

The Lost Books of the Bible

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Intro & My Conjecture:

Are there really lost books of the Bible? Why are they lost? Who got rid of them? Why isn't the Apocrypha added to the Protestant Bible? Does Apocryphal literature hold secrets? Does it shed light on Canonized Biblical text? So many questions.

The Bible is a collection of 39 Old Testament manuscripts that pre-date Christ and 27 New Testament manuscripts that post-date Christ. As also with the Pseudepigrapha & Apocrypha manuscripts, some pre-date Christ and some post-date him.

Anyone interested in history or the Bible will find these texts very interesting. Several of these texts have blatant contradictions to canonized scripture. Some of them give interesting insights into briefly mentioned accounts of canonized scripture. It is probably

best to see Apocryphal literature as insightful but not "ordained." Just as I can personally write my views concerning scripture or what God has shown me through my circumstances, my writings are not God's official words yet they are influenced by His Holy Spirit in my life and my understanding of the Truth. I see it as similar to the Apocryphal text. They can have important historical and theological bearing however they must not be seen as God's official words because of the uncertainty and because of some contradictions in some of the texts.

God is in control of His Holy Word, the Bible. He is also in control of history. At times, He reveals things to only a certain group of people. At times He reveals things to all people. However, the most important thing that He has not hidden from us is the thing that we should be most concerned about: The Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is interesting to research about things relating to scripture and history, however, we should never lose our focus on why we even have "scripture"...it is to point us to Jesus.

An Introduction

The following text is taken from: www.bibleufo.com

When the origins of the Catholic Church began to emerge in the 4th Century AD, it was under the guidance of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine began a centuries long effort to eliminate any book in the original Bible that was considered unacceptable to the new doctrine of the church. At that time, it is believed there were approximately 600 books that compromised the work we now know as the Bible. Through a series of decisions made by the early church leadership, all but 79 of those books, known as the King James Version, were purged from the work.

For the faithful, who believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, it is generally believed that King James received the entire Bible and simply translated it into the English language. Nothing could be further from the truth. The books he undertook to translate had been chosen centuries earlier by church leaders as the only books acceptable to what they had determined was to be the doctrine and practice of the church. In careful consideration of the fact that the church leaders have changed almost every doctrine and practice of the first church inspired by the Holy Spirit, it is doubtful this purging of hundreds of books was done by the inspiration of God.

We claim no expertise concerning the authenticity of any the lost books and leave this judgment to the reader. We do, however, strongly reject the self-proclaimed authority of any dogmatically motivated and church-controlled mortals who think themselves qualified to make such decisions. One of the most logical and realistic concepts in the Bible is the caution that one should prove all things. We believe that proving the veracity of a given thing is an individual responsibility which must not, and should not, be the duty of those who think they are better judges.

The Apocryphal, Or Deuterocanonical Books

The 13 books known as the Apocrypha which were also in the original King James translation but were removed at the Synod of Dordrecht in 1619.

Books Mentioned But Not Found

Besides the Apocryphal books eliminated from the Bible used by Protestant Church there are 23 other books mentioned in scripture, which do not appear in the Bible.

Books Removed From, Or Associated With, The Bible

The known books removed from the original Bible since the 4th century AD.

Anomalies In The Apocryphal Books

The anomalies connecting the Apocrypha to the Authorized King James Bible and the advanced technology of the Elohiym.

Anomalies In The Lost Books

The Lost Books of the Bible contain the same aerial anomalies, beings and people flying up into the sky, and enigmatic events as the King James Bible.

Anomalies In The Lost Books

The anomalies found in the lost books by category.

Old Testament Apocryphal Writings

The term "*apocrypha*" comes from a Greek word meaning "hidden" or "secret" and the books were originally considered by the early church as too exalted to be available to the general public. As time progressed, the exalted nature of the books was lost and the books were deemed by some as false. Between the Book of Malachi and Matthew there is a gap of approximately 450 years. It is these books that fill that gap and in the time of Christ, these books formed part of the Septuagint Greek Bible which was in circulation at that time.

What is missing from most Bibles, and our understanding of it, is what happened in that 450 year gap. Prophets were still writing and reflecting on life in the Holy Land right up until the Romans destroyed the temple of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The world that Jesus entered in 4 BC is not the world that Daniel and Malachi experienced. One of the values of these books is how they reflect the mindset of Judaism and a Roman world that the New Testament writers faced. Malachi and Daniel leave us in Persia; Matthew brings us into a Roman world. The Apocrypha bridges that gap and gently nudges us into the reality of Roman Palestine. It was only in the fourth century AD that Christians first started to question the "canonicity" of the works although most survived to be included in the King James translation of the Bible in 1611.

The Apocryphal, Or Deuterocanonical Books

- The Prayer of Azariah, Song of Three Jews, (from Daniel) [HERE](#)
- Bel and the Dragon (in Daniel) [HERE](#)
- The Book of Baruch [HERE](#)
- First Book of Esdras [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)
- Second Book of Esdras, [HERE](#)
- The Greek Additions to Esther [HERE](#)
- The Epistle of Jeremiah [HERE](#)
- Wisdom of Jesus' son Sirach, Ecclesiasticus [HERE](#)
- The Book of Judith [HERE](#)
- First Book of Maccabees [HERE](#)
- Second Book of Maccabees [HERE](#)
- Third Book of Maccabees [HERE](#)
- Fourth Book of Maccabees [HERE](#)
- The Prayer of Manasseh [HERE](#)
- Psalm 151 [HERE](#)
- The Wisdom of Solomon [HERE](#)
- The Book of Susanna, (in Daniel) [HERE](#)
- The Book of Tobit [HERE](#)

Books Mentioned, But Not Found, In The Bible

There are between eighteen to twenty-four books mentioned in the Bible, but not included. The variation is due to possible double mentions using differing names for the same book.

Book of the Covenant

Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. There are those that believe the Book of the Covenant is found in Exodus chapters 20 through 23. There are no authoritative sources for this text.

Book of the Wars of the Lord

Numbers 21:14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the Lord, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, Certain sources believe that this is to be found by drawing text from several Old Testament books. There are no authoritative sources for this text.

Book of Jasher [Here](#)

Joshua 10:13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

2 Samuel 1:18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.)

The Manner of the Kingdom / Book of Statutes

1 Samuel 10:25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Book of Samuel the Seer

1 Chronicles 29:29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

Nathan the Prophet

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2 Chronicles 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

Acts of Solomon

1 Kings 11:41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

Shemaiah the Prophet

2 Chronicles 12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

Prophecy of Abijah

2 Chronicles 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

Story of Prophet Iddo

2 Chronicles 13:22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

Visions of Iddo the Seer

2 Chronicles 9:29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

Iddo Genealogies

2 Chronicles 12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

Book of Jehu

2 Chronicles 20:34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

Sayings of the Seers

2 Chronicles 33:19 His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

Book of Enoch

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Book of Gad the Seer

1 Chronicles 29:29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

Epistle to Corinth (Missing)

1 Corinthians 5:9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

Epistle to the Ephesians (Missing)

Ephesians 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Epistle from Laodicea to the Colossians (Missing)

Colossians 4:16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

Nazarene Prophecy Source

Matthew 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene

Acts of Uziah

2 Chronicles 26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

The Annals of King David

1 Chronicles 27:24 Joab son of Zeruiah began to count the men but did not finish. Wrath came on Israel on account of this numbering, and the number was not entered in the book of the annals of King David.

Jude, the Missing Epistle

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

A Partial List

There are those that cling to a singular view of all things biblical. If it is not in the King James Bible exactly the way he had it translated, it is a fake, a forgery, or an insidious plot by Satan to corrupt the minds of men. Those works referenced here are not mentioned in the Bible but are associated with it. All, of course, are controversial to some, but authenticity is an individual decision. Anything else is, in any case, intellectual censorship. It should be noted that the references linked in this section are random and individual research must be done on all the books.

We have compiled a list of over 170 books that have been associated with the Bible either through archeological research or historical documentation. There is no guarantee that the books listed here are inspired works, or genuine books actually included in original versions of the Bible.

If it has the designation **Available**, we know that copies exist. If it is followed by the designation **HERE**, we have located a copy online, which almost assures a written copy is available. The following books are known to include many copies of the "Lost Books":

The Lost Books of the Bible and the Forgotten Books of Eden, L.B. Press
The Other Bible, Barnstone
The New Testament Apocrypha, Volumes 1 & 2, Schneemelcher

Books Removed From, Or Associated With, The Bible

- **Abgarus, King of Edessa and the Epistle of Jesus Christ** **HERE**
- **Abraham, Book of**
- **Abraham, Testament of** **HERE**
- **Adams Origin, Revelation of**
- **Adam and Eve, The Books of, The Latin Translation** **HERE**
- **Adam and Eve, Life of, The Slavonic Translation** **HERE**
- **Adam and Eve, Life of, the Greek Translation** **HERE**
- **Adam and Eve, The First Book of** **HERE**
- **Adam and Eve, The Second Book of** **HERE**
- **Adam and Eve, An Electronic Edition** **HERE**
- **Addeus the Apostle, The Teachings of** **Available**
- **Against the Heresies** **Available**
- **Ahikar, Grand Vizier of Assyria, The Story of** **HERE**
- **Andrew, Acts of** **HERE**
- **Andrew, Gospel of**
- **Andrew and Matthew, The Acts of** **HERE**

- Andrew, Other Books
- Apostles, Acts of the 2
- Apostles Creed [HERE](#)
- Apostles, The Epistle of the [HERE](#)
- Apelles, Gospel of
- Letter of Aristeas [HERE](#)
- Barnabas, The Acts of [HERE](#)
- The Epistle of Barnabas [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)
- Barnabas, Gospel of Available
- Bartholomew, the Apostle
- Bartholomew, Gospel of [HERE](#)
- Bartholomew, Martyrdom of [HERE](#)
- Baruch, The Fourth Book of, Paraleipomena Jeremiou [HERE](#)
- Basilides, The Gospel of
- Cernithus, Gospel of
- Cernithus, Revelation of
- Christ and Abgarus
- Christ Epistle by the Manichees
- Christ Hymn taught to Disciples Available
- Clement I [HERE](#)
- Clement II Available
- Clement, Letters to Corinth [HERE](#)
- Community Rule [HERE](#)
- Ebionites, Gospel of the Available
- Egyptians, Gospel according to Available
- Encratites, Gospel of the
- Enoch (Ethiopic Apocalypse of Enoch) [HERE](#)
- Enoch (Slavonic Book of the Secrets of Enoch) [HERE](#)
- Enoch (another version) [HERE](#)
- Ephesians 2
- Esdras
- Esdras, The Revelation of [HERE](#)
- Ezra, Fourth Book of
- Eve, Gospel of Available
- Gilgamesh Epic, The Flood Narrative From the [HERE](#)
- Hebrews, Gospel of (Hebrews 2) Available
- Helkesaites, Book of the
- Hermas [HERE](#)
- Hermas, Sheppard of
- Hesychius, False Gospels of the
- Infancy I, Arabic Gospel of Infancy of the Saviour [HERE](#)
- Infancy II, Gospel of Thomas Greek Text A [HERE](#)
- Infancy III, Gospel of Thomas Greek Text B [HERE](#)
- Infancy IV, Gospel of Thomas Latin Text [HERE](#)
- Infancy V, Gospel of Thomas, Jesus at Five Years [HERE](#)
- Infancy, The Gospel of Pseudo Matthew [HERE](#)

- Ignatius of Antioch [HERE](#)
- Isaiah, The Martyrdom of [HERE](#)
- James, The Apocryphon of [HERE](#)
- James, Book of, The Gospel of, Protevangelion [HERE](#)
- James, The Gospel of
- James, The First Apocalypse of [HERE](#)
- James, The Second Apocalypse of [HERE](#)
- Jesus Christ, The Sophia of [HERE](#)
- Jesus, Epistle to Peter and Paul Available
- John, The Acts of [HERE](#)
- John, The Acts of, Excerpt from the Mystery of Cross [HERE](#)
- John, The Apocryphon of Available
- John, The Book of, Concerning the Death of Mary Available
- John the Evangelist [HERE](#)
- John the Theologian, The Revelation of [HERE](#)
- Joseph of Arimathaea and Aseneth [HERE](#)
- Joseph of Arimathaea, The Narrative of
- Joseph the Carpenter, The History of [HERE](#)
- Book of Jubilees [HERE](#)
- Judas Iscariot, Gospel of
- Jude, Gospel of
- Kings, The Third Book of [HERE](#)
- Kings, The Fourth Book of [HERE](#)
- Laodiceans, The Epistle to [HERE](#)
- Leucius, Acts of the Apostle
- Lentitus, Acts of the Apostle
- Leontius Acts of the Apostle
- Leuthon, Acts of the Apostle
- Lucianus, The False Gospels
- Magnesians [HERE](#)
- Manichees, Acts of the Apostles used by
- Marcion, Gospel of the Lord [HERE](#)
- Mark, The Secret Gospel of [HERE](#)
- Mary, Excerpts From Gospel of [HERE](#)
- Mary, The Gospel of the Nativity of [HERE](#)
- Mary, The Passing of Available
- Matthew, The Acts and Martyrdom of [HERE](#)
- Matthew, The Martyrdom of [HERE](#)
- Matthias, Book of
- Matthias, Gospel of Available
- Matthias, Traditions of Available
- Merinthus, Gospel of
- Moses, Book of
- Moses, The Revelation of
- Nazarenes, Gospel According to the Available
- Nicodemus, The Gospel of Acts of Pilate [HERE](#)

- Nicodemus, The Gospel of Acts of Pilate II [HERE](#)
- Paralipomenon, The First Book of
- Paralipomenon, The Second Book of
- Paul, Acts of [HERE](#)
- Paul, Apocalypse of [HERE](#)
- Paul, The Prayer of the Apostle Available
- Paul, The Revelation of
- Paul and Seneca, The Correspondence of , [HERE](#)
- Paul and Thecla, Acts of [HERE](#)
- Paul, Revelations of
- Paul, The Vision of
- Perfection, Gospel of
- Peter, Acts of [HERE](#)
- Peter, Additional Acts of
- Peter and Andrew, The Acts of [HERE](#)
- Peter, The Apocalypse of [HERE](#)
- Peter Doctrine of
- Peter, Judgement of
- Peter, Lost Gospel [HERE](#)
- Peter and Paul, The Acts of [HERE](#)
- Peter and Paul, Preachings of
- Peter, The Last Gospel [HERE](#)
- Peter, The Letter of to Philip Available
- Peter, Preaching of Available
- Peter, Revelation of
- Peter and the Twelve Apostles, The Acts of Available
- Philadelphians
- Philip, The Acts of [HERE](#)
- Philip, The Gospel of [HERE](#)
- Philippians 2
- Pilate, Letters of [HERE](#)
 - Herod to Pilate
 - Pilate to Herod
 - Pilate to Tiberius 1
 - Pilate to Tiberius 2
 - Pilate to Augustus Caesar
 - The Trail and condemnation of Pilate
 - The Death of Pilate
- Pontius Pilate, The Giving Up of [HERE](#)
- Pistis Sophia, Excerpts from
- Pistis Sophia, First Book
- Polycarp Available
- Q, Gospel referred to by the letter
- Quadratus [HERE](#)
- Romans 2
- Saviour, The Avenging of the

- Scythianus, Gospel of
- Seleucus, The Acts of the Apostles
- Seth, Revelation of Adam`s origin [HERE](#)
- Seth, The Second Treatise of the Great [HERE](#)
- Seth, The Three Steles of
- Smyrnaeans
- Odes of Solomon [HERE](#)
- Solomon, Testament of
- Stephen, Revelation of Available
- Thaddaeus, The Acts of [HERE](#)
- Thaddaeus, The Gospel of
- Thomas, Acts of [HERE](#)
- Thomas the Contender, The Book of [HERE](#)
- Thomas, The Consummation of
- Gospel of Thomas [HERE](#)
- Thomas, Secret Gospel [HERE](#)
- Titan, The Gospel of Available
- Trallians [HERE](#)
- Truth, The Gospel of Available
- Twelve Apostles, Gospel of
- Twelve Patriarchs Testaments of the
- Virgin, The Apocalypse of the Available
- Wars of the Jews [HERE](#)

Anomalies In The Lost Books

The Introduction

The reprehensible and unquestioned removal books from the Bible beginning in the 4th century with the Emperor Constantine was the beginning of the cover-up of anomalous references and unwanted doctrine from this ancient work. Through secret conferences, and with hidden agendas, the leaders of the early church purged hundreds of books from what was once a massive work. Fortunately many of these books have been found and we have begun an exhaustive project to uncover those anomalous references. Many of these references present a broader knowledge of Bible characters and events. Many add to the already overwhelming evidence of ancient technology contained in the Authorized King James Bible. Many of the books were eliminated by the church leaders due to glaring and embarrassing contradictions of the manmade doctrine forced upon the faithful by the church leadership. Though some 600 books have been rumored to be the original number less than half are known and fewer are accessible.

Presented here are verses that support the evidence of flying vehicles and advanced technology found in the pages of the King James Bible. Also

presented are verses that show more contradictions in mainstream church doctrine or connect those books to the King James Bible Where possible direct cross reference with the Authorized King James Bible have been included.

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The Letters and Writings of Pontius Pilate

The Report of Pontius Pilate to Tiberius

The Report of Pontius Pilate to Tiberius was regarded as genuine by the early church fathers. It consists of a letter written by Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judea, to Tiberius Caesar, the Emperor of Rome. The letter goes into great detail about the circumstances of the crucifixion of Christ and events immediately following Christ's death. In this letter, Pontius Pilate, an eyewitness to these events, relates many of the miracles performed by Christ. But, most importantly, it describes in detail the supernatural happenings at the time Christ was crucified. Presented below is evidence of the anomalies that were seen and witnessed by Pontius Pilate as related to Tiberius.

Miraculous Cures by Jesus

And that man wrought many cures, in addition to good works. He made the blind see; he cleansed lepers; he raised the dead; he healed paralytics who could not move at all, except that they only had their voice, and the joining of their bones; and he gave them the power of walking about and running, commanding them by a single word.

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

And another mightier work he did, which was strange even with our gods: he raised up a dead man, Lazarus, who had been dead four days, by a single word ordering the dead man to be raised, although his body was already corrupted by the worms that grow in wounds; and that ill-smelling body lying in the tomb he ordered to run; and as a bridegroom from the bridal chamber, so he came forth out of the tomb, filled with exceeding fragrance.

Jesus Expels Demons

And some that were cruelly vexed by demons, and had their dwellings in deserts, and ate the flesh of their own limbs, and lived along with reptiles and wild beasts, he made to be dwellers in cities in their own houses, and by a word he rendered them sound-minded; and he made those that were troubled by unclean spirits to be intelligent and reputable; and sending away the demons in them into a herd of swine, he suffocated them in the sea.

Jesus Heals A Withered Hand

Another man, again, who had a withered hand, and lived in sorrow, and had not even the half of his body sound, he rendered sound by a single word.

Jesus Cures A Woman Of A Flow Of Blood

And a woman that had a flow of blood for many years, so that, in consequence of the flowing of her blood, all the joinings of her bones appeared, and were transparent like glass; and assuredly all the physicians had left her without hope, and had not cleansed her, for there was not in her a single hope of health: once, then, as Jesus was passing by, she took hold of the fringe of his clothes behind, and that same hour the power of her body was completely restored, and she became whole, as if nothing were the matter with her, and she began to run swiftly to her own city Paneas.

Darkness Covers the Whole Earth When Jesus was Crucified

And when he had been crucified, there was darkness over the whole earth, the sun having been completely hidden, and the heaven appearing dark though it was day, so that the stars appeared, but had at the same time their brightness darkened,

The Moon Appears as Blood

And the moon, being like blood, did not shine the whole night, and yet she happened to be at the full.

The Stars and Orion Lament about the Jews

And the stars also, and Orion, made a lament about the Jews, on account of the wickedness that had been done by them.

The Heavens Light Up At Night

And on the first of the week, about the third hour of the night, the sun was seen such as it had never at any time shone, and all the heaven was lighted up.

Majestic Men Appear In the Air Along With Angels

And as lightnings come on in winter, so majestic men of indescribable splendour of dress and of glory appeared in the air, and an innumerable multitude of angels crying out, and saying: Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace, among men goodwill: come up out of Hades, ye who have been kept in slavery in the underground regions of Hades.

Mountains and Hills Shaken and Great Chasms Open Up

And at their voice all the mountains and hills were shaken, and the rocks were burst asunder; and great chasms were made in the earth, so that also what was in the abyss appeared.

Dead Men Are Raised Up

And there were seen in that terror dead men raised up, as the Jews that saw them said: We have seen Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve patriarchs, that died two thousand five hundred years ago; and we have seen Noah manifestly in the body.

The Dead Walk About Singing Praises to God

And all the multitude walked about, and sang praises to God with a loud voice, saying: The Lord our God that has risen from the dead has brought to life all the dead, and has plundered Hades, and put him to death.

(^{Matthew 27:51} At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. ⁵² The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.)

All Night the Light Did Not Cease

All that night therefore, my lord, O king, the light ceased not.

Many Jews Who Spoke Against Jesus Died

And many of the Jews died, and were engulfed and swallowed up in the chasms in that night, so that not even their bodies appeared. Those, I say, of the Jews suffered that had spoken against Jesus.

Synagogues That Were Against Jesus Destroyed

And one synagogue was left in Jerusalem, since all those synagogues that had been against Jesus were engulfed.

Letter of Pilate To Herod

The following letter written by Pilate the Governor of Judea is in response to the letter written by Herod in which Herod describes all the ills that have befallen him and his household since the crucifixion of Christ. Pilate speaks of the many supernatural occurrences he himself had confirmed concerning the death and subsequent resurrection of Jesus.

Pilate Speaks Of The Resurrection Of Christ

1. Know and see, that in the day when you delivered Jesus to me, I took pity on myself and testified by washing my hands that I was innocent concerning him who rose from the grave after three days, and had performed your pleasure in him, for you wanted me to be associated with you in his crucifixion. **2.** But I now learn from the executioners and from the soldiers who watched his sepulchre that he rose from the dead. And I have especially confirmed what was told me: that he appeared bodily in Galilee, in the same form, and with the same voice, and with the same doctrine, and with the same disciples, not having changed in anything, but preaching with boldness his resurrection and an everlasting kingdom.

Procla, The Wife of Pilate, Has Visions And Goes To See Christ For Herself

3. And behold, heaven and earth rejoice; and behold, Procla my wife is believing in the visions which appeared unto her when you sent that I should deliver Jesus to the people of Israel, because of the ill-will they had. 4. Now when Procla, my wife, heard that Jesus was risen and had appeared in Galilee, she took with her Longinus the centurion and twelve soldiers, the same who had watched at the sepulchre, and went to greet the face of Christ, as if to a great spectacle, and saw him with his disciples.

Jesus Speaks to Procla

5. Now while they were standing and wondering, and gazing at him, he looked at them and said to them, What is it? Do you believe in me? Procla, know that in the covenant God gave to the fathers, it is said that everybody who had perished should live by means of my death, which you have seen. And now you see that I live, whom you crucified. And I suffered many things, till I was laid in the sepulchre. But now, hear me and believe in my Father -- God who is in me. For I loosed the cords of death and broke the gates of Hades, and my coming shall be in the future.

Herod Hears A Great Voice From Heaven And A Dreadful Thunder. The Earth Trembles

8. And when we drew near to him, O Herod, a great voice was heard from heaven, and dreadful thunder, and the earth trembled and gave forth a sweet smell, like to which was never perceived even in the temple of Jerusalem.

The Post-Resurrection Body Of Jesus Bore The Scars Of The Crucifixion

12. Now our Lord drew near and raised up me and my wife, and the Romans. I looked at him and saw there were on him the scars of his cross.

Jesus Is Glorified On High By All He Created

13. And he said, That which all the righteous fathers hoped to receive, and saw not -- in your time the Lord of Time, the Son of Man, the Son of the Most High, who is forever, arose from the dead and is glorified on high by all that he created, and established for ever and ever.

Letter of Herod To Pilate The Governor

The letters of Herod and Pilate definitely connect the death of Christ to Roman History. Three of these letters can be found in the British Museum in a Syriac MS written in the sixth or seventh century. The letter of Herod to Pilate The Governor gives us a detailed overview of what befell Herod after the crucifixion of Christ. The following excerpts from the letter show how the divine judgments of a supernatural God are carried out.

The Death Of Herod's Daughter

1. I am in great anxiety. I write these things to you, that when you have heard

them you may be grieved for me. For as my daughter Herodias, who is dear to me, was playing upon a pool of water that had ice upon it, it broke under her and all her body went down, and her head was cut off and remained on the surface of the ice. And behold, her mother is holding her head upon her knees in her lap, and my whole house is in great sorrow.

Herod Speaks Of The Evil Done To John The Baptist

3. And it is certain that because of the many evil things which were done by me to John the Baptist, and because I mocked the Christ, behold I receive the reward of unrighteousness, for I have shed much blood of others' children upon the earth.

Herod's Son Dies

4. My son Azbonius also is in the agony of the hour of death.

Herod Himself is Afflicted To The Point Of Death

5. And I too am in affliction and great trial, because I have the dropsy and am in great distress, because I persecuted the introducer of baptism by water, which was John. Therefore, my brother, the judgments of God are righteous.

12. I send you the earrings of my daughter and my own ring, that they may be for you a memorial of my decease. For already do worms begin to issue from my body, and lo, I am receiving temporal judgment, and I am afraid of the judgment to come.

Herod's Wife Is Blinded

6. And my wife, again, through all her grief for her daughter, is become blind in her left eye, because we desired to blind the Eye of righteousness.

Afflictions On Priest And Writers Of The Law

7. There is no peace to the doers of evil, says the Lord. For already great affliction comes upon the priests and upon the writers of the law because they delivered unto you the Just One.

The Death Of Pilate, Who Condemned Jesus

In this account of the death of Pilate, it is related that Tiberius Caesar, being very ill and not knowing that Jesus had been put to death, sends an attendant to Pilate to tell him to send the physician, Jesus, to him as quickly as possible. When Caesar hears of the crucifixion of Christ, he commands Pilate be brought to him and Pilate is condemned to death. The supernatural incidences at the death of Pilate are related here.

A Canvas That Heals

8. Veronica said to him, When my Lord went about preaching, and I was very unwillingly deprived of his presence, at least the figure of his likeness might give me consolation. 9. And when I was taking the canvas to the painter to be painted,

my Lord met me and asked where I was going. And when I had made known to him the cause of my journey, he asked me for the canvas, and gave it back to me printed with the likeness of his venerable face. **10.** Therefore, if your lord will devoutly look upon the sight of this, he will immediately enjoy the benefit of health.

The Likeness Of Jesus Heals Caesar

13. So Volusianus came with Veronica to Rome, and said to Tiberius the emperor, Jesus, whom you have long desired, Pilate and the Jews have surrendered to an unjust death, and through envy fastened to the wood of the cross. **14.** Therefore, a certain matron has come with me bringing the likeness of the same Jesus, and if you will devoutly gaze upon it, you will presently obtain the benefit of your health. **15.** So Caesar caused the way to be spread with cloths of silk, and ordered the portrait to be presented to him; and as soon as he had looked upon it, he regained his original health.

Jesus' Coat Soothes The Wrath Of Caesar

17. Now Pilate brought with him the seamless coat of Jesus, and wore it when before the emperor. **18.** As soon as the emperor saw him he laid aside all his wrath and rose to him, and was unable to speak harshly to him in anything, for he who in his absence seemed so terrible and fierce now in his presence was found comparatively gentle. **19.** And when he had dismissed him, he soon became terribly inflamed against him, declaring himself wretched because he had not expressed to him the anger of his bosom. **20.** And immediately he had him recalled, swearing and protesting that he was a child of death and unfit to live upon earth. But when he saw him he instantly greeted him, and laid aside all the fury of his mind. **21.** All were astonished, and he was astonished himself that he was so enraged against Pilate while absent but could say nothing sharply to him while he was present.

Caesar Has The Coat Of Jesus Stripped From Pilate

22. At length, by divine suggestion, or perhaps by the persuasion of some Christian, he had him stripped of the coat, and soon resumed against him his original fury of mind. And when the emperor was wondering very much about this, they told him it had been the coat of the Lord Jesus. Then the emperor commanded him to be kept in prison till he should take counsel with the wise men what ought to be done with him.

Pilate's Body Is Sunk In The River, Wicked Spirits Cause A Great Tempest

26. He was therefore fastened to a great block of stone and sunk in the river Tiber. But wicked and unclean spirits, rejoicing in his wicked and unclean body, all moved about in the water, and caused in the air dreadful lightning and tempests, thunder and hail, so that all were seized with horrible fear. **27.** On which account the Romans dragged him out of the river Tiber, bore him away in derision to Vienne, and sunk him in the river Rhone. For Vienne means, as it

were, Way of Gehenna, because it was then a place of cursing. And evil spirits were there and did the same things.

The Burial Site Of Pilate Is Still Diabolically Disturbed

28. These men, therefore, not enduring to be so harassed by demons, removed the vessel of cursing from them and sent it to be buried in the territory of Losania. **29.** But when they were troubled exceedingly by the same aforesaid vexations, they put it away from them and sunk it in a certain pool surrounded by mountains, where even yet, according to the account of some, sundry diabolical contrivances are said to issue forth.

The Report Of Pilate The Governor Concerning Our Lord Jesus Christ; Which Was Sent To Augustus Caesar, In Rome

Pilate sent this letter to Caesar in Rome. It is his private report of the occurrences surrounding the crucifixion of Christ. In this letter Pilate reports to Rome on the supernatural happenings associated with Christ's death.

Pilate Speaks Of The Miracle Healings Of Jesus

3. But they charged him with one heresy in particular, namely, that Jesus said the Sabbath was not a rest, nor to be observed by them. For he performed many cures on that day, and made the blind see and the lame walk, raised the dead, cleansed lepers, healed the paralytic who were wholly unable to move their body or brace their nerves but could only speak and discourse, and he gave them power to walk and run, removing their infirmity by his word alone.

6. And again, there was another who had a withered hand, and not only the hand but rather the half of the body of the man was like a stone, and he had neither the shape of a man nor the symmetry of a body; even him he healed with a word and rendered whole. **7.** And a woman also, who had an issue of blood for a long time, and whose veins and arteries were exhausted, and who did not bear a human body, being like one dead and daily speechless, so that all the physicians of the district were unable to cure her. There remained to her not a hope of life, but as Jesus passed by she mysteriously received strength by his shadow falling on her from behind. She touched the hem of his garment and immediately, in that very hour, strength filled her exhausted limbs, and as if she had never suffered anything, she began to run along towards Capernaum, her own city, so that she reached it in a six days' journey.

Pilate Tells Of The Resurrection Of Lazarus

4. There is another very mighty deed which is strange to the gods we have: he raised up a man who had been dead four days, summoning him by this word alone, when the dead man had begun to decay and his body was corrupted by the worms which had been bred, and had the stench of a dog; but, seeing him lying in the tomb, he commanded him to run, nor did the dead man at all delay, but as a bridegroom out of his chamber, he went forth from his tomb filled with abundant perfume.

The Casting Out Of Demons By Jesus As Reported By Pilate

5. Moreover, even such as were strangers and clearly demoniacs, who had their dwelling in deserts and devoured their own flesh, and wandered about like cattle and creeping things, he turned into inhabitants of cities, and by a word rendered them rational and prepared them to become wise and powerful, and illustrious, taking their food with all the enemies of the unclean spirits which were destructive in them, and which he cast into the depth of the sea.

Pilate Relates The Supernatural Happenings Following The Crucifixion

10. Now when he was crucified, there was darkness over all the world, and the sun was obscured for half a day, and the stars appeared, but no lustre was seen in them; and the moon lost its brightness, as though tinged with blood; and the world of the departed was swallowed up, so that the very sanctuary of the temple, as they call it, did not appear to the Jews themselves at their fall, but they perceived a chasm in the earth and the rolling of successive thunders.

The Dead Rise And Speak; Pilate Was Eyewitness To This

11. And amid this terror the dead appeared rising again, as the Jews themselves bore witness and said that it was Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the twelve patriarchs, and Moses, and Job, who had died before, as they say, some three thousand five hundred years. 12. And there were very many whom I myself saw appearing in the body, and they made lamentation over the Jews, because of the transgression which was committed by them, and because of the destruction of the Jews and of their law.

Pilate Hears A Great Sound From Heaven The Heavens Illuminated Brighter Than Ever

13. The terror of the earthquake continued from the sixth hour of the preparation until the ninth hour; and when it was evening on the first day of the week, there came a sound from heaven, and the heaven became seven times more luminous than on all other days. And at the third hour of the night the sun appeared more luminous than it had ever shone, lighting up the whole hemisphere.

Lofty, Glorious Men Are Seen

14. And as lightning-flashes suddenly come forth in a storm, so there were seen men, lofty in stature and surpassing in glory, a countless host crying out, and their voice was heard as that of exceedingly loud thunder: Jesus that was crucified is risen again. Come up from Hades, you that were enslaved in the subterranean recesses of Hades.

A Bottomless Chasm

15. And the chasm in the earth was as if it had no bottom, but it was so that the very foundations of the earth appeared, with those that shouted in heaven, and walked in the body among the dead that were raised. 16. And he who raised up all the dead and bound in Hades said, Say to my disciples, he goes before you into Galilee, and there you will see him.

