

Once Upon a Time... let's just go to the beginning

Our history began when God [Elohim—masculine plural] created the heaven and the earth. The earth remained formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, until Elohim decided to complete the creation of earth and then, the Spirit of God hovered over the water. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light (Genesis 1:1-3).

He wasn't alone. “The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in that beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it” (John 1:1-5).

When the foundation of the earth was laid, Elohim was by far—not alone. “Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? ...On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while **the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**” (Job 38:6-7)

Who are these characters who fill the stage from our earliest beginnings?

GOD [EI, LORD, Yahuah/Yahweh]

“Who is like you among the gods, Yahuah?” (Exodus 15:11)

Daniel said: “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the **Ancient of Days** was seated; His **garment was white as snow**, and the **hair of His head was like pure wool**. His **throne was a fiery flame**, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. **A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him**. The court was seated, and the books were opened” (Daniel 7:9-10).

Isaiah recorded: “I am God, and **there is no other**; I am God, and



there is **none like me**. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is **still to come**. I say: **MY PURPOSE WILL STAND**, and **I WILL DO ALL THAT I PLEASE**" (Isaiah 46:9-10).

Apostle Peter recognized that God was set apart from all living: "Be holy because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

Apostle John recorded: "And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is the LORD God**, the Almighty, who was, and is and who is to come" (Revelation 4:8).



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Isaiah recorded: "I am the LORD, your **Holy One**, The Creator of Israel, **your King**" (Isaiah 43:15).

Samuel said: "There is **no one holy like the LORD**, indeed, there is **no one besides You**, nor is there any rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

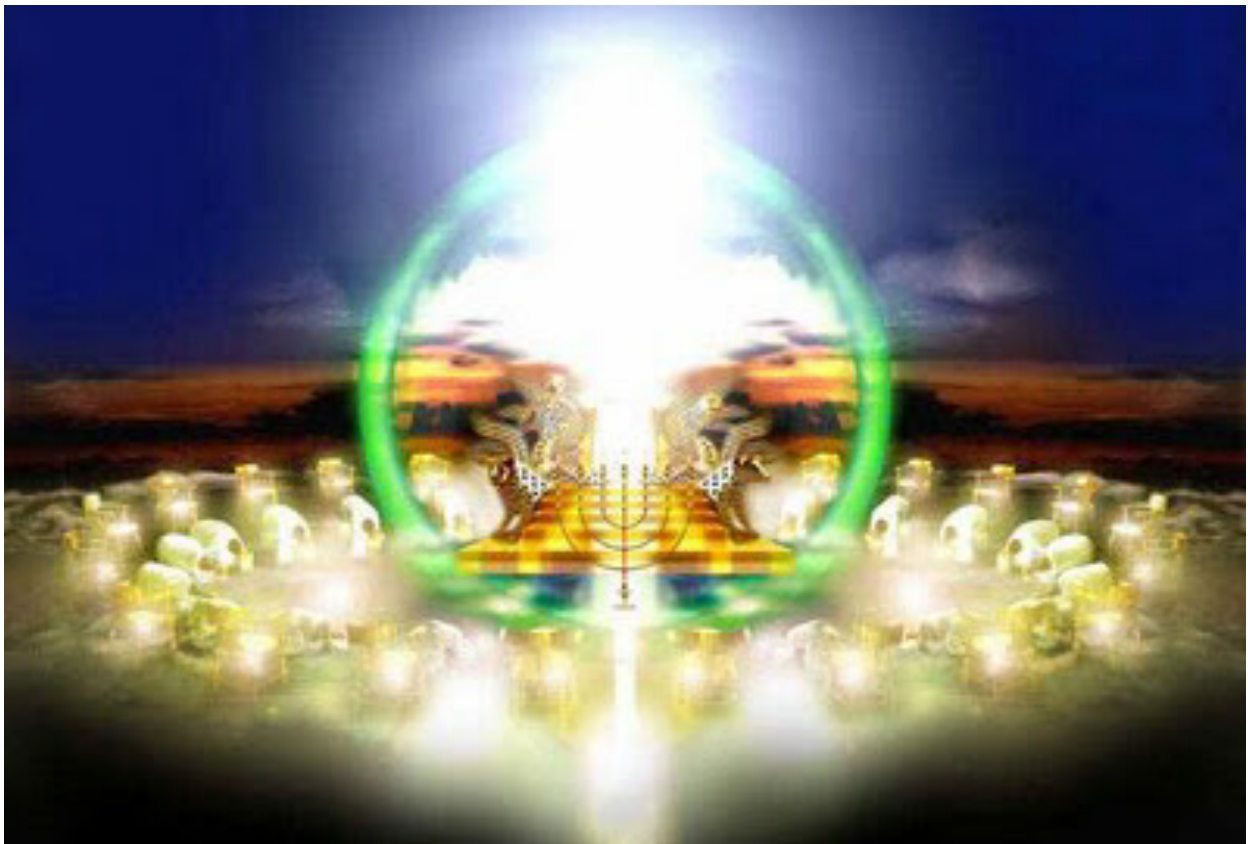
Isaiah recorded the words of our Creator: "To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal?" says the **Holy One** (Isaiah 40:25).

