

Another Reason Jesus Came

Most Christians have been taught to believe that Jesus came so we could go to Heaven. This is wrong. Also, it wasn't to forgive us for our sins, or to save us from hell, although those are included in his deal for us.

Our end location is Paradise, here on our planet, in the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Heaven is currently a holding-place until everything is in order for the departed saints to enter into everything that was planned for them. This will be how it was in the garden near Eden where Adam and Eve originally lived.

I have already covered the biblical reasons given as to why Jesus came.¹ Here are the reasons:

1. To bring sinners to repentance – *Luke 5:32*
2. To give his life a ransom for us by paying the price for our sins – *Matthew 20:28*
3. To serve humanity – *Matthew 20:28*
4. To fulfil the Law or the Prophets – *Matthew 5:17*
5. To testify to the truth – *John 18:37*
6. To bring division on the Earth – *Luke 12:51*
7. To cast fire upon the Earth – *Luke 12:49*
8. To give us abundance and enjoyment in life – *John 10:10*
9. To deliver us from judgement and the consequent wrath to come – *1 Thessalonians 1:10*
10. To destroy the devil's work – *1 John 3:8*

Actually, the last one is expressed wrongly, which is why we get the wrong idea of his purpose. It should be understood like this:

1 John 3:8b (AMPC) – *The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to **undo** (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].*

We have actually missed the bigger 'picture' of why Jesus came. To properly comprehend his coming we must understand the root cause for his coming. His first coming was all about a cosmic war, a battle for rulership. Rulership of the Earth was given to Adam and his successors, but this was given by default to Satan during 'The Fall'. The title deed to Earth was actually given to Satan by Adam when he sinned – not because Eve disobeyed God. **Jesus came to re-establish the Kingdom of God on Earth.** He came to get back the title deed to Earth so his Kingdom could be given back to his peak creation – us humans.²

So, **Jesus' first coming reversed The Fall.**

BUT...there is another issue that was involved in the reason for Jesus coming the first time. This is basically unknown to Christians because it's not understood from reading the Bible and 'good' Christian books. It's not taught at bible college or theological college either, nor is it preached from the pulpit.

Michael Heiser covers this reason in his book “Reversing Hermon: Enoch, the Watchers, and the Forgotten Mission of Jesus Christ”³.

The Biblical background to this for Christian understanding is the incident of Jesus' transfiguration in Matthew 17⁴. Jesus had come into the region of Caesarea Philippi in northern Israel on the border with Lebanon. Here Jesus ascends a mountain, Mount Hermon, (also known as Mount Baal Hermon⁵) [See map⁶ over page]. An understanding of this locale sheds light on the reason for Jesus being there.

1 – “Why Did Jesus Come?” (canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Why-Did-Jesus-Come.pdf)

2 – “4-The Big Picture of the Kingdom” in a number of parts (canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=4033#Series)

3 – Michael S. Heiser (2017) “Reversing Hermon”

(www.amazon.com.au/Reversing-Hermon-Watchers-Forgotten-Mission-ebook/dp/B0723B2Z4S)

4 – Matthew 17:1-11

5 – Judges 3:3-4

6 – Wikipedia graphic (Free to use – Wiki commons)



Mt Hermon

“In the Book of Enoch, Mount Hermon is the place where the Watcher class of fallen angels descended to Earth. They swear upon the mountain that they would take wives among the daughters of men and take mutual imprecation for their sin (Enoch 6). The mountain or summit is referred to as Saphon in Ugaritic texts where the palace of Baal is located in a myth about Attar. The Book of Chronicles also mentions Mount Hermon as a place where Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah and Jahdiel were the heads of their families. R.T. France, in his book on the Gospel of Matthew⁷, noted that Mount Hermon was a possible location of the Transfiguration of Jesus.^{8”}⁹

On top of Mount Hermon and on its slopes are many temples dedicated to the gods, built by ancient peoples, with many of those remaining being of Roman origin.

Some of the area's sites have been connected with the high places used for the worship of Baal in the Books of Kings.¹⁰

*(RIGHT: One of the many temple ruins in the Mount Horeb area)*¹¹



In Caesarea Philippi, at the base of the mountain is a cave known as 'The Gates of Hell', a very important place in the ancient world.¹²



“To the pagan mind, the cave at Caesarea Philippi created a gate to the underworld, where fertility gods lived during the winter. They committed detestable acts to worship these false gods.

Caesarea Philippi's location was especially unique because it stood at the base of a cliff where spring water flowed. At one time, the water ran directly from the mouth of a cave set in the bottom of the cliff.

The pagans of Jesus' day commonly believed that their fertility gods lived in the underworld during the winter and returned to earth each spring. They saw water as a symbol of the underworld and thought that their gods traveled to and from that world through caves.

