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WE KNOW THAT THE END OF TIME IS CLOSE AT HAND, FOR ALL SIGNS POINT TO THAT FACT. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT IT COULD BE A NUMBER OF YEARS YET, BEFORE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST COMES IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN TO TAKE HIS LITTLE BRIDE TO GLORY. THEREFORE I FEEL LED

TO GET SOMETHING INTO PRINT THAT THESE LITTLE CHILDREN SITTING HERE, CAN HAVE EXPLAINED TO THEM WHEN THEY GET A LITTLE OLDER; KNOWING THAT IF TIME DOES LINGER ON FOR A FEW MORE YEARS, WHAT THEY WILL BE SUBJECTED TO OUT HERE IN THESE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY PROGRAM OF MODERN DAY MANKIND IS DESIGNED TO TRY TO DESTROY ALL FAITH IN GOD, AND LEAVE THIS GENERATION WITH NOTHING BUT A THEORY OF EVOLUTION TO EXPLAIN HOW THEY GOT HERE. THESE SCIENTISTS FIND VARIOUS THINGS THAT THEY KNOW HAS BEEN BURIED FOR THOUSANDS, AND EVEN MILLIONS OF YEARS, AND THEY THINK THAT DISPROVES THE FACT OF CREATION, THAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE FROM THE BIBLE, SIMPLY BECAUSE MOST

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CHRISTIANS ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR SIX THOUSAND YEARS, AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE MERCY OF ANY EVOLUTIONIST, FOR THERE WAS A PREHISTORIC AGE, BEFORE GENESIS 1:2, AND ONLY GOD KNOWS HOW MANY MILLION YEARS ELAPSED BEFORE TIME REACHED THE POINT OF GENESIS 1:2, WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED UPON THE FACE OF THE WATERS, AND SAID, "LET THERE BE LIGHT." WE ARE GOING TO APPROACH THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WE ARE TITLING, "IN THE BEGINNING," WITH THE IDEA OF TAKING SCIENTIFIC DATA, (ESTABLISHED SCIENTIFIC FACTS) AND SHOWING HOW IT FITS INTO CREATION, RATHER THAN EVOLUTION ALONE. LET TRUTH STAND We actually want to start with the very first verse in the Bible, "In the beginning God (The self existing one, the self sufficient, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient Spirit) created the heaven and the earth." That verse

does not tell us when God created the heaven and the earth; it only tells us that He did, and we believe it. But we also believe the earth was without form, and void, as a result of a previous judgment of God upon a prehistoric age that was also of God's creation. As I have said, When I read an article dealing with something that is an established scientific fact, I do not feel the need to fight against it, just because it dates back to a time before Adam and Eve, even if it is written by an atheist. I can accept the facts, without agreeing with their diagnosis. Of course you have heard me say many times, I do not know much about the English language. I hear words used often, the I simply do not know the meaning of. But for the sake of presenting the truth of God's word, I go to the dictionary to find the meaning of certain words at times, two of which are very important to terminology we want to use in this particular message.

DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS

We heard the word DIAGNOSIS used often, in relationship to the medical world. It is a word that deals with identifying a patient's problem, often by the symptoms that accompany the problem. Nevertheless the word deals with what the problem is believe to stem from. Therefore we want to take this medical word, and enlarge upon the scope of its usage, as we apply it to the other areas of life. The other word I have in mind is PROGNOSIS, a word

that deals with the outcome of the diagnosis. The doctors diagnose a case, and their prognosis is what they predict the end result to be. In other words, Our prognosis is that you have only about six months to live, or it could be, Our prognosis is that you have a 50 percent chance of total recovery, but it may take five years. They base their prognosis upon diagnostic statistics accumulated from dealing with other people that have had the same problems. But we want to take these two words, and apply them to the general realm of every day life; not in a superstitious way, as the ancient Romans and Indians who lived by certain signs and omens, but in a sensible way, based upon scriptures that have been revealed to us. In other words, The prognosis of scientific minds concerning the future of mankind, based upon their diagnosis of what they discover, is just plain foolish, according to the Bible. Let us open our Bibles to the 14 chapter of the book of th Psalms, and read the first verse. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. (This is an atheist, and the world is full of them.) They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." Now brothers and sisters, these are not my words, "there is none that doeth good." God's servant David, was inspired of Him to write them, about three thousand years ago, and this is where the apostle Paul got certain things he wrote to the Roman assembly. That same verse is repeated

in the 1 verse of chapter 53, so it is not in the Bible by accident. Let us look at Proverbs st 14:9, and see if the prognosis of this inspired writer is not hitting the nail right on the head, for our day and hour. "Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor." Is that not the picture of modern day mankind? Do these intellectual instructors not try to erase all mention of a Creator, and justify the sinful acts of this perverted society by making excuses as to why they conduct themselves like they do? Do they not make fun of you, when they learn that you teach your children to believe in God and refrain from the sinful acts and deeds of their school mates? Do you think your little children can listen to what those scientific minds teach them in school every day, without it having some adverse affect upon them, unless you are just as diligent to teach them the truth, when you have them at home with you? Furthermore the constitution of the United States has been so perverted from its original concept, it now protects and justifies perverts and atheists, rather than upholding the religious and moral standards set forth by our founding fathers. For instance, we received a letter from one of these groups, that have taken on the case, concerning a woman out west, that discovered after her son was born, that her husband was a homosexual. I am sure a lot of you heard it on the news. She divorced him, and received custody of their son, but the father was

granted visiting rights. Therefore over a period of years, the child became very disturbed, seeing his daddy go to bed with these perverted men, and he began to express himself about it. Naturally the mother, seeking to protect the boy from this type of exposure, tried to keep him away from it, but what did the boy's daddy do? He went to the authorities, and complained that he was being discriminated against. The case was then placed in the hands of judges and lawyers, that fulfilled the very scriptures we have just read. "Fools make a mock at sin." They brought in psychiatrists to diagnose the case, and give their prognosis of it, and what do you think? They determined that the mother was indeed discriminating against the man, and also her son, by denying him the right to see his father, and that was not the case at all; it was the immoral situation she was trying to protect him from. Nevertheless the case was decided in favor of the father, and he was given custody of the boy, against his will. But they felt that psychologically, it would be better for the boy to be with his father, than with his mother, because of her attitude. If that isn't fools making a mock of sin, my name isn't Raymond Jackson. This kind of thing is going on every day in this country. I do not see why they do not remove the words, "In God We Trust," from our money, for it is a pure mockery to have those words still on it, in an hour such as this.

FOOLS RUNNING WILD

It was also brought to my attention how a certain judge, in a certain other area, told the parents of a certain girl, If the word God, is mentioned one more time in your home, in the presence of this child, I will see that the child is taken away from there. That is just another case where fools are making a mockery of any mention of God, and they are promoting sin and ungodliness. Notice verse 16, in this same chapter of Proverbs, "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil; but the fool rageth, and is confident." Now the Bible teaches believers not to go around calling people fools, therefore we will just allow the scriptures themselves to point out the fools of our day, by their very own works and deeds. Not only do we see such in the world in general, we also recognize fools in the realm of religion, by what we know from the word of God. They wrongly diagnose the signs of the times, and their prognosis leads to gross deception in those who have confidence in them. They predict a great world wide revival here at the end time, when the Bible clearly teaches us that gross apostasy, and sudden destruction is what they should be expecting, rather than a world wide revival. As for those psychiatrists, they should go to the Bible, to the books of Ecclesiastes and Proverbs for their education, if they really want to be accurate in their diagnosis of the problems of mankind

in this wicked age. But no. They want no part of God. They want to get Him completely out of the picture, and throw all of this perfection and preciseness of the whole universe to just mere chance. It is really pathetic, when you stop to think about it, for there are uneducated little saints of God all over the world today, that understand things that these great educated minds just simply cannot grasp. Do you know why? It is because they measure everything by their own text books, that they have written themselves, based upon their theories, instead of proven facts. They probe into the regions of the unknown, and they have nothing but a set of theories to diagnose what they find, by, so they will stand for hours at a time, it is believed, It is believed, It is believed. I say, By whom? True children of God do not accept their prognosis. Proverbs 15:2 expresses it very appropriately. "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness." A wise man will put everything in its proper perspective whether he is educated or not, but these great scientific minds speak just plain nonsense, a lot of hypothetical supposition, which is just plain junk. They think a fool is someone who does not agree with them, or some poor soul that roams the alleys at night, living out of garbage cans, and sleeping on the sidewalks, half naked and shivering from the cold. No. God did not have that in mind, when this was written; but there are

many categories of fools in the world today. Notice Proverbs 15:5. "A fool despiseth his father's instructions:" (Have you listened to the news lately?) Have you notice, that in many cases that come into the courts today, a father is denied the right to instruct his son. If he attempts to teach that son or daughter to fear God, and to hold up moral standards, many judges would take that man's children away from him, saying that he is unfit to raise children in this modern age. Why? Because this modern age is fast becoming atheistic; they want to get God, and morality out of the picture. That is why so many young people today, live just like animals. As a matter of fact, their moral standards are much beneath any animal I know of.

THE ALL SUFFICIENT OMNIPRESENT GOD

We are laying a foundation for this message, hoping that it will provoke some serious thought concerning what we intend to present a little later. For by the help of God, we intend to show you where to place many of these scientific discoveries that have caused men to imagine and assume foolish things. Notice Proverbs 16:22, "Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly." Brothers and Sisters: That is exactly what we have in our schools and colleges today. These intellectuals that teach evolution to our children are wallowing in folly,

and the day is coming, that God will judge them all, and bring all of that to an end. For mankind to probe the earth's crust, looking for evidence that will disprove the creation story in the Bible, and rule God out of the picture, is just plain folly and foolishness. They think because of what they have found, it would be foolish and simple minded for them to believe in creation, and the way most professing Christians present the story of creation, is enough to make a person feel like that, I admit. But on the other hand, I find it literally impossible to believe that life itself is the product of an accident. To believe that everything in the universe, came into existence by some accident, when there was nothing for it to come from is as childish and unrealistic as anything could possibly be. It seems that just common intelligence ought to know better than that. Nevertheless they cannot believe in God, because they cannot see Him. They cannot put Him in a test tube, so they deny the existence of the greatest scientist that has ever been. They would rather go to the moon and bring back a sack full of rocks to study, than to try to believe in the one that created all of those rocks and everything else. Listen to me, young people: There is not one thing about the rock, that will ever produce any life; no matter how much they wallow them around. All life has to come from something that is life, and that creative life is much superior to the life that we ourselves are. For we all had a beginning, but that which

brought us into existence, is a life that had no beginning, and no end of days. He is the self existing, eternal One. I know no Greek, nor Hebrew language, but those who do, say that in the original text, "In the beginning, God," is expressed, the self existing One. He is self sufficient, needs no help, always was, and always will be.