The Light Did Not Cease Shining All Night

17. And all that night the light did not cease shining. And many of the Jews died in the chasm of the earth, being swallowed up, so that in the morning most of those who had been against Jesus were not to be found.

Apparitions Of Men Seen Rising

18. Others saw the apparition of men rising again whom none of us had ever seen.

Only One Synagogue Left Standing

19. Only one synagogue of the Jews was left in Jerusalem itself, for they all disappeared in that ruin.

Pilate States Absolutely That He Was Eyewitness To These Events

20. Therefore being astounded by that terror, and being possessed with the most dreadful trembling, I have written what I saw at that time and sent it to your excellency; and I have inserted what was done against Jesus by the Jews, and sent it to your divinity, my lord.

The Trial And Condemnation Of Pilate

The Trial and Condemnation of Pilate is often referred to as the Paradosis of Pilate. Many scholars believe it to be a continuation of The Epistle of Pontius Pilate. This letter pertains to a discourse between Pontius Pilate and Caesar and the events that take place during this time. Many paranormal events occurred during their discussion and the subsequent condemnation and execution of Pilate.

All Who Heard The Letter From Pilate Are Terrified By The Darkness And Earthquake

1. Now when the letters came to the city of the Romans, and were read to Caesar with many standing there, they were all terrified, because through the transgression of Pilate, the darkness and the earthquake had happened to all the world. And Caesar, being filled with anger, sent soldiers and commanded that Pilate should be brought as a prisoner.

Caesar Declares Jesus, By His Miracles, To Be Christ, The King Of The Jews

8. And Caesar said, When they delivered him to you, you ought to have made him secure and sent him to me, and not consented to them to crucify such a man, who was just and wrought such great and good miracles, as you said in your report. For by such miracles Jesus was revealed to be the Christ, the King of the Jews.

The Multitude Of Gods Fall Down

9. And when Caesar said this and himself named the name of Christ, all the multitude of the gods fell down together, and became like dust where Caesar sat

with the senate. And all the people who stood near Caesar were filled with trembling because of the utterance of the word and the fall of their gods, and they all went away, every man to his house, seized with fear and wondering at what had happened.

Jesus' Name Destroys The Gods

11. And on the next day when Caesar sat in the capitol with all the senate, he undertook to question Pilate again. And Caesar said, Say the truth, most impious one, for through your impious deed which you committed against Jesus, even here the doing of your evil works were manifested, in that the gods were brought to ruin. Say then, who is he that was crucified, for his name destroyed all the gods?

The World Was Darkened And Brought To Ruin

16. I have been informed of the audacity perpetrated very recently by the Jews inhabiting Jerusalem and the cities round about, and their lawless doing, how they compelled Pilate to crucify a certain god called Jesus, through which great transgression of theirs the world was darkened and drawn into ruin.

Pilate Is Condemned To Death, Receives An Answer From A Voice From Heaven

22. And behold when Pilate had finished his prayer, there came a voice from heaven, saying, All generations and the families of the Gentiles will call you blessed, because under you were fulfilled all these things that were spoken by the prophets concerning me; and you yourself must appear as my witness at my second coming, when I shall judge the twelve tribes of Israel and them that have not confessed my name.

Pilate Is Beheaded And Procla Dies After Seeing An Angel

23. And the Prefect cut off the head of Pilate, and behold, an angel of the Lord received it. **24.** And when his wife Procla saw the angel come and receive his head, she also, being filled with joy, immediately gave up the ghost and was buried with her husband.

The Epistle of Pontius Pilate

The Epistle of Pontius Pilate was written to Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome concerning the crucifixion of Christ Jesus. In the Epistle, Pilate speaks of supernatural events connected with the death of Christ.

Supernatural Signs Appeared At The Crucifixion

2. But the people made an amazing effort, and all their scribes, chiefs and elders agreed to crucify this ambassador of truth, although their own prophets, like the Sibyls with us, advised to the contrary; and when he was hanged supernatural signs appeared, and in the judgment of philosophers menaced the whole world with ruin.

The Gospel Of Nicodemus **AKA The Acts Of Pontius Pilate**

The Gospel of Nicodemus is supposed by some to have been written by Nicodemus, a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is also noted that Eusebius, in his Ecclesiastical history, claims that the Acts of Pontius Pilate were forged by pagans. But, the evidence in this Gospel proves that it was not the forgery of unbelievers. The Gospel of Nicodemus was in use among Christians and churches at the end of the third century. It was considered Canonical until it's removal by various edicts and councils of the early church. There is much evidence of supernatural phenomena presented in The Gospel, backed up by Biblical evidence. Below are verses from The Gospel of Nicodemus with comparative verses taken from the Bible we use today.

Tops Of The Standards Bow To Jesus

1:20 And as Jesus was going in by the ensigns, who carried the standards, the tops of them bowed down and worshipped Jesus.

1:22 But Pilate said to the Jews, I know it is not pleasing to you that the tops of the standards did of themselves bow and worship Jesus; but why do ye exclaim against the ensigns, as if they had bowed and worshipped?

1:25 The ensigns said to Pilate, We are all Pagans and worship the gods in temples; and how should we think anything about worshipping him? We only held the standards in our hands and they bowed themselves and worshipped him.

1:32 And when Jesus went in, the standards bowed themselves as before, and worshipped him.

An Angel Troubles The Waters Of A Pool And The Water Cures Infirmities

5:14 And he said, I lay for thirty - eight years by the sheep- pool at Jerusalem, labouring under a great infirmity, and waiting for a cure which should be wrought by the coming of an angel, who at a certain time troubled the water; and whosoever first after the troubling of the water stepped in, was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. **15** And when Jesus saw me languishing there, he said to me, Wilt thou be made whole? And I answered, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool. **16** And he said unto me, Rise, take up thy bed and walk. And I was immediately made whole, and took up my bed and walked.

Jesus Performs Miracles

5:21 They told me that Jesus was passing by: then I cried out, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. And he stood still, and commanded that I should be brought to him, and said to me, What wilt thou? **22** I said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. **23** He said to me, Receive thy sight: and presently I saw, and followed him, rejoicing and giving thanks. **24** Another Jew also came forth, and said, I was a leper, and he cured me by his word only, saying, I will, be thou clean; and presently I was cleansed from my leprosy. **25** And another Jew came forth, and said, I was crooked, and he made me straight by his word. **26** And a

certain woman named Veronica, said, I was afflicted with an issue of blood twelve years, and I touched the hem of his garments, and presently the issue of my blood stopped.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

5:28 And, after other things, another Jew said, I saw Jesus invited to a wedding with his disciples, and there was a want of wine in Cana of Galilee; **29** And when the wine was all drank, he commanded the servants that they should fill six pots which were there with water, and they filled them up to the brim, and he blessed them, and turned the water into wine, and all the people drank, being surprised at this miracle.

Lazarus Raised From The Dead

5:45 But others said to Pilate, That he had raised Lazarus from the dead, after he had been four days in his grave.

Miraculous Events During The Crucifixion

1:1 And it was about the sixth hour, and darkness was upon the face of the whole earth until the ninth hour. **2** And while the sun was eclipsed, behold the vail of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom; and the rocks also were rent, and the graves opened, and many bodies of saints, which slept, arose.

The Sepulchre Stone Is Rolled Away By An Angel With A Countenance Like Lightning

10:3 That while they were guarding the sepulchre of Jesus, there was an earthquake; and we saw an angel of God roll away the stone of the sepulchre and sit upon it; **4** And his countenance was like lightning and his garment like snow; and we became through fear like persons dead. **5** And we heard an angel saying to the women at the sepulchre of Jesus, Do not fear; I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified; he is risen as he foretold. **6** Come and see the place where he was laid; and go presently, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and he will go before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him as he told you.

Jesus Ascends To Heaven

10:21 And when he had said these things to his disciples, we saw him ascending up to heaven. **22** When the chief priests, and elders, and Levites heard these things, they said to these three men, Give glory to the God of Israel, and make confession to him, whether those things are true, which ye say ye have seen and heard. **23** They answering said, As the Lord of our fathers liveth, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, according as we heard Jesus talking with his disciples, and according as we saw him ascending up to heaven, so we have related the truth to you. **24** And the three men farther answered, and said, adding these words, If we should not own the words which we heard Jesus speak, and that we saw him ascending into heaven, we should be guilty of sin.

12:7 After this, they asked them what they had seen; who answered with one accord, In the presence of the God of Israel we affirm, that we plainly saw Jesus talking with his disciples in Mount Olivet, and ascending up to heaven.

12:12 And besides these men have declared, that they saw him talking with his disciples in Mount Olivet, and ascending up to heaven. **13** Then Joseph rising up, said to Annas and Caiaphas, Ye may be justly under a great surprise, that you have been told, that Jesus is alive, and gone up to heaven.

Simeon's Sons Are Raised From The Dead

12:16 This same Simeon had two sons of his own, and we were all present at their death and funeral. **17** Go therefore and see their tombs, for these are open, and they are risen: and behold, they are in the city of Arimathaea, spending their time together in offices of devotion.

Elijah Was Taken Up To Heaven

11:2 And the scripture teacheth us that the blessed prophet Elijah was taken up to heaven; and Elisha being asked by the sons of the prophets, Where is our father Elijah? He said to them, that he is taken up to heaven.

Joseph Of Arimathaea Sees Angels And Jesus Shining Brightly

11:20 But while I was standing at prayer in the middle of the night, the house was surrounded with four angels; and I saw Jesus as the brightness of the sun, and fell down upon the earth for fear.

A Great Light In The Blackness Of Hell

13:3 When we were placed with our fathers in the depth of hell, in the blackness of darkness, on a sudden there appeared the colour of the sun like gold, and a substantial purple - coloured light enlightening the place. **4** Presently upon this, Adam, the father of all mankind, with all the patriarchs and prophets, rejoiced and said, That light is the author of everlasting light, who hath promised to translate us to everlasting light. **5** Then Isaiah the prophet cried out, and said, This is the light of the Father, and the Son of God, according to my prophecy, when I was alive upon earth. **6** The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim beyond Jordan, a people who walked in darkness, saw a great light; and to them who dwelled in the region of the shadow of death, light is arisen. And now he is come, and hath enlightened us who sat in death. **7** And while we were all rejoicing in the light which shone upon us, our father Simeon came among us, and congratulating all the company, said, Glorify the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God.

John Hears A Voice From Heaven

13:13 And I baptized him in the river Jordan, and saw the Holy Ghost descending upon him in the form of a dove, and heard a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The Angel Michael Appears To Seth

14:3 Then Seth, coming near to the patriarchs and prophets, said, I Seth, when I was praying to God at the gates of Paradise, beheld the angel of the Lord, Michael appear unto me saying, I am sent unto thee from the Lord; I am appointed to preside over human bodies.

Jesus Will Come Down On Earth

14:8 And when at that time the most merciful Son of God, Christ Jesus, shall come down on earth, he will introduce our father Adam into Paradise, to the tree of mercy.

A Great Voice Like Thunder Is Heard

16:13 Then there was a great voice, as of the sound of thunder saying, Lift up your gates, O princes; and be ye lifted up, ye gates of hell, and the King of Glory will enter in.

Christ Has A Bright Appearance

17:3 Who art thou, who hast no sign of corruption, but that bright appearance which is a full proof of thy greatness, of which yet thou seemest to take no notice?

Elijah Translated In A Fiery Chariot, Enoch And Elijah Will Return To The Earth

20:3 One of them answering, said, I am Enoch, who was translated by the word of God: and this man who is with me, is Elijah the Tishbite, who was translated in a fiery chariot. **4** Here we have hitherto been and have not tasted death, but are now about to return at the coming of Antichrist, being armed with divine signs and miracles, to engage with him in battle, and to be slain by him at Jerusalem, and to be taken up alive again into the clouds, after three days and a half.

Charinus And Lenthius Changed Into White Forms

21:7 And after they had made an end of writing and had wrote in two distinct pieces of paper, Charinus gave what he wrote into the hands of Annas, and Caiaphas, and Gamaliel. **8** Lenthius likewise gave what he wrote into the hands of Nicodemus and Joseph; and immediately they were changed into exceeding white forms and were seen no more.

Jesus Seen Ascending And Entering Heaven

22:8 And when we were deliberating among one another about the miracles which Jesus had wrought, we found many witnesses of our own country, who declared that they had seen him alive after his death, and that they heard him discoursing with his disciples, and saw him ascending unto the height of the heavens, and entering into them;

The Gospel of the Birth of Mary

A Brief History of the Gospel of the Birth of Mary

The Gospel of the Birth of Mary, attributed to St. Matthew, was considered genuine and authentic by many of the ancient Christian sects. The Gospel is mentioned by several of the church fathers, including Jerome, Epiphanius, and Austin. One of the so-called Lost Books of the Bible, The Gospel of the Birth of Mary was rejected during the formulation of the Bible by various edicts and councils of the early Church. Dissension, personal jealousy, intolerance, persecution and bigotry among the churchmen contributed to the evolution of the Bible, as we know it today. As an effect of the in-fighting among the churchmen, writings of a pure purpose and sincerity have been omitted from the Bible text. Often it is expressed, by sincere seekers of the truth, a desire to know more about the Virgin Mary and her life. The Gospel of the Birth of Mary fulfills this desire. The following comparisons of scripture taken from the Bible and the Gospel of the Birth of Mary prove the authenticity of the information contained in the Gospel of the Birth of Mary written by Matthew.

An Angel And A Light Appear To Joachim

2:1 But when he had been there for some time, on a certain day when he was alone, the angel of the Lord stood by him in a prodigious light. **2** To whom, being troubled at the appearance, the angel who had appeared to him endeavored to compose him by saying: **3** Be not afraid, Joachim, nor troubled at the sight of me, for I am an angel of the Lord sent by him to you, that I might inform you that your prayers are heard and your alms have ascended to the sight of God.

See Matthew 28:2, Luke 28:2, Revelations 10:1

Mary Is Filled With The Holy Ghost From Her Mother's Womb

2:9 But if reason will not convince you of the truth of my words that there are frequent conceptions in advanced years, and that those who were barren have brought forth to their great surprise, therefore Anna your wife shall bring you a daughter, and you shall call her name Mary; **10** She shall, according to your vow, be devoted to the Lord from her infancy, and she will be filled with the Holy Spirit from her mother's womb.

See Luke 1:15

Mary Is Born In A Miraculous Manner

2:12 So in the process of her years, as she shall be in a miraculous manner born of one that was barren, so she shall, while yet a virgin, in a way unparalleled, bring forth the Son of the most High God, who shall be called Jesus, and according to the significance of his name, be the Savior of all nations.

See Luke 1: 28, 30

An Angel Appears To Anna

3:1 Afterwards the angel appeared to Anna his wife saying: Fear not, neither think that which you see is a spirit. **2** For I am that angel who has offered up your prayers and alms before God, and am now sent to you that I may inform you that a daughter will be born unto you, who shall be called Mary, and shall be blessed

above all women.

See Luke 1:28, 42

Angels Minister To Mary

5:2 For she every day had the conversation of angels, and every day received visitors from God, which preserved her from all sorts of evil and caused her to abound with all good things;

See Matthew 4:11

A Voice From The Ark And The Mercy Seat

5:13 And immediately there was a voice from the ark and the mercy-seat, which all present heard, that it must be inquired or sought out by a prophecy of Isaiah to whom the Virgin should be given and be betrothed;

See Exodus 5:22

The Angel Gabriel Appears To Mary And The Room Fills With A Bright Light

7:1 Now at this time of her first coming into Galilee, the angel Gabriel was sent to her from God to declare to her the conception of our Savior and the manner and way of her conceiving him. **2** Accordingly going to her, he filled the chamber where she was with a prodigious light, and in a most courteous manner saluting her, he said,

See Matthew 28:2, Luke 28:2, Revelations10:1

Mary IS Not Astonished By The Angel Or The Bright Light From Heaven

7:4 But the Virgin, who had before been well acquainted with the countenances of angels, and to whom such light from heaven was no uncommon thing, **5** Was neither terrified with the vision of the angel, nor astonished at the greatness of the light, but only troubled about the angel's words:

See Luke 2:9

Mary conceives in an extraordinary manner

7:18 For, without lying with a man, while yet a Virgin, you shall conceive; while a Virgin, you shall bring forth; and while a Virgin shall be able to nurse your baby.

19 For the Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you, without any of the heats of lust.

20 So that which shall be born of you shall be only holy, because it only is conceived without sin, and when born, shall be called the Son of God. **21** Then Mary, stretching forth her hands and lifting her eyes to heaven, said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.

See Luke 1:35, 38

An Angel appears to Joseph

8:8 But while he was meditating on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, and said, Joseph, son of David, fear not;

See Matthew 1:20

The Protevangelion

The Protevangelion, an Historical Account of the Birth of Christ and The "Perpetual Virgin" Mary, His Mother, was recounted by James, the cousin of Jesus. The ancient church fathers alluded to it frequently. The Protevangelion was supposed to have been originally written in the Hebrew language. Postellus, an ancient scholar, stated that it was read publicly as canonical in the Eastern churches and that there was no doubt that James was the author of the Protevangelion. Nevertheless, some of the most learned men of the church declared it to be apocryphal and it was deleted, along with many other writings, from the Bible by various edicts and councils. Following is a comparison of Biblical scripture and scripture from the Protevangelion offering proof of a supernatural phenomena concerning interaction between a race of super beings and human beings.

Angels Appear To Anna

4:1 Then an angel of the Lord stood by her and said, "Anna, Anna, the Lord has heard your prayer. You shall conceive and bring forth, and your progeny shall be spoken of in all the world."

4:3 And behold, there appeared two angels, saying to her, "Behold, Joachim your husband is coming with his shepherds."

An Angel Comes Down To Joachim

4:4 For an angel of the Lord has also come down to him, and said, "The Lord God has heard your prayer; make haste and go from here, for behold, Anna your wife shall conceive."

An Angel Tends Mary In The Temple

8:2 But Mary continued in the temple as a dove educated there, and received her food from the hand of an angel.

An Angel Appears To Zacharias

8:6 And behold, an angel of the Lord came to him and said, "Zachary, Zachary, go forth and call together all the widowers among the people, and let every one of them bring his rod, and he by whom the Lord shall show a sign shall be the husband of Mary."

The Trumpet Of The Lord Sounds

8:7 And the criers went out throughout all Judaea, and the trumpet of the Lord sounded, and all the people ran and met together.

Exodus 19:16, 20:18, Psalms 47:5, Isaiah 18:3, Zechariah 9:14, Matthew 24:3, 1

Corinthians 15:52, Revelations 1:10, 4:1

A Dove Comes From The Rod Of Joseph

8:11 The last rod was taken by Joseph, and behold, a dove proceeded out of the

rod, and flew upon the head of Joseph

Mary Hears A Voice And An Angel Appears To Her

9:7 And she took a pot, and went out to draw water, and heard a voice saying to her, "Hail, you who are full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women."

9:9 And behold, the angel of the Lord stood by her, and said, "Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor in the sight of God."

Luke 1:30

Conception By The Holy Spirit

9:11 And the angel said to her, "The Lord is with you, and you shall conceive," **12** to which she replied, "What! Shall I conceive by the living God, and bring forth as all other women do?" **13** But the angel replied, "Not so, Mary, but the Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you; **14** therefore, that which shall be born of you shall be holy, and shall be called the Son of the Living God, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins

Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:35

An Angel Appears to Joseph in a Dream

10:17 Then the night was come upon him, when behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said, **18** Do not be afraid to take that young woman, for That which is within her is of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 1:20

Time Stops as Joseph Watches

13:2 But as I was going," said Joseph, I looked up into the air, and I saw the clouds astonished, and the fowls of the air stopping in the midst of their flight. **3** And I looked down towards the earth, and saw a table spread, and working people sitting around it, but their hands were upon the table, and they did not move to eat. **4** They who had meat in their mouths did not eat. **5** They who lifted their hands up to their heads did not draw them back, **6** and they who lifted them up to their mouths did not put anything in, **7** but all their faces were fixed upwards. **8** And I beheld the sheep dispersed, and yet the sheep stood still. **9** And the shepherd lifted up his hand to smite them, and his hand continued up. **10** And I looked to a river, and saw the kids with their mouths close to the water, and touching it, but they did not drink."

Joshua 10:12-13

A Bright Cloud Overshadows The Cave

14:10 Then a bright cloud overshadowed the cave, and the midwife said, "This day my soul is magnified, for my eyes have seen surprising things, and salvation is brought forth to Israel."

The Cloud Becomes A Great Light

14:11 But of a sudden the cloud became a great light in the cave, so that their eyes could not bear it.

The Light Gradually Decreases Until The Infant Appeared

14:12 But the light gradually decreased, until the infant appeared, and sucked the breast of his mother Mary.

Salome's Hand Is Withered

14:20 And Salome tested her with her finger. But her hand was withered, and she groaned bitterly, **21** and said, "Woe to me, because of my iniquity! For I have tempted the living God, and my hand is ready to drop off."

Salome's Hand Is Cured

14:25 Upon this an angel of the Lord stood by Salome and said, "The Lord God has heard your prayer; reach forth your hand to the Child, and carry Him, and by that means you shall be restored." **26** Salome, filled with exceeding joy, went to the child, and said, "I will touch Him." **27** And she purposed to worship Him, for she said, "This is a great King who is born in Israel." **28** And straightway Salome was cured

A Voice Speaks To Salome

14:30 And lo! a voice came to Salome, "Declare not the strange things which you have seen, till the Child shall come to Jerusalem

The Wisemen See The Star

15:2 who said, "Where is the king of the Jews born? For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him."

15:7 They answered him, "We saw an extraordinarily large star shining among the stars of heaven, and so outshining all the other stars that they became invisible, and we knew thereby that a great King was born in Israel, and therefore we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2, 7

The Wise Men are lead to the Infant by the Star

15:9 So the wise men went forth, and behold, the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over the cave where the young Child was with Mary His mother.

Matthew 2:9

The Wise Men are warned by an Angel

15:11 And being warned in a dream by an angel that they should not return to Herod through Judaea, they departed into their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:12

Elizabeth cries to the Mountain of the Lord for help. The Mountain opens

16:5 Then she groaned within herself, and said, "O mountain of the Lord, receive

the mother with the child." **6** For Elizabeth could not climb up. **7** And instantly the mountain was divided and received them.

An Angel appears to protect Elizabeth and the Infant John

16:8 And there appeared to them an angel of the Lord, to preserve them.

A voice from Heaven declares Zacharias murdered

16:21 Then, behold, a voice from heaven said, "Zachary is murdered, and his blood shall not be wiped away, until the avenger of his blood comes

Luke 11:51

The roofs of the Temple howled

16:23 Then the roofs of the temple howled, and were rent from the top to the bottom,

The Acts Of Paul and Thecla

The Acts of Paul and Thecla were reputed to have been a forgery and Pope Gelasius, in his decree against Apocryphal books, had them removed from Canon. Never the less, The Acts of Paul and Thecla were considered genuine by the early Christians. 4th century historians such as Eusebius, Austin, and Gregory, to name a few, mention Thecla. In about 590 CE, Euagrius Scholasticus, an ecclesiastical historian, records that the Emperor Zeno had a vision of Thecla, who promised him the restoration of his empire. Emperor Zeno's empire was restored and he built a beautiful temple in honor of Thecla in Seleucia, Isauria. Grabe, the editor of the Septuagint, considered The Acts of Paul and Thecla as having been written during the Apostolic Age. He believed them to be authentic and genuine history. The Acts of Paul and Thecla were translated from a Greek manuscript that can be found in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. There are some remarkable paranormal events recorded in The Acts of Paul and Thecla. These events are as follows.

Paul Appears As An Angel

1:7 At length they saw a man coming (namely Paul), of a low stature, bald (or shaved) on the head, crooked thighs, handsome legs, hollow-eyed; had a crooked nose; full of grace; for sometimes he appeared as a man, sometimes he had the countenance of an angel. And Paul saw Onesiphorus, and was glad. **8** And Onesiphorus said: Hail, thou servant of the blessed God. Paul replied, The grace of God be with thee and thy family.

Thecla Sees Jesus In The Likeness Of Paul

5:11 But Thecla, just as a lamb in the wilderness looks every way to see his shepherd, looked around for Paul; **12** And as she was looking upon the multitude, she saw the Lord Jesus in the likeness of Paul, and said to herself, Paul is come to see me in my distressed circumstances. And she fixed her eyes upon him; but he instantly ascended up to heaven, while she looked on him.

God Quenches The Fire

5:15 Then the people set fire to the pile; though the flame was exceeding large, it did not touch her, for God took compassion on her, and caused a great eruption from the earth beneath, and a cloud from above to pour down great quantities of rain and hail; **16** Insomuch that by the rupture of the earth, very many were in great danger, and some were killed, the fire was extinguished, and Thecla was preserved.

A She Lion Licks Thecla And Does Not Harm Her

8:3 At length a day came, when the beasts were to be brought forth to be seen; and Thecla was brought to the amphitheatre, and put into a den in which was an exceeding fierce she-lion, in the presence of a multitude of spectators. **4** Trifina, without any surprise, accompanied Thecla, and the she-lion licked the feet of Thecla. The title written which denotes her crime was: Sacrilege. Then the woman cried out, O God, the judgments of this city are unrighteous.

The Dead Daughter Of Trifina Appears

8:5 After the beasts had been shewn, Trifina took Thecla home with her, and they went to bed; and behold, the daughter of Trifina, who was dead, appeared to her mother, and said; Mother, let the young woman, Thecla, be reputed by you as your daughter in my stead; and desire her that she should pray for me, that I may be translated to a state of happiness. **6** Upon which Trifina, with a mournful air, said, My daughter Falconilla has appeared to me, and ordered me to receive you in her room; wherefore I desire, Thecla, that you would pray for my daughter, that she may be translated into a state of happiness, and to life eternal.

Thecla Thrown To The Beast, No Harm Comes To Her

9:1 Then Thecla was taken out of the hand of Trifina, stripped naked, had a girdle put on, and thrown into the place appointed for fighting with the beasts: and the lions and the bears were let loose upon her. **2** But a she-lion, which was of all the most fierce, ran to Thecla, and fell down at her feet. Upon which the multitude of women shouted aloud. **3** Then a she-bear ran fiercely towards her; but the she-lion met the bear, and tore it to pieces. **4** Again, a he-lion, who had been wont to devour men, and which belonged to Alexander, ran towards her; but the she-lion encountered the he-lion, and they killed each other.

9:10 Yet they turned other wild beasts upon her; upon which they made a very mournful outcry; and some of them scattered spikenard, others cassia, other amomus [a sort of spikenard, or the herb of Jerusalem, or ladies-rose], others ointment; so that the quantity of ointment was large, in proportion to the number of people; and upon this all the beasts lay as though they had been fast asleep, and did not touch Thecla.

Thecla's Baptism

9:6 Afterwards they brought out many other wild beasts; but Thecla stood with her hands stretched towards heaven, and prayed; and when she had done

praying, she turned about, and saw a pit of water, and said, Now it is a proper time for me to be baptized. **7** Accordingly she threw herself into the water, and said, In thy name, O my Lord Jesus Christ, I am this last day baptized. The women and the people seeing this, cried out, and said, Do not throw yourself into the water. And the governor himself cried out, to think that the fish (sea-calves) were like to devour so much beauty. **8** Notwithstanding all this, Thecla threw herself into the water, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** But the fish (sea-calves,) when they saw the lighting and fire, were killed, and swam dead upon the surface of the water, and a cloud of fire surrounded Thecla, so that as the beasts could not come near her, so the people could not see her nakedness.

Thecla Tied To Wild Bulls Is Not Harmed

9:12 Then they put a cord round Thecla's waist, which bound also her feet, and with it tied her to the bulls, to whose privy-parts they applied red-hot irons, that so they being the more tormented, might more violently drag Thecla about, till they had killed her. **13** The bulls accordingly tore about, making a most hideous noise, but the flame which was about Thecla, burnt off the cords which were fastened to the members of the bulls, and she stood in the middle of the stage, as unconcerned as if she had not been bound.

Trifina's Resurrection

9:14 But in the mean time Trifina, who sat upon one of the benches, fainted away and died; upon which the whole city was under a very great concern.

9:22 Upon which the women cried out together with a loud voice, and with one accord gave praise unto God, and said: There is but one God, who is the God of Thecla; the one God who hath delivered Thecla. **23** So loud were their voices that the whole city seemed to be shaken; and Trifina herself heard the glad tidings, and arose again, and ran with the multitude to meet Thecla; and embracing her, said: Now I believe there shall be a resurrection of the dead; now I am persuaded that my daughter is alive. Come therefore home with me, my daughter Thecla, and I will make over all that I have to you.

A Bright Cloud Accompanies Thecla

10:11 When she departed thence, she went to Seleucia, and enlightened many in the knowledge of Christ. **12** And a bright cloud conducted her in her journey.

13 And after she had arrived at Seleucia she went to a place out of the city, about the distance of a furlong, being afraid of the inhabitants, because they were worshippers of idols. **14** And she was led [by the cloud] into a mountain called Calamon, or Rodeon. There she abode many years, and underwent a great many grievous temptations of the devil, which she bore in a becoming manner, by the assistance which she had from Christ.

The Sick Are Cured, Unclean Spirits Cast Out

10:16 Hereby a good report was spread everywhere of Thecla, and she wrought several [miraculous] cures, so that all the city and adjacent countries brought their sick to that mountain, and before they came as far as the door of the cave,

they were instantly cured of whatsoever distemper they had. **17** The unclean spirits were cast out, making a noise; all received their sick made whole, and glorified God, who had bestowed such power on the virgin Thecla;

Thecla Saved From Defilement By A Voice From Heaven, A Rock Opens

11:11 Then came a voice from heaven, saying, Fear not, Thecla, my faithful servant, for I am with thee. Look and see the place which is opened for thee: there thy eternal abode shall be; there thou shalt receive the beatific vision. **12** The blessed Thecla observing, saw the rock opened to as large a degree as that a man might enter in; she did as she was commanded, bravely fled from the vile crew, and went into the rock, which instantly so closed, that there was not any crack visible where it had opened.

The Lord Translates Thecla

11:15 Thus suffered that first martyr and apostle of God, and virgin, Thecla; who came from Iconium at eighteen years of age; afterwards, partly in journeys and travels, and partly in a monastic life in the cave, she lived seventy-two years; so that she was ninety years old when the Lord translated her. **16** Thus ends her life.

The First Gospel Of The Infancy Of Jesus Christ

In 1697, Henry Sike, Professor of Oriental Languages at Cambridge, first translated the First Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ. The writer of this gospel is supposed to have been Thomas. The First Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ was read in many churches along with the other four gospels. In 1599, the Synod at Angamala, in the mountains of Malabar, condemned the gospel. It has been thought that Mahomet used The First Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ to compile the Koran. Several of the supernatural incidents recorded in the gospel are collaborated by Persian legends. The First Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ abounds with paranormal and superhuman events performed by the young Jesus Christ.

The Cave Where Christ Was Born Is Bathed With A Great Light

1:9 It was after sunset, when the old woman and Joseph with her reached the cave, and they both went into it. **10** And behold, it was all filled with lights, greater than the light of lamps and candles, an, greater than the light of the sun itself.

Midwife Cured When She Touched The Infant Jesus

1:16 The old woman answered and said, O my Lady, I am come hither that I may obtain an everlasting reward. **17** Then our Lady, St. Mary said to her, Lay thine hand upon the infant; which, when she had done, she became whole

Angels Appear To Shepherds

1:19 After this, when the shepherds came, and had made a fire and they were exceedingly rejoicing, the heavenly host appeared to them, praising and adoring

the supreme God. **20** And as the shepherds we engaged in the same employment, the cave at that time seemed like a glorious temple, because both the tongues of angels and men united to adore and magnify God, on account of the birth of the Lord Christ.

The Infant Was Shining Like A Pillar Of Light

2:5 Then after ten days they brought him to Jerusalem, and on the fortieth day from his birth they presented him in the temple before the Lord, making the proper offerings for him, according to the requirement of the law of Moses: namely, that every male which opens the womb shall be called holy unto God. **6** At that time old Simeon saw him shining as a pillar of light, when St. Mary the Virgin, his mother, carried him in her arms, and was filled with the greatest pleasure at the sight.

Angels Stand Around The Infant

2:7 And the angels stood around him, adoring him, as a king's guards stand around him. **8** Then Simeon going near to St. Mary, and stretching forth his hands towards her, said to the Lord Christ, Now, O my a Lord, thy servant shall depart in peace, according to thy word;

An Angel In The Form Of A Star Appears To The Wise Men

3:2 Then the Lady Mary took one of his swaddling clothes in which the infant was wrapped and gave it to them instead of a blessing, which they received from her as a most noble present. **3** And at the same time there appeared to them an angel in the form of that star which had before been their guide in their journey; the light of which they followed till they returned into their own country.

The Swaddling Cloth Of The Infant Jesus Would Not Burn

3:7 And casting the swaddling cloth into it, the fire took it, and kept it. **8** And when the fire was put out, they took forth the swaddling cloth unhurt, as much as if the fire had not touched it.

An Angel Appears To Joseph

4:2 And when they replied, in Bethlehem, a city of Judea, he began to contrive in his own mind the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** But an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in his sleep and said, Arise, take the child and his mother, and go into Egypt as soon as the cock crows. So he arose, and went.

