

The Serpent's Seed Heresy

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Dear Brethren:

Many of God's people today are not aware of the growing danger associated with a particular doctrinal heresy commonly called the *Serpent's Seed*, or *Satan's Seed*. What is this doctrine, what is its history, and why is it relevant in any way to the true people of God today? You may be astonished at the answers to these questions.

Some variation of the Serpent's Seed doctrine has been around for thousands of years. It is rooted in ancient Babylonian teachings, but as is true with many pagan concepts, it really gained prominence when God's own people—Israel—absorbed these heresies and began to popularize them with their faulty interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. Some form of this heresy is found in ancient Jewish teachings as well as segments of so-called Christian theology, both early and modern. But what exactly is the Serpent's Seed doctrine?

Serpent's Seed Doctrine Defined

The Serpent's Seed teaching asserts that not all "people" living upon the earth since creation are truly the children of *both* Adam and Eve. There are many different variations of the theory, but most of them teach that Satan the Devil—in the form of a serpent—had sexual relations with Eve, producing offspring on the earth who were never the children of Adam. The "forbidden fruit" is interpreted as being intercourse with the Devil, and the "seed" of the serpent (Genesis 3:15) is cast as a literal physical lineage of his offspring. Cain is said to be the son—or seed—of Satan by Eve, while Abel and Seth were Adam's sons by Eve. Eve is therefore accepted as the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20), but her children supposedly came from two different fathers. Accordingly, a child of Cain is not merely an *attitude* manifested by one of Adam's sons, but one who is literally of a distinct *seedline* (species) of physical beings upon this earth. These "children of Satan" are not fully human, but actually part human/part angel. The giants (*nephilim*) of Genesis 6:4 are often cited as being these offspring of Satan, who—having an angelic ancestor—possessed "superhuman" abilities far beyond those capabilities of Adam's weaker seedline.

Some of these theories state that those children fathered by Satan all died in the flood, but many of them assert that Satan's descendants came through the flood and have continued to propagate through history alongside the "true" descendants of Adam. Some teach that these giants are the ones who built many of the wonders of the ancient world (like the Great

Pyramid), which they claim were feats physically impossible for normal humans to achieve.

How did this "super-human/angel" species survive the flood? Some say the flood did not cover the entire earth, leaving some of these children of Cain alive to propagate. Others claim the flood did indeed kill all but the family of Noah, but that one or more of Noah's daughters-in-law brought the seedline of Satan through the deluge. This role is typically ascribed to Ham's wife, therefore making all descendants of Ham the literal spawn of the Devil. (Later, we will consider how this belief plays a significant role in the orientation of many modern hate groups, and how it may also one day bring persecution upon God's true church through false association.)

Man has always had a fascination with the spirit world, and his religious notions about human origins have often included myths about interactions between human and spirit realms. The Greeks—among many others who popularized ancient Babylonian concepts through religious myths—spun intricate tales about historical interactions between men and "the gods," including the belief that these immortal gods—both male and female—produced children through illicit liaisons with mortal humans. During the Middle Ages, these same basic concepts continued to be manifested in papal Christianity as well. For example, the false church accepted as truth that demons—in the form of the *incubus* or *succubus*—could and did prey upon weak human beings while they slept, conceiving children upon them. Do you think people today are more sophisticated? How about our current societies' fascination with the occult, especially fables like vampires? Vampire lore comes from the very same root of ancient belief—mesmerization with the idea of immortal beings cavorting with mortals.

There is no limit to the number of human concepts over the past six thousand years which assert the belief that Satan and his cohorts have produced children upon this earth. But what is the truth, and what is the true Biblical evidence? More importantly, why is any of this relevant to God's faithful people today? The sad truth is that more and more of God's true people—since the breakup of our parent organization beginning in the 1970s—have begun to absorb this ancient heresy. It is amazing the number of times this *seedline doctrine* is now popping up in literature and teachings by former ministers of God's true church. The church used to know "up from down," but now seems to be vulnerable again to many of these long-repudiated heresies. That is why it is important for us to set the record straight and to reconfirm the faith once delivered on this critical doctrine.

Satan's Fundamental Lie Exposed

Before analyzing specific Biblical texts to verify the truth, we need to understand something more fundamental. Adherents of the Serpent's Seed doctrine will point to a

number of Bible passages in both the New and Old Testaments to try to support their claims. As always, it is an attempt to legitimize a preconceived religious notion through the use of human scholarship.