WHAT GOD VINDICATES

I have read certain scientific studies, not to fill my mind with a lot of junk, but to take what they have definitely established to be fact, and by the help of almighty God, show you where it fits into creation. Through the years, many people, and especially preachers, have tried to use the courts, to keep the concept of creation based upon their own interpretation of what the Bible presents about creation, in the schools. But I have not yet heard of one of them, that would take their Bible, and break it down, and present it to the lawmakers as a logical, reasonable picture, that can fit together with what the scientists have discovered, and presented to the world. Do they not realize that lawmakers must have something more than just their hypothetical concept of creation, in order to pass the kind of legislation they desire? At least the evolutionists are able to present evidence that this old world is older than the six thousand years most Christians speak of. But most of these preachers you read of, or hear in the news, will say little more

than, "I just have to believe what the Bible says." Well, I do too, but I also believe what these scientists are able to present as fact, and realize that God had to allow them to find what they find, even if it is for no reason other than to make fools out of some of those Know it all's. He will give every atheist enough rope to hang himself, but He will also allow the atheists to show up these church minded people who are completely ignorant of the truth of His word. He will only vindicate a true revelation, not a hypothetical concept of His word. Of course I am completely convinced that the reason for all this ignorance in the ranks of religion, that has caused the scientific world to go the route they have, can be attributed to the spirit of Antichrist, that has affected Christendom through time. It is so designed, that when God would take the wraps off, and allow His true people to see certain things, they would exist in such a minority, they would be looked upon by the world as illiterate, uncouth fanatics. You know that is what the world in general thinks of us, do you not? Bear with me though, for by the grace of God I intend to diagnose some of the things I have read, and give a Bible prognosis of them. WHEN WAS THE BEGINNING How long ago was this act of Genesis 1:1, consummated? I believe it could have been farther back, than even the scientists are able to calculate. Every now and then, you read about them finding some fossil or

something, that they believe could date back twenty billion years or more. Well, I have no fuss with that. I believe this planet has probably been here a lot longer than any of them have ever even thought of suggesting. They examine God's creation, and hypothetically suggest that this planet is probably the product of a compiling of gases billions of years ago, that exploded, and formed what we know God Himself created. I can accept that, without being foolish, for I know that, if that is the way it happened, it was by the perfect design of Elohim, the self existing Spirit, that designed everything we see about us, in His great laboratory, before He ever caused anything to materialize. How He did it is immaterial, just as long as we know in our hearts that He did do it by a sovereign act, and that it was not by an uncontrolled accident. In other words, He took nothing, and made something. Regardless of what the chemical process might have been, God created it all. How He did it, and exactly when He did it, is not all that important to a true revelation. For a true revelation lets us know that there has to be billions of years between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2, for Genesis 1:2 only dates back some six thousand years. Now Saints: I have a reason for approaching this message in this way, so you bear with me. There is a lot more involved here, than just preaching a sermon. We want to give Bible answers to some huge questions, before we finish.

THE DESIGN OF AN ALL WISE CREATOR

Let us just take some time to look at what the scientists have recorded. Suppose those gases they claim all of this came from, did go through various changes for billions and billions of years, and then finally reach a point when they gave way to a great explosion: does that rule out creation? No. It was just God's chemistry working, bringing matter into materialization. There are three basic elements of creation: carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, and there is no more water here on earth now, than there was twenty billion years ago. But I will tell you one thing. That water you see out there in the oceans, rivers, and streams, has been used over and over by the Creator, to bring about His creation. Yet the volume of water is no more today, than it was twenty billion years ago. It is just a matter of how the Creator has cycled it to fulfill His purpose. There is no point in asking why He would go about all of this in that way, for only He knows exactly why. But there are some things that we can take note of, from what scientists have discovered through their studies, that I believe will help us. I do not believe mankind will find their answers by exploring other planets, but I do believe there is enough scientific data available already, for us to put together some pieces of this great puzzle, creation or evolution. We could rightly express it like this, for

billions of years, this old planet has been going through a process of evolution, but it has been by the design of a great Creator. Somewhere back in the eon ages of time, the Creator hurled certain particles into orbit, and caused them to perform the exact function of His perfect design. Therefore we have no quarrel with the idea that there was a great explosion of those gases, but I assure you, it was no accident. In it all, everything reached its exact destination. Scientists are so concerned over whether the earth is a part of what the moon was, they spend billions of dollars trying to find out, and they miss God completely. If there are certain materials called matter, existing on another planet, that you do not find here, He ordained that too. There very well could be elements of matter there, that would outweigh on any particular single element on this planet, but if there is, He is the master of it, so why do we need to fret and frustrate ourselves with such things? He has given us everything we need to fulfill our function in this life. These humans that are always mixing certain chemicals, and gases, and pouring drops from one vial into another, are only doing in a very miniature way, what the Creator has been doing all along. The big difference is, they are exploring, and God knows exactly what He is doing. Furthermore He could turn all of their great knowledge into sheer stupidity in a moments time.

A LOOK BENEATH THE EARTH'S CRUST

I have read that the heart of this planet is like a raging inferno of molten rock and lava, millions of degrees in centigrade, and Mt. St. Helens, out in the state of Washington has vindicated that recently, spewing out lava that destroyed everything for miles and miles around. Let us be thankful to God, that it stays down there most of the time. Actually through, what is going on in the heart of the earth today, is probably just a continuation of what went on in the whole universe billions and billions of years ago. It is just that God allowed a few miles of the crust of the earth to cool off, in order to allow life to inhabit it. For while she was going through that scientific stage, there was not one ounce of life on this old earth. But the Creator knew exactly when the surface temperature was low enough to put the next phase of His great plan into effect. He then began to bring water, as we think of water, into relationship to the outer surfaces of it, and let me say this, At that phase of this great process of evolving from one stage to another, there was not one bit of soil for a plow to turn over. There was no silty loam in Illinois, and there was no red clay in southern Indiana. That took time, for all of that to come about, for it is the product of many particles and substances of the earth, broken down through decay, weather, and so forth. All over this earth, you find different kinds of soil, but they

were not all made by the decomposing of vegetation and such like. Out in Nevada, and certain parts of Utah, you will find soil that is volcanic ash. It has been laying there for billions of years, until it has ages into some of the most fertile soil that can be found. When Mt. St. Helens erupted, and spewed that ash into the air, and it was carried over into the wheat country, they had a bountiful crop that year. That was better than spraying ammonia nitrate on it. It just lets us know that deep down in the heart of this old earth, there is a hot furnace burning rock, making fertilizer. Hallelujah! Then at certain times, God just opens up the old pipe and lets it come out, free of charge. But look what else it did: it destroyed whole mountain sides for miles and miles, and buried a few people alive, who though it would not happen like that. You could easily see why microscopic life could not live here when the whole planet was like that. But when God did put life here, it was what we might look at, as insignificant, but it had a part to play.

HOW GOD MADE SOIL

Let us just take a walk down through the countryside, and I will show you what I mean. Out on the back side of our place, is a little old rocky knoll: just red dirt, and so many rocks you can not hardly keep a plow in the ground. But every now and then, you can break open one of those rocks, and find a tiny little sea shell in it, so you

tell me how that got there. No. It was not put there as a result of the flood of Noah's day, as some suppose. That is a modern day Christian theory. That kind of answer is evading the issue. A few years ago one group of preachers out west somewhere, came on the radio with what they considered to be scientific fact that there was a flood that literally covered the whole earth. High up in the mountains, I believe it was California, engineers, while blasting out a road bed, tore open a rock formation, and there they found petrified traces of a huge whale-like fish skeleton embedded there in that rock. Naturally without knowing the real truth, they figured that was put there by the great flood of Noah's day. Which occurred over 4000 years ago. Now brothers and sisters, that was not put there by that flood. That is just as much a hypothetical assumption, as what the scientist project, trying to rule God out of the picture. It is a fact, that we can study the cycle and process that the Creator put this old planet through before there was life here, getting it ready for live to be injected. Those geological disturbances and eruptions were His way of breaking down the chemistry of certain things, getting it ready for that life that would be injected later. You can go to the highest mountains, and if you dig deep enough into the rock formations and break it up, you will find little petrified remnants of marine life embedded therein. That has remained a mystery, but I believe the true children of God

can take certain scientific facts, and by the grace and mercy of God, get a little picture of what has taken place on this old planet billions of years ago. No. It will not affect our salvation, it will only enable us to stand up to these atheists, that are constantly bombarding our minds with these things. God has used water, along with the carbon matter and air, to produce the fathomless variety of things found on the earth about us, but He did not just suddenly speak them into existence, and place them where they are today. He used a process that has baffled the minds of a lot of great scientists through time. By creating temperatures hundreds of degrees below zero, what was He doing? Making soil. By exposing rock with water to those freezing temperatures, and then thawing it out, it caused the outer surfaces to crumble up and eventually become dust. However long that process took, only God knows, but that is His business; we do not have to know that. Whatever God did in His great laboratory, He was not trying to discover something; He was making something. It is mankind today, that is always trying to discover something. When the time came, for Him to bring an abundance of water to the planet, and place marine life in it, I say, It could have hung here in space and floated, for a billions years like that. But that marine life with that water, was gradually decomposing, creating certain conditions to further prepare the earth's surface for future life, that

would be very special to God. That is you and me. God never ordained, that a great whale would rule this planet; He created man in His own image, to do that. By the time He placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, He had a paradise prepared for them, but the process by which He did it, took billions and billions of years.

MOUNTAINS FORMED

Mankind, with his modern equipment, can blast his way through any mountain, to build these super highways, and they constantly report finding traces of marine life, high up in those mountains. But we know good and well, there were never lakes of water that high up. If you can accept my illustration, I will show you how they got there. The terrain of this old planet was not always as it is today. Certain areas would lay with water for millions of years, creating something within the bed of that, to be used somewhere else, and brother, when the time would come, all He had to do, was open up a vent pipe from that great furnace beneath, and that seabed would blow, creating a huge mountain. Naturally though, that mountain became a tomb for certain marine life that was trapped within that, when the water went some place else to keep on serving the Creator's purpose. A lot of people resent this kind of talk, because it goes contrary to what they have been taught, but I say, When something becomes an established fact, children

of God need to find a way to fit it into their understanding. A lot of people think God just made coal, and deposited it in the places where it is found today. But the truth is, Coal is a substance brought about by the decay of certain foliage that decayed under great pressure. Then you hear all those theories about how crude oil got to be where it is. I listened to one fellow on an airplane flight we were on. He tried to tell me, (or he told me, but I knew better) that all of that crude oil in the Middle East was the lard that was rendered from all of those dinosaurs that roamed the earth at one time, and that it found its way to that subterranean area of the Middle East. I did not take issue with him, because I knew we would not have time to deal with it properly, but I thought to myself, If all of that is nothing more than a lot of lard out of those fat things, why do we not raise hogs today, with the idea of processing them into crude oil? From that crude oil, they make gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, gun grease, and even cosmetics, and some of you want to believe that a big old fat dinosaur could be rendered down, to produce that. I hardly think so. That may be part of what went into it, but it is more than just lard. God had his chemical process working, to obtain those results, and He deposited the stuff in strategic locations around the earth, just like He did gold. He did not put gold in everyone's back yard, you know. Neither is it found in every little stream of water you come across. God

scattered it in various rock formations, in certain areas, so that man has to look for it, and I am sure that it was done by the evolving of certain other substances, and that it took millions of years for it to form, so do not get the idea that God just decided one day, to make gold, and that it was a sudden creation. No. It was all brought about through a process of evolution, but it was by the sovereign decree of an omnipotent Creator.

