WHO ARE THE BIBLICAL ANGELS? – A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE, (*7)

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This will be the 7th paper in this series and we will dwell on the subject of "Satan", as the term is greatly misunderstood, many believing there is no such being known as "Satan". To start this thesis, I will quote from an unlikely, but in this case, an unbiased source, the 1980 *Collier's Encyclopedia*, vol. 8, p. 166, under the general title "Devil":

"... The origin of these demons is traced to the fall of the angelic watchers, the 'sons of God,' who corrupted themselves with the 'daughters of men' (1st Enoch chs. vi-x, referring to Gen. vi:1-6). The author of the *Wisdom of Solomon* is the first to identify Satan with the serpent in the third chapter of Genesis (*Wisdom of Solomon* ii:23-24). Asmodeus, the evil spirit in Tobit iii: 8, probably represents the Devil. His name is 'Mastema' in the pseudepigraphical *Book of Jubilees*, and 'Sammael' in III *Baruch* and the *Ascension of Isaiah*.

"The New Testament refers to the devil or Satan under several additional names. He is prince of the demons in Mark iii:22, prince of this world in John xii:31, and prince of the power of the air in Ephesians ii:2; he is the tempter in Matthew iv:3 and in 1 Thessalonians iii:5, Beelzebul or Beelzebub in Matthew xii: 17 and Luke xi:19, the enemy in Matthew xiii:39 and Luke x:19, the evil one in Matthew xiii:19, Ephesians vi:16, and I John 2:44, Beliar or Belial in 2 Corinthians vi:15, the serpent in 2 Corinthians xi:3 or the old serpent in Revelation xii:9, the god of this age in 2 Corinthians iv:4; the father of lies in John viii:44; and perhaps Apollyon, meaning the Destroyer, in Revelation ix:11. He can disguise himself as an angel of light, as in 2 Corinthians xi:14. All these designations refer to a powerful being, the enemy of God, that seeks to promote evil, using great cunning to deceive the unwary." It should be coming quite clear that the serious Bible student should start to comprehend all of these allegorical symbols (and more), which make reference to the "Satan" of Scripture. Note: I have all of the documentation for the above references in my personal library, with the exceptions of III *Baruch* and the *Ascension of Isaiah*.

For more eye-opening data on the subject of "Satan", I will quote from Spiros Zodhiates' *The Complete Word Study New Testament* concerning the Greek of our subject, p. 1282, and I would advise the reader to keep his Bible close at hand, and check carefully each passage of Scripture as it is being read:

G4567 ... sat-an-as' Satanas; masculine noun <u>transliterated</u> the Hebrew Satan (H7854, OT), adversary. Satan. The same as Satán (G4566). Satanás occurs thirty-four times in the NT: in Matt. 4:10; 12:26; 16:23; Mark 1:13; 3:23, 26; 4:15; 8:33; Luke 4:8; 10:18; 11:18; 13:16; John 13:27; Acts 5:3; 26:18; Rom. 16:20; 1 Cor. 5:5; 7:5; 2 Cor.

2:11; 11:14; 1 Thess. 2:18; 2 Thess. 2:9; 1 Tim. 1:20; 5:15; Rev. 2:9, 13, 24; 3:9; 12:9; 20:2, 7. Satan is present in the world and tempts both believers and unbelievers (Matt. 16:23; Mark 8:33; Luke 22:3; Acts 5:3; 1 Kgs. 11:14, 23, 25 [cf. 2 Sam. 19:23]). This is one name given to the prince of the devils. Another name is *diábolos* (G1228), devil, slanderer, false accuser. In his name as Satan, he is the opposer, the adversary of both believers and unbelievers. *Satanás is* the prince of the fallen angels (Matt. 4:10; Mark 1:13; Rev. 12:9) and is also used as a general word for evil spirits or devils (Matt. 12:26; Mark 3:23, 26; Luke 11:18). Applied by the Lord [sic Yahshua] to Peter who was considered as opposing the divine plan of man's redemption through Christ's sufferings and death, and thus as joining with Satan (Matt. 16:23; Mark 8:33). The name Satan had not been translated into Greek until shortly before the Christian era, for we never find it so rendered in the Septuagint but always as *ho diábolos*, the devil. This is used as a proper noun in the Septuagint: Job 1:6–12; Zech. 3:1.