. . . in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16).

We will certainly address their primary arguments *technically*, but that will not be nearly as satisfying as recognizing *the fundamental reasons* their concept is so very wrong. What is the real root of the matter—the simplicity of Christ?

Satan has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9). What makes him so effective in duping humanity is his ability to induce argumentation over secondary controversies, while many times both sides have already accepted *the real lie* at the root, which was his real purpose to inject all along. It is the classic slight of hand maneuver—the bait and switch. Get us to focus upon specific trees so we fail to see the forest as a whole. What then is the real root of the lie which Satan has foisted upon mankind?

That he is equal with God! That is what he has always wanted for himself—to be like, or equal, with God (Isaiah 14:14). He must have truly deceived himself at one time into believing it was true, or else why would he have instigated war in heaven (Revelation 12:7–9)? He is too smart to have initiated what he believed would be a losing cause. Why give up the glory and prestige he already held in the court of God as a powerful archangel? To risk all of that, he must have earnestly believed he could achieve his ends. But he was wrong. Lucifer was repulsed, and God cast him back to the earth where originally he had been assigned as a faithful caretaker. He learned the hard way that he was *never* any match for God, and he would certainly never become His equal. What a bitter pill that must have been. To make matters worse, God chose to offer Sonship in the God Family to those "pathetic" human beings, giving them the opportunity to achieve what Lucifer coveted for himself. What a slap in the face that must have been, in his perverted thinking. So he became Satan the Devil, the enemy of mankind, as well as of God. He seethes with hatred and is left with nothing except the hope of destroying as many of God's true children as possible before he is finally restrained permanently and removed from his office as a prince over this earth.

How will Satan attempt to destroy mankind? He cannot do it directly—violently. God will not allow that. Therefore he must do it indirectly, by convincing man to *cut himself off* from God—deceive them into believing a lie which will doom them to destruction in God's own Judgment. How will he accomplish that? Entice them into breaking God's Law, which commands them to worship only the *One True God*. So he offers them other counterfeits to worship, which will displease God. Even though he came

to the bitter knowledge that it is not true, he nonetheless set upon a course to convince human beings that he—Satan—is equal with God. How would he accomplish the promulgation of that lie? By convincing men to believe that Satan has the power and capabilities that only God possesses, and by perverting fundamental truths built into the fabric of God's creation.

Cardinal Principles of Creation and Propagation

What are these fundamental principles and characteristics which undergird the whole of God's universe? What is the truth about God's power of creation and the way He ordained living beings to come into existence?

- 1) Only God has the power to be a Creator. It is one of His many exclusive titles.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? (Isaiah 40:28).

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator (1 Peter 4:19).

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).

"Creator" is one of God's exclusive titles. No one other than God can perform the work of creating, because God has never given such power to any being who is not God. It sounds so simple, yet how many human beings—and even members of God's true church—have failed to grasp this basic truth? Example: Members of God's church have speculated previously whether Satan, rather than God, might have created the dinosaurs as part of his rebellion since those creatures were so hideous. But that very idea ascribes to Satan powers he never possessed! One way for Satan to make himself appear to be "like God" is to claim to have the power to create! If he can get man to attribute *creation power* to himself, it is a key victory in insinuating himself as an equal of God.

There is no evidence in all the Bible that Satan, his demons, or even any of the holy angels of God have ever been given the power to create—to bring life or material substance into being from nothing. No angel is ever called "creator." And if Lucifer had no such power—even at the height of his glory as a powerful archangel—it is certain he did not *gain* any such *new* power as the Devil, after the time of his rebellion.

- 2) Only God's holy angels have the power to manifest themselves physically with tangible bodies.

Is there a specific scripture which confirms this truth? Not directly. But it was certainly taught to us by Mr. Herbert Armstrong, whom we accept as being God's chosen servant of these last days, and it is absolutely consistent with all of the evidence we *do* find in the Bible. Notice this quote from the December 1952 issue of *The Good News*, in an article entitled, *Did Angels Marry Women before the Flood?*:

Besides, nowhere in the Bible do we find that *degraded angels* have the power to manifest themselves in the form of human beings—a power now possessed only by righteous angels who serve God.

