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INTRODUCTION

oesn't it surprise you that as Christians we are not very different from the rest of the world? We don't die any later nor are we any healthier. We visit the doctor as much as the next person. We have the same number of relationship problems. The divorce statistics for Christians are similar to the rest of society. We occupy the same number of beds in psychiatric hospitals as do non-believers. Christians are prescribed medication for depression in the same proportion as is prescribed to others. We aren't any wealthier than non-Christians. In fact, in some Christian microclimates, poverty is exalted!

Something is wrong. Sure, we have salvation to offer the unbeliever and that is no mean gift. Eternal life for free! I don't have to earn it. Now that is incredible. An offer no other religion can match. Yet as for the here and now, the daily grind, well, that is a different story. We can't seem to offer an attractive inducement that has to do with life right now. The secular world looks at our insurance plan for life after death and basically says: 'Sounds great, but what can you show me now to convince me that what you are saying about the future is true?' And for most of us, we are stumped. We don't have an adequate answer. Jesus makes a difference in the hereafter but he doesn't seem to have a tangible impact in our lives right now.

Yes, we hear stories and testimonies of people being miraculously healed, but in comparison to the number of times we cry out to God and nothing happens, these events are few and far between. Yes, Jesus has exchanged, through his death on the Cross, curses for blessing, sickness for health, sorrow and grief for peace and joy. Yes, God is a miracle working God. Yet why do a lot of the

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people I know, who love Jesus and seek his help for a variety of problems, end up disappointed and disillusioned? They end up with little real progress in their condition. Why did the lovely Christian family across the road have to lose their mother to cancer and leave behind a distraught husband and three bewildered children? Where is the blessing, the health, the peace and joy? Their church prayed and interceded. There were even 'prophesies' and 'words of knowledge' that she would be healed but she died. The church was bewildered and in a state of shock, confusion and disappointment.

Like you, I have asked these questions many times. Uncomfortable questions that we prefer to remain in denial about. Many times I have been exhorted to simply have faith and continue to trust in God because, after all, his ways are not our ways. Like you, I have continued to trust and have faith that God is in overall control. After all, who am I, a mere mortal, to think I could possibly understand the bigger picture that is being outworked. Nonetheless, there has been a lingering dissatisfaction with this answer. There is an internal discord that can't reconcile a God of love and a capricious, unpredictable God who would want to end the life of a much loved young mother when I can give you a hundred good reasons why she should live.

This book is an attempt to make some sense out of these apparent contradictions and to bring a different perspective to this perplexing problem. Over the past few years, the Holy Spirit has given Heather and me some important keys in reconciling these dilemmas. Solutions to problems often happen when we think outside of the box. We take a new and different, perhaps even a radical approach to the problem and find that the 'non-sense' starts making sense. Hopefully we will answer many of the questions raised. It will nonetheless require you to suspend your preconceptions, some of the suppositions you take for granted, and you will need to be flexible enough to consider another alternative. The answers to the questions raised lie largely in developing a more complete and balanced understanding of the satanic kingdom, how it functions and a knowledge of the legal rights system that both the Kingdom of Light and kingdom of darkness use.

Unfortunately, within most Christian denominations today, the devil is written off as a 'has been.' Popular within evangelical and Pentecostal thinking and teaching is the following statement.

'We don't need to focus on the devil; we just need to focus on Jesus. Don't give him any more attention than he already gets. Jesus has defeated him on the Cross and so he is not an issue. He may be a roaring lion but he hasn't got any teeth. If we resist him, he will flee. The IRS doesn't focus

on counterfeit dollar notes but they study the real thing so they recognise the counterfeit bill because they know the real bill so well. So too, as we concentrate on Jesus, the devil will be recognized as the counterfeit that he is. Greater is he who is in me than he who is in the world, so I have nothing to fear.'