An Idol Speaks And Then Falls

4:10 And all the magistrates and priests of the idols assembled before that idol, and made inquiry there, saying, What means all this consternation, and dread, which has fallen upon our country? **11** The idol answered them, The unknown God is come hither, who is truly God; nor is there any one besides him, who is worthy of divine worship; for he is truly the Son of God. **12** At the fame of him this country trembled, and at his coming it is under the present commotion and consternation; and we ourselves are affrighted by the greatness of his power. **13**

And at the same instant this idol fell down, and at his fall all the inhabitants of Egypt, besides others, ran together.

The Infants Clothes Cure A Boy Possessed Of Demons

4:15 And when the Lady St. Mary had washed the swaddling clothes of the Lord Christ, and hanged them out to dry upon a post, the boy possessed with the devil took down one of them, and put it upon his head. **16** And presently the devils began to come out of his mouth, and fly away in the shape of crows and serpents. **17** From that time the boy was healed by the power of the Lord Christ, and he began to sing praises, and give thanks to the Lord who had healed him.

The Thieves Hear A Great Noise

5:4 These thieves upon their coming heard a great noise, such as the noise of a king with a great army and many horses, and the trumpets sounding at his departure from his own city at which they were so affrighted as to leave all their booty behind them, and fly away in haste. **5** Upon this the prisoners arose, and loosed each other's bonds, and taking each man his bags, they went away, and saw Joseph and Mary coming towards them, and inquired, Where is that king, the noise of whose approach the robbers heard, and left us, so that we are now come off safe? **6** Joseph answered, He will come after us.

Satan Takes On The Form Of A Young Man

6:1 Then they went into another city where there was a woman possessed with a devil, and in whom Satan, that cursed rebel, had taken up his abode. **2** One night, when she went to fetch water, she could neither endure her clothes on, nor to be in any house; but as often as they tied her with chains or cords, she brake them, and went out into desert places, and sometimes standing where roads crossed, and in churchyards, would throw stones at men. **3** When St. Mary saw this woman, she pitied her; whereupon Satan presently left her, and fled away in the form of a young man, saying, Wo to me, because of thee, Mary, and thy son.

The Infant Jesus Cures The Dumb Bride

6:6 But when this dumb bride saw the Lady St. Mary entering into the town, and carrying the Lord Christ in her arms, she stretched out her hands to the Lord Christ, and took him in her arms, and closely hugging him, very often kissed him, continually moving him and pressing him to her body. **7** Straightway the string of her tongue was loosed, and her ears were opened, and she began to sing praises unto God, who had restored her. **8** So there was great joy among the inhabitants of the town that night, who thought that God and his angels were come down among them.

Woman Is Released From Satan In Serpent Form

6:11 There was in this city a gentlewoman, who, as she went down one day to the river to bathe, behold cursed Satan leaped upon her in the form of a serpent, **12** And folded himself about her belly, and every night lay upon her. **13** This woman seeing the Lady St. Mary, and the Lord Christ the infant in her bosom,

asked the Lady St. Mary, that she would give her the child to kiss, and carry in her arms. **14** When she had consented, and as soon as the woman had moved the child, Satan left her, and fled away, nor did the woman ever afterwards see him.

Children Cured By The Wash Water Of The Infant Jesus

6:16 On the morrow the same woman brought perfumed water to wash the Lord Jesus; and when she had washed him, she preserved the water. **17** And there was a girl there, whose body was white with a leprosy, who being sprinkled with this water, and washed, was instantly cleansed from her leprosy.

6:33 The prince's wife then arose and entertained them, providing a great feast for Joseph among a large company of men. **34** And the next day took perfumed water to wash the Lord Jesus, and afterwards poured the same water upon her son, whom she had brought with her, and her son was instantly cleansed from his leprosy.

Man Transformed By Witchcraft Cured By The Infant Jesus

7:22 And said, O our Lady St. Mary, pity your handmaids, for we have no head of our family no one older than us; no father, or brother to go in and out before us.

23 But this mule, which you see, was our brother, which some woman by witchcraft have brought into this condition which you see: we therefore entreat you to compassionate us. **24** Hereupon St. Mary was grieved at their case, and taking the Lord Jesus, put him upon the back of the mule. **25** And said to her son, O Jesus Christ, restore (or heal) according to thy extraordinary power this mule, and grant him to have again the shape of a man and a rational creature, as he had formerly. **26** This was scarce said by the Lady St. Mary, but the mule immediately passed into a human form, and became a young man without any deformity. **27** Then he and his mother and the sisters worshipped the Lady St. Mary, and lifting the child upon their heads, they kissed him, and said, Blessed is thy mother, O Jesus, O Saviour of the world! Blessed are the eyes which are so happy as to see thee. **28** Then both the sisters told their mother, saying, Of a truth our brother is restored to his former shape by the help of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the kindness of that girl, who told us of Mary and her son.

An Angel Appears To Joseph

8:14 At the end of three years he returned out of Egypt, and when he came near to Judea, Joseph was afraid to enter; **15** For hearing that Herod was dead, and that Archelaus his son reigned in his stead, he was afraid; **16** And when he went to Judea, an angel of God appeared to him, and said, O Joseph, go into the city Nazareth, and abide there.

Children Cured By The Infants Bath Water

9:4 St. Mary hearing her, said, Take a little of that water with which I have washed my son, and sprinkle it upon him. **5** Then she took a little of that water, as St. Mary had commanded, and sprinkled it upon her son, who being wearied with his violent pains, had fallen asleep; and after he had slept a little, awaked

perfectly well and recovered. **10** When the woman heard her say this, she also went, and having procured the same water, washed her son with it, whereupon his body and his eyes were instantly restored to their former state. **11** And when she brought her son to St. Mary, and opened his case to her, she commanded her to give thanks to God for the recovery of her son's health, and tell no one what had happened.

Caleb, A Child Cured By Swaddling Cloth

10:1 There were in the same city two wives of one man, who had each a son sick. One of them was called Mary and her son's name was Caleb. **2** She arose, and taking her son, went to the Lady St. Mary, the mother of Jesus, and offered her a very handsome carpet, saying, O my Lady Mary accept this carpet of me, and instead of it give me a small swaddling cloth. **3** To this Mary agreed, and when the mother of Caleb was gone, she made a coat for her son of the swaddling cloth, put it on him, and his disease was cured; but the son of the other wife died.

Caleb Unable To Be Harmed After Being Cured

10:5 And when the turn of Mary the mother of Caleb came, and she was heating the oven to bake bread, and went away to fetch the meal, she left her son Caleb by the oven; **6** Whom, the other wife, her rival, seeing to be by himself took and cast him into the oven, which was very hot, and then went away. **7** Mary on her return saw her son Caleb lying in the middle of the oven laughing, and the oven quite as cold as though it had not been before heated, and knew that her rival the other wife had thrown him into the fire.

10:9 After this her rival, the other wife, as she was drawing water at the well, and saw Caleb playing by the well, and that no one was near, took him, and threw him into the well. **10** And when some men came to fetch water from the well they saw the boy sitting on the superficies of the water, and drew him out with ropes, and were exceedingly surprised at the child, and praised God.

Child Saved From Death

11:1 Another woman in that city had likewise two sons sick. **2** And when one was dead, the other, who lay at the point of death, she took in her arms to the Lady St. Mary, and in a flood of tears addressed herself to her, saying, **3** O my Lady, help and relieve me; for I had two sons the one I have just now buried, the other I see is just at the point of death, behold how I (earnestly) seek favour from God, and pray to him. **4** Then she said, O Lord, thou art gracious, and merciful, and kind; thou hast given me two sons; one of them thou hast taken to thyself, O spare me this other. **5** St. Mary then perceiving the greatness of her sorrow, pitied her and said, Do thou place thy son in my son's bed, and cover him with his clothes. **6** And when she had placed him in the bed wherein Christ lay, at the moment when his eyes were just closed by death; as soon as ever the smell of the garments of the Lord Jesus Christ reached the boy, his eyes were opened, and calling with a loud voice to his mother, he asked for bread, and when he had received it, he sucked it.

Woman Cured Of Leprosy By The Infant's Wash Water

12:4 St. Mary replied to her, Wait a little till I have washed my son Jesus, and put him to bed. **5** The woman waited, as she was commanded; and Mary when she had put Jesus in bed, giving her the water with which she had washed his body, said Take some of the water, and pour it upon thy body; **6** Which when she had done, she instantly became clean, and praised God, and gave thanks to him.

Prince's Wife Cured Of Leprosy

12:8 And going into the city, she saw a certain prince, who had married another prince's daughter; **9** But when he came to see her, he perceived between her eyes the signs of leprosy like a star, and thereupon declared the marriage dissolved and void.

12:16 Then said these women, Will you, Mistress, go along with us, and shew the Lady St. Mary to us? **17** To which she consenting, they arose and went to the Lady St. Mary, taking with them very noble presents. **18** And when they came in and offered their presents to her they showed the leprous young woman what they brought with them to her. **19** Then said St. Mary, The mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you; **20** And giving them a little of that water with which she had washed the body of Jesus Christ, she bade them wash the diseased person with it; which when they had done, she was presently cured;

A Girl Tormented By Satan Receives Help

13:12 When St. Mary had heard her story, she gave her a little of the water with which she had washed the body of her son Jesus, and bade her pour it upon the body of her daughter. **13** Likewise she gave her one of the swaddling cloths of the Lord Jesus, and said, Take this swaddling cloth and shew it to thine enemy as often as thou seest him; and she sent them away in peace. **14** After they had left that city and returned home, and the time was come in which Satan was wont to seize her, in the same moment this cursed spirit appeared to her in the shape of a huge dragon, and the girl seeing him was afraid. **15** The mother said to her, Be not afraid daughter; let him alone till he come nearer to thee! then shew him the swaddling cloth, which the Lady Mary gave us, and we shall see the event. **16** Satan then coming like a dreadful dragon, the body of the girl trembled for fear. **17** But as soon as she had put the swaddling cloth upon her head, and about her eyes, and shewed it to him, presently there issued forth from the swaddling cloth flames and burning coals, and fell upon the dragon. **18** Oh! how great a miracle was this, which was done: as soon as the dragon saw the swaddling cloth of the Lord Jesus, fire went forth and was scattered upon his head and eyes; so that he cried out with a loud voice, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou son of Mary, Whither shall I flee from thee? **19** So he drew back much affrighted, and left the girl. **20** And she was delivered from this trouble, and sang praises and thanks to God, and with her all who were present at the working of the miracle.

Boy Possessed By Satan Slaps Jesus And Satan Flees

14:1 Another woman likewise lived there, whose son was possessed by Satan. **2**

This boy, named Judas, as often as Satan seized him, was inclined to bite all that were present; and if he found no one else near him, he would bite his own hands and other parts.

14:5 Then Judas, who was possessed, came and sat down at the right hand of Jesus. **6** When Satan was acting upon him as usual, he went about to bite the Lord Jesus. **7** And because he could not do it, he struck Jesus on the right side, so that he cried out. **8** And in the same moment Satan went out of the boy, and ran away like a mad dog.

The Lord Jesus Brings Clay Figures To Life

15:4 Then the Lord Jesus said to the boys, I will command these figures which I have made to walk. **5** And immediately they moved and when he commanded them to return, they returned. **6** He had also made the figure of birds and sparrows, which when he commanded to fly, did fly, and when he commanded to stand still, did stand still; and if he gave them meat and drink they did eat and drink.

Jesus Changes The Color Of Cloth

15:13 The Lord Jesus replied, I will change the colour of every cloth to what colour thou desirest; **14** And then he presently began to take the cloths out of the furnace, and they were all dyed of those same colours which the dyer desired.

Jesus Uses His Hands To Help Joseph In His Work

16:2 And as often as Joseph had anything in his work, to make longer or shorter, or wider, or narrower, the Lord Jesus would stretch his hand towards it. **3** And presently it became as Joseph would have it.

Jesus Miraculously Stretches A King's Throne

16:12 Jesus said to him, Fear not, neither be cast down; **13** Do thou lay hold on one side of the throne and I will the other, and we will bring it to its just dimensions. **14** And when Joseph had done as the Lord Jesus said, and each of them had with strength drawn his side, the throne obeyed, and was brought to the proper dimensions of the place:

Jesus Changes Boys Into Young Goats And Back To Human Form

17:2 But when they saw him, they hid themselves, and left him to seek for them: **3** The Lord Jesus came to the gate of a certain house, and asked some women who were standing there, Where the boys were gone? **4** And when they answered, That there was no one there; the Lord Jesus said, Who are those whom ye see in the furnace? **5** They answered, They were kids of three years old. **6** Then Jesus cried out aloud, and said, Come out hither, O ye kids, to your shepherd; **7** And presently the boys came forth like kids, and leaped about him; which when the women saw, they were exceedingly amazed, and trembled. **17:9** After that, when the Lord Jesus said, the children of Israel are like Ethiopians among the people; the women said, Thou Lord, knowest all things, nor is anything concealed from thee; but now we entreat thee, and beseech of

thy mercy that thou wouldst restore those boys to their former state. **10** Then Jesus said, Come hither O boys, that we may go and play; and immediately, in the presence of these women, the kids were changed and returned into the shape of boys.

Jesus Cures Boys Bitten By Snakes

18:5 For this boy having gone with his companions to the mountain to gather wood, and having found there a partridge's nest, and put his hand in to take out the eggs, was stung by a poisonous serpent, which leaped out of the nest; so that he was forced to cry out for the help of his companions: who, when they came, found him lying upon the earth like a dead person. **6** After which his neighbours came and carried him back into the city.

18:13 And when they were come to the nest, the Lord Jesus said to the boys, Is this the serpent's lurking place? They said, It was. **14** Then the Lord Jesus calling the serpent, it presently came forth and submitted to him; to whom he said, Go and suck out all the poison which thou hast infused into that boy; **15** So the serpent crept to the boy, and took away all its poison again. **16** Then the Lord Jesus cursed the serpent so that it immediately burst asunder, and died. **17** And he touched the boy with his hand to restore him to his former health;

Jesus Heals James' Snake Bite

19:1 On another day Joseph sent his son James to gather wood and the Lord Jesus went with him; **2** And when they came to the place where the wood was, and James began to gather it, behold, a venomous viper bit him, so that he began to cry, and make a noise. **3** The Lord Jesus seeing him in this condition, came to him; and blowed upon the place where the viper had bit him, and it was instantly well.

Jesus Accused Of Pushing A Boy To His Death, The Dead Boy Speaks

19:4 On a certain day the Lord Jesus was with some boys, who were playing on the housetop, and one of the boys fell down, and presently died. **5** Upon which the other boys all running away, the Lord Jesus was left alone on the house-top. **6** And the boy's relations came to him and said to the Lord Jesus, Thou didst throw our son down from the housetop. **7** But he denying it, they cried out, Our son is dead, and this is he who killed him. **8** The Lord Jesus replied to them, Do not charge me with a crime, of which you are not able to convict me, but let us go ask the boy himself, who will bring the truth to light. **9** Then the Lord Jesus going down stood over the head of the dead boy, and said with a loud voice, Zeinunus, Zeinunus, who threw thee down from the house top? **10** Then the dead boy answered, thou didst not throw me down, but such a one did.

Jesus Makes Clay Sparrows Come To Life And Fly

19:16 Again on another day the Lord Jesus was with some boys by a river and they drew water out of the river by little channels, and made little fish pools. **17** But the Lord Jesus had made twelve sparrows, and placed them about his pool on each side, three on a side. **18** But it was the Sabbath day, and the son of

Hanani a Jew came by, and saw them making these things, and said, Do ye thus make figures of clay on the Sabbath? And he ran to them, and broke down their fish pools. **19** But when the Lord Jesus clapped his hands over the sparrows which he had made, they fled away chirping.

Two Boys Die

19:20 At length the son of Hanani coming to the fish-pool of Jesus to destroy it, the water vanished away, and the Lord Jesus said to him, **21** In like manner as this water has vanished, so shall thy life vanish; and presently the boy died. **22** Another time, when the Lord Jesus was coming home in the evening with Joseph, he met a boy, who ran so hard against him, that he threw him down; **23** To whom the Lord Jesus said, As thou hast thrown me down, so shalt thou fall, nor ever rise. **24** And that moment the boy fell down and died.

Jesus Teaches The Teacher

20:9 The Lord Jesus farther said the master, Take notice how I say to thee; then he began clearly and distinctly to say Aleph, Beth, Gimel, Daleth, and so on to the end of the alphabet. **10** At this the master was so surprised, that he said, I believe his boy was born before Noah; **11** And turning to Joseph, he said, Thou hast brought a boy to be to be taught, who is more learned than any master. **12** He said also unto St. Mary, This your son has no need of any learning.

A Cruel Teacher's Hand Is Withered

20:14 And when he had said Aleph, he master bade him pronounce Beth; to which the Lord Jesus replied, Tell me first the meaning of the letter Aleph, and then I will pronounce Beth. **15** But this master, when he lift up his hand to whip him, had his hand presently withered, and he died.

12 Year Old Jesus Explains Astronomy To The Teachers In The Temple

21:9 When a certain astronomer, who was present, asked the Lord Jesus, Whether he had studied astronomy? **10** The Lord Jesus replied, and told him the number of the spheres and heavenly bodies, as also their triangular, square, and to sextile aspect; their progressive and retrograde motion; their size and several prognostications; and other things which the reason of man had never discovered.

12 Year Old Jesus Explains Physics and Metaphysics To The Teachers In The Temple

21:11 There was also among them a philosopher well skilled in physic and natural philosophy, who asked the Lord Jesus Whether he had studied physic? **12** He replied, and explained to him physics and metaphysics. **13** Also those things which were above and below the power of nature; **14** The powers also of the body, its humours, and their effects. **15** Also the number of its members, and bones, veins, arteries, and nerves; **16** The several constitutions of body, hot and dry, cold and moist, and the tendencies of them; **17** How the soul operated upon the body; **18** What its various sensations and faculties were; **19** The faculty of

speaking, anger, desire; **20** And lastly the manner of its composition and dissolution; and other things, which the understanding of no creature had ever reached. **21** Then that philosopher arose, and worshipped the Lord Jesus, and said, O Lord Jesus, from henceforth I will be thy disciple and servant.

The Baptism of Jesus

22:3 At which time the Father publicly owned him at Jordan, sending down this voice from heaven, This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; **4** The Holy Ghost being also present in the form of a dove.

The Lost Gospel According To Peter

A parchment codex was found in 1886 by the French Archaeological Mission while they were excavating the grave of a monk in the upper Nile Valley. This codex was discovered to be a portion of the Gospel According to Peter. For many years the codex was withheld from the public, but now it is available for all to view online. The Lost Gospel According to Peter gives another view of the supernatural events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Crucifixion Of Jesus

5 And it was noon, and darkness came over all Judea: and they were troubled and distressed, lest the sun had set, whilst he was yet alive: [for] it is written for them, that the sun set not on him that hath been put to death. And one of them said, Give him to drink gall with vinegar. And they mixed and gave him to drink, and fulfilled all things, and accomplished their sins against their own head. And many went about with lamps, supposing that it was night, and fell down. And the Lord cried out, saying, My power, my power, thou hast forsaken me. And when he had said it he was taken up. And in that hour the veil of the temple of Jerusalem was rent in twain.

The Earth Quakes And The Sun Shines At Night

6 And then they drew out the nails from the hands of the Lord, and laid him upon the earth, and the whole earth quaked, and great fear arose. Then the sun shone, and it was found the ninth hour: and the Jews rejoiced, and gave his body to Joseph that he might bury it, since he had seen what good things he had done. And he took the Lord, and washed him, and rolled him in a linen cloth, and brought him to his own tomb, which was called the Garden of Joseph.

A Great Voice From Heaven, The Heavens Are Opened

9 And in the night in which the Lord's day was drawing on, as the soldiers kept guard two by two in a watch, there was a great voice in the heaven; and they saw the heavens opened, and two men descend from thence with great light and approach the tomb. And that stone which was put at the door rolled of itself and made way in part; and the tomb was opened, and both the young men entered in.

A Voice From Heaven Speaks

10 When therefore those soldiers saw it, they awakened the centurion and the elders; for they too were hard by keeping guard. And as they declared what things they had seen, again they see three men come forth from the tomb, and two of them supporting one, and a cross following them: and of the two the head reached unto the heaven, but the head of him who was lead by them overpassed the heavens. And they heard a voice from the heavens, saying, Thou hast preached to them that sleep. And a response was heard from the cross, Yea.

The Heavens Open

11 They therefore considered one with another whether to go away and shew these things to Pilate. And while they yet thought thereon, the heavens again are seen to open, and a certain man to descend and enter into the sepulchre. When the centurion and they that were with him saw these things, they hastened in the night to Pilate, leaving the tomb which they were watching, and declared all things which they had seen, being greatly distressed and saying, Truly he was the Son of God. Pilate answered and said, I am pure from the blood of the Son of God: but it was ye who determined this. Then they all drew near and besought him and entreated him to command the centurion and the soldiers to say nothing of the things which they had seen: For it is better, say they, for us to be guilty of the greatest sin before God, and not to fall into the hands of the people of the Jews and to be stoned. Pilate therefore commanded the centurion and the soldiers to say nothing.

A Young Man, Exceedingly Bright, Is Sitting In Jesus' Tomb

13 And, they went and found the tomb opened, and coming near they looked in there; and they see there a certain young man sitting in the midst of the tomb, beautiful and clothed in a robe exceeding bright; who said to them, Wherefore are ye come? Whom seek ye? Him that was crucified? He is risen and gone. But if ye believe not, look in and see the place where he lay, that he is not [here] ; for he is risen and gone thither, whence he was sent. Then the women feared and fled.

The Shepherd of Hermas

Hermas was the brother of Pius, Bishop of Rome. The books he has written are called The Shepherd of Hermas because the principal being, an angel, appears to Hermas as a Shepherd. The Shepherd of Hermas was considered divinely inspired by Irenaeus. Eusebius, Jerome, and Athanasius all confirm that the early church leaders read it for direction and confirmation of the faith. Although Pope Gelasius I (A.D. 492-496) ranked it among the apocryphal books, it is found attached to some of the most ancient manuscripts of the New Testament. Archbishop Wake believed The Shepherd of Hermas to be the genuine work of an Apostolic Father. The ancient manuscript is located in the Lambeth Library. The visions in The Shepherd of Hermas were given to Hermas as a guide on how to live a godly, faithful Christian life. It is also given as a warning to the so-called church leaders (See Similitude 9:218-220) and to those

who are less than honest and forthright in their dealings with others. The many supernatural aspects of The Shepherd of Hermas are listed below.

The First Book Of Hermas (His Visions)

Vision 1

Hermas Is Caught Away

1:3 And when I had walked a little, I fell asleep. And the spirit caught me away and carried me toward the right-hand through a certain place through which no man could pass. It was a place among rocks, very steep, and impassable even for water. **4** When I was beyond this place, I came to a plain. Falling down upon my knees there, I began to pray to the Lord, and to confess my sins.

The Heavens Open Up And A Lady Appears

1:5 And as I was praying, the heaven was opened, and I saw the woman whom I had coveted, saluting me from heaven and saying, Hermas, hail! And I looking upon her, answered, Lady, what are you doing here? She answered, I have been brought up here to accuse you of sin before the Lord. **6** Lady, I said, will you accuse me? No, she said, but hear the words I am about to speak to you. God who dwells in heaven, and has made all things out of nothing, and has multiplied them for his Holy Church's sake, is angry with you because you have sinned against me.

The Heavens Are Shut

1:13 But pray to the Lord, and he will heal your sins, and the sins of your whole house, and of all his saints. **14** As soon as she had spoken these words the heavens were shut, and I remained utterly swallowed up with sadness and fear. I said to myself, If this be laid against me for sin, how can I be saved?

A Chair Like White, Bright Wool Appears

1:16 As I was thinking over these things, and meditating in myself upon them, behold a chair was set over opposite me of the whitest wool, as bright as snow.

An Old Woman In A Bright Garment Appears

1:17 And here came an old woman in a bright garment, having a book in her hand, and sat alone, and saluted me, saying, Hermas, hail! And I, being full of sorrow and weeping, answered, Hail, Lady!

The Lord Has Invisible Powers

1:27 Nevertheless I committed her last words to my remembrance, for they were but few, and of great use to us. **28** Behold the mighty Lord, who by his invisible power and with his excellent wisdom made the world, and by his glorious counsel beautified his creature, and with the word of his strength fixed the heaven and founded the earth upon the waters, and by this powerful virtue established his Holy Church, which he has blessed.

The Lord Will Remove The Heavens

1:29 Behold he will remove the heavens, and the mountains, the hills, and the seas; and all things will be made level for his elect so that he may present to them the promise which he has promised, with much honor and joy; if so be that they will keep the commandments of God they have received with great faith.

Four Young Men (Angels) Appear And Carry The Chair To The East

1:30 And when she had made an end of reading, she rose out of the chair; and behold four young men came and carried the chair to the east.

Two Men (Angels) Appear And Take The Lady Away To The East

1:33 And as she was talking with me, two men appeared and took her upon their shoulders and went to the east where the chair was. **34** And she went cheerfully away. As she was going, she said to me, Hermas, be of good cheer.

Vision 2

A Spirit Carries Hermas Away

2:1 As I was on the way to Cuma, about the same time that I went the year before, I began to call to mind the vision I formerly had. And again the spirit carried me away and brought me into the same place where I had been the year before. **2** And when I was come into the place, I fell down upon my knees and began to pray to the Lord, and to glorify his name that he had esteemed me worthy and had revealed to me my former sins.

Hermas Transcribes The Book, The Book Is Taken From Him By An Invisible Hand

2:3 And when I arose from prayer, behold I saw opposite me the old woman I had seen the last year, walking and reading in a certain book. **4** And she said to me, Can you tell these things to the elect of God? I answered and said to her, Lady I cannot retain so many things in my memory, but give me the book, and I will write them down. **5** Take it, she said, and see that you return it to me. **6** As soon as I had received it, I went aside into a certain place of the field, and transcribed every letter, for I found no syllables. **7** And as soon as I had finished what was written in the book, the book was suddenly caught out of my hand, but I did not see by whom.

A Godly Young Man (An Angel) Reveals The Identity Of The Old Woman

2:31 Moreover, brethren, it was revealed to me, as I was sleeping, by a very considerate young man, saying to me, What did you think of that old woman from whom you received the book; who is she? I answered, A Sybil. **32** You are mistaken, he said, she is not. I replied, Who is she then, sir? He answered me, It is the Church of God. **33** And I said to him, Why then does she appear old? He said, She is therefore an old woman, because she was the first of all the creation, and the world was made for her.

The Old Woman Appears To Hermas In His Home

2:34 After this I saw a vision in my own house: the old woman whom I had seen before came to me and asked me whether I had yet delivered her book to the elders of the church. I answered that I had not yet. **35** She replied, You have done well, for I have certain words more to tell you. But when I shall have finished all the words, they will be clearly understood by the elect.

Vision 3

The Old Woman Appears To Hermas In A Vision

3:1 The vision which I saw, brethren, was this: **2** When I had often fasted and prayed to the Lord so that he would give me the revelation he had promised by the old woman to show to me, the same night she appeared and said to me: **3** Because you thus afflict yourself and are so desirous to know all things, come into the field, wherever you choose, and about the sixth hour, I will appear to you and show you what you must see. The sixth hour means noon. (The day began at 6 a.m., the first hour.) **4** I asked her, saying: Lady, into what part of the field? She answered, wherever you prefer, only choose a good and a private place. And before I began to speak and tell her the place, she said to me, I will come there.

Hermas Goes To The Field To Meet The Old Woman

3:5 I was therefore, brethren, in the field, and I observed the hours and came into the place where I had appointed her to come. **6** And I beheld a bench placed there. It was a linen pillow, and over it spread a covering of fine linen. **7** When I saw these things arranged in this manner and that there was nobody in the place, I began to be astonished, and because I was alone, my hair stood on end and a kind of horror seized me.

The Old Woman And Six Young Men (Angels) Appear

3:9 And while I was doing this, the old woman came there with the six young men whom I had seen before, and stood behind me as I was praying, and heard me praying and confessing my sins to the Lord. **10** And touching me, she said: Stop praying now only for your sins; pray also for righteousness, that you may receive a part of her in your house.

The Young Men (Angels) Are Told To Go And Build

3:11 And she lifted me up from the place and took me by the hand, and brought me to the seat and said to the young men, Go, and build. **12** And soon as they were departed, and we were alone, she said to me, Sit here. I answered her, Lady, let those who are elder sit first. She replied, Sit down as I bid you.

A Bright Wand

3:22 Therefore, falling down before her feet, I began to entreat her for the Lord's sake that she would show me the vision she had promised. **23** Then she again

took me by the hand and lifted me up, and made me sit upon the seat on the left side, and holding up a certain bright wand, said to me, See that great thing? I replied, Lady I see nothing.

The Young Men (Angels) Build A Tower Upon The Water

3:24 She answered, Do you not see opposite you a great tower with bright square stones built upon the water? **25** For the tower was built upon a square by these six young men who came with her.

The Six Young Men Are Identified As Angels

3:43 And I answering, said to her, These things are very admirable, but Lady, who are those six men that build? **44** She said, They are the angels of God who were first appointed, and to whom the Lord has delivered all his creatures, to frame and build them up, and to rule over them. For by these the building of the tower will be finished. **45** And who are the rest who bring them stones? **46** They also are the holy angels of the Lord, but the others are more excellent than these. When the whole building of the tower will be finished, they will all feast together beside the tower, and will glorify God because the structure of the tower is finished.

The Angels Carry The Old Woman To The Tower

3:105 When she had ended talking with me, the six young men that built came and carried her to the tower; and four others took up the seat on which she had sat, and they also went away again to the tower. I did not see the faces of these, for their backs were towards me. **106** As she was going away, I asked her that she would reveal to me what concerned the three forms in which she had appeared to me. **107** But she answering said to me, Concerning these things you must ask some other, that they may be revealed to you.

The Old Woman Appeared In Three Forms

3:108 Now, brethren, in the first vision the last year, she appeared to me exceeding old, and sitting in a chair. **109** In another vision, she indeed had a youthful face, but her flesh and hair were old; but she talked with me standing, and was more cheerful than the first time. **110** In the third vision, she was in all respects much younger, and appealing to the eye; only she had the hair of an aged person; yet she looked cheerful, and sat upon a seat. **111** I was therefore very sad concerning these things, until I might understand the vision. **112** Then I saw the same old woman in a vision of the night saying to me, All prayer needs humiliation. Fast, therefore, and you will learn what you ask from the Lord. I fasted therefore one day.

A Young Man (Angel) Appears To Hermas

3:113 The same night a young man appeared to me and said, Why do you thus often desire revelations in your prayers? Take heed that by asking many things, you hurt not the body. Let these revelations suffice you.

Vision 4

Hermas Hears A Voice

4:5 And behold somewhat like a voice answered me, Doubt not, Hermas. I began to think and say within myself, Why should I doubt, seeing I am thus settled by the Lord and have seen such glorious things?

Hermas Sees The Beast

4:6 I had gone but a little farther, brethren, when behold I saw a dust rise up to heaven. I began to say within myself, Is there a drove of cattle coming, that raises such a dust? **7** It was about a furlong off from me. And behold I saw the dust rise more and more, so much that I began to suspect that there was something extraordinary in it. **8** The sun shone a little, and behold, I saw a great beast, as it were a whale, and fiery locusts came out of his mouth. The height of the beast was about a hundred feet, and he had a head like a large earthen vessel.

A Virgin With Shining Hair Is Seen By Hermas

4:14 After I had passed by it and was gone forward about thirty feet, behold there met me a certain virgin, well adorned as if she had just come out of her bridal chamber, all in white, having on white shoes, a veil down her face, and covered with shining hair.

The Angel Hegrin Stops The Mouth Of The Beast

4:18 For this reason the Lord sent his angel who is over the beast, whose name is Hegrin, and stopped his mouth, that he should not devour you. You have escaped a great trial through your faith, and because you did not doubt for such a terrible beast.

Hermas Hears A Loud Noise As The Virgin Leaves

4:29 When she had spoken this, she departed. I did not see where she went, but suddenly I heard a noise, and I turned back afraid, for I thought the beast was coming toward me.

The Second Book Of Hermas (His Commands)

Introduction

An Angel In The Form Of A Shepherd Appears To Hermas

1:1 When I had prayed at home, and was sitting on the bed, a certain man come in to me with a reverent look, in the habit of a shepherd, clothed with a white cloak, having his bag upon his back, and his staff in his hand, and saluted me. **2** I returned his salutation, and immediately he sat down by me and said to me, I am sent by that venerable messenger to dwell with you all the remaining days of your life.

The Angel's Shape Changes

1:4 While he was yet speaking, his shape was changed, and when I knew that it was he to whom I was committed, I was ashamed and a sudden fear came upon me, and I was utterly overcome with sadness because I had spoken so foolishly to him.

Commands 6

The Two Angels That Are With Man

6:7 And now, he said, understand first of all what belongs to faith. There are two angels with man: one of righteousness, the other of iniquity. **8** And I said to him, Sir, how shall I know that there are two such angels with man? Hear, he said, and understand. **9** The angel of righteousness is mild and gentle, and quiet. Therefore, when he gets into your heart, immediately he talks with you of righteousness, of modesty, of chastity, of bountifulness, of forgiveness, or charity, and piety. **10** When all these things come into your heart, know then that the angel of righteousness is with you. Therefore pay attention to this angel and to his works. **11** Learn also the works of the angel of iniquity. He is first of all bitter, and angry, and foolish; his works are pernicious, and overthrow the servants of God. When therefore these things come into your heart, you will know by his works that this is the angel of iniquity.