Moses said: "Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, **majestic in holiness**, awesome in praises, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11).

King David said: "**Your way, O God, is holy**; What god is great like our God?" (Psalm 77:13).

Habakkuk said: "**Your eyes are too pure to approve evil**, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor" (Habakkuk 1:13).

Apostle John said and prophesied: "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For **You alone are holy**; For all the nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed" (Revelation 15:4).



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King David said: "For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in **His holy name**" (Psalm 33:21).

King David said: “Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones, and give thanks to **His holy name** (Psalm 97:12).

Luke said: “For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and **holy is His name**” (Luke 1:49).

King David said: “O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on **Your holy hill?**” (Psalm 15:1).

Again, King David said: “God reigns over the nations, God sits on **His holy throne**” (Psalm 47:8).

Again and again, King David wrote: “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, In the city of our God, **His holy mountain**” (Psalm 48:1).

Habakkuk said: “But the LORD is in **His holy temple**. Let all the earth be silent before Him” (Habakkuk 2:20).

Zechariah said: “Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is aroused from **His holy habitation**” (Zechariah 2:13).

Isaiah said: “But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment, and the **holy God** will show Himself **holy in righteousness**” (Isaiah 5:16).



King David said: “Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool; **Holy is He**” (Psalm 99:5).

Moses said: “O Yahuah, God of Israel, there is **no god like you** in the heavens above or on the earth beneath” (1 Kings 8:23).

Isaiah recorded: “I am he; **I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together**” (Isaiah 48:12-13).

Isaiah recorded: “Heaven is my throne and earth is my footstool” (Isaiah 66:1).

Isaiah recorded: “**By a mere rebuke** I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert... I clothe the sky with darkness and make sackcloth its covering” (Isaiah 50:2-3).

Moses said: ““What god is there in the heaven or on the earth who can do according to your works and according to your **mighty deeds?**”” (Deuteronomy 3:24)

Nehemiah said: “**You alone are the LORD.** You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you” (Nehemiah 9:6).



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Jeremiah said: “Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you**” (Jeremiah 32:17).

King David said: “For the LORD is the great God, **the great King above all gods**” (Psalm 95:3).

King David said: “For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; **you are exalted far above all gods**” (Psalm 97:9).

Daniel said: “All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. **No one can hold back his hand** or say to him: ‘What have you done?’” (Daniel 4:35)

Micaiah said: “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw **the LORD sitting on his throne with all the multitudes of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left**” (I Kings 22:19).

King David said: “He makes the winds His messengers, flaming fire His ministers. **He established the earth upon its foundations**, so that it will not totter forever and ever” (Psalm 104:5).

Again, King David said: “Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, **even from everlasting to everlasting; You are God**” (Psalm 90:2).

Timothy said: “Now to **the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God**, be honor and glory forever and ever” (I Timothy 1:17).

Apostle John said: “**God is love**, whoever lives in love lives in God, and God I him” (I John 4:16).

Once upon a time... **before there was time**, there lived and still lives the all-powerful, ever living, always was and is, the Almighty God. He is eternal—there is no one like Him. He is set apart from all that is living. He had no beginning and He will have no end.

