

Adam and Eve inherited Satan's self centered personality and world view. Satan claimed control over all their descendants and all creation. God was totally marginalized. The whole history of the Bible was the history of God's efforts to reclaim His own lineage. Adam's children were divided between Satan (the first born Cain) and God (the second born Abel). God sought to reverse the birthright by having Cain make his offering through Abel. Satan influenced Cain to kill Abel.

The sin of the angels was revealed in Jude 1: 6-7, when it states that Sodom and Gomorrah, like the angels "gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversions". God wanted to save Sodom and Gomorrah and asked Abraham to find just 10 people who could choose goodness and reject Satan. Sadly not even 10 people could be found and Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

This reversal of birthright was only finally accomplished by Jacob and Esau. That was the basis for the establishment of the nation of Israel. Starting with Jacob, God prepared Israel and finally sent Jesus as the long-promised messiah. Jesus came in the position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, to fulfill what Adam had failed to do, and to stand as the ancestor to all mankind, who was 100% in God's lineage and through whom all mankind could be brought back into God's lineage (wild olive trees grafted into the true olive tree). Jesus's dying on the cross WAS NOT God's plan. It was a hugely tragic failure of the nation of Israel to recognize Jesus when he was finally sent. At Gethsemane, Jesus prayed with tears and sweat and blood pleading with God to allow his mission to continue. He wanted to offer up at least three righteous men who were standing with him. Sadly, like Abraham, Jesus could not find even one who was united in heart with him as they all fell asleep at that hour of decision.

After the Israeli people rejected Jesus, he had no choice but to go the way of the cross, and to settle for spiritual salvation of Christians, and postpone until later the full redemption of the human spirit and body, when he could come again.

Following Jesus's resurrection, he gathered his disciples and launched Christianity, as a spiritual successor to the nation of Israel. Tragically, like Sodom and Gomorrah, Israel was destroyed and her people scattered, as not one person had stood with God at that moment of decision.

Christianity developed through Rome, into Europe and finally into England, which had the potential to bring Christianity to the world. But corruption plagued Christianity every step of the way. The Puritans sought to escape religious persecution and find a new home where they could worship God freely. Like Abraham, they were willing to offer even their own children, and fully half of their party died in the first year of their efforts. God was profoundly moved by their sacrifice and dedication. America was the first nation ever established based on man's love for God. God truly blessed this nation and it became the representative nation of Christianity.

No nation has ever been blessed as much as America. God wanted America to be the representative nation that could bring peace and prosperity to the world. But tragically, as so many nations before it, America has sunk into corruption and immorality. Rev. Moon spent 40 years trying to warn this nation, strengthen our families and our churches, and bring about revival.

Now America is facing an historic decision point. Like in Israel 2,000 years ago, God is seeking a nation which can finally, voluntarily, reject satan and return to God. President Trump came as a Christian representative to call America back to God. Just like at the time of Jesus, the government leaders have plotted to destroy him. Behind them are the forces of satan, working through corruption, fear, and coercion to bring the full force of the deep state against God's people. We must stand up and choose goodness, and reject evil. If we can do that now, with prayer, with repentance, and with strong determination, God will raise up America and America will raise up the world.