The Evil And The Good Angels

6:14 When therefore these things arise in your heart, know that the angel of iniquity is with you. Seeing therefore you know his works, depart from them all and give no credit to him, because his works are evil and inappropriate for the servants of God. **15** Here therefore you have the works of both these angels. Understand now and believe the angel of righteousness, because his instruction is good.

Command 12

The Angel Changes His Appearance

12:16. But now I say to you, if you will not observe these commands, but will neglect them, you will not be saved, nor your children, nor your house, because you have judged that these commands cannot be kept by man. **17** These things he spoke very angrily to me, to the extent that he greatly frightened me. For he changed his countenance, so that a man could not bear his anger.

The Third Book Of Hermas (The Similitudes)

An Angel Appears To Hermas

2:1 As I was walking into the field and considered the elm and the vine, and thought with myself of their fruits, an angel appeared and said to me, What is it that you think upon so long within yourself? **2** And I said to him, Sir, I think of this vine and this elm because their fruits are fair. And he said to me, These two trees

are set for a pattern to the servants of God.

The Shepherd Appears Beside Hermas

5:1 As I was fasting in a certain mountain and giving thanks to God for all the things that he had done to me, behold I saw the shepherd, who was accustomed to converse with me, sitting by me and saying to me: What has brought you here so early in the morning? I answered, Sir, today I keep a station.

The Angel Again Appears To Hermas

6:1 As I was sitting at home praising God for all the things which I had seen, and thinking concerning the commands, that they were exceedingly good, and great, and honest, and pleasant, and such as were able to bring a man to salvation, I said thus within myself, I shall be happy if I shall walk according to these commands, and whoever will walk in them will live to God. **2** While I was speaking like this within myself, I saw him whom I had before been accustomed to see, sitting by me, and he spoke thus to me:

The Angel Show Hermas The Different Shepherds

6:10 Then the angel said to me, Do you see this shepherd? I answered, Sir, I see him. He said to me, This is the angel of delight and pleasure. He therefore corrupts the minds of the servants of God, and turns them from the truth by delighting them with many pleasures, and they perish.

6:16 Again we went a little farther forward, and he showed me a great shepherd who had as it were a rustic figure, clad with a white goat's skin, having his bag upon his shoulder, and in his hand a stick full of knots and very hard, and a whip in his other hand, and his countenance was stern and sour; his look was enough to frighten a man.

6:20 And I said to the shepherd that was with me, Sir, who is this cruel and implacable shepherd, who is moved with no compassion towards these sheep? He answered, This shepherd is indeed one of the righteous angels, but he is appointed for the punishment of sinners.

Hermas Sees The Shepherd Angel Again

7:1 After a few days in the same field where I had seen those shepherds, I saw the same person who before talked with me. And he said to me, What do you seek? **2** Sir, I said, I came to entreat you that you would command the shepherd, who is the minister of punishment, to depart out of my house, because he greatly afflicts me. **3** And he answered, It is necessary for you to endure inconveniences and vexations, because that good angel has commanded it concerning you in order to test you. **4** Sir, I said, what great offence have I committed, that I should be delivered to this angel? Pay attention, he said. You are indeed guilty of many sins, yet not so many that you should be delivered to this angel.

A Lofty Angel Of The Lord

8:1 Again he showed me a willow which covered the fields and the mountains, under whose shadow came all such as were called by the name of the Lord. **2**

And by that willow stood an angel of the Lord very excellent and lofty, who cut down boughs from that willow with a great hook and reached out little rods, as it were about a foot long, to the people who were under the shadow of that willow.

An Angel Examines The Rods

8:4 Then that shepherd said to me, Forbear to wonder that the tree continues whole, notwithstanding so many boughs have been cut off from it, but wait a little, for now it will be shown you what that angel means, who gave those rods to the people. **5** So he again demanded the rods from them, and in the same order that every one had received them, he was called to him to restore his rod. When he had received them, he examined them.

The Angel Was Michael

8:25 The great and venerable angel whom you saw was Michael, who has the power over his people and governs them. For he has planted the law in the hearts of those who have believed, and therefore he visits them to whom he has given the law, to see if they have kept it. **26** And he examines everyone's rod, and of those, many that are weakened; for those rods are the law of the Lord. Then he discerns all those who have not kept the law, knowing the place of every one of them.

Hermas Serves The Glorious Angel, Michael

8:32 After a few days we returned, and in the same place stood that glorious angel, and I stood by him. Then he said to me, Gird yourself with a towel and serve me. **33** And I girded myself with a clean towel, which was made of coarse cloth. And when he saw me girded and ready to minister to him, he said, Call those men whose rods have been planted, every one in his order as he gave them.

The Angel Of Repentance Explains To Hermas That The Shepherd Was The Son Of God

9:1 After I had written the Commands and Similitudes of the Shepherd, the Angel of Repentance, he came to me and said, I will show you all those things that the angel spoke with you under the figure of the Church. For that Spirit is the Son of God. **2** And because you were weak in body, it was not declared to you by the angel until you were strengthened by the Spirit and increased in force so you could also see the angel.

The Angel Leads Hermas To A Mountain Top

9:5 And he led me to the ascent of a mountain in Arcadia, and we sat upon its top. And he showed me a great plain, and about it twelve mountains in different figures.

A Square Rock With A Bright, Shining Gate

9:13 In the middle of the plain he showed me a huge white rock that rose out of the plain, and the rock was higher than those mountains, and was square, so that

it seemed capable of supporting the whole world. **14.** It looked to me to be old, yet it had in it a new gate, which seemed to have been newly hewn out in it. Now that gate was bright beyond the sun itself, so much that I greatly admired at its light.

Hermas Sees The 12 Virgins At The Gate

9:15 Around the gate stood twelve virgins, of which four who stood at the corners of the gate seemed to me to be the chiefest, although the rest were also of worth.

16 It added also to the grace of those virgins that they stood in pairs, clothed with linen garments and decently attired, their right arms being at liberty as if they were about to lift up some burden, for so they were adorned and exceeding cheerful and ready. **17** When I saw this, I wondered with myself to see such great and noble things. And again I admired upon the account of those virgins, that they were so handsome and delicate, and stood with such firmness and constancy as if they would carry the whole heaven.

Six Angels Appear, A Great Noise Is Heard

9:22 And when he had said this to me I looked up, and behold I saw six tall and venerable men coming. Their countenances were all alike, and they called a certain multitude of men, and they who came at their call were also tall and stout.

23 And those six commanded them to build a certain tower over that gate. And immediately there began to be a great noise of those men who came together to build the tower, running here and there about the gate.

Stones Change Color When Carried By The Virgins

9:35 So they cut out of all the mountains stones of different colors and brought them and gave them to the virgins, who received them and carried and delivered them into the building of the tower, **36** In which, when they were built, became white and different from what they were like before, for now they had changed their former colors and were all alike. But some were carried up by the men themselves, and when they came into the building, they remained just as they were put in. **37** These neither became white nor different from what they were before, because they were not carried by the virgins through the gate. For this reason these stones were disagreeable in the building. When those six men perceived it, they commanded them to be removed and put again in the place from which they were brought. **39** Do not labor in vain, for unless they will be carried by these virgins through this gate, they cannot change their colors.

A Man Taller Than The Tower Comes

9:49 After a very little while I saw a great multitude of men coming, and in the middle of them a man so tall that he surpassed the tower in greatness. **50** About him were those six who before had given commands for the building, and all the rest of those who had built that tower, and many others of great dignity. The virgins who guarded the tower ran to meet him, and kissed him, and began to walk near to him.

The Tall Man Strikes The Rocks With A Rod And They Change Color

9:51 But he examined the building with so much care that he handled every stone, and struck every one with a rod he held in his hand. **52** Some being so struck turned black as soot, others were rough, some looked as if they had cracks in them, others seemed maimed, some were neither black nor white, some looked sharp, and did not match with the other stones, and others were full of blemishes.

The Shepherd Explains Who The Tall Man Is

9:118 You saw also, he said, the six men, and in the middle of them that venerable great man who walked about the tower and rejected the stones out of the tower? **119** Sir, I said, I saw them. He answered, That tall man was the Son of God, and those six were his angels of most eminent dignity, who stand about him on the right hand and on the left.

The Angel Comes Into Hermas' Home

10:1.After I had written this book, the angel who had delivered me to that shepherd, came into the house where I was and sat upon the bed, and that shepherd stood at his right hand. **2** Then he called me and said to me, I delivered you and your house to this shepherd, so that you might be protected by him. I said, Yes, Lord. **3** He said, If therefore you will be protected from all vexations and from all cruelty, and have success in every good word and work, and have all virtue and righteousness, walk in those commands he has given you, and you will have dominion over all sin.

The Angel Sends The Virgins To Dwell With Hermas

10:15 Moreover, I have sent these virgins to dwell with you, for I have seen that they are very kind to you. You will therefore have them for your helpers, so that you may the better keep the commands which he has given you; for these commands cannot be kept without these virgins. **16** And I see how they are willing to be with you, and I will also command them that they will not all depart from your house. **17** Only purify your house, for they will readily dwell in a clean house. For they are clean and chaste and industrious, and all of them have grace with the Lord. **18** If therefore you will have your house pure, they will abide with you. But if it will be ever so little polluted, they will immediately depart from your house, for these virgins cannot endure any manner of pollution.

The Angel Departs

10:30 And after that he had thus spoken with me, he rose up from the bed and departed, taking the shepherd and the virgins with him. **31** However, he said to me that he would send back the shepherd and virgins into my house. Amen.

Epistles Of Clement To The Corinthians

Clement was a disciple of Peter. According to Eusebius, The Epistle of Clement was publicly read in the early church. It is found in one of the ancient

collections of Canon Scripture. The Epistle of Clement was rejected by early church fathers because they claimed it did not honor the Trinity doctrine. The First Epistle Of Clement to the Corinthians is a letter written to the congregation of Corinth. In the letter, Clement chastises the congregation for some member's sedition and blasphemy. The First Epistle of Clement was translated by Archbishop Wake from the ancient Greek copy of the Epistle. The original Greek version is found at the end of the Alexandrine manuscript of the Septuagint and New Testament that was presented to Charles The First. It is now in the British Museum. Clement writes of many miraculous events in his First Epistle to the Corinthians. These supernatural events are recorded below.

The First Epistle Of Clement To The Corinthians

Enoch Was Translated And Did Not Know Death

9:4 Let us set before us Enoch, who being found righteous in obedience was translated, and his death was not found.

Lot Saved From The Destruction Of Sodom

11:1 For his hospitality and godliness Lot was saved from Sodom, when all the country round about was judged by fire and brimstone;

Lot's Wife Turned To A Pillar Of Salt

11:2 the Master having thus foreshown that He forsaketh not them which set their hope on Him, but appointeth unto punishment and torment them which swerve aside. **3** For when his wife had gone forth with him, being otherwise-minded and not in accord, **4** she was appointed for a sign hereunto, so that she became a pillar of salt unto this day,

Abraham Sees The Glory Of God

17:3 Abraham obtained an exceeding good report and was called the friend of God; **4** and looking stedfastly on the glory of God, he saith in lowliness of mind, {But I am dust and ashes}.

Moses Receives The Oracle Of God From The Burning Bush

17:9 Moses was called {faithful in all His house, and through his ministration God judged Egypt with the plagues and the torments which befel them. **10** Howbeit he also, though greatly glorified, yet spake no proud words, but said, when an oracle was given to him at the bush, Who am I, that Thou sendest me?

The Resurrection Of The Phoenix

25:1 Let us consider the marvelous sign which is seen in the regions of the east, that is, in the parts about Arabia. **2** There is a bird, which is named the phoenix. **3** This, being the only one of its kind, liveth for five hundred years; **4** and when it hath now reached the time of its dissolution that it should die, it maketh for itself a coffin of frankincense and myrrh and the other spices, into the which in the fulness of time it entereth, and so it dieth. **5** But, as the flesh rotteth, a certain

worm is engendered, which is nurtured from the moisture of the dead creature and putteth forth wings. **6** Then, when it is grown lusty, it taketh up that coffin where are the bones of its parent, and carrying them journeyeth from the country of Arabia even unto Egypt, to the place called the City of the Sun ; **7** and in the day time in the sight of all, flying to the altar of the Sun, it layeth them thereupon; **8** and this done, it setteth forth to return. **9** So the priests examine the registers of the times, and they find that it hath come when the five hundredth year is completed.

The Lord Set The Bounds Of The Nations According To The Number Of The Angels

29:2 For thus it is written: **3** When the Most High divided the nations, when He dispersed the sons of Adam, He fixed the boundaries of the nations according to the number of the angels of God.

God Created All Things

33:4 For the Creator and Master of the universe Himself rejoiceth in His works. **5** For by His exceeding great might He established the heavens, and in His incomprehensible wisdom He set them in order. **6** And the earth He separated from the water that surroundeth it, and He set it firm on the sure foundation of His own will; **7** and the living creatures which walk upon it He commanded to exist by His ordinance. **8** Having before created the sea and the living creatures therein, He enclosed it by His own power. **9** Above all, as the most excellent and exceeding great work of His intelligence, with His sacred and faultless hands He formed man in the impress of His own image.

The Angels Minister To God

34:6 let us mark the whole host of His angels, how they stand by and minister unto His will. **7** For the scripture saith; **8** Ten thousands of ten thousands stood by Him, and thousands of thousands ministered unto Him: **9** and they, cried aloud, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Sabaoth all creation is full of His Glory}.

Jesus' Glory Is Much Greater Than The Angels

36:6 through Him the Master willed that we should taste of the immortal knowledge; **7** Who being the brightness of His majesty is so much greater than angels, as He hath inherited a more excellent name}.

God Makes His Angel's Spirits And His Ministers A Flame Of Fire

36:8 For so it is written; **9** {Who maketh His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire};

The Rod Of Aaron Blossoms

43:8 And he said unto them, Brethren, the tribe whose rod shall bud, this hath God chosen to be priests and ministers unto Him. **9** Now when morning came, he called together all Israel, even the six hundred thousand men, and showed the seals to the chiefs of the tribes and opened the tabernacle of the testimony and

drew forth the rods. **10** And the rod of Aaron was found not only with buds, but also bearing fruit.

Pharaoh And His Men Perish In The Red Sea

51:7 Pharaoh and his host and all the rulers of Egypt, {their chariots and their horsemen}, were overwhelmed in the depths of the Red Sea, **8** and perished for none other reason but because their foolish hearts were hardened after that the signs and the wonders had been wrought in the land of Egypt by the hand of Moses the servant of God.

A Conversation Between God And Moses

53:3 When Moses went up into the mountain and had spent forty days and forty nights in fasting and humiliation, God said unto him; **4** Moses, Moses, come down quickly hence, **5** for My people whom thou leddest forth from the land of Egypt have wrought iniquity they have transgressed quickly out of the way which thou didst command unto them: **6** they have made for themselves molten images. **7** And the Lord said unto him; **8** I have spoken unto thee once and twice, saying, I have seen this people, and behold it is stiffnecked. **9** Let Me destroy them utterly, and I will blot out their name from under heaven, and I will make of thee a nation great and wonderful and numerous more than this.

God Abides In The Highest Heavens

59:6 [Grant unto us, Lord,] that we may set our hope on Thy Name which is the primal source of all creation, and open the eyes of our hearts, **7** that we may know Thee, who alone {abidest Highest in the lofty, Holy in the holy};

The Lord Created The Earth With Divine Operations

60:1 Thou through Thine operations didst make manifest the everlasting fabric of the world. **2** Thou, Lord, didst create the earth.

The Second Epistle Of Clement To The Corinthians

The Second Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians was translated by Archbishop Wake. In this Epistle, Wake claims that Clement fully believed in the Trinity as supported by the church. The Second Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians was read in the early church and was accepted as genuine. Although a short Epistle, paranormal activity is recorded here.

The Powers Of Heaven And The Earth Shall Melt

16:3 But ye know that the day of judgment cometh even now {as a burning oven, and the powers of the heavens shall melt,} and all the earth as lead melting on the fire, and then shall appear the secret and open works of men.

The Unbelievers Will See The Glory Of God

17:10 Herein He speaketh of the day of His appearing, when He shall come and redeem us, each man according to his works. **11** {And} the unbelievers {shall see

His glory} and His might: **12** and they shall be amazed when they see the kingdom of the world given to Jesus, saying, Woe unto us, for Thou wast, and we knew it not, and believed not;

The Godly Will Live In Heaven

19:11 Therefore let not the godly be grieved, if he be miserable in the times that now are: **12** a blessed time awaiteth him. **13** He shall live again in heaven with the fathers, and shall have rejoicing throughout a sorrowless eternity

The Books Of Adam And Eve

Of all the Lost Books of The Bible, The First and Second Books of Adam and Eve contain, perhaps, the most evidence of paranormal and supernatural occurrences recorded. The Books of Adam and Eve are considered to be the work of unknown Egyptians. Parts of the books can be found in the Talmud, the Koran, and elsewhere. This proves that The Books of Adam and Eve played a vital role in the original literature of early humans. The influence of the Books of Adam and Eve can be traced through the large number of versions that exist in the writings of the Greeks, Syrians, Egyptians, Abyssinians, Hebrews, and other ancient cultures and races. The story of Adam and Eve has been handed down through the ages with little or no change what so ever. The original manuscript was written in Arabic and was then translated by Dr. E. Trumpp, a professor at the University of Munich. It is divided into two parts, the First and Second Books of Adam and Eve. An extensive list of the paranormal events found in the Books of Adam and Eve are as follows.

The First Book Of Adam And Eve The Conflict Of Adam And Eve With Satan

The Crystal Sea

1:2 And to the north of the garden there is a sea of water, clear and pure to the taste, unlike anything else; so that, through the clearness thereof, one may look into the depths of the earth. **3** And when a man washes himself in it, he becomes clean of the cleanness thereof, and white of its whiteness -- even if he were dark.

God expels Adam From The Garden And Commands Him To Live In The Cave Of Treasures

1:8 Again, also, because God is merciful and of great pity, and governs all things in a way that He alone knows -- He made our father Adam live in the western border of the garden, because on that side the earth is very broad. **9** And God commanded him to live there in a cave in a rock -- the Cave of Treasures below the garden.

Adam And Eve Faint When Leaving The Garden, God Sends The Word To Help Them

2:2 And when they came to the opening of the gate of the garden, and saw the broad earth spread before them, covered with stones large and small, and with sand, they feared and trembled, and fell on their faces, from the fear that came over them; and they were as dead. **5** Therefore God had pity on them; and when He saw them fallen before the gate of the garden, He sent His Word to our father, Adam and Eve, and raised them from their fallen state.

God Changes The Form Of A Tree

3:7 But before that, God had made this covenant with our father, Adam, in the same terms, before he came out of the garden, when he was by the tree where Eve took of the fruit and gave it to him to eat. **8** Because, when our father Adam came out of the garden, he passed by that tree, and saw how God had changed the appearance of it into another form, and how it shriveled.

An Angry Cherub With A Sword Of Flashing Fire

3:10 And again, when Adam was by the gate of the garden, and saw the cherub with a sword of flashing fire in his hand, and the cherub grew angry and frowned at him, both Adam and Eve became afraid of him, and thought he meant to put them to death. So they fell on their faces, trembled with fear.

The Cherub Has Pity On Adam And Eve

3:11 But he had pity on them, and showed them mercy; and turning from them went up to heaven, and prayed to the Lord, and said; --
12 "Lord, You sent me to watch at the gate of the garden, with a sword of fire. **13** But when Your servants, Adam and Eve, saw me, they fell on their faces, and were as dead. O my Lord, what shall we do to Your servants?"

God Sends An Angel To Keep The Garden

3:14 Then God had pity on them, and showed them mercy, and sent His Angel to keep the garden.

The Word Comes To Adam And Eve

3:15 And the Word of the Lord came to Adam and Eve, and raised them up.

Adam's Flesh Was Altered

4:1 But Adam and Eve cried for having come out of the garden, their first home. **2** And indeed, when Adam looked at his flesh, that was altered, he cried bitterly, he and Eve, over what they had done. And they walked and went gently down into the Cave of Treasures.

Adam And Eve Could No Longer See The Angels In Heaven

4:8 And Adam said to Eve, "Look at your eyes, and at mine, which before beheld angels praising in heaven; and they too, without ceasing. **9** But now we do not see as we did; our eyes have become of flesh; they cannot see like they used to see before."

Adam And Eve Had Their Own Language

5:1 Then Adam and Eve entered the cave, and stood praying, in their own tongue, unknown to us, but which they knew well.

Eve Was Made From A Bone From Adam's Side

5:9 For You, O God, caused him to fall asleep, and took a bone from his side, and restored the flesh in the place of it, by Your divine power. **10** And You took me, the bone, and make me a woman, bright like him, with heart, reason, and speech; and in flesh, like to his own; and You made me after the likeness of his looks, by Your mercy and power.

Adam And Eve Die From Grief, But The Word Raises Them From The Dead

6:1 But God looked at them; for they had killed themselves through great grief. **2** But He decided to raise them and comfort them. **3** He, therefore, sent His Word to them; that they should stand and be raised immediately.

Satan Seeks The Godhead, Was Thrown Down From Heaven

6:7 But the wicked Satan did not keep his faith and had no good intent towards Me, that although I had created him, he considered Me to be useless, and sought the Godhead for himself; for this I hurled him down from heaven so that he could not remain in his first estate -- it was he who made the tree appear pleasant in your eyes, until you ate of it, by believing his words.

God Commands The Beast Not To Harm Adam And Eve

7:7 When the Lord heard these words from Adam, He had pity on him, and felt that he had truly said that the beasts of the field would rise and devour him and Eve, because He, the Lord, was angry with the two of them on account of their transgressions. **8** Then God commanded the beasts, and the birds, and all that moves on the earth, to come to Adam and to be familiar with him, and not to trouble him and Eve; nor yet any of the good and righteous among their offspring. **9** Then all the beasts paid homage to Adam, according to the commandment of God; except the serpent, against which God was angry. It did not come to Adam, with the beasts.

The "Bright Nature" Of Man Is Taken Away

8:1 Then Adam cried and said, "O God, when we lived in the garden, and our hearts were lifted up, we saw the angels that sang praises in heaven, but now we can't see like we used to; no, when we entered the cave, all creation became hidden from us." **2** Then God the Lord said to Adam, "When you were under subjection to Me, you had a bright nature within you, and for that reason could you see things far away. But after your transgression your bright nature was withdrawn from you; and it was not left to you to see things far away, but only near at hand; after the ability of the flesh; for it is brutish."

The Word Raises Adam And Eve From A Death By Drowning

10:1 Then God, merciful and gracious, looked at them thus lying in the water,

and close to death, and sent an angel, who brought them out of the water, and laid them on the seashore as dead. **2** Then the angel went up to God, was welcome, and said, "O God, Your creatures have breathed their last." **3** Then God sent His Word to Adam and Eve, who raised them from their death.

The Conflict Of Adam And Eve With Satan

Part 2

Adam Was A Bright Angel

10:5 Then God said to Adam, "While you were under My command and were a bright angel, you knew not this water.

After Their Transgression, Adam And Eve Require Water

10:6 But now that you have transgressed My commandment, you can not do without water, wherein to wash your body and make it grow; for it is now like that of beasts, and is in want of water."

Glory Rested On Adam And Eve While They Lived In The Garden

11:7 He then said to her, "Remember the bright nature in which we lived, when we lived in the garden! **8** O Eve! Remember the glory that rested on us in the garden. O Eve! Remember the trees that overshadowed us in the garden while we moved among them. **9** O Eve! Remember that while we were in the garden, we knew neither night nor day. Think of the Tree of Life, from below which flowed the water, and that shed lustre over us! Remember, O Eve, the garden land, and the brightness thereof! **10** Think, oh think of that garden in which was no darkness, while we lived in it. **11** Whereas no sooner did we come into this Cave of Treasures than darkness surrounded us all around; until we can no longer see each other; and all the pleasure of this life has come to an end."

The Word Raises Adam From Death And Opens Eve's Mouth

12:5 But the merciful Lord looked on the death of Adam, and on Eve's silence from fear of the darkness. **6** And the Word of God came to Adam and raised him from his death, and opened Eve's mouth that she might speak.

There Was No Darkness In The Garden

12:9 For so long as we were in the garden, we neither saw nor even knew what darkness is. I was not hidden from Eve, neither was she hidden from me, until now that she cannot see me; and no darkness came over us to separate us from each other. **10** But she and I were both in one bright light. I saw her and she saw me. Yet now since we came into this cave, darkness has covered us, and separated us from each other, so that I do not see her, and she does not see me.

When Satan Was Cast From The Brightness Of Heaven, He Brought Darkness To The Earth

13:2 "O Adam, so long as the good angel was obedient to Me, a bright light rested on him and on his hosts. **3** But when he transgressed My commandment, I

deprived him of that bright nature, and he became dark. **4** And when he was in the heavens, in the realms of light, he knew nothing of darkness. **5** But he transgressed, and I made him fall from the heaven onto the earth; and it was this darkness that came over him.

God Deprives Adam Of The Bright Light

13:6 And on you, O Adam, while in My garden and obedient to Me, did that bright light rest also. **7** But when I heard of your transgression, I deprived you of that bright light. Yet, of My mercy, I did not turn you into darkness, but I made you your body of flesh, over which I spread this skin, in order that it may bear cold and heat.

God Has Mercy On Adam And Does Not Turn Him Into Darkness

13:8 If I had let My wrath fall heavily on you, I should have destroyed you; and had I turned you into darkness, it would have been as if I had killed you.

God Explains That The Darkness Is Night

13:10 Thus, O Adam, has this night deceived you. It is not to last forever; but is only of twelve hours; when it is over, daylight will return. **20** And, O Adam, I have made the day so that you and your descendants can work and toil in it. And I have made the night for them to rest in it from their work; and for the beasts of the field to go forth by night and look for their food.

The Earliest Prophecy Of The Coming Of Christ

14:3 Again said God to Adam, "All this misery that you have been made to take on yourself because of your transgression, will not free you from the hand of Satan, and will not save you. **4** But I will. When I shall come down from heaven, and shall become flesh of your descendants, and take on Myself the infirmity from which you suffer, then the darkness that covered you in this cave shall cover Me in the grave, when I am in the flesh of your descendants. **5** And I, who am without years, shall be subject to the reckoning of years, of times, of months, and of days, and I shall be reckoned as one of the sons of men, in order to save you."

The Word Tells Adam What The Sun Is

16:7 Because while he was in the garden and heard the voice of God and the sound He made in the garden, and feared Him, Adam never saw the brilliant light of the sun, neither did its flaming heat touch his body. **8** Therefore he was afraid of the sun when flaming rays of it reached him. He thought God meant to plague him therewith all the days He had decreed for him. **9** For Adam also said in his thoughts, as God did not plague us with darkness, behold, He has caused this sun to rise and to plague us with burning heat. **10** But while he was thinking like this in his heart, the Word of God came to him and said: -- **11** "O Adam, get up on your feet. This sun is not God; but it has been created to give light by day, of which I spoke to you in the cave saying, 'that the dawn would come, and there would be light by day.'

The Serpent That Became Satan

17:2 But as they went near it, before the western gate, from which Satan came when he deceived Adam and Eve, they found the serpent that became Satan coming at the gate, and sorrowfully licking the dust, and wiggling on its breast on the ground, by reason of the curse that fell on it from God.

The Serpent Speaks And Tries To Kill Adam And Eve

18:1 When the accursed serpent saw Adam and Eve, it swelled its head, stood on its tail, and with eyes blood- red, acted like it would kill them. **2** It made straight for Eve, and ran after her; while Adam standing by, cried because he had no stick in his hand with which to hit the serpent, and did not know how to put it to death. **3** But with a heart burning for Eve, Adam approached the serpent, and held it by the tail; when it turned towards him and said to him: -- **4** "O Adam, because of you and of Eve, I am slippery, and go on my belly." Then with its great strength, it threw down Adam and Eve and squeezed them, and tried to kill them.

An Angel Saves Adam And Eve

18:5 But God sent an angel who threw the serpent away from them, and raised them up.

The Word Takes The Power Of Speech From The Serpent

18:6 Then the Word of God came to the serpent, and said to it, "The first time I made you slick, and made you to go on your belly; but I did not deprive you of speech. **7** This time, however, you will be mute, and you and your race will speak no more; because, the first time My creatures were ruined because of you, and this time you tried to kill them." **8** Then the serpent was struck mute, and was no longer able to speak.

A Wind From Heaven

18:9 And a wind blew down from heaven by the command of God and carried away the serpent from Adam and Eve, and threw it on the seashore where it landed in India.

The Beast Would Not Harm Adam And Eve

19:4 "O Adam, not one of these beasts will be able to hurt you; because I have made the beasts and other moving things come to you in the cave. I did not let the serpent come with them because it might have risen against you and made you tremble; and the fear of it should fall into your hearts.

God Resurrects Adam And Eve After They Commit Suicide

21:4 Then Adam threw himself down from the top of that mountain; his face was torn and his flesh was ripped; he lost a lot of blood and was close to death. **7** Then she threw herself after him; and was torn and ripped by stones; and remained lying as dead. **8** But the merciful God, who looks over His creatures,

looked at Adam and Eve as they lay dead, and He sent His Word to them, and raised them.

Another Reference To The Coming Resurrection Of Christ

22:6 Then God said again to Adam, "Because you have endured fear and trembling in this land, languor and suffering, treading and walking about, going on this mountain, and dying from it, I will take all this on Myself in order to save you."

God Sends A Bright Fire To Consume Adam And Eve's Offering

24:2 And God sent from His presence a bright fire, that consumed their offering. **3** He smelled the sweet savor of their offering, and showed them mercy.

A Vivid Prophecy Of The Coming Of Christ

24:4 Then came the Word of God to Adam, and said to him, "O Adam, as you have shed your blood, so will I shed My own blood when I become flesh of your descendants; and as you died, O Adam, so also will I die. And as you built an altar, so also will I make for you an altar of the earth; and as you offered your blood on it, so also will I offer My blood on an altar on the earth. **5** And as you sued for forgiveness through that blood, so also will I make My blood forgiveness of sins, and erase transgressions in it.

Adam Is Deprived Of The Bright Light

25:3 But Adam said to God, "I was thinking to put an end to myself at once, for having transgressed Your commandments, and for my having come out of the beautiful garden; and for the bright light of which You have deprived me; and for the praises which poured forth from my mouth without ceasing, and for the light that covered me.

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The Light Coming From The East Disappears

27:2 Then Adam said to Eve, "When we were on the mountain we were comforted by the Word of God that conversed with us; and the light that came from the east shown over us. **3** But now the Word of God is hidden from us; and the light that shown over us is so changed as to disappear, and let darkness and sorrow come over us.

Satan Transforms His Host, In Satan's Hands Was A Great Light

27:1 When Satan, the hater of all good, saw how they continued in prayer, and how God communed with them, and comforted them, and how He had accepted their offering -- Satan made an apparition. **2** He began with transforming his hosts; in his hands was a flashing fire, and they were in a great light.

Satan Places His Throne Near The Cave And Causes The Cave to Light Up

27:3 He then placed his throne near the mouth of the cave because he could not

enter into it by reason of their prayers. And he shed light into the cave, until the cave glistened over Adam and Eve; while his hosts began to sing praises.

Satan Tries To Deceive Adam And Eve

27:4 And Satan did this, in order that when Adam saw the light, he should think within himself that it was a heavenly light, and that Satan's hosts were angels; and that God had sent them to watch at the cave, and to give him light in the darkness.

Adam Questions The Great Light

27:7 "Look at that great light, and at those many songs of praise, and at that host standing outside who won't come into our cave. Why don't they tell us what they want, where they are from, what the meaning of this light is, what those praises are, why they have been sent to this place, and why they won't come in? **8** If they were from God, they would come into the cave with us, and would tell us why they were sent."

God's Angels Are Filled With Light

27:10 "O Lord, is there in the world another god besides You, who created angels and filled them with light, and sent them to keep us, who would come with them? **11** But, look, we see these hosts that stand at the mouth of the cave; they are in a great light; they sing loud praises. If they are of some other god than You, tell me; and if they are sent by you, inform me of the reason for which You have sent them."

An Angel Appears To Adam And Tells Him That Satan Comes As An Angel Of Light

27:12 No sooner had Adam said this, than an angel from God appeared to him in the cave, who said to him, "O Adam, fear not. This is Satan and his hosts; he wishes to deceive you as he deceived you at first. For the first time, he was hidden in the serpent; but this time he is come to you in the likeness of an angel of light; in order that, when you worshipped him, he might enslave you, in the very presence of God."

The Angel Shows Adam And Eve Satan's True Form

27:13 Then the angel went from Adam and seized Satan at the opening of the cave, and stripped him of the pretense he had assumed, and brought him in his own hideous form to Adam and Eve; who were afraid of him when they saw him. **14** And the angel said to Adam, "This hideous form has been his ever since God made him fall from heaven. He could not have come near you in it; he therefore transformed himself into an angel of light."

The Angel Drives Satan Away

27:15 Then the angel drove away Satan and his hosts from Adam and Eve, and said to them, "Fear not; God who created you, will strengthen you." **16** And the angel left them.

Satan Comes On A Cloud

28:1 But when the crafty Satan saw them, that they were going to the garden, he gathered together his host, and came in appearance on a cloud, intent on deceiving them. **2** But when Adam and Eve saw him thus in a vision, they thought they were angels of God come to comfort them about having left the garden, or to bring them back again into it.