When Lucifer and his followers rebelled, God cast them to the earth, and they became wandering—disembodied—spirits (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). The very reason they seek to possess—take over the minds of—human beings is to recover that *lost capacity* to manifest physically. God's faithful angels can still do so (Judges 13:3–21; Hebrews 13:2). God has often sent angels as messengers to speak to human beings face to face. But when people think they "see" *evil* spirits, they are only seeing the *secondary effects* of the *invisible presence* of those spirits—manipulating physical objects or using human beings as their puppets. Or, those individuals being influenced could also be *hallucinating* through the manipulation of deceptive forces upon their minds. This is very common. But beyond those two indirect means of making their presence felt, there is no evidence that demons have any innate ability to materialize into a solid form of their own accord.

How long have they been in this state of dark imprisonment, stripped of the powers they once possessed as faithful servants of God? Since before the flood!

By which also he [Christ] went and preached unto the spirits [fallen angels] *in prison*; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, *while the ark was a preparing*, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water (1 Peter 3:19–20) [emphasis mine].

Those demons were already confined in that place of restraint—*tartaroo*, in the Greek—before the time of Noah. In fact, they were placed in that state from the time God repelled them after their ill-fated assault upon His throne (Luke 10:18). Before Adam and Eve were ever created, Satan and his demons had become disembodied spirits—through God's curse—with no means to manifest themselves tangibly. They certainly had the ability to inhabit—take over the bodies of—animals, when God specifically permitted it (Mark 5:12–13). So it is likewise understandable how Satan may have manifested himself to Eve in the form of a serpent—not with his own body—but even then it is very likely God had to provide *special permission* for him to do so, even as Christ gave permission for those demons to take possession of the swine.

- 3) Angels have no sex—they are neither male nor female, even as God Himself is neither male nor female.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven (Matthew 22:29–30).

Those resurrected to become new members of the God Family will be exactly like the Father and Jesus Christ in *spiritual composition*. All human beings were made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). That includes both *men and women*. But God cannot be *both* male and female. In fact, He is neither a man nor a woman. The distinction in the sexes was an attribute given to humankind *uniquely* for a very specific purpose.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28).

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:31–32).

God instituted the process of procreation to generate new children from the sexual union between a man and a woman. This is how He determined to bring forth *all* of the potential children who might one day become new members of God's eternal Family. Furthermore, God instituted—by law—that such procreation *should* occur *within the bounds of marriage*, and through no other means, even if many children have been born outside of marriage. God allowed that to be so. Nevertheless, God gave to no other beings procreative powers. It is simply impossible according to His universal body of Law.

This whole master plan and its individual elements were created by God to picture *this particular salvation project* which He has set into motion.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; *male and female created he them* (Genesis 1:27) [emphasis mine].

That salvation process does not apply to God Himself, even as the Sabbath was not made for God, but for man (Mark 2:27). Sexual distinctions have never applied to God. He is called by masculine names and titles only to emphasize to us His authority over all. He created the difference in the male and female sexes for *this very temporary salvation project*, and when that plan is completed, there will be no more male or female. This is exactly what Christ was confirming when He clarified that in the Kingdom there will be no marrying or giving in marriage. The Spirit-born children of God will have no sex, even as God Himself has no sex.

Christ further confirmed the attributes of *the angels* as well by using them as an example of this very fact; ". . . they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, *but are as the angels of God in heaven* (Matthew 22:30) [emphasis mine]. Even as God is neither male nor female, neither do those in the angel classification of living beings have any sex! In that regard—even though they are a much lower category of spirit being than is God—like God, they have no sex. Only human beings and animals upon this earth were created by God to be male and female, and to reproduce through sexual union.

- 4) Among those human and animal creatures placed upon this earth, God instituted another law which makes it *impossible* for them to reproduce with any other creature which is not of its *very same kind*. The same is even true with all plant life on this planet.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit *after his kind*, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed *after his kind*, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, *after his kind*: and God saw that it was good (Genesis 1:11–12) [emphasis mine].

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, *after their kind*, and every winged fowl *after his kind*: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth (Genesis 1:21–22) [emphasis mine].

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature *after his kind*, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth *after his kind*: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth *after his kind*, and cattle *after their kind*, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth *after his kind*: and God saw that it was good (Genesis 1:24–25) [emphasis mine].

So God created man in his own image, *in the image of God created he him*; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, *Be fruitful, and multiply*, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Genesis 1:27–28) [emphasis mine].

