

How Christ Dealt With Believers Throughout Acts Period

By Jan Lilleby

Earlier this year, 2018, I finished my new book "*Book of Acts: The Story of Israel's Falling Away from God*". You can have it sent to you by email, free of charge. Just email your request to post@gracepano.com – your contact details will be kept confidential. Book is in Word format.

There are many incidents in the Book of Acts which I did not mention in my new book. So, I will pick a few incidents now and have a look at them.

This can help us understand how God and Christ dealt with believers in that particular time of history. We have to keep in mind that it was Israel which the apostles preached to in that particular time, a people under God's covenants and special promises.

God does not operate with believers of today in same manner and under same rules as in the time of Acts, 32 – 62 AD.

One issue stands out when reviewing Acts' dramatically happenings and that is the fact that each believer were individually dealt with by the Lord.

One believer (actually several) was martyred, others were delivered by angels and thus their lives were spared.

When such cults as Pentecostal movements and others like them, claim to have the same mandate and power to work wonders and healing miracles as the apostles in Acts period, how come they do not claim that they also must take into serious consideration the 'downside' of such ministry? For

instance being martyred or otherwise facing serious problems like that of the apostles?

Peter versus James in Acts 12

Acts 12:1-3,

“About that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to afflict and oppress some who belonged to the assembly. 2: And he killed James the brother of John with a sword. 3: And when he saw that it was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded further and arrested Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.”

Acts 12 happened around 42 AD, not long before Paul and Barnabas were sent to the Empire outside of Israel as seen in Acts 13. It was ten years since the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

The Acts 12 Herod was he who had the name Agrippa 1; he was followed shortly by Agrippa II, the one who questioned Paul (Acts 25:13 – 26:1-32). Agrippa 1 died by a judgment of God in Acts 12:23.

So, James was brutally executed by Herod like we read above. I am sure that the assembly also prayed for James – even if Acts does not specifically say so.

Their prayers were not heard, if their words contained the assembly's wishes for God to spare James' life. God let him be martyred.

Not so regarding Peter!

Acts 12:4-10 tells of God rescuing Peter by sending an angel of the Lord, who took him miraculously out of the fortress – iron gates opening 'by themselves' and iron chains falling off – so that Peter actually thought he saw this in a vision. But he came to his senses outside after the angel had left, and understood that it was all real, not a dream.

The praying assembly was astonished that God had delivered Peter, yet we hear nothing of this assembly's reactions regarding the execution of James. We do not know why Luke did not report of this.

You hear Sunday-school teachers telling the kids of Daniel being rescued by God's angel in the lion's den, Peter rescued from being executed by Herod and other marvelous actions of God. But how often do they tell of James being executed and martyred, John the Baptist being beheaded, or Stephen stoned to death?

And in error, preachers often try to give the impression that 'God will always hear your prayers and He will deliver you' – as they forget the downside: What if God allows a believer to become a martyr for Christ? However, it is my *private opinion* that no one is specially destined to become a martyr in our time. If anyone dies because he is a believer in Christ, it is an *incident entirely random* and not planned by God.

The believers in Acts however, were entirely in God's hands. They had committed their lives to Him and to Christ – come sunshine, come rain, come life, come death. Jesus had also warned them of coming turmoil and persecutions. They had heard Jesus telling the parable of the Kings Servants in Matt. 22 – they would be persecuted and treated badly, even some would be killed.

Did God love Peter? Yes He certainly did. He was rescued by an angel. Did God love James? YES He certainly did. But he was not rescued, whether by angels or otherwise. Both of them were the servants of God and Christ, and as such they will always remain Biblical heroes, God's true faithful servants.

Paul's suffering and hardships

Paul's 'trademark' was not all the miracles God used him

for, or his bright outstanding rhetoric's.

Rather it was his suffering and care for his believers.

False cults of our time like to teach that Christians should be wealthy, healthy, victorious and irresistibly successful in business, own big mansions (which several of the cult-leaders actually does!) and flying their own private Executive Jet. In other words, not a worry in this world! These greedy cult leaders promise riches and wealth to gullible Christians, if they only first support their ministries by donating money. They like to give the impression that God has so greatly blessed them, thus they can afford Jet planes, expensive limos and huge mansions. What they don't tell anyone is that they have taken funds from money-gifts originally given for the cause of the Gospel preached to the world. It is a flat out lie that God have given them such money, so they can become high and mighty riding in their jets and limos.

How far from reality and the real Christian Biblical norms found in Scripture.

The money-lovers cheered for and exalted by these false cults, are sternly condemned by Paul, the suffering apostle,

Eph. 5:5 : "NIV Bible – For this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person – such a person is an idolater – has any inheritance in the kingdom of God and of Christ..."

Regarding Paul's hardships and suffering, it is clearly told us in Acts 9:16 as Ananias, a disciple, had this conversation with Christ appearing to him in a vision regarding Paul's fresh conversion,

"For I will make clear to him how much he will be afflicted and must endure and suffer for My name's sake."

Acts is a report of how Israel fell away from God, as I explain in my new book mentioned above. It is not about the Church, for all that took place in Acts were before the dispensation of the Church began.

No one is elected to a ministry today in which suffering is included and tied to the ministry, like we find with Paul. But it must be said that Paul – even if he suffered a lot of hardships – he, like Peter, was also delivered multiple times. It started right away from ‘Day One’ in Acts 9. The Jews conspired to kill Paul, Acts 9:23 and his friends rescued him by roping him over the wall in a basket at night.

Paul can be followed throughout Acts from chapter 9 – one day all was fine, but the next he was chased by persecutors, even jailed.

Paul wrote the following, regarding his troubles, 2 Cor. 11:16-29:

NIV Bible – “ I repeat: Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then tolerate me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting. 17: In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool. 18: Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast. 19: You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise! 20: In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face. 21: To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that!

*Whatever anyone else dares to boast about – I am speaking as a fool – I also dare to boast about. 22: Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. 23: Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in **prison more frequently**, been **flogged***

more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24: Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25: Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26: I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27: I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28: Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. 29: Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?"



Paul was beaten ‘half to death’ by the whipping: Five times 39 strokes **totals 195 strokes**. The Roman whip was reinforced with iron or lead knobs to cut into the skin, scourging a bloody mess of the victims back. Often the wounds healed slowly – and infected with harmful bacteria. He suffered, oh yes. But the Lord made him endure and survive all this malice and harm.

We also have to add to this list *the shipwrecking which ended at Malta*, Acts 27-28. This was his fourth shipwrecking, which took place in the winter of 60 AD. Luke did not report of the other three prior to that. Maybe he left it out of his Acts story, knowing that Paul took it up in 2 Cor? I don’t know. **IMAGE: A Roman whip.** All of the events in Paul’s life and ministry were *controlled by God*. Nothing happened by ‘accident’ – far from it!

It is a vast difference being personally handpicked by the Lord for a ministry, and just having a ‘ministry’ we ourselves have started voluntarily on our own private

initiative. It is the latter which is the only way in the Church dispensation. God cannot personally elect you to enter a ministry, simply because you have no covenant or pact with Him, like Israel had. The Church is not into any covenant with Christ and God, like those in the times of the apostles.

We can read of missionaries persecuted and in much suffering, often among hateful Moslem nations or other nations which are hostile to the Christian faith. It looks pretty much just like the persecutions we read of in Acts. Some claims to have been rescued by angels and other miraculous interventions by God, but I really doubt that this is so. We have no such promises in the Church dispensation. I am afraid that such a topic will be subject to great dispute in Christianity as long as it exists.

Not only did God literally held His servants in Acts period in His hand, directing and leading them in ministry, but He actually also commanded the Roman Army and had them perform His duties accordingly. They ultimately destroyed and scattered the Israeli nation into the entire civilized world in 70 AD, punishing them for their murders and persecutions against the Messianic assembly and their leadership, all according to the prophetic parables of Jesus in Matt. 22 and Luke 13.

Paul in Rom. 13:1-7 explained how it was with authorities. Even if it was the Roman army that held the weapon power, there were also civilian authorities involved. But it is interesting to learn that as long as God had apostles and prophets ministering on earth – as it were in Acts period – He kind of ‘Owned’ the authorities, and He also used them!

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2: Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is

rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3: For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4: For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5: Therefore it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. 6: This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7: Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."

This doctrine from Paul given in Acts period, does NOT apply to our times and the Church dispensation.

Of course, we should not go regularly against authorities whether military or civilian, and operate as common troublemakers or a mob. This is far from Christian believer's lifestyle. But it is NOT so that God in our time 'Owns' the military forces or the Police forces, using them to direct and guide society according to His will. In our time – as we have no prophet or apostle representing the Lord on earth, God is only observing from on high and if necessary, oversteering and overrule armies if mankind is in any imminent danger, for instance regarding a full nuclear war. God is thus not operating as a judge in our time, but rather as a guardian or overseer, not allowing that things gets entirely out of hand.

But from the day in the near future, when the prophesied millennial kingdom comes, with Jesus on the throne in Jerusalem, things will again go back into the order described by Paul in Rom. 13! Actually, God start this order

already as the Great Tribulation starts in Israel, by the sending of the two prophets in Rev. 11, Moses and Elijah. (*I have written a book on that topic, which I can send you free of charge. See my website advertising these books*).

Studying Paul's ministry in Acts period, display several situations in which we find him protected by the Roman authority rather than the opposite.

Roman custody from Paul's plea to their justice system, made it possible for him to teach the kingdom gospel to Jews and proselytes, as well as the free international new Gospel to the raw Gentile. Thus God actually used the Roman army to protect Paul from persecutors! He referred to his chains for Israel's sake in Acts 28:20, and later on in Eph. 3:1 as a prisoner for the sake of salvation to us Gentiles (the new revealed free Grace Gospel after Israel fell from God). The Romans rescued Paul at the temple-riot in Jerusalem, Acts. 21-23. So, even if the general historical impression of the Roman Empire seem dark and gloomy, this mighty world-power was actually used by God for good things as well as punishments.

That was how God dealt with His people during Acts period. You may very well study Acts on your own now. There are quite a number of incidents to observe.

JESUS: "Behold, the Kingdom of God is Within You" –

Are These Words to Be Taken Literally?

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It happens from time to time that someone throw this quote from Jesus at me in disputes – used in the way of intending to tell me that this kingdom is not physical, but spiritual only. In other words, they mean

to say to me that Jesus will not come and establish His kingdom on earth, physical and political.

“No, He said that the kingdom of God is not coming so that it could be observed with our eyes, but it will be within us...thought and mind, right?” Luke 17:20, 21.

Sorry – but this is entirely wrong. Jesus did not speak of His coming to earth in a direct manner here. But He told the people (the Pharisees who questioned Him as opponents) so they would understand that He could not be their king unless they first repented and took Him to heart believing on Him! The cause of the kingdom was a matter of faith and trust and submission to Jesus Messiah. And the Pharisees rejected Him and opposed Him.

In other words, in this phase of Bible history (His First Advent) it was the will of God that Israel as a nation

should repent and believe on Jesus. In first doing so and also taking the baptism, then the kingdom of God on earth in Israel would have been established and Jesus to take rule from the throne of David on the Temple Mount, Zion.

Check out the two early speeches of Peter in Acts 2 and 3. *"Whom heaven must receive until the time for the restoration of all that God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets for ages past"*, said Peter. And in Acts 3:19 he had referred to the *"times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."* Meaning of course that the second Advent of Christ would come as soon as the whole nation had repented, believing on Jesus and taken the water rite, as expressed in verse 20: *"And that He may send to you the Christ, Who before was designated and appointed for you – even Jesus."*

Peter's two speeches from Acts 2 and 3 (and other speeches) were never meant or addressed to the church that is – us – the ***international body of believers***, like for instance you often hear from the Pentecostal camp. Also other denominations have much of the same views on Scripture.

