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PART TWO

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Genesis 3 and Ezekiel 28 – A Study In Symbolism

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IN PART ONE of this study we explained that the original Hebrew **CHERUBIM** (plural) differed greatly from today's traditional church definitions. A Hebrew "cherub" (singular) was NOT a cute little baby angel with wings. Nor was it a literal, living four-headed monster. Rather, it was a logo which symbolized the nation of Israel, in general, out of which special men (guardians) were chosen to guard the Way of God (i.e., the Tree of Life).

This explanation represents a major break from church tradition. It questions the validity of church myth about races of strange supernatural creatures. Church mythology built around angels and demons is great and varied. This myth wrongly defines and misapplies the term "angel" (from the New Testament Greek "*angelos*" meaning "messenger"), and has hidden an important truth from Christians just as myths about the Jews have hidden the true nature and history of Israel.

Furthermore, a candid inquiry into the validity of the institution of CHURCH itself (any church) reveals elaborate and diabolical schemes by the priests and politicians to cover up the true nature of Christian thought and the original intentions of the Biblical writers.

A strange set of perversions have masked the true identity of the cherub ... and a good many other things as well.

Typical church perversions include:

A. DEVIL: A supernatural fallen angel or "cherub" referred to as "the Devil," "Satan" or "Lucifer" – second in power only to God. The invisible power responsible for all sin. The arch enemy that Christians are supposedly commissioned to fight.

B. FUTURE UTOPIA: A future paradise, or heaven, in the sky where God will SOMEDAY rule, after the spir-

its of dead people have gathered there in outerspace. Meanwhile on Earth Christians should accept temporal authority and bondage under the laws and Constitutions of man's governments. Man's government has God's approval in this age even though it supports the Devil and oppresses those who attempt to follow God's laws.

C. CHURCH: Before Jesus left Earth He established a system of "church," where priests and church boards dictate religious mandates on his behalf. People who question doctrines promoted by the "church" are labeled "heretics" and are forced by the church bureaucracy to either recant their independent thinking or be banished from membership in the church.

D. OTHERWORLDLINESS: The main goal of a Christian is to find entrance into the next life – in a future Utopia. Since death is a prerequisite this perplexes church goers. Meanwhile, the churchgoer should think of himself as merely "passing through" this world which is our punishment brought upon us by the original sin of Adam.

These church inventions have affected our understanding of everything religious. However, once you realize that today's deplorable world condition resulted from these invented doctrinal perversions, and NOT the Bible, then you understand the way things were meant to work, and what the Bible really says.

THE WAY THINGS ACTUALLY WORK

A. MAN: THE REAL ENEMY

The real enemy of freedom and God's Way is unrepentant man and his church/state institutions. Flesh-

and-blood men cause the oppression and destruction we see in today's world. It is not being caused by an imagined, supernatural, "arch-demon" with powers over men.

B. CHRIST'S PRESENT REIGN

King Jesus, the true Authority, reigns over his Kingdom RIGHT NOW! The churches have wrongly relegated the earth to their "Satan." Church people have heard the lies about a false christ for so long they don't know how to recognize the real Christ and His reign.

We have a choice of following one of two current ways: either man's way, or Jesus Christ's way. We cannot seek and follow both simultaneously.

C. THE ECCLESIA

(wrongly called "church")

Jesus established independent Christian communities (ecclesias) – not government-controlled churches.

In an ecclesia, society is not ruled over by an elite group of bankers and politicians who are only concerned with profit and power. In an ecclesia, God's law is not separated from society, and man does not make law. Man interprets God's laws and uses them.

God's form of society for man is not centralized. Neither does it empower men to make or ignore laws.

D. EONIAN LIFE

(wrongly called "eternal life")

The "life" offered by Christ today is the salvation He accomplished for us – available right now in this day and time. It is an insult to Christ to assume that our only hope is a future life in a future Utopia.

Eonian life (Spiritual awakening) is present NOW! Eonian life enables us to be aware of THE WAY of Christ's King-

ship so we are no longer tricked by the serpentine ways of man and man's churches and governments.

Eonian life is NOT *the next life*. The *next life* is immortality. But immortality in a next age is not to be confused with **eonian** life in this age.

GENESIS 3 & EZEKIEL 28

With this in mind, let's compare Genesis 3 and Ezekiel 28 – both of which deal with cherubim.

Genesis 3 relates that Adam and Eve, while in the Garden (kingdom) of Eden, were turned by the "serpent" to sin against God's commands. They were sold the idea that they could be "as gods, knowing good and evil."

This resulted in them being cast out of Eden, and then cherubim were placed at the east of the garden to keep the way of the tree of life.

Ezekiel 28 describes a king of a wealthy coastal city kingdom called Tyrus, or Tyre. He perceived himself as a god (knowing good and evil). Because of this sin, he was cast out of the "mountain" ("mountain" = kingdom) of God, and was overwhelmed by his enemies. Ezekiel describes this king as an "anointed cherub" who has been "in Eden, the garden of God."

The churches claim that the cherubim in both chapters were supernatural beings. They further claim that the cherubim in Genesis 3 were good supernatural angels who guarded the way to the Tree of Life, and that the serpent in the Garden was a bad (fallen) supernatural angel they call Satan. They also claim that this same Satan was embodied in the person of the King of Tyrus (Ezekiel 28) because verse 13 says that the cherub had been in the Garden of Eden. Thus, they conclude he must have been the immortal Devil himself. Since Satan is supposed to be supernatural, according to the churches, he would have been able to change his physical form at will into a snake or a man.

