# The Alien Intervention

**Cosmic Controversy Series: Part 17** 

## Study Guide

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# I. THE GIFT OF JESUS

## John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### Luke 2:6-14

<sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; <sup>11</sup> for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

## Revelation 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup> And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; <sup>2</sup> she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. <sup>3</sup> And another portent appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth.

#### **Galatians 4:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

## Joshua 5:14-15

<sup>14</sup> And he said, "No; but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and worshiped, and said to him, "What does my lord bid his servant?" <sup>15</sup> And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Put off your shoes from your feet; for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

## <u>Micah</u>

But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

## A. Heaven's Gift to Humanity

- 1. We seldom consider what the gift of Jesus meant to the angels who lived in God's glorious presence. What did the angels lose in the gift of Jesus Christ to humanity?
- 2. The coming of Jesus was more than just the birth of a savior from the line of David to be our Messiah. Jesus was more than simply the perfect Son of Man who would redeem humanity from the guilt of sin (John 3:16). Jesus came as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes as the ultimate gift from an ancient order of angelic beings in an *alien civilization* (Luke 2: 6-14; Revelation 12:1-2).
- 3. Who is the mother that was pregnant in Heaven in Revelation 12? Galatians 4:26 identifies the heavenly mother who cried out in pangs to deliver: "But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother."
- 4. Before He was a baby in Bethlehem's manger, Jesus was the *Commander of the LORD's Army*. In Joshua 5:14-15, Joshua saw the appearance of a man with a drawn sword just before he conquered Jericho who said, I am the *Commander of the LORD's Army*. And Joshua bowed down and worshiped Him. There was nothing wrong with that act because Joshua was in the presence of the LORD.
- 5. The angelic army of Heaven gave up its Commander to become a baby that would become the *Savior of the World* (Micah 5:2).

#### Deuteronomy 7:12-13

<sup>12</sup> "And because you hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which he swore to your fathers to keep; <sup>13</sup> he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you."

## Job 1:9

Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nought?

#### Ezekiel 28:15-16

<sup>15</sup> You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. <sup>16</sup> Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones."

## Deuteronomy 4:13

And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

#### Exodus 6:4

I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they dwelt as sojourners.

## Isaiah 14:13-14

<sup>13</sup> "You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"

#### Revelation 12:2

She was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery.

#### Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

## John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## Romans 4:24-25

<sup>24</sup>...Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

#### John 4:10

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

## Romans 3:24

They are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

#### James 1:17

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

#### Galatians 4:26

But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

# **B.** Can God Truly Give?

- 1. The attack by Satan upon the Law of God in Scripture is the claim that God cannot give (Deuteronomy 7:12, 13). Satan claimed that a loveless being holds the power of eternity and wields a thunderbolt against all who disobey (Job 1:9). Satan claimed that the "*emperor has no clothes*." How rich is a culture and how profound is a government that cannot give?
- 2. The moral crisis that arose in Heaven had created a crisis in the heart of this ancient order of angelic beings (Ezekiel 28:15-17). When Lucifer sinned in Heaven, he claimed that God cannot give of Himself in a way that is meaningful (Deuteronomy 4:13; Exodus 6:4):
  - What is love, if you cannot give?
  - How can you love if you have everything that makes giving irrelevant?
  - How can an eternal and omnipotent being really give?
- 3. Behind the accusation that God's Law is obsolete is the equally powerful assertion that God cannot give! That attack upon the character of God was also felt deep within the hearts of unfallen angels. The universe had every reason to believe that sin would spread to unfallen worlds (Isaiah 14:13-14).
- 4. The book of Revelation reveals that the heavenly Jerusalem "cried out in her birth pangs in anguish for delivery" (Revelation 12:2). God so loved that He gave till it hurt (Romans 8:32). The gift of Jesus to earth gave pain to the entire family of Heaven.
- 5. God so loved the world that he gave! (John 3:16) God loves us more than He loves Himself, which is why He gave us Jesus. Heaven's Commander

- became Bethlehem's baby to eventually die for our sins and be raised for our justification (Romans 4:25).
- 6. Jesus is proof that God can give (John 4:10; Romans 3:24). The heavenly city that cried in anguish cooperated with God to give us the Gift of Jesus. God our Father is our loving Provider and Jerusalem above is our mother, and she is free! (James 1:17; Galatians 4:26)

# II. THE WORLD KINGDOM SYSTEM

#### Revelation 12:3-4

<sup>3</sup> And another portent appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. <sup>4</sup> His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth.

## 2 Chronicles 18:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.' And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?' <sup>21</sup> And he said, 'I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. "And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go forth and do so."

#### Job 1:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "Whence have you come?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

#### Ezekiel 28:17

Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

## Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

#### Revelation 17:10

They are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes he must remain only a little while.