Peter was an apostle together with the eleven, to Israel only and to promote the coming of the promised kingdom with Jesus on the throne of David, and it should all happen as soon as Israel repented and got baptized. They preached the ***national Gospel of the kingdom*** of God on earth, the prophesied millennial kingdom. A private message addressed to Israel only.

Acts 1:3, 6 points toward such a ministry for the apostles,

*"To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many convincing demonstrations, appearing to them during forty days and talking about the things of the kingdom of God. – – – So, when they were assembled, they asked Him, Lord, is this the time (coming of the Holy Spirit, verse 5) when You will **reestablish the kingdom and restore it to***

Israel?".

It had nothing to do with our present hope of salvation, which is the heaven up above where Christ now resides. It was only the kingdom for Israel here on earth.

The Gospel we find in these historical scriptures, the four Gospels, Acts and also the doctrinal epistles written during that interval of time, is but the Gospel of the millennial earthly kingdom in Israel. A national Gospel addressed to Israel.

But the Gospel we have today – given us through Paul's ministry – is an international free Gospel of Grace for all the nations. Heaven up above is our hope of salvation, NOT the physical earthly kingdom to come on earth in Israel!

Our Gospel of salvation emerged through revelation given Paul for us, after the closing of Acts in 62 AD.

We find Paul pounding on the shut door of Jewry in Rome, as he tried to the very last minute to give them the kingdom Gospel, suspecting it was to be ended any time then. And it did end, as we find the new Grace Gospel for all nations in the epistles to the Ephesians and Colossians. Israel refused to repent nationally, so the kingdom on earth was suspended from God's side, He broke all contact with His covenant people from that moment on.

This happening had come right after Paul quoted them Is. 6 of their national blindness, deafness and lack of faith and repentance...in Acts 28:25-28, even if it stretched about two years before the crack happened. And shortly after that, God sent the prophesied destruction upon the disobedient nation, scattering them in the civilized world using the Roman Armies 70 AD.

What Peter had warned Israel of in Acts 3:22, 23 of their extermination, first spoken by Moses in Deut. 18:15-19, had

now happened. A total disaster annulled the nation, shipping the survivors of the war down to Alexandria to be sold as slaves. Josephus the historian, reported of all males above the age of 17 years was taken, along with spouses. Thus fulfilling Moses' prophecy in Deut. 28:68.

It has become a great misfortune, a doctrinal set-back, and spiritual malice within Christianity that most pastors, evangelists and preachers are actually using the ***national Jewish Gospel of the kingdom*** on earth to preach to the world of the free grace of God, which we can only find in the ***international free grace Gospel*** for all believers, given us through Paul.

One of the reasons I have mentioned is that they will not recognize and accept as truth that the four Gospels and Acts, and the epistles written during Acts period, was concerning the Jewish national kingdom Gospel only. The millennial kingdom promised Israel through the prophets.

The fact that the kingdom of God in the four gospels and Acts as well as in all epistles written during Acts period, speaks of a ***physical visible real kingdom*** with its politics and rule and law, is clear as crystal as we read Gabriel's message to Virgin Mary:

Luke 1:31-33 in particular: *"You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God give to Him the throne of His forefather David. **And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.**"*

Matt. 5:34, 35 confirm the truth that Jesus shall rule Israel as their king in Jerusalem – whereas, we have this clear concept of a physical political theocratic kingdom here on earth:

"But I tell you, Do not bind yourselves by an oath at all:

either by heaven, for it is the throne of God; Or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King (Jesus Messiah)."

Here we learn of two important facts in one breath,

1 – Heaven is the throne of God, so therefore it cannot be David's throne. This is found on Zion in Jerusalem, the so-called Temple Mount.

2 – Jerusalem is the place where Jesus – the Great King (!) shall rule from in His nation Israel. A physical kingdom on earth. Then the words of The Lord's Prayer will be fulfilled, Thy kingdom come, Your will be done, as in heaven so also on earth.

Thereby falls to the ground the wrong/naïve misunderstanding of the Bible where Jesus said that the kingdom of God is within His believers.

The Revelation Book sweeps in with fanfares and salutes, as we read of the establishing of this prophesied physical millennial kingdom in Israel, Rev. 20:4,

*"Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes (beheaded) for their witnessing to Jesus and for the word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark (see Rev. 13) or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again (resurrected) and **ruled with Christ** a thousand years."*

These martyrs came out of the Great Tribulation in Israel and are resurrected from the dead...made members of the government of Christ in the millennial kingdom. In Rev. 19 we read of Jesus arriving from heaven with His mighty armies of angels, taking all power of rule on earth. Chapters 19

and on are chronological.

Dan. 2:44 is likewise very clear on the same issue – this kingdom will be physical political theocratic and militarily organized by God and Christ,

*“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven **set up a kingdom** which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people (Israel); but it shall break and crush and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.”*

Using the word ‘Forever’ – derives from the Greek *aion* which means dispensation or a certain period of calendar-time, and is not used in the meaning of everlasting, – existing for eternity.

How long will the kingdom last?

One millennia – **a thousand years** like we read from Rev. 20:4. In Rev 20:2 we have a corresponding one thousand years, as we find that Satan shall be jailed in the Abyss with chains. He cannot operate or influence anything on earth or in heaven in that time. Good to know!

There are a great number of inexperienced, often young, Christ believers out there in Christianity. I meet them every so often, now and then. Unfortunately one finds mature seasoned Christian believers, committing same mistakes as the younger ones. It is good that we have a drive of curiosity in the Bible study and reading and speculate on many things trying to find out what it says. But in the example I try to give by this little article, I have to say that the use of inconsistent Bible quotations, out of proper context, is childish and immature, perhaps well-meant but out of place still. It lacks Bible systematics and logic.

Are you part of such a group of naïve childish ‘club’ of believers, rushing nonchalant and unawares through the

Bible, quoting without thought verses totally out of context?

Unfortunately I have met experienced evangelists also, that has fallen down in such a category, which are using the Bible often out of context. Displaying, without really being aware of it, a childish mind and naivety.

Here is a short listing of the expression 'Kingdom of God' or equal, in Acts – thus always meaning the physical millennial kingdom to come in Israel at the Second Advent of Christ, the hope of salvation of the believers in those times 32 AD until 60-62 AD,

Acts 1:3 “..the things of the kingdom of God”

Acts 1:6 “..when You will reestablish the kingdom to Israel”

Acts 14:22 “..enter the kingdom of God”

Acts 19:8 “..pleading about the kingdom of God”

Acts 28:31 “Preaching to them the kingdom of God”

When we thus *read between* those passages – a time-span of 30 years – that it says for instance “Preaching the grace gospel of God”, “Preached to them the gospel of Jesus the Messiah”, “Teaching the word of God among them” and other similar statements witnessing that the apostles did preach to people, it was NEVER the free international Gospel of Grace like what Paul started to teach as we come to the epistle to the Ephesians/Colossians, but the *national Jewish gospel* of the earthly kingdom of God in Israel.

We can find the international free Grace Gospel ONLY according to Paul's revelation mentioned in the two said epistles. They were written after the closing of Acts, about 62 AD. This is OUR Gospel, and our hope of salvation is NOT the millennial kingdom, but it is heaven up above.

Shouldn't we try to keep right track here and **go with the international free Grace Gospel** given us through Paul's ministry, and so studying the Bible according to that

setting? Right division of the Word of God is the way to go.

Finally, allow me to recommend to you the fine video-clip with Bible expositor **Michael Penny**, picked up from Youtube, lasting a short hour. It is to be found here in my site. He holds the same Biblical views as myself, and he touches a few more points than I have in this article, useful for you to listen to. The video has excellent sound quality.

Will It Become Literally As In the Days of Noah At the Second Advent of Christ?

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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.

ROMANS 2:29 ON THOSE HAVING

FAITH IN CHRIST BEING THE REAL JEWS

By Jan Lilleby

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,

"...byabolishing 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'.

The Bible Shows That Faith Holds the Top Podium Then Comes Knowledge!

By Jan Lilleby



My readers will notice that I published some articles and Youtube videos, in which I hold forth Apologetic Bible teachings.

Dr. William Lane Craig, probably the foremost and most respected Apologist in our time, points to evidence of many kinds. He offers step-by-step explanations on Jesus' resurrection from the dead, and a number of striking scientific facts on the Universe and its marvelous layout, including the Millimeter Fine-Tuning of the vast Universe, its complexity, all for to show to us that God is for real and that He created it all.

About the same thing can be said of **Lee Strobel**...only, unlike Craig, he came from a position of having been a sworn Atheist, with a sinful godless lifestyle, before he repented to Christ after having studied science – which convinced him of God as the Creator. He was a known editor and journalist in Chicago Tribune in the 80-ties. He came to faith in Jesus via the studies mentioned, and from there he developed a Christian ministry holding lectures, writing books and making a film.

And all of this is all fine, it is really fabulous that one can learn that God exist and is the Creator of all, by reading scientific literature learning of the Universe and DNA-science.

Still, I like to come up with a reminder on faith – not to advise against knowledge – but to simply point out the fact

that there is a way to make contact with God and Christ, without first having to go through knowledge in science etc. – Bible calls it FAITH! Pure, simple and true.

If you for example search up Lee Strobel's video on Youtube called "The Case For Christ" (a film based on Strobel's life and conversion), we will learn that it was his wife who first found her way to God and faith in Christ. Without any scientific studies, on the contrary: She lived with a husband that propagated Atheism privately and in public! Think of it.

She went with a friend to Christian meetings in a church, and heard of Jesus Who died for her sins and Who would save her for eternity if she BELIEVED on Him for salvation. And so she did! Lee Strobel was shocked entirely the night she came home from the meeting, and dropped the bomb on him!

Lee Strobel's wife actually went that way which God points out as the first thing to do: Faith!

This is just my way of pointing out to the reader that the ideal way of salvation is to get RIGHT INTO THE FAITH IN CHRIST. No long detours and wearying scientific studies necessarily. You don't have to go like Thomas did: *"Unless I can put my finger into His wounds, I refuse to believe that He is risen!"*

We all notice that Thomas was not refused such evidence. He got to see Jesus risen and he put his finger into His wounds and was convinced, no more doubts.

But this kind of faith is counted as secondary and not primary.

Listen to what Jesus said to him:

John 20:29: *"...because you have seen Me, you now believe. Blessed are THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE, AND YET THEY BELIEVE."*

From this we must understand that he who believe without first having seen any physical evidence, are attested by the Lord as a believer who is *specially blessed* (happy, confident, jubilant), compared to the one who first had to have physical evidence and gets that.

I am confident that Thomas, even as he was saved in his faith, still and nevertheless understood that he had talked and *acted improper* before the Lord, by demanding such evidence.

But I do not think that the reader must not seek evidence/knowledge and study such material. I only meant to point to a Biblical fact, that it is FAITH which sits on the Top Podium, not knowledge.

Paul said: "*For by FAITH we know that God created the world not by those things we can observe, but by that we cannot see...*" He created the world from out of nothing!

But in this world we find people who are having trouble in just *plainly take to faith at the first hearing* of the Gospel. No matter how skilled and fired up the evangelist may be. They refuse to believe without first having a chance to get some proof. They call the Bible for a book of fables, fairytales and fiction, and often one seem to notice with such attitudes much hatred underneath, against the God they say they do not believe on.

In the Bible we find people reported as such that did not believe. And often the expression used is – "***They would not believe***". The Bible does not say that they could not believe, no – they simply would not.

If a person will not believe, then he often will shut out all things that try to communicate God to him, and nothing can help such a sinner.

I sincerely do hope that such is not the case regarding the

reader.

