

**Mt. Hermon & THE TRANSFIGURATION:
“A SHOT ACROSS THE COSMIC BOW
to Principalities and Powers”
& Jesus Christ:
*The Bright Morning Star***

Dear Friends,

As we are facing increasing pressure from the powers of darkness in this “last hour” (1 John 2:19), it is of upmost significance that we understand the significance of the words of the aged Apostle Peter just prior to his martyrdom. When reflecting on his experience 25 years earlier with the Lord Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mt. Hermon) 2 Pet. 1:16-19, Peter interprets this experience at the close of his life on earth as Jesus Christ “The Morning Star” arising in his heart (vs. 19). 25 years earlier Peter was only an “eye witness” to this momentous event on Mt. Hermon in the region of Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16:13 w/ 27-28; 17:1-8. At this time at the end of his life of walking with our Lord Peter had entered into the subjective experience, morally and spiritually speaking, of his glorious Lord’s indwelling reality and presence as the “Bright and Morning Star” (Rev. 22:16 w/ 2:28 w/ 1 Pet. 1:8). It is this experience that Jesus offers to all those who become a part of His overcoming remnant (Rev. 2:26-28 w/ 2 Pet. 3:14-18). This promise and prophecy is held out to God’s people in these last days to inspire us to “press on that we may know Him and the power of His resurrection by becoming conformed to His death....” (Phil 3:7-17 w/ Hos. 6:3 w/ Jer. 23-24). When the “Black Awakening” occurs and all ‘hell’ breaks loose in this nation and throughout the world God will have in place those, who like John the Baptist,

Simeon and Anna, “a people made ready and prepared for the Lord” (Lk. 1:17) by becoming in conduct and testimony a people “making known His power and parousia” (presence/coming ~ 2 Peter. 1:16). This wonderful end-time provision from the Lord for His people in these last days was what motivated me to do the series:

Jesus Christ: *The Bright Morning Star*

(originally aired on the Byte Show)

My prayer and deepest desire is for all of us who aspire to be vital partaker of God's "final solution" in power of Jesus Christ's resurrection-LIFE manifested to counter and defeat Satan's final assault upon the Body of Christ BEFORE he is unleashed as the fiery red dragon for a season upon Israel and the nations. Therefore it is vital for all us to understand from the Word of God the meaning and significance of who Jesus Christ is as "**The Bright and Morning Star**" as Peter came to know Him to prepare us for His soon return and to be empower us to be busy about the King's business on the battle field of this fallen world as His witnesses (2 Pet. 1:19 w/ Rev. 2:26-**28** w/ Rev. 22:16-17)

Jesus Christ The Bright Morning Star (mp3 audios)

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Further study and meditation on this glorious theme from a dispensational perspective:

Christ as the Morning Star and the Sun of Righteousness

http://www.stempublishing.com/authors/dennett/Star_sun.html

Together with a sketch of the interval between the rapture and the appearing of Christ in glory.

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Special thanks to Dr. Michael Heiser's contribution and to Sue Bradley for posting the article from which I have cited this excerpt regarding the significance of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus occurring on Mt. Hermon.

Maranatha,

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(Excerpt by Sue Bradley, who is now face to face with the Lord)

Secular history, linguistics and mythology consistently echo Biblical accounts of ancestral and tribal migrations, and so doing, the gods and spirit beings are to be understood as distinct presences, much like human ancestral patterns: families with divergent branches, similar but independent functions and personalities with subjective memory and interpretation from communal historic events.

It is through the ancient texts, monuments and traditions the Middle Eastern accounts that migrations are be traced and these genealogies share a remarkably consistent conception: Mount Hermon.

"It came to pass after the sons of men had multiplied in those days, that daughters were born to them, elegant and beautiful. And when the Watchers, the sons of heaven, saw them, they became infatuated with them, saying to each other, "Come, let us choose for ourselves wives from the offspring of men, and let us have children...."

