Second Timothy

1. Last week I taught 2Ti 1:10 and when the clock tolled noon, I was about to exegete 2Ti 1:11.

2. Before we continue that study, I want to review some of that learned from our study of verse ten; but only after I give opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9.

Expanded Translation

2Ti 1:9 Remember Timothy, it was God who saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 2Ti 1:10 but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

3. After a review of the *Doctrine of Deaths* I exegeted the four judgments having eschatological significance. Recall we learned all deaths are preceded by a judgment.

Let's again review these judgments in greater detail:

1. The judgment of the **nation of Israel** at the Second Advent.

Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels (*unbelieving Israelites from the Tribulation*), and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

2. The judgment of the **unbelieving gentile nations from the Tribulation**.

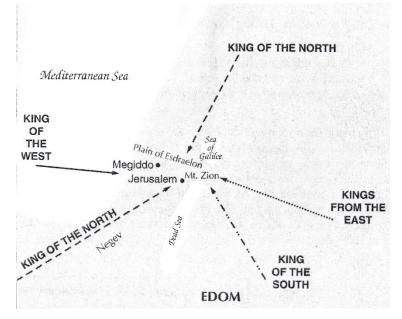
Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Mat 25:42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: Mat 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Mat 25:44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Mat 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Isa 34:1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

Isa 34:2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.



Joe 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Joe 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

3. The special judgment on the devil and his fallen angels.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

4. The judgment of **certain fallen angels who kept not their first estate**, but left their own habitation.

The Doctrine of Tartaros

1. Let's start at the beginning with Satan's plan to corrupt civilization and abrogate God's grace plan of salvation.

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

2. Some number of fallen angels elected to leave their first estate, i.e., their angelic form and take on that of man. This was done for the purpose of cohabiting with the ladies of earth in order to impregnate them. The result would be a half-angel and half-man. Ergo a hybrid would be incapable of salvation.

2.1 Given our knowledge of Satan's table of organization we must conclude these fallen angels, like all fallen angels were under the authority of Satan.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

2.2 These sordid events took place 120 years before the flood.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bear children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

2.3 It is here mythology comes to our aid. There are many myths handed down from generation to generation of super creatures like Hercules, Apollo, Jupiter, Jason, etc. These creatures were capable of super human feats. Could these creatures have been real, or were they mythological? Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

2.4 God clearly took note of Satan's nefarious plan to corrupt civilization.

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

2.5 Noah was said to be a just man and perfect in his generations says Gen 6:9. A better translation would be "Noah was … perfect in his genetic make-up." He and his family had not been corrupted by Satan's insidious plan.

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

2.6 God, after seeing the work of Satan and his subalterns, decided: "the earth will be destroyed by water and Noah and his family will be instructed to build an ark. It will soon rain for the very first time. The enormous band of water surrounding Planet Earth would soon descend in torrents."

2.7 Several related verses with comment:

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Comment: Just what will become of the fallen angels who sinned just before the flood can only be ascertained by an analysis of several related New Testament Scriptures. 1. Let's begin by defining the word **Tartaros**. Zondervan has written "**Tartaros**, translated in the Latin '*Tartarus*,' which in the mythology of the ancients was that part of **Hades**, where the very most wicked were confined and tormented ..."

2. Peter needed a word to describe the place of punishment selected for the demons, who left their first estate, in order to impregnate the women of planet Earth. Satan had devised what he thought was a perfect plan. "A hybrid creature could not be saved."

3. Satan did not foresee the faithfulness of Noah and his family—eight people perfect in their generations. We can only conjecture the pressure they must have been under.

4. The best way to continue our analysis of where the demons would be placed and what ramifications their imprisonment would have on future events is best determined by a review of several New Testament passages and a couple of charts.

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell (**Tartaros**), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

5. Clearly, 2Pe 2:4 and 5 give us insight as to the timing of the acts of the angelic infamy. These events took place just before the flood.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit:

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 1Pe 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Expanded Translation

Jude 6 And certain fallen angels who did not stay within their own domain, but abandoned their proper role, these God has kept securely chained in a prison of darkness waiting in the gloom for a future judgment.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

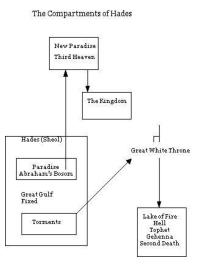
Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Comment:

1. In the grave Christ made two trips. He went to **Sheol**, or **Hades** as it is also called, to transport the souls of the believers from **Sheol** to heaven. He also went to **Tartaros** to let those fallen angels who had corrupted civilization know, that His victory was complete. For in their confinement they had not seen Christ's victory on the cross.

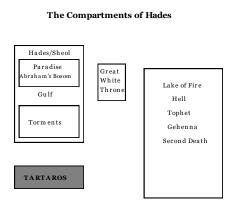
2. **Sheol** is a duplex, where on one side we find the beggar Lazarus being comforted by Abraham, and on the other side we find the rich man in terrible pain and suffering, and begging for a return trip to earth to warn his brothers. Let's first look at a chart describing the compartments of **Hades**, with comment.



3. The Scriptures teach us that Christ went to **Hades** to transport the believers, resident in **Sheol** in the bosom of Abraham to the New Paradise.

4. Whether Christ went first to **Hades** is not known. It is possible He went to **Tartaros** first and then **Hades**. What we do know is He did go to **Sheol** and **Tartaros** during His three days in the grave.

5. The trip to **Tartaros** was made to tell the "Genesis Six Gang" "the conflict is over and He is victorious."



6. Now let's see what future events might await these special demons inhabiting **Tartaros**.

7. Recall Jude 6 where we learn the "Genesis Six Gang" is reserved in everlasting chains ... until or unto the judgment of the great day."

Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

8. It is possible the creatures described in Rev 9:1-9 are the fallen angels confined in **Tartaros** and form a part of Satan's Tribulation force.

Rev 9:1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

Rev 9:2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

Rev 9:3 And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.

Rev 9:4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

Rev 9:5 They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

Rev 9:6 During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

Rev 9:7 The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.

Rev 9:8 Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

Rev 9:9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle.

End Lesson

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