"In the NT, however, we find frequently as *ho diábolos*, the expression *ho Satanás*, Satan, almost always with an article. Yet in 2 Cor. 12:7 we have Satan (G4566) without the article. The transliteration Satan is found thirty-four times in the NT, of which at least thirteen cases are in the Gospels.

"In the Apostolic writings we find some redundancies of the name Satan such as 'the evil one *[ho ponerós* (G4190), the malevolent one]' (see Eph. 6:16; 1 John 2:13f.; 3:12; 5:19f.). This designation is also used five times in the Gospels; in addition, in the last clause of the Lord's [sic Yahshua's] prayer (see Matt. 5:39; 6:13; Luke 11:4).

"In the Revelation, 'the dragon [drákon G1404)]' is frequently used as a synonym for Satan, probably meaning 'the sharp-seeing one' from dérkomai (not found in the NT.), to see clearly, sharply. It is used in Rev. 12:3ff.; 13:2, 4, 11; 16:13; 20:2 as denoting a large serpent as in Classical Greek, explicitly identified with the 'old serpent' of Gen. 3. (See Rev. 12:9; 20:2.) This identification is perhaps implied in Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 11:3.

"Satan is also called *ho katégoros* (G2725), the accuser (Rev. 12:10); and *ho Apollúon* (G623), the destroyer (Rev. 9:11). He is also called the *antídikos* (G476), the adversary (1 Pet. 5:8); *ho antikeímenos*, the present participle of *antíkeimai* (G480), to be contrary, the one who has set himself against all, the adversary (1 Tim. 5:14); the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2); *Belíal* or *Belíar* (G955), meaning worthlessness (2 Cor. 6:15).

"In 1 Cor. 5:5f. and 1 Tim. 1:20 the expression 'to deliver someone unto Satan' (author's translation) is probably based on Job 1:12; 2:6, where the patriarch is delivered to Satan to be tried by suffering. When Paul uses it, it means excommunication, the excommunicated becoming a target of the evil one. This, however, is with a redemptive purpose to bring the sinner back to Christ and to relieve the church of the charge of tolerating flagrant evil. The 'destruction of the flesh' in 1 Cor. 5:5 means the infliction of physical death as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11). In 1 Tim. 1:20, however, death cannot be intended, for the object of the discipline is that the offender may be taught not to blaspheme. In 1 Cor. 5:5f. the discipline was intended to bring about repentance as indeed it may have (2 Cor. 2:7; 7:12)." (underlining mine)

Now Spiros Zodhiate in his *The Complete Word Study New Testament* is not always perfect, especially when he speaks of "believers and unbelievers" above. While believing is important, if one is a racially pure Israelite, he will be in the Kingdom whether he believes, or does not believe. However, believing Yahweh in the flesh as Yahshua will be accounted for righteousness in the judgment. Comparing Spiros Zodhaites in his *The Complete Word Study New Testament* with Strong's *Greek Dictionary of the New Testament* below, we can see how abbreviated Strong's contribution is:

"G4567 ... Satanas, sat-an-as'; of Chaldee origin corresponding to G4566 (with the definite article affixed); the accuser, that is, the devil:— KJV rendering: Satan."

However, from Strong we learn that "Satanas" is of Chaldee or Aramaic origin, not the paleo-Hebrew the Judaeans used before the Babylonian captivity! From W.E. Vine's *An Expository Dictionary of the New Testament,* under the term "Satan", he says in part: "Satanas …, a Greek form derived from the Aramaic …." If this is correct, possibly the copyist adjusted the Hebrew manuscripts during their captivity in Babylon, or shortly thereafter.

