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## Numbers Chapter 21c

Last week we took a little bit of an interlude from our study into the book of Numbers in order to reflect upon everything that we had seen up until this point. And we spoke in some detail about the spiritual implications of what the Scripture is trying to tell us on a spiritual level and not just on a physical level. And we took the time to make some connections between the manna that Yehovah God was raining down from heaven which was the bread of life during the days of Moses that sustains the house of Israel and the bread of life who is our Messiah.

And we also took the time to mention the fact that our Messiah is also known as life-giving water that when someone drinks... is never thirsty again, just as our Messiah had told the Samaritan woman at the well in John chapter 4.

And so, these spiritual connections that we see riddled all throughout the Old Testament are indeed extremely important to recognize and to understand because if we are simply reading the letter of the law and the letter of the text without taking the time to slow down and ponder the spiritual implications of what the text is trying to reveal to us, we will indeed miss the greater picture and the greater message that our Father in heaven is trying to convey to us.

And therefore, the time that we took last week in order to better explain these things was extremely important and once again, I would submit to

you that it will be just as equally important for each one of us to slow down and to sit alone quietly after studying the Scriptures so that we can allow the Ruach... the breath... the spirit of Yehovah God himself to speak to our spirit and to show us this incredible knowledge that most modern-day professing Christians simply do not have because they don't take the time to slow down after reading the Scripture or to ponder what it is that they have just read. For far too many Christians today, reading the Bible is nothing more than a speed test to see how fast they can read. And this by no means does anyone any good because by speed reading through the Bible we often times completely miss the greater message because we didn't afford our Father in heaven the time to reveal these things to us.

In the seventh chapter of the book of Matthew our Messiah tells us to ask and to seek and to knock so that the door will be opened to us. He tells us very clearly that for everyone who asks, they will receive, and that the one who seeks, finds... and to the one who knocks, the door is opened. But this asking and seeking and knocking is in no way accomplished by speed reading through the Bible at breakneck speed just to say that we've read it. And there's a huge difference between speed reading and studying.

And so, my hope and my prayer is that this short interlude that we have used in order to inject this greater knowledge has been a major blessing to you. And I know without a doubt, that if you will allow our Father in heaven the time to speak to you directly... he will indeed speak to you directly.

Keeping all of that in mind I would like us to now go back and just reread through Numbers chapter 21 so that we can refresh our minds concerning exactly what the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the book of Numbers actually says and just as importantly... what it does not say. And so, let us begin our study by returning to **Numbers chapter 21 E1**

**Arad Destroyed**

**Num 21:1** When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

**Num 21:2** And Israel vowed a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction."

**Num 21:3** And the LORD heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah.

### **The Bronze Serpent**

**Num 21:4** From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.

**Num 21:5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

**Num 21:6** Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

**Num 21:7** And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

**Num 21:8** And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."

**Num 21:9** So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### **The Song of the Well**

**Num 21:10** And the people of Israel set out and camped in Oboth.

**Num 21:11** And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness that is opposite Moab, toward the sunrise.

**Num 21:12** From there they set out and camped in the Valley of Zered.

**Num 21:13** From there they set out and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

**Num 21:14** Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD, "Waheb in Suphah, and the valleys of the Arnon,

**Num 21:15** and the slope of the valleys that extends to the seat of Ar, and leans to the border of Moab."

**Num 21:16** And from there they continued to Beer; that is the well of which the LORD said to Moses, "Gather the people together, so that I may give them water."

Num 21:17 Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well!—Sing to it!—  
Num 21:18 the well that the princes made, that the nobles of the people dug, with the scepter and with their staffs." And from the wilderness they went on to Mattanah,

Num 21:19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,  
Num 21:20 and from Bamoth to the valley lying in the region of Moab by the top of Pisgah that looks down on the desert.

### **King Sihon Defeated**

Num 21:21 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

Num 21:22 "Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or vineyard. We will not drink the water of a well. We will go by the King's Highway until we have passed through your territory."

Num 21:23 But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. He gathered all his people together and went out against Israel to the wilderness and came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

Num 21:24 And Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as to the Ammonites, for the border of the Ammonites was strong.