Consequently, we really don't know our enemy. We dismiss him as a non-event and in so doing play right into his hands. We say we are in a battle. We know it is not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, yet we have little idea about who they are and how they operate. We put on the armour of God, employing the shield of faith to deflect the arrows of the enemy. If pressed to explain what those arrows are, the best that most of us can say is 'temptations.' The kingdom of darkness remains in darkness to Christians and Satan and his army are very happy with that situation. They pillage with relative impunity while our patriot missiles remain in their silos.

Based on thousands of hours of dealing with victims of Satanic Ritualistic Abuse and, as a consequence, directly interacting with demons of varying sophistication and responsibility within the kingdom of darkness, we have been forced to re-examine the Scriptures and challenge existing interpretations.

It is important to state that we believe the Bible is God's word; it is his revelation of himself to us and it is the truth. The problem lies in believing that *my interpretation* of what the Bible is saying is the only possible interpretation of the truth. It is the reason we have so many different denominations today! People take a passage of Scripture, place their interpretation on it and dogmatically assert that their interpretation is correct!

For example, we all agree that at the Last Supper, Jesus took the bread and said, 'This is my body.' He took the cup and said, 'This is my blood.' Yet Christendom is split in two by the interpretation of these words. Some believe it is to be taken literally; that the bread and wine, when blessed, transform miraculously into the body and blood of Jesus. Others interpret it as only a symbolic representation; no miraculous transformation. One passage of Scripture with two mutually exclusive interpretations! Each camp believes its interpretation is the truth! In fact, adherents to one view have died at the hands of adherents to the opposite view rather than deny their interpretation. While people have lost their lives over which interpretation is correct, it is at least of some comfort to know that the point in question, though important, is not essential to our salvation.

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There are, of course, tenets of the Christian faith that are important, on which we all agree and which define being a Christian. These beliefs are not negotiable if you want to call yourself a Christian. Holding them is essential to our salvation. These are most succinctly expressed in the Nicene Creed, the defining statement of what we believe as Christians, compiled by the church fathers in the fourth century. Not negotiable are the following: God is one and at the same time a trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus, the second member of the Trinity, became man, fully human, dwelt among us, was tempted in every way we are, lived a sinless life, died and rose again. Salvation is only possible by accepting that Jesus, through his death, paid the penalty for our sins; a penalty we could never pay. We appropriate this salvation by repenting for our sins, asking God to remove them, because of what Jesus did, and surrendering our lives to him. At the point of this surrender, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, comes to dwell in us and, consequently, each believer carries the very presence of God within him.

The theology of Satan and our understanding of the kingdom of darkness is not so clear cut. We know that he had a special relationship with God before he rebelled and that he convinced a third of the angels in heaven to rebel with him. He tempted Adam and Eve and they succumbed. As a consequence, man was separated from God. Jesus defeated Satan at the Cross and man was reconciled to God. Satan and his demons tempt us today. Satan will work with the Antichrist and the false prophet to deceive the world. He will be locked up for 1000 years when Jesus returns. At the end of his captivity, he will be released to gather his forces for one last battle with God. He will fail and be thrown into hell forever.

That is all that 99% of Christians know about Satan and his kingdom. It's not very much, really. Just exactly how capable is Satan, as a created being, with his power, knowledge and understanding? Exactly how was Satan defeated at the Cross? Did this defeat affect his intrinsic power? If so, by how much? How does he operate today? Do Satan and his minions believe they have lost the battle against the Kingdom of Light? What does he really look like when he isn't occupying a serpent? Does he have horns, cloven hooves and a forked tail? What role did he play, if any, in the death of the mother of the Christian family that lives across the road? Have *you* actually been tempted by Satan himself or is he too busy to bother with little ol' you? How is his kingdom structured today? How does he infiltrate the church? What are territorial spirits? What difference does it make spiritually, when we go to the top of a high place and claim the area below, a city perhaps, for God? Is putting on the armour of God the best way to deal with the satanic kingdom? What about

people who claim they have been abused in satanic rituals and yet have no memory of consciously being involved? When I get sick, what percentage, if any, is the work of the demonic? Which model of deliverance is the best to use? Where should demons be sent when they are cast out? Can Christians have demons? Should Christians be talking to demons? Just exactly how much control does the kingdom of darkness have over my life, as a Christian, on a day-to-day basis?

