but were then left disembodied by God?...Demons are continually seizing on the bodies of men and endeavoring to use them as their own. [Consider] their wearisome lack of ease, their wandering unrest...a longing to escape the intolerable condition of being "unclothed"—so intense that they will even enter into the bodies of swine.

John A MacMillan *The Authority of the Believer*

Several Second Temple books makes the case for Nephilim as the source of demons
 Several Church Fathers believed this (Justin Martyr, Athenagoras, and Lactantius)
 An Acts 23 reference implies a distinction between angels and 'spirits'

Acts 23:7-8

As soon as he had said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is neither a resurrection, nor angels (Gr. *angelon*), nor spirits (Gr. *pneuma*), but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

When Jesus and the apostles perform deliverance they cast out demons or evil (or unclean) spirits

Demon (Gr. *daimon* or *daimonion*)

Evil (or unclean) spirits (Gr. *poneron* [or *akatharta*] ***pneuma*** or *pneumatōn*)

What about the giants, the Nephilim after the Flood?

Easy: There was a second "falling" of angels: a second group of Watchers
 They had relations with the daughters of men
 They produced a second race of Nephilim

These second set of Watchers fell, entered the world from Mt. Hermon (*northern Israel*) –
 Second Temple Literature info

Satan targeted the Canaanites and the Promised Land with this "fall" because he was aware of God's plan for Abraham and the nation Israel to eventually live there

The Nephilim "*and afterwards*"

Genesis 6:3-4

...the Nephilim were on the earth in those days—*and afterward as well*—when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of men. And they bore them children who became the mighty men of old, men of renown.

The second group of Nephilim are described during the exodus from Egypt under Moses and during the conquest of the Promised Land by Joshua

Numbers 13:33

...We even saw the Nephilim there—the sons of Anak that come from the Nephilim! We seemed like grasshoppers in our own sight, and we must have seemed the same to them!" (ESV)

...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 (KJV)

Deut. 2:10-11

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. The Horites used to live in Seir, but the descendants of Esau drove them out.

Deut. 2:20-21

That too was regarded as the land of the *Rephaim*, who used to live there, though the Ammonites called them *Zamzummites*. They were a people great and many, as tall as the *Anakites*. But the LORD destroyed them from before the Ammonites, who drove them out

Deut. 3:11

For only Og king of Bashan had remained of the remnant of the *Rephaim*. His bed of iron, nine cubits long and four cubits wide

Josh. 11:21

And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the *Anakims* from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

I Sam. 17:4

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.

These "and afterwards" Watchers had relationships with Canaanite women

Why - When? --after the Angel of the Lord prophesied to Abraham that his descendants, out of whom would come the Messiah, would conquer Canaan

The conquest of Canaan by Joshua, destroying man, woman, and child had several purposes:

- 1) To clear the land of its inhabitants for the nation of Israel
- 2) To give the Jewish people the opportunity to worship God without pagan influence
- 3) To destroy the Nephilim
 - a) The Edomites and Ammonites had already killed many before the conquest
 - b) This is why Joshua was given the seemingly cruel order to kill the Canaanites man, woman, and child

Gen: 9:23-27

So Noah said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants he shall be to his brothers."

The real ramifications of the curse of Noah on Ham and his son Canaan

The curse has nothing to do with race and Ham's other offspring

The Canaanites were destroyed because of the Nephilim among them

Not because they are any more evil than other Palestinian tribes

Clarification of the nations of Palestine in ancient times START

The Nephilim after the Flood were concentrated in the Canaanite tribes in Palestine

There were seven Canaanite tribes

- The Canaanites
- The Girgashites
- The Hivites
- The Jebusites
- The Hittites
- The Amorites
- The Perizzites

Often in the Bible the Canaanites are referred to as Amorites (one of their tribes)

The Amorites are not be confused with the Ammonites

Why not?

The Amorites were doomed to complete destruction by Joshua because they were inhabited by the giants, the Nephilim

The Ammonites were not to be destroyed

God had actually promised land to them, they descendants of Lot

As God had promised land to the Moabites and the Edomites

This is why Moses was instructed not to fight with these tribes on the way to the Promised Land

Moses politely asked for free passage

The Moabites initially refused – the Balaam and the donkey story

There were two kings Amorites (Canaanites) Og and Sihon) who refused passage

Moses fought and defeated them

Gen. 15

Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."



The Edomites (descendants of Esau)

Amalekites (the grandson of Esau)

The Moabites (descendants of Lot and his first daughter)

The Ammonites (descendants of Lot and the second daughter)

Philistines – (forefather: Casluhim, the grandson of Ham, through Ham's son Egypt)



Tyre and Sidon (the Phoenicians)

The Midianites or Ishmaelites (Arabians); Abraham's sons by Hagar and Keturah; Moses and Joseph stories

The Syrians (King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat)

The Assyrians (Sennacherib and King Hezekiah; conquered the Northern Kingdom)

The Babylonians (Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel: conquered Judah)

The Medo-Persians (Daniel; Darius; conquered Babylon)

The Greeks: (Daniel; conquered Persia: Alexander the Great; his four generals: Antiochus Epiphanes IV and the Maccabees)

The Romans (The four Herods; Jesus; the apostles)

The Barbarians

The Muslims

The Christians

The Muslims

The Ottoman Turks

The British (1918)

Modern Israel (1947)

The descendants of "cousins" and neighbors of the Israelites still live in Palestine to this very day as Palestinians, Jordanians, Syrians

They continue to war with Israel

And perhaps will yet form the 10 kings that join the anti-christ in his attempt to destroy end-times Israel

Psalm 83

O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God!