Num 21:25 And Israel took all these cities, and Israel settled in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages.

Num 21:26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

Num 21:27 Therefore the ballad singers say, "Come to Heshbon, let it be built; let the city of Sihon be established.

Num 21:28 For fire came out from Heshbon, flame from the city of Sihon. It devoured Ar of Moab, and swallowed the heights of the Arnon.

Num 21:29 Woe to you, O Moab! You are undone, O people of Chemosh! He has made his sons fugitives, and his daughters captives, to an Amorite king, Sihon.

Num 21:30 So we overthrew them; Heshbon, as far as Dibon, perished; and we laid waste as far as Nophah; fire spread as far as Medeba."

### **King Og Defeated**

Num 21:31 Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites.

Num 21:32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who were there.

Num 21:33 Then they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he and all his people, to battle at

Edrei.

Num 21:34 But the LORD said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."

Num 21:35 So they defeated him and his sons and all his people, until he had no survivor left. And they possessed his land.

Once again, we begin to see the conquest of the house of Israel that our Father in heaven had intended from the very beginning of the book of Numbers when Yehovah had constructed an army within the house of Israel in order to do these kinds of battles with the world and with the kingdoms of the world.

If you have been with us throughout our studies into the book of Numbers, you already know about the giants that were in the land at that time. And it's not only the book of Numbers that is full of the stories of giants. These giant beings were known all throughout the Bible from the book of Genesis clear to the book of Revelation. We see these giants spoken of in the Torah, the writings of the prophets, the Psalms and in the New Testament right on through to the book of Revelation. And one of the most famous giants in the Bible was not just Goliath, but was also king Og that we read about right here in the book of **Numbers. (scrn 1)**



### King Og's Bed:

13.5 feet X 6 feet (9 cubits by 4 cubits)

According to Deuteronomy chapter 3 King Og was somewhere between 9 and 13 feet tall. The land north of the river Jabbok or Bashan (also known as the land of the Rephaim) contains Hundreds of megalithic tone tombs dating from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennia BC.



In the 21st chapter of the book of Numbers we get somewhat of a short story concerning the conquest of the house of Israel and that they had defeated King Arad of the Canaanites, and King Sihon of the Amorites and King Og the King of Bashan, but in order to get a better picture of exactly what had taken place we really need to jump ahead in the Torah to the third chapter of the book of Deuteronomy. And so, let's take the time to read about exactly what had taken place here in Numbers chapter 21 during the defeat of King Sihon and King Og. **Deuteronomy chapter 3 E2**

### **The Defeat of King Og**

**Deu 3:1** "Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

**Deu 3:2** But the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.'

**Deu 3:3** So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we struck him down until he had no survivor left.

**Deu 3:4** And we took all his cities at that time—there was not a city that we

did not take from them—sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

Deu 3:5 All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides very many unwalled villages.

Deu 3:6 And we devoted them to destruction, as we did to Sihon the king of Heshbon, devoting to destruction every city, men, women, and children.

Deu 3:7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as our plunder.

Deu 3:8 So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon

Deu 3:9 (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, while the Amorites call it Senir),

Deu 3:10 all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

Deu 3:11 (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

Deu 3:12 "When we took possession of this land at that time, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites the territory beginning at Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead with its cities.

Deu 3:13 The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim.)

Deu 3:14 Jair the Manassite took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called the villages after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)

And so, here we have a little bit better of a description concerning the defeat of these two Amorite kings. And it's worth making mention of the fact that this will not be the last time that we hear about the Amorites. We read about the Amorites in the book of Genesis, the book of Deuteronomy, the book of Joshua, Ezekiel, and first and second Samuel as well.