If the churches are right, and if this clever fallen angel actually exists, we might rightly surmise that there are probably other fallen angels (demons). This may also presume that there are other angels who haven't yet fallen. Thus, the church claims that there is a race of

good, and bad, supernatural beings (immortal lesser gods).

However, if you study these chapters without the church-inspired prejudice you will find these stories are of mortal MEN who were appointed by Yahweh to be guardians of his way, and who then sinned and lost their positions of authority and leadership.

The fictional, magical being dubbed "Satan," by the churches, owes his existence to past theologians who have "officially" read him into both these passages. The cherubim became supernatural creatures in the minds of churchgoers because the myth was sanctioned and established by churches theologians.

Instead of comparing these two chapters based on mystic fairy tales, let's look at their similarities in respect to the real world and God's Kingdom.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The "Guarding" of Eden

The Garden of Eden (mentioned in Genesis 3 and Ezekiel 28) has been portrayed as a parklike paradise with friendly animals: a "Utopia." But, has "paradise" been perverted by churches?

The word "paradise" does not really mean "a place of pure and endless bliss." "Paradise" comes from the Greek "paradeisos" and the Hebrew "pardace." The original meaning is "a protected area."

In the Old Testament, "pardace" is used to refer to orchards and gardens. Gardens and orchards have some things in common: they are kept safe (guarded or protected) by walls, fences or hedges. They also have a guardian or husbandman who tends them. It is no coincidence that the word "garden" is from the same root as "guard" and "guardian."

We see that Adam was the "guard" (GARDener) or husbandman of Eden:

15. *And Yahweh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to DRESS it and to KEEP it.*

Genesis 2:15

Here, the word "dress" (#5647 in Strong's) means to WORK or TILL. Also, in the same verse, the word "keep" (#8104 in Strong's) means to GUARD

or PROTECT. Notice that this sequence of the Garden of Eden scenario comes just after Adam was commissioned, and before he was driven out of the Garden for sinning. He was dressing and keeping Eden, i.e., guarding and protecting it from something.

So much for the church myth that Adam had nothing to do but admire the flora and fauna while in Eden.

"Guarding," or "protecting," infers elements to guard or protect against. This does not fit the fairy tale dispensed by the churches. Thus, "Paradise" had its natural, anticipated problems and Adam was appointed for maintenance.

"Keep" (guard or protect) is also used in reference to the Cherubim and the flaming sword (last part of Genesis 3). They were "to keep (or guard) the way of the tree of life." Because the tree of life was an important part in the Garden of Eden, Adam must have been guarding the way of the tree of life until he sinned. Then, other "guards" (i.e., other cherubim) had to be installed.

The City of Eden

As a related etymological point of interest, notice that the German term "kindergarten" demonstrates how "garden" means "protection." "Kinder" is *child*, and "garten," a foreign spelling of "garden" means *care or protection*. Kindergarten = *Childcare*.

Since "garden" means to be "hedged or walled about for protection," it is natural that this word was used in ancient times as an analogy for a city. Ancient cities were surrounded by walls for protection from invaders. The walls of the city, and the guards and watchmen on the walls, KEPT or protected the city.

The word "garden," in various forms, is used in connection with the names of very old cities. In Germany there is StuttGART and WeinGARTEN. In Russia there is LeninGRAD and NovoGARDIA. In America the old world tradition was continued with such names as: Garden, Gardena, Garden Grove, Garden City, Gardendale, etc.

Guardians of The Way

In Ezekiel 28 we find another man who is also in charge of guarding a city:

BEFORE VOWELS WERE WRITTEN

In ancient times vowels weren't written. Words were written with consonants only, and the vowel sounds were simply added by the reader. The consonants G, R and D are common to many old world cities like those listed below. The D and T were often interchangeable because they sound so much alike. For instance, with no vowels and the "t" standardized to "d," the above-mentioned cities would look like this:

- Stuttgart — Sddgrd
- Weingarten — Wngrdn
- Leningrad — Lnngrd
- Novogardia — Nvgrd

With this in mind, you can see that all these examples have the same consonantal word, "grd" (guard/garden), within them.

the king of the city of Tyre. We know that he was guarding because of a word used in verse 14:

14. *You are the anointed cherub that COVERS; and I have set you so...*

Ezekiel 28:14

"Covers" (Strong's #5526) means to entwine as a screen – in other words, to fence in or cover over. The obvious intent is to PROTECT.

The same Hebrew word is used in Exodus to describe the sculptures of the cherubim atop the ark of the covenant:

20. *And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, COVERING (Strong's #5526) the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.*

Exodus 25:20

The sculptures on the ark of the covenant were figuratively guarding the mercy seat. The mercy seat on the ark represents the Throne of God where God communicated to Moses concerning the nation of Israel:

21. *And you (Moses) shall put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the*

ark you shall put the testimony that I (Yahweh) shall give you.

22. *And there I (Yahweh) will meet with you (Moses), and I will commune with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.*

Exodus 25:21,22

Now we see that the Law and the Testimony, along with the Throne of God, is what was being guarded.

Notice the phrase, "from between the two cherubim." This phrase is used repeatedly in the Bible to refer to where God's presence (the source of life) dwelt:

4. *So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, WHICH DWELLS BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM...*

1 Samuel 4:4a

In Scripture, sources are often symbolized as trees. Thus the "tree of life" symbolized the "source of life." This "life" is found in Eden (Genesis) and in New Jerusalem (Revelation).

15. *And Hezekiah prayed before Yahweh, and said, O Yahweh God of Israel, THAT DWELLS BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.*

2 Kings 19:15

David, also, addressed God in this way in Psalms 80:1 and 99:1.

