

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGH OUT THE WORLD

1-PETER CHAPTER 3:18-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Look What Jesus Christ Did – Part 3”

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

Congregational Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

18 For Christ **also suffered once** for sins, the **just** for the **unjust**, that He might **bring** us to God, being put to **death** in the flesh but made **alive** by the Spirit,
19 by whom also He **went** and **preached** to the **spirits** in prison,
20 who formerly were **disobedient**, when once the Divine **longsuffering** **waited** in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were **saved through** water.
21 There is also an **antitype** which now **saves** us—**baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), **through** the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ,
22 who has **gone** into heaven and is **at the right hand** of God, **angels** and **authorities** and **powers** having been made **subject** to Him.

Let's Pray for His Illumination to be upon His Word to the glory of His Name.

I made you this promised several weeks ago, that for better or for worse we would carefully study this portion of 1 Peter which, by and large has been subject to abuse. I confess as a workman of the word – it would be much easier to go from 1 Peter 3:18 to make the jump into 1 Peter 4:1 so as to avoid the controversy that is before us.

The Bible Says In 1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

And so I would like to invoke an old rabbinical saying;

“that when Messiah comes – He will not only interpret each verse, but he will interpret the space between each word.”

The Bible Says in Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. **18** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one **jot** or one **tittle** will by no means pass from the law till **all is fulfilled**.”

Previously in our study...

See What Jesus Christ Did

1.) He did an amazing thing vs. 18

See What Jesus Christ Did

2.) He confirmed the scriptures vs. 19-20

2a.) By condemning an unbelieving age vs. 19-20a

18 For Christ **also suffered once** for sins, the **just** for the **unjust**, that He might **bring** us to God, being put to **death** in the flesh but made **alive** by the Spirit,
19 by whom (the Spirit) also **He went** and **preached** to the **spirits** in prison,
20 who formerly were **disobedient**,

We talked about the death of the believer & unbeliever, the destination of the accepted & of the wicked - where they reside once physical death has come.

Matthew 24:37-39c

But as in the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **38** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
39c And so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man.

It would be violent. It would be filled with war. It would be filled with hatred. And it would be a time charged by aberrant irresponsible and sexually conduct.

But we also began to discuss last time this odd and strange Teaching in the Bible regarding human hybrids.

(The Controversy With an Ancient Prophecy)

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;

The Bible Says in Genesis 6:1-9

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. :3 And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God** came in to the **daughters of men** and they bore children to them.

8 **But** (in contrast to or different from) Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the Lord. :9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a **just** man, **perfect** (ta'mim – intact. untainted, without pollutant. unmixed or without mixture) in his generations. Noah **walked** with God.

But Why the Invasion of Human Genome by Spirit Hosts?

The Bible Says in Jude 1:5-7

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

The Genesis Record

Dr. Henry Morris Baker; Publishing Page 163

Known from Scripture are the “Watchers”, the “Nephilim” -

They were known by the proper names of **Rephaim**, **Emim**, and the **Anakim**

Numbers 13:33

There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

Deuteronomy 3:11

“For only **Og king of Bashan** remained of the remnant of the **“RAPHA”** giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits (14.5 FT.) is its length and four cubits its width (6 FT, according to the standard cubit. (18 inches)

In the spirit world, the Bible refers to various spirit entities.

Seraphim / cherubim / angels / archangels / Rephaim / Anakim
Unlike demons – these all seem to be able to physically appear and disappear in and out of our realm.

I Believe That This “Fallen” Message is Origin of the Gods and Demi God’s of Mythologies of the ages.

Not Your Grandma’s Cherubim

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There is a Multi Listing of Supernatural “Angels” in the Bible.

Not of This World

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Psalm 78:49 NIV

He unleashed against them his hot anger, his wrath, indignation and hostility, a band of destroying angels.

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Is There a “Greater Danger” of Unsanctioned Sex Outside of Marriage Than Just Divorce Court?

Proverbs 9:17-18

“Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” 18 But he does not know that the dead (Rapha – Rephaim, Nephilim, the Emim, the descendants of Anak) are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell.

This Sheol / Hades Ought to Lead Us to Think and Ask -
Who and What Is the Person of Satan?

His Origin // His Dwelling // His Position

Daniel was so terrified at the sight of an angel

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Daniel 8:15-17,27 ESV

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me **one having the appearance of a man.** **16** And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai River, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." **17** So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face... **:27** And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days.

Daniel 10:2-9 NIV

In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. **3** I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks. **4** On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris) **5** I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. **6** His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. **7** And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. **8** So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed,² and I retained no strength. **9** Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face

The Powers and Limitations of the Devil and Spirits.

He is Supernatural. He is Willful. He is Localized. He is Tethered.

He / they are Super-natural.

2 Samuel 21:20

Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the **giant**.

(the rapha or raphaim in Hebrew. the shades, shapes or shadows – believed to be the spirits of the dead on the "other side" thus the shadow-ers)

The Principalities of the Spirit World.

They are Reality. They are Deceived. They are Malignant.

The Word Usage (phrasing) Appears Six Times (6) In The Bible.
And it is The King James Version that translates the words most accurately.

