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## Chapter 2

VS. 16-18

### CHAPTER I.

Confirming them in hope of the increase of God's graces, 1—4, he exhorteth them, by faith and good works, to make their calling sure, 5—11; whereof he is careful to remember them, knowing that his death is at hand, 12—15; and warneth them to be constant in the faith of Christ, who is the true Son of God, by the eye-witness of the apostle beholding his majesty, and by the testimony of the Father, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, 16—21.

**SIMON** Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us, through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

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# Peter's Twofold Warning

- 1) Deception is coming!
  - It will come from within the church
- 2) Rejection of authority
  - In the family, nation and toward God

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5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2 Peter 2:5

<sup>6</sup> And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

**2 Peter 2:6**

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds

**2 Peter 2:7-8**

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished

**2 Peter 2:9**

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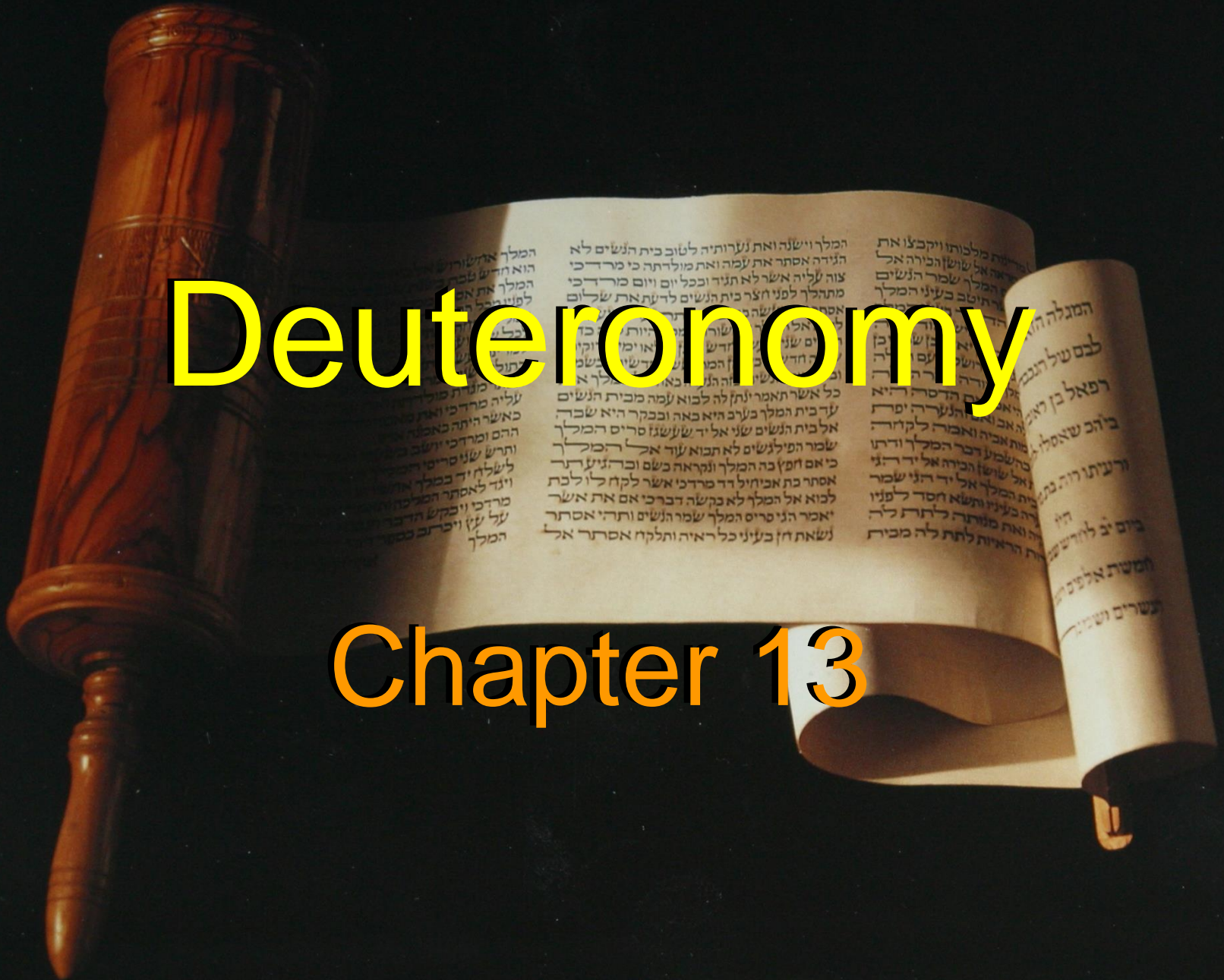
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# Israel's False Prophets