Satan Transports Adam And Eve To The Top Of A High Mountain

28:10 But when they came to the mountain to the north of the garden, a very high mountain, without any steps to the top of it, the Devil drew near to Adam and Eve, and made them go up to the top in reality, and not in a vision; wishing, as he did, to throw them down and kill them, and to wipe off their name from the earth; so that this earth should remain to him and his hosts alone.

God Speaks To Satan In A Loud Voice

29:1 But when the merciful God saw that Satan wished to kill Adam with his many tricks, and saw that Adam was meek and without guile, God spoke to Satan in a loud voice, and cursed him.

God Sends The Angel Michael Down To Get Three Golden Rods

29:6 And God considered Adam's thought, and sent the angel Michael as far as the sea that reaches India, to take from there golden rods and bring them to Adam. **7** This did God in His wisdom in order that these golden rods, being with Adam in the cave, should shine forth with light in the night around him, and put an end to his fear of the darkness.

God Sends Gabriel And Raphael To The Garden To Speak To The Cherub

30:1 After these things, God commanded the angel Gabriel to go down to the garden, and say to the cherub who kept it, "Behold, God has commanded me to come into the garden, and to take from it sweet smelling incense, and give it to Adam." **2** Then the angel Gabriel went down by God's order to the garden, and told the cherub as God had commanded him. **3** The cherub then said, "Well." And Gabriel went in and took the incense. **4** Then God commanded his angel Raphael to go down to the garden, and speak to the cherub about some myrrh, to give to Adam. **5** And the angel Raphael went down and told the cherub as God had commanded him, and the cherub said, "Well." Then Raphael went in and took the myrrh.

The Angels Bring The Three Items To God

30:7 And the angels brought these things to God, by the Tree of Life, in the garden. **8** Then God said to the angels, "Dip them in the spring of water; then take them and sprinkle their water over Adam and Eve, that they be a little comforted in their sorrow, and give them to Adam and Eve.

God Speaks Again Of The Coming Of Christ

31:1 After these things God said to Adam, "You asked Me for something from the garden, to be comforted therewith, and I have given you these three tokens as a consolation to you; that you trust in Me and in My covenant with you. **2** For I will come and save you; and kings shall bring me when in the flesh, gold, incense and myrrh; gold as a token of My kingdom; incense as a token of My divinity; and myrrh as a token of My suffering and of My death.

The Golden Rods Shed Light

31:3 But, O Adam, put these by you in the cave; the gold that it may shed light over you by night; the incense, that you smell its sweet savor; and the myrrh, to comfort you in your sorrow."

The Three Angels Bring The Objects To Adam And Eve

31:5 Then God commanded the three angels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, each to bring what he had brought, and give it to Adam. And they did so, one by one.

God Commands Two Angels To Bring Adam And Eve Down From The Mountain

31:6 And God commanded Suriyel and Salathiel to bear up Adam and Eve, and bring them down from the top of the high mountain, and to take them to the Cave of Treasures.

A Light By Night

31:11 God gave these three things to Adam on the third day after he had come out of the garden, in token of the three days the Lord should remain in the heart of the earth. **12** And these three things, as they continued with Adam in the cave, gave him light by night; and by day they gave him a little relief from his sorrow.

Adam Speaks Of The Creation Of Eve

34:13 Then, at the end of the third hour of that Friday, O Lord, You caused a slumber and a sleep to come over me, and I slept, and was overwhelmed in sleep. **14** Then You drew a rib out of my side, and created it after my own likeness and image. Then I awoke; and when I saw her and knew who she was, I said, 'This is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; from now on she shall be called woman.' **15** It was of Your good will, O God, that You brought a slumber in a sleep over me, and that You immediately brought Eve out of my side, until she was out, so that I did not see how she was made; neither could I witness, O my Lord, how awful and great are Your goodness and glory.

Adam And Eve Did Not Need To Eat Or Drink While In The Garden

35:2 "O Adam, when you were in My garden, you knew neither eating nor drinking; neither faintness nor suffering; neither leanness of flesh, nor change; neither did sleep depart from thine eyes. But since you transgressed, and came into this strange land, all these trials are come over you."

The Cherub With A Sword Of Fire

36:1 Then God commanded the cherub, who kept the gate of the garden with a sword of fire in his hand, to take some of the fruit of the fig-tree, and to give it to Adam.

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Adam And Eve Could Not Approach Because Of The Sword Of Fire

36:4 Then the cherub took two figs and brought them to Adam and Eve. But he threw them to them from a distance; for they might not come near the cherub by reason of their flesh, that could not come near the fire.

At First The Angels Were Afraid Of Adam

36:5 At first, angels trembled at the presence of Adam and were afraid of him. But now Adam trembled before the angels and was afraid of them.

A Cherub Keeps The Tree Of Life

37:9 When we transgressed Your commandment, You made us come out of the garden, and sent a cherub to keep the Tree of Life, lest we should eat thereof, and live; and know nothing of faintness after we transgressed.

The Fruit From The Garden Was Huge In Size

41:1 Then Adam took the fig, and laid it on the golden rods. Eve also took her fig, and put it on the incense. **2** And the weight of each fig was that of a water-melon; for the fruit of the garden was much larger than the fruit of this land.

A Large Fire By The Cave

42:13 And Adam and Eve worshipped the Lord, and returned from the river of water to the cave. It was noon-day; and when they drew near to the cave, they saw a large fire by it.

Adam And Eve Are Terrified By The Fire

43:1 Then Adam and Eve were afraid, and stood still. And Adam said to Eve, "What is that fire by our cave? We have done nothing in it to cause this fire. **2** We neither have bread to bake therein, nor broth to cook there. As to this fire, we have never known anything like it, neither do we know what to call it. **3** But ever since God sent the cherub with a sword of fire that flashed and lightened in his hand, from fear of which we fell down and were like corpses, have we not seen the like. **4** But now, O Eve, behold, this is the same fire that was in the cherub's hand, which God has sent to keep the cave in which we live.

The Fire Was From Satan

43:13 Then Adam said no more. And they kept looking, He and Eve, towards the cave, and at the fire that flared up around it.

14 But that fire was from Satan. For he had gathered trees and dry grasses, and had carried and brought them to the cave, and had set fire to them, in order to

consume the cave and what was in it.

An Angel Protects The Cave From Satan's Fire

43:16 But by the mercy of God he could not burn the cave, for God sent His angel around the cave to guard it from such a fire, until it went out. **17** And this fire lasted from noon-day until the break of day. That was the forty-fifth day.

44:2 And Satan kept on bringing trees and throwing them into the fire, until the flames of the fire rose up on high, and covered the whole cave, thinking, as he did in his own mind, to consume the cave with much fire. But the angel of the Lord was guarding it. **3** And yet he could not curse Satan, nor injure him by word, because he had no authority over him, neither did he take to doing so with words from his mouth. **4** Therefore the angel tolerated him, without saying one bad word, until the Word of God came who said to Satan, "Go away from here; once before you deceived My servants, and this time you seek to destroy them

Adam And Eve's Nature Was Altered

44:9 Then Adam said to Eve, "See this fire of which we have a portion in us: which formerly yielded to us, but no longer does so, now that we have transgressed the limit of creation, and changed our condition, and our nature is altered. But the fire is not changed in its nature, nor altered from its creation. Therefore it now has power over us; and when we come near it, it scorches our flesh."

God Parts The Fire

45:11 There is no way for you at present to come from this life to rest, not until My Word comes, who is My Word. Then He will make a way for you, and you shall have rest." Then God called with His Word to the fire that burned around the cave, that it split itself in half, until Adam had gone through it. Then the fire parted itself by God's order, and a way was made for Adam

A Whirlwind In The Fire

46:1 Then Adam and Eve began again to come into the cave. And when they came to the way between the fire, Satan blew into the fire like a whirlwind, and caused the burning coal-fire to cover Adam and Eve; so that their bodies were singed; and the coal-fire scorched them

An Angel Stays The Burning Fire

46:3 Then God looked at their bodies, on which Satan had caused fire to burn, and God sent His angel that stayed the burning fire. But the wounds remained on their bodies.

God Transforms A Rock

48:5 Then Satan and his host took a huge rock, broad and even, and without blemish, thinking within himself, "If there should be a hole in the rock, when it fell on them, the hole in the rock might come over them, and so they would escape and not die." **6** He then said to his hosts, "Take up this stone, and throw it flat on

them, so that it doesn't roll off them to somewhere else. And when you have hurled it, get away from there quickly." **7** And they did as he told them. But as the rock fell down from the mountain toward Adam and Eve, God commanded the rock to become a dome over them*, that did them no harm. And so it was by God's order.

49:7 But, in mercy for you, just as that rock was falling down on you, I commanded it to form an dome over you; and the rock under you to lower itself.

The Whole Earth Quakes

48:8 But when the rock fell, the whole earth quaked with it**, and was shaken from the size of the rock. **9** And as it quaked and shook, Adam and Eve awoke from sleep, and found themselves under a dome of rock. But they didn't know what had happened; because when they fell asleep they were under the sky, and not under a dome; and when they saw it, they were afraid.

The First Prophecy Of The Resurrection

49:8 And this sign, O Adam, will happen to Me at My coming on earth: Satan will raise the people of the Jews to put Me to death; and they will lay Me in a rock, and seal a large stone over Me, and I shall remain within that rock three days and three nights. **9** But on the third day I shall rise again, and it shall be salvation to you, O Adam, and to your descendants, to believe in Me. But, O Adam, I will not bring you from under this rock until three days and three nights have passed."

The Word Of God Came From Heaven And Bound Satan

51:4 But as he was about to take them, the Word of God came from heaven, and bound him by the side of those skins until Adam and Eve came near him. But as they got closer to him they were afraid of him, and of his hideous look. **10** See, I bound him until you came and saw him and beheld his weakness, that no power is left with him." **11** And God released him from his bonds.

Satan's Beauty Was Transformed Into A Hideous Form

51:5 Then came the Word of God to Adam and Eve, and said to them, "This is he who was hidden in the serpent, and who deceived you, and stripped you of the garment of light and glory in which you were. **6** This is he who promised you majesty and divinity. Where, then, is the beauty that was on him? Where is his divinity? Where is his light? Where is the glory that rested on him? **7** Now his figure is hideous; he is become abominable among angels; and he has come to be called Satan.

An Angel Makes Clothes For Adam And Eve

52:5 Then God sent to them His angel to show them how to work it out. And the angel said to Adam, "Go forth, and bring some palm-thorns." Then Adam went out, and brought some, as the angel had commanded him. **6** Then the angel began before them to work out the skins, after the manner of one who prepares a shirt. And he took the thorns and stuck them into the skins, before their eyes. **7** Then the angel again stood up and prayed God that the thorns in those skins

should be hidden, so as to be, as it were, sewn with one thread. **8** And so it was, by God's order; they became garments for Adam and Eve, and He clothed them therewith.

Satan Transforms Himself Into Two Lions

53:1 They were not very far from the cave, when Satan came towards them, and hid himself between them and the cave, under the form of two ravenous lions three days without food, that came towards Adam and Eve, as if to break them in pieces and devour them.

First Prophecy Of The Flood

53:6 For in this western border, O Adam, there will go from you a descendant, that shall replenish it; and that will defile themselves with their sins, and with their yielding to the commands of Satan, and by following his works. **7** Therefore will I bring over them the waters of a flood, and overwhelm them all. But I will deliver what is left of the righteous among them; and I will bring them to a distant land, and the land in which you live now shall remain desolate and without one inhabitant in it.

The Cherub With A Flaming Sword

54:3 And the cherub who guarded the garden was standing at the western gate, and guarding it against Adam and Eve, lest they should suddenly come into the garden. And the cherub turned around, as if to put them to death; according to the commandment God had given him. **4** When Adam and Eve came to the eastern border of the garden -- thinking in their hearts that the cherub was not watching -- as they were standing by the gate as if wishing to go in, suddenly came the cherub with a flashing sword of fire in his hand; and when he saw them, he went forth to kill them. For he was afraid that God would destroy him if they went into the garden without His order. **5** And the sword of the cherub seemed to shoot flames a distance away from it. But when he raised it over Adam and Eve, the flame of the sword did not flash forth. **6** Therefore the cherub thought that God was favorable to them, and was bringing them back into the garden. And the cherub stood wondering.

The Cherub Could Not Go Up To Heaven

54:7 He could not go up to Heaven to determine God's order regarding their getting into the garden; he therefore continued to stand by them, unable as he was to part from them; for he was afraid that if they should enter the garden without permission, God would destroy him.

The Earth Shakes And Other Cherubs And Angels Come Down From Heaven

54:9 At that time the heavens and the earth shook; and another cherubim came down from heaven to the cherub who guarded the garden, and saw him amazed and silent. **10** Then, again, other angels came down close to the place where Adam and Eve were. They were divided between joy and sorrow.

The Angels Make A Fluttering Sound

55:2 Then Adam, when he heard the Word of God, and the fluttering of the angels whom he did not see, but only heard the sound of them with his ears, he and Eve cried, and said to the angels: --

Adam And Eve Could No Longer See The Angels

55:3 "O Spirits, who wait on God, look at me, and at my being unable to see you! For when I was in my former bright nature, then I could see you. I sang praises as you do; and my heart was far above you. **4** But now, that I have transgressed, that bright nature is gone from me, and I am come to this miserable state. And now I have come to this, that I cannot see you, and you do not serve me like you used to do. For I have become animal flesh.

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The Angels Tell Adam And Eve About The War In Heaven

55:8 But now, O Adam, we will make known to you, what came over us though him, before his fall from heaven. **9** He gathered together his hosts, and deceived them, promising to give them a great kingdom, a divine nature; and other promises he made them. **10** His hosts believed that his word was true, so they yielded to him, and renounced the glory of God. **11** He then sent for us -- according to the orders in which we were -- to come under his command, and to accept his vain promise. But we would not, and we did not take his advice. **12** Then after he had fought with God, and had dealt forwardly with Him, he gathered together his hosts, and made war with us. And if it had not been for God's strength that was with us, we could not have prevailed against him to hurl him from heaven. **13** But when he fell from among us, there was great joy in heaven, because of his going down from us. For if he had remained in heaven, nothing, not even one angel would have remained in it.

The Garden Was Full Of Angels

56:1 Then came the Word of God to Adam, and said to him: -- **2** "O Adam, look at that garden of joy and at this earth of toil, and behold the garden is full of angels, but look at yourself alone on this earth with Satan whom you obeyed.

The Angels Took Adam And Eve Up And Bring Them To The Cave

56:10 And God commanded His angels to escort Adam and Eve to the cave with joy, instead of the fear that had come over them. **11** Then the angels took up Adam and Eve, and brought them down from the mountain by the garden, with songs and psalms, until they arrived at the cave. There the angels began to comfort and to strengthen them, and then departed from them towards heaven, to their Creator, who had sent them.

Satan Appears To Adam

57:1 But when Adam came out and saw his hideous figure, he was afraid of him,

and said to him, "Who are you?" **2** Then Satan answered and said to him, "It is I, who hid myself within the serpent, and who spoke to Eve, and who enticed her until she obeyed my command. I am he who sent her, using my deceitful speech, to deceive you, until you both ate of the fruit of the tree and abandoned the command of God."

God Sends An Angel To Drive Satan Away

58:1 Then Adam and Eve spread their hands before God, praying and begging Him to drive Satan away from them so that he can't harm them or force them to deny God. **2** Then God sent to them at once, His angel, who drove away Satan from them. This happened about sunset, on the fifty-third day after they had come out of the garden.

The Prayer Of Adam And Eve Was Like A Flame Of Fire

58:5 Then Adam and Eve got up, and joined together in entreating God. **6** They continued praying like this in the cave; neither did they come out of it, by night or by day, until their prayers went up out of their mouths, like a flame of fire.

Satan Comes To The Cave Clad In A Garment Of Light, A Bright Girdle, And Carrying A Staff Of Light

60:1 Then on the eighty-ninth day, Satan came to the cave, clad in a garment of light, and girt about with a bright girdle. **2** In his hands was a staff of light, and he looked most awful; but his face was pleasant and his speech was sweet. **3** He thus transformed himself in order to deceive Adam and Eve, and to make them come out of the cave, before they had fulfilled the forty days.

Satan, Deceiving Adam And Eve, Talks Of A Cloud

60:23 God said further to me, 'If you don't have enough strength to walk, I will send a cloud to carry you and set you down at the entrance of their cave; then the cloud will return and leave you there. **24** And if they will come with you, I will send a cloud to carry you and them.' **25** Then He commanded a cloud, and it bear me up and brought me to you; and then went back. **26** And now, O my children, Adam and Eve, look at my old gray hair and at my feeble state, and at my coming from that distant place. Come, come with me, to a place of rest."

God Makes The Two Figs Into Full-Grown, Fruit Bearing Trees

62:3 But by God's mercy, as soon as those two figs were in the ground, God defeated Satan's counsel regarding them; and made them into two fruit trees, that overshadowed the cave. For Satan had buried them on the eastern side of it. **4** Then when the two trees were grown, and were covered with fruit, Satan grieved and mourned, and said, "It would have been better to have left those figs where they were; for now, behold, they have become two fruit trees, whereof Adam will eat all the days of his life. Whereas I had in mind, when I buried them, to destroy them entirely, and to hide them forever.

63:8 Then came the Word of God to Adam, and said to him, "O Adam, when I sent you to fetch the figs, Satan went before you to the cave, took the figs, and

buried them outside, eastward of the cave, thinking to destroy them; and not sowing them with good intent. **9** Not for his mere sake, then, have these trees grown up at once; but I had mercy on you and I commanded them to grow. And they grew to be two large trees, that you be overshadowed by their branches, and find rest; and that I made you see My power and My marvelous works.

God's Marvelous Power

63:14 For we know Your marvelous works, O God, that they are great, and that by Your power You can bring one thing out of another, without one's wish. For Your power can make rocks to become trees, and trees to become rocks."

God Changes The Trees Back Into Figs

64:1 Then God looked at Adam and at his strength of mind, at his endurance of hunger and thirst, and of the heat. And He changed the two fig trees into two figs, as they were at first, and then said to Adam and to Eve, "Each of you may take one fig." And they took them, as the Lord commanded them.

The Figs Replenish Themselves By The Power Of God

64:7 Then Adam and Eve took the figs and began to eat of them. But God had put into them a mixture as of savory bread and blood. **8** Then the angel went from Adam and Eve, who ate of the figs until they had satisfied their hunger. Then they put aside what was left; but by the power of God, the figs became whole again, because God blessed them.

God Gives Adam And Eve Digestive Organs

65:2 But they became sick from the food they had eaten because they were not used to it, so they went about in the cave saying to each other: -- **3** "What has our eating caused to happen to us, that we should be in such pain? We are in misery, we shall die! It would have been better for us to have died keeping our bodies pure than to have eaten and defiled them with food." **4** Then Adam said to Eve, "This pain did not come to us in the garden, neither did we eat such bad food there. Do you think, O Eve, that God will plague us through the food that is in us, or that our innards will come out; or that God means to kill us with this pain before He has fulfilled His promise to us?" **5** Then Adam besought the Lord and said, "O Lord, let us not perish through the food we have eaten. O Lord, don't punish us; but deal with us according to Your great mercy, and forsake us not until the day of the promise You have made us." **6** Then God looked at them, and then fitted them for eating food at once; as to this day; so that they should not perish. **7** Then Adam and Eve came back into the cave sorrowful and crying because of the alteration of their bodies. And they both knew from that hour that they were altered beings, that all hope of returning to the garden was now lost; and that they could not enter it.

Adam And Eve Sleep For The First Time

65:10 Then they prayed to God that He would have mercy on them; after which, their mind was quieted, their hearts were broken, and their longing was cooled

down; and they were like strangers on earth. That night Adam and Eve spent in the cave, where they slept heavily by reason of the food they had eaten.

God Gives Adam Wisdom

66:9 Then the Word of God came again to Adam, and said to him, "Take some of this wheat and make yourselves some bread with it, to nourish your body therewith." And God gave Adam's heart wisdom, to work out the corn until it became bread. **10** Adam accomplished all that, until he grew very faint and weary. He then returned to the cave; rejoicing at what he had learned of what is done with wheat, until it is made into bread for one's use.

Satan And His Host Transform Themselves Into The Likeness Of Angels

67:8 But as they were going up from below the mountain where they were, Satan and his hosts met them in the form of angels, praising God.

The Word Raises Adam And Eve From The Dead

68:1 Then God looked at Adam and Eve, and at what had come over them from Satan, and how he had made them perish. **2** God, therefore, sent His Word, and raised up Adam and Eve from their state of death.

The Angels Take Adam And Eve Up

68:7 And God told His angels to take Adam and Eve, and to bear them up to the field of wheat, which they found as before, with the bucket full of water.

God Provides Manna For Adam And Eve To Eat

68:8 There they saw a tree, and found on it solid manna; and wondered at God's power. And the angels commanded them to eat of the manna when they were hungry.

The Conflict Of Adam And Eve With Satan

Part 6

God Sends A Bright Fire

68:13 And God sent a bright fire over the offering of Adam and Eve, and filled it with brightness, grace, and light; and the Holy Ghost came down on that offering.

An Angel With Fire Tongues

68:14 Then God commanded an angel to take fire tongs, like a spoon, and with it to take an offering and bring it to Adam and Eve. And the angel did so, as God had commanded him, and offered it to them.

Satan Takes The Form Of A Man

69:1 Then Satan, the hater of all good, envious of Adam and of his offering through which he found favor with God, hastened and took a sharp stone from among the sharp iron stones; appeared in the form of a man, and went and stood by Adam and Eve.

Satan Kills Adam, God Raises Him From The Dead

69:3 Then Satan hastened with the sharp iron stone he had with him, and with it pierced Adam on the right side, from which flowed blood and water, then Adam fell on the altar like a corpse. And Satan fled. **4** Then Eve came, and took Adam and placed him below the altar. And there she stayed, crying over him; while a stream of blood flowed from Adam's side over his offering. **5** But God looked at the death of Adam. He then sent His Word, and raised him up and said to him, "Fulfil your offering, for indeed, Adam, it is worth much, and there is no shortcoming in it."

God Heals Adam In One Day

69:8 And God healed Adam in one day, which is the end of the seven weeks; and that is the fiftieth day.

Satan And His Host Transform Themselves Into Maidens

72:1 Then Satan, and ten from his hosts, transformed themselves into maidens, unlike any others in the whole world for grace. **2** They came up out of the river in presence of Adam and Eve, and they said among themselves, "Come, we will look at the faces of Adam and Eve, who are of the men on earth. How beautiful they are, and how different is their look from our own faces." Then they came to Adam and Eve, and greeted them; and stood wondering at them.

God Sends The Three Angels To Adam And Eve

73:3 After that, God sent His angel who had brought gold, and the angel who had brought incense, and the angel who had brought myrrh to Adam, that they should inform him respecting his marriage to Eve. **4** Then those angels said to Adam, "Take the gold and give it to Eve as a wedding gift, and promise to marry her; then give her some incense and myrrh as a present; and be you, you and she, one flesh." **5** Adam obeyed the angels, and took the gold and put it into Eve's bosom in her garment; and promised to marry her with his hand.

The Angels Tell Adam And Eve To Wed

73:6 Then the angels commanded Adam and Eve to get up and pray forty days and forty nights; when that was done, then Adam was to have sexual intercourse with his wife; for then this would be an act pure and undefiled; so that he would have children who would multiply, and replenish the face of the earth. **7** Then both Adam and Eve received the words of the angels; and the angels departed from them. **8** Then Adam and Eve began to fast and pray, until the end of the forty days; and then they had sexual intercourse, as the angels had told them. And from the time Adam left the garden until he wedded Eve, were two hundred and twenty-three days, that is seven months and thirteen days.

God Delivers Adam And Eve's Firstborn Son And Daughter

74:5 And God looked at His maid-servant Eve, and delivered her, and she gave birth to her first-born son, and with him a daughter. **6** The Adam rejoiced at Eve's deliverance, and also over the children she had borne him. And Adam ministered

to Eve in the cave, until the end of eight days; when they named the son Cain, and the daughter Luluwa.

God Sends A Light From Heaven To Accept Adam's Offering

75:1 Then Adam prepared an offering, and he and Eve offered it up for their children, and brought it to the altar they had built at first. **2** And Adam offered up the offering, and asked God to accept his offering. **3** Then God accepted Adam's offering, and sent a light from heaven that shown on the offering. Adam and his son drew near to the offering, but Eve and the daughter did not approach it.

Satan Appears To Abel

76:7 And that night, while he was praying, Satan appeared to him under the figure of a man, who said to him, "You have frequently moved your father into making offerings, fasting and praying, therefore I will kill you, and make you perish from this world."

An Angel Appears To Abel

76:8 But as for Abel, he prayed to God, and drove away Satan from him; and did not believe the words of the devil. Then when it was day, an angel of God appeared to him, who said to him, "Do not cut short either fasting, prayer, or offering up an offering to your God. For, look, the Lord had accepted your prayer. Be not afraid of the figure which appeared to you in the night, and who cursed you to death." And the angel departed from him.

Satan Appears To Cain And Advises Him To Kill His Brother

76:10 But as to the hard-hearted Cain, Satan came to him by night, showed himself and said to him, "Since Adam and Eve love your brother Abel so much more than they love you, they wish to join him in marriage to your beautiful sister because they love him. However, they wish to join you in marriage to his ugly sister, because they hate you. **11** Now before they do that, I am telling you that you should kill your brother. That way your sister will be left for you, and his sister will be cast away." **12** And Satan departed from him. But the devil remained behind in Cain's heart, and frequently aspired to kill his brother.

Satan, In The Form Of A Man, Appears To Cain

78:6 Meanwhile Satan came to Cain in the figure of a man of the field, and said to him, "Behold Adam and Eve have taken counsel together about the marriage of you two; and they have agreed to marry Abel's sister to you, and your sister to him.

The Divine Fire Does Not Accept Cain's Offering

78:20 Cain was then standing by the altar on which he had offered up his gift; and he cried to God to accept his offering; but God did not accept it from him; neither did a divine fire come down to consume his offering.

The Divine Fire Accepts Abel's Offering

78:22 And Abel prayed to God to accept his offering. Then a divine fire came down and consumed his offering. And God smelled the sweet savor of his offering; because Abel loved Him and rejoice in Him.

God Sends An Angel Of Light To Abel

78:23 And because God was well pleased with him, He sent him an angel of light in the figure of a man who had partaken of his offering, because He had smelled the sweet savor of his offering, and they comforted Abel and strengthened his heart.

The Earth Trembles, Abel's Blood Cries Out To God

79:9 But the earth, when the blood of righteous Abel fell on it, trembled, as it drank his blood, and would have destroyed Cain because of it. **10** And the blood of Abel cried mysteriously to God, to avenge him of his murderer.

The Earth Would Not Receive Abel's Body

79:11 Then Cain began at once to dig the ground wherein to lay his brother; for he was trembling from the fear that came over him, when he saw the earth tremble on his account. **12** He then cast his brother into the pit he made, and covered him with dust. But the ground would not receive him; but it threw him up at once. **13** Again Cain dug the ground and hid his brother in it; but again the ground threw him up on itself; until three times the ground thus threw up on itself the body of Abel. **14** The muddy ground threw him up the first time, because he was not the first creation; and it threw him up the second time and would not receive him, because he was righteous and good, and was killed without a cause; and the ground threw him up the third time and would not receive him, that there might remain before his brother a witness against him.

An Angry God Thunders From Heaven

79:16 Then was God angry, and much displeased at Abel's death; and He thundered from heaven, and lightnings went before Him, and the Word of the Lord God came from heaven to Cain, and said to him, "Where is Abel your brother?"

God Brings Trembling And Terror On Cain

79:24 And He said to him, "Where is your brother?" To which he answered and said, "I know not." Then the Creator said to him, "Be trembling and quaking." **25** Then Cain trembled and became terrified; and through this sign did God make him an example before all the creation, as the murderer of his brother. Also did God bring trembling and terror over him, that he might see the peace in which he was at first, and see also the trembling and terror he endured at the last; so that he might humble himself before God, and repent of his sin, and seek the peace that he enjoyed at first.

The Book Of The Secrets of Enoch

The Book of The Secrets of Enoch was found in Russia and Servia and has been preserved only in Slavonic. It was written sometime at the beginning of the Christian Era. It was edited by a Greek and was written in Egypt. The Book of the Secrets of Enoch had a great influence on the writers of the New Testament. It explains and verifies some of the darker and more mysterious passages of the New Testament. The Book of the Secrets of Enoch was widely used by Christians in the early centuries. The Secrets of Enoch is also referred to as "Slavonic Enoch" or "2 Enoch". There are a multitude of supernatural and paranormal events recorded in The Book of the Secrets of Enoch.

God's Love For Enoch

1:1 There was a wise man, a great artificer, and the Lord conceived love for him and received him, that he should behold the uppermost dwellings and be an eye-witness of the wise and great and inconceivable and immutable realm of God Almighty, of the very wonderful and glorious and bright and many-eyed station of the Lord's servants, and of the inaccessible throne of the Lord, and of the degrees and manifestations of the incorporeal hosts, and of the ineffable ministration of the multitude of the elements, and of the various apparition and inexpressible singing of the host of Cherubim, and of the boundless light.

Two Giants (Angels) Appear To Enoch

1:6 And there appeared to me two men, exceeding big, so that I never saw such on earth; their faces were shining like the sun, their eyes too were like a burning light, and from their lips was fire coming forth with clothing and singing of various kinds in appearance purple, their wings were brighter than gold, their hands whiter than snow.

The Giants (Angels) Speak To Enoch

1:10 Have courage, Enoch, do not fear; the eternal God sent us to you, and lo! You shalt to-day ascend with us into heaven, and you shall tell your sons and all your household all that they shall do without you on earth in your house, and let no one seek you till the Lord return you to them.

The Angels Take Enoch To The First Heaven

3:1 It came to pass, when Enoch had told his sons, that the angels took him on to their wings and bore him up on to the first heaven and placed him on the clouds. And there I looked, and again I looked higher, and saw the ether, and they placed me on the first heaven and showed me a very great Sea, greater than the earthly sea.

Two Hundred Angels Rule The Stars

4:1 They brought before my face the elders and rulers of the stellar orders, and showed me two hundred angels, who rule the stars and their services to the heavens, and fly with their wings and come round all those who sail.

The Angels Of The Store Houses Come Out And Go Into Clouds

5:1 And here I looked down and saw the treasure-houses of the snow, and the angels who keep their terrible store-houses, and the clouds whence they come out and into which they go.

Many Angels Guard The Treasure House Of The Dew

6:1 They showed me the treasure-house of the dew, like oil of the olive, and the appearance of its form, as of all the flowers of the earth; further many angels guarding the treasure-houses of these things, and how they are made to shut and open.

Enoch Sees The Dark Angels

7:1 And those men took me and led me up on to the second heaven, and showed me darkness, greater than earthly darkness, and there I saw prisoners hanging, watched, awaiting the great and boundless judgment, and these angels were dark-looking, more than earthly darkness, and incessantly making weeping through all hours.

The Prince Of The Apostates Is Fastened On The Fifth Heaven

7:2 And I said to the men who were with me: Wherefore are these incessantly tortured? They answered me: These are God's apostates, who obeyed not God's commands, but took counsel with their own will, and turned away with their prince, who also is fastened on the fifth heaven.

Enoch Is Placed In The Third Heaven

8:1 And those men took me thence, and led me up on to the third heaven, and placed me there; and I looked downwards, and saw the produce of these places, such as has never been known for goodness.

The Tree Where God Rest When He Goes Up Into Paradise

8:3 And in the midst of the trees that of life, in that place whereon the Lord rests, when he goes up into paradise; and this tree is of ineffable goodness and fragrance, and adorned more than every existing thing; and on all sides it is in form gold-looking and vermilion and fire-like and covers all, and it has produce from all fruits.

Three Hundred Angels Keep The Garden

8:9 And there are three hundred angels very bright, who keep the garden, and with incessant sweet singing and never-silent voices serve the Lord throughout all days and hours.

The Angels Show Enoch A Terrible Place

10:1 And those two men led me up on to the Northern side, and showed me there a very terrible place, and there were all manner of tortures in that place: cruel darkness and unilluminated gloom, and there is no light there, but murky fire constantly flaming aloft, and there is a fiery river coming forth, and that whole

place is everywhere fire, and everywhere there is frost and ice, thirst and shivering, while the bonds are very cruel, and the angels fearful and merciless, bearing angry weapons, merciless torture, and I said: **2** Woe, woe, how very terrible is this place.

The Angels Take Enoch Up To The Fourth Heaven

11:1 Those men took me, and led me up on to the fourth heaven, and showed me all the successive goings, and all the rays of the light of sun and moon.

The Angels Who Tend The Sun

11:5 And by day fifteen myriads of angels attend it, and by night a thousand. **6** And six-winged ones issue with the angels before the sun's wheel into the fiery flames, and a hundred angels kindle the sun and set it alight.

Enoch Sees Phoenixes and Chalkydri

12:1 And I looked and saw other flying elements of the sun, whose names are Phoenixes and Chalkydri, marvellous and wonderful, with feet and tails in the form of a lion, and a crocodile's head, their appearance is empurpled, like the rainbow; their size is nine hundred measures, their wings are like those of angels, each has twelve, and they attend and accompany the sun, bearing heat and dew, as it is ordered them from God.

