

Jacob's Ladder

Commentary for November 15, 2013 — An Interdimensional Portal?

Frank, a friend of ASK, recently sent me a PDF of a flyer about a public lecture in West Virginia titled "Portals: The Boundaries between Our Dimension and Others." I thank him for forwarding it to me. From the flyer:

"Planet Earth is full of portals big and small; some may be right in your own yard or home. We are in the early stages of an emerging awareness of 'The Interdimensional Earth' and its other inhabitants, which presents unique challenges: how will we accommodate sharing the planet with intelligent beings we cannot always see, and who possess supernatural abilities that we do not have?"

There are some truths in this statement. There is at least one "portal" that the Bible talks about in the Book of Genesis. Other than God the Father and Christ, there are **"intelligent beings we cannot always see, and who possess supernatural abilities that we do not have."** There are angels, cherubim, seraphim, evil spirits, Satan, and the Sons of God. These can all be invisible to us. There may be others besides these, as the apostle Paul informs us:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but [1] against principalities, [2] against powers, [3] against the rulers of the darkness of this world, [4] against spiritual wickedness in high places."

• **Ephesians 6:12**

These may be angels — or they might not be angels or the other beings. We cannot be sure, but we can know for sure that Christ created them:

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

• **Colossians 1:16**

Their sovereignty has been "spoiled" by Christ, although He has not asserted the authority given to Him by God the Father — yet.

"Having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

• **Colossians 2:15**

The word **"spoiled"** is variously translated as "disarmed," and "stripped away." Christ has not yet taken control of their areas of responsibility in the heavens. He has not yet removed these creatures from their rule. He will do so when the Kingdom of God is inaugurated, when He returns to earth and the resurrection from the dead takes place.

Their time is short. Paul makes it clear these beings are not able to **"separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Romans 8:39). Yet, we are to be cognizant of their existence and their temporary sovereignty, until Christ intervenes in world affairs in the future (Titus 3:1). Until that time these are powerful and very dangerous beings.

At the present time, one of our duties as believers is to inform and educate these entities about **"the manifold wisdom of God"** through the demonstration of God's love through our lives (Ephesians 3:10).

At least one such "portal" between heaven and earth does exist:

"And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it."

• **Genesis 28:12**

Jacob "dreamed" but the dream communicated a fact. Jesus referred to the truth of this incident by using the same words, **"the angels of God ascending and descending."** It is told to us in a wonderful narrative when Jesus met Nathaniel and called him to be an apostle:

"Philip finds Nathanael, and says to him, 'We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' And Nathanael said unto him, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip said unto him, 'Come and see.'

'Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, 'Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!'

Nathanael said to him, 'Whence know you me?' Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Before that Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.'

Nathanael answered and said to him, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.'

Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Because I said unto you, I saw you under the fig tree, you believe? You shall see greater things than these.'

• **John 1:45–50**

Jesus seems to confirm Jacob's dream presented a true event:

"He said unto him, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.'"

• **John 1:51**

Jesus changed the last part. Instead of **"ascending and descending"** on the earth (Genesis 28:12), the angels ascend and descend **"upon the Son of man"** (John 1:51). This is the last verse in the first chapter of the Gospel of John. John 2:1 begins another subject.

There may be other "portals" other than Jacob's ladder. Revelation 9:1–12 tells us about supernatural beings called **"locusts"** that come out of a **"bottomless pit."** Revelation 9:13–19 later tells of four angels released on (or at) the Euphrates River, in Iraq today. They lead 200 million creatures riding another 200 million other creatures. **"By these three ..."** (angels, riders, and their deadly mounts, Revelation 9:18) one third of the world's population is killed.

We should not go looking for such "portals" (and I dislike this unbiblical term). How would we detect invisible beings? Such things are extremely dangerous unless revealed by God. The creatures on the other side of any "portals" intend evil, pain, and death to us.

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