The Amorites seem to be a consistent thorn in the side of the house of Israel all throughout the Bible and we'll read more about them as we move forward throughout our studies into our Father's Torah but for

now, I would also like to make mention of the Rephaim. E3

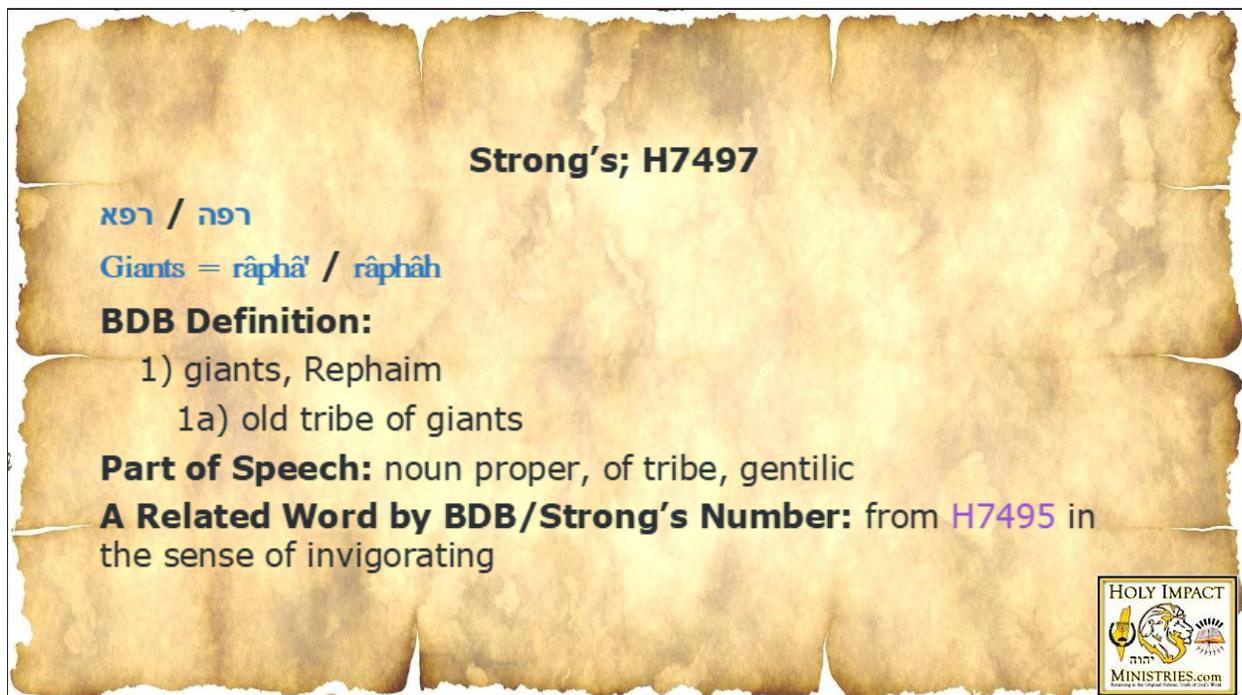
### English Standard Version:

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### King James Version:

**Deu 3:13** And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

Deuteronomy chapter 3 verse 13 in the English standard version of our Bibles tells us that the land of Bashan was called the land of the “Rephaim”. But in Deuteronomy chapter 3 verse 13 of the King James version of our English translated Bibles, we are told that the land of Bashan was called the land of the Giants. Why? (scrn 2)



**Strong's; H7497**

רפא / רפה

Giants = râphâ' / râphâh

**BDB Definition:**

- 1) giants, Rephaim
- 1a) old tribe of giants

**Part of Speech:** noun proper, of tribe, gentilic

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** from H7495 in the sense of invigorating