- Moses' warning - Deut 13:1-1
- The Subtlety of Deception - 1 Kings 13: 1-34
- Jeremiah's Woe's - Jeremiah 1-12

# Deuteronomy

## Chapter 13



# Moses' Warning

- <sup>1</sup> If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,  
<sup>2</sup> And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;  
<sup>3</sup> Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul

# Moses' Warning

*4 Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.*

**Deut 13:4**

# Moses' Warning

*5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.*

**Deut 13:5**

# Moses' Warning

*6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;*

*7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;*

# Moses' Warning

*8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:*

*9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.*

**Deut 13:8-9**

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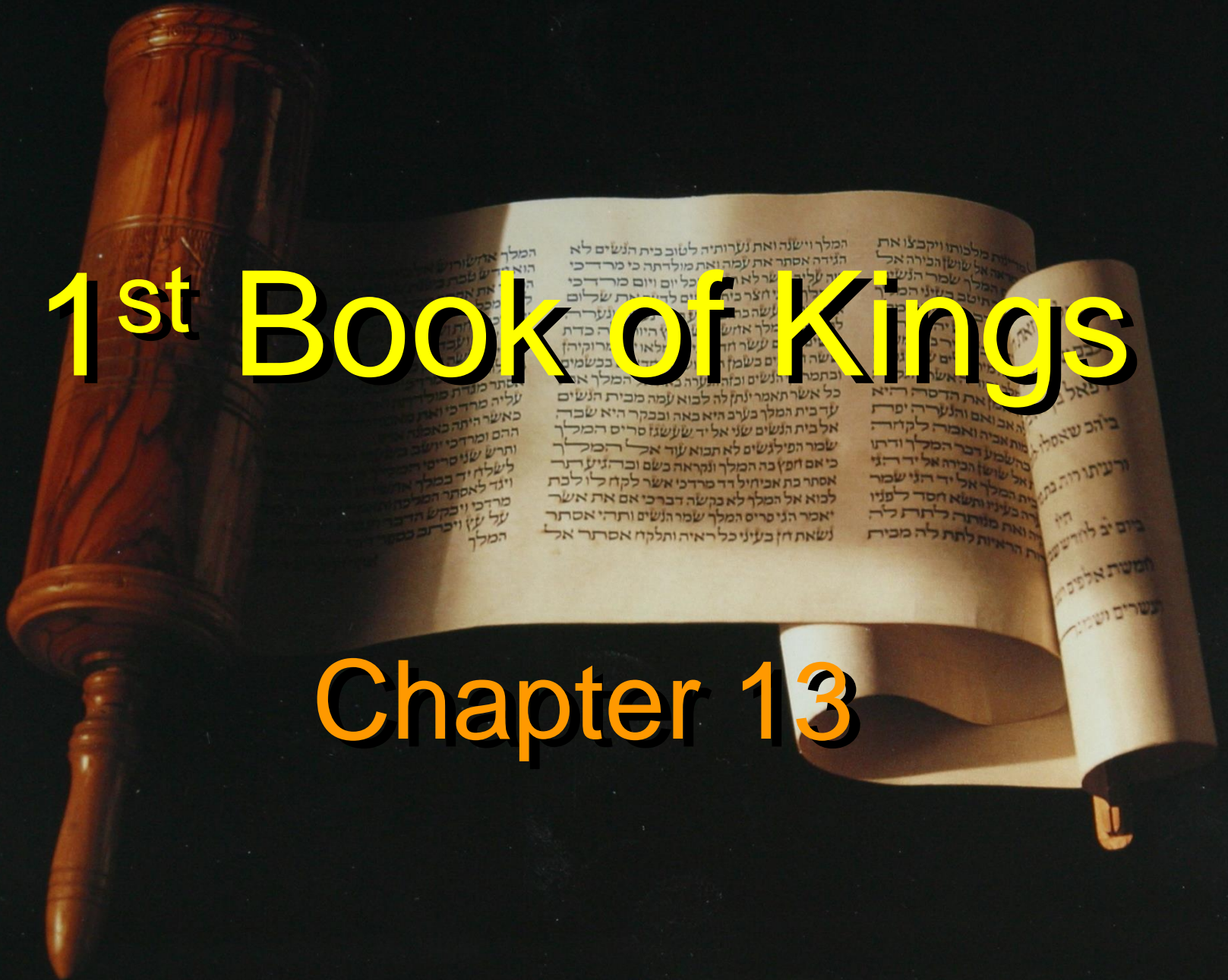
**IO** And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