The Angels Take Enoch East To The Gates Of The Sun

13:1 Those men bore me away to the east, and placed me at the sun's gates, where the sun goes forth according to the regulation of the seasons and the circuit of the months of the whole year, and the number of the hours day and night.

The Angels Take Enoch To The West Gates Of The Sun

14:1 And again those men led me away to the western parts, and showed me six great gates open corresponding to the eastern gates, opposite to where the sun sets, according to the number of the days three hundred and sixty-five and a quarter.

The Crown Of The Sun Is Guarded By Angels

14:2 Thus again it goes down to the western gates, and draws away its light, the greatness of its brightness, under the earth; for since the crown of its shining is in heaven with the Lord, and guarded by four hundred angels, while the sun goes round on wheel under the earth, and stands seven great hours in night, and spends half its course under the earth, when it comes to the eastern approach in the eighth hour of the night, it brings its lights, and the crown of shining, and the sun flames forth more than fire.

The Phoenixes And Chalkydri Break Into Song

15:1 Then the elements of the sun, called Phoenixes and Chalkydri break into song, therefore every bird flutters with its wings, rejoicing at the giver of light, and

they broke into song at the command of the Lord.

Angels With Six Wings

16:7 And when the western gates are finished, it returns and goes to the eastern to the lights, and goes thus day and night about the heavenly circles, lower than all circles, swifter than the heavenly winds, and spirits and elements and angels flying; each angel has six wings.

The Wonderful And Marvelous Singing Of The Angels

17:1 In the midst of the heavens I saw armed soldiers, serving the Lord, with tympana and organs, with incessant voice, with sweet voice, with sweet and incessant voice and various singing, which it is impossible to describe, and which astonishes every mind, so wonderful and marvellous is the singing of those angels, and I was delighted listening to it.

The Angels Take Enoch To The Fifth Heaven, He Sees The Grigori, Beings Of Immense Size

18:1 The men took me on to the fifth heaven and placed me, and there I saw many and countless soldiers, called Grigori, of human appearance, and their size was greater than that of great giants and their faces withered, and the silence of their mouths perpetual, and there was no service on the fifth heaven, and I said to the men who were with me:

The Grigori Rejected The Lord Of Light

18:3 And they said to me: These are the Grigori, who with their prince Satanail rejected the Lord of light, and after them are those who are held in great darkness on the second heaven, and three of them went down on to earth from the Lord's throne, to the place Ermon, and broke through their vows on the shoulder of the hill Ermon and saw the daughters of men how good they are, and took to themselves wives, and befouled the earth with their deeds, who in all times of their age made lawlessness and mixing, and giants are born and marvellous big men and great enmity.

The Brethren Of The Grigori Are Under Earth

18:5 And I said to the Grigori: I saw your brethren and their works, and their great torments, and I prayed for them, but the Lord has condemned them to be under earth till the existing heaven and earth shall end for ever.

Four Trumpets Sound

18:7 And they listened to my admonition, and spoke to the four ranks in heaven, and lo! As I stood with those two men four trumpets trumpeted together with great voice, and the Grigori broke into song with one voice, and their voice went up before the Lord pitifully and affectingly.

The Angels Take Enoch Up To The 6th Heaven, 7 Bands Of Bright, Shining Angles Are Seen

19:1 And thence those men took me and bore me up on to the sixth heaven, and there I saw seven bands of angels, very bright and very glorious, and their faces shining more than the sun's shining, glistening, and there is no difference in their faces, or behaviour, or manner of dress; and these make the orders, and learn the goings of the stars, and the alteration of the moon, or revolution of the sun, and the good government of the world.

The Archangels, Phoenixes, and Cherubim

19:3 These are the archangels who are above angels, measure all life in heaven and on earth, and the angels who are appointed over seasons and years, the angels who are over rivers and sea, and who are over the fruits of the earth, and the angels who are over every grass, giving food to all, to every living thing, and the angels who write all the souls of men, and all their deeds, and their lives before the Lord's face; in their midst are six Phoenixes and six Cherubim and six six-winged ones continually with one voice singing one voice, and it is not possible to describe their singing, and they rejoice before the Lord at his footstool.

Enoch Is Lifted Up To the Seventh Heaven, A Great Light And Beings Are Seen

20:1 And those two men lifted me up thence on to the seventh heaven, and I saw there a very great light, and fiery troops of great archangels, incorporeal forces, and dominions, orders and governments, cherubim and seraphim, thrones and many-eyed ones, nine regiments, the loanit stations of light, and I became afraid, and began to tremble with great terror, and those men took me, and led me after them, and said to me:

The Lord Sits On A Very High Throne

20:2 Have courage, Enoch, do not fear, and showed me the Lord from afar, sitting on His very high throne. For what is there on the tenth heaven, since the Lord dwells there?

God Is In The Tenth Heaven

20:3 On the tenth heaven is God, in the Hebrew tongue he is called Aravat

Heavenly Troops

20:4 And all the heavenly troops would come and stand on the ten steps according to their rank, and would bow down to the Lord, and would again go to their places in joy and felicity, singing songs in the boundless light with small and tender voices, gloriously serving him.

The Heavenly Beings Sing Praises To God

21:1 And the cherubim and seraphim standing about the throne, the six-winged and many-eyed ones do not depart, standing before the Lord's face doing his will, and cover his whole throne, singing with gentle voice before the Lord's face: Holy, holy, holy, Lord Ruler of Sabaoth, heavens and earth are full of Your glory.

God Sends Gabriel To Enoch

21:4 And the Lord sent one of his glorious ones, the archangel Gabriel, and he said to me: Have courage, Enoch, do not fear, arise before the Lord's face into eternity, arise, come with me.

Gabriel Catches Enoch Up

21:6 And Gabriel caught me up, as a leaf caught up by the wind, and placed me before the Lord's face.

Enoch Sees The Eighth and Ninth Heavens

21:7 And I saw the eighth heaven, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Muzaloth, changer of the seasons, of drought, and of wet, and of the twelve constellations of the circle of the firmament, which are above the seventh heaven.

8 And I saw the ninth heaven, which is called in Hebrew Kuchavim, where are the heavenly homes of the twelve constellations of the circle of the firmament.

The Lord's Face Emits Sparks And Glows Like Fire

22:1 On the tenth heaven, which is called Aravoth, I saw the appearance of the Lord's face, like iron made to glow in fire, and brought out, emitting sparks, and it burns. **2** Thus in a moment of eternity I saw the Lord's face, but the Lord's face is ineffable, marvellous and very awful, and very, very terrible.

The Ineffable Greatness Of God's Glory

22:3 And who am I to tell of the Lord's unspeakable being, and of his very wonderful face? And I cannot tell the quantity of his many instructions, and various voices, the Lord's throne is very great and not made with hands, nor the quantity of those standing round him, troops of cherubim and seraphim, nor their incessant singing, nor his immutable beauty, and who shall tell of the ineffable greatness of his glory.

God Speaks To Enoch

22:4 And I fell prone and bowed down to the Lord, and the Lord with his lips said to me: **5** Have courage, Enoch, do not fear, arise and stand before my face into eternity.

Michael Lifts Enoch Up

22:6 And the archistrateger Michael lifted me up, and led me to before the Lord's face.

God Instructs The Angels About Enoch

22:7 And the Lord said to his servants tempting them: Let Enoch stand before my face into eternity, and the glorious ones bowed down to the Lord, and said: Let Enoch go according to Your word. **8** And the Lord said to Michael: Go and take Enoch from out of his earthly garments, and anoint him with my sweet ointment, and put him into the garments of My glory.

God's Ointment

22:9 And Michael did thus, as the Lord told him. He anointed me, and dressed me, and the appearance of that ointment is more than the great light, and his ointment is like sweet dew, and its smell mild, shining like the sun's ray, and I looked at myself, and I was like one of his glorious ones

The Archangel, Pravuil, The Reed Of Quick Writing

22:10 And the Lord summoned one of his archangels by name Pravuil, whose knowledge was quicker in wisdom than the other archangels, who wrote all the deeds of the Lord; and the Lord said to Pravuil: Bring out the books from my store-houses, and a reed of quick-writing, and give it to Enoch, and deliver to him the choice and comforting books out of your hand.

The Lord Summons Enoch

24:1 And the Lord summoned me, and said to me: Enoch, sit down on my left with Gabriel.

The Lord Tells Enoch About Creation

24:2 And I bowed down to the Lord, and the Lord spoke to me: Enoch, beloved, all that you see, all things that are standing finished I tell to you even before the very beginning, all that I created from non-being, and visible things from invisible. **3** Hear, Enoch, and take in these my words, for not to My angels have I told my secret, and I have not told them their rise, nor my endless realm, nor have they understood my creating, which I tell you to-day. **4** For before all things were visible, I alone used to go about in the invisible things, like the sun from east to west, and from west to east. **5** But even the sun has peace in itself, while I found no peace, because I was creating all things, and I conceived the thought of placing foundations, and of creating visible creation.

God Tells Of Adoil And The Great Light

25:1 I commanded in the very lowest parts, that visible things should come down from invisible, and Adoil came down very great, and I beheld him, and lo! He had a belly of great light. **2** And I said to him: Become undone, Adoil, and let the visible come out of you. **3** And he came undone, and a great light came out. And I was in the midst of the great light, and as there is born light from light, there came forth a great age, and showed all creation, which I had thought to create.

God's Throne

25:5 And I placed for myself a throne, and took my seat on it, and said to the light: Go thence up higher and fix yourself high above the throne, and be a foundation to the highest things. **6** And above the light there is nothing else, and then I bent up and looked up from my throne

God Summons Archas

26:1 And I summoned the very lowest a second time, and said: Let Archas come forth hard, and he came forth hard from the invisible. **2** And Archas came forth, hard, heavy, and very red. **3** And I said: Be opened, Archas, and let there be born from you, and he came undone, an age came forth, very great and very

dark, bearing the creation of all lower things, and I saw that it was good and said to him:

God Creates The Day And Night

27:1 And I commanded that there should be taken from light and darkness, and I said: Be thick, and it became thus, and I spread it out with the light, and it became water, and I spread it out over the darkness, below the light, and then I made firm the waters, that is to say the bottomless, and I made foundation of light around the water, and created seven circles from inside, and imaged the water like crystal wet and dry, that is to say like glass, and the circumcession of the waters and the other elements, and I showed each one of them its road, and the seven stars each one of them in its heaven, that they go thus, and I saw that it was good. **2** And I separated between light and between darkness, that is to say in the midst of the water hither and thither, and I said to the light, that it should be the day, and to the darkness, that it should be the night, and there was evening and there was morning the first day.

God Tells Enoch About The First Day

28:1 And then I made firm the heavenly circle, and made that the lower water which is under heaven collect itself together, into one whole, and that the chaos become dry, and it became so. **2** Out of the waves I created rock hard and big, and from the rock I piled up the dry, and the dry I called earth, and the midst of the earth I called abyss, that is to say the bottomless, I collected the sea in one place and bound it together with a yoke. **3** And I said to the sea: Behold I give you your eternal limits, and you shalt not break loose from your component parts. **4** Thus I made fast the firmament. This day I called me the first-created

God Creates The Incorporeal Ten Troops Of Angels

29:2 And from the rock I cut off a great fire, and from the fire I created the orders of the incorporeal ten troops of angels, and their weapons are fiery and their raiment a burning flame, and I commanded that each one should stand in his order.

Satan And His Angels Are Thrown From The Heights During The Second Day

29:3 And one from out the order of angels, having turned away with the order that was under him, conceived an impossible thought, to place his throne higher than the clouds above the earth, that he might become equal in rank to my power. **4** And I threw him out from the height with his angels, and he was flying in the air continuously above the bottomless.

God Creates Paradise (The Third Day)

30:1 On the third day I commanded the earth to make grow great and fruitful trees, and hills, and seed to sow, and I planted Paradise, and enclosed it, and placed as armed guardians flaming angels, and thus I created renewal.

God Tells Enoch About The Fourth Day

30:3 On the fourth day I commanded that there should be great lights on the heavenly circles.

God Creates The Animals On The Fifth Day

30:8 On the fifth day I commanded the sea, that it should bring forth fishes, and feathered birds of many varieties, and all animals creeping over the earth, going forth over the earth on four legs, and soaring in the air, male sex and female, and every soul breathing the spirit of life.

God Creates Man (The Sixth Day)

30:10 On the sixth day I commanded my wisdom to create man from seven consistencies: one, his flesh from the earth; two, his blood from the dew; three, his eyes from the sun; four, his bones from stone; five, his intelligence from the swiftness of the angels and from cloud; six, his veins and his hair from the grass of the earth; seven, his soul from my breath and from the wind.

Man, A Second Angel (Adam)

30:12 I conceived a cunning saying to say, I created man from invisible and from visible nature, of both are his death and life and image, he knows speech like some created thing, small in greatness and again great in smallness, and I placed him on earth, a second angel, honourable, great and glorious, and I appointed him as ruler to rule on earth and to have my wisdom, and there was none like him of earth of all my existing creatures.

God Creates Eve

30:16 And I put sleep into him and he fell asleep. And I took from him a rib, and created him a wife, that death should come to him by his wife, and I took his last word and called her name mother, that is to say, Eva.

The Heavens Are Open To Adam

31:1 Adam has life on earth, and I created a garden in Eden in the east, that he should observe the testament and keep the command. **2** I made the heavens open to him, that he should see the angels singing the song of victory, and the gloomless light.

The Devil Is An Evil Spirit Being

31:4 The devil is the evil spirit of the lower places, as a fugitive he made Sotona from the heavens as his name was Satanail, thus he became different from the angels, but his nature did not change his intelligence as far as his understanding of righteous and sinful things.

Prophecy Of The Second Coming

33:1 I said to him: Earth you are, and into the earth whence I took you you shalt go, and I will not ruin you, but send you whence I took you. **2** Then I can again receive you at My second presence.

God Is Self-Eternal

33:3 I am self-eternal, not made with hands, and without change.

Samuil And Raguil Are To Take Enoch Down To Earth

33:7 And I give you Samuil and Raguil , who led you up, and the books, and go down to earth, and tell your sons all that I have told you, and all that you have seen, from the lower heaven up to my throne, and all the troops.

The Archangel Michael

33:1 And I will give you, Enoch, my intercessor, the archistrateger Michael, for the handwritings of your fathers Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahaleleel, and Jared your father.

God Brings A Deluge

34:1 They have rejected my commandments and my yoke, worthless seed has come up, not fearing God, and they would not bow down to me, but have begun to bow down to vain gods, and denied my unity, and have laden the whole earth with untruths, offences, abominable lecheries, namely one with another, and all manner of other unclean wickedness, which are disgusting to relate. **2** And therefore I will bring down a deluge upon the earth and will destroy all men, and the whole earth will crumble together into great darkness.

Enoch To Be Taken Back To Heaven

36:3 And after thirty days I shall send my angel for you, and he will take you from earth and from your sons to me.

A Terrible, Menacing Angel Freezes Enoch's Face

37:1 And the Lord called upon one of the older angels, terrible and menacing, and placed him by me, in appearance white as snow, and his hands like ice, having the appearance of great frost, and he froze my face, because I could not endure the terror of the Lord, just as it is not possible to endure a stove's fire and the sun's heat, and the frost of the air. **2** And the Lord said to me: Enoch, if your face be not frozen here, no man will be able to behold your face.

The Angels Take Enoch Down To Earth

38:1 And the Lord said to those men who first led me up: Let Enoch go down on to earth with you, and await him till the determined day. **2** And they placed me by night on my bed.

The Lord's Face Is Like Iron

39:3 For the Lord has let me come to you, you hear therefore the words of my lips, of a man made big for you, but I am one who has seen the Lord's face, like iron made to glow from fire it sends forth sparks and burns.

The Lord's Eyes Are Like The Rays Of The Sun

39:4 You look now upon my eyes, the eyes of a man big with meaning for you, but I have seen the Lord's eyes, shining like the sun's rays and filling the eyes of man with awe.

The Lord's Voice Is Like A Great Thunder

39:7 You hear the words of my lips, as I heard the words of the Lord, like great thunder incessantly with hurling of clouds.

Enoch Knows The Names Of All The Stars

40:3 I have measured and described the stars, the great countless multitude of them. **4** What man has seen their revolutions, and their entrances? For not even the angels see their number, while I have written all their names. **The Clouds**

Have Wings

40:5 And I measured the sun's circle, and measured its rays, counted the hours, I wrote down too all things that go over the earth, I have written the things that are nourished, and all seed sown and unsown, which the earth produces and all plants, and every grass and every flower, and their sweet smells, and their names, and the dwelling-places of the clouds, and their composition, and their wings, and how they bear rain and raindrops.

The Road Of The Thunder And Lightning

40:6 And I investigated all things, and wrote the road of the thunder and of the lightning, and they showed me the keys and their guardians, their rise, the way they go; it is let out gently in measure by a chain, lest by a heavy chain and violence it hurl down the angry clouds and destroy all things on earth.

The Key Holder Controls The Snow And Cold, Frosty Airs

40:7 I wrote the treasure-houses of the snow, and the store-houses of the cold and the frosty airs, and I observed their season's key-holder, he fills the clouds with them, and does not exhaust the treasure-houses.

The Key Holder Controls The Wind

40:8 And I wrote the resting-places of the winds and observed and saw how their key-holders bear weighing-scales and measures; first, they put them in one weighing-scale, then in the other the weights and let them out according to measure cunningly over the whole earth, lest by heavy breathing they make the earth to rock.

The Key Holders Of Hell

42:1 I saw the key-holders and guards of the gates of hell standing, like great serpents, and their faces like extinguishing lamps, and their eyes of fire, their sharp teeth, and I saw all the Lord's works, how they are right, while the works of man are some good, and others bad, and in their works are known those who lie evilly.

God Created Man In The Likeness Of His Own Face

44:1 The Lord with his hands having created man, in the likeness of his own face, the Lord made him small and great.

God Will Send A Great Light

56:4 And when the Lord shall send a great light, then there will be judgment for the just and the unjust, and there no one shall escape notice.

God Is Invisible

48:4 From the invisible he made all things visible, himself being invisible.

Those Who Reject The Books Given To Enoch By God Will Receive A Terrible Judgment

48:5 Thus I make known to you, my children, and distribute the books to your children, into all your generations, and amongst the nations who shall have the sense to fear God, let them receive them, and may they come to love them more than any food or earthly sweets, and read them and apply themselves to them. **6** And those who understand not the Lord, who fear not God, who accept not, but reject, who do not receive the books, a terrible judgment awaits these. **7** Blessed is the man who shall bear their yoke and shall drag them along, for he shall be released on the day of the great judgment.

God Sees All Things

50:1 I have put every man's work in writing and none born on earth can remain hidden nor his works remain concealed. **2** I see all things.

The Angels Are Waiting To Bring Enoch Up To Heaven

55:2 For the angels who shall go with me are standing before me and urge me to my departure from you; they are standing here on earth, awaiting what has been told them. **3** For to-morrow I shall go up on to heaven, to the uppermost Jerusalem to my eternal inheritance.

Since Enoch Was Anointed With The Ointment Of God, He Did Not Eat

56:2 Enoch answered to his son Mathosalam and said: Hear, child, from the time when the Lord anointed me with the ointment of his glory, there has been no food in me, and my soul remembers not earthly enjoyment, neither do I want anything earthly.

The Lord Came Down To Earth

58:2 In those days when the Lord came down on to earth for Adam's sake, and visited all his creatures, which he created himself, after all these he created Adam, and the Lord called all the beasts of the earth, all the reptiles, and all the birds that soar in the air, and brought them all before the face of our father Adam.

The Beast Have Souls

58:7 And as every soul of man is according to number, similarly beasts will not perish, nor all souls of beasts which the Lord created, till the great judgment, and

they will accuse man, if he feed them ill.

The Lord Chose Enoch As The Writer Of All Creation

64:4 Our father Enoch, may you be blessed of the Lord, the eternal ruler, and now bless your sons and all the people, that we may be glorified to-day before your face.

5 For you shalt be glorified before the Lord's face for all time, since the Lord chose you, rather than all men on earth, and designated you writer of all his creation, visible and invisible, and redeemed of the sins of man, and helper of your household.

After The Great Judgment, Time Will Perish

65:5 When all creation visible and invisible, as the Lord created it, shall end, then every man goes to the great judgment, and then all time shall perish, and the years, and thenceforward there will be neither months nor days nor hours, they will be adhered together and will not be counted. **6** There will be one aeon, and all the righteous who shall escape the Lord's great judgment, shall be collected in the great aeon, for the righteous the great aeon will begin, and they will live eternally, and then too there will be amongst them neither labour, nor sickness, nor humiliation, nor anxiety, nor need, nor brutality, nor night, nor darkness, but great light.

A Great Wall

65:7 And they shall have a great indestructible wall, and a paradise bright and incorruptible, for all corruptible things shall pass away, and there will be eternal life.

Enoch Is Taken To The Highest Heaven

67:1 When Enoch had talked to the people, the Lord sent out darkness on to the earth, and there was darkness, and it covered those men standing with Enoch, and they took Enoch up on to the highest heaven, where the Lord is; and he received him and placed him before his face, and the darkness went off from the earth, and light came again.

The People Find A Roll Inscribed "The Invisible God"

67:2 And the people saw and understood not how Enoch had been taken, and glorified God, and found a roll in which was traced The Invisible God; and all went to their dwelling places.

Enoch Was Taken To Heaven For 60 Days And Wrote 360 Books

68:1 Enoch was born on the sixth day of the month Tsivan, and lived three hundred and sixty-five years. **2** He was taken up to heaven on the first day of the month Tsivan and remained in heaven sixty days. **3** He wrote all these signs of all creation, which the Lord created, and wrote three hundred and sixty-six books, and handed them over to his sons and remained on earth thirty days, and was again taken up to heaven on the sixth day of the month Tsivan, on the very day

and hour when he was born.

Enoch Was Taken Up To Heaven From The Place Called Achuzan
68:6 Methosalam and his brethren, all the sons of Enoch, made haste, and erected an altar at that place called Achuzan, whence and where Enoch had been taken up to heaven.

The Testaments of The Twelve Patriarchs

The Testaments of The Twelve Patriarchs are biographies written between 107 and 137 BC. They are said to have been written by a Pharisee. The life story of each of the Patriarchs is told in vivid detail; the good and the bad are related with brutal frankness. These writings had great influence on the New Testament writers. The Sermon on The Mount uses phrases from these testaments. Paul, too, borrowed from The Testaments of The Twelve Patriarchs. The Testaments of The Twelve Patriarchs are considered a valuable resource as some of the actual source books of the Bible. There are many instances of paranormal and supernatural occurrences in The Testaments of The Twelve Patriarchs.

The Testament Of Reuben, The First-Born Son Of Jacob And Leah

An Angel Reveals Reuben's Impiety

1:41 And forthwith an angel of God revealed to my father concerning my impiety, and he came and mourned over me, and touched her no more.

An Angel Tells Reuben About Deceitful Women

2:15 For moreover, concerning them, the angel of the Lord told me, and taught me, that women are overcome by the spirit of fornication more than men, and in their heart they plot against men; and by means of their adornment they deceive first their minds, and by the glance of the eye instill the poison, and then through the accomplished act they take them captive.

The Watchers Lusted After The Women Of Earth

2:18 For thus they allured the Watchers who were before the flood; for as these continually beheld them, they lusted after them, and they conceived the act in their mind; for they changed themselves into the shape of men, and appeared to them when they were with their husbands.

The Women Give Birth To Giants

2:19 And the women lusting in their minds after their forms, gave birth to giants, for the Watchers appeared to them as reaching even unto heaven.

The Testament Of Simeon, The Second Of Jacob And Leah.

The Prince Of Deceit Sends Forth A Spirit Of Jealousy

1:8 And I set my mind against him to destroy him, because the prince of deceit sent forth the spirit of jealousy and blinded my mind, so that I regarded him not as a brother, nor did I spare even Jacob my father.

God Sends An Angel To Protect Joseph

1:9 But his God and the God of his fathers sent forth His angel, and delivered him out of my hands.

God Withers Simeon's Hand

1:13 But the Lord restrained me, and withheld from me the power of my hands; for my right hand was half withered for seven days.

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

3:6 Then the Mighty One of Israel shall glorify Shem, **7** For the Lord God shall appear on earth, And Himself save men. **9** Then shall I arise in joy, And will bless the Most High because of his marvellous works, Because God hath taken a body and eaten with men and saved men. **11** For the Lord shall raise up from Levi as it were a High-priest, and from Judah as it were a King God and man, He shall save all the Gentiles and the race of Israel.

Plagues And Darkness In Egypt When Joseph's Bones Were Removed

3:15 For the sorcerers told them; that on the departure of the bones of Joseph there should be throughout all the land darkness and gloom, and an exceeding great plague to the Egyptians, so that even with a lamp a man should not recognize his brother.

The Testament Of Levi, The Third Son Of Jacob And Leah

A Spirit Of Understanding From The Lord Comes To Levi

1:6 And when I was feeding the flocks in Abel-Maul, the spirit of understanding of the Lord came upon me, and I saw all men corrupting their way, and that unrighteousness had built for itself walls, and lawlessness sat upon towers.

A Sleep Falls Upon Levi

1:8 Then there fell upon me a sleep, and I beheld a high mountain, and I was upon it.

The Heavens Are Open To Levi

1:9 And behold the heavens were opened and an angel of God said to me, Levi enter

Levi Sees The First And Second Heavens

1:10 And I entered from the first heaven, and I saw there a great sea hanging. **11** And further I saw a second heaven far brighter and more brilliant, for there was a boundless light also therein. **12** And I said to the angel, Why Is this so? And the

angel said to me, Marvel not at this, for thou shalt see another heaven more brilliant and incomparable.

Levi Stands Next To The Lord

1:13 And when thou hast ascended thither, Thou shalt stand near the Lord, And shalt be His minister, And shalt declare His mysteries to men, And shall proclaim concerning Him that shall redeem Israel.

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

1:14 And by thee and Judah shall the Lord appear among men Saving every race of men.

The Lowest Heaven

1:17 The lowest is for this cause gloomy unto thee, in that it beholds all the unrighteous deeds of men. **18** And it has fire, snow, and ice made ready for the day of judgement, in the righteous judgement of God; for in it are all the spirits of the retributions for vengeance on men.

The Host Of Armies Are In The Second Heaven

1:19 And in the second are the hosts of the armies which are ordained for the day of judgement, to work vengeance on the spirits of deceit and of Beliar. **20** And above them are the holy ones.

God Dwells In The Highest Heaven

1:21 And in the highest of all dwelleth the Great Glory, far above all holiness.

The Archangels Minister To The Lord

1:22 In the heaven next to it are the archangels, who minister and make propitiation to the Lord for all the sins of ignorance of the righteous; **23** Offering to the Lord a sweet-smelling savour, a reasonable and a bloodless offering.

The Angels Who Bear Answers

1:24 And in the heaven below this are the angels who bear answers to the angels of the presence of the Lord.

Thrones And Dominions

1:25 And in the heaven next to this are thrones and dominions, in which always they offer praise to God.

The Heavens, The Earth, And The Abysses Are Shaken

1:26 When, therefore, the Lord looketh upon us, all of us are shaken; yea, the heavens, and the earth, and the abysses are shaken at the presence of His majesty.

The Rocks Will Be Rent And The Sun Will Be Quenched

2:2 Because when the rocks are being rent, And the sun quenched, And the

waters dried up, And the fire cowering, And all creation troubled, And the invisible spirits melting away; And Hades taketh spoils through the visitations of the Most High, Men will be unbelieving and persist in their iniquity.

Levi Sees The Holy Temple And The Most High On His Throne

2:9 And thereupon the angel opened to me the gates of heaven, and I saw the holy temple, and upon a throne of glory the Most High

The Angel Brings Levi Down To Earth

2:11 Then the angel brought me down to the earth, and gave me a shield and a sword, and said to me: Execute vengeance on Shechem because of Dinah, thy sister, and I will be with thee because the Lord hath sent me.

An Angel Who Intercedes For Israel

2:13 And I said to him: I pray thee, O Lord, tell me Thy name, that I may call upon Thee in a day of tribulation. **14** And he said: I am the angel who intercedeth for the nation of Israel that they may not be smitten utterly, for every evil spirit attacketh it.

Levi Finds A Shield

3:1 And when I was going to my father, I found a brazen shield; wherefore also the name of the mountain is Aspis, which is near Gebal, to the south of Abila

Seven Men In White Raiment

3:14 And I saw seven men in white raiment saying unto me: Arise, put on the robe of the priesthood, and the crown of righteousness, and the breastplate of understanding, and the garment of truth, and the plate of faith, and the turban of the head, and the ephod of prophecy.

The Staff Of Judgment

3:16 And the first anointed me with holy oil, and gave to me the staff of judgment.

The Star Of Christ

5:15 And his star shall arise in heaven as of a king. Lighting up the light of knowledge as the sun the day, And he shall be magnified in the world.

The Angels Will Be Glad, The Heavens Will Be Opened

5:20 And the angels of the glory of the presence of the Lord shall be glad in him. **21** The heavens shall be opened, And From the temple of glory shall come upon him sanctification, With the Father's voice as from Abraham to Isaac.

Christ Will Open The Gates Of Paradise And Remove The Fiery Sword

5:26 And he shall open the gates of paradise, And shall remove the threatening sword against Adam. And he shall give to the saints to eat from the tree of life, And the spirit of holiness shall be on them.

The Testament Of Judah, The Fourth Son Of Jacob And Leah

The King, Achor, Was A Giant

1:18 Achor the king a man of giant stature I found, hurling javelins before and behind as he sat on horseback, and I took up a stone of sixty pounds weight, and hurled it and smote his horse, and killed it.

Beelesath, A Giant

1:22 And Jacob my father slew Beelesath, king of all the kings, a giant in strength, twelve cubits high.

An Angel Of Might

1:25 For he saw in a vision concerning me that an angel of might followed me everywhere, that I should not be overcome.

An Angel Kills Er

2:11 Now Er was wicked, and he was in need concerning Tamar, because she was not of the land of Canaan. **12** And on the third night an angel of the Lord smote him

An Angel Of God

3:22 And the angel of God showed me that for ever do women bear rule over king and beggar alike.

The Angel Of The Lord Speaks To Judah

4:5 For the angel of the Lord said unto me: The Lord chose him rather than thee, to draw near to Him, and to eat of His table and to offer Him the first-fruits of the choice things of the sons of Israel; but thou shalt be king of Jacob.

The Heavens Are Opened To Jesus, Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

4:20 And after these things shall a star arise to you from Jacob in peace, **21** And a man shall arise from my seed, like the sun of righteousness, **22** walking with the sons of men in meekness and righteousness; **23** And no sin shall be found in him. **24** and the heavens shall be open unto him, To pour out the spirit, (even) the blessing of the Holy Father;

The Testament Of Issachar, The Fifth Son Of Jacob And Leah

An Angel Appears To Jacob

1:18 Then appeared to Jacob an angel of the Lord, saying: Two children shall Rachel bear, inasmuch as she hath refused company with her husband, and hath chosen continency

The Testament Of Zebulun, The Sixth Son Of Jacob And Leah..

God Gives Zebulun Wisdom To Make The First Boat

2:6 I was the first to make a boat to sail upon the sea, for the Lord gave me understanding and wisdom therein. **7** And I let down a rudder behind it, and I stretched a sail upon another upright piece of wood in the midst.

The Testament Of Dan, The Seventh Son Of Jacob And Bilhah.

A Spirit From Satan Speaks To Dan

1:7 And one of the spirits of Beliar stirred me up, saying: Take this sword, and with it slay Joseph: so shall thy father love thee when he is dead

An Interceding Angel

2:15 Draw near unto God and unto the angel that intercedeth for you, for he is a mediator between God and man, and for the peace of Israel he shall stand up against the kingdom of the enemy.

The Angel of Peace

2:18 For the very angel of peace shall strengthen Israel, that it fall not into the extremity of evil.

The Testament Of Naphtali, The Eighth Son Of Jacob And Bilhah.

The Watchers Changed The Order Of Their Nature

1:27 In like manner the Watchers also changed the order of their nature, whom the Lord cursed at the flood, on whose account He made the earth without inhabitants and fruitless.

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

1:32 And the Lord shall scatter them upon the face of all the earth, until the compassion of the Lord shall come, a man working righteousness and working mercy unto all them that are afar off, and to them that are near.

The Sun And Moon Stand Still

2:1 For in the fortieth year of my life, I saw a vision on the Mount of Olives, on the east of Jerusalem, that the sun and the moon were standing still.

Levi And Judah Lifted Up

2:3 And we all of us ran together, and Levi laid hold of the sun, and Judah outstripped the others and seized the moon, and they were both of them lifted up with them.

Levi Became As A Sun

2:4 And when Levi became as a sun, lo, a certain young man gave to him twelve branches of palm; and Judah was bright as the moon, and under their feet were twelve rays.

A Bull With The Wings Of An Eagle

2:6 And lo, a bull upon the earth, with two great horns, and an eagle's wings upon its back; and we wished to seize him; but could not.

Joseph Ascends

2:7 But Joseph came, and seized him, and ascended up with him on high.

A Holy Writing Appears

2:8 And I saw, for I was there, and behold a holy writing appeared to us, saying: Assyrians, Medes, Persians, Chaldeans, Syrians, shall possess in captivity the twelve tribes of Israel.

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

2:25 For through their tribes shall God appear dwelling among men on earth, To save the race of Israel, And to gather together the righteous from amongst the Gentiles.

The Testament Of Gad The Ninth Son Of Jacob And Zilpah.