We can deduce from these scriptures that man's source of "life" which is associated with God's law, was being guarded by the cherubim. But the Biblical facts which excite our interest even further are that God dwells among His people and that among His people is where His throne is! Compare the following verses with the previous ones:

16. *And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I WILL DWELL IN THEM, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

1 Corinthians 6:16

7. *And he (Yahweh) said to me, Son of man, THE PLACE OF MY THRONE, and the place of the soles of my feet, WHERE I WILL DWELL IN THE MIDST OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FOR THE AGE ...*

Ezekiel 43:7a

Jeremiah addresses Yahweh, describing Israel as Yahweh's throne:

21. *For your name, do not spurn us (Israel), that disgrace falls not on THE THRONE OF YOUR GLORY: remember and cast not away your covenant with us.*

Jeremiah 14:21

And notice how, in the following verse, the throne of God is described as a CITY:

17. *At that time they shall call Jerusalem THE THRONE OF THE LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered to it...*

Jeremiah 3:17

Of course, a throne is representative of a king and a kingdom. The Bible is telling us that the LORD'S KINGSHIP IS (present tense) among His people, and that the cherubim guard that kingship. Both Adam and the king of Tyre were guarding a City (Kingdom) of God, and the king of Tyre was even called an "anointed cherub!" Here, a mortal man is defined by the Bible as a cherub, whereas the church defines a cherub as a supernatural being.

The kingdom of Tyre was being compared to the kingdom of Eden. In Ezekiel 28 Tyre is likened to "Eden":

13. *You (the king of Tyre) have been in Eden the garden of God;...*

Ezekiel 28:13

Common sense tells us that the king of Tyre was not contemporary with Adam. But, the kingdom of Eden had been the prototype of a God-blessed and protected (guarded) kingdom on earth. And, since Tyre was such a great kingdom, apparently blessed and guarded by God, it was compared to Eden. Likewise, the king himself was compared to Adam. Both were guardians of great kingdoms. Both fell and lost their kingdoms because of sin. The comparison

was obvious.

Churchgoers miss this obvious conclusion because their minds have been tuned to fairy tales of two naked people and a magical snake in a Utopian park. Consequently, they assume that the king of Tyre had literally been there with Adam and Eve, centuries earlier ... which would have made him immortal (like the churches' "Satan").

But, when Ezekiel spoke of Eden, he was referring to the Way or System of God – not a mythical biosphere. And he certainly was not making reference to an immortal Devil who could change form at will.

There is further Biblical evidence that confirms the connection between CITIES, KINGDOMS, EDEN, AND CHERUBIM, and how they all relate to mortal men.

In the book of Revelation, chapters 21 & 22, the kingdom is compared to a walled city with four sides, emanating out of heaven (God's Throne). Again, just as in the first chapters of Ezekiel, God is using the identifying symbols of Israel in a vision to convey a message to us. In the following verses notice the way of the tree of life and the throne are inside the city of New Jerusalem:

1. *And he showed me a river of water (source) of life, bright as crystal, flowing out of the THRONE of God and of the Lamb.*
2. *In the midst of its broad WAY, and its river, on either side, was THE TREE OF LIFE producing twelve fruits yielding its fruit according to each month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*
3. *And there shall be yet no condemned thing: and the THRONE of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*

Revelation 22:1-3

Also, the four-sided city repeats the symbolism of Israel's four-sided camp layout we learned about in part one of this study. Not only did the encampment have four sides, but the sides were symbolized by creatures which were the standards/logos for the tribes. You will remember that the lion represented Judah, the ox represented Ephraim, the eagle represented Dan, and the man

represented Reuben ... the four faces that made up the cherubim described in Ezekiel.

Notice in the following verses how the cherubim (beasts) are together tied into the throne, and both symbolize the tribes of Israel as in Ezekiel's vision:

6. *And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*
7. *And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf (ox), and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*
8. *And the four beasts had together six wings about them; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*

Revelation 4:6-8

We pick up on clues that these four "beasts" (the cherubim) are GUARDING the throne because they are "round about the throne." Also, they are "full of eyes before and behind," which is another way of saying they are alert guardians, watching for any type of danger which could be coming from any direction. And in verse 8 we see that "they rest not day and night," inferring that there is a constant vigil to guard and preserve the way of the throne.

THE FIRE

Fire is common to both chapters. In Genesis 3 it is mentioned in connection with a sword, and in Ezekiel 28 it is mentioned in connection with stones. First let's look at the Genesis fire:

24. *So he drove out Adam; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Genesis 3:24

As we can see in the following verses, the sword is a symbol for God's Word:

12. *For the word of God is quick, and*

powerful, and sharper than any two-edged SWORD, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

The apostle Paul describes the sword along with all the other armor of God in Ephesians:

17. *And take the helmet of salvation, and the SWORD of the spirit, which is the word of God:*

Ephesians 6:17

The Word of God is a weapon which protects and preserves His truths. The Word continually educates succeeding generations of people concerning the correct way to live and govern. In fact the Word IS the laws of God.

Stones. Even though we don't see "stones" in Genesis 3, like we do in Ezekiel 28, they nonetheless describe a "fire" in both stories.

14. *You are the anointed cherub that covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God; YOU WERE IN THE MIDST OF THE STONES OF FIRE AND HAVE WALKED UP AND DOWN.*
16. *By the multitude of your traffic they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, FROM THE MIDST OF THE STONES OF FIRE.*

Ezekiel 28:14,16

Perhaps the churches equate "stones of fire" with a negative vision of a burning hell with flowing lava – the fabled abode of Satan. Being conditioned to believe in a burning hell successfully throws them off the track making the priests' job of hiding the truth all the more possible.