You needn't leave all of these many names and epithets of Satan confuse you, as John in his *Book of Revelation* at 12:7-9 divides these allegorical names and phrases into four distinct groups thusly:

"⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Well, previous to this John mentions the "dragon" at vv. 3, 4 and what the "dragon" accomplished at 5, 6. So it will be necessary to read these verses also:

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman (i.e., the 12 tribes of Israel) which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵ And she brought forth a man child (Yahshua Christ), who was to rule all (the Israel) nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto Yahweh, and to his throne. ⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days" (or 1,260 years).

Of all my many Bible commentaries, I have one (although he teaches the error of futurism) William MacDonald, in his *Believer's Bible Commentary*, p. 2369, who got one matter correct concerning the "... the dragon stood before the woman ...", where we read:

"The dragon is ready to devour the Child as soon as He is born – fulfilled in the attempt of Herod the Great, vassal of Rome, to destroy the newborn King of the Jews [sic. Israelites]. The male Child is clearly Jesus [sic Yahshua], destined to rule all the [Israel] nations with a rod of iron" [editing in [], C.A.E.]

In addition to this, I will cite The *Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, edited by Charles F. Pfeiffer (OT) & Everett F. Harrison (NT), along with dozens of contributors, p. 1512 in part:

"... There are more terms for Satan in this paragraph (Rev. 12:9) than in any other single passage in the Word of God: **the great dragon, that old serpent** ... **the Devil, and Satan**, and – one of the most dreadful phrases in Scripture – not something Satan boast of, but something which heaven acknowledges – **the deceiver of the whole world** (see 2 Tim. 3:13; 2 Jn. 7). He is opposed here not by Christ, but by Michael and his angels (Rev. 12:7; see Dan. 10:13, 21; Jude 9), who apparently is the leader of the angelic hierarchy. Satan is cast out of heaven" where he now is, but will ultimately be exterminated from the earth.

Although many today are familiar with the Christmas story, they have no idea who Herod was! This evidence should leave little doubt who the **great dragon**; **the serpent**; **the Devil**; and **Satan** of Rev. 12:9 represent! Herod the Great was a descendant of an Edomite family who had been converted to the tenets of the Israelite belief system which I will now cite from *Josephus' Antiquities* 13:9:1:

"... Hyrcanus took also Dora and Marissa, cities of Idumea, and subdued all the Idumeans; and permitted them to stay in that country, if they would circumcise their genitals, and make use of the laws of the Jews; and they were so desirous of living in the country of their forefathers, that they submitted to the use of circumcision, and the rest of the Jewish ways of living; at which time therefore this befell them, that they were hereafter no other than Jews."

A footnote on the same page makes the following comment on this passage:

"This account of the Idumeans admitting circumcision, and the entire Jewish law, from this time, or from the days of Hyrcanus, is confirmed by their entire history afterwards. This, in the opinion of Josephus, made them proselytes of justice, or entire Jews. However, Antigonus, the enemy of Herod, though Herod were derived from such a proselyte of justice for several generations, will allow him to be no more than a half Jew. Ammonius, a grammarian, says:— 'the Jews are such by nature, and from the beginning, whilst the Idumeans are not Jews from the beginning ... but being afterwards subdued by the Jews and compelled to be circumcised, and to unite into one nation, and be subject to the same laws, they were called Jews.' Dio also says:— 'That country is also called Judea, and the people Jews; and this name is given also to as many as embrace their religion, though of other nations'."

For the last four hundred years these Edomite-jews have gained control over the economics of the entire world, and through that monetary might control every phase of life monetarily, politically, religiously, racially and immorality. We true White-Caucasian-Israelites were forewarned of this at Deut. 28:11-15, 43-44 thusly:

"11 And Yahweh shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which Yahweh sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 Yahweh shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13 And Yahweh shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and

thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of Yahweh thy Almighty, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*: ¹⁴ And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. ¹⁵ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of Yahweh thy Almighty, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee ... ⁴³ The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. ⁴⁴ He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail" [Read and reread vv. 1-53!]