**II** And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

Deut 13:10-11

# 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Kings

## Chapter 13



# CANAAN AS DIVIDED AMONG THE TWELVE TRIBES

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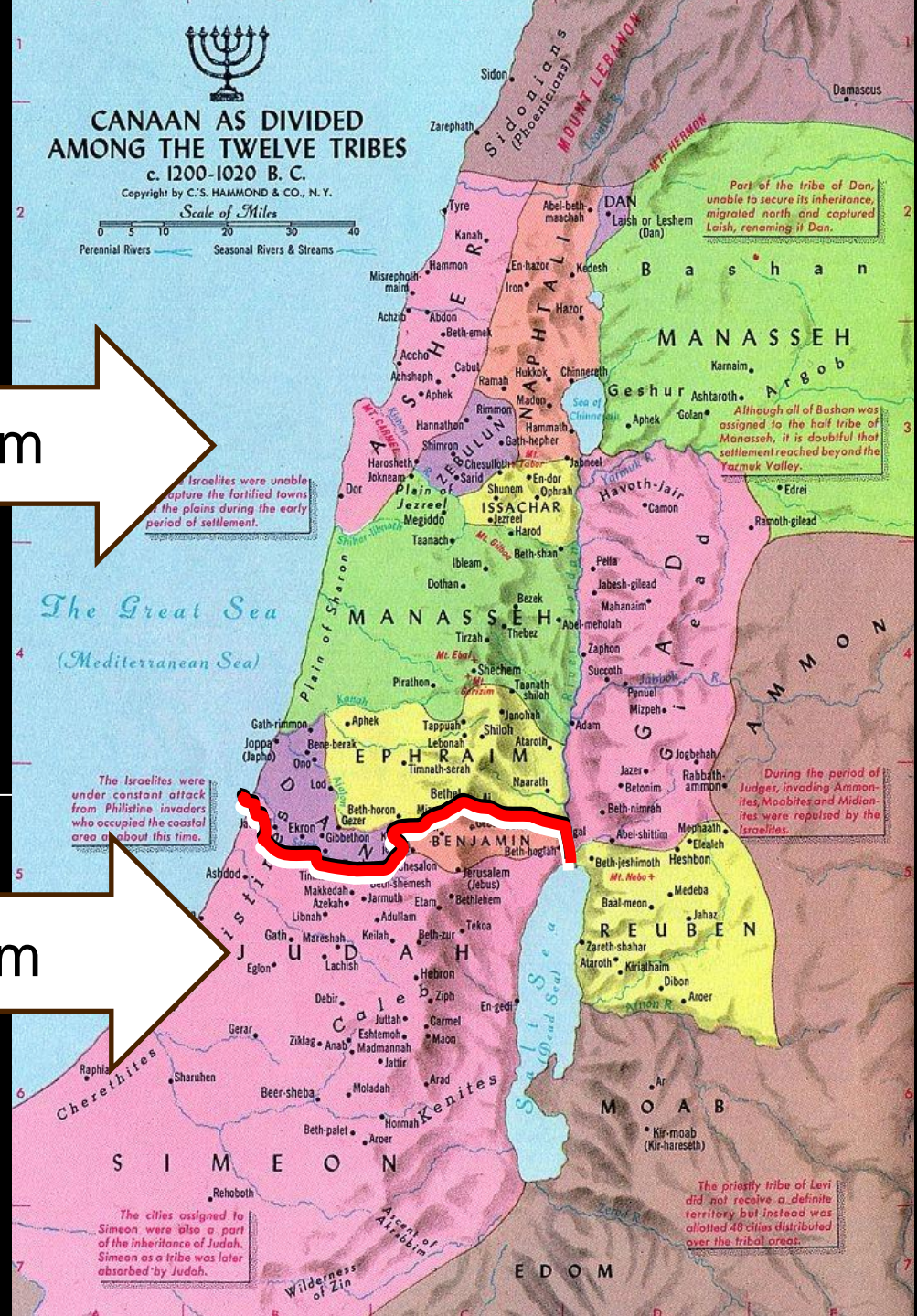
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The Northern Kingdom