#### Ephesians 2:22

*In whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.* 

#### Daniel 10:13, 20

<sup>13</sup> The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, so I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia. <sup>20</sup> Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I am through with him, lo, the prince of Greece will come."

## Luke 4:5-7

<sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours."

#### Isaiah 14:13

"You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far north."

#### Revelation 12:2, 10,14

<sup>2</sup> she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery.

<sup>10</sup> And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God." <sup>14</sup> But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

## John 14:30

"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me."

## Matthew 16:23

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men."

## A. The Ruler of This World

- 1. In Revelation 12:3, the Bible describes the dragon who had gained a foothold in Heaven after the fall of Adam. When Adam sinned, Satan the dragon appeared in the divine councils as the ruler of planet earth after he had been cast out for defying God (2 Chronicles 18:20- 21; Job 1:6-7; Ezekiel 28:17; Revelation 12:9).
- 2. The seven heads on the dragon represent seven spiritual kings who have rule over seven eras of world history under the leadership of Satan himself (Revelation 17:10). In the Bible, Satan controls the evil spiritual overlords of world history (Ephesians 2:22).
- 3. In the Book of Daniel, the Kingdom of Persia and the Kingdom of Greece were governed by evil angel overlords at war with Gabriel and Michael

- (Daniel 10:13, 20). From the vantage point of Heaven, Satan ruled the world system of kingdoms with an eye toward conquering the universe (Luke 4:5-7; Isaiah 14:13).
- 4. Before Jesus was born, Satan was in Heaven harassing the woman that cried out in pain to give us Jesus (Revelation 12:2, 10). The heavenly Jerusalem was in pain with the need to give birth or there would be no future for planet earth. When Jesus was born, the dragon refocused his attentions on the earth (Revelation 12:14). During Jesus' life on earth, Satan harassed and persecuted him all the way to the cross (John 14:30; Matthew 16:23). [See also: Mark 8:33.]

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#### Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

#### <u>Luke 19:10</u>

"For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

#### Mark 1:13, 20-21

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zeb'edee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And they went into Caper'na-um; and immediately on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught.

#### Mark 10:52

And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

## John 1:10-11

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.

## John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

## Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."

## Colossians 1:15-19

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in

everything he might be pre-eminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell.

#### Isaiah 63:9

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## John 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God; <sup>3</sup> all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## Exodus 25:22

There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you of all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

## John 20:12

And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

## Genesis 48:16

The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

## Malachi 3:1, 6

<sup>1</sup> "Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup> "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."

## Exodus 23:20-21

<sup>20</sup> "Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. <sup>21</sup> Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him."

#### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

## Song of Solomon 6:3

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies.

## **B.** The Divine Intervention

- 1. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is shown to have the best Jewish credentials possible, as the Son of Abraham and the Son of David (Matthew 1:1). In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus has the best human credentials possible as the Son of Man (Luke 19:10). In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is a man of *immediate* action appearing as a leader well suited for the Roman world of gladiators (Mark 1:13, 20, 21; Mark 10:52).
- 2. Yet, in the Gospel of John, Jesus appears as an alien (an extraterrestrial, an ET). There is no mention of human credentials as such in the Gospel of John (John 1:10-11). Jesus' ordinary human origins are diminished in light of His divine credentials as John shows how Jesus would answer His challengers with statements such as, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58). [Referring, of course, to God's revelation of Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14.]
- 3. Even though Jesus is fully God (Colossians 1:15-19), close examination of the Gospel of John reveals that Jesus was the *Guardian Angel* of the Jewish nation who was rejected by His own people (John 1:11). For centuries He had been the *Guiding Spirit* of the Jewish nation (Isaiah 63:9).
- 4. Jesus is the *Light* that created the world and He was the *light* that dwelt in the Most Holy place between the cherubim above the sacred Ark of the Covenant (John 1:2-4; John 8:12; Exodus 25:22; John 20:12.) He dwelt with the nation of Israel, and His people were the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 48:16; Malachi 3:1, 6).
- 5. When Jesus Christ created the world, He remained here to rescue it from its fallen condition (John 1:10). As Satan was setting his sights on universal conquest, Jesus set His sights on a fallen world to bring it back to God.
- 6. Jesus was appointed as the *Spiritual Overlord* who is the LORD for the nation of Israel (Exodus 23:20, 21). The Apostle John stated with tragic prose, "Jesus came to His own home, and His own people received Him not" (John 1:11).
- 7. Jesus is the *Good News* that God can give, and that God's Gift is good enough for you to be saved (John 3:16). If we have Jesus, then we have Heaven's treasure within our hearts (2 Corinthians 4:6, 7; Song of Solomon 6:3).