This book is the first of a series of three that will attempt to answer these questions. It is a study with a comprehensive and meticulous focus on the character and nature of the kingdom of darkness, addressing *why* Satan does what he does and how the complex interactions between God's kingdom and Satan's can be understood. These three books will expose the kingdom of darkness and bring it into the light. Darkness in the light. The reader will also see how the Church has attributed to God what is actually the work of the kingdom of darkness; darkness in the Light.

Then watch out that the light in you may not be darkness. If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it shall be fully illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays. (Lk 11:35,36)

NOTE

- 1. Anazao believes that there are six primary ways God reveals himself to us. These are through Scripture, personal revelation, experience, reason, creation itself and knowledge. A detailed explanation of each can be found in Appendix 1.
- 2. Anazao does not necessarily endorse people, organizations or every aspect of articles quoted in the end-notes.
- 3. In keeping with the more recent trends in Christian literature, the pronouns used to refer to Jesus, God the Father or the Holy Spirit, such as *he, his, him* will be in lower case.
- 4. When referring to a non-specific individual, there is interchanging use of he/his/him and she/her. There is no implication that the example used applies exclusively to males or females.
- 5. The terms "the satanic kingdom" and "the kingdom of darkness" are used interchangeably and refer exclusively to angelic beings.
- 6. Unless otherwise stated in the text or end-notes, all written material and diagrams are original.
- 7. Scriptures are always presented in italics. All other quotes are not.

Chapter 4: INFECTED

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he will bruise you on the head and you will bruise him on the heel. (Gen 3:15)

Reading this verse on face value, free from theological bias and preconceptions, it is clear that Satan can produce seed or offspring and the offspring from Eve herself will contend with those of Satan. While 'seed' can be used in a figurative sense, sound exegesis (interpretation of Scripture) suggests that when the same word is used twice in the same verse, the same interpretation should be given to both. Since the seed of Eve is universally interpreted as her biological offspring, the logical implication is that Satan's offspring are also biological. The big question is, 'Who are these physical offspring of Satan?'

Legal rights

The legitimate right to gain spiritual advantage over man, through man's free will choices, began with Adam's sin. This was the beginning of what Anazao, and others, call the legal rights system. The legal rights system originally began with Satan's rebellion. The consequences of Satan's sin were being thrown out of heaven and losing favour with God. The consequences of man's sin were being thrown out of Eden and losing favour with God.

It is understanding and unravelling the legal rights system that both the Kingdom of Light and kingdom of darkness use, that is the focus of this series of books, 'Darkness in the Light.' This approach will answer many of the

questions raised in the introduction. Satan has a legal right to do certain things to man, based on Adam's choice to be obedient to him instead of God. God has to honour that. However, there are restraints on how far Satan can go. Satan is still under God's authority. The amount of influence, or legal rights, that each side gets is linked to the free will choices of men. If man chooses selfish actions, the satanic kingdom gains more control. If man chooses more selfless actions, the Kingdom of Light gets more control.

The legal right system, as a negotiable currency between the kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of Light, began to gather momentum with Adam's first sin. Further legal rights were given to the satanic kingdom when Adam refused to say sorry when confronted by God and instead chose self-justification and blaming. The Kingdom of Light would have gained legal rights with the purity of Abel's heart and his offering. This would have been offset by Cain's jealousy and murder of Abel. You get the picture.

From the transaction in Eden and for the next four thousand years¹, Satan had control over the world. God was still the owner but Satan was the landlord and man the tenant. Satan had authority to do a lot of things to man because of man's initial submission. Nevertheless, since God was in authority over Satan, Satan couldn't act with complete impunity.

The devil's seed

Satan must have gained, over time, significant legal rights to be able to put into effect what has to be the most amazing angelic-human interaction imaginable.

Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them. (Gen 6:1-7)

The use of the term 'sons of God' in Scripture applies to angelic beings and men. Whenever the term is used in the Old Testament, it refers to angels, both God's and Satan's. Whenever it is used in the New Testament, it refers to people². In the passage above, God would not have allowed his angels to have intercourse with women and so, by elimination, it must apply to fallen angels. Further backing for this viewpoint is that the literal translation of the word 'Nephilim' in Hebrew is 'fallen ones.' Targum Yonathan is a well known Jewish translation and commentary on the Hebrew Scriptures. It says that the 'Nephilim' were so named because they were the sons of the fallen angels. Strong's Concordance with Greek and Hebrew Lexicon refers to the word 'Nephilim' translating it 'a feller, i.e. a bully or tyrant: giant'³. It states that this is derived from the verb 'naphal' which means 'to fall'⁴. This word is often associated with violence, hence frequently translated 'overthrow, fall upon.' Both translations are correct in that they each provide a different emphasis on the same word that complement each other. The Jewish emphasis on the word as a noun shows us that Nephilim were the offspring of fallen angels. The Gentile emphasis on the word as a verb describes their character. They were bullies who, through their large size, dealt violently with their fellow man.

Secondary Agreement

The book of Enoch is considered to be an Apocryphal book. It is not included in the Jewish Tenakh, the Hebrew name for what Christians call the Old Testament. The Protestant Old Testament is based on the Jewish Tenakh; the books in both are the same, although the order is different. After the Babylonian captivity, in the five hundred years before Jesus was born, Jews were spread all around the world and the Tenakh varied slightly. The Ethiopian Jews included Enoch in their Tenakh and most of the book of Enoch was found intact in the Dead Sea Scrolls. The book of Enoch has a rare distinction among apocryphal books of being quoted in the New Testament:

It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." (Jude 1:14-15)

This is a direct quote from the first chapter of 1st Enoch:

And behold! He comes with ten thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to destroy all the ungodly: and to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed,

and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. (1 Enoch 1:9)

Clearly then, the writers of the New Testament must have been aware of Enoch and its contents and did not consider Enoch too dangerous a book to quote. While new doctrine can't be formed from apocrypha books alone, these books can be used to support and amplify the Tenakh, where they are in agreement with the Tenakh. Such is the case with the Gen 6:1-7 passage. The book of Enoch tells us the names of the spirits⁵ that came down and had intercourse with women and the extent of the evil and corruption that resulted. Whether the names mentioned in Enoch are true or not is debatable. Nevertheless the support that Enoch lends to the interpretation that fallen angels had intercourse with women is unequivocal.

The Book of Jubilees is another ancient Jewish apocryphal book, also found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. It is sometimes called Leptogenesis meaning 'Lesser Genesis' in that it retells the book of Genesis. One of the reasons it is considered apocryphal is because of the author's tendency to unrealistically break all events into groups of seven years which he then linked to the year of Jubilee, the year after the 49th year. Interestingly, the translation of Gen 6:1 occurs in Jubilees 5:1 and confirms Enoch's interpretation of these verses.

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 chose, and they bore them sons and they were giants. (Jubilees 5:1)

Some readers may object to the use of other Jewish sources to corroborate or support the Scriptures. It is a serious omission, in my opinion, that the translations Christians most commonly use are translated predominantly by gentiles, rather than Jewish experts. There can be a tendency in our thinking to believe that we gentiles know best when it comes to understanding the Bible, because Jews made the fundamental error of not recognizing Jesus as their Messiah. If they can make such a major error in misinterpreting their own Scriptures, perhaps they have made other errors of misinterpretation and can't be trusted. Therefore, the rationale is that gentile believers in Jesus should go it alone, relying predominantly on their own interpretation.