In our time, now as science has managed to pick up on knowledge which has been available to them in the Bible all these years, not the least the creation of the Universe, it is okay to use such knowledge to dismiss the utter nonsense coming from Atheistic camps. Saying 'there is no God' is outdated long time ago.

We now find more and more Atheists turning away from Atheism, and coming to FAITH in God as the Creator, leading also to the faith in Christ as God's Son. Lee Strobel is listing a number of such former Atheists in his video, most of them famous men and women in USA and abroad, who turned against their own writings, now saying, There is a God and Creator, and He is the One Who set in motion the Big-Bang, creating the Universe from out of nothing! We were wrong, they say.

By the way, and finally, He Who together with His Father created all things and laid out the Universe as we find it, is soon coming back to earth. The whole world will see Him and shall hear Him and obey Him!

Col. 1:16, 17: *"For it was in Him (Christ) that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him and in and for Him. And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist."*

LEE STROBEL: Why Does Creation Make Sense?

Lee Strobel was for many years a known atheistic journalist, and so fighting the idea of a God Who stood behind the creation of the Universe.

But no longer so! Check this video in which he lays forth evidence upon evidence proving there is a Creator – namely God – behind the creation. If you just happen to be an atheist, I would rather suggest that you find a Chair to sit in which offer you a seatbelt to buckle up! Happy watching and Learning!

If this video is not enough, then you can pick and choose from lots of videos with Lee Strobel on Youtube.

KING JAMES 1 Was a Homosexual And a Despot Topping It Off With Also Being a Freemason!

[By Jan Lilleby](#)

Also – I have included below, a video on the

***Occult and Masonic issues of KJV Bible, of
10 minutes truth telling you may need, to get sobered up!***



And God only knows what else this 17th century king of Scotland and England had on his overloaded bad conscience!

All of you KJV-fanatics will either hate me, or love me (?) (thus hopefully thank me!) for exposing the old fraud – knowing that he himself used the Geneva Bible, until he got the bright idea of making his own fake freemasonry inspired governmental Bible version.

I have taken the liberty of using an excerpt from an article ('Who Was King James?') found in gospelassemblyfree.com – since this already pointed out the KJV fraud very thoroughly, – thus I do not have to 're-invent-the-wheel' – as goes:

“For the last three centuries Protestants have fancied themselves the heirs of the Reformation, the Puritans, the Calvinists, and the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock. This assumption is one of history’s greatest ironies. Today, Protestants laboring under that assumption use the King James Bible. Most of the new Bibles such as the Revised Standard Version are simply updates of the King James.

The irony is that none of the groups named in the preceding paragraph used a King James Bible nor would they have used it if it had been given to them free. The Bible in use by those groups, until it went out of print in 1644, was THE GENEVA BIBLE. The first Geneva Bible, both Old and New Testaments, was first published in English in 1560 in what

is now Geneva, Switzerland. William Shakespeare, John Bunyan, John Milton, the Pilgrim who landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620, and the other luminaries of that era used the GENEVA BIBLE exclusively.

Until he had his own version named after him, so did King James 1 of England. James 1 later tried to disclaim any knowledge of the Geneva Bible, though he quoted the Geneva Bible in his own writings. As a professor Eadie reported it:

"...his virtual disclaimer of all knowledge up to a late period of the Genevan notes and version was simply a bold, unblushing falsehood, a clumsy attempt to sever himself and his earliest Scottish beliefs and usages that he might win favor with his English churchmen."

The irony goes further. King James did not encourage a translation of the Bible in order to enlighten the common people: his sole intent was to deny them the marginal notes of the Geneva Bible. The marginal notes of the Geneva version were what made it so popular with common people.

The King James Bible was, and is for all practical purposes, A GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION. There were several reasons for the King James Bible being a government publication. First, King James 1 of England was a devout believer in the "divine right of kings", a philosophy ingrained in him by his mother, Mary Stuart. Mary Stuart may have been having an affair with her Italian secretary, David Rizzio, at the time she conceived James. There is a better than even chance that James was the product of adultery.

Apparently, enough evidence of such conduct on the part of Mary Stuart and David Rizzio existed to cause various Scot nobles, including Mary's own husband, King Henry, to drag David Rizzio from Mary's supper table and execute him. The Scot nobles hacked and slashed at the screaming Rizzio with knives and swords, and then threw him off a balcony to the

courtyard below where he landed with a sickening smack. In the phrase of that day, he had been scotched.

Mary did have affairs with other men, such as Earl of Bothwell. She later tried to execute her husband in a gunpowder explosion that shook all of Edinburgh. King Henry survived the explosion only to be suffocated later that same night. The murderers were never discovered. Mary was eventually beheaded at the order of her cousin, Elisabeth 1 of England.

To such individuals as James and his mother, Mary, the "divine right of kings" meant that since a king's power came from God, the king then had to answer to no one but God. This lack of responsibility extended to evil kings. The reasoning was that if a king was evil, that was a punishment sent from God. The citizens should then suffer in silence. If a king was good, that was a blessing sent from God.

This is why the Geneva Bible annoyed King James 1. The Geneva Bible HAD MARGINAL NOTES that simply didn't conform to that point of view. Those marginal notes had been, to a great extent, placed in the Geneva Bible by the leaders of the Reformation, including John Knox and John Calvin. Knox and Calvin could not and cannot be dismissed lightly or their opinions passed off to the public as the mere ditherings of dissidents...."

KING JAMES 1 LIVED A SINFUL LIFE

I picked another section from the same article, in which King James' filthiness and his Masonic engagement are written of, as goes:

"King James 1, among his many other faults, PREFERRED YOUNG BOYS to adult women. HE WAS A FLAMING HOMOSEXUAL. His activities in that regard have been recorded in numerous books and public records; so much so, that there is no room for debate on the subject. THE KING WAS QUEER.

The very people who use the King James Bible today would be the first to throw such a deviant out of the congregations.

The depravity of King James 1 didn't end with sodomy. James enjoyed killing animals. He called it "hunting". Once he killed an animal, he would literally roll about in its blood. Some believe that he practiced bestiality while the animal lay dying.

James was a sadist as well as a sodomite: he enjoyed torturing people. While King of Scotland in 1591, he personally supervised the torture of poor wretches caught up in the witchcraft trials of Scotland. James would even suggest new tortures to the examiners. One "witch", Barbara Napier, was acquitted. That event so angered James that he wrote personally to the court on May 10, 1551, ordering a sentence of death, and had the jury called into custody. To make sure they understood their particular offense, the King himself presided at a new hearing – and was gracious enough to release them without punishment when they reversed the verdict. (What a mad psychopath and despot!! My remarks).

History has it that James was also a great coward. On January 7, 1591, the king was in Edinburgh and emerged from the toll booth. A retinue followed that included the Duke of Lennox and Lord Hume. They fell into an argument with the laird of Logie and pulled their swords. James looked behind, saw the steel flashing, and fled into the nearest refuge which turned out to be a skinner's booth. There to his shame, he "fouled his breeches in fear".

In short, King James 1 was the kind of despicable creature honorable men loathed, Christians would not associate with, and the Bible itself orders to be put to death (Leviticus 20:13). Knowing what King James was, we can easily discern his motives.

James ascended the English throne in 1603, He wasted no time in ordering a new edition of the Bible in order to deny the common people the marginal notes they so valued in the Geneva Bible. That James 1 wasn't going to have any marginal notes to annoy him and lead English citizens away from what he wanted them to think is a matter of public record. In an account corrected with his own hand February 10, 1604, he ordained:

1. The ordinary Bible read in the church, commonly called the Bishop's Bible to be followed and as little altered as the truth of the original will permit.

2. Or, since the common people preferred the Geneva Bible to the existing government publication, let's see if we can slip a superseding government publication onto their bookshelves, altered as little as possible.

3. The old Ecclesiastical words to be kept, viz. the word "church" not to be translated "congregation", etc.

4. That is, if a word should be translated a certain way, let's deliberately mistranslate it to make the people think God still belongs to the Anglican Church – exclusively.

5. No marginal notes at all to be affixed, but only for the explanation of the Hebrew or Greek words, which cannot without some circumlocution, so briefly and fitly be expressed in the text."

So far, from the website of gospelassemblyfree.com's writings on the subject, which I found to publish here to you.

Enlightening words indeed, don't you think? Especially to those of you who have – in lack of better knowledge – sworn faithfulness to the KJV Bible.

Well, now is the time to change that false and faulty mind,

I believe that most of you people were in 'good faith' and that you are sincere enough to entirely reverse your KJV beliefs, as of now!

But hey, we are not quite finished yet, there is more to this. I mentioned the 10 minute video on this subject (mostly the Masonic issues), but before you see it, please consider the following:

**ALL BIBLE TRANSLATIONS ARE IN ERROR
REGARDLESS OF WHO IS BEHIND THE
TRANSLATIONS FOUND IN THE MARKET!**

As soon as a human being is involved by making translations from Greek/Hebrew so the Bible may be understood in the nation receiving it, error is bound to appear. Except the men used by God and spiritually equipped to do such a serious job – they had the special guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. No such ministers have been on earth since the days of the apostles.

Wrong conclusions of many Bible passages can be found in abundance. I am going to use a few examples to make my point. Luckily, it is so that often one passage can explain another one, making clear what exactly certain passages are talking about.

The reason I so chose to pick especially on the KJV Bible and its publisher, is that there are 'red hot fanatics' out there, calling all other translations for false or 'not of God'. Fanaticism never leads up to anything good. They actually think that KJV Bible is a fully inspired Word of God. But history goes to show (see the video) that it has been altered many times over the years. But I repeat: all translations are in error – they are not translated under special Holy Spirit inspiration and guidance as it were with the apostles and their close associates.

Misunderstood passages will have people believe that, for

instance, the 'mark of the beast' in Rev. 13, shall be put on all people in all the world! But the genuine meaning in the passage is simply saying that the mark of the beast shall be put on ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE NATION (ISRAEL)...since also the tribulation-period is upon them, and NOT upon the entire world. Great difference! The Greek word 'kosmos' can only be translated in context to what is already up in the topic, namely the Great Tribulation in Israel in the endtimes. Kosmos can mean 'All the world' if the context points to it. And it can mean 'the nation' or 'the land'. Anti-Christ, Paul says, shall enter the temple in Jerusalem and claiming to be God, Messiah of Israel...so there is no doubt that the scene of the tribulation is Israel and not the nations outside it.

THE GREAT COMMISSION – A FALSE CONCEPT

I will quote a well-known passage from KJV compared with the NIV version, and the passages are very similar. They say the very same. It concerns the so-called 'Great Commission' found in Matt 28:19, 20.

KJV:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

NIV:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The lacking and shallow translation of the passage in KJV

and in NIV – as well as in many other Bibles lead people to think that the Great Commission was a task which Jesus commanded His apostles to preach all over this world, globally.

'Make disciples of all nations' are such words that can lead the reader astray in regard to what Jesus really talked about.

Jesus Himself had several times earlier in His earthly ministry, told people in Israel, that He – quote:

"..was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" Matt. 15:24.

NIV: *"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."* Matt. 15:24.

So, if He was sent by His Father to preach to Israel ONLY, how come He supposedly sent His apostles out into all the world – thus breaking that 'Israel-only' policy? The words quoted were what He answered the gentile woman with the sick daughter. And the context was: He had angry Pharisees at the scene listening and trying to get to Him, and Jesus used the woman to slap these evil leaders in the face spiritually, healing a gentile woman who was considered by their false doctrine, to be nothing but a dog! Jesus even gave the woman a good attest: You have great faith! (Knowing of course, that the Pharisees had NO FAITH at all).