7 – R.T. France, “Matthew: An Introduction and Commentary” (2008) Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: IVP Academic

8 – Also: Daniel Harrington (1991) “Sacra Pagina: The Gospel of Matthew” The Liturgical Press p:253.

9 – Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Hermon#Epigraphy.2C_archaeology_and_references_in_religious_texts)

10 – Josias Porter (1 March 2005) “Through Samaria To Galilee And The Jordan: Scenes Of The Early Life And Labors Of Our Lord” Kessinger Publishing p:142

11 – Photo source: ainherche.tripod.com/photos (ainherche.tripod.com/photos/kasr8.jpg)

12 – Photo: www.bible-history.com/biblestudy/cave-caesarea-paneas-source-jordan.jpg

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To the pagan mind, then, the cave and spring water at Caesarea Philippi created a gate to the underworld. They believed that their city was literally at the gates of the underworld%u2014the gates of hell. In order to entice the return of their god, Pan, each year, the people of Caesarea Philippi engaged in horrible deeds, including prostitution and sexual interaction between humans and goats.

When Jesus brought his disciples to the area, they must have been shocked. Caesarea Philippi was like a red-light district in their world and devout Jews would have avoided any contact with the despicable acts committed there.

It was a city of people eagerly knocking on the doors of hell.”¹³

Jesus was apparently on a spiritual mission when he arrived in Caesarea Philippi. His transfiguration was actually more than a revelation to his disciples of who he really was. He was announcing to the spirit realm of the Kingdom of Darkness that **HE** was here. The Son of God had come to the place of the watchers sin and the veneration of demons to emphatically declare: “It stops now. Your time of control of the Earth is about to cease. Prepare to be vanquished.”

This is much more understanding that we get from standard bible studies.

It should now be apparent why a number of things other than Jesus' transfiguration happened in this Gospel account:

1. Moses and Elijah appear – The uninvited Watchers originally came down to introduce much evil, but now the righteous men of God have legally come down for the purpose of ending this evil.
2. The disciples wanted to build booths¹⁴ on the mount – This was the normal practice of pagans to construct a memorial on the mountain as a habitation for their exalted ones (people elevated to deity).
3. Jesus talked about the gates of hell – They were standing in the vicinity of the cave with that name which was dedicated to Pan, Echo and Hermes.¹⁵

Reversing the sin of the Watchers. Read all about this fascinating reality in “Reversing Hermon”. Or, watch the video interviews.¹⁶

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13 – www.thatttheworldmayknow.com/gates-of-hell-article

14 – i.e. tents, tabernacles, cloth huts

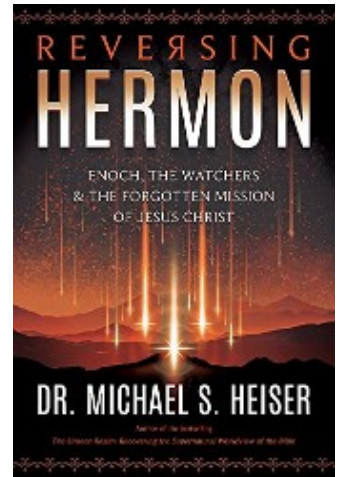
15 – A sign at this site today reads: “THE GROTTO OF THE GOD PAN: This cave is the nucleus beside which the sacred sanctuary was built. In this 'abode of the shepherd god,' pagan cult began as early as the 3rd century BCE. The ritual sacrifices were cast into a natural abyss reaching the underground waters at the back of the cave. If the victims disappeared in the water this was a sign that the god had accepted the offering. If, however, signs of blood appeared in the nearby springs the sacrifice had been rejected.” (www.generationword.com/Israel/caesarea_philippi.htm)

16 – www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2ZXLzB92Rk (part 4)

REVERSING HERMON

Topics in this book include:¹⁷

- Understanding Genesis 6:1-4 and the Sin of the Watchers in Their Original Context: How the ancient Mesopotamian story of the Apkallu aligns with Gen 6:1-4, was preserved in 1 Enoch, and sets the stage for the theme of reversing the evil of the Watchers
- How the theme of reversing the transgression of the Watchers colours the gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus, his genealogy, and his ministry.
- How the writings of Peter and Paul allude to the sin of the Watchers and present Jesus as overturning the disastrous effects of their sins against humanity.
- How the descriptions of the Antichrist, the end-times Day of the Lord, and the final judgement connect to Genesis 6 and the Nephilim.



Though every topic addressed in *Reversing Hermon* can be found in scholarly academic literature, *Reversing Hermon* is the first book to gather this information and make it accessible to Bible students everywhere. The book also includes lengthy appendices on the ancient debate on the inspiration of the book of 1 Enoch, New Testament allusions to the book, and academic resources for studying 1 Enoch and the Book of Giants from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

17 – Part of publishers notes