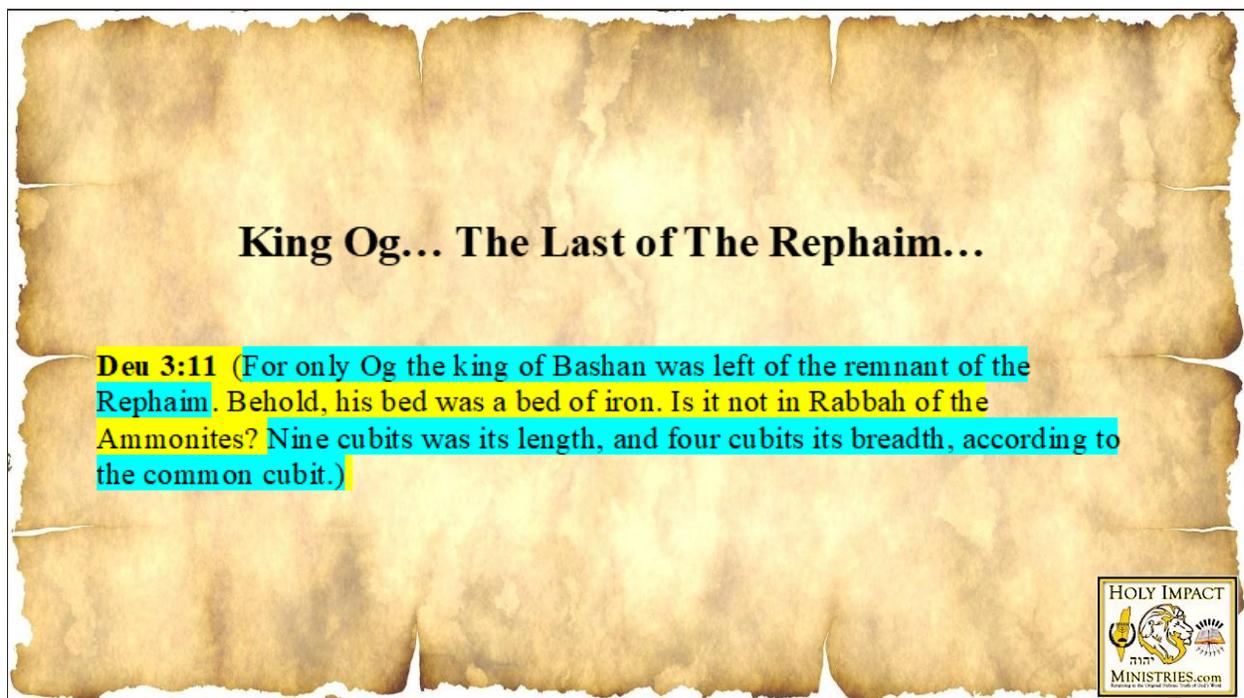


Well if we do our homework into Deuteronomy chapter 3 verse 13 we

find that the word “Rephaim” or “giants” actually comes from the Hebrew word “raphah”... Which does indeed mean “giants.” And so for those who do not believe that giants exist within the confines of the Bible, I would simply challenge you to go back and to read the text for yourself and once again, not only read the text... but study the text.

And so, as we read through the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the book of Numbers and we see this conquest of the house of Israel marching through the land finally taking the land that Yehovah God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we see the house of Israel once again completely wiping out these nations exactly the way that Yehovah God had told them to wipe them out. And once again, as we can see here in Deuteronomy chapter 3 verse six, that the house of Israel did indeed devote them to destruction by destroying every city and every man woman and child.

And once again, I would like to just briefly expound upon why it was that our Father in heaven wanted them to destroy every man woman and child within the confines of these nations. (**scrn 3**)