However, the fact is these stones are correctly couched in a positive light, rather than a negative one. Notice that the king is ANOINTED BY GOD, because God says, "I have set you so." The king is "upon the holy mountain of God." Immediately following in the same verse is the fact that the king has "walked up and down in the midst of the stones of

fire.” Being in the midst of the stones of fire is a coveted position. Plus, the king is told that as a punishment he will be cast out from this holy mountain and from among the stones of fire. He will lose his special position.

“Stones of fire” is a phrase which describes precious stones (jewels) which reflect light as if a fire were inside them. Being in the midst of stones of fire meant having precious jewels around you.

Ezekiel describes precious stones of fire used as adornment:

13. *You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold...*

Ezekiel 28:13

Stones of fire also symbolize the tribes of Israel. Stones were included in the story of the king of Tyre to convey the message that Israelites were involved in the Kingdom of Tyre.

Here is another description of precious stones (of fire), symbolizing the tribes of Israel, used to adorn the garments of the priests in ancient Israel:

15. *And you shall make the breastplate of judgment with skillful work; after the work of the cape you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shall you make it.*

16. *FOURSQUARE it shall be being doubled; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the breadth thereof.*

17. *And you shall set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald: this shall be the first row.*

18. *And the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond.*

19. *And the third row a zircon, an agate, and a quartz.*

20. *And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their enclosings.*

21. *AND THE STONES SHALL BE WITH*

THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, TWELVE, ACCORDING TO THEIR NAMES, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

Exodus 28:15-21

This is reminiscent of Revelation 21 again, where the foursquare city (kingdom) is made up of 12 foundations of 12 precious stones.

Also, Peter uses an analogy of the different parts of a building, describing Jesus as the “head of the corner” (or chief cornerstone) and Christians as spiritual stones:

5. *You also, AS LIVING STONES, are being built up A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, a holy priesthood, to offer up SPIRITUAL sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:5

Now, if you combine Israel’s tribes (the stones of fire) with God’s Word (the flaming sword), as this next verse does, you can see the spiritual significance:

4. *Who (Yahweh) makes his messengers spirits; HIS MINISTERS A FLAMING FIRE:*

Psalms 104:4

The symbols of fire, sword and stones are easily connected to the “stones of fire” symbolizing the ones who follow God and who guard and maintain God’s laws of society. They are the cherubim! God’s kingdom is not just a physical entity with four physical walls, but instead is a REIGN whose foundations and walls are figuratively made up of people/stones. That is why the “Kingdom of God” label was applicable to Eden in Genesis and New Jerusalem in Revelation where God’s Laws, instead of man’s, are honored.

By the same token, Abraham sought this kind of society (as do many of us today).

8. *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should afterward receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing where he went.*

9. *By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country,*

dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10. *FOR HE LOOKED FOR A CITY WHICH HAS FOUNDATIONS, WHOSE BUILDER AND MAKER IS GOD.*

Hebrews 11:8-10

THE ELECT (CALLED-OUT ONES)

4. *For Jacob my servant’s sake, and ISRAEL MINE ELECT, I have even called you by your name...*

Isaiah 45:4

The entire Bible story is one of God selecting, choosing, commissioning people for preserving his ways. Abraham was called (separated) by God to be the father of many nations; Jacob was separated by God, over Esau, to receive the birthright; Joseph was separated by God, over his 12 older brothers, to be a leader in Egypt and save his family during the famine; Moses was separated by God to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage ... and there are others.

It is important to note, however, that not all Israelites are cherubim (or guardians of God’s Way). Not all Israelites answer the call of God. Some have no interest whatsoever in preserving God’s Way. Thus, the cherub, as a logo, takes on a more sharply defined focus. It is more accurately thought of as the logo of God’s elect or called-out ones separated out from their contemporaries.

Thus, the churches’ supernatural Devil theory fades even more as the Hebrew cherub is better identified – as in the cases of both Adam and the king of Tyre. Both were part of “the separated” or “called-out ones,” albeit they failed to live up to their appointments. They were, nonetheless, at one time chosen by Yahweh to be leaders to guard his sacred Way.

Another interesting point that comes into focus is that Adam was not the first man on Earth. Rather, he was separated out from among others ... as we shall see by looking at some word meanings. Adam was the first to receive “life” in the sense of “eonian life.”

27. *So God CREATED man in his own image, in the image of God CRE-*

ATED he him; male and female
CREATED he them.

Genesis 1:27

Here, the word translated “man” is the Hebrew word “adam” (Strong’s #120). So this “man” is obviously Adam, or Adam Kind. The word “adam” means “ruddy,” and comes from a word that means to flush or turn rosy. “Adam,” then, is descriptive of a race (“created He THEM” – plural).

Also, notice the word “created” in this verse. Compare this with the following verse from Ezekiel 28:

15. *You (the king of Tyre) were perfect in your ways from the day that you were CREATED, till iniquity was found in you.*

Ezekiel 28:15

In both Genesis 1:27, and Ezekiel 28:15, the word “created” is translated from the Hebrew word “bara” (Strong’s #1254). Isn’t it interesting that the king of Tyre is referred to as being created instead of being born? This is a clue that maybe “created” is not always the best rendering of “bara.” “Bara” is used in various ways, with different meanings as we can clearly see by looking at Strong’s list of ways translators have chosen to render the term:

1. To create
2. To cut down (a wood)
3. To select
4. To feed (as in formative processes)

Could this verse be telling us that the king of Tyre was SELECTED (definition #3) rather than “created”? There are other clues that point to this conclusion. First of all, in verse 14 the king is called “the ANOINTED cherub” Someone who is anointed is blessed, separated or selected for a special purpose. Also, in the same verse Yahweh says, ...”and I have set you so...” It is obvious from verses 3-15 that Yahweh selected the king of Tyre and exalted him above most other men.