It is stating the obvious to say that Jews know their language better than non-Jews do. Knowing how to read and speak Hebrew is one thing, but *being* a Hebrew (a Jew) adds an extra dimension and understanding that no gentile

can acquire. We are simply the wild olive grafted into the natural olive (Rom 11:17) and we will never have the same innate, intuitive understanding of the Bible that they do. As gentiles, we are apt to see the Bible as principally God's written communication to mankind rather than primarily as a Jewish historical and cultural record that is also God's written communication to mankind. The emphasis is important. We compartmentalize and relegate the Jewish component to merely the vehicle that God used to communicate with humanity rather than seeing the two aspects seamlessly and inextricably interwoven. Reading a commentary on the famous Australian poem and song, 'Waltzing Matilda' by an American or an Englishman is unlikely to be as insightful and accurate as an Australian commentary. In reading translations of the Old Testament, in particular, we would do well to read parallel translations by Jewish translators and commentators and find out what the prevalent Jewish understanding is. I am not saying that they are always right, but a more balanced and accurate interpretation is likely to be achieved when we cast a broader net.

Makeup of Angels

One can imagine Satan's thinking going along the following lines: I have angels under my control; I have men under my control. What about a half breed? To ensure that God doesn't fulfil his promise, if I can gain greater control of men, they will be less likely to give their allegiance to him.'

Perhaps the prospect of having intercourse with the daughters of men was part of the carrot that Satan used to lure a third of the angels to follow him. The fallen angels thought the daughters of men were beautiful and, implicit in that statement is that they were sexually attracted to them.

All angels are male. Despite the world's portrayal of angels being predominantly female in television advertisements, nativity plays etc, every time angels appear in Scripture they are male. The pronouns used in reference to them are always masculine. There are no Scripture references to 'daughters of God,' only 'sons of God.'

Fallen angels, or demons, can change their appearance to look like dragons, snakes, gargoyles or any other shape, beautiful or hideous, that will impress or frighten men. From my experience counselling survivors of comprehensive satanic ritualistic abuse, it appears that angels are created, with a default setting to take the shape of a person. In the spiritual realms, angels look like us, whether they are on God's side or Satan's. They have a head, torso, two arms, two legs and, yes, they have a penis. Regarding wings, most angels and demons don't have them. Wings are not necessary for 'flying' since

angels exist in dimensions outside of our space-time world where wings for movement through the air are not necessary. A small proportion of angels, such as seraphim and cherubim have wings but the function of these wings is protection rather than movement. The wings of the cherubim that were placed on the top of the Ark of the Covenant had a protective function, not unlike the analogy used in Ps 91.

He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. (Ps 91:4)

Again, from our experience, it appears that when demons, in spiritual form, engage in sex with humans today, they are always male. I have counselled a relatively large number of women who have inadvertently had sex with demons. Many of these women are God-fearing believers who have had no direct involvement with the occult at all and are surprised and perplexed at what is happening to them. These demons are given the collective name, 'Incubus.' Women relate varying degrees of sexual involvement from clitoral stimulation to full intercourse. Often clients are understandably embarrassed to share such incidents. Frequently they relate that the sex is the same as sex with a human male in terms of dilation of the vagina, heaviness on the chest and related sensations. It is as though a body is lying on them, but there is nothing there. Sometimes the woman can see the demon and they can appear in every respect just like a man. Less common is interference by 'Succubus' demons which usually involves anal penetration of human males, and females, or oral stimulation of the person's penis. The incidence of Incubus and Succubus interference is much more prevalent in African countries.

Demons can make themselves look like females when they appear as ghosts to deceive people, but when they embody, they always embody as male.

Examples of Angels embodying

The fact that God's angels can embody physically, for limited periods of time, is not in question. Some appeared to warn Lot and he invited them in as guests. Another angel wrestled with Jacob.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Heb 13:2)

By embodying we mean taking on a covering of flesh, for a limited period of time, and interacting directly with us. Embodying doesn't mean going into the body of an existing person. It means forming a completely new physical entity that looks and acts like a human in every respect. There are numerous

stories in many Christian books today of angels embodying to help out the saints. Derek Prince, in his book 'Appointment in Jerusalem,' relates how an angel carried one of his adopted daughters to safety from one side of war torn Jerusalem to another.