In our physical realm upon this earth, there is no need to accept this law on faith alone. The world's scientists all recognize that this principle exists. It is proven by the very way all plant, animal, and human life reproduces. All that is required is observation. Whether man accepts this law as having any divine origin or not is immaterial. The proof that it is *real and operative* is self-evident. Cows produce cows, pigs produce pigs, sheep

produce sheep, bears produce bears, giraffes produce giraffes. Likewise, only human beings produce human beings. The seed of any given kind will *never* germinate with one that is not like unto itself.

All four of these principles form the foundation for understanding the real truth about life, creation, and propagation. Once these truths are confirmed, it becomes very easy to recognize Satan's lies and counterfeit doctrines. The faithful of God need not be confused.

So Satan has convinced man that he is equal in power with God, that he has the power to create life like God does, that he can manifest himself with a substantive body like God's faithful angels can do, that he has the physiology for sexual intercourse like man has, and that he can and has used such ability to produce children by cross-breeding with human women. Yet every one of those claims is absolutely false.

Technical Biblical Passages

With that preliminary foundation established, we are now ready to address the technical Bible arguments used to justify the erroneous concepts of the Serpent's Seed heresy.

Probably the most quoted text used to substantiate demons producing offspring with human women is this one:

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. . . . 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 bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown (Genesis 6:1–2, 4).

Because the Bible sometimes refers to angels as "sons of God" (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7), we are told this confirms that it was *angels* who took wives of the daughters of men. The problem with this conclusion is that God also refers to human beings as His sons (Exodus 4:22; Malachi 2:10; Luke 3:38). In fact, the term has much more significance as applied to human beings than it ever could for angels.

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (Hebrews 1:13–14).

No, angels were never created by God for the purpose of becoming Sons in the God Family. Angels were not made in the image of God. They look like all manner of other curious beasts, including some with attributes of human appearance (Ezekiel 10:14; Revelation 4:6–8). But it was man who was made *specifically and uniquely* in the image of God, because it was man who was created for the very purpose of becoming the eternal Sons of God in His glorious Family. God created angels to be the perpetual *servants* to that expanded God Family. They are like the butlers, maids, and chauffeurs in service to a great family. They live with the Family, are intimate with that Family, are beloved of that Family, but they are *not Sons*. And they never will be. They will never inherit as do legitimate children. *To be servants* is the specific role for which they were created. Lucifer hated that distinction, but it is the pronouncement of God nonetheless.

But why then are angels called "sons" in the Book of Job? The word "son" is not used here to denote a future in God's Family, but merely to emphasize that angels were created by—owe their existence to—God, who made them. In that regard, God is their "father," or their progenitor. Understanding the context of the role of men vs. angels in God's master plan is always key to clarifying these issues. Those without such foundation are primed for deception.

But if God calls both men and angels "sons" in different parts of the Bible, how can we know for sure to whom He is referring in Genesis 6:4, "... and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them"? If you understand God's law concerning creatures producing only after their own kinds, and the fact that fallen angels have no sex, let alone the capacity to manifest physically to begin with, it becomes obvious.

Furthermore, consider this. Look at the real context of God's statements in Genesis chapter six, beginning from verse one.

And it came to pass, when *men* began to multiply on the face of the earth, and *daughters were born unto them*, That *the sons of God* saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and *they took them wives of all which they chose*. 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 (Genesis 6:1–3) [emphasis mine].

Why does verse one seem to mention only daughters being born? We know that the human race produces approximately an equal number of both males and females. The males were indeed mentioned, but it was back in Genesis chapter four:

And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: *then began men to call upon the name of the LORD* (Genesis 4:26) [emphasis mine].

In God's true church we were taught that this translation is weak, given that it implies that men began to turn to worship God in truth. That is not what happened, proven by the thread of the story continuing in chapter six. As early as the time of Enos, what these men-children began to do was to use God's name in a show of religious worship, even though they were perverting God's laws while doing it. Is this not what carnal man has always done? So a better translation would be, "then began men to call themselves by the name of the Eternal." It was the beginning of rebelliousness being justified under the guise of sincere worship. The result was increasing separation of man from God, which is exactly why God, in speaking about "the sons of God" marrying whom they chose, made this statement:

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 (Genesis 6:3).