The First Reference is Found;

Romans 8:38

For I am persuaded (THE CHRISTIAN) that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor principalities nor powers

**But we're told that God sent an angel to destroy Israel's
enemy and in the night killed 185,000**

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They are Coming Again. They are Coming Back to Earth

**Jesus warned that the days that would indicate the nearing of
the end would be "As they were in the days of Noah"**

**The coming of the Antichrist will be a supernatural event.
Perhaps not in the way that you might like, but the coming of the
Lawless one will be powerful.**

The Bible Says in 2 Thessalonians 2:6-12

And now you know (the 1st. century church knew this - you're supposed to know this too) what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He (the Holy Spirit) who now restrains will do so (using the church) until He is taken out of the way (steps aside). **8** And then the lawless one (AC) will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**There's a strange hint about it all
happening again in the not too distant future from today.**

Daniel 2:43 KJV

So **they** shall **mingle** themselves with the **seed** of men:

Daniel 2:43 ESV

they will **mix with** one another in **marriage** (sex)

Daniel 2:43 NIV

The people (**they**) will be a **mixture**

Daniel 2:43 NKJV

they will **mingle with the seed** of men;

Interpretation #1 + #2 = #3

This is the one that I adhere to. I believe that both interpretation #1 and #2 took place at the same time.

Jesus Christ announced to the underworld, both those who had died from the beginning, to both sides of Hades. Then He would have led the believers out of “paradise” and for the first time ever – redeemed, departed humans would have entered heaven as Jesus led the way!

And regarding this bizarre and strange doctrine – Jesus said “watch out” because there will come false teaches that are going to mix, mingle among humans again in the Last Days - -

But This is What We Are to Be and to Do Now

The Bible Says In Luke 9:1-2,10

Then He called His twelve **disciples (mathetes** – pupil, student, learner, theorist, philosopher, academic) together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. **2** He sent them to preach the kingdom of God.

:10 And the **apostles, (apostolos** – one who is sent on a mission with a message), when they had returned, they told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place.

The Bible Says In Luke 10:1,17-21a

After these things the Lord appointed seventy (70) others also (82), and **sent** them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go,

:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” **:18** And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19** Behold, I give you **the authority** (1) to trample on (2) **serpents and scorpions**, and (3) over all the power of the **enemy**, and (4) nothing shall by any means hurt you. **20** Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that **the spirits** are subject to you, but rather **rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**” **:21a** In that hour Jesus **rejoiced** in the Spirit

Mark 16:19-20

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and **sat down** at the right hand of God. **20** And **they went out** and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

Acts 1:4-11a

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **6** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white (glowing) apparel, **11** who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? (ie. Whata ya standing around for – get goin’)

So What Are We To Do? – See What Jesus Did

We are to wake up to the fact that we are never alone.

Ephesians 6:12 NIV

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Dear Church,

May the LORD bless you and keep you;

May the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

- Numbers 6:24-26

End of Study

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Additional Thoughts and Sources

A television documentary *Footsteps of Goliath* (in Australia shown on SBS, August 21, 2005) made the following archaeological claims:

- In 1979 a 1st century tomb discovered in Jericho had an ossuary with the name "Goliath" inscribed. The skeletal remains indicated a man 1.9 meters tall (6 feet 3 inches). "Goliath" here was not a personal name but a nickname.
- Archaeological excavation of Gath started in 1996. Only a few skeletons of Philistines have been found, all normal-sized.
- In 1902 Irish archaeologist Robert Macalister (1850-1930) found several large skeletons almost 2 meters tall at Gezer, 6km south of Gath and 30km west of Jerusalem. Gezer was near the border with Israel but still in Philistine territory.
- A papyrus written by Hori, an Egyptian scribe, about 1200 BC warned travelers of giants who lived south of Megiddo.
- A seal impression found at Megiddo has an engraving of a very tall man having his head cut off with a sword.
- Inside the Abu Simbel Temple of Ramesses II in Egypt is a relief of an Egyptian soldier guarding prisoners in Syria, one of whom is huge.

The Bible speaks of a tribe called Rephaim noted for its big soldiers. Indeed, the word "giant" is translated from rephaim and it's sometimes ambiguous whether "rephaim" refers to the tribe or to size.

In Abraham's time the Rephaim lived east or north-east of the Dead Sea. (Genesis 14:5) By the time of Moses, four centuries later, most of them had been dispossessed by the Moabites who called them "Emim" meaning frightful ones. (Deuteronomy 2:10-11, 19-20)

Moses conquered "Og king of Bashan" described as the "remnant of the Rephaim". (Deuteronomy 3:6-11) Bashan was a large area east and south east of the Sea of Galilee. King Og, it's implied, was a huge man – his bed was 9 cubits long. (Deuteronomy 3:8-11) The phrase "remnant of the Rephaim" refers to a remnant north-east of the Dead Sea since other Rephaim lived west of the River Jordan (Joshua 17:14-18) and survived for centuries.

When the Philistines arrived, the western Rephaim became their allies.

In 1985 Jonathan Tubb, curator for Syria/Palestine in the British Museum, commenced the excavation of Tell es-Saidiyeh near the southern border of ancient Bashan. Among the finds were seven unusually tall skeletons from about 1200 BC, the tallest 1.95 meters.

The Bible also speaks of the "Anakim" who lived in Canaan. The Israelite spies described them as, "greater and taller than we". (Deuteronomy 1:28; Numbers 13:30-33)