THE GRAND CANYON FORMED

Let us turn our attention back to the soil of the earth though, for there are some very interesting facts, concerning how certain soil came to be where it is today. But one of the most amazing discoveries, is how certain little microscopic creatures work to pulverize rock, and make dirt. They are so small you would not think they could ever get from one side of this building, to the other. But nevertheless they secrete an acid from their bodies, that just eats right into the surface of those rocks, and pulverizes them. Of course they are small, but you let that same process go on for billions of years, and one day there is a lot of dirt around, as a result of it. They are agents of the Creator, preparing this earth for its ultimate purpose, which is far more important than the life of a bug, or a worm. Yet it is an agricultural fact, without those little creatures that live in the soil of the earth, mankind would not survive very long either, for

the Creator designed everything else, to be man's helpers. Saints: I am glad all of this is part of a master plan, and not just an accident, as these scientists who deny creation, describe it. It is all a part of a total life cycle, and even though much of the diagnosis of the scientific world are correct their prognosis could not be farther from the truth. If it all came about through an accident, as they suppose, then it could all wind up as a wreck, in the end. But we have a better hope than that, because we know the truth of it. We know there is a great architect behind it all. Praise God! Now what we have been talking about up until now, all took place before God ever placed man on this planet. Mankind only dates back a few thousand years, but we are talking about events that took place billions and billions of years ago. It could well be a fact, that many places where there are now deserts, at one time, they could have been ocean floors, for the Creator has changed the geographical layout of the earth's surface, to accomplish His purpose, and we have no right to ask, Why? You take the Grand Canyon, for instance. One of the great wonders of the world is how it came to be there. But it is a fact, if you study the geographical layout of the western part of the country, and see where the terrain of the continent flows to, you will realize, that the Grand Canyon very well could have lay in the bottom of an ocean at one time, and God just gradually lifted the whole area, until it reached its

present elevation. It is the product of vast erosion, as the waters that were still there, were constantly used. The plateau areas around it, are thousands of feet above sea level, and the Canyon itself is about one mile deep on the average, so you can see why it is one of the great wonders of the world. People from all over the world, come here to the States to view it, and the questions and theories about it are too many to even be all recorded, but one thing I do know for sure, God Himself designed it. Hallelujah! Do you believe He is an artist? Think of all the paintings that have been done of it, by humans that could not care less about how it came to be there. Thank God, we are able to enjoy the beauty of His great handiwork, without knowing exactly how He accomplished it. Scientists will tell you that this great wonder has been raised from almost sea level, but one thing they will not tell you, is that the hand of Almighty God is what raised it, and then allowed those waters to cut their way down through it, deeper and deeper all the time. They will even tell you how old, certain formations of the area are, all the way from two million years, to two billion years, but they do not see God in the picture at all. Well I just have to say, God is going to allow a bunch of them to see Him, one of these days, but it will be too late for them to receive any salvational benefit from what they see. It is just another case where God will be sanctified in their eyes, like in Ezekiel 39:27, after He has intervened

in that war, on behalf of the nation of Israel.

THEORY VS. THEORY

Alright now, on this journey through prehistoric time, we are coming closer to the era where man will be introduced into the picture, but not yet. Vegetative life can be seen, for there is soil now, but I hope all of you can see that there had to be a time when there was not one blade of grass, nor one tree, nor any other such life present. God had to bring the planet through a process of evolution, before that could happen. New saints, do not be frightened of the word EVOLUTION. There is nothing at all wrong with the word itself; it is just the usage of it by many, that is completely against God. It is just like I have said many times; Only by a process of evolution, do we have in the world today, so many different breeds of cattle, horses and so forth, for God only brought one pair over on the ark for breeding and replenishing the earth. All of these various breeds, are a result of various breeding tricks of mankind, and environmental exposure that the animals have had to adapt to. Nevertheless my point is this, The earth itself tells us that it is billions of years old, yet certain elements of mankind want to believe that the whole thing is only six thousand years old. No wonder the scientists think Christianity is way off the track; many of those that try to represent the

Christian view of creation, are so narrow minded, they could look down the barrel of a rifle with both eyes at the same time. You just have to get evolution in its proper place. How can people look at these little snail-like formations in hard granite rock, and still hold their six thousand year view of creation? That little thing did not get in here in the last six thousand years. The flood of Noah's day, could not have done a thing like that, so how did it get in there? There was a time when that little piece of granite rock was so hard. It was just some sort of sediment, that that little creature crawled into; maybe in the bottom of a pond, and while it was in there, this planet went through some kind of catastrophic change, and God put it in His great oven and baked it. Does that sound strange to you? Well, what about diamonds? Where did they come from? What are they? They are a product that has been produced under extreme heat and pressure. God did not just speak a bunch of diamonds into existence, and scatter them around over the planet. Naturally some will say, Why not? He could have done it like that. That is true, He is God. He could have done, and still can do, anything that will accomplish His great purpose upon earth, but there are some things I can assure you, He did not do the way a lot of people want to believe He did. You just simply cannot turn a deaf ear upon these things that are scientific facts, and expect to convince these educated people that

your theory is better than theirs. Yes I said theory, for that is all you have, and you do not even have any established facts to present, along with your theory, as they do.

THE WIDE GAP BETWEEN GEN. 1:1 AND GEN. 1:2

Brothers and Sisters: I am not trying to lead anyone to believe that I am so smart, for I am the first to admit that I am not, but God has blessed me with a little measure of common sense, so I will not stand up and deny something, that is as plain as the nose on your face. I would rather devote my time to trying to understand how it fits into what I believe, than to just deny that there is even a possibility of such a thing. All of what we have been talking about up to this point, is in Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever, for anyone to deny that there could have been billions and billions of years pass before Genesis 1:2 picks up the account of present day creation. That one verse presents an absolute fact; it just does not fill in the gap between it, and the next verse. That is left for man to get by revelation, just like the truth about the Son of god. Hanging out there in space for billions of years, was this conglomeration of molten gases, going through a process that only God knows the details of, and when it all exploded, it was no accident, it was all a part of His foreordained process of creation. If

it was an accident, that brought all of this into existence, how come every planet including earth, is running on such a precise course? They are so precise, mankind can take their giant computers, and tell us exactly where ceratin planets are going to be a thousand years from now. Can you take a compute out to one of these old stagnant pond's and tell me exactly where those tadpoles are going to be tomorrow night? You may not understand very much about this subject we are on, even if you live to be a hundred years old, but please brothers and sisters, do not just shrug your shoulders and say, I believe what the Bible says, too, but I realize that some things took place, that are not recorded in the Bible, and I have to leave room for them to fit into my revelation. You can not fit those huge dinosaurs, giant lizards and such like, into the scriptures this side of Genesis 1:2, or there would still be some of them around today, for Noah brought at least two of everything across the flood. The scientists say, We evolved from that, and that they evolved from other lower species back in the eon ages past, so if you know better than that, why not admit that all of that has to fit into the picture somewhere, or they would not be finding evidence of their existence all the time. Most people in this day and hour, speak of dinosaurs in a matter of fact way, but just how many of them actually realize that dinosaurs cannot possibly fit into the picture this side of Genesis 1:2.

They belong to an era of time before that. It could have been any number of years, for we have no record of it. That is why it is called, The prehistoric age; it was before any records of history were kept. Nevertheless that huge animal kingdom did exist; and God did place something here to rule over them, but it was not mankind. There were no humans in the picture at all. God gave the rule over these huge animals, to spirit beings, (angels) Lucifer the devil being one of them. That no doubt, is when Lucifer fell from his place as the anointed cherub, spoken of in Ezekiel 28:14. Isaiah 14:12, also says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Lucifer was already a fallen angel (known as the devil) when he inspired the serpent to seduce Eve, in the garden of Eden, so when did he fall from his blessed estate? It had to be in a time when God tested his angelic beings, here on earth, by giving them the rule over that giant animal kingdom. Millions of years could have passed while those huge animals roamed the earth, and while God tested His angels, to see how

obedient they would be. There had to be a time somewhere in the eon ages past, when one third of those created spirit beings fell from their first estate, and became demons instead. The planet at that time, probably did not have oceans and seas, as we see it today, but rather, lakes, rivers, and such like, and the land was generally connected together. That is why archaeologists have found traces of elephant jaws on the south pole, that they connect with a certain type of elephant that lived in South Africa. How else did they get there? Those elephants do not even exist today. They believe that the land mass of the Antarctic at one time, was a part of the South African continent; and that is how that particular strain of elephant came to be there: they migrated there. Then, whatever catastrophic judgment struck the planet, brought that particular elephant strain to an end. Now if that be a scientific fact, I have no problem in accepting it, but it did not happen until that huge animal kingdom had existed here on this planet for maybe millions of years. Regardless of how long it lasted, there is no doubt in my mind, that this is when Satan, who was then Lucifer, was tested, and because he became lifted up, and tried to exalt himself to be equal with the most high, he was rejected as a ministering spirit, and cast down to earth, along with all the vast host of angels that sided with him. We will bring in more scriptures for all of this, when we actually get to it in the

message, for we are not just guessing about this prehistoric age. Scientists furnish the facts, to go along with the scriptures we have, even though their intentions are just the opposite of ours in all of this. They hope to prove that God is just a myth, and has no place in all of this, and we are just simply showing that only a God of unlimited wisdom and power could set something out here in the universe with such preciseness, that even those same scientists can make their calculations for years in advance, and everything will hit perfectly, right on schedule. That is no accident. Failing to reconcile these undisputable facts, can only leave one speechless, when these atheists launch an attack on what we believe about creation. To deny that there was a prehistoric age, is just as foolish as these educated atheists denying that there is a God, for there is sufficient evidence of both, for those that desire to learn the truth. If you do not know the truth, all you can do is hang your head, when they make accusations against you, and what you believe.

TESTIMONY OF JOB, CHAPTER **9**

It is true, that we have no recorded story, telling all about the prehistoric age. If we did, it would not be called the prehistoric age. But as I have said over and over, There are many scientific facts, along with what the crust of the earth testifies of itself, that

simply cannot be ignored. Furthermore the scientists are the last people on the face of the earth, that should have the answers to explain what they have found. Therefore for the sake of the message, I would like to break time down into three eras; the present world order, the prehistoric age before it, when this planet was inhabited by huge creatures, and the era before any form of life existed on the planet. That reaches all the way back to Genesis 1:1, where, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, a time when there was not even microscopic life on it. Of course I realize some will say, You do not even have scripture for what you are saying, so let us open our Bibles to the 9 chapter of Job. This man lived on earth a long time before th modern scientists with their giant telescopes, laboratories, and all that they have to work with. Let us read the first eleven verses of this chapter. "Then Job answered and said, I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God? If he will contend with Him, he cannot answer Him one of a thousand. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against Him, and hath prospered? (Job is talking about God, the Creator.) Which removeth the mountains, (Listen to what this man is saying, way back 1500 years before the first advent of Christ) and they know not: which overturneth them in His anger. (Meaning, He turns them upside down) Which shaketh the earth out of her place, (I am glad He is not doing

that while you and I are living here) and pillars thereof tremble. (Saints you must realize, the Creator must have been imparting some knowledge to that old fellow, in order for him to be talking like that. Just listen to him.) Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.” He is talking about the celestial bodies. Job lived back there, we will say, In the era of Abraham, yet he had such a knowledge and concept of the Creator, in relationship to the universe, that he was able to write such words as these. He had to be talking about the condition of this earth, the stars and all such like, at a time before man ever walked on earth, so where did he get all that knowledge from? Who told him all those things? Only the Creator himself could have done it, regardless of what means He used.

