


Slide 1

The Christmas That Almost Wasn't

By Dr. Andy Woods



Slide 2

Revelation 12:1-5

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. ³And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems.

American Standard Version, 1995.

Slide 3

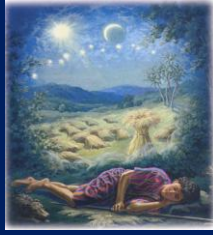
Revelation 12:1-5

⁴And his tail swept a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. ⁵And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

American Standard Version, 1995.

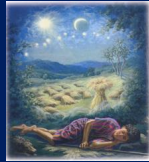
Slide 7

Genesis 37:9
Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



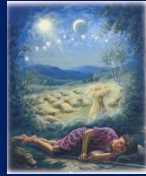
Slide 8

Genesis 37:10
He related *it* to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"



Slide 9

Sun = Jacob
Moon = Leah
11 Stars=Joseph's brothers
12th Star = Joseph
12 Stars=Israel's twelve tribes



Slide 10

Different Perspectives of the Same Event

- Matt 2 - Physical World
- Rev 12:1-5 - Spiritual World



Slide 11

Satan as Ruler of this World

- Job 1:7; 2:2
- Luke 4:5-7
- John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Ephesians 2:2
- 1 John 4:4; 5:19



Slide 12

Biblical Reality of the Angelic World

- Job 1:12
- 2 Kings 6:15-17
- 1 Chron 21:1
- Dan 10:12-13, 20
- Matt 16:21-23
- Eph 6:12



Slide 13

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” (NASB)



Slide 14

Genesis 4:1

“Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD.”” (NASB)



Slide 15

Genesis 5:29


“Now he called his name Noah, saying, “This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed.” (NASB)



Slide 16

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” (NASB)



Slide 17

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah's Birth

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22–23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Slide 18

Two-Fold Pattern

- Satanic attack
- God's miraculous protection



Slide 19

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah's Birth

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22-23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Slide 20

Generation	Name	Lived	Age
1	Adam	0-930	930
2	Seth	130-1042	912
3	Enos	235-1140	905
4	Cainan	325-1242	910
5	Mahalaleel	395-1290	895
6	Jared	460-1422	962
7	Enoch	622- 987	364
8	Methuselah	687- 1656	969
9	Lamech	847-1651	777
10	Noah	1056-2006	950

Slide 21

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah's Birth

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22-23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Slide 22

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” (NASB)



Slide 23

Alternative Views

- Intermarriage between the Godly line of Seth and the ungodly lines of Cain
- Fallen angels procreating with human women




Slide 24

Not Referring to Angels Refers to Angels

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ■ Millard Erickson | • John MacArthur |
| ■ J. Sidlow Baxter | • Henry Morris |
| ■ Warren Wiersbe | • Arnold Fruchtenbaum |
| ■ Paul Enns | • Robert Lightner |
| ■ Gleason Archer | • D. Edmond Hiebert |
| ■ John Sailhammer | • James Boice |
| ■ Wayne Grudem | • Robert Morey |
| ■ Meredith Kline | • M. R. DeHann |
| ■ Leupold | • Charles Ryrie |
- Williamson, unpublished paper, DTS

Slide 25

Sons of God?




- Old Testament uses (Gen 6:2, 4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)
- Septuagint (LXX)

Slide 26

Additional Arguments From Genesis 6

- Nephilim (Gen 6:4)
- Noah's perfection (6:9)
- Evil of pre-flood humanity (Gen 6:3, 5-7, 11-13)
- Necessity of the flood



Slide 27

Relevant New Testament Passages

- 1 Peter 3:19-20
- 2 Peter 2:4-5
- Jude 6-7



Slide 28

Jewish Tradition

- Philo
- Josephus
- Most Rabbinical Writers
- Apocrypha
- Pseudepigrapha



Renald Showers, *Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels*, 93-109