He is eternally separate and distinct from all impurity; HE IS HOLY. Everything around and part of Him is holy. Everything He touches and interacts with is holy: his name, his throne, his kingdom, his government, his temple, his habitation, his righteousness. **HE ALONE IS HOLY.**

He is the source of all power used in the creation of heaven and earth. Together, with His Son, they made angels to be God’s messengers; they made creatures to serve God, and then He made sons to rule with Him. **ALL OF CREATION SUBMITS TO HIM.**

HE HAS SUPREME POWER. He is God above all gods. With the simple spoken word, He creates from nothing. All that is too big to fathom or too small to see, He made. When He speaks, his creation obeys. **HIS PURPOSE WILL STAND and HE WILL DO ALL THAT HE PLEASES.**

God's fundamental essence of His nature and character is love—**GOD IS LOVE**. He is pure in righteousness. He is long suffering, patient and kind, meek, humble, and full of wisdom and knowledge. **GOD IS PERFECT**.

THIS GOD is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He sent His only begotten Son, that is, His only heir—so that, whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

THE WORD [YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH/JESUS CHRIST]

“And the Word was with God and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone [Yahshua/Jesus], a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed” (Isaiah 28:16).

Daniel said: “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, **One like the Son of Man**, coming with the clouds of heaven! **He came to the Ancient of Days**, and they brought Him near before Him. Then **to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed”** (Daniel 7:13-14).

WHO IS THIS ‘ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN’?

TWO Gods [the creator Father and the unique Son] working as ONE

Both the Angel of God and God [Yahuah] are present in the burning bush: “**Moses** was tending the flock of Jethro... There the **angel of the God** appeared to him **in flames of fire from within the bush...** it didn't burn up... When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, **God [Yahuah] called to him from the midst of the bush** and said, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then He said, ‘Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy.’ He said also, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God” (Exodus 3:4-6).

God [Yahuah] said: “See, I am **sending an angel ahead of you** to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. **Do not rebel against him;** he will not forgive your rebellion, since **my Name is in him...** my angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites... and I will wipe them out” (Exodus 23:20-23). **[YAHUAH and YASHUAH – God the Creator and Jesus His son]**

The angel of God [Yahshua] walked with them, during their 40-year-travel in the desert: “And the **angel of God** went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, ‘**I brought you up from Egypt, and I brought you to the land that I had promised to your ancestors.** I said, ‘**I will never break my covenant with you.** And as for you, **do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of this land; break down their altars.**’ But **you did not listen to my voice.** Why would you do such a thing?”

Now I say, I will not drive them out from before you; they will become as thorns for you, and their gods will be a trap for you.’ And as **the angel of God spoke these words to all the Israelites**, the people wept bitterly” (Judges 2:1–4).

Both the Angel of God and God [Yahuah] talked to Gideon: “The **angel of God** came and sat under the oak that was at Ophrah that belonged to Jehoash the Abiezrite; and Gideon his son was threshing wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. The **angel of God** appeared to him and said to him, ‘**God is with you**, you mighty warrior... But now God has forsaken us; he has given us into the palm of Midian.’ And **God [Yahuah]** turned to him and said, ‘Go in this your strength, and you will deliver Israel from the palm of Midian. Did I not send you?’ Gideon said to him, ‘Excuse me, my Lord. How will I deliver Israel? Look, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father’s house.’ And **God [Yahuah]** said to him, ‘But I will be with you, and you will defeat Midian as if they are one man.’”

“And Gideon went and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; he put meat in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and he brought them to him under the oak and presented them. The **angel of God** said to him, ‘Take the meat and the unleavened cakes and put them on this rock; pour the broth over it.’ And he did so. Then the **angel of God** reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and he touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and fire went up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes.”

“And the **angel of God went from his sight**. And Gideon realized that **he was the angel of God**; and Gideon said, ‘**Oh, my lord God!** For now, **I have seen the angel of God face to face.**’ But **God [Yahuah still present]** said to him, ‘Peace be with you. Do not fear; you will not die.’ And Gideon **built there an altar to God**, and he called it ‘**God is peace.**’ To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites” (Judges 6:11-24).

The Angel of God—the man with his sword drawn was YAHSHUA: “And it happened, when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up, and **he saw a man standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand**. And Joshua went to him and said, ‘Are you with us, or with our adversaries?’ And he said, “Neither. I have come now **as the commander of Yahuah’s army.**’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and he bowed down and said to him, “What is my lord commanding his servant?” The commander of Yahuah’s army said to Joshua, ‘Take off your sandals from your feet, for **the place where you are standing is holy.**’ And Joshua did so” (Joshua 5:13–15).