DO NOT FIGHT AGAINST SCIENTIFIC FACT

Now as I said earlier, Only a small part of the earth is soil, in comparison to all the other matter the planet is made up of, and before the prehistoric age, life on the planet is made up of, and before the prehistoric age, life on the planet was of very low intelligence. I will give you an example. Sometime ago, in the National Geographic Magazine, they published a large article on how

the soil and so forth is made. They actually gave a percentage breakdown, using a cube of the earth’s surface down so deep, and it told how all these little worms and bugs that seem so insignificant to us, are actually vitally important to us after all. Even as ugly as some of them are, if you could just see them through a microscope, they would be performing a very important function to our way of life. They live on the rocks, secreting acid from their little bodies, to help break them down into nutrients they can consume. They are taking these elements of creation, and transferring them, through their little systems, into another form, and depositing it. Brothers and Sisters: There is no possible way to know just how many billions of years it took the Creator, using these little creatures, to achieve the compositional breakdown of the earth’s surface, necessary to accommodate plant life, but I am convinced of one thing, He did use that method. There is no use to fight against what the scientists and archaeologists are presenting to mankind from their relentless efforts, trying to prove their theory of evolution. Their findings are true; it is just their theories about them, that is so completely wrong. When they say something is more than ten million years old; that does not disturb me in the least. But when they deny that all of this matter is a product of an intelligent Creator: that disturbs me. When the service was dismissed this morning, one brother here in the church, that drills for oil, told me, that

in the process of drilling, sometimes from hundreds of feet down, up will come little fragments of fossilized leaves, twigs and all such like, so you tell me how those things got down there, if this old earth has not be rearranged at some time or the other. Some of these preachers, in order to disagree with evolution, and yet not having any reasonable answers for such things, will just simply say, Oh God put those things there just to fool these scientists. Saints that kind of ignorance is not justified in the eyes of God. He has furnished us with enough evidence, to give us some better answers than that. This is why I say, Based upon what we know to be scientific facts, there is no reason whatsoever for revelated children of God to emphatically denounce any form of evolution whatsoever. Just keep the Creator at the head of it all, and accept the facts as they are uncovered. When you know that there are still various processes of evolution taking place in the earth even today, what is so hard to believe about God using similar means to bring the whole planet to its present state? Furthermore what difference could it possibly make, as far as your salvation is concerned, if you should find out that God could have taken a trillion years to accomplish what we see in the world around us today? He is the greatest scientist that ever was, so what makes some of you feel that He surely had to create everything instantaneously? He knew what He was doing. It did not

just accidentally turn out like this. Most of us just take so many things for granted all the time, we never stop to question, or to wonder about the function of some of these lower forms of life. But surely we ought to know better than to think an intelligent Creator would create anything in vain. Everything has a purpose to fulfill, and man is the only one of God's creatures, that is constantly rebelling against His Creator's plan and purpose. But knowing what little I now know, I can see God leave this old planet hang in space for billions of years, while these little creatures did their work, going through the various cycles God ordained for them to go through, and then He just shook it up, and shuffled it around, and allowed it to pass on into the next phase of His premeditated plan. As I said, if you will just take the time to examine the various types of soil, found in so many different parts of the world, you will find that some of it was made by marine life, some by volcanic eruptions, and many other ways, and apart from what scientists believe happened, there is no explanation as to how some of it got to where it is today. No. I am not talking out of my head; I am just reconciling already established facts. You may look at some of these little creatures in the earth today, and think that they surely could not be very smart, but I will assure you of one thing, God gave each of them enough intelligence to fulfill their role in His great plan. Some of them were created to live a few

days, and then multiply into millions, as they would reproduce themselves. You may think some of this sounds strange, but what is stranger than to be driving along, and see hanging out of the side of a rock cliff, where there is not enough dirt to grow ahead of lettuce, a little old bush, just as green as it can be? How can it possibly live, in such a place? The Creator designed it to be like that. It is by intelligent design, that things follow certain patterns.

SOURCE OF SUGAR AND RUBBER

I was talking to some of the brothers back there, and said to one of them, God out there, and dig me a pound of sugar. You could not do that, could you? There is not one grain of sugar to be seen, out there in that soil. But I can plant an acre or two of sugar cane, which is plant life, and there will be nothing at all about it, that will even look like sugar, when it is growing in the field. But notice how the Creator has designed this thing. First it will draw moisture, which is water, through the cycle of the earth. Then as it takes in water, that water absorbs certain plant nutrients which have already been broken down by certain processes of time itself, and as this cycle progresses, those stalks are growing, and storing up nutrients that they have drawn from the earth. Next you harvest that sugar cane plant, take it to a processing place, squeeze the juice out

of it, boil it down, and there you have some of the sweetest stuff you could ever imagine. Those plants have the ability within their makeup to change certain elements into another form. You can call it a chemical process if you want to, but the Creator designed the whole thing. Likewise, I could say, God out there, and dig me a new rubber tire out of the ground, and you would say, Bro. Jackson: Have you gone crazy? Well if I really expected such a thing, you could say that. But notice the process involved in getting a rubber tire. Over in Indonesia they have trees growing that they manufacture the rubber from every day. When the Japanese took over Indonesia during WW2, the word was left without rubber. How many of you remember that? There again, you have plant life with the ability to draw moisture and certain elements from the ground, and transform them into another substance. When those trees get through with the process, they are just bulging with sap. Then they are tapped, and the sap drawn out into large vats, and cooked until it turns into the gummiest stuff you ever saw. They call it rubber, and therefore the trees are called rubber trees. But it takes that process, in order to get a rubber tire out of the ground. So how can anyone be so simple as to think all of this came about through some accident of some kind? It took a master mind to design all of this. It has been a continuous process of one thing being broken down, and transformed into

something else, all the way from those little microscopic critters right on down to the finished product, and built into trees also, is the ability to filter air, and give off oxygen that every one of us must have, in order to survive, and keep on breathing. Accidents do not improve environments and beautify, but these processes designed by the Creator, do. Every process that takes place, was designed to eventually bring this old planet to its perfected state, as seen over in the 22 chapter of Revelation. There it is seen in its perfected, and glorified state, after all beautifying and perfecting cycles have been completed.

ALUMINUM MADE FROM CLAY

Have you ever stopped to think where aluminum cans come from? Aluminum is a product that has a vast variety of uses, all the way from drink containers to airplane bodies, but do you realize that it is made from certain types of clay? We look at the stuff, and to most of us, it is just plain old dirt, or mud, but aluminum is made out of it. Down in the area of Jamaica is a volcanic type island, formed by volcanic eruptions from the ocean floor. So Alcoa, and some of these large aluminum plants own an area down there in Jamaica, where they mine this red clay dust to be processed into aluminum. To most of us, it just looks like plain old red dirt, but it is the product of volcanic ash, and that whole

area is just covered with the stuff. It has settled on the sides of ships, trucks, houses and everything around. I looked at all of that, and just thought to myself, we think of a volcano as a terrible thing, and naturally when one erupts, and destroys property, and takes lives, it is a terrible thing, but do not ever forget that many of the things we use in this life, are products manufactured from volcanic ash, or grown in soil created by the stuff, and it was all designed by the Creator. In the eon ages past, there were numerous volcanic eruptions, all serving a specific purpose, and none by accident. We make huge furnaces for various purposes, but God has one down in the heart of the earth, that just keeps going all the time, and any time He needs to, He just opens the hatch, and lets it spew out. Naturally when we talk like this, some people are ready to say, Those people are crazy. But I say, Real insanity is to leave God out of the picture, and just look at all these things as accidents. If they were accidents, and not the design of an intelligent Creator, then the whole thing will eventually be destroyed by such accidents. But as I said, I am looking for the fulfillment of Revelation 22, because I believe God is still in control of it all. Reading after these scientists and archaeologists, does not shake my faith in the Creator; it only serves to enlarge it. God does not live in time, as we do. The Bible says, That with God, a thousand years is as a day, and a day is as a thousand years. In other words,

God had no reason to be time conscious, as He put His little microscopic creatures to work in the earth. If it took a hundred billion years to accomplish some cycle, what is that to Him who is eternal, and who holds eternity in His hands. To me, all of this is a much more beautiful picture, than if He had just spoken everything into existence in a perfected state in the beginning. Can you even begin to imagine the kind of intellect it took, to set all of this evolution in progress, and to see the outcome of it all, even before there was a beginning? What scientists do you know, that are willing to tell you that the day will come, when there will be no more Atlantic and Pacific Oceans? The Bible tells us that, and I believe it will be exactly as it is written. Just listen to a few verses from Revelation 21, starting with verse 1. "And I saw (John speaking) a new heaven and a new earth: (not a different heaven and earth, but the same ones, after another drastic change) for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." Brother! That is what we are moving toward! Hallelujah! This old planet will have

passed into a different stage of its process of evolution. God will finally have His finished product, and He will not be one day older than He was when He counseled with Himself, and determined to put this great plan into motion, for as we have already said, He does not live in time. Time is in Him.

TRUTH FOR OUR LITTLE CHILDREN

Brothers and Sisters: I have no way of knowing just how many of you are the least bit interested in a message such as this, but I think it is a pitiful shame that Christianity is almost two thousand years old, and so few Christians are able to give an intelligent answer, when these miserable atheists put them on the spot, and shove evolution in their face, leaving God out of the picture altogether. I have some little grandchildren, and many of you do too, that these God haters will try their best to brainwash, in these public schools of our day, so the least we can do, is teach the little things the truth before those characters twist their little minds too far. When these scientists find a fossil, or something that gives them evidence of some kind of living creature way back in the eons of the past, they have to fill in the gaps with a lot of theory, and it is their theories, that go completely against God, so let us determine in our hearts to combat their theories with Bible truth. We do not have to be at their mercy, if we will just let God talk to us. I did not realize

it, when we started this message, but in order to set certain things straight and clarify them, we are going to have to deal with the scriptures that bring serpent seed into the picture. The devil knew what he was doing, six thousand years ago when he inspired Adam's servant, the serpent, to seduce his wife Eve. He wanted those hybrid minds to use, here at the end time, against God. No wonder Jesus said one day, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." He knew where those highly educated truth haters came from, and so did the apostle Paul, when he wrote in 1 st Corinthians 1:14, "But the natural man (the unregenerate) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." The world is crying for peace, and there is not going to be world peace until Jesus sits upon His throne in the Millennium, but they cannot accept that, for they do not believe the Bible. As I said, I can accept their idea, that through an explosion, this planet was shaped into a certain form. But I know God caused the explosion, and they deny it. God made the first atom. There is even evidence of that, to the spiritual mind. He does things in threes. The atoms have three component parts, just like there are three basic elements to creation, carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. There are three forms of life,

that now exist on the planet, marine life, plant life and animal life. Naturally the animal life would include the birds and such like, because they live on the same vegetative substance we live on, and they have to breath oxygen from the air, just like we do. All through the Bible, you can find God doing things in threes. Not because He is three persons, as the trinity people teach, but because three seems to be His number of perfection, even in the three office works, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. God could have created everything in its perfect state, and kept it that way, but if you will pay close attention, you will find that He works through these threes, and the third stage produces perfection. Of course these are theological terms, but remember also, that God is omnipotent, (all powerful) omnipresent, (He is everywhere, because He is a Spirit) and omniscient, which means that He knows everything. But there you have another set of threes representing a perfect God. Now saints, that kind of God was not just experimenting when He set off the great explosion your scientists are always talking about. He had a plan. Before there was ever a star, the moon, or anything else. He had a plan for it all, and that whole plan was to climax according to what is written in Revelation, chapters 21 and 22.