Slide 29

Christian Tradition

- Justin
- Clement
- Tertullian
- Cyprian
- Ambrose
- Lactantius




Renald Showers, *Those Invisible Spirits Called Angels*, 93-109

Slide 30

Objections

- Angels do not marry?
(Matt. 22:30)
- Angels are spirits
(Heb. 1:14)



Slide 31

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah's Birth

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22-23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Slide 32

Messiah Must Be:

- ◆ A man (Gen 3:15)
- ◆ Semitic (Gen 9:26)
- ◆ From Abraham's line (Gen 12:3)
- ◆ From Isaac's line (Gen 17:18-19)
- ◆ From Jacob's line (Num 24:17)



Slide 33



Slide 34

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah's Birth

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22-23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Slide 35

Messiah Must Be:

- ◆ A man (Gen 3:15)
- ◆ Semitic (Gen 9:26)
- ◆ From Abraham's line (Gen 12:3)
- ◆ From Isaac's line (Gen 17:18-19)
- ◆ From Jacob's line (Num 24:17)
- ◆ From the tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10)



Slide 36

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah's Birth

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22-23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Slide 37

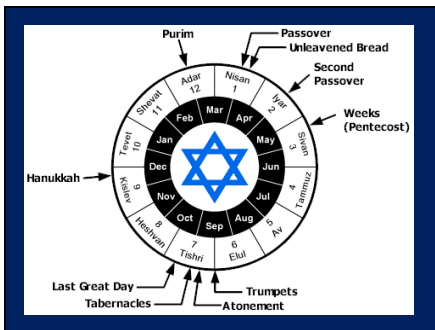


Slide 38

Levitical Feasts (Lev. 23)

Feast	Season	Purpose	Type
Passover	Spring	Redemption	1 Cor 5:7
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Separation	John 6:35
1 st fruits	Spring	Praise	1 Cor 15:20
Pentecost	Spring	Praise	Acts 2:1-4
Trumpets	Fall	New Year	Matt 24:31
Atonement	Fall	Lev 16	Zech 12:10
Booths	Fall	Wilderness provision	Zech 14:16-18

Slide 39



**Satanic Attempts to Stop
Messiah's Birth**

- Cain & Abel (Gen. 4)
- Sons of God (Gen. 6)
- Pharaoh persecutes Israel (Exod. 1)
- Joash protected from Athaliah (2 Chron. 22-23)
- Haman persecutes Israel (Esther)
- Herod persecutes Christ (Matt 2; Rev 12:4)



Ps 2:9-‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’

Acts 1:9-And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Rev. 12:9-And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

2 Cor. 11:2- For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin.

Rev. 12:4- And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

Genesis 3:15-And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.

Dan 11:37- He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

Ezek. 28:17- Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.

1 John 3:12-not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

Gen. 4:25-26- Adam ^[o]had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him ^[p]Seth, for, *she said*, “God ^[q]has appointed me another ^[r]offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.” ²⁶ To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call ^[s]upon the name of the LORD.

Gen. 6:1-4- Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were ^[a]beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not ^[b]strive with man forever, ^[c]because he also is flesh; ^[d]nevertheless his days shall be one

hundred and twenty years.”⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

Gen. 6:9- These are *the records* of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, ^[g]blameless in his ^[h]time; Noah walked with God.

Exod. 12:5- Your ^[a]lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats

Gen. 6:5-6- Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved ^[e]in His heart

Gen. 6:11-12- Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

Matt. 22:30- For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Heb. 1:14- Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Gen. 6:9- These are *the records* of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, ^[g]blameless in his ^[h]time; Noah walked with God.

2 Chron. 22:10- Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal [i]offspring of the house of Judah.

Esther 3;4-7, 13- Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. ⁵ When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage. ⁶ But he [c]disdained to [d]lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him *who* the people of Mordecai *were*; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, [e]Pur, that is the lot, was cast before Haman from day to day and from month *to month*, [f]until the twelfth month, that is the month Adar.... Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, to kill and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to seize their possessions as plunder.

Matt. 2:13, 19-21- Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."... But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." ²¹ So [h]Joseph

got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Heb. 13:20-21- Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep ^[a]through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.