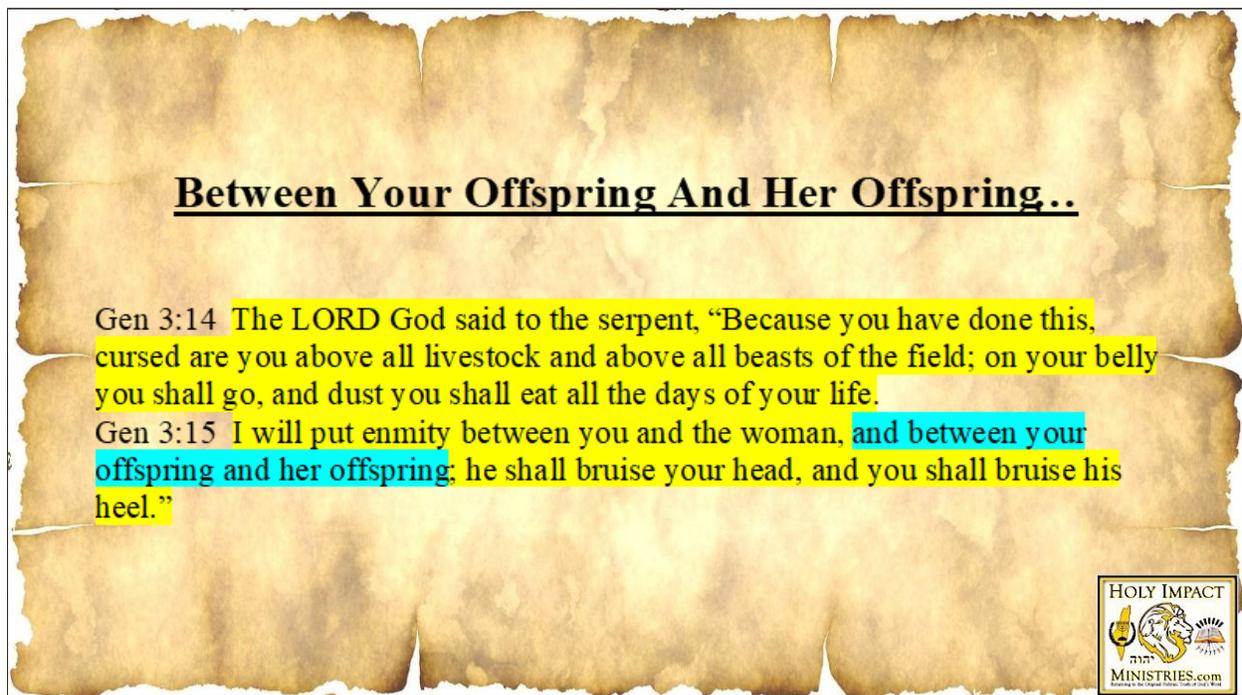
**King Og... The Last of The Rephaim...**

**Deu 3:11** (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

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We read something extremely important within the confines of Deuteronomy chapter 3 verse 11. And this is that it is written that King Og was the last one... the last remnant of the Rephaim... or giants. In other words, according to Deuteronomy chapter 3 verse 11 King Og was the last giant left in the world.

And I would like to also remind us of what we have already read in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 (**scrn 4**)



Once again, we can clearly see that our Father in heaven knew that the devil was going to have offspring just as man was going to have offspring. The offspring of the serpent and the offspring of mankind are two very different offspring. One is created by the serpent and the other is created by Yehovah himself the creator of the heavens and the earth. But what we need to understand here is that the offspring of the serpent or the devil was not actually created by the devil. We must remember that Yehovah God himself created the devil and therefore anything that comes out of the devil or from the devil belongs to Yehovah God.

It's kind of like that in creating hybrid food. Most of the tomatoes that we eat at the grocery store are not actually tomatoes. They are genetically modified organisms that man has created in order to make more tomatoes. The new tomato that man has created for himself looks like a tomato, feels like a tomato, smells like a tomato, but it does not taste like a tomato that was grown from a garden that is not genetically modified. You can definitely tell the difference between store-bought tomatoes and homegrown tomatoes that have not been genetically modified. And it's the same way with the offspring of the serpent in the offspring of the woman. The offspring of the woman was created by God. The offspring of the serpent is somewhat of a genetically modified organism you might say.

All that the serpent can do is to manipulate Yehovah's creation so that it is in retaliation to Yehovah. The devil whole premise, his whole mission is to turn God's creation against God.

You see the devil's whole premise, the devil's whole plan, the devil's whole objective is to manipulate God's creation so that God's creation worships the devil himself and not God. And this has been the plan of the devil from the very beginning. The devil wants to sit in the throne of God and to call himself... god. And those who follow after him do indeed become his children just as the Pharisees and the scribes of our Messiah's time were called children of the devil... so too are those who follow after the devil and not after Yehovah.