Someone I know of personally, who was actively involved in smuggling Bibles into Europe and China, relates an incident of travelling towards Albania by himself in a VW car crammed full of Bibles. Albania, at that time, was the most anti-Christian country in Europe. He was relying on God for a miracle since he had no idea how he would get the car full of Bibles through the border checkpoint. He didn't speak Albanian. Not far from the border, he picked up a hitch hiker who happened to speak English. As they approached the border the hitch hiker said, 'I speak fluent Albanian. Let me take care of the border inspection.' The car stopped at the checkpoint, the hitch hiker rolled down the window, spoke to the guards and they waived the car through with no inspection at all. He relates, 'Leaving the inspection point, I put the car into first gear, changed into second gear, turned to thank the hitch hiker and he was gone! He disappeared. The car door wasn't opened at any stage through the checkpoint and afterwards.' The only possible explanation is that God had sent an angel. It makes the following verse, from Hebrews really come alive!

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? (Heb 1:14)

Satan's crew can too!

Satan's angels can embody and do. Remember, the angel's ability to embody is intrinsic to their makeup and that didn't change when they lost their authority. There is a popular misconception amongst the general public, including Christians, that demons in their natural state are horrible, wart covered creatures who look like deformed dwarfs or gargoyles. This is simply not true. While they can change their shape and appearance to look like anything they choose, including something grotesque, that is not their natural form or shape. They are angels, just like God's angels. They have simply chosen to follow a different master. Not only did demons embody, but from this passage in Genesis chapter 6 we learn that they had physical intercourse with women and could produce sperm capable of fertilizing a human ovum. They were obviously attractive enough when they embodied to entice women to have intercourse with them.

The uniqueness of man

The angels would have been intrigued watching the creation of Adam because he had a trinity of spirit, soul and body. Man was part of a dimensional existence

that was physical. Angels were part of a dimensional existence that was spiritual. They had a spirit and a soul but man was different. He had a spirit and a soul just as they had, but in addition this spirit and soul was inseparably linked to the flesh of this new physical world. It wasn't that man was spirit and soul *clothed* in flesh, it was that the flesh was actually one with the soul and spirit. Angels were a 'bi-unity;' man was a 'tri-unity,' made in the image of God. When angels embody they are not a 'trinity' like man. They are spirit and soul clothed in flesh. A bi-unity encased in flesh. A being that looks likes us but in reality is fundamentally different. God had created man as a reflection of himself, just a little lower than himself.

What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! (Ps 8:4,5)

Unfortunately the King James Version has incorrectly translated the first line of verse five as "...made him a little lower than the angels" and this misconception is entrenched in the thinking of many Christians. The NIV continues the error with "...made him a little lower than the heavenly beings." The Hebrew word is 'Elohim' and this word is almost always translated as 'God or gods,' rather than 'angels' or 'heavenly beings.' It is translated correctly in the NASB. Incidentally, the writer of Hebrews also mistranslates those same verses (Heb 2:6,7).

Similar soul and spirit

Some may argue that we don't know for sure that angels are a 'bi unity' of the same soul and spirit we have. Because angels had intercourse with women and produced viable offspring, it is unlikely that the union of the sperm of angels with the ova of women was significantly different from normal human reproduction. If it were, we would be dealing with another species but, as will be explained in more detail in chapter 6, Nephilim could reproduce with ordinary humans producing a generational lineage. This indicates that they are the same species, only larger in size. Hence the impartation of soul and spirit at the conception of angel-human offspring is the same as human-human offspring. No one is exactly sure how soul and spirit are imparted to a new being at conception. Does God uniquely impart a completely distinct and different soul and spirit at the moment of conception? Alternatively, does the soul and spirit inherent in the sperm, meet with the soul and spirit inherent in the ovum to produce a new soul and spirit that is still unique and distinct but more closely linked to that of both parents? The latter scenario provides a more seamless vehicle for the transference of inherited generational iniquity.