“Then the LORD [God, Yahuah] opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw **the angel of the LORD** standing in the road with **his sword drawn**. Trembling, he bowed low and fell facedown” (Numbers 22:31).

“David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, **with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem**. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown” (I Chronicles 21:16).

God the Father established a bridal relationship with Israel: “I remember the devotion of your youth, **your love as a bride**, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown” (Jeremiah 2:2).

God the Father entered into a marriage relationship with Israel: “Not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband**, declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 31:32).

“Lament like a virgin wearing sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth” (Joel 1:8)

God the Father divorced the house of Israel: “Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have **you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel**, declares the LORD” (Jeremiah 3:20).

“I gave **faithless Israel her certificate of divorce** and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her **unfaithful sister Judah had no fear**; she also went out and **committed adultery**” (Jeremiah 3:8).

God the Father never stopped loving Israel. He provided a redemption plan for them and all of mankind: “Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit’ (I Peter 3:18).

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).



“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:10).

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep... even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and **I lay down My life for the sheep**" (John 10:11, 15).

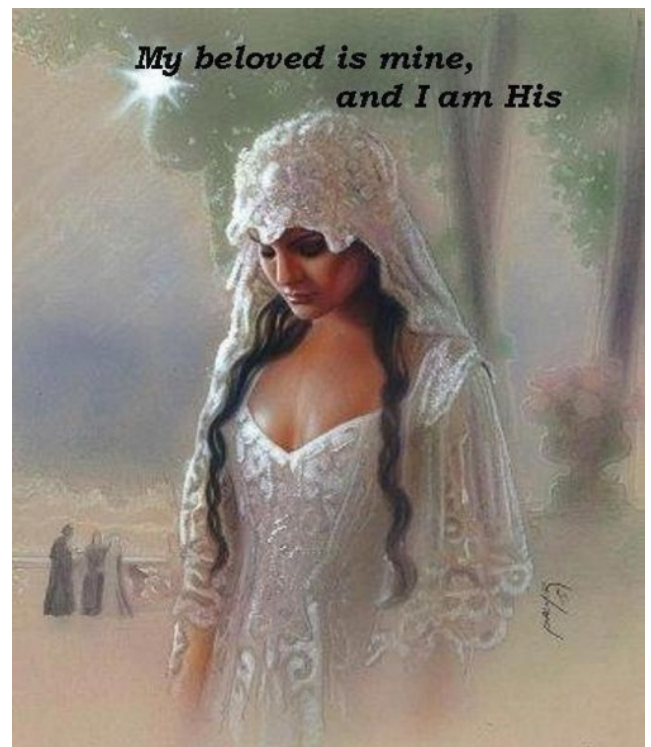
God loves Israel and calls for her to return: “Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, ‘Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever. Only **acknowledge your guilt**, that you rebelled against the Lord your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares the Lord’” (Jeremiah 3:12,13).

A time rests on our horizon when God will renew His relationship with Israel: “You shall **no more be termed Forsaken**, and **your land shall no more be termed Desolate**, but you shall be called **My Delight Is in Her**, and your land **Married**: for **the Lord delights in you**, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and **as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you** (Isaiah 62:4-5).

“Behold, the days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband**’, declares the Lord. ‘For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people**” (Jeremiah 31:31-33).

Yahshua/Christ is given a bride: “Christ loved **the church** and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:25-27).

“The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, this joy of mine is now complete” (John 3:29).



The bride: “For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ” (II Corinthians 11:2).

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure’—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints” (Revelation 19:7-9).

Once upon a time... there was a King who chose a people to serve Him and He would bestow them with blessings. They agreed to His covenant. He gave them His theology which taught them how to live, loving one another. He was delighted for He was like a husband to them. He loved them very much and lavishly blessed them with riches, exotic jewels and a diadem that sparkled brighter than the sun. A ministry of teachers was carefully selected and Jerusalem became their centre. The King took these people as His queen, but they were lured into the vanity and pride of the nations around them. Their lowly roots were forgotten and they began to rely on their **own** knowledge, understanding and worldly wisdom. They loved the self-glorification and superpower status enjoyed by the powerful nations around them. The notion of being a kingdom of priests was not attractive. The more they sort to build themselves up, the further they moved away from their King—their husband, their God, until they were caught in a treasonous relationship having formed alliances with the surrounding nations and adopted the theology of the gods ruling over those nations. These gods opposed their King, their husband—the Almighty God.