For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads.

They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones.

They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"

For they conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant; the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites (descendants of Hagar), Gebal (south of Tyre) and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Asshur (the Assyrians) also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot (already mentioned Moabites and Ammonites) (continued...)

...Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God."

Note: this prophecy is unfulfilled; such a wide-spread coordinated conspiracy never occurred in the Old Testament – these nations warred separately against Israel, but not together

The Hamas Charter

"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it..."

Hezbollah Statement April 18, 2022

The head of Lebanon's Shiite Islamist political party, Hezbollah (Party of God), Mohammed Raad, announced over the weekend in Lebanon's parliament that it would take \$9 billion to wipe the state of Israel from the face of the map

What demons, the disembodied spirits of the dead Nephilim, do:

- Entice and tempt
- Harass
- Torment
- Compel, drive
- Enslave
- Defile
- Deceive
- Cause weakness, illness, depression, fatigue

Common Demon names and effects:

- Pride
- Rebellion
- Witchcraft/Occult
- Fear
- Lust
- Anger
- Rejection

What about Possession?

Matt 4:24

News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them

Matt 12:43-44

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

Possession is an unfortunate Greek rendering of (*daimonizomenous*)

To be vexed, tempted, bothered by a demon

Rendered "possessed" –unfortunately

Better rendered "demonized"

"Possessed" in English implies ownership

Christians cannot be "owned" by Satan

The Bible teaches that the unbelieving world is in the possession of Satan
And that Christians are in the possession of God

The correct understanding that believers cannot be "possessed" or owned by Satan, has led to an incorrect notion that believers cannot be tormented and/or inhabited by demons
So most streams of the Faith do not bother to "deliver" tormented Christians from demons

Christians, while they cannot be "owned" or "possessed" by demons, can certainly be tormented, controlled, and influenced by them

Maybe even more so than cooperative non-believers

How are people influenced by the demonic?

Temptations, torments, deceptions, delusions, obsessions, footholds and strongholds

Footholds

Eph 4:26-27

Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold

Strongholds

2 Cor 10:4-6

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

Demon "possession" vs. "oppression" vs. "temptation"

Is a demon "in us" or "nearby" or what?

What puts us at risk for demonization?

Are we saved? Full of the Holy Spirit? Walking in the Spirit?

Are we doing something that will continue the torment?

Online games that are occult

Pornography

Fortune telling / Horoscopes / Séances

TM and false religions

Ouija board, tarot cards

Are we unwilling to quit these things?

The goal of deliverance ministry

Determine if the problem is evil spirits or not

Determine if an individual is willing to be delivered?

Deliverance needed? Look for "manifestations"

Determine the names of the demons

Cast them out by commands in the name of Jesus and by His blood

The authority of Christ (vs. the "power" or abilities of the deliverer)

Authority is delegated power, given to someone with less power and authority

Police women halting traffic example

Educate the oppressed:

Repent of sins / renounce occult activities

True repentance results in our quitting activities, habits, sins that contribute to the demonization
 Will include forgiving everyone: even those who got them into their mess

Are there ghosts – spirits of *departed human dead* that haunt the world?

Arguments for ghosts being the spirits of the dead

1 Samuel 28:13-15

“The king said to her, “Do not be afraid; but what do you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I see a divine being (Heb: *elohim*) coming up out of the earth.” (KJV “*gods*” – *elohim* is plural of *el* or *eloah*: other version: “*god*,” “*spirit*”) He said to her, “What is his form?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped with a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and did homage. Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” And Saul answered, “I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and no longer answers me, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do.”

Matt. 14:26 and Mark 6:49

But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit (*Gr: phantasma—an apparition*), and cried out

Luke 24:39

Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost (*Gr: pneuma*) does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

Matt. 27:50-53

When Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He yielded up His spirit. At that moment the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked and the rocks were split. The tombs broke open, and the bodies (*Gr: somata*) of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After Jesus’ resurrection, when they had come out of the tombs, they entered the holy city and appeared to many people.

Arguments against ghosts being spirits of the dead – but rather demons (nephilim spirits)

Psalms 146:4

For his spirit goes out and he returns to his earth and in that day all his thoughts are destroyed.

Job 7:9-10

As a cloud fades away and vanishes, so the one who goes down to Sheol will never rise again. He will never return to his house; his hometown will no longer remember him.

Job 14:12

So a man lies down and does not rise. Until the heavens are no more, he will not be awakened or roused from sleep.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Then man’s dust will go back to the earth, returning to what it was, and the spirit will return to the God who gave it.

Believers' spirits go directly to heaven

2 Corinthians 5:8-9

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

Heb. 11: 39-40

These were all commended for their faith, yet they did not receive what was promised. God had planned something better for us, so that together with us they would be made perfect.

Heb. 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

Heb. 12:22-23

Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to myriads of angels in joyful assembly, to the congregation of the firstborn, enrolled in heaven. You have come to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

The unsaved spirits are in Sheol, hell – awaiting judgment

Rev. 20:12-13

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. And there were open books, and one of them was the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their deeds, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead, and each one was judged according to his deeds.