Conjecture

It is more than coincidental that the fall of Satan happened after the creation of Adam and Eve. In fact, it is very likely that these events were connected. Everything seems to have been okay in heaven up until this point. *All* the angels, sons of God, shouted for joy when the earth was created.

On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:7)

This verse implies that the rebellion of Satan was yet to happen. Rev 12:9 makes it clear that the earth existed when the rebellion took place. The rebellion of the angels in heaven occurred when Adam and Eve were enjoying the Garden

He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. (Rev 12:9)

There was collective joy and jubilation after God had made the heavens and the earth. However, when man entered the scene, and then woman, things started to go awry.

Maybe Satan, who was watching this event, realized that as beautiful, majestic and powerful as he was, this new creation of God's was somehow more intrinsically reflective of God's nature than he was. Maybe that was a factor in his rebellion. His conceit meant that he was not going to play second fiddle to anyone. As he watched Adam and God walking in the cool of the evening, maybe he recognized a quality in their relationship that was absent in his own.

Fascinating females

Imagine the intrigued look on the angels' faces as they watched the creation of Eve. Here was a being quite different from them. Firstly, she was physically different; there were breasts and no male organ. Secondly, her thinking and emotional responses were processed in a manner that appeared to them strange. Their jaws must have dropped when Adam and Eve first had sexual intercourse. Here was a connection between two individuals that they had never seen before. The enjoyment of this act, experienced by Adam and Eve, as well as God's approval of what was happening, would have added to the fascination.

Satan now had a carrot to dangle as an enticement to join his band. If he could promise his followers that they too could enjoy intercourse with this new creature maybe that would convince some to follow him. If Satan could persuade the angels to choose lust over unconditional love, then that might be

the thin end of the wedge that would open the door to angels enthroning him as god instead of Elohim. If this was the case, then Genesis chapter 6 is really about Satan making good on his promises. He was letting his boys finally enjoy what was promised before they threw their hats in with him.

Perhaps the 'trade' mentioned in Ezek 28:16 refers to Satan lobbying the angels with his proposition of sexual gratification.

By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; (Ezek 28:16)

Could the 'violence' refer to Satan's intention to destroy mankind, whether through radically infecting them with half breeds or by direct violence towards men?

The Nephilim

The Nephilim, the offspring of the union between embodied fallen angels and women, possessed some super human qualities. With 50% of the genetic material coming directly from the satanic kingdom, it is not hard to imagine that evil spread at an incredible rate. It was not the angelic genes as such that was the issue but the accompanying demons. The use of the phrase, 'men of renown' in Gen 6:4 doesn't in this case mean 'good renown.' Verse 5 expands on verse 4 saying that the wickedness of man was so great that *every intent* of his heart was inclined to evil. It is likely that the widespread infection of the Nephilim into man's genetic makeup, coupled with the violent behaviour these god-men modelled, meant that soon all of humanity was biologically or morally corrupted by their influence. God was left with little choice but to take the drastic action he did. The only way to remove the Nephilim, to genetically remove their impact, was to eliminate everyone. Everyone, except for someone with a genetically pure human lineage and a heart turned towards him. Noah fitted the bill.

These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. (Gen 6:9)

Let's look at the phrase translated 'blameless in his time' in the NASB and 'blameless among the people of his time' in the NIV. The Hebrew word translated 'blameless' is tamim. Jewish commentators translate the word as 'whole, unblemished, perfect.' Strong's Concordance agrees and translates it as 'without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely (-ity), sound, without spot, undefiled, upright(-ly), whole' 6. The nuance of the word implies an untainted wholeness or perfection. Its primary application is not moral perfection. The word translated 'time' should be translated 'generations.' It is exactly the same

word used in the first part of the same verse; these are the records of the generations of Noah. The same word should have a consistent translation within the same verse! The literal translation of this phrase, 'blameless in his time' should be 'perfect in his generations.' Several Jewish translations use the phrase, 'perfect in his generations' for Genesis 6:97. The translators of the NIV and NASB didn't translate it literally because it didn't make sense to them8. This is because the fundamental assumption of the major commentaries (e.g. Matthew Henry, Zondervan) was that Gen 6:1 doesn't refer to fallen angels having intercourse with women. The translation 'blameless in his time' seemed to tie in better with 'Noah was a righteous man' and so they used this instead. Fortunately, not all Western translations are flawed. The KJV (King James Version) and RAV (Revised Authorized Version) correctly translate this phrase as 'perfect in his generations.'