GOD'S FOREKNOWN **CHILDREN**

Let us read the first four verses of the first chapter of Ephesians, and see what the apostle Paul had to say about that great plan. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: (Let us go ahead and read verse 5 also.) Having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." According to whose will? His own will. Brother He did not have to take a vote on it, for there was no one, nor anything else that He could consult with. That verse 4, is really the one that stands out though, and it is beautiful. "According as He (God Himself) hath chosen us (you and me) in Him (Jesus Christ the Redeemer) before (When?) The foundation of the world." What does that verse say to you? To me, it says that the God in whom I trust is working out a plan that He decided on, even before there ever was a star, or anything else, and even though there was an explosion, it was no accident; it

was all a part of what He had already determined to do. Notice what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:19. "Nevertheless and the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS. And let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." That tells us, that even before He ever started to create, God knew every soul that would ever accept His plan of salvation, and also every one that would reject it, and be damned. Now Bro. Jackson: Did you really mean to say that? Does not every individual have an opportunity to choose for themselves? Yes they every one must either accept or reject the gospel when it is preached to them, but regardless of what they do, God already knew what their decision would be, and the book of eternal life had every name recorded in it, that will ever be recorded in it, even before the foundation of the world. We are dealing with this message for the benefit of people who do believe that the Bible is the word of God, so let us turn to Revelation 13:8, and also 17:8, and see what the Bible says about that. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, (the beast man, the Antichrist) whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from (when?) The foundation of the world." Now let us get 17:8 also. "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall

wonder, (Notice now) WHOSE NAMES WERE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, when they shall behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” Will you believe the Bible, or do you prefer some theory of evolution apart from God as the great designer or it all? Those words were written nineteen hundred years ago, and they plainly tell us what those God haters are going to do. They are going to worship the beast, and God is going to cast every last one of them into the lake of fire, just like the Bible says. God knew what our names would be, and the attitude of our hearts, so do not think it strange, that the ungodly are already judged. God has allowed Satan to play around with our minds long enough though; so He is soon going to do something that will let certain individuals know that there is a God in control after all.

GOD’S ANGELIC FAMILY

We are coming to a point in the message now, that I believe we can introduce angelic beings, also a creation of God. I have heard people say, and I have even said it myself in times past, but now I know that the statement is incorrect. You hear people say, It is very possible, according to the Bible, that we were already created as spirit beings, and in the presence of God long before we were ever born into this world. I realize that I have said

that myself years ago, mainly because I had heard other say it, and had never taken the trouble to search out the meaning of the scriptures that cause folks to believe like that. Bur when I finally did take the time to seriously think on that possibility, I saw what such an idea would lead a person into. Let us read a few verses from the 38 chapter of Job, and you will understand what th I am talking about. This was 1500 years before Christ. Job had been sick and complained a lot, and his critics had counseled him, giving their opinions of why he was required to suffer like that, and it seemed that none of them were able to speak anything to comfort the poor man. This was at a time before the law was given, and it was truly a contest between Job and the devil. Finally a young fellow by the name of Elihu took it upon himself to rebuke Job for justifying himself rather than God, and he talked for quite a while, and that brings us to the 38 chapter, where we will read the first seven verses. th ”Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me, Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare if thou has understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang

together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" This last verse lets us know, that somewhere back there when there was a beginning, and the laying forth of the foundation, of what we now see as earth, and all the celestial planets, and so forth, there were beings present, enjoying it all, that are referred to here as sons of God. That just automatically causes a lot of people to think that was us, but that is an impossibility. Let me show you what you will run into, if you pursue a thought like that. Anything that would be dwelling in the presence of God like that, would be perfect. That would mean that your soul was there, already perfect and complete, waiting for its turn to be introduced into this world through a birth process. Now do you want to believe that your already perfect soul was defiled by a genetic process of birth? We believe, and rightly so, that the serpent seed has a tendency to weaken the soulish qualities of mankind, thereby giving people no more than just an intellectual attitude toward God, so can you make all of this dovetail together, and fit it into what you already have by revelation? You know it cannot be done. Those sons of God were not you and me. It had to be angelic beings. Now Bro. Jackson: Are you sure angels could be referred to as sons of God? Yet I am. In the third chapter of Daniel, we find one such reference. It is where the three Hebrew children are thrown into a furnace where the fire was exceedingly hot, at the command

of Nebuchadnezzar, a pagan king who knew nothing at all about Jehovah God. Let us pick up verse 24, of chapter 3, and read a few verses. "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counselors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed by the God of Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego, who hath sent his ANGEL, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God." Again, that last verse holds the answer, who hath sent His what? His angel. Let me remind you again, that is a pagan king,

who knows nothing about the redemptive plan of God to be worked through the Hebrew people. There was absolutely nothing whatsoever in what he was seeing, to make his language appear as though he had seen Jesus. It was only that he had seen a supernatural being, and because of that, he makes the distinction, that this one was like unto an offspring of God. That is what the word, or term, son of God means. He definitely gave that fourth man a different identity than the other three men that were in the fiery furnace, and please note the fact that it was the same man who used both terms. First he referred to the fourth man as the son of God, and then he said, God had sent His angel to deliver His servants. Brothers and sisters: there are other scriptures along this line, if you care to search them out, but this should be sufficient for any true child of God to get on the right track with.

GOD'S PLAN PERVERTED

Remember saints, it was God's genetic law that Satan was after, when he caused the serpent to seduce Eve there in the very beginning, before Adam her husband ever came to her for the purpose for which God had intended them to come together for, bearing children in the image of their Creator, to fill the earth. Therefore the offspring of that serpent, which Eve gave birth to as a result of their union, served to downbreed humanity by

crossbreeding with the children of Adam, until mankind became so evil and corrupt that God had to destroy the whole mess with a great flood, except for Noah and his family. Then Noah and his three sons and their wives, were left with the same commission God had given to Adam and his wife in the beginning. Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, they were told. But they already had those serpent seed attributes in them; therefore the whole earth became populated with sons and daughters, descendants of Noah, that stand in need of redemption, and that is where the only begotten Son comes into the picture. But like I said, There is no way that this pagan king Nebuchadnezzar, could have known anything about Him, so he had to be using the terminology son of God, only from the standpoint of offspring of God. Adam and Eve were the first human beings that ever bore the identity of sons of God, and they certainly were not present with God when the foundations of the earth were laid, therefore the reference in Job 38:7, had to be from the same standpoint as the one in Daniel 3:25. Adam and Eve had the commission to "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth," but it was to be through the law of reproduction; for there were no billions of sons and daughters there with God already, just waiting for their opportunity to come into the world. Naturally Cain's genetic line played a great part in replenishing the earth, for

any man and woman with a healthy body, can have a relationship and bring little children into the world, because of God's law of life, in reproduction. In other words, The life of every creature comes from God, for Satan can produce life. But he is the one that interrupts and perverts God's perfect plan, and causes various lives to be what they are. Woman sell their bodies for money, and many times, little children are brought into this world as a result of such a relationship, because of that law of life; but can any of you look me in the eye and tell me that this is what God wanted when he set this law of reproduction in effect. No. This is a result of God's perfect way being perverted. That is why the world is sick today. That is why sin is running rampant throughout the world, and multitudes are heading for hell. They do not want God in the picture at all; but He is going to be in the picture, whether they like it or not, even if it is only to judge them, and burn them, when His great day of reckoning finally comes. His true way has been perverted, but His total plan is still in effect. He will achieve what He started out to achieve, a family of people upon earth, that He can place the fulness of His presence within. Now saints, do not ever allow yourselves to think that all of this sin and perversion just slipped up on God unexpectedly, for He knew about all of it even before He ever created the planet. Why would He allow such to happen? Some will say. But remember, brothers and sisters, He

had those attributes of redemption and reconciliation that had to be expressed also, therefore He allowed for a full expression of all His attributes in His total plan for the ages. That is a designer's privilege. You say, But that seems so unfair. Not when everyone is offered the same benefits. Did not God say to old Cain, If thou doest well, shalt thou not also be received? As I said earlier, God knew who would be saved and enjoy the benefits of eternal life, and He knew everyone that would not, but He did not just simply choose certain individuals to burn in hell, as some would teach. It is just that they are following their father, therefore they will end up in the same place he ends up. They will split hell wide open, so to speak.

FALLEN ANGELS

Not I said we would break this subject into three phases, and we have been dealing mostly with how this old planet got here, and how God got it ready for habitation up to this point. But before the era of Adam and Eve, there had to be what we call, a prehistoric era, for the crust of the earth is full of the evidence of it. I would not venture to say how many million years were allotted to this era, but scientists even speak of numbers that I can hardly write, when they put an age on some of what they find, so the number of years involved in this prehistoric era is immaterial to this message. Remember though, just as

man had to be tested, so did God's angelic family also. That is why the Bible tells us that 1/3 of them fell from their first estate. That is why Lucifer was already a fallen angel, when Adam and Eve were placed in the garden of Eden. He had already been tested, and his choice was to rebel against his Creator, and to exalt himself, and in so doing, he took a lot of the other angels with him, and now they are called demons instead. Let me just mention something here, while it is on my mind. I was handed a magazine the other day, in which it showed different stages of the horse in its process of evolution. Shame on people who believe some of these things. In that article they showed how the horse had come up through the rhinoceros and another creature that looked a lot like the rhinoceros in its process of evolution, until finally it was a horse. I wonder why those scientists do not take the gene from a rhinoceros and from a horse, and see if they can mate the two. When God said, Let everything bring forth of its own kind, that is exactly what He meant. He did not say, Let the rhinoceros bring forth a horse. That would not be a true representation of his law of reproduction. Let me get back to these angelic beings though, for they have a place in that prehistoric era, that few people are willing to recognize.