But we must also remember that there is a much deeper understanding of Genesis chapter 3 verse 15. It is written in Genesis chapter 6 that the sons of God had come down from heaven finding the women of the earth beautiful taking all that they chose as their wives. And once again we could get into a whole debate over exactly who the "sons of God are" but the Bible is extremely clear that the sons of God are indeed Angels. Man is not called a son of God until he repents and returns to God through the blood of his Passover lamb who is the only begotten Son of God. It is only at this time that we have the ability to be called "sons of

God.” Even in the books of Ezekiel and the prophets, all of the prophets were called the sons of men. Over, and over, and over again all throughout the writings of the prophets our Father in heaven says to his prophets... “Son of Man go here” or “Son of Man go there” or “Son of Man dig a hole in the wall”.

Once again, we as human beings are sons of men. Sons of Adam who brought sin into the world. We are not known as sons of God until we return to God through the blood of his only begotten Son who is Yeshua. (scrn 5)

**The Right To Be Called... The Sons of God...**

Joh 1:11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Joh 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

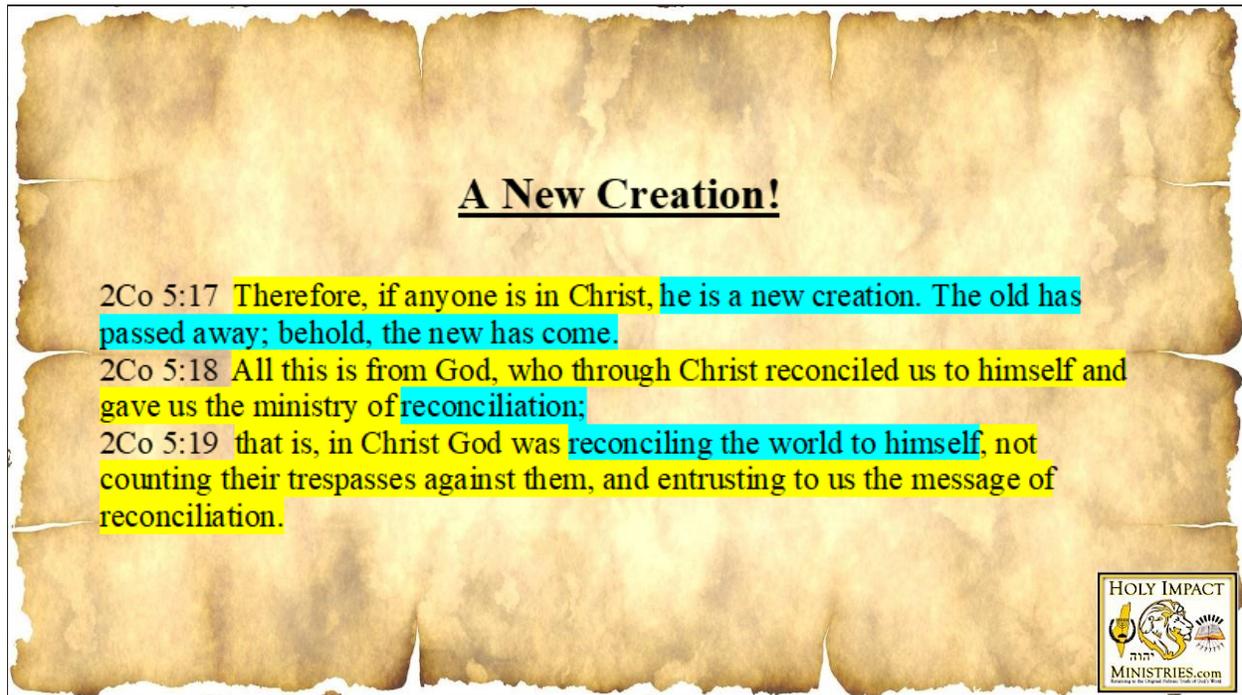
Joh 1:13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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According to the book of John it is our Messiah who gives those who believe in him the right to become... emphasis on the word “become”... the sons of God. Not that they were already sons of God. And so there should be no question in our minds that the very title “son of God” is given to those who are born of God and not of the serpent.

We must remember that when we as human beings are born into the world we are born as sons of Adam. We are born the sons of men.