God Strikes Gad With An Illness Of The Liver

1:35 For God brought upon me a disease of the liver; and had not the prayers of Jacob my father succoured me, it had hardly failed but my spirit had departed, **36** For by what things a man transgresseth, by the same also is he punished. **37** Since, therefore, my liver was set mercilessly against Joseph, in my liver too I suffered mercilessly, and was judged for eleven months, for so long a time as I had been angry against Joseph.

The Testament Of Asher, The Tenth Son Of Jacob And Zilpah.

A Troubled Soul Is Tormented By The Evil Spirit

1:35 For when the soul departs troubled, it is tormented by the evil spirit which also it served in lusts and evil works.

A Peaceful Man Meets The Angel Of Peace

1:36 But if he is peaceful with joy he meeteth the angel of peace, and he leadeth him into eternal life.

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

1:40 Until the Most High shall visit the earth, coming Himself as man, with men eating and drinking, and breaking the head of the dragon in the water. **41** He shall save Israel and all the Gentiles God speaking in the person of man.

The Testament Of Joseph, The Eleventh Son Of Jacob And Rachel

The Lord Visited Joseph When He Was Ill

1:12 I was sick, and the Lord visited me

Those That Fast For God Receive Beauty Of Face

1:29 And I fasted in those seven years, and I appeared to the Egyptians as one living delicately, for they that fast for God's sake receive beauty of face.

Food Mingled With Enchantments

1:49 And afterwards she sent me food mingled with enchantments. **50** And when the eunuch who brought it came, I looked up and beheld a terrible man giving me with the dish a sword, and I perceived that (her) scheme was to beguile me. **53** And I said unto her: It is because thou hast filled it with deadly enchantments; and how saidst thou: I come not near to idols, but to the Lord alone.

God's Angel Reveals The Egyptian Woman's Wickedness to Joseph

1:54 Now therefore know that the God of my father hath revealed unto me by His angel thy wickedness, and I have kept it to convict thee, if haply thou mayst see and repent.

A Spirit Of Beliar Troubles The Egyptian Woman

1:62 Then, accordingly seizing an opportunity, she rushed unto me while her husband was yet without, and said unto me: I will hang myself, or cast myself over a cliff, if thou wilt not lie with me. **63** And when I saw the spirit of Beliar was troubling her, I prayed unto the Lord, and said unto her: **64** Why, wretched woman, art thou troubled and disturbed, blinded through, sins?

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

2:77 Do ye therefore, my children, observe the commandments of the Lord, and honour Levi and Judah; for from them shall arise unto you the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world one who saveth all the Gentiles and Israel. For His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, which shall not pass away; but my kingdom among you shall come to an end as a watcher's hammock, which after the summer disappeareth.

The Testament Of Benjamin, The Twelfth Son Of Jacob And Rachel

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

1:21 In thee shall be fulfilled the prophecy of heaven concerning the Lamb of God, and Saviour of the world, and that a blameless one shall be delivered up for lawless men, and a sinless one shall die for ungodly men in the blood of the covenant. for the salvation of the Gentiles and of Israel, and shall destroy Beliar and his servants.

The Angel Of Peace Guides A Good Man's Soul

1:33 The inclination of the good man is not in the power of the deceit of the spirit of Beliar, for the angel of peace guideth his soul.

God Brings Plagues On Cain

1:43 Therefore was Cain also delivered over to seven vengeancees by God, for in

every hundred years the Lord brought one plague upon him.

The Temple Of God

2:5 Nevertheless the temple of God shall be in your portion, and the last (temple) shall be more glorious than the first.

A Prophecy Of The Coming Christ

2:6 And the twelve tribes shall be gathered together there, and all the Gentiles, until the Most High shall send forth His salvation in the visitation of an only begotten prophet. **7** And He shall enter into the first temple, and there shall the Lord be treated with outrage, and He shall be lifted up upon a tree.

The Veil Of The Temple Was Rent

2:8 And the veil of the temple shall be rent, and the Spirit of God shall pass on to the Gentiles as fire poured forth.

Christ Will Ascend Into Heaven

2:9 And He shall ascend from Hades and shall pass from earth into heaven. **10** And I know how lowly He shall be upon earth, and how glorious in heaven.

The General Epistle of Barnabas

Clemens Alexandrinus, Origen, Eusebius, Jerome, and many other ancient church authorities deem the General Epistle of Barnabas canonical and genuine. Dr. Bernard Sullivan, a professor at Oxford University believed The General Epistle of Barnabas to be genuine and that it was read widely in the churches at Alexandria. It is supposed to have been written by Barnabas, an apostle and companion of Paul. It is considered to have been written before the Epistle of Jude and the writings of both Johns. Archbishop Wake, Dr. S. Clarke, Vossius, and Dupis also declared it to be genuine. The paranormal occurrences of The General Epistle of Barnabas are as follows.

Moses Receives The Tablets From God

3:8 For thus says the Scripture: And Moses continued fasting forty days and forty nights in the mount; and he received the covenant from the Lord, even the two tables of stone, written by the hand of God.

God Speaks To Moses

3:9 But having turned themselves to idols, they lost it; as the Lord also said to Moses, Moses, go down quickly, for your people, whom you have brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves, and turned aside from the way which I commanded them. And Moses cast the two tables out of his hands, and their covenant was broken so the love of Jesus might be sealed in your hearts, to the hope of his faith.

God Speaks To The Lord

4:7 Because of this the Lord was content to suffer for our souls, although he is the Lord of the whole earth, to whom God said before the beginning of the world, Let us make man after our own image and likeness.

Jesus Gives The Prophets The Gift Of Prophecy

4:9 The prophets, having received from him the gift of prophecy, spoke before concerning him:

Jesus Appeared In The Flesh

4:10 But he, that he might abolish death and make known the resurrection from the dead, was content, as was necessary, to appear in the flesh, that he might make good the promise given before to our fathers, and preparing himself a new people, might demonstrate to them while he was upon earth, that after the resurrection he would judge the world.

Jesus Did Many Signs And Wonders

4:11 And finally teaching the people of Israel and doing many wonders and signs among them, he preached to them and showed the exceeding great love which he had toward them.

Jesus Manifest Himself As The Son Of God

4:13 Then he clearly demonstrated himself to be the Son of God. For had he not come in the flesh, how could men have been able to look upon him so that they might be saved?

4:15 Therefore the Son of God came in the flesh for this cause, that he might fill up the measure of their iniquity, who have persecuted his prophets to death. And for the same reason also he suffered.

The Sun Is The Work of God's Hands

4:14 Seeing if they beheld only the sun, which was the work of his hands, and will hereafter cease to be, they are not able to endure steadfastly to look against the rays of it.

Adam Was Formed From The Earth

5:9 Now learn what the spiritual meaning of this is: It is as if it had been said, Put your trust in Jesus, who will be manifested to you in the flesh. Man is the suffering earth, for out of the substance of the earth Adam was formed.

God Creates Man

5: 12 For thus the Scripture says concerning us, where it introduces the Father speaking to the Son; Let us make man after our likeness and similitude; and let them have dominion over the beasts of the earth, and over the fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea. **13** And when the Lord saw the man he had formed, and that he was very good, he said, Increase and multiply, and replenish the earth. And this he spoke to his son.

Jesus Will Come In The Clouds

6:12 So he then will be similar to what he was on earth, the Jews were commanded to take two fair and equal goats so that when they hereafter will see our Savior coming in the clouds of heaven, they may be amazed at the analogy of the goats.

Moses Stretches Forth His Arms

11:3 And yet further he says by Moses, when Israel was fighting with, and beaten by, a strange people, to the end that God might teach them how that for their sins they were delivered to death, yes, the Holy Spirit put it into the heart of Moses to represent both the sign of the cross and of him that was to suffer so that they might know that if they did not believe in him, they would be overcome forever.

4 Moses therefore piled up armor upon armor in the middle of a rising ground, and standing up high above all of them, stretched forth his arms, and so Israel again conquered.

5 But no sooner did he let down his hands, but they were again slain. And why so? So they might know that except they trust in him, they cannot be saved.

A Brazen Serpent

11:9 Moses, who had commanded them, then said, You must not make to yourselves any graven or molten image to be your God; yet now did so himself so that he might represent to them the figure of the Lord Jesus. **10** For he made a brazen serpent, and set it up on high, and called the people together by a proclamation. When they came, they entreated Moses that he would make an atonement for them and pray so they might be healed. **11** Then Moses spoke to them, saying: When any one among you will be bitten, let him come to the serpent that is set upon the pole, and let him assuredly trust in him, for though he be dead, yet he is able to give life, and presently he will be saved; and so they did. See therefore how here also you have in this the glory of Jesus, and that in him and to him are all things.

God Speaks To Rebecca

12:3 Isaac prayed for his wife Rebecca because she was barren, and she conceived. Afterwards Rebecca went forth to inquire of the Lord. **4** And the Lord said to her, There are two nations in your womb, and two people will come from your body; and the one will have power over the other, and the greater will serve the lesser. Understand here who was Isaac, and who was Rebecca, and of whom it was foretold that this people will be greater than that.

Moses Receives The Tables From God

12:12 For thus says the prophet, And Moses continued fasting forty days and forty nights in Mount Sinai, to receive the covenant of the Lord with the people.

13 And he received from the Lord two tables written with the finger of the Lord's hand in the Spirit. And when Moses received them he brought them down to deliver them to the people. **14** And the Lord said to Moses: Moses, Moses, get

down quickly, for the people you brought out of the land of Egypt have done wickedly.

God Speaks To Moses Face To Face

13:1 Furthermore it is written concerning the Sabbath, in the ten commandments which God spoke face to face in Mount Sinai to Moses, Sanctify the Sabbath of the Lord with pure hands and with a clean heart.

One Day Is As A Thousand Years

13:4 Consider, my children, what it signifies, that he finished them in six days. The meaning of it is this: that in six thousand years the Lord God will bring all things to an end. **5** For with him one day is a thousand years, as he himself testifies, saying, Behold this day will be as a thousand years. Therefore, children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, will all things be accomplished.

The Son Will Change The Sun, Moon, And Stars

13:6 And he rested the seventh day, means this: that when his Son will come, and abolish the season of the Wicked One, and judge the ungodly, and will change the sun and the moon and the stars, then he will gloriously rest in that seventh day.

The Eighth Day

13:9 Lastly he says to them, I cannot stand your new moons and your Sabbaths. Consider what he means by it: the Sabbaths, he says, that you now keep are not acceptable to me, but only those which I have made, when resting from all things I shall begin the eighth day, that is, the beginning of the other world.

Jesus Ascended To Heaven

13:10 For which cause we observe the eighth day with gladness, in which Jesus rose from the dead, and after showing himself to his disciples, ascended into heaven.

Heaven Is God's Throne

13:13 But learn therefore how the Lord speaks, rendering the temple vain: Who has measured the full extent of heaven, or the earth with his hand? Is it not I? Thus says the Lord, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What is the house that you will build me? Or what is the place of my rest? Know therefore that all their hope is vain.

Angels Are Leaders Of The Way Of Light, Satan's Angels Are Leaders Of The Way Of Darkness

14:3 Let us now go on to the other kind of knowledge and doctrine. There are two ways of doctrine and power: the one of light, the other of darkness. **4** But there is a great deal of difference between these two ways; for over one are appointed the angels of God, the leaders of the way of light; over the other, the

angels of Satan. And the one is the Lord from everlasting to everlasting; the other is the prince of the time of unrighteousness.

Anomalies In The Apocrypha

A 450 Year Gap In History Filled

The books known as the Apocrypha, though in full circulation at the time of Christ, were determined by church leaders hundreds of years after his death to be false. They did survive to be included in the original King James Bible, but were removed from the "Authorized" version, which is the accepted work of the Protestant Church. In truth, church leaders authorized 450 years of biblical history between Malachi and Matthew out of existence. Perhaps some of the reasons for this rejection of almost a half a millennium of history were the anomalous verses and those that contradicted doctrinal changes made by the early church found in many of the Apocryphal Books.

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The Prophecy of Baruch

Baruch was a disciple of Jeremiah and the writer of The Prophecy of Baruch. After Nebuchadnezzar plundered the temple of Jerusalem, Baruch wrote down the dictation Of Jeremiah foretelling the return of the Babylonians. Baruch was with Jeremiah during the last siege of Jerusalem. Throughout all his trials and tribulations, Baruch remained true to his God, Yahweh. Below are excerpts from the Prophecy of Baruch that deal with supernatural events and beings witnessed during his time

The Might of the God of Israel

2:11 And now, O Lord God of Israel, that hast brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and high arm, and with signs, and with wonders, and with great power, and hast gotten thyself a name, as appeareth this day:

The Lord Looks Down From His Holy House

2:16 O Lord, look down from thine holy house, and consider us: bow down thine ear, O Lord, to hear us. **17:**Open thine eyes, and behold; for the dead that are in the graves, whose souls are taken from their bodies, will give unto the Lord neither praise nor righteousness:

God's House, Place of Possession, High and Unmeasurable

3:24 O Israel, how great is the house of God! and how large is the place of his possession! **25** Great, and hath none end; high, and unmeasurable.

Giants Did Not Choose The Lord

3:26 There were the giants famous from the beginning, that were of so great stature, and so expert in war. **27** Those did not the Lord choose, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them: **28** But they were destroyed, because they had no wisdom, and perished through their own foolishness.

Who Has Gone Up to Heaven

3:29 Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds? **30** Who hath gone over the sea, and found her, and will bring her for pure gold? **31** No man knoweth her way, nor thinketh of her path.

The Light Obeys and The Stars Rejoice

3:33 He that sendeth forth light, and it goeth, calleth it again, and it obeyeth him with fear. **34** The stars shined in their watches, and rejoiced: when he calleth them, they say, Here we be; and so with cheerfulness they shewed light unto him that made them.

God Shows Himself on Earth

3:35 This is our God, and there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of him **36** He hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath given it unto Jacob his servant, and to Israel his beloved. **37** Afterward did he shew himself upon earth, and conversed with men.

The Brightness of the Everlasting

4:23 For I sent you out with mourning and weeping: but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever. **24** Like as now the neighbours of Sion have seen your captivity: so shall they see shortly your salvation from our God which shall come upon you with great glory, and brightness of the Everlasting.

Fire From The Everlasting

4:34 For I will take away the rejoicing of her great multitude, and her pride shall be turned into mourning **35** For fire shall come upon her from the Everlasting, long to endure; and she shall be inhabited of devils for a great time.

Joy Comes From The East

4:36 O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. **37** Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God

The Light of God's Glory

5:9 For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

The Lost Books of the Bible

The History of Bel and The Dragon

The History of Bel and The Dragon was cut from the book of Daniel by various edicts and councils of the Church. Below are some amazing excerpts telling of a great dragon beast, teleportation and divine protection.

A Great Dragon In Babylon

23: And in that same place there was a great dragon, which they of Babylon worshipped. **24** And the king said unto Daniel, Wilt thou also say that this is of brass? lo, he liveth, he eateth and drinketh; thou canst not say that he is no living god: therefore worship him.

Daniel Destroys The Dragon

26: But give me leave, O king, and I shall slay this dragon without sword or staff. The king said, I give thee leave. **27:** Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and did seethe them together, and made lumps thereof: this he put in the dragon's mouth, and so the dragon burst in sunder : and Daniel said, Lo, these are the gods ye worship.

An Angel Transports Habbacuc

33: Now there was in Jewry a prophet, called Habbacuc, who had made pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reapers. **34:** But the angel of the Lord said unto Habbacuc, Go, carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lions' den. **35:** And Habbacuc said, Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. **36:** Then the angel of the Lord took him by the crown, and bare him by the hair of

his head, and through the vehemency of his spirit set him in Babylon over the den. **37:** And Habbacuc cried, saying, O Daniel, Daniel, take the dinner which God hath sent thee. **38:** And Daniel said, Thou hast remembered me, O God: neither hast thou forsaken them that seek thee and love thee. **39:** So Daniel arose, and did eat: and the angel of the Lord set Habbacuc in his own place again immediately.

Daniel Safe in the Lion's Den For 7 Days

40: Upon the seventh day the king went to bewail Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and behold, Daniel was sitting. **41:** Then cried the king with a loud voice, saying, Great art Lord God of Daniel, and there is none other beside thee. **42:** And he drew him out, and cast those that were the cause of his destruction into the den: and they were devoured in a moment before his face.

The Prayer of Azarias

The Prayer of Azarias has been cut from the Bible. But, the Vulgate, the Greek translation of Daniel (Septuagint and Theodotion) and other ancient and modern translations include the Prayer of Azarias. In these versions, it is inserted in the 3rd Chapter of Daniel between the 23rd and 24th verses. The Prayer of Azarias is a prayer by Azarias while he was standing in the fiery furnace with his two friends, Ananias and Misael. The supernatural happenings while Azarias and his companions were in the furnace are recorded below.

Walking Unharmd In The Midst Of Fire

1:1 And they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord.
2 Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

Chaldeans Around The Furnace Burned

1:23 And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven hot with rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood; **24** So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits. **25** And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

An Angel Puts The Fire Out And Makes A Moist, Whistling Wind

1:26 But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame of the fire out of the oven; **27** And made the midst of the furnace as it had been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

God Sits Upon Cherubims

1:32 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

God Is In The Firmament of Heaven

1:34 Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: and above ail to be praised and glorified for ever.

Azarias Praises God For Delivering Them From The Furnace

1:66 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever: far he hath delivered us from hell, and saved us from the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midst of the furnace and burning flame: even out of the midst of the fire hath he delivered us.

The Books Of Esdras

The First Book Of Esdras

Esdras was one of the most famous priest and scribes connected with Israel's restoration after the Exile. He was of the line of Sardoc and was of priestly descent. His writings were very detailed and correct concerning the events surrounding the re-building of the Temple at Jerusalem. The writings consist mainly of events leading up to, during and after the restoration of the Temple. Below are a few excerpts that deal with the supernatural happenings put down in the writings of Esdras. Ezra, also known as Esdras, was a priest and scribe appointed by Artaxerxes, king of Persia, to lead people from Babylon to Jerusalem. His primary goal was to uphold God's law as laid out in the Torah. Ezra is known by the name of Esdras in the Septuagint and Vulgate and by Ezra in English translations of the Bible.

The Second Book Of Esdras

The First Book Of Esdras

God Makes Cyrus King And Instructs Him To Build A Temple at Jerusalem

2:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord might be accomplished, that he had promised by the mouth of Jeremy; **2** The Lord raised up the spirit of Cyrus the king of the Persians, and he made proclamation through all his kingdom, and also by writing, **3** Saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of the Persians; The Lord of Israel, the most high Lord, hath made me king of the whole world, **4** And commanded me to build him an house at Jerusalem in Jewry.

Jews Not Hindered In Building The Temple Because The Lord Had Visited Them

6:5 Nevertheless the elders of the Jews obtained favour, because the Lord had visited the captivity;

6 And they were not hindered from building, until such time as signification was given unto Darius concerning them, and an answer received.

The Second Book of Esdras

In the Second Book of Esdras we are told of the signs of the end times and

the judgments of mankind. Many paranormal events are recorded by Esdras. Below are excerpts from this most intriguing book that was cut from the Bible as we know it today.

The Lord Speaks to Esdras

1:4 The word of the Lord came to me, saying, **5** "Go and declare to my people their evil deeds, and to their children the iniquities which they have committed against me, so that they may tell their children's children **6** that the sins of their parents have increased in them, for they have forgotten me and have offered sacrifices to strange gods.

God Tells Esdras of His Mighty Works

1:10 For their sake I have overthrown many kings: I struck down Pharaoh with his servants, and all his army. **11** I have destroyed all nations before them, and scattered in the east the people of two provinces, Tyre and Sidon; I have slain all their enemies.

God Speaks of The Red Sea and The Pillar of Fire

1:13 Surely it was I who brought you through the sea, and made safe highways for you where there was no road; I gave you Moses as leader and Aaron as priest; **14** I provided light for you from a pillar of fire, and did great wonders among you. Yet you have forgotten me, says the Lord.

Manna and Water Provided By God (The Bread of Angels)

1:19 I pitied your groanings and gave you manna for food; you ate the bread of angels. **20** When you were thirsty, did I not cleave the rock so that waters flowed in abundance? Because of the heat I covered you with the leaves of trees

God Makes The Waters Of The Stream Sweet

1:22 Thus says the Lord Almighty: When you were in the wilderness, at the bitter stream, thirsty and blaspheming my name, **23** I did not send fire upon you for your blasphemies, but threw a tree into the water and made the stream sweet.

God Speaks Of Sodom And Gomorrah

2:8 "Woe to you, Assyria, who conceal the unrighteous in your midst! O wicked nation, remember what I did to Sodom and Gomorrah, **9** whose land lies in lumps of pitch and heaps of ashes. So will I do to those who have not listened to me, says the Lord Almighty."

The Lord Was On Mt. Horeb

2:33 I, Ezra, received a command from the Lord on Mount Horeb to go to Israel. When I came to them they rejected me and refused the Lord's commandment.

Ezra Sees A Large Multitude On Mt. Horeb

2:42 I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude, which I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs.

An Angel Tells Ezra Who The Multitude Are And Instructs Him To Tell What He Had Seen

2:43 In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. **44** Then I asked an angel, "Who are these, my lord?" **45** He answered and said to me, "These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and they have confessed the name of God; now they are being crowned, and receive palms." **46** Then I said to the angel, "Who is that young man who places crowns on them and puts palms in their hands?" **47** He answered and said to me, "He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world." So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. **48** Then the angel said to me, "Go, tell my people how great and many are the wonders of the Lord God which you have seen."

Ezra Tells Of God's Causing The Earth To Shake And The Heavens' To Bend

3:17 And when thou didst lead his descendants out of Egypt, thou didst bring them to Mount Sinai. **18** Thou didst bend down the heavens and shake the earth, and move the world, and make the depths to tremble, and trouble the times.

An Angel Speaks to Ezra

4:1 Then the angel that had been sent to me, whose name was Uriel, answered **2** and said to me, "Your understanding has utterly failed regarding this world, and do you think you can comprehend the way of the Most High?"

The Angel Shows Ezra The Interpretation of The Parable (A Flaming Furnace)

4:45 show me this also: whether more time is to come than has passed, or whether for us the greater part has gone by. **46** For I know what has gone by, but I do not know what is to come." **47** And he said to me, "Stand at my right side, and I will show you the interpretation of a parable." **48** So I stood and looked, and behold, a flaming furnace passed by before me, and when the flame had gone by I looked, and behold, the smoke remained. **49** And after this a cloud full of water passed before me and poured down a heavy and violent rain, and when the rainstorm had passed, drops remained in the cloud. **50** And he said to me, "Consider it for yourself; for as the rain is more than the drops, and the fire is greater than the smoke, so the quantity that passed was far greater; but drops and smoke remained."

The Angel Strengthens Ezra

5:14 Then I awoke, and my body shuddered violently, and my soul was so troubled that it fainted. **15** But the angel who had come and talked with me held me and strengthened me and set me on my feet

The Angel Comes And Speaks to Ezra Again

5:31 When I had spoken these words, the angel who had come to me on a previous night was sent to me, **32** and he said to me, "Listen to me, and I will instruct you; pay attention to me, and I will tell you more."

The Angel Appearing to Ezra is The Creator

5:40 He said to me, "Just as you cannot do one of the things that were mentioned, so you cannot discover my judgment, or the goal of the love that I have promised my people."

5:42 He said to me, "I shall liken my judgment to a circle; just as for those who are last there is no slowness, so for those who are first there is no haste."

5:56 And I said, "O Lord, I beseech thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show thy servant through whom thou dost visit thy creation."

He Explains The Creation To Ezra

6:1 And he said to me, "At the beginning of the circle of the earth, before the portals of the world were in place, and before the assembled winds blew, **2** and before the rumblings of thunder sounded, and before the flashes of lightning shone, and before the foundations of paradise were laid, **3** and before the beautiful flowers were seen, and before the powers of movement were established, and before the innumerable hosts of angels were gathered together, **4** and before the heights of the air were lifted up, and before the measures of the firmaments were named, and before the footstool of Zion was established, **5** and before the present years were reckoned; and before the imaginations of those who now sin were estranged, and before those who stored up treasures of faith were sealed -- **6** then I planned these things, and they were made through me and not through another, just as the end shall come through me and not through another."

Ezra Hears A Voice Like Many Waters

6:13 He answered and said to me, "Rise to your feet and you will hear a full, resounding voice. **17** When I heard this, I rose to my feet and listened, and behold, a voice was speaking, and its sound was like the sound of many waters."

Men Shall Be Taken Up

6:25 "And it shall be that whoever remains after all that I have foretold to you shall himself be saved and shall see my salvation and the end of my world. **26** And they shall see the men who were taken up, who from their birth have not tasted death; and the heart of the earth's inhabitants shall be changed and converted to a different spirit."

The Place Where Ezra Was Standing Rocks

6:29 While he spoke to me, behold, little by little the place where I was standing began to rock to and fro.

Behemoth And Leviathan

6:49 "Then thou didst keep in existence two living creatures; the name of one

thou didst call Behemoth and the name of the other Leviathan. **50** And thou didst separate one from the other, for the seventh part where the water had been gathered together could not hold them both. **51** And thou didst give Behemoth one of the parts which had been dried up on the third day, to live in it, where there are a thousand mountains; **52** but to Leviathan thou didst give the seventh part, the watery part; and thou hast kept them to be eaten by whom thou wilt, and when thou wilt.

The Angel Appears to Ezra Again

7:1 When I had finished speaking these words, the angel who had been sent to me on the former nights was sent to me again, **2** and he said to me, "Rise, Ezra, and listen to the words that I have come to speak to you."

Ezra Was Talking To A Woman And She Was Transformed, The Angel Returns

10:25 While I was talking to her, behold, her face suddenly shone exceedingly, and her countenance flashed like lightning, so that I was too frightened to approach her, and my heart was terrified. While I was wondering what this meant, **26** behold, she suddenly uttered a loud and fearful cry, so that the earth shook at the sound. **27** And I looked, and behold, the woman was no longer visible to me, but there was an established city, and a place of huge foundations showed itself. Then I was afraid, and cried with a loud voice and said, **28** "Where is the angel Uriel, who came to me at first? For it was he who brought me into this overpowering bewilderment; my end has become corruption, and my prayer a reproach." **29** As I was speaking these words, behold, the angel who had come to me at first came to me, and he looked upon me;

Ezra Hears A Voice From A Bush

14:1 On the third day, while I was sitting under an oak, behold, a voice came out of a bush opposite me and said, "Ezra, Ezra." **2** And I said, "Here I am, Lord," and I rose to my feet. **3** Then he said to me, "I revealed myself in a bush and spoke to Moses, when my people were in bondage in Egypt;

A Voice Calls To Ezra To Drink Of The Cup Of Understanding

14:38 And on the next day, behold, a voice called me, saying, "Ezra, open your mouth and drink what I give you to drink." **39** Then I opened my mouth, and behold, a full cup was offered to me; it was full of something like water, but its color was like fire. **40** And I took it and drank; and when I had drunk it, my heart poured forth understanding, and wisdom increased in my breast, for my spirit retained its memory; **41** and my mouth was opened, and was no longer closed.

The Epistles Of Jesus Christ And Abgarus, King Of Edessa

In the 4th Century, Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea, in Palestine, confirmed that he had found the Epistles of Jesus Christ And Abgarus, King of Edessa in the public registers and records of the city of Edessa in Mesopotamia. It was

written in the Syriac language. Although they are considered Apocryphal, the erudite Grabe, Archbishop Cave, Dr. Parker, and other church men tried strenuously to have the Epistles admitted into Scripture. The Epistles contain two letters. The first is a letter written by King Abgarus to Jesus asking for his help. The second is Jesus' reply to the King. The letters concern the supernatural healing powers of Christ.

Jesus' Healing Powers

1:1 ABGARUS, king of Edessa, to Jesus the good Saviour, who appears at Jerusalem, greeting. **2** I have been informed concerning you and your cures, which are performed without the use of medicines and herbs, **3** For it is reported, that you cause the blind to see, the lame to walk, do both cleanse lepers, and cast out unclean spirits and devils, and restore them to health who have been long diseased, and raisest up the dead;

Abgarus Declares Jesus As The Son Of God

1:4 All which when I heard, I was persuaded of one of these two, viz: either that you are God himself descended from heaven, who do these things, or the son of God. **5** On this account therefore I have wrote to you, earnestly to desire you would take the trouble of a journey hither, and cure a disease which I am under.

Jesus Tells Abgarus He Will Send Help After His Ascension

2:3 As to that part of your letter, which relates to my giving you a visit, I must inform you, that I must fulfil all the ends of my mission in this country, and after that be received up again to him who sent me. **4** But after my ascension I will send one of my disciples, who will cure your disease, and give life to you, and all that are with you.

The Book of Enoch

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"At that time I beheld the Ancient of Days,
while he sat upon the throne of his glory, while the book of the living
was opened in his presence, and while all the powers which were above the
heavens stood around and before him." Book of Enoch 47:3 (Ethiopic, Artisan
pub)

Since it's English translation in the 1800's from texts found in Ethiopia in 1768, The Book of Enoch (known today as 1st Enoch) has made quite a stir in academic circles. 1 Enoch has been authenticated as existing and in wide use before the church age (most scholars now date it at 200 BC). Multiple copies were discovered in 1948 in the Dead Sea Scrolls. This of course has caused many to wonder why it is not included in modern Bibles...

Particular to this site, parts of The Book of Enoch tell the story of wicked angels who abducted and mated with human women, resulting in the hybrid race known throughout secular and Biblical history as the Nephilim (giants, KJV).

**"Thou has seen what Azazyel has done, how he has taught every species of iniquity upon the earth... Samyaza also has taught sorcery... They have gone together to the daughters of men, have lain with them... The women likewise have brought forth giants..."
Enoch 9:5-8**

While this account encompasses only the first four verses of Genesis 6 (but see also [Genesis 3:15](#), [2 Peter 2:4-6](#), [Jude 6-7](#)), Enoch 1 relates this story in great detail. It lists the names of 18 "prefect" angels - of 200 - who committed this sin. According to the text, these angels also taught mankind the "making of swords and knives, shields and breastplates (metallurgy); ... magical medicine, dividing of roots (medicinal and hallucinogenic use); incantations, astrology, the seeing of the stars, the course of the moon, as well as the deception of man."

By Noah's time, "The earth also was corrupt (wasting - KJV notation) before God, and the earth was filled with violence... all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Gen 6:10-11. Afraid of the consequences, these angels appeal to Enoch to intercede with God on their behalf; God instead uses Enoch to deliver a message of judgment against them. Aside from the "taking of wives," God states that he would not forgive them for teaching mankind magical arts and warlike ways. As summarized by Pastor Chris Ward:

"According to the Book of Enoch (Not a Canonical Text), God judged the angels for producing the Nephilim. God decreed that the fallen angels (Watchers) were to be cast into Tartarus. The Nephilim were also judged and it was determined that their bodies were to return to the earth in peace but their souls were doomed to wander the earth forever (as) wandering spirits..." (Visit Pastor Chris's [Enoch page](#) which reprints this dialogue between God and Enoch, and [The Origin of Demons](#) for more.)

The increasing acceptance and popularization of this important book among theologians helps cast light on the extra-terrestrial hypothesis (ETH) in general. Enoch is an ancient writing which states that angels (not true space aliens, as stated by many UFO cults, and popular modern authors [Erich Von Daniken](#) and [Zechariah Sitchin](#)) visited ancient Earth and polluted mankind's DNA. While this case can easily be made solely from the canonized Bible (see [Relevant Bible Verses](#)), Enoch is yet another witness against these bad interpretations of Earth's predeluvian era (i.e., before the flood of Genesis 6). The fact that they also gave mankind technology which supposedly "advanced our race" (but which we actually used to destroy each other, and to incur God's judgment), lends itself to a more sinister understanding of today's UFO phenomenon...

Genesis 6 / Book of Enoch

Supernatural Beings identified as angels

Took as wives "any whom they chose"

Today / Any episode of the X-Files

Supernatural Beings identified as ET's

Abduction Phenomenon

Hybrid Race of Nephilim

Introduced Destructive Technology:
Weapons of Warfare / Psychotropic
Drugs / Astrology & Sorcery

Worshipped as Gods (Annanuki) /
Nephilim hybrids were "heroes of old,
men of renown..." Gen 6: 4 - the factual
basis for Greco-Roman deities

"And the Lord said, "I will destroy
man whom I have created from the
face of the Earth ... but Noah found
grace in the eyes of the Lord."
Genesis 6:7-8

Missing Fetuses, Hybrids, Cloning

Hitler's Foo Fighters / Roswell Crash /
"Back-engineering" of Stealth Bombers,
etc / Occult Arts, New Age Doctrines

Zechariah Sitchin / UFO
Cults / Immunity for Abduction
Crimes /
Called "Spirit Guides, Ascended
Masters and/or "Space Brothers"

"As it was in the days of Noah,
so shall it be at the coming
of the Son of Man..."
Jesus Christ, Matthew 24:37

FAQ:

What other evidences for Enoch's authenticity (as a sacred text) are there?
Why isn't it in the Bible today?
Jesus said that angels can't have sex, proving this book's falsehood...