PREHISTORIC CREATURES

The earth, after having passed through certain evolutionary stages, was finally ready to be inhabited by intelligent forms of life, and what the Creator put here back then, was some huge creatures; for there had been soil prepared, and foliage prepared to accommodate them. I am convinced that there was more earth exposed then, than what there is today. From the polar regions to the Antarctic, evidence has been found to indicate that practically the whole planet, was like a tropical paradise. Bro. Strommen told me of the subterranean findings there in Norway where it is cold. They have dug down into the surface of the earth and found palm leaves, and you every one know, palm trees grow where it is warm, they do not grow in Norway, but evidence shows that there was a time in the eon ages past, when palm trees did grow there, so there definitely was a time when this old planet was in a much different relationship to the sun, than it is now. We will get back to that later, but now, let us get back to the inhabitants of the earth in that prehistoric age. Evidence unearthed over the years, proves that there was a time when giant lizards, and enormous size creatures of every sort roamed this earth, every kind of vegetative eating creature you could think of. There were giant size birds that had teeth. Brother I am glad we do not have any such creature around today. If you

think we have a problem with missing children now; what if we still had creatures like that around? In the museum of natural science in Washington D.C., they have the skeleton of one of them wired together, hanging on the wall. It is some sight to see, and you have to be very thankful that there are no such creatures around today. It had teeth like a bat. I looked at that thing, and just thought how terrible it would be to have creatures like that flying around today, swooping down and grabbing your little children, and flying off to some high mountain with them. Well, God knew what He was doing. He put angels here to rule over that giant sized animal kingdom. Angels are intelligent beings, invested with wisdom and authority, but they are not creatures that dwell in flesh; therefore they did not have to be afraid of those huge sized animals. Furthermore the scriptures bear out the fact that God's angelic family had a time of testing, a time when they had a commission from their Creator just like Adam did later, in another era of time. They had certain things to accomplish, and certain standards to abide by, just like Adam did. God told Adam, Dress the earth, the garden. He did not tell him to ruin it. To dress it, was to beautify it, so there is no doubt in my mind, that those angels had very specific instructions also, and some carried them out, while the others failed to. We have scriptures that tell us, that Lucifer was the master mind of the perversion

of whatever they were commissioned to do. When you read in 2 . Peter, chapter 2, and also in Jude, you find that both nd writers wrote of angels that left their first estate, (sinned against God) and were cast down to hell, and are kept chained up until the great white throne judgment, where they will be judged and destroyed. But my point is, They had to be judged, or tested in relationship to something that was on this earth at that time. They were already chained up, when God placed Adam on this earth with a specific commission, so we know that their testing had to be in the prehistoric age before Adam's time. They were given authority over laws and such like, and only God knows how many thousands of years rolled by, while His angelic family was being tested. One thing I am convinced of though, is that those angels ruled over that prehistoric animal kingdom that roamed this earth back then. How many of you have ever been to a museum where they have those dinosaur bones and all such like? You who have reservations in your mind about such creature, ought to go look at some of what has been found in the crust of this old earth. I have seen pieces of the tusks of those huge mastodon elephants, and I am very thankful that there are no such creatures on earth today. The poor black people in Africa have to put up with enough, from those made bull elephants of our day, but compared to those mastodons, these would be considered very small. Those

mastodons would be more like these huge bulldozers you see around construction sites; they could just take your house, and turn it upside down. There is just too much evidence around, for anyone to be saying those creatures never existed. Therefore I am saying to you, When angels were ruling here on earth, those creatures of the animal kingdom were huge. Some of them could pick leaves out of the a tree 80 feet up in the air. There was also in that animal kingdom, a creature that physically had the stature of man, but I assure you, That thing was not a son of God. In a museum out in Springfield, Illinois, we went through a certain section of it, where they have wax characters portrayed, or what they refer to as a prehistoric man and his wife, living in a cave. They both were snaggle toothed, bow legged, flat headed and according to the skeletons they have found, that is how they looked. But let me say it again, We are not the offspring of those creatures. They were just a high form of animal life. That is why their carcasses are still out there; they have never been resurrected, and never will be. But God has allowed those remains to be preserved until mankind of this hour had a chance to find them, and form their theories about them, and so true children of His could gain a deeper understanding of the scriptures. Of course these cave men creatures are always portrayed as having a club in their hand, and killing each other for food. I do not question that, for I have

seen what the devil has done to God's creation this side of the garden of Eden. He has so affected mankind, in some parts of the world they act just like that. Then your scientists look at that, and try to connect it to those back there in the prehistoric age. The only connection between the two is the spirit that motivates them.

THE FIRST LIAR - THE FIRST MURDERER

Brothers and Sisters: I want you to try to visualize something, as I endeavor to illustrate to you what took place way back there. God is the author of beauty, peace, tranquility and progress, and we know the devil is just exactly the opposite of that, so listen to me for a few minutes. God places those creatures here on earth, and gave His angelic family charge over them, with specific instructions just like He gave Adam, when He placed Him over His animal creation in his day. At that time (in the prehistoric age) the whole earth was like a tropical paradise. All the animals dwelt together in harmony, and the angels moved back and forth between their celestial and their earthly spheres, carrying out precisely what the Creator had instructed them to do. But there was one angel in their midst, seemingly over all the others, that according to Isaiah 14, began to want to exalt himself above what he was supposed to be. Isaiah referred to him as "Oh Lucifer, son of the morning," so there had to be a reason

for that. What do you suppose it was? There is only one thing that son of the morning reference could point to. It means he was created at the dawning of time. Morning is a word that applies to the dawning of the day, or the dawning, or beginning of an era, and so forth. Therefore we conclude from Isaiah's statements, that Lucifer was the first of God's created angelic family, and he was over all the rest, but maybe even for billions of years, there was no problem. Everything moved according to God's instructions, in beauty, and in peace. But eventually, something had to transpire, that caused Isaiah, a prophet of this era or age, (In other words, since Genesis 1:2) to write what he did, and we already know that Lucifer was already a fallen angel when Adam was created, so we have to place this fall somewhere back in time before Adam's day. That would have to be in the prehistoric age, so let us look again, at what Isaiah, an anointed prophet wrote concerning him, Isaiah 14:12, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascent into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascent above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Now if that was all we had to look at, we might not know very much yet, but there is more. This lets us know what he began to

think and plan, but when you go over to the gospel of John, where the Pharisees were contending with Jesus, you learn something more. He was over all that animal kingdom, and all the other angels, so he began to look at all the power and authority he had, and the beauty of the whole creation, and he began to desire to be looked upon as God. This is where choices were made. No doubt, in a very cunning, deceptive way, he began to say little things to the other angels, things designed to draw their attention away from their loyalty to their Creator. All he needed to do, was get them to deviate just one time, from their original stability, loyalty, and purpose, and he had them going his way. He probably began to say to them, I wonder what would happen, if we did so and so? It had to be just a very slight perversion in the beginning, in order for those other angels to be persuaded to go along with it, but you know how one thing leads to another. That is why it is so important never to make that first little compromise. After the first time, it is always easier to make another one, and the first thing you know, you have gone too far. Lucifer told the first lie, committed the first murder and of course it was a result of his perversion of God's creation, when he told that first lie, so he was the first to pervert anything, and we can prove all of this by the scriptures, if you are willing to accept the scriptures as the final authority. Look in your Bibles, (John 8:44) at what Jesus said to those Jewish

religious leaders, that was giving Him so much trouble. "Ye are of YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, (Lucifer) and the lusts of the father ye will do. (Listen now.) He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, (Notice this) and THE FATHER OF IT." From those two verses we learn that Lucifer was once in the truth, and he departed from the truth by his own choice. We find also, that he is the first liar of all of God's creation, and therefore became the father of lies, and of liars, and since he also was the first murderer, his first lie was probably told because of it. Jesus was not speaking genetically, when He told those Pharisees they were of their father, the devil; He was speaking from the standpoint of the spirit He recognized in them. The very fact that they wanted to kill Him, let him know that the spirit in them, was not the Spirit of God, even though they held the position as religious leaders. That killer spirit in them, was that spirit of Satan, the same angel Isaiah called Lucifer. But according to the very words of Jesus, there had to be a time when Lucifer did abide in truth, meaning, when he was first created, and put forth in time, along with other angels, everything did truly run according to God's instructions in peace and tranquility. God is not the author of murder, perversions and lies. It takes a devil to meet that bill. That is

why Jesus could look at those Pharisees standing there, wanting to kill Him, and say, "Ye are of your father the devil." He knew that spirit motivating them, did not come from God. No true child of God has murder in his heart. Remember though saints, Satan did not become a murderer and a liar, just a few minutes before he caused the serpent to seduce Eve that day; he was already that, because of what he had done before their time. Two dinosaurs that once passed each other in the swamps without any evil thoughts toward each other, became so perverted in their nature by him, that they could not meet one another without a fight. You have seen two dogs get into it, with each other, how they can make cold chills run up and down your spine. Well just try to imagine two creatures that can stand 80 feet up into the air, all of a sudden locking themselves in a death struggle. I can just see old Lucifer, just like a lot of people yet today, God get him! Kill him! Did you ever see people act like that? That is how they carry on, at these bull fights, dog fights, and all such like, simply because, behind the scene somewhere is an angel that enjoyed that kind of thing millions of years ago, and he is still promoting it. Some of those angels did such awful things, that God just chained them up, down in hell, and they will remain there until the great white throne judgment, but there are still enough of them running loose, to cause all of this evil and perversion we see all around

us every day. Those fallen angels (demons) do not care how much you hurt yourself, nor how much you suffer, and make a fool of yourself. Because somewhere they made the choice to be like that, and they cannot change. It is a scientific fact, that the prehistoric world became locked in a death struggle, and God's judgment fell upon them during the time of it. Some of you have heard me say, in the museum of natural science, in Washington, D.C., there is the petrified forms of two prehistoric animals with snouts that look a little like a pig, and the full grown adult one, had been in the process of killing the young one when judgment struck. It had one foot on it, pushing it to the ground, while chewing the skin off of it, when something happened, and now they are just petrified rocks. It took an adverse spirit to create such a scene, for God is not a spirit that enjoys killing.

WHAT STARTED THE ICE AGE

God placed those animals on earth, to dwell together in peace and tranquility. There was no such thing as sin, lies, murder, iniquity, and such like. But once Lucifer started working on those angels that had the charge over them, things began to change, yet God let it continue on until every angel had been tested and made their choice as to which side they would be on. Then after each one had fully proved what stand they were going to take, God let

His hand of judgment fall upon them. But first, I am persuaded, He called Lucifer, just like He did Adam one day, when he had disobeyed God, and was hiding. That is a natural reaction; when someone, or something does wrong, the first reaction is to try to hide from the one they are accountable to. Even today, if a man kills someone for some greedy purpose, the first thing he does is hide out someplace. He has something continually knocking on the door of his conscience. God came as always to fellowship with Adam, in the cool of the day, but Adam and his wife were hiding among the trees, hoping they could avoid facing their Creator. But God called, Adam! Where art thou? When Adam finally answered, God said to him, Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? Well Adam did not deny it, but he did shove all the blame on his wife, for what he had done. That is also a first reaction with most people, when they are caught up with in their wrongdoing. They will blame someone else if there is any possible way to do so. Now Brothers and Sisters: Think about this. If Lucifer was the first liar, the father of lies: there had to be a time when he told that first one. I believe it was when God called to him and said, Lucifer! What have you been doing? After he had perverted everything he had been given charge over. You can ask a bank robber, How many banks have you robbed? He will no doubt say, I have never robbed a bank! You ask a

murderer, How many people have you killed, and he will say, I have never killed anyone. Therefore when God asked Lucifer; What have you been doing? I believe Lucifer replied, (just like a lot of children, when they are asked that same question) I haven't been doing anything. But there before them are dead carcasses strewn throughout the whole planet, and every kind of perversion and chaos, so God knew that he had been doing something he should not have done. There was his first lie, told to deny the fact of his wrongdoing. He had already become the father of murder and perversion, and now he is the father of lies also. One by one, God called all of those other angels that had disobeyed Him, and asked them the same question, and they every one denied what they had been doing, but God knew what had been going on, and he knew to what extent some of them had gone, with their murder and perversion. They had done so much evil, they were immediately doomed to the pit, and chained up, never to be loosed, except to stand before the judgment throne of God. That is why the apostles Peter and Jude wrote what they did, concerning them. Then to put an end to all of that chaos, God just rocked this old planet a few degrees from the sun with a mighty earthquake, and froze it all up. That is why your scientists of today are able to talk and write of an Ice Age. Their diagnosis and prognosis is wrong, but the Ice Age itself is a scientific fact, so there