## Second Corinthians chapter 5 verses 17 through 19 (scrn 6)



If we have indeed become one with the Messiah, we have then become a new creation. And this new creation has had a heart transplant according to Scripture. Yehovah himself has removed our heart of stone and replaced it with a heart of flesh that will have the drive and the desire and the power to rebuke sin which is the transgression of the law. A new heart that will have the drive and the desire and the power to return to our Father in heaven where we belong. And this is extremely important to understand when attempting to understand the title of being “sons of God”. No one is a son of God unless they have been washed in the blood of the lamb of God.

And I say all of that in order to once again shake us loose from the idea of the sons of God in Genesis chapter 6 being men. The sons of God in Genesis chapter 6 are indeed not and I quote... “not”... men. These fallen angels that we read about in Genesis chapter 6 and in Deuteronomy and in the book of Numbers and in the books of the prophets and in the Psalms and in the book of Jude in the New

Testament are indeed angels that have fallen who have been put in chains in gloomy darkness until the day of judgment comes just as Jude and Peter tells us in the New Testament. Which all goes back to the offspring of the serpent versus the offspring of the woman that we find in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15 where Yehovah God tells the serpent that he will put enmity between the offspring of the serpent and the offspring of the woman. And this is extremely important to understand when attempting to understand why it is that our Father in heaven wanted the house of Israel to destroy all of the men and all of the women and all of the children. There was a reason for this. A very good reason for this. The devil was once again trying to get a foothold... a stranglehold if you will... on mankind. And our Father in heaven was not going to allow that to happen because if he had allowed it to happen... it would have put our Father in heaven's unfolding plan of salvation for mankind in great jeopardy.

We must remember that all throughout the Torah and the writings of the prophets, the Psalms right on up through the New Testament we are continuously seeing a war between good and evil evolving.

When the apostle Paul tells us that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but that we wrestle against rulers and authorities and against cosmic powers over this present darkness against spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places, he is telling us that this war that we are engaged in is indeed a spiritual war that needs to be won within the spiritual realm.

Does this spiritual war often times spillover into the physical?... yes indeed it does. But... the war cannot be one in the physical. This war must be one in the spiritual. This war is for the spirits of mankind. We as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians have become the prize. We are the trophy. We are the objective. And this is extremely important for us to remember as we read through these God breathed Scriptures.

Most modern-day Christians today have no concept of the devil having

offspring in either the spiritual realm or the physical realm. Most modern-day Christians today don't read their Bibles for themselves and when they do, they read a few Scriptures and lay the book down on a dusty old coffee table until they feel like reading another couple of Scripture. Or they speed read through the whole book so fast that it's like a bird flying past them so quickly that they can't even tell the color.

And so, once again I say all of this in order to protect us from feeling overwhelmed or from feeling that the God that we serve is somehow an evil or vicious God. Our Father in heaven is a loving God and this is exactly why he destroyed these nations from the face of the earth. He destroyed them in order to save us. He sent his only begotten Son into the world in order to save us. He gave the house of Israel victory over these other nations and these giants and these offspring of the serpent... in order to save us. We are indeed the apple of God's eye, and the serpent knows it. And this is exactly why it is written in Revelation chapter 12 that the Dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring and on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Yeshua.

You see the devil doesn't care about the world because he already owns the world at least for the moment. What the devil cares about is what he does not own. What the Dragon wants is what does not belong to him. And that my friends... is you and I. Once again... we are the prize, we are the trophy, we are the objective.

Have you ever sat and wondered why there is so much wickedness in the world today in our time? Have you ever sat and wondered why those who rule over us in high places in governments and nations are becoming so tyrannical? Have you ever wondered why it is that they can break the law on national television in front of the whole world and get away with it? Have you ever wondered why the rich and the powerful and the famous who sit within the confines of our halls of justice and our Congress and our governments seem to be able to break any laws that they choose without any retribution? Have you ever sat and wondered

why it is that they think that they can force the people that they are supposed to be serving to do as they say whether it be good or evil?

