



The Inscrutable Question: The Victorious Proclamation: The Ark is a Type for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, 1 Peter 3:18-20

M. The Victorious Proclamation.

- 1- Following the Lord's resurrection, He also kept another appointment in Hades. In resurrection body, He entered into the compartment of Tartarus in order to provide an historical update on the angelic conflict, proclaim His strategic victory on the cross, and issue a victorious proclamation to the imprisoned demons.
- 2- This is where we stopped to study the genetic assault on the human race by the *Bene ha Elohim* of Genesis 6 and the resultant half-breed offspring, the *Nephilim*. With this information thoroughly understood, we are now able to construct the details of the Lord's visit to Tartarus following His resurrection sometime during the early morning hours of Nisan 16, A.D. 29. We will develop this from three major passages. The first is:

2 Peter 2:4 - For if God did not spare the *Bene ha Elohim* when they procreated with human women during the antediluvian civilization, and he did not, but sequestered them in Tartarus and chained them by means of darkness, by which they are kept under detention for judgment.

- 3- These angels are ignorant of all that has transpired since their detention began prior to the universal flood of Genesis 7. The Lord, in order to be fair to these angels, will go down to Tartarus and issue to them a proclamation that details the events that transpired following their detention, details His ultimate victory on the cross, and informs them of how their efforts to prevent His arrival into human history failed.
- 4- The passage that informs us that this proclamation takes place is found in 1 Peter 3:18-22. The details of His victory over sin by means of His substitutionary spiritual death on the cross are the subject of:

1 Peter 3:18 - Because Christ also died once for our sins, the righteous One as a substitute for the unrighteous ones [*ὑπέρ / hyper / plus the genitive plural of advantage from ἄδικος / adikos /*], that He might bring us to God having been put to death in the flesh but made alive by the agency of the Holy Spirit.

- 5- It is important to remember that our sins were imputed to our Lord's body. Deity cannot sin. It was His humanity that had to be demonstrated impeccable. It was His body that was offered as the target for the imputation of the sins of the human race.
- 6- This is why Lucifer's entire cosmic strategy was designed to keep the "Seed of the woman" from ever appearing "in the flesh."
- 7- Further, we learn that in the trichotomous reunion of the Lord's soul and human spirit with His resurrection body, the Holy Spirit was the agent responsible for the transfer of the Lord's soul from Hades to the tomb.
- 8- Following the resurrection, the Holy Spirit accompanied the Lord in hypostatic union on a visit back to Hades and to the Tartarus compartment in particular:

1 Peter 3:19 - By means of the Holy Spirit, He [**Jesus Christ**] went and made a proclamation to the spirits [**Bene ha Elohim**] in prison [**Tartarus**],

v. 20 - who [**the Bene ha Elohim**] once were disobedient when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah [**the final 120 years of the antediluvian civilization**], during the time the *Ark* was being constructed in which a few, that is, eight souls were brought to safety through water.



- 9- The *Ark* is a type for Jesus Christ who delivers believers of the Church Age who are “in Him.” The souls of Noah and his family were “saved” or “delivered” by means of the *Ark*. The souls of believers are saved or delivered by the “body of Christ.”
- 10- This is the doctrine of the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” which places us into “union with Jesus Christ.” At salvation we are baptized by the Holy Spirit into our Lord’s spiritual death, physical death, and burial which breaks the power of the sinful nature in our lives. This category of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is called “retroactive positional truth.”
- 11- At the same time we are identified with Christ in his resurrection, ascension, and session. This places us into the top circle where in Him we share all His attributes including eternal life which guarantees our eternal security. This aspect of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is called “current positional truth.”
- 12- Since we are “in Christ” we have divine protection, divine assurance, and divine provision throughout time and eternity. The baptism of the Holy Spirit places us into union with Christ who is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. This is called “positional truth.”