What the passage in Matt. 28:19, 20 should have read regarding teaching and baptizing the nations, is something like this:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of Jews in Israel from all the nations..."

Why?

Because Jesus and God His Father had foreknowledge of the

near future situation that would arise in Jerusalem in the Feast of the Weeks, the Pentecost as described in Acts 2, especially verses 5 to 11.

I can guarantee you that Jesus did NOT command His apostles to go into all the world at that stage in history.

God was offering Israel only, to have the New Covenant and Jesus to come back establishing the millennial kingdom in their life-time! Jeremiah prophesied that a new covenant would be offered to 'Israel's house and the house of Juda' Jer. 31:31-34. That covenant was not to be offered to the whole world! It had nothing to do with us gentiles, and everything to do with Israel and the Jews, and their few proselytes.

Acts 2:5-11 gives us the scenario and situation that would function as a flying start for the Great Commission – as these 'nations' mentioned were all present there at Jerusalem in the time of the feast, – as goes:

KJV – “And there were dwelling at Jerusalem JEWS, devout men, OUT OF EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN. 6: Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them (the apostles) speak in his own language. 7: And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8: And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9: Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10: Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11: Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”

This was what Jesus gave them the Great Commission for, to meet these Jewish participants who had come from all the

existing nations at that time, to celebrate the feasts, the Passover and the Pentecost mainly. Those multitudes were the audience listening to Peter's speech in Acts 2:14-41 concluding the result of that marvelous happening at Pentecost: About 3000 souls repented and believed on Jesus Christ as Israel's Messiah king and were baptized. From there – as we find in Acts – Peter and the eleven carried on their preaching to Israel only.

Nowhere in N.T. regardless of which Bible versions, can we find any clue telling us that the 12 apostles with Peter in the lead, ever went out into all the global world...to fulfill the Great Commission. On the contrary!

In Acts 10 and 11 we learn that God had to persuade Peter by giving him visions, so he would dare go to gentiles with the message. And after having done so, he was met by his fellow apostles in Jerusalem/Judea, accusing him to have dined with gentiles (those in Cornelius' house) which was a forbidden thing to a Jew. Peter thus proves to us the truth of him NEVER having been told by the Lord to go out into all the world (with its gentile nations) with the message. This was 8 or 9 years after the happening in Acts 2 and the Pentecost feast. Some Christian denominations think that Peter made an error in not going to any gentiles until the visions given him in Acts 10:11-16. But this is not so.

The reactions of his fellow apostles in Acts 11:18 says straight forward that gentiles into the congregation had not happened earlier – they had no such doctrine or command from Christ, but they nevertheless accepted Peter's explanation of the incident at Cornelius' house, and said:

“And they glorified God saying, Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance unto life.”

These were of course proselytes from then on, and did in no way represent the entire world as if now Gentiles were given

freely – anywhere – the kingdom-salvation with the New Covenant.

When reading on in Acts, we find that Peter and his colleagues did NOT go out into all the world, since now God had granted those souls in Cornelius' circles salvation. He just kept on with his original ministry, to go to the circumcised, the Jews inside Israel's borders.

Peter and the 11 were commissioned only to go to Israel's Jewish people, and NOT into all the world. The Bibles are translated very shallowly and lacking when we so easily see so many Christians totally misunderstanding the Word of God.

When we read Mark 16:20 we clearly are told that the twelve HAD FULFILLED the Great Commision – without ever having gone outside of Israel's land into the Roman Provinces abroad:

Using Amplified: *“And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied (it). Amen (so be it).”*

Paul taught of Peter's ministry and his special task given him by the Lord, in Gal. 2:7, 8, saying of Peter:

“...as Peter had been entrusted (to proclaim) the Gospel to the circumcised (Jews, they were agreeable)...”.

Paul pointed to himself as the one who was sent to the uncircumcised, and as opposed to Peter: He should only go the Jews, in Israel, the circumcised.

So there is no doubt that these are indisputable facts and easily found by reading and comparing passages, in spite of poor translation work.

Christianity suffers badly from not really having seen that the times with Peter and the eleven was only regarding Israel as God's nation, being offered the kingdom-gospel of the New Covenant so that Jesus could come back in their life-time establishing that millennial kingdom. This Gospel

of the kingdom IS NOT OURS, THE CHURCH' GOSPEL. We have our grace-gospel from Paul and him first been given the revelation of the Mystery as in Eph. 3:1-9. This was hidden in God up until Israel fell away from God in Acts 28:25-28 as Paul confronted them in 60-62 AD. Peter was never trusted or given any task with preaching the grace-gospel. He only taught Jews in Israel the kingdom-gospel and had Jews baptized.

Paul also went with the kingdom-gospel the first years, only outside of Israel mainly, until his arrival in Rome and at the end of his 2 years stay there. He called this Gospel for, quote:

"So now we are bringing you the good news (Gospel) that what God promised to our forefathers." Acts 13:32, Amplified Bible.

This video below will show you very clearly that KJV Bible in regard to being supposedly the perfect Word of God, is a false concept. KJV is strewn with errors, and even the original cover image then used, shows us typical Freemason symbols and occult signs, like the image here.

The Twelve Apostles With Mason Next to "Holy Grail"



The Pre-Adamite World and Lucifer's Rebellion Against God

By Jan Lilleby



Having quite a number of years behind me as a Bible Expositor and writer, as well as publishing my works in my website, dealing with many different Bible topics, – I will

for the first and perhaps last time (?) try to bring some information and my theory on the issue mentioned in the headline.

IMAGE: You can see Italy and the Alps.

The history of man did not began before Gen 1:26, quote (Amplified 1987),

“God said, Let us (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the (tame) beasts, and over all of the earth, and over

everything that creeps upon the earth."

But Moses begun by mentioning the Pre-Adamite World – before he wrote of the restoration of the destroyed world from that early age. That age lasted for X number of millions and millions of years,

Verse 1 In the beginning God (prepared, formed' fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.

Verse 2 The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

At first glance as you start reading, it may seem that God created an earth laying waste in darkness, and without form and all its surface water only. The Spirit hovering over it, awaiting God's next move in His creative plans.

But that is an all wrong assumption.

Between verse 1 and verse 2, there is an entire age – a pre-historic world which ended in a disaster of untold proportions! It was the Pre-Adamite World.

Moses was not given by God to teach mankind of what had been before God created Adam and Eve. He mentioned the previous age in the shortest terms possible.

But in the Old Testament we find a few detailed descriptions of what took place in that age. Ezekiel and Isaiah were the prophets given the secrets to expose. And finally, the apostle Peter was the last one in the Bible to give his characterization of the doom which God let fall upon the Pre-Adamite world. He compares the flood in Noah's time with the pre-historic disaster and total flooding of the earth that happened before Adam was created. I shall come back to this but I prefer to make a sketch first.

WHAT WERE ON EARTH IN THE AGE BEFORE ADAM?

Using the expression 'Pre-Adamite' – this points, not the least, to the fact that man was not yet found on earth. Adam was the very first and Eve the second human being God created. There are several websites speculating so much of this, that some think that there might have existed a humankind prior to Adam. But I disagree to such an idea, and will not be brought further up in this article.

What seem clear to me, on the other hand, is that if there had been intelligent beings on the old age earth, before Adam was created, those would have to be God's angels.

Even if we do find in the Bible that angels appeared and performed in a super-natural dimension – it is not unthinkable that they were given by the Lord to populate the old earth before man came into existence.

The earth in the Pre-Adamite age was much different than the earth after creation of Adam and on, as God restored the earth from its wasted and malformed status due to the disaster. The continents were differently placed with one another, and the oceans there also appeared different as well as the two poles. Some have suggested that the old earth was a giant-planet, much bigger than the present earth. Here we can only speculate.

In the early age after God created the universe and old earth, it is my personal opinion that the earth had the following 'components' in place:

- 1 It was areas having lakes, oceans, and thereof also land areas and poles.

- 2 Vegetation with a huge variation in species, flowers, grass, trees, etc. As well as animals – perhaps some had much likeness to ours.

3 And as mentioned, God let His angels inhabit the planet – their numbers were counted in myriads. The greatest of the angelic beings was Lucifer – called Satan and the devil, for he turned against God and brought with him a third of the angels as well in this fall.

We do not know, and we cannot possibly know, whether they were independent upon such things as we human beings are dependent on – rest, sleep, food, housing, transport such as wagons or ships or otherwise, simply like much of the infrastructure we have built through the centuries. From the story of Lot and his salvation from Sodom by God's angels sent to him, we learn that they spent the night over in Lot's house and ate food. They are capable of acting like normal people, not spilling their angelic super-natural powers. Paul made a point of that and wrote: 'Be hospitable, for in so doing you may well have had angels as guests without knowing it!' This because of the angels' abilities to appear just like ordinary people.

But we do know that the angels were *not organized to be male and female* and able to have children. Each individual angel was uniquely created by God Almighty. They are equipped with a number of super-natural powers and abilities, as seen clearly in the Bible. They are eternal personalities, and only God Himself has the power to eventually end their lives if so found necessary.

Certain passages in Revelation Book are pointing to the future event of Satan (Lucifer) to be executed and annihilated into non-existence, after the time of the millennial kingdom on earth. I have the impression that also the other fallen angels (mentioned by Peter) shall be sent into same destiny for their ungodliness.

WHAT DID LUCIFER DO IN HIS FALL FROM GOD?

I am convinced that Lucifer, Satan, rebelled against God not

only by simple plain disagreement expressed by words.

Lucifer is described as the highest of all persons or angels created, and only Father, Son and the Holy Spirit were above him. That is an awesome powerful position for an angel. (I shall come to Bible verses soon). Lucifer had been equipped with powers and abilities higher and well above all other angels. He was simply put: Second to deity only. I have a personal opinion on this: Lucifer had even such exclusive powers of being able to perform in a level of creating living creatures and other life-forms. I am quite convinced of it.

For that reason I would like to share my theory on this – what Lucifer's fall actually consisted of when he opposed God and went against His will in his arrogance and thirst for power. In same instance we are thus shown that God did NOT create robots, but the angels can make their own choices and choose their own loyalty.

For the first: Lucifer may have understood that deity wanted to create us human beings in their own likeness, as told in Gen 1:26 and put priority with us and keep the angels to play 'Second Fiddle'.

Lucifer was taken with arrogant greed and jealousy and wanted to promote himself up against God as an equal in power.

And so – Lucifer got going with his own private CREATION enterprise to show God that he was better or at least just as good and skilled as God.

Lucifer managed eventually to bring forth...you guessed right: The abnormal unnatural enormous reptile-like animals and species which we now call Dinosaurs! Science has numerous solid evidential fossil material from excavations in wilderness and desserts several places, and as old as nearly 65 mill years. Check it out yourself on the net. There are

dozens of good sites from which to learn these scientific findings, the age and what they found.



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n my eyes, such pre-historic beasts and dinosaurs seem pretty useless, abnormal, and cannot possibly lead to anything good. They are deadly dangerous many of them. Just about invincible if they had filled the earth in our time. How could a God, known as a God of love and of mercy, create such despicable monsters? I am just asking! And don't throw back at me with 'But Lions kills cattle, and so does the Tigers'. Such cats as well as many other animals in our time are part of a 'chain of nutrition', besides – man can master them and not allowing them to come into our civilized towns and neighborhoods. It's totally different than the deadly dinosaurs. The 'Jurassic Park' films – even if they are pretty much free Hollywood fantasy and fiction – have a point still, when we see these deadly beasts chasing for prey over the movie theater's canvases, wrecking Jeeps and scaring the wits off the audiences. Have a look at the image above here, of a Tyrannosaurus, a real scary killer and destroyer. You would need a big tank weapon to be able to kill such a beast. I shiver.

