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Hardly, I think.

Large groups of preachers and pastors, particularly in the USA, seem to believe that Jesus prophesied of the return of the Nephilim-giants. These huge hybrids, being offspring from fallen angels and regular women, which emerged as dangerous evil creatures of forbidden genes. See Gen. 6:2-5. They existed in the time of Noah says the Bible.

Youtube and the Internet in general have tons of articles and videos on the subject. **Here is an image** of the skeleton of such creature, showing how huge these hybrids were.



So, let us have a closer look at what Jesus really said, and also check out the context He put these things in when He told them.

Matt. 24:37-42 says, (NIV-Bible)

*“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38: For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39: and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40: Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41: Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other*

*left. 42: Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

KJV-Bible says the same things. As do the Amplified Bible.

One could go on with wild speculations of the Nephilim-issue...which seem to dominate the Youtube in particular.

But it is my opinion, backed by the Bible, that this is not the point of this prophesy. Jesus is clearly pointing to the 'Surprise Factor' – ***'and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.'***

How come Jesus never mentioned the eventual return of the Nephilim giants? Implicating that fallen angels again would go and have children with regular women.

From the quoted verses it also come obvious to us, that the ignorance of that prophesied doom does not comply with the fact that Internet and other media has tons of Christian expositions on the Second Advent. The world actually thus know what will come in the end times. And still, people will be taken totally by surprise. That tells me that people at large *do not pay much attention to warnings and preaching from the Christian pulpits*, or what we put out on Internet. They keep on with their happy merry lives...some marries and some don't, and people eat and drink and push all warnings aside. They simply don't believe that there will be a Second Advent, they think we Christians are promoting fiction, more or less.

It is therefore obvious that Jesus' main point in His speech was not the ancient happenings regarding that which took place before the flood, but that – just like those people, the ones on earth when Jesus is coming from heaven will be surprised and astonished. Nephilim or no Nephilim, that is entirely irrelevant.

Therefore I cannot see in the Bible anything which should indicate an eventual return of the Nephilim. It is a speculation and not Biblical facts. Some goes to the extreme, saying anti-Christ will be such a Nephilim! It is totally wild.

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Many – sorry to say – preachers and pastors are totally into a spiritual fog when saying and believing that Rom. 2:29 speak of Christians like us, representative of the Church today, because the passage does NOT speak of us in the Church dispensation. Let me explain this.

Paul wrote the epistle to the Romans when his ministry still was only for Israel and the proselytes. The Church did not even exist at that time. It was only the believing Messianic Israel with its few proselytes. And the wall of partition still stood high to keep them from influences from the Gentile world.

Roman epistle was written ONLY to those who knew (and practiced) the Law; and gentiles in general had no share in this. Only proselytes had.

Rom. 3:31 tells that the Law was still in effect, saying,

*“Do we then by this faith (in Christ) make the Law of no effect, overthrow it or make it a dead letter? Certainly not! **On the contrary, we confirm and establish and uphold the Law.**”*

Rom. 7:1 therefore saying that this epistle was addressed to Jews only plus proselytes,

*“Do you not know, brethren – for I am speaking to men who*

*are acquainted with the Law – that legal claims have power over a person only for as long as he is alive?"*

This way WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN that also Rom. 2:29 falls under the same rule, of having the Jews/proselytes as addressees. Paul taught this in capacity of teaching the New Covenant gospel to Israel, and thus the Law was still standing, however upgraded/overruled by the New Covenant regarding the Jewish believers standing as righteous believers, even if they at a point had broken the Law. Paul confirmed this in Acts 13:39 telling the synagogue at Antioch, Pisidia,

*"And that through Him everyone who believes is absolved from every charge from which he could not be justified by the Law of Moses and given right standing with God."*

But as soon as we jump a few years (4-5) ahead, to Ephesians 2:15 – as the Church dispensation just had been established with the free Grace of God by faith only, we find that same Law ABOLISHED entirely. A new dispensation had kicked in, and the previous one when the apostles preached the New Covenant to Israel and proselytes, had ceased,

*"...by ....abolishing in His own flesh the enmity the Law with its decrees and ordinances; that He from the two might create in Himself one new man, so making peace."*



We must understand that in Romans the Law was in effect together with the New Covenant to Israel's house (see Heb. 8 and 9) thus the Church of the free Grace gospel was not established yet, – but coming to Eph. 2:15 four years later as Paul sat in custody in his rented house, the same Law was no

longer operative! And what a difference, is it not!?

The silly and foolish assumption inside Christianity that the New Covenant was for the Church, is indisputably wrong. Jer. 31:31 clearly speak straight forward saying,

*“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH.”*

The Church is NOT Israel and never can be. We were offered through Paul's ministry the free Grace of God in Christ by faith alone, and no covenant! Eph. 2:8 is equally clear on that.

This is why Jesus publicly declared that He was NOT sent to any other group of people than the 'Lost sheep of the house of Israel, Matt. 15:24. Simply put: The New Covenant was only offered to Israel including Judah, and of course Jesus knew this very well.

