21. Yet, these agents provocateurs remain willing and motivated to promote the lie which they are convinced will ultimately suppress the truth and win the showdown in the angelic conflict.

The Rebuttal Argument of the Defense: Daniel's Seventieth Week

- 1. The Rapture of the church occurs in two extremely short periods of time:
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:15 We keep on saying to you for your advantage that we which are live and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who are asleep [physically dead].
 - v. 16 For the Lord will descend from heaven with a command, with the command of the archangel [commanding officer, seraph rank] and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first [ascend upward within the first heaven].
 - Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up [predictive future passive indicative of ἀρπάζω (harpázō): Paul believed the Rapture would occur in his lifetime.] together with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 2. There are possibly those, with an extensive mathematical background, who reject the possibility that such events could occur based on the attributes of gravity. Here is a rebuttal to this otherwise irrefutable claim:

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RESURRECTION BODY

"We know that when He appears, we will be like Him." (1 John 3:2)

- 1. It does not appear unusual, Luke 24:13-32; John 20:11-16
- 2. It can vanish from sight, Luke 24:31
- 3. It can move through barriers, Matt 27:65–66 cf. 28:5–6; John 20:19, 26
- 4. It retains stigmata, Luke 24:39–40; John 20:20, 27 (at least for Jesus)
- 5. It is made of flesh and bones, Luke 24:39

- 6. It is capable of taking food, Luke 24:41–43; John 21:15
- 7. It can move through interstellar space at warp speed, Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9
- 8. It is imperishable and immortal, 1 Corinthians 15:54 cf. Philippians 3:21
- 3. Once assembled, the Lord, the elect angels, and the body of Christ exit the first heaven (the atmosphere around the earth), the second heaven (the interstellar universe), and finally into the third heaven (the eternal realms of what we refer to as "the hereafter").
- 4. What immediately occurs next are the opening days of the Tribulation, the seven-year dispensation that fulfills the prophecy of Daniel 10:27 called, Daniel's Seventieth Week.
- 5. What precedes this event covers world history from the creation of the original couple in Genesis 2, their subsequent fall in Genesis 3, followed by the initial witnesses for the appeal with the births of Cain and Abel.
- 6. Sides were ultimately taken when Cain murdered Abel leaving only Cain, who had just established himself as the first witness for the defense. Cain's line continued with the initial number of witnesses mentioned in Genesis 4:16–22.
- 7. Adam had relations with his wife and the next witness for the Prosecution was Seth whose initial family tree is recorded in Genesis 5:6–32.
- 8. It was at this time that Lucifer tried to corrupt the human race. His strategy was to deploy numerous demons upon the earth with the intent of cohabiting with human women, an effort to produce a third "race" of half-human, half-angelic individuals.
- 9. These half-breeds are referred to in Genesis 6:4 as Nephilim [בּילִים] (Nephilim): "giants." These "giants" were actually deployed demons whose duty was to corrupt the human race so that the true humanity of Jesus Christ could not occur.
- 10. This analysis of the identity of the Nephilim resolves an issue that is found in this and other passages that use the term "giants."

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The Hebrew word, Nephilim, is correctly translated "giants." 11. However, this is simply a description of their unusually large bodies by comparison to Homo sapiens'.

- 12. In the King James Version, Numbers 13:33 uses the word "giants" to describe a group of individuals. The word for "giant" in that verse is also, נְבִּילִים: Nephilim.
- These two passages do refer to giants, but they have different 13. subjects. The Genesis verse refers to demons, with the noun, Nephilim, while the Numbers verse refers to unusually large men.
- 14. The controversy about the translation in Genesis 6:4 is about the probability of these giants being demons. Here is how the verse reads:

Genesis 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days (and also after this) when the sons of God were having sexual relations with the daughters of humankind, who gave birth to their children. They were the mighty heroes of old, the famous men. (NET)

15. There are three pertinent references in the New English Bible's Translator's Notes and Study Notes for Genesis 6:4:

This observation is parenthetical, explaining that there were Nephilim even after the flood. If all humankind, with the exception of Noah and his family, died in the flood, it is difficult to understand how the postdiluvian Nephilim could be related to the antediluvian Nephilim or how the Anakites of Canaan could be their descendants [see Numbers 13:33]. It is likely that the term Nephilim refers generally to "giants" without implying any ethnic connection between the antediluvian and the postdiluvian varieties.1

Hebrew "and they gave birth to them." The masculine plural suffix "them" refers to the "sons of God," to whom the "daughters of humankind" bore children.2

¹ Genesis 6:4, NET Bible (Dallas; Biblical Studies Press, 2005), 19tn15.

² Ibid, tn17.