Israel  
(Ten Tribes)  
Jeroboam

The Southern Kingdom

Judah  
(Two Tribes)  
Rehoboam



*I And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.*

**1 Kings 13:1**

- 15x this man is called a 'man of God'
- Jeroboam going through the motions but without God as the object of worship, and as the inspiration for that worship, it was empty and meaningless
- Many 'believers' still observe religious practices, but it has become empty

<sup>2</sup> And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

**1 Kings 13:2**

- This un-named prophet prophesies over 300 years before the events come to pass!

## Fulfilled Prophecy

**15** Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

**16** And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

<sup>3</sup> And he gave a sign **the same day,** saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

1 Kings 13:3

- This was fulfilled within moments...

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

1 Kings 13:4

- Interesting how people are so reluctant to be corrected!
- We see that pride is the root of sin
- *“Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm”.* Psalm 105:15

*5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.*

*6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.*

**1 Kings 13:5-6**

- Funny how people cry out to God when they are in trouble!

**7** And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

**8** And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

**9** For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

**1 Kings 13:7-9**

<sup>10</sup> So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:10

- Nice conclusion to the matter?

**II** Now there dwelt an old prophet **in Bethel**; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

**I2** And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

**1 Kings 13:11-12**

- Notice he is not called 'a man of God'!
- But he is known as a prophet and lives in 'the house of God' (Beth-El)

**13** And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

**14** And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

**1 Kings 13:13-14**

*15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.*

*16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:*

*17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.*

**1 Kings 13:15-17**

<sup>18</sup> He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

1 Kings 13:18

- *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” – Galatians 1:8*

*19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.*

*20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:*

**1 Kings 13:19-20**

**21** And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

**22** But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

**1 Kings 13:21-22**

**23** And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

**24** And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

**25** And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

<sup>26</sup> And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

<sup>27</sup> And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

<sup>28</sup> And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

**29** And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

**30** And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

**31** And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

<sup>32</sup> For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

1 Kings 13:32

- This had no doubt given Jeroboam license to carry on in rebellion...

**33** After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

**34** And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

**1 Kings 13:33-34**

# Lessons To Learn

- Just because someone claims to be the LORD's...
- Just because they 'speak in the name of the LORD'...
- Do not be deceived!