The context of this whole passage is *man*—humankind—and his rebelliousness, not the rebelliousness of angels. The emphasis upon "flesh" makes that clear. What were they doing in the selection of wives which God found so perverse? The Bible does not tell us specifically. Mr. Herbert Armstrong taught us that it involved interracial marriage—men choosing to marry those not of their same racial stock—and thereby destroying the beauty of the pure races God had created to be good. Regardless, the point here is that these rebellious *sons of God* were human men, not fallen angels.

Likewise, the giants—the Nephilim—were not some new species spawned from crossing angels with human women, but a stock of true humans—sons of Adam—who had remarkable physical characteristics very distinct from other lines of human ancestors. These might account for skeletal remains which evolutionists try to claim to be part of a "missing link." We know that no such link with the animal kingdom exists. But it is certainly possible that these larger, heavy-skulled humans could have been a particular line of children which existed initially, and yet were not preserved through the flood. Only those of Noah's family line—with their particular genetic make-up which was smaller and less formidable by comparison—survived to produce all children who now populate the world.

If Satan truly had the power to procreate, even if his progeny were wiped out in the flood nearly four thousand years ago, why would he be prevented from spawning new children today in the very same way, by co-habiting with women? He would certainly have many volunteers to help him. If Satan had the power, you can be sure he would use it. The absence of such supposed *super-human angels* on the earth today is proof itself that Satan has no such ability to create like God does, or even to procreate like man does. God created the Nephilim through the same procreative process that all other human children experienced—birth from those original human parents, Adam and Eve—notwithstanding the pagan myths extant today.

Why Is This So Important?

Why would the pagan concepts in the Serpent's Seed heresy be any more dangerous to God's people than myriad other falsehoods extant today? Besides the principles already covered, there is an insidious element which could affect us all greatly in the future. What is that element?

The Serpent's Seed doctrine is the hallmark of most radical hate groups today. Whether it involves neo-Nazis, right-wing militias, or one of the many other white supremacist groups, most of them share this doctrine in common. How do they justify their hatred toward Jews, non-whites, and others? They believe these people are not *real people* at all! They believe they are not children of Adam, but descended from Satan, and that is how they justify not only resisting them, but *persecuting and killing them*. Hitler and his ilk did not view themselves as murderers. They truly felt they were cleansing the earth of Satan's illicit spawn that were not intended by God to be here at all. That is often how genocide occurs. How do they try to justify such perverted concepts from the Bible?

They use such texts as John 8:44, in which Jesus told the Jewish Pharisees, "Ye are of your father the devil." They claim that this was a literal pronouncement of their physical lineage. Likewise, texts like Matthew 3:7, in which Christ called the Jews a "generation of vipers." They claim this is a direct reference to the serpent in the Garden of Eden which became their father. They also cite 1 John 3:12 to claim that Cain, who was "of that wicked one," is a literal description of his lineage. In every case, they begin with the ancient Babylonian lie, and then twist particular Scriptures to support that false notion. Even though the faithful children of God can recognize the error clearly, make no mistake that those who have absorbed these deceptive concepts are sincere indeed.

Of course, the greater problem is that once one embraces the idea that some "people" walking around on the earth are not *real people* at all—believing they can be exterminated like animals—it becomes convenient to assign any "new enemy" to that category as well, sweeping more and more into the expanding net. Whether the definition includes ones of a particular race, religion, or both, these people can target anyone they decide is a threat to them, and then claim these enemies are of the "serpent's seed."

British Israelism Links Them to Us!

But why are these obscene hate groups any special threat to God's true children? Because one of the common tenets professed by *many* of them is a belief which also sets us apart in this world. It is belief that many of the true physical descendants of Israel are found

today in the British Isles, North America, and the western democracies of Europe. Mr. Herbert Armstrong's book, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, was probably the most well-known publication of God's true church in this generation. Even though there are many other groups not associated with us who believe that the descendants of Israel include more than just those identified as Jews today, Herbert Armstrong made that belief more prominent than anyone else we know. If you hear the term, "British Israelism," it is likely that the name, Herbert Armstrong, will come up as well. And given that the majority of these right-wing hate groups likewise profess belief in modern British Israel, the world is inclined to link the faithful people of God with these radicals, even if we reject everything for which they stand.

A modern manifestation of this dangerous ideology is known as the "Christian Identity" movement. It is a white supremacist ideology which holds that white Christian Aryans are the true "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel." Many of these radical groups in this country believe that the original Republic of the United States was the government of God, that the founding fathers established a holy nation upon this continent, and that our Constitution is a holy manifestation of God's law. They believe that this nation is truly the "Promised Land."