The idea that Jesus said that angels cannot have sex is a very common objection to The Book of Enoch and the angelic understanding of Genesis 6 in general. However it is also a very common misinterpretation of what he actually said. [Go Here](#) to read what he said (Matt 22:30), and to study this topic. Beyond that misunderstanding, there is no doubt today that The Book of Enoch was one of the most widely accepted and revered books of Jewish culture and doctrine in the century leading up to Jesus' birth.

It is usually noted first that New Testament author Jude directly quotes from 1 Enoch - "Behold he comes with ten thousands of his saints to execute judgment ..." (1 Enoch 2, Jude 14-15). Additionally, "the citations of Enoch by the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs... show that at the close of the second century B.C., and during the first century B.C., this book was regarded in certain circles as inspired" (1).

Aside from Jude, Peter and Paul's affirmations of the angelic/hybrid interpretation, recognition of 1 Enoch "... is given amply in the Epistle of Barnabus, and in the third century by Clement and Irenaeus" (1). The Catholic Church's Origen - known as "the father of theology" - affirmed both the Book of Enoch and the fact that angels could and did co-habitate with the daughters of men. He even warned against possible angelic and/or Nephilim infiltration of the church itself. Oddly, while thousands of his writings are still considered by them as "sacred," this very issue got him labeled as a heretic when the faulty Sons of Seth "doctrine" was conceived! (2)

Additionally, the Coptic Orthodox Churches of Egypt (est'd appx 50-100 A.D.) still include Enoch as canonized text in the Ethiopic Old Testament (2). This fact alone should carry great weight for Western Christians when honestly studying the

"case" for Enoch. Given their 1900+ year history, the fact that they were never "ruled" by Rome's theology, and that they currently number over 10 million - this is a VERY significant portion of The Body of Christ that has historically esteemed 1 Enoch as inspired doctrine.

Some today (who do not seem to believe in the inspiration of scripture) claim that most major themes of the New Testament were in fact "borrowed" from 1 Enoch. "It appears that Christianity later adopted some of its ideas and philosophies from this book, including the Final Judgment, the concept of demons, the Resurrection, and the coming of a Messiah and Messianic Kingdom" (3). No doubt, these themes are major parts of 1 Enoch, and appear there as complete theologies a full 200 years before any other NT writings.

Christian author Stephen Quayle writes, "Several centuries before and after the appearance of Jesus in Jerusalem, this book had become well known to the Jewish community, having a profound impact upon Jewish thought. The Book of Enoch gave the Jews their solar calendar, and also appears to have instilled the idea that the coming Messiah would be someone who had pre-existed as God (4)." Translator RH Charles also stated that "the influence of 1 Enoch on the New Testament has been greater than all of the other apocryphal and pseudepigraphical books put together" (3). The conclusions are somewhat inescapable given Enoch's dating and wide acceptance between 200 B.C. and 200 A.D. - either Christian authors, and especially the Nicene Council, did plagiarize their theology directly from Enoch, or the original version of Enoch was also inspired.

James H Charlesworth, director of Dead Sea Studies at Yale University, says in The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha & The New Testament (Trinity Press International),

"I have no doubt that the Enoch groups deemed the Book of Enoch as fully inspired as any biblical book. I am also convinced that the group of Jews behind the Temple Scroll, which is surely pre-Qumranic, would have judged it to be quintessential Torah -- that is, equal to, and perhaps better than, Deuteronomy.... Then we should perceive the Pseudepigrapha as they were apparently judged to be: God's revelation to humans(2 & 5)."

But perhaps the most telling argument for 1 Enoch's "inspiration" may well be that the Jewish understanding of the term "Son of Man" as a Messianic title comes - not truly from our Old Testament canon - but from the Book of Enoch! Ever wonder why Jesus refers to himself in the gospels as the "Son of Man" rather than the Son of God? (2) Of over 100 uses of the phrase "son of man" in the OT, it refers almost always to "normal" men (93 times specifically of Ezekiel, and certainly not as Messiah!), but is used only one time in the entire OT, in one of Daniel's heavenly visions, to refer to divinity. Despite the Old Testament's frequent lack of divine application of the phrase, 1 Enoch records several trips to heaven, using the title "Son of Man" unceasingly to refer to the pre-incarnate Christ. Of particular Messianic significance, Enoch describes the following scene (2):

The angels "glorify with all their power of praise; and He sustains them in all that act of thanksgiving while they laud, glorify and exalt the name of the Lord of Spirits forever and ever... Great was their joy. They blessed, glorified and exalted because the name of the Son of Man was revealed to them (1 Enoch 68: 35-38)." Both His disciples, and especially the Sanhedrein knew what Jesus was claiming - 84 times

in the gospels! - when referring to Himself as the "Son of Man." This claim was considered an obvious blasphemy to the Pharisees & Saducees, but it is eternal life to all who confess that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, the Son of Man, The Messiah, God in the flesh, The Holy One of Israel, God's Christ - the Lord of All to whom every knee shall bow (Philippians 2:8-10).

Using "normal rules" of scriptural interpretation, we are never to draw firm doctrine from only one passage of scripture. Right? Daniel's single use of "Son of Man" (in a "night vision" at that - Dan 7:13), would not be sufficient to claim that the phrase is indeed Messianic, especially given the other 107 times it is not used in that way. 1 Enoch is the missing "second witness" needed (according to all other rules of interpretation) to understand the phrase's double meaning as an enduring Messianic title. It has been argued ever since Enoch's first English translation, that by using this title so familiar to the Jews, Jesus was actually affirming the truth of this book, that the prophet was taken on many trips to heaven before his "final" translation, and that HE WAS THE ONE whom Enoch saw there - the pre-existent Son of Man, whom Enoch prophesied would judge the souls of all men.

Interestingly, Daniel is ALSO the only OT use of the term "watcher" to ever refer to angels (Daniel 4:13, 17, 23 KJV). Strong's Concordance defines a watcher as a "guardian angel" (Strong's 5894). "The distinguishing character of the Watcher (opposed to other angels in the canon) appears to be that it spends much time among men, overseeing what they are doing. It is also interesting to note that both times one of these angels appeared to Daniel, he took pains to note that it was "an holy one," suggesting that some Watchers are not aligned with God while others are (4)." Found nowhere else in the OT canon but the book of Daniel, "watcher" is patently Enoch's term for these angels. Likewise, Daniel alone used Enoch's term "Son of Man" to refer to the pre-incarnate Christ, adding further intrigue to the case for 1 Enoch's inspiration, and an overall understanding of it's doctrinal acceptance among both Old and New Testament writers.

What we lose out on today by not examining 1 Enoch - even if only for its historical significance - is that it is actually more splendid than ANY OTHER book in our canon in its exultation of Christ as King! It also gives clear, stern and oft-repeated warnings to the unsaved of swift destruction at the Coming of The Lord, but is also full of amazing promises of future glory for the elect! We are of course wise to stay clear of dangerous heresy, but... ask yourself if the below sounds like false doctrine? Keep in mind, this was written at least 200 years before Christ walked the earth, and perhaps before Noah's birth:

Then shall the kings, the princes, and all who possess the earth,
glorify Him who has dominion over all things, Him who was concealed;
for from eternity the Son of Man was concealed,
whom the Most High preserved in the presence of
His power and revealed to the elect.

He shall sow the congregation of the saints, and of the elect;
and all the elect shall stand before Him in that day.
All the kings, the princes, the exalted, and those who rule
over the earth shall fall down on their faces before Him,
and shall worship Him.
They shall fix their hopes on this Son of Man...

Then the sword of the Lord of Spirits shall be drunk from them (the lost);
but the saints and the elect shall be safe in that day; nor the face
of the sinners and the ungodly shall they thence-forth behold.
The Lord of Spirits shall remain over them;
And with this Son of Man shall they dwell, eat, lie down,
and rise up for ever and ever...

Enoch 61:10-13

Literally Translated from the Ethiopic by Richard Laurence LL.D.
Archbishop of Cashel
Late Professor of Hebrew in the University of Oxford

"For more than a century, scholars and church officials debated as to whether or not certain gospels, epistles and apocalypses should be included. For instance, it was long debated which to include in the canon, the Book of Revelation, or the Book of Enoch..."

Liberty Magazine - December 7, 1935 (1)

OK! OK! So why is it not in the Bible?

Uncertain as well as multiple authorship, and several slightly varying texts are among the main reasons cited for Enoch not "making it" into the generally recognized canon. In truth, the spiritual agenda(s) of the early Roman Church is most likely the ultimate reason however, and we will examine this agenda here as well. Let's begin with the first two though, before moving to the more incredulous, but quite valid "conspiracy theories."

"The Book of Enoch, like the book of Daniel, was originally written in Aramaic, and partly in Hebrew (1)." While there may have been Hebrew translations during the centuries B.C. (which early church leaders may or may not have had access to), today only the Ethiopic manuscripts exist, as well as some incomplete Greek and Latin translations, plus one Aramaic fragment from the Dead Sea Scrolls. By the time of Jesus' birth, "average" Jews were reading mainly the Greek Septuagint translation of their own Torah (completed 200 B.C.), as a result of their years of foreign captivity and then-current Roman occupation. To coin the vernacular, they had been assimilated. So unless an authentic Aramaic version appears miraculously today, there will never be any completely indisputable way to argue for a modern "canonization" of 1 Enoch, as the originals are lost, probably forever.

The honest problem facing the infant Roman Church of 390 A.D., when first assembling today's Bible, was that the existing copies of 1 Enoch varied, albeit in minor ways. "Unlike the (rest of the) Bible which was carefully copied and checked for errors by Jewish and Christian scribes throughout its history, The Book of Enoch is available in a number of ancient manuscripts that differ slightly from one another... and many errors have crept in... There is no way of knowing which versions are (exactly faithful to) the original and which are the errors. While this doesn't change

its stories in any substantial manner, it does make it impossible to anchor beliefs or arguments on any given section... (4)."

Even to those who will rightfully argue that Enoch was unjustly banned, this alone IS a legitimate reason to exclude it from the holy writ. When faced with the task of declaring what is and what is not the "inspired, infallible Word of God," erring on the side of caution and certainty must be the case every time! (Only those who do not believe in the divine inspiration, and modern integrity, of scripture will be dissatisfied with this reasoning. That topic is too far off the subject for this writing, but please at least read this before writing me nasty notes. Also, here's a great site with a history of the English Bible from 500 B.C. to present, for those interested.) So, while 1 Enoch is almost beyond doubt an "inspired" text, the translated copies available (presumably) in 390 A.D., and especially those we have today, could not with any certainty also be classified as "infallible."

Another less important but quite "legitimate" issue is that 1 Enoch is actually a collection of at least four different "books," possibly written by various authors over many centuries, and possibly not by the true Enoch of Genesis 5.

The Artisan Publishers' introduction to The Book of Enoch says "there can be no shadow of doubt" that there is a diversity of authorship and perhaps even time periods represented across the span of 1 Enoch, but that there is also "nonetheless, uniformity." They attribute this to the very possible idea that as God raised up prophets (after Malachi...?), they published under the safety of a revered pseudonym, to avoid persecution and possible death at the hands of the religious powers-that-were, who wanted no "fresh words" from God (1). This could well be the case, but would make the book(s) of Enoch no less inspired of God if true. However, only the NT Book of Hebrews (written centuries closer to the Bible's assembly, with multiple matching manuscripts) has been accepted as canon with such uncertain authorship - without even a good solid guess agreed upon, that is.

Since "the real" Enoch of Genesis 5 was transported to heaven - permanently - it would be no stretch to imagine that it was also a normal experience during his lifetime. After all, the Bible says he walked with God for 300 years! (Genesis 5:22) The first 36 chapters (detailing the watchers' fall) are sometimes only reluctantly attributed to Enoch (given their pre-deluvian history), but there are varying theories regarding the rest of the book(s). For much of the 1800's, it was argued that the remaining chapters were actually the work of an early Christian scribe, but these claims were decisively put to rest with the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, as were JT Milik's claims that chapters 37-71 were Christian. Charlesworth says "The consensus communis is unparalleled in almost any other area of research; no specialist now argues that 1 Enoch 37-71 is (written by a first-century) Christian and (that it) postdates the first century... (2) and (5)." With this in mind, we must again face up to the very real dilemma of stating that that either the entire New Testament was "drawn" in a natural, secular way from 1 Enoch - with no supernatural inspiration - or that 1 Enoch and The New Testament are both from God.

It is also considered that possibly a single author assembled older prophets' inspired works around 200 B.C. and simply added Enoch's name to them all, to ensure widespread acceptance - "Hardly a practice that inspires confidence in the text (4)." But in reality, it is no secret academically that certain canonized OT books, as well as

Mark's gospel, may have been originally written by another - or even multiple - inspired author(s) and later were also assembled under the inspiration of God by a single author, who put either his own, or the original author's name, to the work. For example, most agree that Moses actually wrote Job's story from other existing texts (or that he knew him personally), before he even wrote Genesis. Most of the Major Prophets and historical books contain clear breaks in the time period, and were finally assembled many years later - as the author "was carried along by the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 2:21)." Christians need to get over the idea that "inspiration" means the writer went into some mystical trance, while God "possessed them" and wrote the Bible. Inspiration simply means they were obedient to God's leading, and wrote what He said OR supernaturally revealed to them, or even that he guided their research, helping them discern truth from error, for the purpose of writing "an orderly account (Luke 1:3)." Here, Luke states that his gospel was an extended research project!

In that vein, I.D.E. Thomas has recently suggested one other possibility perhaps not considered in academic circles before the 1986 publication of The Omega Conspiracy. "Thomas suggests that the compiler may have written his book from texts originally written by Enoch himself. In such a case it would make perfect sense for the compiler to attach Enoch's name to the book for which he had provided the material (4) and (6)."

Even with all of this said, there is still no "clean" explanation for Enoch's 1000-year disappearance from even popular literature though. Despite the above reasons for not canonizing the book, it is painfully apparent that the church did in fact suppress The Book of Enoch. Only in studying both the goals and motives - positive and negative - of the Roman Church do the truest reason for Enoch's "fall from grace" become apparent.

Realistically however, there was also a "point" to the canon. The goal and even eternal function in assembling the earliest Bibles was NOT merely sorting out what was inspired of God and what was not. They also had the specific intent of promoting and preserving a solid doctrinal foundation for all believers in Christ. Like Paul, they had to passionately argue against Gnosticism - "the doctrine of salvation by knowledge (8)," or the idea that gaining "superior" and/or "hidden" knowledge ensures one some higher spiritual position - opposed to a simple obedient faith in Christ.

Arguing for 1 Enoch's "proper place" today, one (seemingly) Gnostic apologist states "Enoch had found and experienced God face-to-face, something which Gnostics strive for. The Church opposed Gnostics... Experiencing God was taboo... Putting a stamp of approval on such a wild tale (Enoch) would have too many people believing that they could experience God for themselves, instead of going into a church and being told what to believe... Those who experienced visions or personal insights became dangerous to the church. They could lead people astray by supporting independent thought and actions (3)." It's quite difficult to seriously consider this argument however, in light of the fact that a more common criticism of Catholicism is that they "worship," or at least perhaps TOO highly esteem, those who have had profound mystical experiences with God! For that matter, the Bible is NOTHING BUT a collection of "those who experienced visions or personal insights." It would quite a thin book if all such stories were left out!

The truth is that Gnostics "strive(d) for" experiencing God without knowing and submitting to Christ or His Body, the church. Even today, the wish to "experience God face-to-face" without Christ's mediation (1 Timothy 2:5) is not just an honest effort to avoid false religion (of which there is much), but to not submit to any spiritual authority at all - whether it be God's Church, God's Word or even God's Christ! It should always be kept in perspective that "the church" was not Rome's, or even man's idea. Jesus said "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Mt 16:18)." The early church rightly opposed Gnosticism, but beginning with Paul's letters, not with the Roman Church. Many who passionately promote (or just reprint and sell) 1 Enoch today do so not with the intention of promoting a deeper faith in God's inspired Word, but more with the intent of undermining the Bible's authority - and especially the church's. 1 Enoch's clear historical integrity but "lack of inclusion in the Bible" is often used to "springboard" arguments for other "favorite" heretical books, left out for all the right reasons. Modern Gnostics are often fond of several other "gospels" (such as Thomas and Mary, both of which have statements and theologies that clearly contradict the more reliable works by John, Matthew, et al, proving they were NOT inspired by God). In short, the typical Gnostic and New Age arguments have nothing to do with why The Book of Enoch was not included in the Bible, or not preserved with other ancient works. (The true "reasons why" are actually more sinister...)

The forming church also had to publicly refute and stand against (from within!) the heresy of modalism, which in part suggests that Jesus Christ is a created being - eternal nonetheless, but inferior in substance to God the Father. The Council of Nicea was expressly interested in making sure that the doctrine of the Triune Godhead was clearly expressed by the canon, and especially that it would not be misunderstood by those who would read the Scriptures. Another "motive" was to refute "Pneumatomachians - who accepted the deity of Christ but said the Holy Spirit was an impersonal force... And so it was, and we are indebted today to a 4th century Luther that stood up to define the nature of Christ and God against a flood of falsehood (8)."

To be honest, in reading Enoch there seems to be in the multitude of heavenly trips a physical distinction sometimes made between The Father and the Pre-Incarnate Son. The phrases "Lord of Spirits" , "Ancient of Days," and "Son of Man" are used so often (perhaps interchangeably, perhaps not) that even a careful reading sometimes infers the (doctrinally acceptable - 1 Cor 15:24) separation of the eternal Godhead. On earth, "... all the fullness of the deity" was present in Jesus Christ, "the image of the invisible God." But 1 Enoch can at minimum cause confusion to the understanding of the Godhead - hard enough to grasp even today - in a way that other authors (Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Paul and John) do not when speaking of their face-to-face encounters with God. (Did any gnostics still in the audience catch that phrase?) Even without the conflicting manuscripts or possible multiple authors coming into play (which careful examination of the rest of canon shows could have been worked out actually, if they so chose), I sincerely believe that if there was a legitimate, excusable motive for not including Enoch in the Bible, this was it.

This does not excuse why we had to wait 1000 years to re-discover this book however.

So finally, with the general integrity of the Holy Scriptures, and the legitimate reasons the early Roman Catholic Church may have rejected 1 Enoch covered

respectfully (and in a way palatable for modern Christian academics), let's critically examine the real reasons behind the indisputable censure of 1 Enoch. There are many texts that - while not included as canon - have nonetheless retained their "postion of honor" and even reverence among the (Western) historical Christian church. Among these are the Apocrypha (still included of course in modern Catholic Bibles - and, just FYI, even included in the original King James Bible), as well as The 12 Patriarchs, and writings too numerous to name by various "Church Fathers." All of these have remained in a relatively high-profile position throughout church history, more or less available for both scholars and laymen to draw from when studying the ancient origins of the Christian faith. Not so with Enoch.

Yes, ANY of the above are certainly "good enough" reasons to have disqualified Enoch from canonization. But only assuming you wanted to in the first place ...

With all of the evidence in, we have to own the fact that 1 Enoch was not merely "rejected for canonization." It was buried. Flat out suppressed. It was quite intentionally lost to history, with all copies destroyed or left to rot 10 stories deep under the Vatican. Enoch was not merely "left out of the Bible." It was dropped like a bad habit.

Point blank, Origen was right. Enoch was suppressed and labeled as heresy specifically to hide the truth of the fallen angels' past, present and future activity on earth.

Forget Roswell. Forget the X-Files. The most successful, enduring and damaging cover-up of "The Truth" about our planet's frequent visitors - has come from within The Vatican Church.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against
all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who
suppress the truth in unrighteousness."
Romans 1:18

Key to notes:

- 1) Artisan Publishers, The Book of Enoch (Ethiopic, Richard Laurence trans)
- 2) Chris Ward, D Min Return of the Watchers tape and/or his Enoch page
- 3) The Book Tree, The Book of Enoch (Ethiopic, RH Charles trans, Preface by Paul Tice)
- 4) Stephen Quayle, Aliens & Fallen Angels: The Sexual Corruption of the Human Race
- (5) J.H. Charlesworth; The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha & The New Testament
- (6) I.D.E. Thomas, The Omega Conspiracy
- (7) "The Nicene Council," Let Us Reason ministries
- (8) New Advent's Catholic Encyclopedia

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About the Book of Enoch

The Apocrypha and The Book of Enoch

(author unknown)

The *Book of Enoch* (also known as *1 Enoch*) was once cherished by Jews and Christians alike, this book later fell into disfavor with powerful theologians—precisely because of its controversial statements on the nature and deeds of the fallen angels. The Enochian writings, in addition to many other writings that were excluded (or lost) from the Bible (i.e., the *Book of Tobit*, *Esdras*, etc.) were widely recognized by many of the early church fathers as "apocryphal" writings.

The term "apocrypha" is derived from the Greek word meaning "hidden" or "secret". Originally, the import of the term may have been complimentary in that the term was applied to sacred books whose contents were too exalted to be made available to the general public. In Dan. 12:9-10 we hear of words that are shut up until the end of time and, words that the wise shall understand and the wicked shall not. In addition, *4 Ezra* 14:44ff. mentions 94 books, of which 24 (the OT) were to be published and 70 were to be delivered only to the wise among the people (= apocrypha). Gradually, the term "apocrypha" took on a pejorative connotation, for the orthodoxy of these hidden books was often questionable. Origen (*Comm. in Matt.* 10.18; p. 13.881) distinguished between books that were to be read in public worship and apocryphal books. Because these secret books were often preserved for use within the esoteric circles of the divinely-knit believers, many of the critically-spirited or "unenlightened" Church Fathers found themselves outside the realm of understanding, and therefore came to apply the term "apocryphal" to, what they claimed to be, heretical works which were forbidden to be read.

In Protestant parlance, "the Apocrypha" designate 15 works, all but one of which are Jewish in origin and found in the Septuagint (parts of *2 Esdras* are Christian and Latin in origin). Although some of them were composed in Palestine in Aramaic or Hebrew, they were not accepted into the Jewish canon formed late in the 2nd cent. ad (Canonicity, 67:31-35). The Reformers, influenced by the Jewish canon of the OT, did not consider these books on a par with the rest of the Scriptures; thus the custom arose of making the Apocrypha a separate section in the Protestant Bible, or sometimes even of omitting them entirely (Canonicity, 67:44-46). The Catholic view, expressed as a doctrine of faith at the Council of Trent, is that 12 of these 15 works (in a different enumeration, however) are canonical Scripture; they are called the Deuterocanonical Books (Canonicity, 67:21, 42-43). The three books of the Protestant Apocrypha that are not accepted by Catholics are *1-2 Esdras* and the *Prayer of Manasseh*.

The theme of the *Book of Enoch* dealing with the nature and deeds of the fallen angels so infuriated the later Church fathers that one, Filastrius, actually condemned it openly as heresy (*Liber de Haeresibus*, no. 108). Nor did the rabbis deign to give credence to the book's teaching about angels. Rabbi Simeon ben Jochai in the second century A.D. pronounced a curse upon those who believed it (*Delitzsch*, p. 223).

So the book was denounced, banned, cursed, no doubt burned and shredded—and last but not least, lost (and conveniently forgotten) for a thousand years. But with an uncanny persistence, the *Book of Enoch* found its way back into circulation two centuries ago.

In 1773, rumors of a surviving copy of the book drew Scottish explorer James Bruce to distant Ethiopia. True to hearsay, the *Book of Enoch* had been preserved by the Ethiopic church, which put it right alongside the other books of the Bible.

Bruce secured not one, but three Ethiopic copies of the book and brought them back to Europe and Britain. When in 1821 Dr. Richard Laurence, a Hebrew professor at Oxford, produced the first English translation of the work, the modern world gained its first glimpse of the forbidden mysteries of Enoch.

Most scholars say that the present form of the story in the *Book of Enoch* was penned sometime during the second century B.C. and was popular for at least five hundred years. The earliest Ethiopic text was apparently made from a Greek manuscript of the *Book of Enoch*, which itself was a copy of an earlier text. The original was apparently written in Semitic language, now thought to be Aramaic.

Though it was once believed to be post-Christian (the similarities to Christian terminology and teaching are striking), recent discoveries of copies of the book among the *Dead Sea Scrolls* found at Qumran prove that the book was in existence before the time of Jesus Christ. But the date of the original writing upon which the second century B.C. Qumran copies were based is shrouded in obscurity. It is, in a word, old.

It has been largely the opinion of historians that the book does not really contain the authentic words of the ancient biblical patriarch Enoch, since he would have lived (based on the chronologies in the *Book of Genesis*) several thousand years earlier than the first known appearance of the book attributed to him.

Despite its unknown origins, Christians once accepted the words of this *Book of Enoch* as authentic scripture, especially the part about the fallen angels and their prophesied judgment. In fact, many of the key concepts used by Jesus Christ himself seem directly connected to terms and ideas in the *Book of Enoch*.

Thus, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that Jesus had not only studied the book, but also respected it highly enough to adopt and elaborate on its specific descriptions of the coming kingdom and its theme of inevitable judgment descending upon "the wicked"—the term most often used in the Old Testament to describe the Watchers.

There is abundant proof that Christ approved of the *Book of Enoch*. Over a hundred phrases in the New Testament find precedents in the *Book of Enoch*.

Another remarkable bit of evidence for the early Christians' acceptance of the *Book of Enoch* was for many years buried under the King James Bible's mistranslation of Luke 9:35, describing the transfiguration of Christ: "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my beloved Son: hear him.'" Apparently the translator here wished to make this verse agree with a similar verse in Matthew and Mark. But Luke's verse in the original Greek reads: "This is my Son, the *Elect One* (from the Greek *ho eklelegmenos*, lit., "the elect one"): hear him."

The "Elect One" is a most significant term (found *fourteen* times) in the *Book of Enoch*. If the book was indeed known to the apostles of Christ, with its abundant descriptions of the Elect One who should "sit upon the throne of glory" and the Elect One who should "dwell in the midst of them," then the great scriptural authenticity is accorded to the *Book of Enoch* when the "voice out of the cloud" tells the apostles, "This is my Son, the Elect One"—the one promised in the *Book of Enoch*.

The *Book of Jude* tells us in vs. 14 that "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied..." Jude also, in vs. 15, makes a direct reference to the *Book of Enoch* (2:1), where he writes, "to execute judgment on all, to

convict all who are ungodly..." The time difference between Enoch and Jude is approximately 3400 years. Therefore, Jude's reference to the Enochian prophesies strongly leans toward the conclusion that these written prophesies were available to him at that time.

Fragments of *ten* Enoch manuscripts were found among the *Dead Sea Scrolls*. The famous scrolls actually comprise only one part of the total findings at Qumran. Much of the rest was Enochian literature, copies of the *Book of Enoch*, and other apocryphal works in the Enochian tradition, like the *Book of Jubilees*. With so many copies around, the Essenes could well have used the Enochian writings as a community prayer book or teacher's manual and study text.

The *Book of Enoch* was also used by writers of the noncanonical (i.e. apocryphal or "hidden") texts. The author of the apocryphal *Epistle of Barnabas* quotes the *Book of Enoch* three times, twice calling it "the Scripture," a term specifically denoting the inspired Word of God (*Epis. of Barnabas* 4:3, 16:5,6). Other apocryphal works reflect knowledge of the Enoch story of the Watchers, notably the *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs* and the *Book of Jubilees*.

Many of the early church fathers also supported the Enochian writings. Justin Martyr ascribed all evil to demons whom he alleged to be the offspring of the angels who fell through lust for women (from *the Ibid.*)—directly referencing the Enochian writings.

Athenagoras, writing in his work called *Legatio* in about 170 A.D., regards Enoch as a true prophet. He describes the angels which "violated both their own nature and their office." In his writings, he goes into detail about the nature of fallen angels and the cause of their fall, which comes directly from the Enochian writings.

Many other church fathers: Tatian (110-172); Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (115-185); Clement of Alexandria (150-220); Tertullian (160-230); Origen (186-255); Lactantius (260-330); in addition to: Methodius of Philippi, Minucius Felix, Commodianus, and Ambrose of Milan also—also approved of and supported the Enochian writings.

The twentieth-century discovery of several Aramaic Enochian texts among the *Dead Sea Scrolls* prompted Catholic scholar J.T. Milik to compile a complete history of the Enochian writings, including translations of the Aramaic manuscripts.

Milik's 400-page book, published in 1976 by Oxford (J. T. Milik, ed. and trans., *The Books of Enoch: Aramaic Fragments of Qumran Cave 4*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1976) is a milestone in Enochian scholarship, and Milik himself is no doubt one of the finest experts on the subject. His opinions, based as they are on years of in-depth research, are highly respected.

One by one the arguments against the *Book of Enoch* fade away. The day may soon arrive when the final complaints about the Book of Enoch's lack of historicity and "late date" are also silenced by new evidence of the book's real antiquity.

Any Lost Books? - NO

By Gregory Koukl

Many bookstores carry titles in the religious section suggesting the discovery of *lost books* of the Bible. The Gospel of Thomas, unearthed in the Nag Hammadi library in Upper Egypt in 1945, serves as a well-known example of one such lost-and-found ancient manuscript. The idea that lost books of Scripture may exist excites some people and jars others. It certainly raises questions: "Have archaeologists uncovered ancient biblical texts that cast doubt on the current canon of Scripture?" "Is it possible that the Bible is incomplete?"

These questions can be answered without ever doing any research. No ancient tomes need to be read, no works of antiquity perused. Curiously, the entire issue can be answered by careful consideration of one word: Bible.

The whole question of allegedly lost books of the Bible hinges on what the word *Bible* means. When asked what the Bible is, a Christian would likely say, "The Bible is God's Word." Pressed for a more theologically precise definition, he or she might add that God superintended the writing of Scripture so that human authors, using their own style, personalities, and resources, wrote down word for word exactly what God intended them to write in the originals. This verbal plenary inspiration is a critical part of the Christian definition of the word *Bible*.

A common objection to the notion of inspiration is that *the Bible was written by men, and men make mistakes*. However, it does not logically follow that because humans were involved in the writing process, the Bible must necessarily be in error. Mistakes are possible, but not mandatory. To assume error in all human writing is also self-defeating. The humanly derived statement, "The Bible was written by men, and men make mistakes," would be suspect by the same standards. Human beings can and *do* produce writing with no errors.

Further, the challenge that men make mistakes ignores the main issue—whether or not the Bible was written *only* by men. The Christian accepts that humans are limited, but denies that man's limitations are significant in this case because inspiration implies that God's power supersedes man's liabilities.

So the first definition of the word *Bible* necessarily includes God's authorship (by inspiration) *and* supernatural preservation. The divine inspiration of the Bible automatically solves the problem of human involvement. Since God insures the results, it doesn't matter who did the writing. Supernaturally inspired by God, the Bible is both adequate and complete, 66 books compiled under one cover, preserved and protected by his power.

The second possible definition of *Bible* concedes no supernatural ground. According to this view, the Bible is not God's inspired and inerrant word. Rather, it is merely a statement of human beliefs adopted as creed by early Christian leaders.

This view says that while Christians treated the Scriptures as divinely inspired, they were mistaken. The Bible merely represents a consensus, a collection of books chosen by the early church to represent its own beliefs. A book that didn't make the cut was rejected for one reason: early Christians didn't accept its theology. The cause was human and political, not divine and supernatural. Christianity is no different from other religions that have collections of authoritative writings. Even individual professions identify certain books as official representations—"bibles"—of their respective fields.

So, the options are these: Either the Bible is divinely inspired, or it's merely a human document representing the beliefs of a religious group known as Christians. Given these two definitions, could any books of the Bible be *lost*?

Whether the *supernatural* claim is accurate or not, the first definition of Bible allows for no lost books because God cannot lose something. The *lost books* thesis would be reduced to this: "Certain books that almighty God was responsible to preserve got lost." God cannot be both almighty and incapable at the same

time. If the Bible is in fact the inspired Word of God (the first definition), then the almighty power of God himself guarantees that no portion of it could ever be lost.

Could there be lost books given the second definition? If the Scriptures were merely a product of human design, then the term *Bible* would refer not to the Word of God (the first definition) but to the canon of beliefs of the early church leaders (the second definition). The *lost books* thesis would be reduced to this: "Early church leaders rejected certain books as unrepresentative of their beliefs, that they actually believed reflected their beliefs." The contradiction is obvious. If the Bible is a collection of books that early church leaders decided would represent their point of view, then they have the final word on what is included. Any books they rejected were never part of their Bible to begin with, so, even by the second definition *lost books* of the Bible would be a misnomer.

"Lost books" advocates often point out that rediscovered texts were missing because the fathers suppressed them. Bible critics think this strengthens their case. Instead it destroys their position by proving that the "lost books" were not lost, but discarded. The early church acted fully within its authority when it rejected as noncanonical the Gospel of Thomas, for example, and other similar books. The leaders rightfully decided which writings represented their beliefs.

Another approach to Scripture is worth mentioning. Some academics, like those of the Jesus Seminar, reject the idea that the Bible has supernatural origins. Since the Bible is only man's opinion, the text can be amended to fix what is now considered defective or out of step with the times.

Such a reshuffling of the biblical deck—tossing out some books and including others to reflect what the church currently believes about spiritual truth—certainly creates an alternative view of Scripture. If the Jesus Seminar wants to include the Gospel of Thomas in *its* bible, it can do so. However, their action would not restore a *lost book* of the Bible, but merely redefine the canon to fit their tastes.

Has archaeology unearthed previously unknown ancient texts? Certainly. These books may be interesting, noteworthy, and valuable. The rediscovery of manuscripts such as the Gospel of Thomas is significant. Such books might be lost books of antiquity, great finds, even wonderful pieces of literature—but they are not lost books of the Bible.

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