The painful pleas of this King could not penetrate the shell of pride that grew over the heart of these people. In His darkest moments, the King was left with no other resolution but to divorce a house of ten tribes from within these people and shut them out of His kingdom. The people laughed and profaned His name wherever they went; they were angry and haughty.

Having lost all protection and support from their King and over time these people grew weak and the nations around them no longer desired alliances with them. Their treaties failed. Their own economic structures fell; their debt grew so that no one would lend to them. They were vulnerable with no one to help them. They longed to return to their King, but they were divorced—cut off from the family.

Then, one day the King with His Son, were traveling and they saw these people wrought with sickness and dying. Despite their offensive appearance, the King and His Son were moved with compassion. The King agreed that it was time. Despite all that they had done and had become, the rescue plan was enacted; His Son would die so that these sick people could be healed.

So, it was done. They learned of the Son’s death as payment for their sins and a warm welcome back into the family; they were amazed. The firstborn of all creation, this Son, promised their resurrection and offered again the covenant, but this time a better covenant—one that included God’s Holy Spirit; the essence that transforms a cold, stony heart into a willing heart of flesh.

This grace from God was immediately accepted with much gratitude by the once-divorced people. Now, they were able to keep the covenant fully and the repentant came to know the enduring patience of their King and they loved Him with all their heart, soul, and mind. They became His people and He became their God.

The story started once upon a time and it continues today. It will intensify into the latter days and culminate into a glorious future with their God as their King as it was once upon a time.



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THE SONS OF GOD

Worshiping and ruling with God

“God presides in the great assembly; he gives judgment among the ‘gods’” (Psalm 82:1).

“I have said, ‘You are gods [Elohim], and sons of the Most High, all of you’” (Psalms 82:6).

Sons of God in heaven were present at the creation of the earth, as said to Job: “Where were you at my laying the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you possess understanding. Who determined its measurement? Yes, you do know. Or who stretched the measuring line upon it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the **morning stars were singing together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?** (Job 38: 4-7).

Sons in heaven were ruling with God before the completion of creation on earth, Job recorded: “Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them” (Job 1:6).

“Again, there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD” (Job 2:1-2).

Sons in heaven were worshiping God, King David said: “Ascribe to Yahuah [YHWH], **O sons of God**, ascribe to Yahuah [YHWH] glory and strength. Ascribe to Yahuah [YHWH] the glory due his name” (Psalm 29:1–2).

Sons in heaven were in God's council, King David said: "And so the heavens will praise your wonderful deed, O Yahuah [YHWH], even your faithfulness, **in the assembly of the holy ones.** For who in the sky is equal to Yahuah [YHWH]? Who is like Yahuah [YHWH] among the **sons of God**, a God feared **greatly in the council of the holy ones**, and awesome above all surrounding him?" (Psalm 89:5-6).



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Sons in heaven were ruling with God, Daniel said: "The sentence is by the decree of the **watchers**, and **the decision by the command of the holy ones [sons of God]**, in order that the living will know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of humankind, and to whomever he wills he gives it" (Daniel 4:17).

Sons in heaven were ruling with God, Moses said: "When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when **he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God**" (Deuteronomy 32:8).

Some sons of God have recently rebelled and gone rogue, Moses said: "They [the Israelites] sacrificed to false gods, which are not God—**gods they had not known** [they only knew the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob], **gods that recently appeared** [the gods assigned to the nations who recently rebelled against the Creator, ruling their way giving glory to themselves], **gods your ancestors did not fear**" (Deuteronomy 32:17).

Ancient battles have erupted on earth, God against rogue sons: Israel is the firstborn son of God [Yahuah/YHWH] on earth. God is speaking as if they were already resurrected and transformed into eternal sons. God is also speaking of more sons to be transformed into eternal children as Israel will be the first, more will come. "Israel is my firstborn son... Let my son go, so he may worship me" (Exodus 4:23). God against god, son against son the battle raged with Yahuah sending ten plagues climaxing with the death of the firstborn in Egypt—those who did not have the blood of the Savior on their door post.

"And I will go through the land of Egypt during this night, and I will strike all of the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and I will do punishments among all of the gods of Egypt. I am Yahuah" (Exodus 12:12).