God's true people do not believe those things at all! We believe that the peoples of Great Britain and the United States were indeed part of the physical descendants of Israel, but we do not believe that makes our people better *in any way* than anyone else in the world. The lost Ten Tribes of Israel became lost because God drove them into captivity because of their egregious sins. From the time of Jeroboam they have *never* been faithful to God—never. Why then has God blessed their descendants so much with the wealth and power of the world? Not because of their righteousness, but because God made a promise to Abraham, because of *his* righteousness! God bound Himself with a promise to Abraham that He would bless those descendants and give them all of this wealth and prominence in the world. That promise was not contingent upon their righteousness. It was an *unconditional* promise! That is the only reason these unholy rebels have prospered so much over all these centuries. Even though God has fulfilled His promise to Abraham, He never promised that these modern Israelites would *retain* their blessings. No, they have been slowly losing that power and prominence over many decades, and God is going to bring them absolutely low to make an example of them, because of their sins. Modern Israel deserves every punishment they get for their longstanding rebellion against their God. Therefore, our belief in British Israelism has nothing to do with putting a feather in our cap and professing that our people are holy or righteous. No way! It is simply a doctrine which substantiates how and why God actually *fulfilled His promise to Abraham* in these modern times. God did indeed keep His word. The proof is in the riches and power which the British Empire and the United States of America have exercised upon this earth for several

centuries. The Bible and all that it says is true. His promise that a descendant of David would never cease to sit upon that throne is also being fulfilled (Jeremiah 33:17). *That* is the sole value in our doctrinal belief about modern Israel, nothing more. It is not the *physical* descendants of Israel who will inherit eternal life, but those who become *spiritual* Israelites—of all nations and races—to be born of the Holy Spirit into the God Family.

But these radical hate groups do not believe what we believe about *why* the United States and Great Britain have this wealth and prosperity today. Like the ancient Pharisees, they believe they *deserve it!* They believe they are better than non-Israelites and claim a holy right to have God's favor. They reject that those who are called Jews today are any portion of the real tribe of Judah, and instead consider them to be the spawn of Satan by their belief in the Serpent's Seed doctrine. They believe all non-whites are "mud-people" who are not really Adam's children at all, and deserve to be exterminated. They believe the nations of modern Israel are being taken over by these mud-people, and that it is an attack of Satan upon the "holy" people of God, the rightful Israelites. They feel not only justified in fighting racial and religious wars to defend "God's country," but honor-bound to do so as white *jihadists*.

We share *nothing* in common with these radicals, but because they use a twisted form of British Israelism as a cornerstone of their belief system, in the minds of many people, anyone who holds a belief in British Israelism at all may sooner or later be lumped into the same pot with all of these hate-mongers. It is very likely another way that Satan is setting the stage to bring persecution upon the true people of God. Why would the peaceful people of God ever be considered a threat and come under scrutiny by the powers of world governments? Just remember that of all people on this earth, Satan—the god of this world—hates you the most. He is very clever and very capable of orchestrating events to make his greatest enemies the targets of persecution. This "seeming" association of one of our doctrines with these dangerous hate groups is just one of many ways these last-day prophecies of persecution may come into play.

Only time will tell. But the faithful of God need to be aware. We need to understand the truth of God concerning the family of man on this earth, and how God has set laws into motion to execute His marvelous salvation plan. We need to recognize the false doctrines planted by Satan to deceive not only the world, but those in God's church who may likewise become susceptible. All too many former members of God's church have been turning to this Serpent's Seed doctrine. Incredible! Is that evidence of one more way we may become unjustly linked one day with this Christian Identity movement?

Those who love God's revealed law and are applying themselves to be true overcomers need not fear. Physically, our enemies are so much wiser and stronger than we.

But God has promised to protect and to care for His faithful. Never allow fear of any threat to cause you to compromise. The just shall live by faith (Hebrews 10:38). We need to watch and be aware of our surroundings in these last days. We need to recognize and avoid all false doctrines, including this Serpent's Seed heresy. Stay away from these occult influences so prevalent in this world today. But we also need to walk forward in absolute confidence, trusting God in all things for our protection and ultimate salvation.

May God strengthen and preserve you till the end of your personal course in this life.

Yours with love and deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Brisby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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