had to be a reason for it to be so, and I believe God is allowing His true people, here at the end time, to know those things that brought it about. It was the suddenness of how it was brought about, that caught some of those animals in the various forms and positions they have been found in, and preserved them even to this day. About three years ago, someone handed me an article, clipped from the paper, telling of how the Russians had discovered, in the ice cap of Siberia, an ancient Mastodon type elephant. They do not even exist in our animal kingdom today, but this one was so perfectly preserved in God's deep freeze, they got the idea to take a gene from it, and implant it in a live elephant of our present animal kingdom, and try to at least acquire a half breed species from that prehistoric era. Oh, I tell you, They will not stop at anything. Nevertheless all they can do is just play around with the Creator's laws. They cannot go one step beyond what He is willing for them to go, for He is the only Creator. All life comes from Him. Let me say also, You who think I am off my rocker in saying these things, surely have never taken the time to be concerned about the fact, that Christians do not have an acceptable answer for what science is actually proving today. If Jesus tarries His coming for another twenty-five years, something like this will be about all your little grandchildren have, to stand against a complete brainwashing by these evolutionists. I guarantee you,

they are not going to reverse the trend again, and start teaching creation by an intelligent Creator to them. You may not be able to control what they are taught in public schools, but at least you can make sure they have an opportunity to hear the truth also. Right now, I could sit and listen to every scientific theory science is able to put forth, and it would not harm my belief at all, for I know deep down inside me, that regardless of what they find, God is still the Creator that it all sprang from. Knowing that, helps a person to reconcile all these things they hear on the news, and so forth. Therefore I ask you, These things that cannot be denied, what will you do with them? What will be your answer, if you are confronted with something that is beyond any shadow of doubt, billions of years old? Will you just shrug your shoulders, and say, I know God created all things: and that is all I need to know? Deep down inside, will it not gnaw at you, if you have no explanation at all for what they confront you with? I say it will. If we are true children of God, He is not going to allow us to keep our head buried in the sand forever, when there are some answers available to us.

WITHOUT FORM AND VOID -
THEN THERE WAS LIGHT

One brother was telling me, that right after WW2, they were building a road bed out west where it is dry arid country, and the drive of one piece of

earth moving equipment, noticed that he had scooped up a very large bone, so he notified the authorities and they stopped all work, and started digging just to find the source of that thing, and what do you think they found? They found the carcasses of three huge elephants, lying as though they had been all walking in a narrow path behind one another, when something suddenly killed them, right where they stood. The Creator left them there as a testimony to the fact that there was a time when such elephants were in North America, but there has not been any such in our era of time. I just have to believe that all of these huge animals that science places in a prehistoric age, were a part of God's testing of His angelic family. Those angels had to be tested for their loyalty to their Creator, for it was His purpose to use them as His helpers when a future creation would be introduced to this planet. Furthermore let me say this, I do not say that everything on the planet died instantly as a result of what God did to it back then. In the coldest regions, I believe there was instant death, but in the less extreme cold regions, life could have gone on for even several years. Nevertheless the cold temperatures were unacceptable to the existing plant life, so it just slowly died. But as the Ice Age became a full reality on the entire planet, life in every form just ceased to exist, and the planet could have hung out there in space for a few millions years in that state. The exact time is not confirmable, and

unimportant to the truth we desire to establish. We just need to realize that there was a time when God tested His angelic family, and also, that they were tested in relationship to a certain form of life that inhabited this planet, and that these prehistoric animals fit right into the picture, according to what we know from the scriptures, and from modern science. Then we can see, that when the earth had passed through that Ice Age, it is again to be filled with the different forms of life, and that of course, brings us to Genesis 1:2, which says, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." It was like that, because of that former judgment, which simply means, it was useless, as long as it was in that state, and darkness upon the face of the deep, is not referring to a hole in the ground. It is referring to darkness upon the depths of space as pertaining to the earth, because it was out of relationship to the sun. The waters that are always associated with the earth in some form, were so vaporized, they shut out the sunlight, and just left this old ball hanging out here in space as a giant deep freeze. As most of you probably know, the sun is not a source of heat like a stove. It is like a microwave oven. Have you ever noticed, it can be 30 degrees below zero, as far as the temperature in the air is concerned, but you can build a box, and face one side with glass, and let the sun rays shine through that, and then notice how warm it feels. That proves that the heat

from the sun is more like heat from a microwave, than heat from a fire; it is ultraviolet rays. Therefore when you have space filled with the vapor of moisture, that is exactly what clouds those rays, and keeps them from shining upon the earth, so when it was like that for such a long time, the earth could be nothing but a giant deep freeze, and that is exactly what verse 2, is referring to, the space of the deep. "Then the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." That is what God had to move, in order to bring the earth out of its dark chaotic condition, and get it ready for habitation once again.

JEREMIAH SAW THE EARTH WITHOUT FORM

Turn with me, to the 4 chapter of Jeremiah, where God allowed him to see a little of this condition, and then speak it along with a prophecy concerning certain things to be done in the land of Israel. Start with verse 23. "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; (when? Prior to verse 2, in Genesis chapter 1) and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness." At no time since Genesis 1:2, could that scripture apply, yet Jeremiah saw it in a prophetic vision when he was prophesying to the nation of Israel. Do

you not see how God just allows these little nuggets of confirmation and vindication to be inserted into prophecies that pertain to another age completely? Just like in Isaiah, chapter 14, where God was prophesying concerning the restoration of Israel, and in verse 12, we find the starting of the words concerning the fall of Lucifer, referred to as the son of the morning. You find just enough there, to help you get started putting some pieces together. None of these references give you a complete picture by themselves. But when the Holy Spirit puts them all together for you, you have a picture that explains a lot of things that have caused men to argue and debate, and get mad at each other, all down through the ages. Brother, when you get this picture put together in your mind, nothing any atheist can ever say will shake you the least bit whatsoever, for you already know, that there is a great Creator present in the universe, that is watching over your eternal destiny. That is why it is written, "Known unto God are all His works from the foundation of the world." Hallelujah! How can we help but praise Him?

GOD'S BIBLE IN THE HEAVENS

Now before we get too far away from the part we have been dealing with in this message, there are a few verses in Job that I want to bring to your attention, for I feel that they do deal with something that does reflect God's

plan of salvation. But on the other hand I do not wish to get anyone hung up on studying the stars, and the heavenly bodies, for we must still order the course of our lives according to the Bible. Open your Bibles back to the 38 chapter of Job, and we will start at the 31 verse. Some th st people spend so much time studying the stars, they do not have time to study their Bible. They determine their fate, and order the course of their days, according to the signs of the zodiac, so let me say this, No matter what the zodiac may display, any person who depends completely upon that, and fails to seek the will of God by studying His written word, will eventually end up in confusion. Though we have to realize that God placed those heavenly bodies in those certain positions for a reason, we still need to realize that they do not present a full and complete story, that we can order the course of our life by. But mankind has studied those constellations from way back before they had these astronomical instruments, and they have all been given names, and those names mean the same regardless of the language involved, so let us read these few verses at this time. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? (Many people have the idea that the book of Job is just a book written about a man that had a lot of trouble; therefore a lot of things in it have just been looked over, as we would read with our thoughts on those troubles. But this is

the Lord speaking to Job, so let us pay attention.) Canst thou bring forth Mazzorth in his season? Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?" You cannot help but wonder why God would speak to Job in such a way as this, for we know God does nothing in vain. Now there is a verse in chapter 26, I want to read, to go along with this. Verse 13. "By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent." I have heard various Bible Scholars say, The first Bible God ever wrote was in the stars. Well, in a true sense, that is right. Because each constellation is depicting something that is definitely going to be characterized in the earth, in time, as God deals with something that needs to be redeemed. But regardless of what these constellations may portray in symbolism, you cannot read them in detail, for the details are just not there. On the other hand though, when you look at a map of the solar system, it is known for a fact, that as the earth travels around the sun, it passes through twelve zodiac routes, twelve months of the year. That portrays the twelve tribes of Israel. It is also known that there are twelve major constellations, which portray the twelve apostles, as you find mentioned in the book of Revelation. Then when you think of Pleiades, (the body of seven stars) they portray the seven stars in the right hand of Jesus that is also seen in the book of Revelation.

This is the stars that represent the angels to each particular church, or age. These seven stars are all in a relationship to the North Star, which is the star everyone must look to, when they are traveling in the heavens, or on the oceans. This lets me know, that the seven stars portraying the seven messengers to the seven church ages, all have to point us to the one guiding star, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. Every star, (messenger) no matter how dark the age, always pointed to the one great star, the Lord Jesus Christ. The crooked serpent referred to here in 26:13, actually portrayed what Satan would do to mankind after the curse. Remember saints, this crooked serpent term was here long before the law was given, or the Bible written. But when you go to Revelation, chapter 12, you find that John saw a marvel in heaven. That was none other than God positioning certain things in the celestial elements, to portray certain things that would transpire on earth through time. That red dragon John saw, was none other than a representative of the embodiment of the devil, that old serpent that has tried to wreck God's plan all down through the ages. The woman he saw portrayed in the heavens, was none other than the nation of Israel passing through time. When John saw her, she was clothed with the sun, and the moon (which represents the law age) was under her feet, for she is portrayed in the state of her Millennial glory. Therefore as we think on these things, we can see that

practically every major planetary body that is associated with the earth, somewhere it portrays something that God is going to do on the earth, in His plan of redemption. We could go on and on, but I do not want to get fanatical about this, nor cause anyone else to. I have always been against people just giving themselves over to studying the stars. They do that in India, and in those Asiatic countries, just lay out somewhere, and study the stars, but that never brings them to a saving knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ, so saints, let us study our Bible instead. One constellation called Virgo, speaks of a virgin that shall conceive, and another one, which we do not see in this hemisphere, is called the southern cross, for it portrays the place where redemption was paid for the whole human race. So from the crooked serpent to the Virgo, and to the southern cross, you have the Bible portrayed in the sky. But because man needed something to give him more details, God inspired holy men of old, to write the Bible, so it is not necessary to lay on your back on some sand dune somewhere, in the dark of the night, trying to find the will of God for your life. Now you can study His written word, and He will reveal His will for your life through that. You may very well study the zodiac, and study the sign that you were born under, but you had better have your faith and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ, if you have any hopes of the hereafter,

and I believe all of you do, or you would not be sitting here today.

HOW IMPORTANT ARE YOU?