The whole number of those who descended on what is the top of Mount Hermon, in the days of Jared, was two hundred. 8 That mountain therefore came to be Hermon, because they had sworn upon it, and bound themselves by mutual oaths..."

– 1 Enoch 6:1, 2, 7, 8

Michael S. Heiser, examines many of the intriguing details and nuances coincident to Mount Hermon:

חָרַם charam, khaw-ram'; a prim. root; to seclude; spec. (by a ban) to devote to religious uses (espec. destruction); phys. and refl. to be blunt as to the nose:— make accursed, consecrate, (utterly) destroy, devote, forfeit, have a flat nose, utterly (slay, make away).

The consonants that make up "hermon" are (in Hebrew) ch-r-m (the final "n" is a noun ending typically suffixed to geographic locations). The noun cherem means "devoted to destruction" (the imagery is of a holocaust offering).

חֶרֶם cherem, kheh'-rem; phys. (as shutting in) a net (either lit. or fig.); usually a doomed object; abstr. extermination:— (ac-) curse (-d, -d thing), dedicated thing, things which should have been utterly destroyed, (appointed to) utter destruction, devoted (thing), net.

Mount Hermon was, according to 1 Enoch 6:1-6, the mountain to which the Watchers, the sons of God, descended when they came to earth and cohabited with human women. This connection with the incident described in Genesis 6:1-4 is consistent in view of the connections between the terms Rephaim, Anakim, and Nephilim. ... **the broader area of which Mount Hermon was part was Bashan, a place of special cosmic-geographical significance....**

...**Mount Hermon was also associated with Baal worship and evil serpentine cults.** The cult center Baal-Hermon is mentioned several times in the Old Testament (e.g., Judges 3:3; 1 Chron. 5:23).

That the Israelites and the biblical writers considered the spirits of the dead giant warrior-kings to be demonic is evident from the fearful aura attached to the geographical location of Bashan. As noted above, Bashan is the region of the cities Ashtaroth and Edrei, which both the Bible and the Ugaritic texts mention as abodes of the Rephaim. What's even more fascinating is that in the Ugaritic language, this region was known not as Bashan, but Bathan—the Semitic people of Ugarit pronounced the Hebrew "sh" as "th" in their dialect. Why is that of interest? Because "Bathan" is a common word across all the Semitic languages, biblical Hebrew included, for "serpent."
The region of Bashan was known as "the place of the serpent." It was ground zero for the Rephaim giant clan and, spiritually

**speaking, the gateway to the abode of the infernal deified
Rephaim spirits.....**

THE TRANSFIGURATION: "A SHOT ACROSS THE COSMIC BOW"

The site of the Transfiguration is not specifically disclosed within the Biblical text. Beyond the immediate context however, and with an understanding of the infinitely broader significance and purpose, it can be ascertained. And it comes as an indisputable, unambiguous and astonishing 'proclamation.'

From *The Myth Book* by Michael S. Heiser:

Jesus, the Place of the Serpent, and the Mountain of God

There is perhaps no more dramatic confrontation of the powers of darkness in the gospels than the Transfiguration...

...This mountain [Hermon], then, was identified by the biblical writers as a place that belonged exclusively to God – and no other. That the sons of God made their pact there according to Enoch is a strong irony, since they were violating their rightful estate and choosing to interfere with the world of men. **Jesus was staking rightful claim to this place at the Transfiguration (essentially, bringing the glory down to that mountain, as at Sinai years earlier). "It was a shot across the cosmic bow."**

Jesus would have been hard-pressed to find a more striking location at which to choose to reveal his glory, to show both the three disciples who he really was, and to blaze the news to the powers of darkness that he embodied, incarnate **Yahweh was taking back what was His—starting with the cosmic mountain in the territory of the serpent.** Yahweh had long ago declared that this region was really his property (Psalm 68:15-16 – "*O mountain of God, Mount Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, Mount Bashan! Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode; yea, where Yahweh will dwell forever?*"). **The fulfillment of that prophecy had begun. The powers of darkness were being evicted. Eminent domain had been declared.**