But as God sent His destructive judgment upon Lucifer and his perverted unnatural creation, everything on earth was entirely destroyed and obliterated burnt and smashed to pieces...and drowned finally.

Science has suggested as a much credible scenario that a huge asteroid fell from space in an immense speed and let it crash and explode in the Mexican Gulf right outside Texas and Yucatan Peninsula. And it exploded with a power like a Hydrogen Bomb of a 'Zillion' megatons or more; or put in more serious terms some suggest as much as 850 million megatons! Or what they call Terratons, it would be 96. Or, if you like – 1,7 mill 50-megaton bombs like the Tsar Bomb that was detonated over Novaja Semlja island during the Cold War. Our poor brains can barely fathom such extreme power.



Absolutely everything on land all over the planet burnt up and was blown to pieces by the enormous pressure-wave. The wave went around the world many

times before it decreased. The surface of the earth cracked up and volcanos erupted. An unspeakable gigantic Tsunami thundered across the water and hit land with more destruction and doom. The sky turned black from the explosion and no sunlight came through, resulting in what

science call 'Atomic Winter'.

This winter, and all the destruction that went right before it, killed all living animals and all plants and trees. It is probable that the old earth was so powerfully hit that it came off its orbit so that no sunlight could reach it. The whole planet went into its 'Ice Death'. It is this wrecked and deserted dead icy earth which is shortly described in Gen 1:2 quoted above. IMAGE: The asteroid exploding at 850 million megatons! Equals 96 Terratons.

Under this huge permanent frost, luckily enough most seeds from plants and trees were conserved in millions of years, and came to life as God started His restoration of the planet prior to creation of animals and of Adam and Eve. But the abnormal dinosaur monsters were exterminated for all times. They will never come back, and we should be happy for that.

It is from this pre-historical disaster tens of millions of years ago – that science has found numerous fossil evidence in the wilderness and in outback landscape. The huge skeletons from dinosaurs cannot be denied or explained away. They are real. You may go on the net and study all the material of this, including age-schedules and other well-arranged evidence.

It was never like mankind lived alongside of these huge killer monsters. Many have fantasized freely that these creatures lived in the same time as man, up until the time of Noah and the flood. But such wild fantasies don't measure up to reality – they crash head-on with solid scientific evidence material, the fossils.

Science is right when it sanctions the idea of an 'Old Earth' and trash the faulty idea of a 'New Earth'. The evidence is simply too heavy, too convincing. I do have sympathies with both the New Earth camp and the Old Earth

Camp for their good efforts to promote the Bible and the God of the Bible. But I cannot agree to the theories of a 'New Earth'. The evidence is all against such an idea, sorry. The New Earth folks are not foolish or anything like that. They are not less smart or agile or well-read in the Bible topics than the 'Old Earth' folks. It is because we human beings have different ways of putting together logical bits and parts to make a whole. God bless the New Earth believers. But still, I will keep company with the 'Old Earth' believers, for sure.

Jesus really was onto something when He in one of His parables pictured Satan as an enemy who went forth and, quote: **"..sowed darnel (weeds) among the wheat, and went on his way"**, Matt 13:25. The weed was of course meant to steal the place of the real wheat, and 'suffocate' the wheat field, destroying it. Jesus really hit the nail right on here in general terms: Satan would with his private creation, the weed (like the abnormal dinosaurs), stand against the Lord by destroying the field or acre (the world). Verse 28 in Matt 13 is striking,

"An enemy has done this..."

But the disaster did not destroy the angels who lived on earth as the asteroid hit. They were angels and thus having super-bodies and power. When Daniel's three friends were thrown into the hot burning furnace by the Babylonian king, they could observe a fourth man inside there with them. And he looked like 'a son of the gods' (Dan 3:25).

This shocked the king positively and he got them out of there fast; God had sent His angel and saved them (Dan 3:1-28). Angels can master all known elements here on earth: Fire, water, ice, air, gasses, and come through shut doors and through walls; they even present themselves with messages in dreams. It may look as if God let both the good angels and the bad ones survive the disaster. They kept

their lives. But the fallen ones were separated from the good ones. The bad was sent down into the caves of darkness (Greek: Tartarus) according to 2 Pet 2:4 in custody until the judgment. Peter was taught this probably by Jesus in person. However, Lucifer, Satan was not sent down there as we know.

In our time we find that Satan (and some of his angelic colleagues?) are living way out there in space somewhere. For how else could it be that we read of Michaels actions against him in the time of the Great Tribulation in Rev. 12:7-9 could cast down Satan to earth. The heavens mentioned in that passage, is the Astro-heaven and not the Epiuranos-heaven, the place where we shall be with the Lord. Also check out Eph. 6 and our enemies among these beings.



The reason that Satan also is called 'The Dragon' or 'The Serpent' (see Gen. 3:1) I believe to be the fact that he was the one behind the creation of the

dragon-like dinosaurs of various species and abilities. If we notice the ref. above to Gen 3:1 – it says actually the very same as Ezekiel 28:13-15 where Satan is given the words that tells of his high stature, being more excellent than any other creation,

“Now the serpent (Satan) was MORE SUBTLE AND CRAFTY THAN ANY LIVING CREATURE of the field which the Lord God had made. And he (Satan) said to the woman...”

So the name 'Serpent' here was a nickname of negative tense, and not an actual creeping snake hanging from the tree of life in Eden. Satan had earned that bad name because he went

against God's will and created – by his extreme craftiness – those dinosaur monsters. If we study their long tails we easily get associations to snakes! Their big mouths and muscular bodies say 'Dragon' but the tails says 'Serpent'. And the Bible uses both those nicknames on Satan!

This is really starting to look exciting doesn't it?

And more it shall be. We shall have a look on what the Bible says in these matters.

PETER'S SHORT CONTRIBUTION TO EXPLAIN THE JUDGMENT UPON THE PRE-ADAMITE WORLD

Peter's exhortations where he mentions the old ages are kept very short, and his overall tone is very stern. He was rebuking bad unbelievers among Jewry in his time.

II Pet. 2:4-6 is pointing to that:

"For God did not spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell (Greek, Tartarus), delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment and their doom.

5: And he spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven other persons, when he brought a flood upon the world of ungodly.

6: And He condemned to ruin and extinction the cities of Sodom and Gomorra, reducing them to ashes and thus set them forth as an example to those who would be ungodly."

II Pet. 3:5, 6 say additionally: (Here it is the Pre-Adamite world)...

"For they willfully overlook and forget this fact, that the heavens came into existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by the means of water.

6: Through which the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished."

We find mentioned by Peter here three judgments, of which two were by water and one by fire.

First, the judgment upon Lucifer's and other angels following him in the Pre-Adamite age. The whole world was drowned in water after first having been blasted to rubbles and ashes by the asteroid mentioned above. All life forms died almost instantly, except the angels – whom we know are super-natural beings. The old earth went straight into an 'Ice Death'. Its entire surface deep down in the ground consisted of frozen water mixed with soil.

Secondly, we read of the flood in the time of Noah. It was devastating of course, however not global. It happened in the Middle-East and the nearest places to this. It was local but still a huge disaster. See my article here in my site on that flood.

Thirdly, Peter spoke of the judgment upon the homosexual rapists that lived in Sodom and Gomorra, after God first had sent His angels to Lot and saved them.

The earth in Gen 1 had a gloomy disturbing past, it had been destroyed by an extensive disaster which killed every living thing, beasts, vegetation, the huge dinosaurs, but not Satan and other angels.

But in Gen 1:3 God had the sun shine its warming bright beams on the wrecked earth, and the icy planet turned into a green pleasant place, fit for man and beasts eventually. He brought the wrecked planet earth into the orbit in which it started to circle around the sun just as we have had ever since; the first step in His great plan to restore this planet. After which we can follow a process of new steps of creation, until finally He created Adam and Eve – verse 26.

The frozen earth was de-iced and defrosted, and seeds from before the disaster had been frozen and thus conserved through millions of years now sprang to life and came forth as grass, plants, flowers, trees eventually. It all turned into a green beautiful planet, as if the disaster never had happened.

This act of creation by God, is probably the very ***first prophetic image of the Lord's death and resurrection*** in the Bible. It has a mystical form and is not easily discovered when reading.

It never was a fresh literally spoken new earth God created when He shortly after created man. No, He raised the wrecked dead planet up from its ice-death and darkness, and made it our place to live our lives.

As already mentioned, it is therefore science can establish the fact that the fossil discoveries are many millions of years old. Man and dinosaurs have never lived alongside at any moment in history. The latter came from the Pre-Adamite age, the Old Earth which was wrecked and sent to its ice-death.

THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS ON LUCIFER'S REBELLION AND DOOM

In Psalm 148:2-5 we find what happened when God created the universe and the Old Earth – and the angels are mentioned,

“Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His hosts!

3: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you stars of light!

4: Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

5: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.”

Notice the following: Verse 5 implies that the entire universe was created all at once by the one command from God. The universe is held together and in place by The Law of Gravity. This power keep proper order in between the stars, planets and moons so that they keep a steady position in the orbits they are in. The small planets are kept in orbit by the larger ones.

What really is important to understand with these things, is the fact that it would have been completely impossible for the moon to exist without an earth, likewise it is impossible for the earth to exist without the sun, and for the sun to keep on without the galaxy – called the Milkyway, and the Milkyway could not have existed without the other galaxies. That is why I say that God must have created them all together in one and same instance. As the Bible so clearly declares, He commanded and they were created (Psalm 148:5).

Among the prophets there are two whom have taught on the subject of Lucifer, his fall and his arrogance – Isaiah and Ezekiel.

Isa. 14:12-15 says this,

“How have you fallen from heaven, O light-bringer and daystar (Latin Vulgate translate this Lucifer, as do the KJV Bible), son of the morning! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened and laid low the nations (O blasphemous, satanic king of Babylon).

13: And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.

14: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

15: Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (Hades, Kingdom

of the Dead), to the innermost recesses of the pit (the region of the dead)."

Verse 13 goes to show that this person desires to take the very throne of the Most High, God Almighty, – and actually wanting to become God, as displayed in verse 14.

This great and powerful angel did not end up like the other angels mentioned by Peter, those kept in custody in Tartarus, the dark pits of hell, for we find Satan going around at his own will in Job's Book, and in the time of Jesus on earth, – and he even tempted the Lord when He fasted and prayed out in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-10).

The passage tells us that Satan had such super-natural abilities as for instance bringing Jesus up on a high mountain – and showed Him the kingdoms of this world. It is clear that this was not by regular eye-sight, but by displaying in super-natural vision-power these kingdoms. Before that, Satan had Jesus put up on the high dome of the temple. This must also have been by super-natural powers. It says nothing of using ladders or ropes to climb up there. And they must have been unseen by the public at the temple court! So even if Lucifer fell in the Pre-Adamite age, God did not strip him down of angelic power.

There are many self-declared experts and 'geniuses' out there that have written much material against the idea that Lucifer fell from God and became Satan, the devil. Many believes that there were no 'Lucifer'. They are trying to make the prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel of no concern in the matter of Lucifer the fallen arch angel. They do not really know what they are talking of, and they (modern Christian liberals!) try to eradicate his fall and make Satan look harmless – perhaps only a myth – a fiction invented by us human beings.

But the Bible shows us many times over that

Satan/Lucifer/the Devil is very real indeed. And he has a power far above any human beings. But luckily for us, he is being watched and kept under surveillance by God's angels and cannot freely do as he please. Not now.