# Jeremiah

## The Weeping Prophet

# Why Judgment?

<sup>15</sup> For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. <sup>16</sup> And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

# Priests & Pastors

<sup>8</sup> The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Jeremiah 2:8

# Broken Cisterns

<sup>12</sup> Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. <sup>13</sup> For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

# ...like a thief?

<sup>26</sup> As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

Jeremiah 2:26

# The Greatest Insult?

<sup>27</sup> Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

Jeremiah 2:27

# A Place Prepared

<sup>5</sup> Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. <sup>6</sup> Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

Jeremiah 4:5-6

# A Place Prepared

*5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.*

**Psalm 27:5**

# A Place Prepared

*9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*1 Thess 5:9*

*36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

*Luke 21:36*

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

*John 14:3*

# Coming...ready or not!

*7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. 8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.*

# Nowhere to run

**15** And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; **16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: **17** For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Rev 6:15-17

# Does God Deceive?

**10** Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

**Jeremiah 4:10**

# Does God Deceive?

**II** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **I2** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thess 2:11-12

**28** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:28

# Denial of God's Word

<sup>12</sup> They have belied the LORD, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: <sup>13</sup> And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Jeremiah 5:12-13

# Denial of God's Word

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

Jeremiah 6:10

*“The trouble with you is that you put too much trust in that book” – Minister of a church*

# Peace, Peace

- 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.*
- 14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*

Jeremiah 6:13-14

# No Shame

<sup>15</sup> Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 6:15

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*3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

*1 Thess 5:3*

# Can you hear...?

<sup>17</sup> Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Jeremiah 6:17

*“When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He said in essence. “The details of my return are none of your business.” — Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life*

# Lessons To Learn

- We will be told that judgment is not coming...
  - ‘Peace, peace’
  - ‘The sound of the trumpet is not going to happen’
- The ‘priests’ will reject the Word of God
- They will approve abominations!
- Do not be deceived!

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2 Peter 2:1

# Guard Against Error

<sup>28</sup> Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:28-29

# Guard Against Error

*30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*

*31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*

**Acts 20:30-31**

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# Guard Against Error

- 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*
- 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

*1 Tim 4:1-2*

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# Jesus' Warnings

<sup>13</sup> Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup> Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. <sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matt 7:13-15

# Jesus' Warnings

<sup>21</sup> Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? <sup>23</sup> And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt 7:21-23

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2 Peter 2:4

# War Declared

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Genesis 3:15**

# War Declared

- <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,*
- <sup>2</sup> That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*
- <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.*

# War Declared

*4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*

*5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

**Genesis 6:1-7**

# War Declared

- 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*
- 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*

**Genesis 6:1-7**

# The Reason for the Flood

- Angelic beings had 'left their first estate'
- They had desired and taken women
- Their offspring were hybrid beings
  - part human - part celestial
- They were of abnormal size
- They were called 'Nephilim'
  - 'the fallen ones' /
    - Hebrew verb: 'Nephal' to cast down
- The (Greek) Septuagint translates this as 'giants' – from '*gigas*' (earth born)

# The Reason for the Flood

- *Geneges* is the same word used in Greek mythology for “Titans,”
- creatures emerging from interbreeding of the Greek gods with human beings. *Genea*, means “breed,” or “kind.”
- The English words “genes” and “genetics” come from the same root.

# The Reason for the Flood

- They become the source of much myth and legend
- BUT...
- The real purpose was the annihilation of the human race
- ONLY Noah (and family) had kept themselves 'genetically pure'
  - uncontaminated
- Satan almost succeeded in destroying mankind.

# The Reason for the Flood

- Was God unjust & unloving to send the flood?
- NO!...
- It was an incredible act of love and mercy to preserve His 'special creation'
- Psalm 119:68 – God is good

# New Testament Confirmations

“In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses...”

- Jude 6, 7

- 1 Peter 3:19, 20

- 2 Peter 2:4, 5

- Even the unique use of “*Tartarus*”

# “Angel” View: Church Fathers

- Philo of Alexandria
- Justin Martyr
- Irenaeus
- Athenagoras
- Tertullian
- Lactantius
- Amrose
- Julian

# Modern Scholarship

- G.H. Pember
- M.R. DeHaan
- C.H. McIntosh
- F. Delitzsch
- A.C. Gaebelelein
- A.W. Pink
- Donald Barnhouse
- Henry Morris
- Merril F. Unger
- Arnold Fruchtenbaum
- Hal Lindsey
- Chuck Smith

