

1 **ALIEN INVASION**

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18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

3 **Matthew 1:18-25**

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

4 **INTRODUCTION**

- The world's fascination with extraterrestrials
 - George Orwell's *War of the Worlds*, *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *E. T.*, *Independence Day*, *Men in Black*
 - The History Channel – *Ancient Aliens*
- The true story from the Bible of the alien invasion of the earth.

5 **PERFECTION IN CREATION**

- Genesis 1:1: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*
- Five times in Genesis 1:1-25: *"And God saw that it was good."*
- Genesis 1:31: *"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."*
- In other words, there was Perfection in Creation.

6 **The Garden of Eden – A Paradise on earth.**

- In that Paradise he placed the man and the woman He had created.
- They had daily fellowship with their Creator.
- God's Promises: Love – Provide – Protect
- Adam and Eve simply had to: Love God – Worship God – Obey God

7 **God only gave them one commandment**

Genesis 2:16-17: *16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

8 **Alien invasion of paradise**

- Genesis 3 – You know the story well.
- Satan – was that Alien Invader

9 **Satan's fall**

Isaiah 14:12-14: ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

10 **Satan's fall**

Ezekiel 28:14-17: ¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶ "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. ¹⁷ "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

11 **Satan's fall**

Revelation 12:7-9: ⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

12 **What we know about this Alien Invader:**

- He was created for heaven.
- The origin of sin in the universe was when Satan's heart was filled with pride.
- He became corrupt, and his name changed from Lucifer ("morning star") to Satan ("adversary").
- Satan was cast out of heaven down to earth.

13 **Presently, the ruler of this world**

- Ephesians 2:2: "In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience."
- 2 Corinthians 4:4: Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
- John 12:31: Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

14 **Result of Satan's alien invasion**

- Romans 5:12: Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned."
- Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Genesis 3:17b-18a: "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you."

15 **Counter invasion – incarnation**

- Incarnation Defined: Comes from a Latin word which means *clothed in flesh*.
- In Christian doctrine the Incarnation is that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, left heaven's glory and entered into time and space to become a man – the God-man.
- The Incarnation was God's plan and method to defeat and destroy the devil

16 Incarnation revealed

- Through the Christmas Story
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- John 1:14: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

17 Counter invasion delayed

- Why? We don't know!
- God had a plan and He revealed that plan in the Old Testament Scriptures:
 - Genesis 3:15: *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*
 - Isaiah 7:14: *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel*

18 Old Testament promises

Isaiah 9:6: *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

19 New Testament promise

Galatians 4:5: *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman."*

20 Purpose of incarnation – the counter invasion

He came to Reveal God to Man.

- Matthew 11:27: *All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

21 He came to reveal God to man

John 14:5-7: *Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.*

22 He came to reveal man to himself

- Genesis 1:27: *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*
- A BROKEN IMAGE

23 **He came to save man from sin and death**

Galatians 4:4-5: *But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

24 **He came to save man from sin and death**

- Matthew 1:21: *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*
- Luke 2:11: *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

25 **He came to defeat and destroy Satan**

Hebrews 2:9, 14-15: *9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

26 **He came to rescue the whole creation**

Isaiah 11:6-9: *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.*

27 **Rescue the whole creation**

Romans 8:19-23: *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

28 **He came to restore Israel**

- John 1:11: *He came unto His own, and His own did not receive Him.*
- Hebrew 11:1-2: *I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. . . ."*

29 **Rescue Israel**

Hebrews 11:25-26: *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until*

the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

30 **He came to reign as King of kings.**

Matthew 2:1-2: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

31 **Reign as King**

- *Zachariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.*
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- *Psalm 2:9: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."*

32 **Reign as King**

- *Matthew 24:31: When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*
- *Luke 1:31-33: And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."*