Anyone who tries to put the Church into Jer. 31:31 where it says Israel's house and Judah's house, are in reality trying to alter the Word of God. And this the most denominations have already done...many decades ago, since the so-called church fathers.

So then, when preachers in error keep on believing that Paul was speaking of the Church, the Body of Christ, the 'One New Man' in Rom. 2:29 they are so totally in the fog.

He spoke of the believing Jew compared with the unbelieving Jew.

They who believed on Jesus Christ were to be considered as REAL JEWS, having same faith as Abraham. But the unbeliever would not be helped even if he thought that he was one of the heirs of Abraham. You simply had to be a believing Jew to be able to remain a true heir of Abraham, who was made

righteous by faith.

Raving fanatical ignorant preachers keep on saying that the Church is the REAL Israel – but the Bible tells us that only a believing Jew can be counted in, and with the other believers make up the REAL Israel of God.

This type of believing Jews will be dominant in the future millennial kingdom, after Jesus has established His kingdom as prophesied.

The Church has its own salvation separate from Israel. The Church is NOT going into the future millennial kingdom, but has its hope in heaven, in that heaven where Christ now sits at His Father's right hand. Col. 3:1-4.

All those who say that the Church has taken Israel's place in God's promises are falsely becoming proponents for the infamous 'Replacement Theology'.

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I would like to begin this article by referring to another one, called "Israel With Jerusalem Is Babylon the Great Harlot in Rev. 17" – in which I prove by many Bible references and expository, refuting the false ideas found inside Christianity that Babylon is the Vatican, or USA, or a restored Babylon in Iraq, – that those are not the Babylon harlot in Rev. 17-18 at all.

It is Israel with its capital Jerusalem.

In this article we shall have a closer look at the translations of certain key-words/expressions – that lead preachers into false ideas in this regard.

One of the most noteworthy Youtube videos on USA figuring as

the fulfilment of the prophesy of Babylon harlot in Rev. 17-18, is one made by pastor Steven Anderson in a Baptist Church in Phoenix, AZ. I have included the video in this article, at the end of it. You judge for yourself if my assertions are right or not.



You will see and hear pastor Anderson teaching that he sincerely believes that USA shall be nuked in near future, because of the judgment God shall cast upon the Babylon harlot – which in his opinion is USA. [IMAGE: Chicago nuked.](#) Let me quickly remark that I also have another video with Anderson, in this website, wherein he is chastising and rebuking the Pope for his false teachings. I simply agree with Anderson that in this matter, he is right about the falsehood of the Pope. So, Anderson can produce some very good stuff in one instance, as well as not so well put together stuff in another; such as the Babylon-video.

But in the video included here in this article, my pointing to errors in translations, it is to me pretty obvious that Anderson does not twist-and-turn and in any way abuses the Bible for his own agenda. No, he comes to his conclusions much based upon what the KJV-Bible has in it of translation errors. Most Bibles have the very same errors, and KJV is but one among several. Thus Anderson seems to be in what we call 'good faith' when presenting his topic.

In my opinion Steven Anderson is a real and sincere

Christian believer, trying to do his best, for the benefit of other Christians.

I will concentrate in pointing to errors in a few key-words/expressions which do repeat themselves in most Bible translations, causing the Bible reader to make wrong assumptions and conclusions of a topic.

These are: (Amplified Bible)

Rev. 17:18 – ‘..the rulers and the leaders of the earth.’

Rev. 18:9 – ‘..the rulers and the leaders of the earth.’

Rev. 13:3 – ‘..and the whole earth went after the beast..’

Rev. 13:8 – ‘And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down..’

There is no doubt that the Book of Revelation deals mainly with the time which Jesus Himself characterized, – quote:

‘For then there will be great tribulation such as has not been from the..” Matt.24:21.

Jer. 30:7 calls that time for ‘It will be the time of Jacob’s trouble’.

Is. 61:2 calls the same event for ‘The day of vengeance of our God’.

1 Thes. 1:10 calls the same event for ‘The coming wrath of God’.

Rev. 6:16, 17 calls this event for ‘The wrath of the Lamb’, and ‘Great day of His wrath’.

It is ONLY ISRAEL which is subject to these horrors and tribulation, the vengeance coming upon the nation from God – it is NOT concerning any gentile nations at all. Same manner as when God had Egypt destroyed by signs and plagues under Moses, but no nation elsewhere suffered any such hardships.



But wrongly translation of the Greek word **cosmos** – which can mean many things, land, nation, area, world or the entire earth and so forth. Often it is translated as the latter, earth or the entire world. This is where most translators make their errors. They write 'Earth' where it should have said 'Land' or 'Nation'.

All four quotes from Rev. above, should have said 'Nation' or 'Land'.

The mark of the beast (Anti-Christ) in Rev. 13 as well as the use of it as *people followed this beast*, should have read 'And all the *inhabitants of the nation* will fall down...' Rev. 13:8.

And the judgment upon Babylon harlot in Rev. 17 and 18 – the same principle, that the 'Rulers and the leaders of the nation' would have given us the right translation, pointing to the leaders of Israel, the Babylon harlot.