# New Testament Confirmations

<sup>6</sup> And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

<sup>7</sup> Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 6,7

# 'Habitation'

- Gr. Οἰκητήριον - *'Oiketerion'*
- Refers to the body as a dwelling place for the spirit
- Jude tells the angels who sinned left their natural 'body' and went after 'strange flesh'
  - The only other place this Greek word is used is in 2 Cor 5:2

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

2 Corinthians 5:2

# Also after that...

<sup>4</sup> There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Genesis 6:4

# The Stratagems of Satan

Satan's attempts to stop the Messiah being born:

- Corruption of Adam's line Gen 6
- Abraham's seed Gen 12, 20
- Famine Gen 50
- Destruction of male line Exo 1
- Pharaoh's pursuit Exo 14
- The populating of Canaan Gen 12:6
- Against David's line 2 Sam 7

# The Stratagems of Satan

Satan's attempts to stop the Messiah being born:

- Jehoram kills his brothers 2 Chr. 21
- Arabians slew all (but Ahazariah)
- Athaliah kills all (but Joash) 2 Chr. 22
- Hezekiah assaulted, etc. Isa 36, 38
- Haman's attempts Est 3

# The Stratagems of Satan

- When we really understand the reason for the battles in the Old Testament we have no problem reconciling the God of the Old Testament with the God of the New Testament
- 'Both' reveal a God of love and mercy
- This is why the inhabitants of Canaan had to be destroyed
- Most 'Christians' are ignorant because they don't read their Bibles!

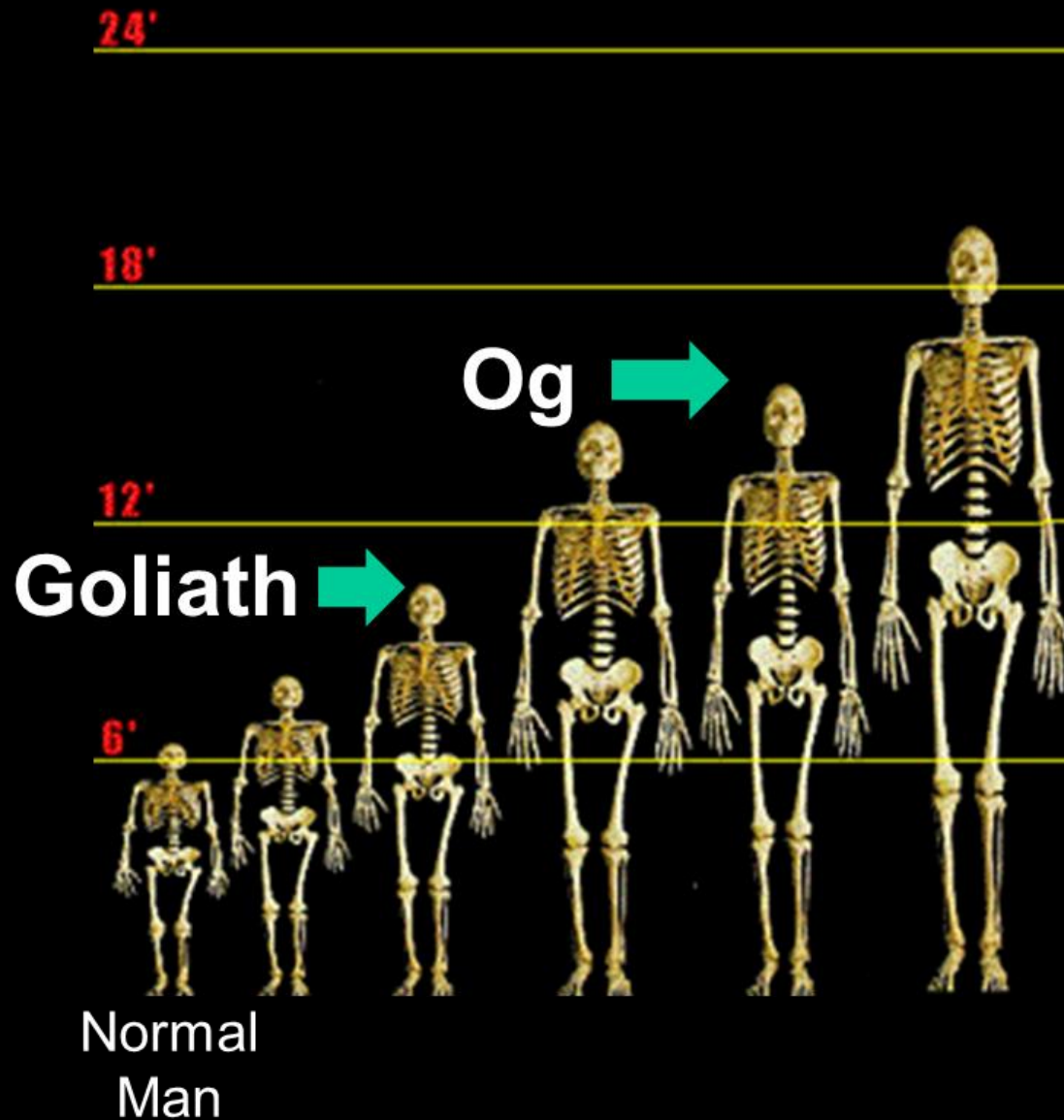
# Also after that...

