

The Inscrutable Question: Positional Truth Typified by the Ark, 1 Peter 3:21; The Lord's History Lesson to the *Bene ha Elohim*

- 13- The English word "position" has several definitions. Knowing the one that applies to the term "positional truth" is important in order to understand this concept.

Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. "position":

A relative place, situation, or standing; official rank or status; a situation that confers advantage or preference.

- 14- Under retroactive positional truth, the believer is in a position of advantage and preference with regard to human good and evil. The power of sin has been broken and as a result the new believer has the assets to overcome the demonic doctrines that lead to continued involvement in human-good thinking and evil wheel-tracks.
- 15- Under current positional truth, the believer is in a position of advantage and preference with regard to the angels. Being "in Christ" the new believer enjoys a status superior to the angelic creation over whom he has superior standing, rank, and status.
- 16- All of these concepts related to the baptism of the Holy Spirit are illustrated by the *Ark* and the preservation of those in it. The *Ark* is a type for Church Age believers being in union with Christ. It portrays retroactive positional truth in the sense that Noah's family rejected the human good and evil promoted by the *Bene ha Elohim* during their genetic assault on the human race.
- 17- Noah's family is superior to the *Bene ha Elohim* and *Nephilim* in the sense that they were delivered to freedom by means of the *Ark* and as a result continued their witness for the Prosecution in the appeal trial.
- 18- On the other hand the *Bene ha Elohim* were removed from further participation in the trial by being chained by means of darkness in Tartarus. The *Nephilim* were removed from further intrusion into the trial by being detained at the Sea Gates of the Abyss.
- 19- The *Bene ha Elohim* are classified as "disobedient" in 1 Peter 3:20 while the *Ark* is presented as an antitype for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is clarified by the next verse:

1 Peter 3:21 - which is also an antitype of the baptism [of the Holy Spirit] which now saves us [union with Christ: positional truth giving us advantage over human good and evil and superiority over angels], not removal of dirt from the flesh [water baptism] but a pledge of a good conscience [the norms and standards may now be redeveloped by means of divine viewpoint under retroactive positional truth] toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ [current positional truth],

1 Peter 3:22 - Who is at the right hand of God having ascended into heaven after angels [the fallen angels: rank and file], and authorities [demon officers, e.g., Abaddon and Beelzebub], and powers [Lucifer: the ruler of this world] had been subordinated to Him.
- 20- At the resurrection of Jesus Christ all things were put under His authority. Although Satan remains the ruler of this world he must remain within the confines of the rules of engagement for the Invisible War. Jesus Christ now has maximum authority over the entire angelic population. He is in complete control of history.
- 21- Jesus Christ won the strategic victory of the angelic conflict on the cross. His resurrection was proof to the world that God the Father was propitiated by His work on the cross. From that point forward it has been clear that Lucifer lost his appeal.



- 22- The trial continues to be held so that the divine promises to the Church and to Israel can be fulfilled. For the church there is the formation of the Body of Christ also known as the royal family of God. For the Jews there is the future fulfillment of the unconditional covenants.
- 23- All of these details are fully known by the fallen angels and especially to Lucifer, however, the evil one will continue to wage his campaign with the slim hope he can at best destroy the Jew and at worst forestall his eventual incarceration in the lake of fire.
- 24- However, one group of angels that did not know these details at the time of the resurrection were the *Bene ha Elohim*. Before the flood they were placed into detention in the Tartarus compartment of Hades where they are immobilized by chains of darkness as well as demobilized from further participation in the angelic conflict.
- 25- The purpose of the genetic assault on the human race was to destroy the means by which the true humanity of the Messiah would enter into human history. If the human race could be destroyed then fallen humanity could not be reconciled to God.
- 26- The fallen angels did not require a means of salvation. They had eternal life. Their decision had to do with whether they would choose to follow God or follow Lucifer.