With regard to Adam, most of the churches have insisted that Adam was THE very first human being. A few others have said that Adam was THE progenitor of the White race. But, as you can see, it is quite possible that both

Moses and Ezekiel are telling us that Adam was simply THE first man to be SELECTED (definition #3 of “bara”) by Yahweh for the special purpose of guarding The Way. Then, later, the King of Tyre was also SELECTED.

Also notice the figurative language in the following related verse:

7. *And the LORD God FORMED man of THE DUST OF THE GROUND, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living soul (with eonian life).*

Genesis 2:7

“Formed” comes from a Hebrew word “yatsar” (Strong’s #3335) meaning *to mould into a form* like a potter with a bowl. Figuratively, however, it is used in connection with God’s ordaining or guiding events and lives, again echoing the idea of selection (separation).

Further, “the dust of the ground,” is an ancient idiom which refers to vast numbers of people. Here are some examples:

14. *And your seed shall be as THE DUST OF THE EARTH, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south...*

Genesis 28:14

In 1 Kings, Yahweh addresses Prince Jehu:

2. *Forasmuch as I EXALTED YOU OUT OF THE DUST, and made you prince over my people Israel...*

1 Kings 16:2a

Prince Jehu was yet another selected (separated) individual whom God exalted, and who sinned and was punished.

So when Genesis 2 says that God “formed” Adam out of “the dust of the ground,” it could very well be saying that Adam, like the king of Tyre, was SELECTED (separated) out from among the multitudes and exalted by God above other men to a position of leadership to guard Eden (ergo: “guardian of Eden”) like the cherubim ... guarding The Way of the Tree of Life (i.e. God’s Laws, government, and word).

EONIAN (SPIRITUAL) LIFE

“The Way of the Tree of Life”

What is the “way” and what is the “tree of life?” Many people think the Bible is describing an actual pathway leading up to an actual tree in the Garden of Eden, and that the “life” referred to was immortality.

They erroneously think that Adam obtained immortality by eating from a physical tree. Then, when he was cast out of Eden, where the magic tree was, then he no longer had access to the tree’s magic powers and thus he lost his immortality. This is illogical on the face of it since immortality is not something that can be lost. Immortality that can be lost is not immortality by definition.

In the first place, if Adam had obtained immortality (unable to die) he obviously could have never sinned and died. He couldn’t have passed from the condition of “unable to die” to that of “able to die,” for that would have been a mockery of terms. Being “unable to die” includes being “unable to sin” ... since sin and death are synonymous.

23. *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eonian life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 6:23

The meanings of words must be respected or else we lose our grasp on clear thought.

Adam was mortal. What he lost was spiritual (eonian) life, not immortal life. His “death” was spiritual (eonian) death. Spiritually he died “in the day he ate thereof,” (Gen. 2:17) but biologically he lived 930 years.

There are several clues which show us that both the “way” and the “tree of life” were allegorical symbols. First, notice what these verses tell us about “the way:”

6. *Jesus says to him, I am THE WAY, the truth, and THE LIFE: no man comes to the Father, but by me.*

John 14:6

Notice that Jesus is not only “the way,” but He is also “the life.” Remember this because we will refer back to it in a moment. Here is another reference

to “the way” by the apostle Paul:

14. *But this I confess to you, that after THE WAY which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:*

Acts 24:14

35. *And a highway shall be there (in the wilderness), and a WAY, and it shall be called THE WAY of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

Isaiah 35:8

Keep in mind that Adam, the cherubim, and the flaming sword were not guarding the way TO the tree of life, but rather, they were guarding the way OF the tree of life.

In part one of this study we showed how the pagans made their versions of cherubim (Griffin, Sphinx, and Winged Bull) guard hidden treasures with the idea of keeping others away from it. However, in Genesis 3:24, the cherubim guarded the way “OF” the way. It infers a system or set of rules for doing things, whereas the use of the word “TO” would infer a literal path or road. Church pagans think there were magical angels keeping everyone away from a tree where immortality might be obtained by eating of its fruit. If that were the case, then we should all be searching for that road and that tree!

However, if the cherubim’s job was to guard the way of the Source of Life (eonian life), then it was their job to keep, defend, and promote God’s Law and his Kingdom, symbolized as a Tree. Indeed, the Scriptures record God’s provisions for giving man “spiritual life” (i.e., inspiring him). For instance:

5. *You shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall LIVE in them: I am Yahweh.*

Leviticus 18:5

15. *See, I have set before you this day LIFE and good, and death and evil;*

16. *In that I command you this day to love Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his*

judgments, that you may LIVE and multiply; and Yahweh your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it.