There are heavenly rulers who can NOT be trusted, Job's friend said: "What is a human being, that he can be clean, or that one born of a woman can be righteous? Look, **he does not trust his holy ones, and the heavens are not clean in his eyes**" (Job 15:14-15).

The rogue heavenly sons of God will be punished: "'You are 'gods'; you are all sons of the Most High. But you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler" (Psalm 82:6-7).

The evil powers do NOT know the core components of God's plan: "None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**. However, as it is written: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:8-9).

Christ, the unique Son of God and only heir can be trusted, Isaiah record God's very words: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone [Yahshua/Jesus], a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed" (Isaiah 28:16).

Christ and his saints will battle and win against the enemies of God: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and the one seated on it was called 'Faithful' and 'True' and with justice He judges and makes war. Now his eyes were a flame of fire, and on His head were many royal headbands having a name written that no one except He himself knows. And He was dressed in an outer garment dipped in blood, and **His name is called the Word of God**. And **the armies that are in heaven, dressed in clean, white fine linen, were following him on white horses**. And out of his mouth came a sharp sword, so that with it he could strike the nations. And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, and **he stomps the winepress of the wine of the furious wrath of God, the All-Powerful**. And he has a name written on his outer garment and on his thigh: '**King of kings and Lord of lords**'" (Revelation 19:11-16).

Rulership will be awarded to MORE sons of God—the repentant people from the realm on earth: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female he created them**'" (Genesis 1:26-27).

Once upon a time... **before the creation of mankind**, the sons of God lived and live today ruling under God with positions of power and authority. They sang for joy when the foundations of the earth were set in place and watched their Creators, the Father and His Son create Adam from the dust of the earth and Eve from his rib. Mankind was given rulership on earth, all in training to rule with Christ under God. Early in the training, Adam and Eve were tempted and sinned and they were cast out of Eden—God's government. Sin took a strong foothold and spread covering the earth, then the forbidden acts—heavenly angels taking human wives and birthing a creation not of God brought on the great flood. In time, the people

began to rebel again, so God divided the people into nations, gave them their own language and territory. In addition, He gave them members of His heavenly court to rule over them. They were highly trained and skilful, full of the knowledge of God's ways. But soon, these sons of God rebelled against God, all of them. They caused the people to worship them, glorying themselves, setting themselves up in opposition to God. Collectively, they took the whole world into slavery under their leadership.

God's headquarters in heaven collapsed. One-third of the heavenly creation entered into a deadly rebellion against God and His Son. On earth, God and His Son were left with only God's inherited nation, Israel. Through Israel, His plan was to teach them His way and they would be a model to all the nations on earth. But, they failed. God's only heir, known as the Word of God willingly offered his life to redeem mankind. This seven-thousand-year plan has become a journey of bumps, briers and snags, yet a remnant forge ahead. They are known as the saints, the remnant, the preserved, the bride and in the future, they will rule with the Word for one-thousand years and their small kingdom will grow to cover the whole earth. The rogue sons of God will be taken captive, imprisoned and punished after many days. They will lose their eternal life and die as mere men.

MANKIND

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called sons of God!” (1 John 3:1)

Apostle John record the words of Jesus: “Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, **'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'**” (John 20:17).

John said: “Beloved, **now we are children of God**; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He [Jesus Christ] is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).

Paul wrote: “Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.’ ‘I will be a Father to you, and **you shall be My sons and daughters**, says the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:17-18).

Daniel said: “I was watching; and the same horn was **making war against the saints**, and **prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came**, and a **judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High**, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom” (Daniel 7:21-22)

Matthew wrote: “Then the **righteous will shine like the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

Once upon a time... mankind was created. They were the second creation after the creation in heaven. Adam and Eve were created long after the first creation in heaven. They were predestined to rule as children of the great King—the supreme Creator who is the source of all power. Mankind was created to be a complement to the heavenly creation. The timing of the creation of mankind is significant; it was while God had entities who would test, try and perfect this new creation on earth. Upon repentance, mankind will fill positions once held by the rogue, wicked sons of God in heaven. One-third of creation in heaven has rebelled; billions of positions need to be filled by righteous, humble people. These rogue entities work to keep this a secret from mankind. Indeed, they have been successful as mankind works against each other, instead of knowing their real enemy and preparing themselves by putting on the armour of God. There is still time for mankind to turn to the great God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and obey Him. His way leads to life and—rejoice; He loves you!



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