As a pastor I hear all the time that this isn't fair or that that isn't fair. I constantly hear people saying that life just isn't fair. And they're right, life isn't fair. And it's not going to be fair until our king returns. A king who truly knows what righteousness is. A king who judges righteously in the eyes of Yehovah. A king who brings justice to the wicked. A king who protects the innocent and restores the freedom of speech and liberty and justice for all.

Today in our time... we simply do not have that. We have no one to judge righteously. We have no one to judge justly. There is not one. But there will be one. And that one is soon coming, and when he does... the god of this world will have run out of time and so too will those who have made themselves friends of the world. That day is soon coming.

What's important for us as modern-day Christians to understand is that the nations of the world are not for our God. And the leaders of the nations of the world are not for our God. For it is indeed the adversary of our God that leads the nations of the world. And this is exactly why the wrath of God must come upon the world.

The apostle Paul was absolutely right when he proclaimed that the war that we fight is indeed a spiritual war that must be one in the spiritual realm. But until this war is one in the spiritual realm... the spiritual war that we fight will continue to spill into the physical.

I'd like us to listen very closely to what the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy in **second Timothy chapter 3 verses one through nine E4**

### **Godlessness in the Last Days**

**2Ti 3:1** But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

**2Ti 3:2** For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant,

abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2Ti 3:5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2Ti 3:6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions,

2Ti 3:7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

You see the nations of the world from the beginning have been enemies of God. And that's exactly why James tells us that whoever makes themselves a friend of the world makes themselves enemies of God. I'd like for us to turn to the book of Matthew, and I would like us to listen to the last temptation that the devil used to tempt Yeshua. We can find that in **Matthew chapter 4 verses eight through 11 (scrn 7)**

## All These I Will Give To You!

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Mat 4:9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Mat 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Mat 4:11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.



The first thing that I would like us to notice here is that when the devil tempted our Messiah and said that he would give him all the kingdoms of the world... our Messiah never rebuked the devil by saying "The kingdoms of the world do not belong to you?" Did our Messiah ever rebuke the devil for making a promise that he could not keep? No he did not! He simply once again quoted the Torah and he told the devil "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only you shall serve."

What we need to take away from this Scripture is the fact that the kingdoms of the world do indeed belong to the devil. They always have. Ever since he tricked Adam and Eve in the garden... the offspring of the serpent has been growing and growing and growing. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that many will be called in that many will be saved. It does not say straight is the gate and narrow is the path and that many will find it. It says that many are called but only few... will be chosen. It says straight is the gate and narrow is the path and few... there be that find it.

The Bible talks about his chosen set apart remnant people. In other

words, only a remnant of mankind is going to be saved. Simply put... everyone is not going to heaven. That my friends comes from today's modern-day evangelical prosperity doctrine which is once again not a doctrine of God, but a doctrine of men.

The Bible doesn't speak about a conglomerate of nations going to heaven. The Bible never speaks about the majority of the world being his. He says that many are called but only few are chosen. And I don't think that it's too difficult to simply observe a busy street full of people in any major city in the world today and not know and understand how few people actually take the Bible seriously today in our time. I think it's safe to say that in a crowd of a thousand people you might be able to find 100 who even read the book. And even less than that that even know his true name or the true name of his only begotten Son.

I'd like to think that I'm wrong. But by looking at today's global events and the tyranny that is taking place around the world and the turn that our societies and cultures have taken... there is no doubt in my mind that the wheat is indeed growing up amongst the weeds and the weeds are indeed choking out the wheat.

Next week as we venture into Numbers chapter 22 we're going to read about Balak and Balaam. We're going to read about angels and talking donkeys and the faith of a man who stood firm in the face of adversity. And my hope and my prayer is that we might learn something from standing for what is right and what is good and what is just in the eyes of our Father in heaven. My hope and my prayer is that we too would have the tenacity and the courage and the longevity and the endurance to endure this wicked world that we now live in and the tyrants the tower over it. And there is much more that we could say about this topic and there is much more that we will say about this topic.

But until that time... I will do as I always do, and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head

and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.