- Tribes of giants were in the Land in Abraham's time, 2000 BC - Gen 14:15
- Remnants of them existed as late as the times of Moses (1400 BC) and David (1000 BC)
  - Numbers 13:33;
  - Deuteronomy 2:10,11,20,21;
  - Joshua 12:4; 15:8; 17:15; 18:16;
  - II Samuel 21:16-22;
  - I Chronicles 20:4-8.

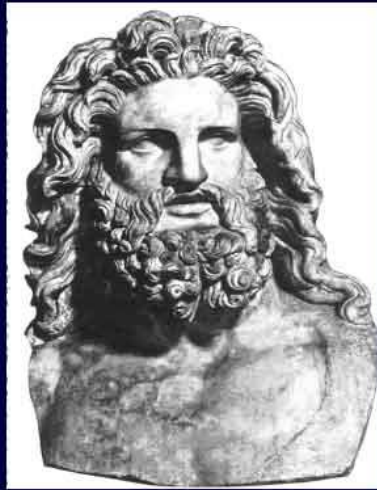
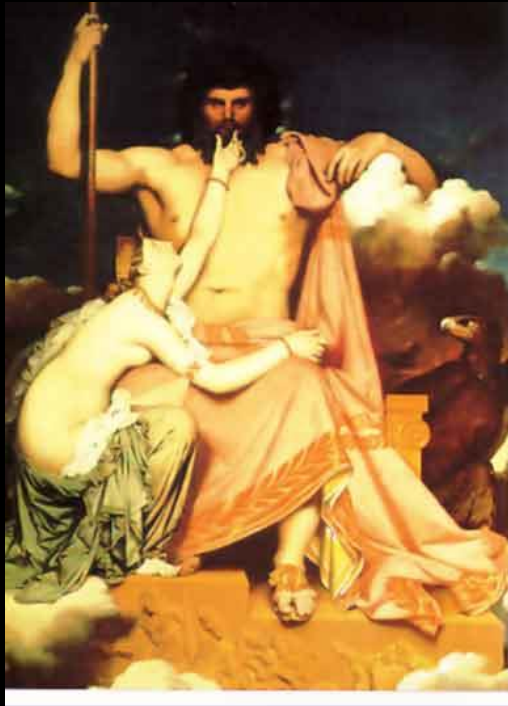
# Also after that...