If the premise is correct that Nephilim had infected most generational lines and God had to choose a man that was both righteous and untainted in his generational lineage, then the literal translation 'perfect in his generations' meaning 'pure in his generational line' makes more sense. Noah was both righteous and he had a pure generational lineage. It is also more consistent with the opening statement of the same verse, 'This is the history of the generations of Noah.' The author begins the verse by saying he is going to tell us about the history of Noah's generations but the phrase 'blameless in his time' talks about character, not history. The literal translation means the context of the first part of the verse is explained by the second part; these are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man and his generational line was unblemished.

Extensive infiltration

Noah was the tenth generation from Adam:

...the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. (Lk 3:36-38)

In Genesis chapter 5, with the exception of Noah, for each of the ancestors mentioned above is added the phrase, 'and he had other sons and daughters.' We don't know how many additional children each ancestral patriarch had but given the abundance of provision that existed in a near perfect world and the long lives each person lived, it is not unrealistic to assume that each couple had between 10 and 20 children. They were commanded to go out and populate the world and they no doubt took that seriously. Over ten generations, mathematically that means there were billions of people alive on earth at the

time of the flood, probably more than are alive on earth today. The extent of the corruption of the human genome must have been absolutely enormous if God can find only *one* who is righteous *and* has a pure generational line. It is highly likely that we are not talking about a handful of angels infecting one generation but a repeated generational assault by a large number of angels producing hundreds of thousands, if not millions or tens of millions of Nephilim and related offspring. It is no wonder that the moral corruption on earth had reached epidemic proportions.

The antibiotic

The flood, as God's solution to man's wickedness, makes more sense when we see it primarily as an antibiotic response to the widespread infection of the Nephilim that had riddled humanity and rendered it moribund. Because of the purity of his blood line and his righteous obedience, Noah becomes the physical saviour of the human race; a forerunner of Christ who through the purity of his bloodline (sin-free conception) and his righteous obedience would become the spiritual saviour of the world.

SUMMARY

- Man's free choices determine the extent to which he will be blessed by the Kingdom of Light or cursed by the kingdom of darkness.
- Every choice man makes gives legitimate access, or legal rights, to either kingdom to influence his life.
- A focus of this book is understanding and unravelling the legal rights system, in a general sense, that both these kingdoms use.
- The phrase 'sons of God' in the Old Testament always refers to angelic beings, whether they are fallen or not.
- The correct interpretation of Genesis 6 is that Satan's angels took on flesh (embodied) and had intercourse with women, producing offspring that were angelic-human hybrids called Nephilim. Genesis 3:15 must refer to biological seed of Satan.
- Angels embody today to help out the saints. Similarly, Satan's angels can embody today to further Satan's plans.
- Angels and demons look like humans. Although they can take on different shapes, their 'default' setting is the shape of a human male.
- Most angels don't have wings. Wings form a protective function.

- Satan's fall soon after the creation of man is no coincidence. A likely incentive Satan offered angels to side with him was the chance to have sex with women. If that is the case, Genesis 6 is really about Satan keeping his promise.
- The angelic interaction with humans is unlikely to have been a small infestation but probably populated the earth with millions, perhaps billions of Nephilim and their offspring.
- The flood is a drastic measure but a viable way to eliminate the Nephilim from the earth.
- A literal interpretation of the first part of Genesis 3:15 regarding Satan's offspring now makes sense in the light of Genesis chapter 5.