19. *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you LIFE and death, BLESSING and cursing; therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that both you and your seed may LIVE:*

20. *That you may love Yahweh your God, and that you may obey his voice, and that you may cleave to him: for HE IS YOUR LIFE and the length of your days:*

Deuteronomy 30: 15, 16, 19, 20

16. *And behold, one came and said to him, Teacher, what good shall I do, that I may have eonian LIFE?*

17. *And he [Jesus] said to him, Why do you ask me about the good? There is none good but one, that is God: but if you will enter into LIFE, keep the commandments.*

Matthew 19:16-17

25. *Jesus said to her, I am the raising, and THE LIFE: he that believes in me, though he be dead, he shall LIVE:*

26. *And all those LIVING and believing in me certainly does not die into the age.*

John 11: 25-26

1. *And he showed me a river of water of LIFE, bright as crystal, flowing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

2. *In the midst of its Broadway, and on either side of the river, was the TREE OF LIFE, which bare twelve fruits according to each month: and the leaves of the tree were to cure the nations.*

17. *And the spirit and the bride say, come. And let him who is hearing say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of LIFE freely.*

Revelation 22:1, 2, 17

If “the way” and “the tree” are not physical things, then it follows that “the LIFE” is not physical. These are people who are already alive biologically. And they are being invited to have “life.” Obviously, the “life” being offered is not

biological life, but EONIAN life (life of the age).

Remember, in John 14:6 Jesus said that He is “THE WAY, the truth, and THE LIFE.” Jesus supplies “LIFE” to those in his presence. The churches may say that this “life” refers to immortality in the distant future. But Scripture states that we ALREADY HAVE this eonian “life” when we are in the presence of Jesus:

14. *We have know that we HAVE PASSED (past tense) out of death into life, because we are loving the brethren. He that is not loving remains (present tense) in death.*

I John 3:14:

Anyone who insists this verse speaks about immortal life must explain how someone can be “in death” while his is biologically alive. Obviously, the “life” is eonian, and the “death” is a spiritual death.

Here are more verses which emphasize the present tense of this spiritual state:

12. *He that has the Son HAS (present tense) life; and he that has not the Son of God HAS NOT (present tense) life.*

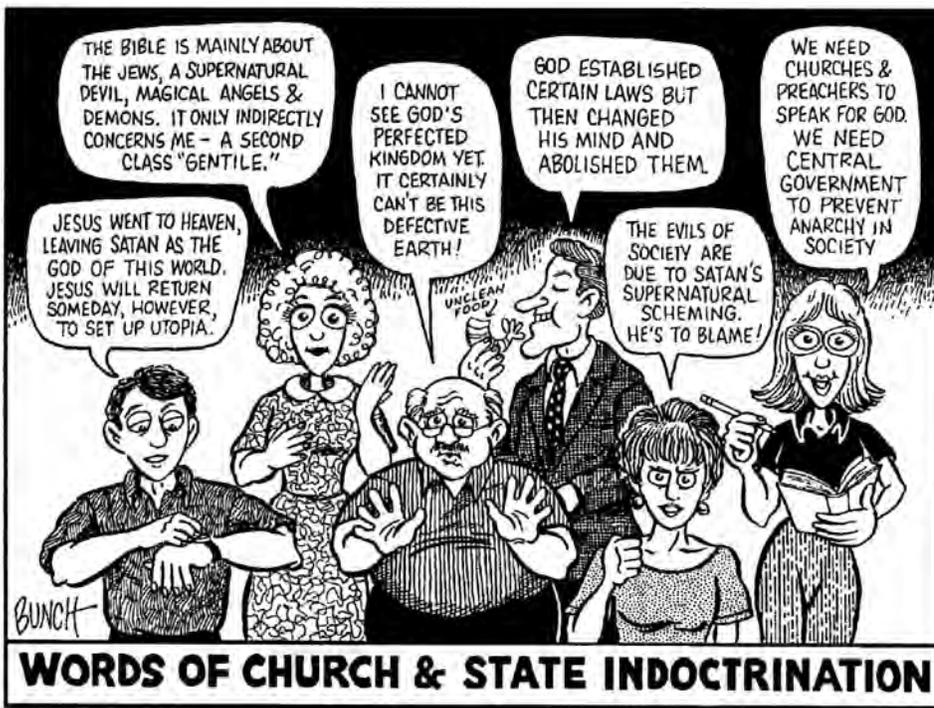
13. *These things have I written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you HAVE (present tense) eonian (“aionion,” Strong’s # 166) life, and that you may believe in the authority of the Son of God.*

20. *And we know that the Son of God IS COME (present tense), and HAS GIVEN (past tense) us understanding (eyes to see and ears to hear), that we ARE KNOWING (present active) Him that is true, and we ARE IN (present tense) the true One, in His Son, Jesus Christ. He (the Father) is the true God, and eonian life.*

I John 5:12, 13, 20

Notice this word, “eonian,” for we shall study its real meaning shortly. John here tells us what/who is “eonian life.”

24. *Verily, verily, I (Jesus) say to you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, HAS (present tense) eonian life and shall not come into condemnation; but IS PASSED*



(present tense) from death to life.

John 5:24, 25

If you think the life in the "tree of life" is biological in nature, then you might start having doubts about this verse:

51. Verily, verily, I (Jesus) say to you, If a man keeps my saying, he shall NEVER see death.

John 8:51

Are Jesus' sayings impossible to keep? If not, then there should be at least a few immortal people walking around. But where are these people who have been living since John's time? The only one I am aware of is Jesus himself. But John wasn't speaking to that issue. Instead, he was telling us that we can have EONIAN LIFE. We can be ALIVE ... raised from death ... in Christ.

A careful look at the Greek word "aionion," which translators render "eternal" or "everlasting," reveals that it does not mean biological or immortal life. Instead, it designates a spiritual quickening right now in the present world.

"Aionios," (Strong's #166) derives from the word, "aion" (Strong's #165). "Aion" is Greek for "eon" which means "an age." It follows, therefore that "aionion" means having to do with an age in some way. Ages have beginnings

and ends, so they cannot be everlasting. Why did Bible translators change it? They changed it from finite time into a reference to infinite time.