Ezekiel 28:12-15 gives us a detailed description of Lucifer's being and mindset from before he fell from God. The prophet uses the king of Tyre as 'vessel' for this information – to make it understandable, – just as Jonah was an image of Christ's death and resurrection, and king David was an image of Christ as the king Messiah in the future millennia, not to mention Joseph who was dumped in a well by his elder brothers – but later on came to rescue them from famine. Thus a powerful image of Christ coming to Israel after having been rejected by them for about two millennia! God uses whoever He chooses to, in order to make a prophetic or even a doctrinal point of teaching. So also with the king of Tyre – to tell not of Christ, but of His enemy Satan, that fallen angel. And it goes,

"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: You are the full measure and pattern of exactness (giving the finishing touch to all that constitutes completeness), full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13: You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the carnelian, topaz, jasper, chrysolite, beryl, onyx, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald; and your settings and your sockets and engravings were wrought in gold. On the day that you were created they were prepared.

14: You were the anointed cherub that covers with overshadowing (wings), and I set you so. You were upon the holy mountain of God; you walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (like the paved work of gleaming sapphire stone upon which the God of Israel walked on Mount Sinai).

15: You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until iniquity and guilt were found in you."

If we had read the next three verses – it would show us what punishment this fallen angel received from God's hand.

Garden of Eden in verse 13 was a place originally on the old earth in Pre-Adamite age, and not necessarily the same as after God restored the wrecked earth, to let Adam and Eve live on it.

Furthermore, in same verse we learn that this person was **NOT a man, for he was CREATED** – leaving only one possibility: He was an angel.

Verse 14 also declares this as an angelic being, NOT a man: He was an anointed cherub, and such angels are involved in leadership and in worship at God's throne.

Verse 15 repeats the clear fact that it is all a word concerning an angel, not a man: He was a CREATED being, and not a born one, like us humans.

Tyre was just a person here to be *used for imagery pointing to a person with a high stature*: An angel of God, a great leader among all angels really.

It is extraordinary to notice that God spend *such attention to just one particular angel among the myriads of angels*. So he, Satan or Lucifer, must have been very high up in the ranks indeed.

Paul the apostle was the last person in the Bible who spoke for God and acted in His behalf on earth. In regard to the order of creation and all things pertaining to this, he points directly to Jesus and says, freely interpreted: It is Jesus Who hold the wheel and piloting and governs the entire universe! Let us read on,

Col. 1:16-19 is a revelation of the position in leadership

which Jesus possesses:

“For it was in Him (Jesus) that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him and in and for Him.

17: And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

18: He also is the Head of His body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place.

19: For it has pleased the Father that all the divine fullness should dwell in Him permanently.”

But in Rev. 20:10-14 we see that Satan and all evil powers are made extinct and obliterated entirely into a non-existence, and for all eternity,

Verse 10 in particular: *“Then the devil who had led them astray (deceiving and seducing them) was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever”.*

However, in verse 14 we have a swift change of that – and these judged persons in the fiery lake have their punishment as a final extinction into a state of non-existence, and thus no longer eternal torment,

“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”

Thus the ‘lake of fire’ is a metaphoric symbol of eternal death, a so-called non-existence. It will be as if they never had existed. Totally gone, and will neither be resurrected by God back to life.

Paul calls this for 'to go lost' – which simply is to lose salvation in heaven, and end up in eternal death – a full non-existence for all eternity. No torment or flames burning or anything similar. There will be as declared in O.T. scripture: The dead know nothing!

Rev. 21:1, 2 is about a third act of creation by God and Christ, where certain parts of the earth (Israel first and foremost) shall be restored. The influence of evil is gone.

The important new move from God at this point in future age, is that mankind will witness that the super-natural New Jerusalem is descending from on high, a huge illuminated construction with the shape of a cube. It is marking the age in which God's presence will be directly among humankind and He shall govern all things. Verse 3 shouting loudly, Behold, God now lives together with humankind!

Verse 1 is mighty:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and there no longer existed any sea."

And of the super-natural city descending, the New Jerusalem, the Bible has mighty words for it, in verse 23,

"And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it, and the Lamb (Christ) is its lamp."

NOAH'S ARK:

Was The Flood Global Or Local?

Jan Lilleby



There might be someone out there who thinks like me...I hope. I checked the web recently – and unlike when I first made my radio-series in Oslo area in 1997 – 2001 – having Noah and the Flood as one of many

topics, I was alone in Norway and maybe all of Scandinavia to claim such a belief, that the flood was local rather than global; today the internet is full of sites claiming the flood was local. Their understanding of the Bible is correct.

Just to get a few nifty things sorted out right away, before opening the Bible:

The Ark had a height of 15 meter, and had three decks. It was 150 meter long. When subtracting the thickness of the beams of about 0,45 meters it leaves a height – floor to ceiling of maximum 3,5 meter – after also subtracting height of deck-reeling and the bottom deck beginning about where the hull was plain, after the bowed bottom.



How could it be possible to have animals like the very tall giraffe, or the huge mammoth elephant (which were not extinct, frozen down in Siberian ice when flood happened) – the giraffe having an average

of 5,05 meters, the tallest up to 19 feet (5,80 meters), and the smallest 4,30 meters? (1 Internatl. foot = 30,48 cm). If you watch the various drawings made of the Ark, especially those meant for kids, you often find the giraffes out in the open deck with the elephants. But this is not what eventually took place. All the animals were under deck, for shelter from the wind and the rain. Imagine such animals having to lay down unable to stand upright – for a whole year!

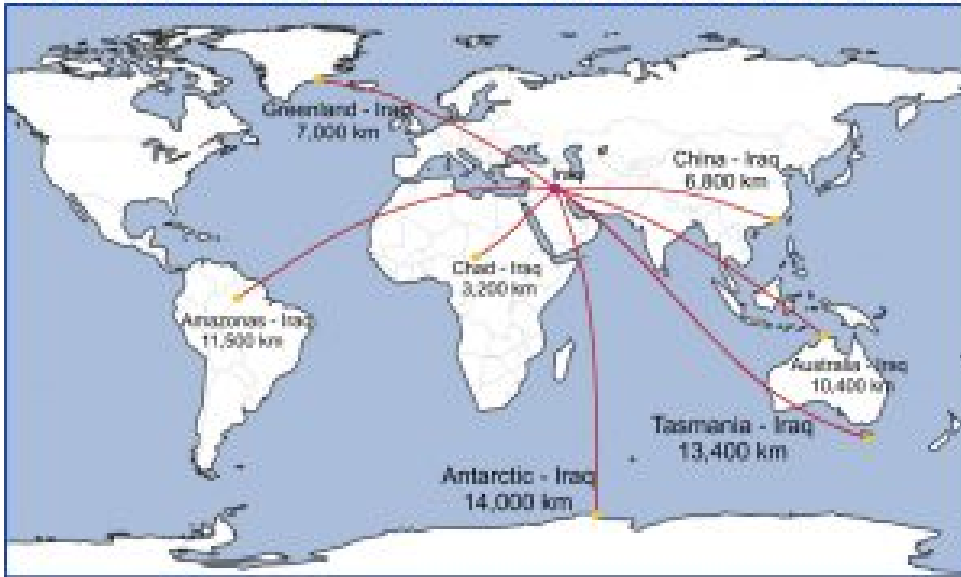
If all animal species on earth were represented onboard the Ark, then it is impossible – proven by such a simple logistical fact that there would not be room for the giraffe, nor the mammoth!

The giraffe had and still has its habitat in Central Africa, and not in the Middle-East. mammoth had Siberia mostly.

Noah had been given only 7 days to see to it that the animals (urged by God) went into the Ark in pairs, male and female. Impossible for the mammoth in Siberia, and also for the giraffe in Central Africa! Let alone the jaguar in Amazonas jungle, the huge Anaconda snake in same habitat as the jaguar, and even farther away...the kangaroo and koala in Australia...IT IS ENTIRELY IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE ANIMALS, TWO BY TWO, WALK OR CRAWL ALL THOSE THOUSANDS OF MILES/KILOMETERS! Regardless of whether any or all continents were closer to one another than in our time. The size of the Earth remains the same in all ages.

Regardless of God telling them or not telling them. CHECK OUT MY ILLUSTRATION HERE, added Oct 5:

DISTANCES FOR ANIMALS TRAVELING TO THE ARK:



JAGUAR - 11,500 Km | PENGUIN - 14,000 Km | KANGAROO - 10,400 Km
GIRAFFE - 3,200 Km | PANDA - 6,800 Km | TASMANIAN DEVIL - 13400 Km
POLAR BEAR - 7,000 Km | KOALA - 10,400 Km | ANACONDA - 11,500 Km

(I beg Your pardon for the illustration being a bit blurry)

How can Christians be so mindless and gullible, that they accept just about anything coming from a pulpit without even bothering to check out the obvious faults and misinformation?

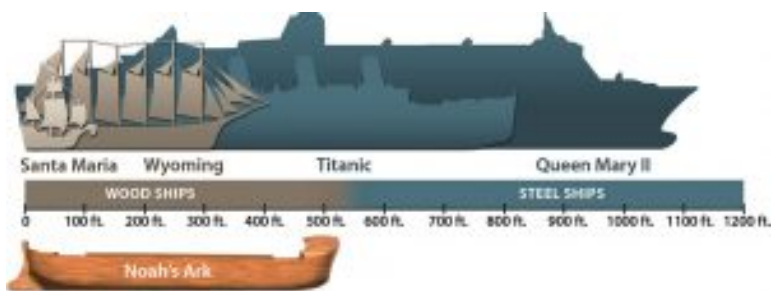


Noah had no big diesel powered trucks, no huge cargo Roll-On-Roll-Off sea vessels or big Jumbo Jet Carriers like we have now in modern times. Even if he had...it would not be possible to get ALL SPECIES from the entire world onboard the Ark in only 7 days. It would have taken at least 7 months...perhaps 7 years. We can only imagine. How about the penguins in Antarctica? The Polar bears in Arctic North? The Pandas in China? The funny snarling gnarling little critter in Tasmanian Island called Tasmanian Devil? See image here...

Something is severely askew with the whole story – just consider Gen.7:2, 3 – showing us that God was not content with only one pair per species, but demanded 7 pairs, regarding those ritually clean animals:

“Of every clean beast you shall receive and take with you seven pairs....”

3: Also of the birds of the air seven pairs, the male and the female, to keep seed (their kind) alive over all the earth or land.”



To top it off: This enormous numbers of species on earth, two of each, would not find space enough onboard the Ark. The ship was about

150 meters long and 25 meters wide. There is no way that this moderately sized vessel could ever carry onboard all the species of the world. It would not help, in other words, even if all these animals made it to the Ark in 7 days' notice!

And to top off the previous top: Think of all the food supply that would have to be stored onboard. Tons and tons of diverse types of animal feed; plus what the eight survivors would need, Noah and family. They did not exit the Ark before it had gone about one year, Gen. 8:13-16.

Here are some interesting figures to give you an idea of what amount of food-supply that was needed:



How about feeding lions, leopards, tigers, diverse cats and others? How much extra animals would be required for all the meat-eating animals? What about the elephants? One elephant can eat 44 lbs of grain, 66 lbs of hay, 20 to 70 lbs of turnips, carrots,

cabbage or fruit per day. If an elephant eat 170 lbs of food each day, this would be 62,050 lbs during the year in the Ark!! And doubling that for the other elephant will amount to 124,100 lbs in total! (41,000 kilos). Even some animals like panda (Asia), koala (Australia), three toed sloth (South America) require a specialized diet. Did Noah and his family gather some for them? What about the woodpeckers that peck the wood or termites that eat the wood...they would experience the Ark as their heaven...wood everywhere. Dig in!! This could mean trouble for the Ark.

The logistical analysis I have presented here in short, points to only one possible scenario for the Ark: It was not a world-wide flood, but only limited to the Middle-East – in particular the land between the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Persia. This area was considered in olden times as ‘The Land of Eden’. Not the Garden of Eden as such, but the land in which Eden once was established.