- The iron bedstead of Og the Ammonite (ruler of a nation of giants) was 15.4 ft long - Deut 3:11,13
- Goliath (1000 BC), from a family of giants,
- more than 10 ft tall 1 Sam 17:4
  - He wore a breastplate of mail weighing 5,000 shekels (126 pounds or 57 kilograms) as well as a spear, like a "weaver's beam". The spearhead, when weighed by itself, tipped the scales at 600 shekels (approx 15 lbs or 7 kg)
- Beniah, a hero of David's army, slew an Egyptian giant who was 8½ feet - 1 Chron 11:23

# Also after that...



# Mythology / Historical Confirmations



# Josephus

*“Many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of their own strength ... these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians called giants”*

*Antiquities of the Jews, Book I, Ch. 3*

*“There was till then left the race of giants, who had bodies so large, and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were surprising to the sight, and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this day”*

*Antiquities of the Jews, Book V, Ch. 3*

# Rev J L Porter

*"I have no doubt that the occupants of the Bashan cities were very large people because all the doorways were wide and high. However, I could not tell how high the rooms were because there was always a few feet of debris on the floors and entrances, I would guess twelve feet high, on average."*

The Giant Cities of Bashan and Syria's Holy Places - 1877

# Who Built the Ancient Monuments?

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



# Gilgal Rephaim



# Gilgal Rephaim

## “The Circle of Rephaim”

- 5 circles including 20-ton stones,  
(Diameter =155 meters )
- Dated: 3000 BC
- Built on flat plateau; only visible from above
- 10 miles from Asteroth-Karnaim

Gen 14:5; Josh 12:4; 1 Chron 6:71



## **B'teiha Ruins**

(Another Gilgal Refaim)

# Ancient Mysteries

- *Gigantic worked stones, including enormous stones set into buildings: eg*
  - *200 ton blocks at Ollantaytambo and Ollantayparubo, Peru.*
  - *100 to 200 ton foundation and wall blocks of Tiahuanaco, Bolivia.*
  - *340 ton 65 feet high standing stones of Brittany, France.*
  - *2000 ton foundation stone, and 1000 ton 180 foot stones fitted 20 feet up in the building at the Temple of Jupiter, Baalbek, Lebanon*

# Ancient Mysteries

- *Gigantic worked stones, including enormous stones set into buildings: eg*
  - *50 to 300 ton blocks of Sacsayhuamen, Peru, fitted precisely without cement*
  - *20,000 ton block the size of a 5-storey house in same locality.*
  - *50 ton building blocks transported across a lake in Mexico*
  - *Walls 40 feet thick, Chan Chan, Peru*
  - *50 ton building slabs, in the Amazon jungle*

# Ancient Mysteries

- *Gigantic worked stones, including enormous stones set into buildings: eg*
  - *Stone heads the size of a 7-storey building, cut, moved and erected, on Easter Island*
  - *25 to 50 ton blocks at Stonehenge, England*
  - *233 20,000 pound geometrically shaped blocks at El Enladrillado, Chile*
  - *23 foot thick walls at Magdalensburg, Austria*
  - *240,000 pound 30 foot long stone crosspiece above an 18 foot high door, in Peloponnesus, Greece*

# Ancient Mysteries

- *Gigantic worked stones, including enormous stones set into buildings: eg*
  - *50 feet thick walls at Tiryns, Greece*
  - *170 ton stone tomb on Tonga Tabu, Pacific Ocean*
  - *65 foot giant statues and one 900 ton 70 foot high statue with a big toe 3 feet long, at Thebes, Egypt*
  - *40 ton monolith on Vanua Levu, Fiji*
  - *65 foot high columns on Rimatara*
  - *Statue 18 stories high, Bamiyan, Afghanistan*

# Greek Titans

- Partly terrestrial; partly celestial
- Rebelled against their father Uranus
- After prolonged contest they were defeated by Zeus and condemned to Tartarus
  - Titan (Greek)
  - Sheitan (Chaldean)
  - Satan (Hebrew)

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

2 Peter 2:4

# The Flying god Ashur







# Jesus' Strange Warning

*"But as the Days of Noah were,  
so shall also the coming of the  
Son of Man be.*

Matthew 24:37

*What does that mean?*

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

2 Peter 2:4

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2 Peter 2:5

<sup>6</sup> And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

**2 Peter 2:6**

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds

**2 Peter 2:7-8**

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished

**2 Peter 2:9**

# Next Session

- Study 2 Peter 2:9-20

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL.

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