"Aionian" life (or "Eonian life") is the "spiritual life that accompanies an eon (age)." It is not biological life ... nor is it immortality. This life is the new life in Christ which accompanies the New Covenant Age. "Eonian life" is defined very clearly by John:

3. And this is life of the age, that they are knowing (present active) You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

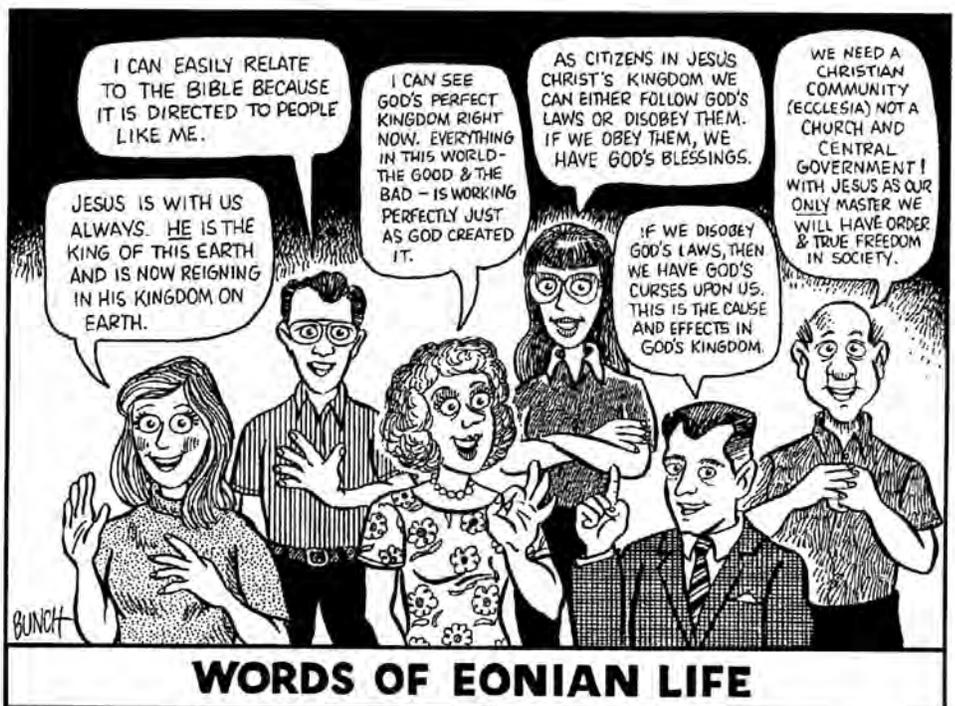
EONIAN LIFE, THEREFORE, IS THE STATE OF KNOWING THE TRUE GOD AND HIS SON. Be careful not to confuse eonian life of this age with the immortal life of the next age. In that next age we are raised incorruptible and to a new existence. Dreaming about that life of the next age is one thing. But Scripture and eonian life is about this life ... today! Don't ignore the Reign of Christ and the "life" He gives today. This "life" enables us to see Jesus' present Kingship.

Adam and Eve were blessed with this spiritual life. God "breathed life" into them (inspired them). Read the following verses with this thought in mind and you will begin to understand more about the kingdom:

7. And the LORD God chose Adam of the dust of the ground (exalted him above the multitude), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of (EONIAN) LIFE; and Adam became a LIVING (i.e., inspired) SOUL.

Genesis 2:7

Once you grasp this concept of spiritual life and realize that the cherubim



discussed in Scripture are actually men chosen by God, a rereading of some verses in Genesis and Ezekiel – and even other parts of the Bible – become necessary:

20. *And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all LIVING.*

Genesis 3:20

Eve was not the physical mother of everyone on Earth. But, she and Adam were the first to receive eonian life. Thus, by virtue of preeminence (being the first) she acquired the title of “mother” of all subsequent “living” (i.e., those with eonian life). Not all of Eve’s physical seed had eonian spiritual LIFE. In deed, when Adam elected to abandon the ways of life and follow the ways of death he, himself, forfeited life for his family.

Paul tells us in Romans 5:14 that “death reigned from Adam to Moses.” In Moses’ day God raised up living men again as described in Deut. 30-32.

In this sense, Eve was considered a spiritual mother of all who would afterward receive this spiritual “life.” Those who had not eonian life were not considered her spiritual offspring ... though they were biological descendants.

Ezekiel uses the term, “living creature” to describe the cherubim:

5. *Also out of the midst thereof (out of the midst of the whirlwind) came the likeness of four LIVING CREATURES. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.*

Ezekiel 1:5

20. *Wherever the spirit was to go, they went, there was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit (motive) of the LIVING CREATURE was in the wheels.*

Ezekiel 1: 20

15. *And the cherubim were lifted up. This is the LIVING CREATURE that I saw by the river of Chebar.*

Ezekiel 10:15

An interesting point to note is that “living creature” in Ezekiel comes from the Hebrew word “Chay” (Strong’s #2416) which is the same word used to refer to Adam in Genesis 2 where it says,

“man became a LIVING soul.”

And finally:

5. *You also, as LIVING stones, are being built up a SPIRITUAL house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:5

The word of God instructs us of LIFE! The concept of “living souls”, “living creatures,” and “living stones” built up into a SPIRITUAL HOUSE takes on new meaning with the idea of Eonian or spiritual life. Likewise, it becomes instructive that the “life” symbolized in New Jerusalem has walls constructed with “living stones” (1 Pet. 2:4-5).