The Book of Jubilee (it has a correct history line, even if it is not accepted as a book from God) chapter 4:23, 24 says of this:

“Enoch was taken away from humankind and we (God’s angels) took him into the Garden of Eden (Paradise up in the heavens) – ...he is writing of the evil in humankind, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, GOD LET THE WATER OF THE FLOOD COME OVER THE ENTIRE LAND OF EDEN.”

(Translated by me, via the Norwegian version of Book of

Jubilee).

If the flood had been global, it would have been entirely impossible that the water would go back to normal levels in that one year mentioned in Gen 8. Here is the mathematics for it:

The Bible says that it receded at the rate of 15 cubits in 74 days, Gen 7:20; 8:4, 5.

Figuring a cubit at about 18 inches, the water level would have dropped 270 inches during this time or, to round it off, 4 inches a day. If the flood depth was 29,050 feet (348,600 inches) and the water level dropped 4 inches a day, it would take 87,150 days to get back down to normal sea level. That would be almost 239 YEARS! Conclusion: Totally impossible. The flood was local, not global.

The method God used to make a limited flood

How was it achieved? What trick had God kept up His sleeve, so that only the guilty sinners were judged and not the innocent peoples on the earth?

I shall come to this shortly.

But first let us have a closer look at the background of that perilous time...mankind had gotten itself so deep in sin and evil, that God wanted to exterminate them.

But we shall study this in light of the often erroneous use of the word "Earth". Then our spiritual eyes will clear from blurring, and you will understand.

In short, the word 'earth' as used in Gen 7, as well as many other books of the Bible, should just as well have been translated to 'land' or 'nation' – 'country' or 'place'.

It is a great difference in the meaning saying 'All of the earth' than saying 'All of the land' – don't you think?

A good example also would be Jer 34:1 – saying,

“..all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem”. There the phrase “of the earth” is limited to “his dominion”, i.e., the dominion of Nebuchadnezzar.

And of the Sodom judgment, the daughters of Lot declared,

“There’s not a man in the earth (erets) to come in unto us” Gen 19:31. We know that not every man in the world was killed...only those in the area of the destruction.

Another odd, and often missed fact, with the many collateral damages such a world-wide flood would have implicated, all seem to have forgotten that it would ‘collide’ with the extreme temperatures found in heights like Mt. Everest, over 8000 meters altitude. It is only 50-60 minus degrees Celsius there! If the Ark at any chance had passed by that spot, it would cause them all to freeze to death; and not only at that spot (Everest, Himalaya) – but anywhere. The water did not cover all the mountains in the entire world, but only those tops found in the area of the flood, that is the Middle-East. Ararat being one of those, slightly above 5000 meter.

What of the fresh-water fish life as the salty sea-waters mixed in with all the lakes on earth, and all the rivers? You see? Things get quite a bit more complicated!

The word for ‘earth’ in Hebrew is erets (# 776 in Strong’s) as used in the flood account – and it does not require a world-wide meaning. This word is translated “country” 140 times, and “land” 1,476 times in the Bible. Many of them are often of limited areas.

As for the method that God used to achieve a limited flood, however huge enough, we shall have a closer look at this. I used this scenario already back in 1997 having my radio-

lectures in Oslo. And I was stricken with the utter simplicity of the method as such, but still only God could make this happen nevertheless. You can see it in my graphic drawing below.

Bible says it came forth water from both the heavens and from fountains beneath the Mediterranean sea floor, Gen 7:11

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“In the year 600 of Noah’s life, in the seventeenth day of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep (Mediterranean) were broken up and burst forth, and the windows and floodgates of the heavens were opened.”

The Book of Jubilee says the very same, but more specific, Jub 5:24, 25,

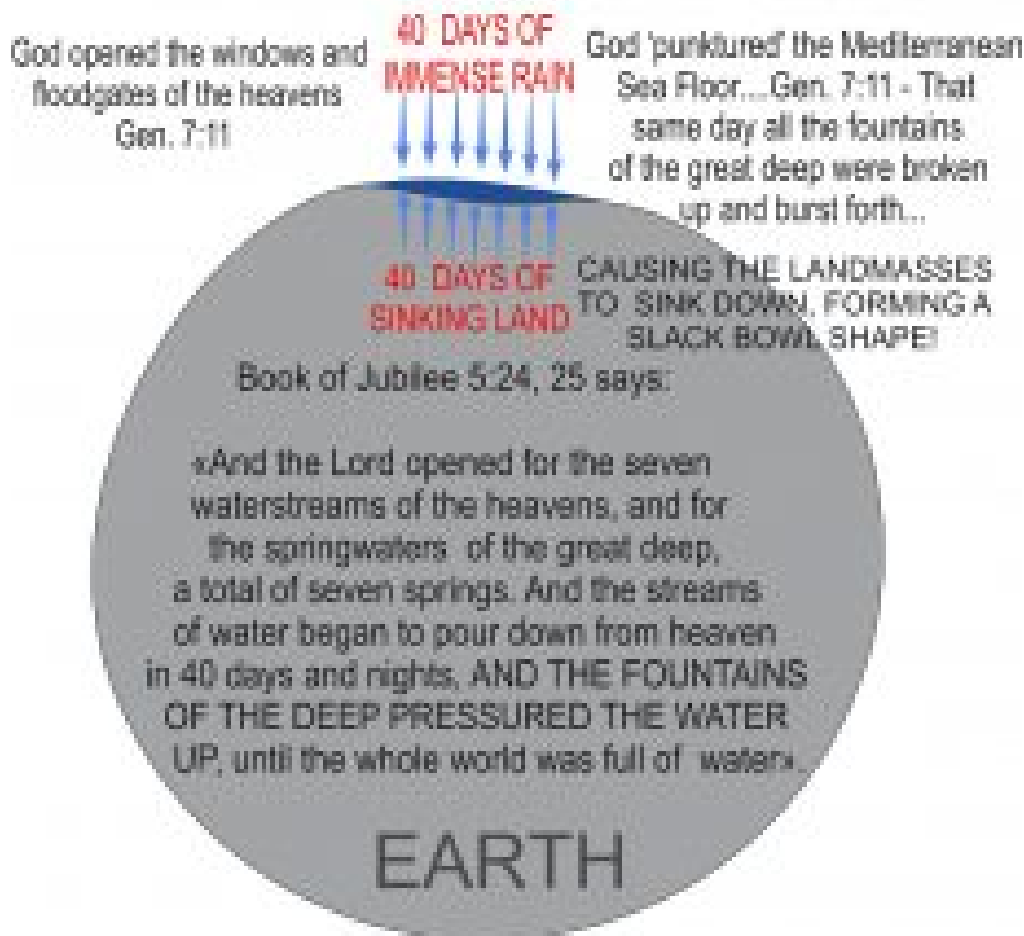
“And the Lord opened for the seven water-streams of the heavens, and for the spring-waters of the great deep, a total of seven springs. And the streams of water began to pour down from heaven in 40 days and nights. AND THE FOUNTAINS OF THE DEEP PRESSURED THE WATER UP, until the whole world (erets) was full of water.” (Transl. via the Norwegian version)

One important detail is not mentioned, namely that the landmasses sunk down in same proportion as the seven springs below pressured the water up!

Ask any expert on oil drilling at sea, and he can tell you that this is so. Land will sink if substantial volume of water (or oil) comes to surface. The once filled ‘pockets’ of water down in the ground in Noah’s time were cracked open by God and His angels. God knew exactly where those seven ‘fountains’ were.

The combination of water filling up on surface and land sinking down, made the Middle-East into a slack bowl so to speak. Check my illustration below.

The Great Flood in Noah's Days



The scale here is incorrect and emphasized to make it easier to see the bowl-shape that was.

(Quote from Jubilee is via Norwegian)

I apologize for a bit blurry illustration

The giants – Hebrew Nephilim – caused the evil mentioned

Why such a brutal judgment? Was there not a single person capable of repenting and thus come under God's saving grace? It seems to me that mankind in that area of the world had come to a 'Point-Of-No-Return' – just like in Sodom and Gomorra later on in history. God found it useless to tell them to repent. He knew that they would not.

But it is my firm belief that the existence of the giants, the so-called Nephilim, was behind the evil that had gotten a stronghold on mankind.

In one of the Apocryphal books the giants, which were hybrid human-angels, children of fallen angels having human/normal women as mothers, and thus a forbidden as well as a very evil-minded race of creatures – they were about 4 million in number. They were killers and evil-doers and abnormally huge and strong.

They became thus the main target for the flood. But unfortunately normal people took after their evil, and they were drowned together with the giants.

Gen 6:4 is a well-known ‘mysterious’ verse, but it only speak of those unusual events taking place when fallen angels went in to regular women, and begot children. The Nephilim. Nephilim means ‘A fallen one’. Called giants, and half angel, half man.

“There were giants on the earth (erets) in those days – and also afterward – when the sons of God (the angels) lived with the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of reknown.”

Notice that it says ‘**and also afterward**’ – which mean, some of these Nephilim survived the flood! Then it is obvious that they survived because they managed to get away from the area of the flood.

Bible tells nothing of how they managed to survive. We only know that when Joshua took the land on God’s command, he fought and killed all the known giant-families.

He was told to spare no one, for most of the population there were giants, children of fallen angels, and very evil. Check out Book of Joshua. He actually saved the world from those dangerous and murderous giants and those who followed

them. Here is a little glimpse of the report the early scouts gave before the people as they came back from Canaan, Num 13:32, 33,

"...the land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WE SAW IN IT ARE MEN OF GREAT STATURE (VERY TALL). 33: THERE WE SAW THE NEPHILIM (GIANTS), THE SONS OF ANAK, WHO COME FROM THE GIANTS, and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."



Jos 11 and 12 mentions lots of names, among which king Og definitely was a giant, – he slept in a huge iron bed it says in another passage. Goliath who later came against Israel was a giant. To be classified as giant it was not enough just to have a large body. There are people on earth today (think of the actor in 'Moonraker', called Jaws, a big fellow lifting James Bond – actor Roger Moore, up with one hand) who are extremely tall and strong. Image: Kiel "Jaws" with Roger Moore.

They are not giants like the ones in the Bible. One has to be Nephilim, that is...half angel, half man. Jaws' name was Richard Dawson Kiel, and he was 2,17 meter tall. Pretty big I would say. But Goliath was 2,74 meter (9 feet) according to most Bible translations, however the Aleppo-codex 900 AD hold Goliath at 2,90 meter! He carried a spear that weighed 120 kilos. Talk about strength, since he obviously must have been capable of throwing that spear some yards/meters. King Og was about 2,80 – 3,00 meter. See Deut 3:11. His bed of iron was 13, 5 feet (9 cubits), which is 4,11 meter. I assume he slept with a safe margin upon such a massive bed. The width of it was 6 feet, which is 1,83 meter. That was almost twice the size of most double-beds of our time, which

measures about 2,10 meter long and 1,60 meter wide.

Estimates of the size of the flood



Probably it was flooded within a stretch of about 2000 kilometers. From Tel Aviv to the Persian Gulf it is 1200 kilometers, and to Mt. Ararat it is 800 kilometers.

Because of the landmasses sinking down, the tall Mt. Ararat (5156 meters) came under 7 meter of water. The 'Bowl Shape' of the flood probably had an ecliptically form seen from the sky. See this image with red ring as the flood.

Archeological excavations (at various places and with distance between them) in Iraq/Iran found a layer of mud which was more than three meters thick. The tools and household kitchenware at the level under the mud was of older origin than things found above the layer of mud, but not very much. Something disastrous had happened, causing a whole civilization to drown in water and mud...a great flood had happened, and the center of it was most certainly there in Iraq/Iran.