The Hebrew phrase translated "sons of God" (bene-ha 'elohim) occurs only here (Genesis 6:2, 4) and in Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7. There are three major interpretations of the phrase here. (1) In the Book of Job the phrase clearly refers to angelic beings. In Genesis 6 the "sons of God" are distinct from "humankind," suggesting they were not human. This is consistent with the use of the phrase in Job. Since the passage speaks of these beings cohabiting with women, they must have taken physical form or possessed the bodies of men. An early Jewish tradition preserved in 1 Enoch 6-7 elaborates on this angelic revolt and even names the ringleaders.³

- 16. Thus, a principle that goes back to the Book of Genesis documents Lucifer's early strategies to win the Angelic Conflict. If half-breed creatures—half-human and half-angelic—can infiltrate the human race, then the true humanity of Jesus Christ could be prevented.
- 17. With true humanity corrupted by the angelic cohabitation with human women, the purity of the human race would ultimately be erased and the appeal would conclude in Lucifer's favor.
- 18. In order to allow the appeal to continue to its ultimate resolution, God intervened in the person of Noah and his wife and three sons. He was commanded to build an ark and fit it with all the provisions necessary to sustain them afloat for about a year.
- 19. In the subsequent global flood, all corrupt mankind and half-breed Nephilim were drowned. The Noachian family survived and the process of Homo sapiens providing witnesses for the Prosecution continued.
- 20. This situation continued throughout the dispensations of the Gentiles, Israel, Incarnation, and the Church right up to the moment of the Rapture.
- 21. The Tribulation takes place over about a seven-year period, beginning after the Rapture of the Church and it concludes with the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.
- 22. John's prophecies in The Revelation document this dispensation in chapters 6 through 19. It is during these chapters that Lucifer makes his last stand to win the Appeal.

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³ Ibid. sn 6-(1).

Phase 3: The Second Advent of Jesus Christ: The Millennium

- 1. The Millennium begins with a resurrected population of believers, both Jewish and Gentile in a perfect environment. Jesus Christ will rule the world with one thousand years of peace and prosperity.
- 2. The economic system will provide international prosperity (Psalm 72:16), a person who is 100 years old will be considered a child (Isaiah 65:20), and the world with enjoy one-thousand years of peace (Zechariah 14:9).
- 3. Satan and all fallen angels will be incarcerated in the Abyss for 1,000 years so that violence will come to an end. (Revelation 20:1–3)
- 4. Jesus Christ supersedes Satan as the ruler of this world with the title King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)
- 5. When the Lord returns to the earth, He will be accompanied by His Royal Family in resurrection bodies, all riding white horses:
 - Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse [λευκός ἵππος (leukós hĺppos)]! The one riding it was called "Faithful" and "True," and with justice [δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosúnē): integrity] He judges and goes to war.
 - v. 12 His eyes are like a fiery flame of judgment and there are many diadem crowns [royal warrants: divine, Jewish, and military] on His head. He has a royal title written that no one knows except Himself.
 - v. 13 He is dressed in clothing splattered with in blood [the Armageddon campaign], and He is called the Word of God.
 - Revelation 19:14 The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen [material recognizing sanctification (see Revelation 17:14)], were following Him on white horses [λευκοῖς ἵπποις (leukoís híppois)].
 - v. 15 From His mouth extends a sharp sword [Principle: freedom through military victory], so that with it He can strike the nations [Gentiles, with maximum violence]. He will rule them with an iron scepter [His universal rulership in the Millennium], and He stomps the winepress [crushes the enemy] of the furious wrath of God, the All Powerful [Παντοκράτωρ (Pantokrátōr): The Omnipotent One].
 - v. 16 He has a name written on His thigh: "King of kings
 [Βασιλεύς βασιλέων (Basileús basiléōn)] and Lords of lords
 [Κύριος κυρίων (Kúrios kuríōn]."

6. Perfect environment was instituted in the garden in order to introduce the divine perfection of God's actions. Adam and Ishshah were His perfect creatures who were to live in this perfect environment.

- 7. Their fall initiated the contest that ensued. Lucifer, at that point, gained the upper hand in the Invisible War which inaugurated the Angelic Conflict that still rages between the defense and the Prosecution.
- 8. What has transpired since then has been primarily Lucifer's campaign to gain control of the human race, that same body of Homo sapiens from which God solicits witnesses for the Prosecution.
- 9. The struggle that began in Eden continues its inexorable struggle toward the climax that occurs at the Second Advent.
- 10. Throughout history, Lucifer has sought to propagandize humanity to join him in his efforts to control this planet. His opposition is the human race. His strategy is to propagandize as many as possible so he could acquire the advantage.
- 11. He really has no interest in aggrandizing the human race. Those he wins over to his side are just pawns in his campaign to get rid of the entire lot of them.
- 12. His strategy is to propagandize them into buying into the allurements his demon-induced humans promote for a one-world government. The more he can recruit, the closer he gets to claiming his one fine day.
- 13. To accomplish total control of this planet would give him control of everyone on it and then have his way with the entire population.
- 14. **PRINCIPLE:** What is currently transpiring globally is a power play by the Dark Side to accomplish what Lucifer has sought for millennia. The dispensations of Israel and the Church are the only intensified oppositions to the demonic strategy with their priest and client nations.
- 15. Both Jews and Gentiles have had their turns to give it a try, but up until the present hour, those who did so in the Levant and Western Europe have failed.
- 16. But now, with the advent digital contrivances, Lucifer's agents have almost universal access to everything that happens. We are all being tracked. There is really no place to hide.

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