The cherubim were guarding and preserving God’s living way in Eden. They also guarded against infiltration by other law systems. They weren’t keeping people away from the tree of life. They were preventing other forms of government (law systems) from corrupting THE WAY.

THE SIN

What was the sin that both Adam and the king of Tyre committed? They both fell for the serpent’s sales pitch:

5. *For God knows that in the day you eat thereof (i.e., when you accept the doctrine that you can be your own god and lawmaker), then your eyes shall be opened, AND YOU SHALL BE AS GODS, knowing good and evil.*

Genesis 3:5

2. *Son of man, say to the prince of Tyrus, Thus says the Lord God; Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I AM A GOD, I SIT IN THE SEAT OF GOD, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God:*

Ezekiel 28:2

Their sin was more serious than the average person’s, because their positions put them in a more powerful status. They were guardians of The Way. But, they failed to fulfill their duty as guardians and therefore fell in disgrace:

24. *SO HE DROVE OUT THE MAN; and*

he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24

16. *By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: THEREFORE I WILL CAST YOU AS PROFANE OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones or fire.*

Ezekiel 28:16

This, by the way, was the same sin which Jesus rejected in his “temptation in the wilderness” (Mtt. 4).

From what did the Way of God need to be protected? The answer is simple. The Way of God consists of His laws for mankind, and His blessings for those who keep them. Therefore, it would follow that the enemies (the serpent ways) would be OTHER LAW SYSTEMS that could enter and poison men’s minds and hearts. The other law systems were/are those created by men who want to rule over other men.

The singular attribute of a god is the power to establish law. Adam and the king of Tyre both committed the sin of subscribing to the idolatry of thinking they could create their own laws, and thus, be their own gods. A verification of this idea can be found in the name of the forbidden tree: “the tree (source) of the knowledge of good and evil.” The fruit of this particular tree brought death, instead of life. It was obviously a doctrine ... laws – belief that man can discern good and evil without help from God, thus, making him equal to God, and making God’s laws obsolete and unnecessary. Both Adam and the king of Tyre were guilty of accepting this premise, and inventing their own ways and laws, thus usurping the ways and laws of Yahweh.

Just as in Eden, Tyre and many other societies throughout history, it has been man’s constant problem – and to the point it is the problem today in America. Men invent their own law systems ... they form constitutions and legislatures, states and churches. These evolve into Big Governments.

Thus, Americans look to themselves instead of God.

THE ECCLESIA

Once you realize the churches have purposely confused words like “cherubim” – just as they have confused the true history of Israel – you should logically suspect the church structure to be corrupt and fraudulent. Then, when you realize churches are frauds – counterfeits – you will want to know what is the true, genuine article talked about in the New Testament.

The answer is the Ecclesia. Jesus Reigns, and He wants men to have independent Christian communities (ecclesias) – not centralized, government-licensed, abominations called “churches.”

King Jesus, the one true authority, is reigning RIGHT NOW – not waiting for some future Utopia! We have a choice of which WAY we prefer to keep: man’s way of the Beast System, or Christ’s way of LIFE.

CONCLUSION

Adam and the king of Tyre were both selected by God to a sacred position. They both sinned when they presumed to make their own laws instead of following God’s Laws. So they were cast down from their positions of leadership and other guardians filled their position of protecting The Way.

These weren’t the only ones. Since Adam’s and the king of Tyre’s fall, there have been many fallen leaders following in the same Babylonish footsteps – wicked men controlling and deceiving the world by making their own laws and promoting the fictional myths of church and a future Utopia. Remember, many of these devilish leaders have been of the Israelite race. Many Israelite leaders were not interested in guarding The Way of LIFE. All these have done their part to hide the principles of the ever-

present Kingship of God (the Ecclesia system) and Eonian life by promoting the false teachings that Jesus established something called “The Church.”

The truth is, Jesus restored a righteous WAY OF LIFE. Then, came men like Constantine the Great who established a system of church to deceive men and trick them into dwelling upon a future Utopia, leaving church and state to rule over their present lives.

The true identity of the cherubim has been masked by religio/political managers who herd the masses by teaching myths like the supernatural cherubim, rather than the truth of God’s appointed guardians of The Way.

Rip off the hoodwink of church superstitions and you will then find you can see light. And you can relate to God’s sensible, present kingdom message to YOU here and now!

PATRICK HENRY ON THE CONSTITUTION

“Henry objected to the principle of consolidated government and insisted that it violated the spirit of the Revolution. Each state, he believed, had formed its own independent government, allied with the others for common defense, and agreed to remain in ‘perpetual union’ to achieve a limited number of objectives in peacetime. To shatter this alliance and replace it with a government whose national legislature and executive bore a worrisome resemblance to Great Britain’s seemed an invitation to renewed oppression, Henry thought. When he learned that George Mason had refused to endorse the convention work owing to its deliberate omission of a bill of rights that would secure personal liberty against the vastly enlarged powers of a more distant

government, Henry grew even more convinced that the fundamental principles of the Revolution stood in jeopardy. He shared Mason’s conviction that the plan, which already seemed ‘a moderate aristocracy’, would ultimately ‘produce a Monarchy, or a corrupt, oppressive Aristocracy.’

“Henry had theoretical objections to the principle of consolidated government. He also had a furiously antagonistic reaction to both the manner in which the plan had come forward and the method its advocates had chosen for its adoption. The Philadelphia convention insisted that the new Constitution should go into effect when three-fourths of the states had approved it in special ratifying conventions, elected by the people under the direction of state legislatures. This mechanism not only circumvented the Confederation’s rule of unanimity but effectively bypassed the existing Congress.”

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