How could Noah's grandchildren, the children of his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth travel and settle down in various countries...if all countries was laid waste and destroyed by the flood? Such places would not exist, by the definition 'Countries' or 'Nations' – if the flood had been global. But see what Gen 10:5 says,

“By these were the isles (coastlands) of Gentiles DIVIDED in their lands, every one after their tongues, after their families, in their nations...These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations in their nations: and by these were the nations DIVIDED in the earth after the flood”.

I find it natural to end my article on the Great Flood here. It is no doubt: The flood was local; however it covered a substantial area of the Middle-East and some nations near to the Middle-East.

A final word:

Atheists world-wide are using the flood, as well as the war when Joshua took the land – accusing God (whom they don't believe in!) of being a bloodthirsty killer.

And of course, this again, falling on us Christians to make us look dumb if not entirely ridiculous. How can we believe in such a God Who keep massacring people whenever He chooses to?

My point is that these unbelieving and angry atheists should rather thank God for having killed the vicious evil monstrous dangerous Nephilim/Giants, and thus having saved the whole world from them. Not only once, but twice!

The world would have gone under if God allowed these monsters to go ahead and dominate the globe. Tell the god rejecters and atheists, if you happen to have some friends or acquaintances with such unbelief, that God SAVED the world by the judgments He made. He removed threatening evil from the face of the earth.

Is God Executing Judgments In Our Time?

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To go straight to the issue, there is no chance that God is executing judgments today whatsoever. I will try to explain the fact in this article. I will not use all the words and chapters and verses in the Bible that mention judgment and doom, but a few selected examples which are totally representable for how things are with God. I leave it to the Bible student to go find more of it by themselves, expanding on what I have written here.

It so happened a few years back, I read a comment in a Christian magazine of a preacher in California – discussing the aggressive increasing gay culture that emerged in San Francisco – saying something like this, *'If God doesn't judge San Francisco for its sinful gay community and their shameless behavior, He would have to beg for Sodom and Gomorra's pardon!'*

While I can understand this preacher's indignation over sinful behaviors, I must nevertheless point out: No, God do not by any chance owe Sodom and Gomorra any apology for not having done away with the Californian metropole.

There are several reasons why. One is the fact that in San Francisco there are thousands of righteous believing saints, to whom Christ is Savior and Master.

Abraham, as we recall the story of the two cities, and his nephew Lot living in one of them, pleaded with God not to

destroy them if there could be found at least (after starting the plead with fifty) ten righteous people, Gen 18:32.

God, if He still practiced judgment with places in which sin had reached an extreme high 'Point-of-no-return' level like that of Sodom and Gomorra, would certainly not destroy for instance San Francisco. There are much more than ten righteous people there, I am certain!

But the better point in this issue is: God executes no judgment whatsoever in our time. It might have been only one righteous man or woman in the metropole this very minute, but God would not destroy the place. This doesn't mean that God accepts homosexuality or any other vice, but there will not be an immediate judgment upon the ones who practice such sin.

Atheists all over the world can keep cursing and blaspheming God and Christ all their lives, but God will not come to execute an immediate judgment against such hateful unbelievers. Still, this doesn't mean that God has accepted atheism or blasphemy or things like that. Not at all. But He is...as Jonah 4:2 says...merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. (More on Jonah below). This implies that God has given them lots of time to repent from sin and unbelief. But once they die – all is lost, forever!

The judgment for such people and the likes is simply that **God will not raise those people from the dead**. They will go lost...even if God let them live for fifty, sixty, seventy years or more in the same condemnable sin. There is no tormenting eternal Hell, but only nothingness. It will be as before one was born. All will be gone. Bible says *the dead knows nothing*.



After the earthquake disaster in 1906, on the morning of 18th April, many ministers cried out that God had sent His righteous doom and destroyed San Francisco for her grave sin, criminal activities, prostitution and drunkenness. But those voices

did not speak for God.

There actually arose a spiritual battle between two groups of Christians; one declared that God had nothing to do with the destruction, – while an opposing Pentecostal group (several from Azusa Street Revival) told people – even by spreading tracts – that the destruction came from God's hand and urged them to repent. A Pentecostal leader, Frank Bartelman, was such a promotor, and he and his fellow believers used the disaster to try to make people repent and seeking the Lord.

Same thing happened in New Orleans after the hurricane disaster: Oh you sinful city, God hath judged thee! But it was not a move from God, not at all.

I like what Abraham said when pleading with God, Gen 18:23,

'And Abraham came close and said, Will you destroy the righteous together with the wicked?' (Knowing of course what God would say!).

No, God is not killing the righteous believers together with the ungodly unbelievers!

Abraham did not plead with God from out of ignorance or misplaced fear, but because the Patriarch knew God very well, having had several visits from Him earlier. He was a very learned man having a confidential relationship with the Lord. It shines through Abraham's words, Gen 18:25,

'Far be it from You to do such a thing – to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as do the wicked! Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth execute judgment and do righteously?'

Abraham continued, as always (!) to stay in a humble state of mind before the Lord, – and thus we also read, Gen 18:27,

'Abraham answered, Behold now. I who am but dust and ashes have taken upon myself to speak to the Lord.'

The reason I wanted to start the article by this dramatic story of Abraham, Lot, and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorra is simply to be very aware of God's character and mercy, even if He also executes stern judgments in certain dispensations.

He actually ended the previous ones with judgments. And right before the return of Christ from heaven in near future, God the Father of Christ shall execute fearsome judgments against the Zionist-Israel for their hatred and rejection of the Messiah Jesus Christ, Eze 36:17-23.

This is what we call The Great Tribulation; a time which will be Post-Church era preparing for the millennial rule of Jesus Christ in Israel. God will not execute any judgments of any kind before the Church era is concluded.

Last time God sent judgments and strict doom, was in 70 AD as He brought down Israel by sending His army, the Romans, against them for their wicked ways. See Eze 36:17-19 which is entirely in line with the parable of the king's servants in Matt 22:1-7, and also with His parable of the dry fruitless fig tree in Luke 13. Ezekiel 36 is mainly of the destruction in 70 AD and the coming Great Tribulation, and the time after that.

Judgments from God has been put on hold, until the time for it has come, as described for us in the Word of God, the

Holy Bible.

It is disturbing and upsetting when we learn of disasters, wars, terror and all kind of evil near and far – but one thing is certain: God is not behind it in any way. Accidents happen, rebellion and unrest happens, hurricanes and twisters happens...but none of it is caused by God to perform any form of 'Judgment against sin'.

Not many years ago – and I remember this well – we could see on the news channels here in Norway the 'Estonia disaster' – the sea vessel which left Tallinn for Stockholm, but went down in a storm in the Baltic Sea. It happened because the car-port in the fore had not been properly secured before the ship left the harbor, and waves broke into the car deck.

A few foolish preachers cried up of 'God having judged the ship for the sin onboard' – (you know, drunken passengers and what not...). Voices that did not speak for God.

Now, it so happened that onboard were also 40 Bible students from a Christian church in Estonia. They all went down with the ship. Also, I had a near friend who was a Christian preacher, and he and his co-workers had been on a mission trip to Tallinn and other places in Estonia, and hoped to find a ticket to go with the ferry. But they were denied access for the ship was full. Disappointed they had to watch the ferry leave for Stockholm, and they had to find a place to stay for the night.

Here's the obvious expected question: If God had executed a judgment against that ferry – how is it that 40 Bible students were killed by drowning in the Baltic, while my friend and his party were spared due to a full ferry? Two groups of Christians having faced same event. One thanked God for 'making them left behind' at the docks, and the other Christians died and went into eternity.

The simple answer is that God was in no way engaged in that

ship going under, neither was He engaged in 'saving' the ones left at the docks! He is not interfering like that, passing out judgments and deciding who is to die and who is to live in such detail.

Same as with the New Orleans hurricane; leaving great parts of the big city in rubbles. They are still struggling to get back on their feet if we should believe the reports in Medias. Many Christians died in the dangerous hurricane, but a great number were spared. Did God 'Take many Christians home' letting them die, but others were spared so they could live on – as a blessing? No way. God does not make any such judgments. It is not time for such actions. Judgments don't start up again before the Church age, or dispensation, is concluded.

Until then, we live in an era characterized as the era of the free grace of God by faith in Christ, no works demanded so that nobody should go boasting, Eph 2:8.

We can often watch films, and some of the story implicates that a family member dies, either of a disease or an accident, even murder. And always (it seem to me) the writers of manuscripts have the remaining family declare: *'God took our daughter from us. I hope the Police will catch the killer!'* As if God sent a killer to take a beloved family member to heaven, like, by the hand of a murderer. (**Notice:** I do not believe one can by death go directly to heaven. It takes a resurrection to come there. I only use that expression due to how people think). How insane and helplessly foolish to have such a twisted impression of God's character and way of dealing with His believers!

God's character is seen throughout the entire Bible. One of the most touching scenes is the case with Jonah and how God chastised him because Jonah knew that God would spare Nineveh from being destroyed, and we read of our great God and Savior, Jon 4:10, 11,

'Then said the Lord, You have had pity on the gourd, for which you have not labored nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11: And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons not yet old enough to know their right hand from their left, and also many cattle (not accountable for sin)?'

In chapter three we learn that Jonah's warning to them of a coming destruction in forty days, made ALL OF NINEVEH repent and turn to God! Which was the condition for God, should He spare the place. It is almost hair raising and shocking to read verses one and two in chapter four, of Jonah's objections, but it is just as pleasing, however, to notice his correct knowledge of God's character,

*'But it displeased Jonah exceedingly and he was very angry. 2: And he prayed to the Lord and said, I pray You, O Lord, is not this just what I said when I was still in my country? That is why I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a **gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and (when sinners turn to You and meet Your conditions) You revoke (the sentence of) evil against them.'***

Today, as we are Christian believers in the faith in Jesus Christ according to the gospel of grace, we are ALL OF US meeting God's conditions for salvation, which is seen in Eph 2:8 and many other Scripture of the grace faith. A sentence fell at Calvary: Jesus took upon Him the punishment that was in a way meant for us hopeless sinners: Death. So, by faith in Him we are all free, we are all saved!

Paul secured us a specific understanding by giving his exhortations in Eph 5 and Col 3 – the moral codex which must guide us in life in the faith in Christ.

Paul expressed on our behalf...that we as believers already knew what would be the proper way of living, staying as much

as humanly possible away from all sin, displaying that we are against sin, even if we cannot fully live perfectly without committing sin. Neither are we capable of having absolutely zero sinful thoughts. We inherited Adams nature, for sure. Christ is the cure for it all.

Eph 5:3-5 is an instructive piece of teaching for us to follow,

*'But immorality and all impurity (homosexuality etc.) or greediness must not even be named among you, as is fitting and proper among saints. 4: Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish and sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting or becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness to God. 5: For be sure of this (**Notice:** In Norwegian Bible 1988 it says, For this you know and are aware of) – that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity (homosexuality) in thought or in life (notice: It exist dispute among translators of the concept of 'sin in thoughts') – or one who is covetous (who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain) – for he (in effect) is an idolater – has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.'*

Coming to an end for this article – it could be tempting to have a closer look on the much misunderstood judgment from God upon the world in the days of Noah and the great flood.

But I feel it is better not to involve this at this time. Maybe I shall write a piece on the event later, I am not sure.

But in very short terms, that was a judgment not against mankind, but a hunting-down and *destroying a hybrid kind of creatures: The vile Nephilim (called Giants) which were a result of fallen angels having offspring with normal women.* And God had to send a big flood to keep this forbidden and

evil race of humanlike hybrids away. The flood only hit the Middle East, and not the entire globe, mind you!