Today, it is not necessary to be a rocket scientist to figure out who these "strangers" are who have gotten so very high above us! All we really have to do is take a good look at who is behind the making of loans to us upon usury. When dealing with a bank or loan company, we observe only the clerks and loan officers who are by-and-large White Caucasians, but the largest stockholders of these banks are Edomite-jews working hand-in-hand with the Federal Reserve system, owned and controlled by their co-criminal Edomites since 1913! The Federal Reserve is considered a central bank, and there are other central banks throughout the world owned and controlled by this same cursed-by-Christ people.

At this juncture of our narrative, it is paramount that we bring to the fore a passage of Scripture that is usually overlooked, found at Gen. 27:38-40:

"38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; 40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck."

This is a prophecy given by Isaac that Esau would be subservient to Jacob, but at some time in the future Esau would break away from that servitude, and that Jacob would become subservient to Esau. Most commentaries agree with this, but erroneously assign this prophecy to 2 Ki. 8:20 & 2 Chr. 21:8-10, at which time Edom revolted from Judah and appointed to themselves a king. However, this was short-lived as Edom was subdued a second time by Amaziah at 2 Ki. 14:7 & 2 Chr. 25:11.

At the time of Christ's first Advent, the Edomite family of the Herods were gaining much power over Judaea under the Romans, but the Roman siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. stopped the Edomite-jews in their tracks as predicted by Paul at Romans 16:20:

"And the Almighty of peace shall <u>bruise Satan</u> under your feet shortly. The grace of our Sovereign Yahshua Christ *be* with you."

Upon this decimating of the satanic seed of the Edomite-jews (also descended via Cain), those who survived the Roman siege were scattered, only to find shelter in ghettos outside of city walls where they could rummage through city dumps to find items to repair and resell to eke out a living. And this lasted until the French Revolution during 1789-1799, when they managed to find a measure of freedom, and were able to

become pawnbrokers and money lenders at usury and develop their evil programs in the privacy of their many synagogues.

Howard B. Rand writing in his *Destiny* magazine for February, 1950, entitled "The Iniquitous Empire: A Great Mystery", stated in excerpts:

"... Thoughtful men and women have recognized the existence of a secret group of would-be world rulers whose activities have been manifested principally through the power of money and financial control. For example, a study of the history of the Nihilists, the *Illuminati*, the Fabians and the House of Rothschild supplies ample evidence of the existence of such a cabal. These unseen rulers have exerted a tremendous influence upon all governments and have extended their ruthless controls over the economic, political, financial and intellectual affairs of mankind. Even religion itself has come under their baneful influence The manipulation of the money systems of the world for the purpose of impoverishing and enslaving mankind is part of the plan in that it will enrich the few and assure control over the affairs of men by the leaders of this invisible empire The French Revolution itself stemmed from the insidious manipulations of the secret rulers and also the Russian Revolution in 1918 etc."

This is evidence that Howard B. Rand was familiar with the great conspiracy, along with a lot of history. Although it appears he may not have been familiar with the Edomite-jewish connection. Instead Rand dubs them the "unseen rulers".

Today, Esau-Edom (the Edomite-jews) have gained complete hegemony over the entire world in every phase of life. Surely, Esau has gained full dominion over Jacob and his descendants. And we, the white, ruddy children of Jacob, find ourselves scraping the economic residue from bottom of the barrel!

While Isaac gave Esau a limited blessing of superiority of sorts, it was not to last forever, but in the very end it would turn out to be a curse. We read the following at Obadiah 18

"17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for Yahweh hath spoken it."

Further at Isaiah 27:1-4, 6 it is written:

"1 In that day Yahweh with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea [of people]. 2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. 3 I Yahweh do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. 4 Fury is not in me: [however] who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together ... 6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

This is a song alternately between Yahweh and His vineyard (*i.e.*, the twelve tribes of Israel), and the Edomite-jews have no part in it, except to be finally and totally destroyed at Christ's Second Advent. Thus, we have something to look forward to.