Also, the expression used in Rev. 6:15 – 'Then the kings of the earth and their noblemen...' – should have read 'Kings of the nation' – because these kings are the ones mentioned in Rev. 17:12 in connection to the Antichrist as ruling together with them. They are tribal leaders of a false tribal system in the end times, opposing the genuine tribal Jews seen in Rev. 7 and 14. Antichrist is a false messiah, the Second beast called the false prophet, is a false Elijah, and the ten kings in Rev. 17 are false tribal leaders as they will take power over Israel after dividing it into tribal districts.

They beg the mountains, 'Fall on us and hide us from the wrath of the Lamb'.

In this issue we are so lucky as to have the Lord Jesus' own words clarifying this to us. He spoke to the people along the Via Dolorosa as He walked up to Calvary for the crucifixion. But most translators have just passed this

unnoticed, believe it or not.

Luke 23:27-31 points us in the right direction, namely that it is the descendants of the Jews from the time of Jesus on earth, who shall be calling for the mountains to fall upon them and hide them, as follows:

“And there accompanied Jesus a great multitude of the people, women who bewailed and lamented Him. 28: But Jesus, turning toward them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29: For behold, THE DAYS ARE COMING DURING WHICH THEY WILL SAY, BLESSED ARE THE BARREN, AND THE WOMBS THAT HAVE NOT BORNE, AND THE BREASTS THAT HAVE NEVER NURSED. 30: THEN THEY WILL BEGIN TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, FALL ON US! AND TO THE HILLS, COVER (HIDE) US! 31: For if they do these things when the timber is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

In my Norwegian Bible of 1988, verse 31 says, ‘For if they do this with the green tree (Jesus), what will happen to the dry one (unbelieving Israel)?

If thereby Rev. 6:15, 16 of those who beg the mountains and hills to hide them from the Wrath of the Lamb, just like what Jesus told them when going up to Calvary, – they will receive punishment for the second time since 70 AD for their killings and not the least for their long persistent denial and blasphemy of Jesus (Ez. 36:23), – then Rev. 6 is not only geographically pointing to Israel, but the entire Revelation book in which the tribulation is prophesied of. These things will take place inside Israel! The mountains and hills are not Rocky Mountains in USA or the Alps in Austria/Switzerland, or the Himalaya massive in Nepal!

The diverse Bible Translation Committees around the civilized world will probably never really get themselves to correct all their faulty work! I am sure.

That is why it is good that we as free Christians can

undertake such a task and do important corrections for the benefit of all readers of the Bible.

I can't help suspecting that pastor Steven Anderson, as already mentioned, and many more of course, have been victimized by lacking translations like the examples I have used above. Believing that certain prophecies speak of USA or the global world when in reality it speak of Israel only. My sympathies are on their side, since it is the Bible translation which brings in the faulty understanding in many topics.

Steven Anderson, however innocent of having 'twisted' the Word of God in this matter, he could perhaps still have made self-corrections in the idea that USA will be nuked since he thinks the nation is the Babylon harlot of Rev. 17-18. How? By simply using his brains a little more by dwelling on what it actually means that USA will be nuked. Ask any of the nuke-officials in Pentagon what will happen if nukes are sent against USA, the mightiest nation on earth, ever!

If God has decided to have USA nuked – it means that some other nation must do that job, right? Well, mister smart-guy Bible-slinger, **that means the whole world will be nuked**, thus going into total destruction. If Russia or China or whichever nation opens fire first, USA will have their Mega-Ton nukes on their way to their enemies before any nuke hits American soil! This I can guarantee!

If God meant to just punish and destroy USA/Babylon harlot, the end result will never the less be the scenario I just mentioned: The whole earth laid waste, turned into a burnt desolate dung of radioactive gravel and dust and whatnot. Is this how God deals with sinners? I don't think so. He saved Lot and his family out of Sodom before fire fell from heaven. God made distinction between unrighteous and righteous, and He will always do that, always.

God has no intention in sending Jesus back to earth to rule as king upon a burnt dung and heaps of radioactive gravel and ruins from an atomic war.

Jerusalem has been destroyed before in history, but rebuilt thereafter. That will happen also when the Great Tribulation has been stopped by the Lord's coming from above. See Rev. 19-21. And then the Babylon-harlot religious system will be gone forever.

The Bible is very clear on Israel/Jerusalem being the Babylon harlot in Rev. 17-18.

The smoke coming from Babylon-harlot in Rev. 17-18 is not necessarily the effect of a detonated nuke.

There are other methods to burn Jerusalem. It's a fact.

*Final comment: Steven Anderson's exhortation and spiritual chastisement on his nation USA, I recommend you all listen to! USA has a lot to answer to before the Lord, and Anderson's lecture here is good stuff in that regard. God strongly bless him and his Assembly, preaching the Gospel of God's unmerited Grace.*

BELOW IS THE STEVEN ANDERSON VIDEO – make your own opinion of this. Compare it with what I have told you in this article, – and reason over this!