It would be very interesting just to take a poll among a certain number of people of the general public, and just ask them one question. What do you think of first, when you hear the words, IN THE BEGINNING? Among the public at large, there is no telling what answer you might get, but Christians, most of them would probably say, I think of the time when God created the earth, and all things therein. Naturally most of them would be thinking in terms of about six thousand years ago, and there was a time when I would have too, but I believe we have presented enough already, in this message, that you would have to allow your mind to go way back beyond the six thousand years most people think of. Genesis 1:1, with what I now know to be scientific facts, takes my mind back billions and billions of years. "In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth." That means, In the beginning, there was nothing but God, and at that time, He was not even God, for the word GOD, means, object of worship, and there was nothing to worship Him. He was, and still is a sovereign Spirit, and the fact that He created something that has life makes Him Father, and the fact that His creation worships Him, makes Him God. But when He counseled with Himself, as the apostle Paul states in

Ephesians, and determined before hand, all that He would ever do, before He even started, He was neither God, nor Father; but within Him, lay many attributes that He determined to express in that which He would create. That is why it is so pathetic to find people in this life who feel so important, they think God could never get along without them. Tell me honestly, Do any of you feel that God uses your abilities because He needs you? He gives us the privilege of doing a service in His kingdom, and that is exactly what it ought to be, a privilege, not an obligation. If you despise what you are doing as a service to God, stop doing it. He is not looking for that kind of service. Where were you when He hung this old ball out here in space? Who advised Him? Who helped Him? If you have truly been called of God to render a service in His redemption plan, be thankful for it, and do that service with joy in your heart, knowing full well that a God who needs nothing, has given you the special privilege of having a part in what He is doing. Job was a man that needed to be rebuked for his attitude when calamity struck him, for he justified himself, rather than God. That is when the young man by the name of Elihu came into the picture. He had listened to Job, and he had listened to Job's three friends who sat there condemning him, but had no answers themselves, to actually give him any help or comfort, so finally Elihu felt that, even though he was a young man compared to these others,

he still ought to remind them that God is the author and finisher of all things. In chapter 32, we read these words, "So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet condemned Job. Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken because they were elder than he. When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled. And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not show you mine opinion. (Now here is what was going through his mind.) I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. (That ought to be true, but sad to say, It is not necessarily so.) But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise: neither so the aged understand judgment." (In other words, Not just because of the mere fact that they have been around a long time. Naturally we cannot read all of this, so I am just going to skip down through here and read a few select verses that come from the heart of a young man expressing the wisdom that should have been found in the others.) "Look unto the heavens, and see; and

behold the clouds which are higher than thou. If thou sinnest, what doest thou against Him? (God) Or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto Him? (God) If thou be righteous, what givest thou Him? Or what receiveth He of thine hand? (Just what can you give God anyway?) Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; (or others such as he) And thy righteousness may profit the son of man.” (Or other men) In other words, you cannot hurt God, nor help God; whatever you do will either hurt or help other people such as yourself. We read that from chapter 35: 5-9, but over in chapter 37, Elihu continues to magnify God, talking about His creation, and how He controls it, about the rain, the clouds, the frost, and so forth, and in verse 14, he says, “Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of His clouds to shine? Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?” That brings us back to chapter 38, the part we read earlier in the message, where God spoke to Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? (Verse 4) Then in verse 28, God says to him, Hath the rain a father? Or who hath begotten the drops of dew? Out of whose womb came the ice? And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? The waters are hid as with

a stone, AND THE FACE OF THE DEEP IS FROZEN.” Brother there is a lot in this book besides an account of Job’s troubles. Where was thou, Job, when the sons of God shouted for joy?

LUCIFER’S EDEN

Alright we have shown you from Isaiah 14, 2 Pet. 2, Jude, Job, and Ezekiel, scriptures that should be enough to convince any true child of God, that the angelic family of God had already been tested, and their loyalty to God affirmed, or their disloyalty established, some time prior to Genesis 1:2, so there is no reason for anyone to believe that God created some angels to be good, and some others to be bad. Those that are bad, are bad by their own choice, a choice that they made in connection with a command God gave them to carry out here on earth, in a prehistoric era of time. So those that are fallen angels, were already fallen angels, before God ever placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Then we know also, from the scriptures, that even the bad angels were divided into two parts. One part, according to 2 Peter and Jude, was so wicked God had them chained up and cast into the pit, never to run loose and again. Of course, even though those Jewish writers established that fact, they were also well aware of the fact, that the one called Lucifer in the beginning, and is now known as Satan, or the devil, and a lot of his helpers are still on the loose,

causing the children of God all the trouble God will allow them to. God allows them to test his present creation, but He has put limits upon them, that they cannot go beyond, concerning the predestined seed of God. That is why the apostle Paul could write in 1 st Corinthians, to those who were truly born of the Spirit of God, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: (We are all tempted and tested in one way or the other.) But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE**, that ye may be able to bear it." God never allows His true children to be caught in an impossible situation, without somewhere them having a way to gain the victory over the whole thing, if they will accept God's provided way. Many people have to bear the consequences of a lot of situations where God has offered them a way of escape, and for one reason or another, they have failed to go God's way. Well Lucifer who was created perfect, is behind all the trouble in the world today. He is the enemy of his Creator, and all who worship and adore that Creator. We read from Isaiah 14, "How art thou fallen fro heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down tot he ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides

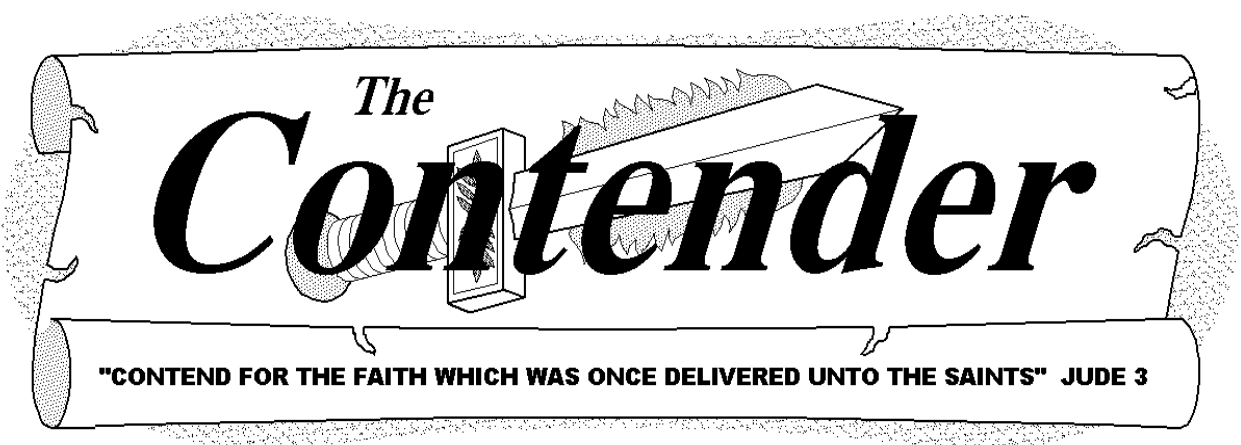
of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." I wanted to get that portion from Isaiah back before you, so we can go right on over to Ezekiel 28, where God had Ezekiel actually prophesying to the king of Tyrus, or Tyre, and the prophecy just turned right over to speak of that spirit that was motivating him, and as we begin reading in verse 12, you will soon see that this is speaking of the same angel Isaiah was speaking of, that beautiful angel that once stood at the head of God's angelic family, and is now known to all mankind as the DEVIL, the enemy of God and all that are God's. "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; (Now that is not the same Eden as the one in Genesis 2:8, pertaining to Adam's day, you will notice that the description of this garden is quite different than the one Adam was familiar with) every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, and emerald, and the carbunkle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created." That lets us know that he was created. (By whom?) God Himself created him, and look at all He

placed at his disposal. What beautiful surroundings he had. "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; (Does that not bear witness with what we read in the 14 chapter of Isaiah?) Thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (What a privilege!) Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." As I said, Ezekiel was prophesying about the king of Tyre, whose heart had been lifted up in pride, and caused him to consider himself a god, and then Ezekiel's prophecy just turned right over to the spirit behind it all. That spirit still works today in the affairs of mankind today, and we can plainly see that it is talking about Lucifer, the very devil himself. There was a time when he was in a position with God, like Gabriel and Michael that we find mentioned in the Bible, but pride filled his heart and caused him to exalt himself above what he should have, and God was forced to cast him down from his high position of authority. We do not get the whole picture from any one writer though; it takes Isaiah, Ezekiel, Peter and Jude collectively, to present an understandable picture of the whole thing. All of those angels that fell were created perfect and without sin; yet God placed them in a position where they had to make a choice, and the choice those fallen angels made, is what became sin to them. Therefore I have to say, if we believe the Bible to

be the infallible word of God, then that test of loyalty for those angels, had to be in the prehistoric time. Scientists will not admit that any spirit had anything to do with anything they speak of. They just want to outline a picture, and then fill in the gaps with mere hypothetical assumptions. But true children of God are much smarter and wiser than those scientists, for they know God Himself is the architect of the whole thing. That is why He placed those heavenly bodies out there, long before the Bible was written, as a testimony to the fact that this old earth was going to be His workshop, where He would perfect certain life creatures of His creation, that appear over in Revelation 21 and 22, in their perfected state. By doing it this way, everything that ends up over there, will be there because they have made the choice to be loyal to God. They cannot be looked upon as created puppets, that were forced to do what their Creator demanded of them. That is the difference a free choice makes. Of course some will always say, How can you believe in election and predestination, and still believe that everyone was given a free choice in the matter? That is very simple when you take into account the fact that God is an omniscient Spirit. Election and predestination could not stand apart from the foreknowledge of God. He did not predetermine your destiny without first knowing what your choice would be, by his perfect foreknowledge. Do not feel that you

must think of God as a dictator, in order to believe in predestination. When you get election, predestination, and eternal security, all tied to the foreknowledge of God as it should be, you will find no contradiction in any of it, for it will all fit together into a beautiful picture. Another point I want to call to your attention, concerning this theory of evolution that so many people try to cram down your throat, is how the whole thing must have worked in reverse, if evolution were a fact as they believe it. The common theory of evolution among the atheistic faction, is that everything is in a process of evolving upward, always to a better state. Is that not right? Well, if that is what has been taking place, why do we not still have those huge animals roaming the earth? Why did the animal kingdom get smaller in their process of evolution? What happened to the dinosaurs, the mastodon elephants, and all those other huge things? Brothers and sisters, be thankful to God, that you do not have to live in such ignorance as that. Those highly educated scientific minds look down upon people like us, as if we are no better than a pack of wild dogs, unfit to live, and too ignorant to even listen to, yet we know the truth about things, they can only guess about, and all their guessing is wrong, because they have excluded the Creator. Their definitely is a process of evolution in effect in this old world, even a genetic evolution, but it is because a wise Creator designed it to be like that. It

could never work, apart from Him. Hallelujah! We are going to pick up in Genesis 1, verse 2, and look at God's creation this side of that ice age, but for lack of space in the Contender, we will have to print it in two or three parts, so this seems like a good place to break off, just before we start dealing with man, and what part Lucifer and some of these fallen angels play in the plan of God between the Ice Age, and the eternal age to come. Just remember this, God is in the process of redeeming and restoring everything except the old serpent, that has fallen since our garden of Eden, and when He is finished, the whole earth will be back like it was, before Adam fell. He will redeem everything that is redeemable, and destroy every trace of everything that is not redeemable, and we want to try to look at the whole thing from beginning to end, before we finish this message So look for the August issue, where we will pick up right where we are at present, and continue on through. God bless you, Brothers and Sisters, Amen.



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