



The Unseen Realm of **Angels & Fallen Angels**

Part 3 - Encore

Weird Is Important
Biblical Implications of Deuteronomy 32 Worldview

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Agenda

- Rebellions Summary
 - The Fall
 - Sons of God
 - Babel
- Biblical implications
- Weird is important
- Example – Jude 9:
 - Why did Archangel Michael fight with Satan over body of Moses?

Three Spiritual Rebellions

Rebellion	Fallout
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Fall (Genesis 3)• Sons of God (Genesis 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Death, estrangement, sin• Lethal threat to God's redemptive plan, demons, increased knowledge, depravity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Babel (Genesis 11; Deut. 32; Psalm 82)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abandonment, idolatry, misery

1st Rebellion: The Fall

- Genesis 3
- Questioning of God
- Disobedience – rebellion – believing Satan’s lies - sin
- Estrangement from God – shame, curse
- Cast from Eden – no longer home with God – into brokenness & chaos
- Death – mortality
- Serpent cast down – Baal: Lord of the Dead
- Death’s realm: desert, wilderness, barren, threatening, home of demons

2nd Rebellion: Sons of God (1)

- Genesis 6:1-4
- Divine Council – Sons of God
- Rebel – Corrupt human bloodline
- Fallen sons (“angels”) have intercourse with human women
- No pure humanity, no Messiah
- Lethal threat to God’s redemptive promise
- Nephilim offspring – demons – Rephaim after flood
- Increased knowledge & depravity – men better equipped to kill & destroy →

2nd Rebellion: Sons of God (2)

- Rebellion in Cain's family: Lamech 2 wives
- Killed man – boasted of seventy-sevenfold vengeance curse of Cain - pride
- Sons with special knowledge: Jubal – music; Tubal-Cain – metal working
- Book of Enoch: “Watchers” taught men hidden wisdom
- Taught mankind self-destruction, idolatry, amplified depravity
- Sexual sin of angels & man – Jude & 2 Peter
- References not in Genesis – where? – Enoch – confirmed in Dead Sea Scrolls
- Sources in Mesopotamian literature correspond *precisely* to Enoch info
- Flood destroys but knowledge remains

3rd Rebellion – Tower of Babel (1)

- We know the whole story – right? → Wrong!
- Men disobeyed God – gathered instead of scattered
- Attempt to bring God to man's level
- God confuses language & sends men packing
- What's never taught → Deuteronomy 32:8-9 (ESV)
- God places men where He will – temporarily divorces
- God places His [faithful at the time] sons over the nations
- Sons of God are to point faithless men toward God
- God calls out Israel as His inheritance to be blessing to nations

3rd Rebellion – Tower of Babel (2)

- Psalm 82 → God's sons rebel & rule unjustly
- Corrupt spiritual rulers over nations lead men to idolatry
- God judges His sons & declares their punishment
- Israel follows other gods into idolatry
- Deuteronomy 32 worldview explains other **WEIRD!** Biblical passages
- Cosmic-geography: territory / nations
- Israel = place God dwells; outside is wilderness, chaos
- [1 Samuel 5:1-5](#) – Dagon: note God's territory on threshold
- [2 Kings 5:17-19](#) – Naaman: note the holy ground

Reversal of Rebellions (1)

The Fall

- Atonement: OT – Azazel scapegoat (carried sins outside camp)
- NT – Jesus (believers with indwelling Spirit = holy ground)

Sons of God

- Messiah's precursors eliminate giants – remove depravity
- OT archetypes of Jesus: Moses – Joshua – David
- Israel not to bother Ammon & Moab – Rephaim already removed (Deut. 2-3)
- Tribes of Rephaim – descendants of Ham / Canaan
- Canaanites – Hittites – Gergashites – Amorites – Perizzites – Hivites – Jebusites
- *Cherem* – “devoted to destruction”

Reversal of Rebellions (2)

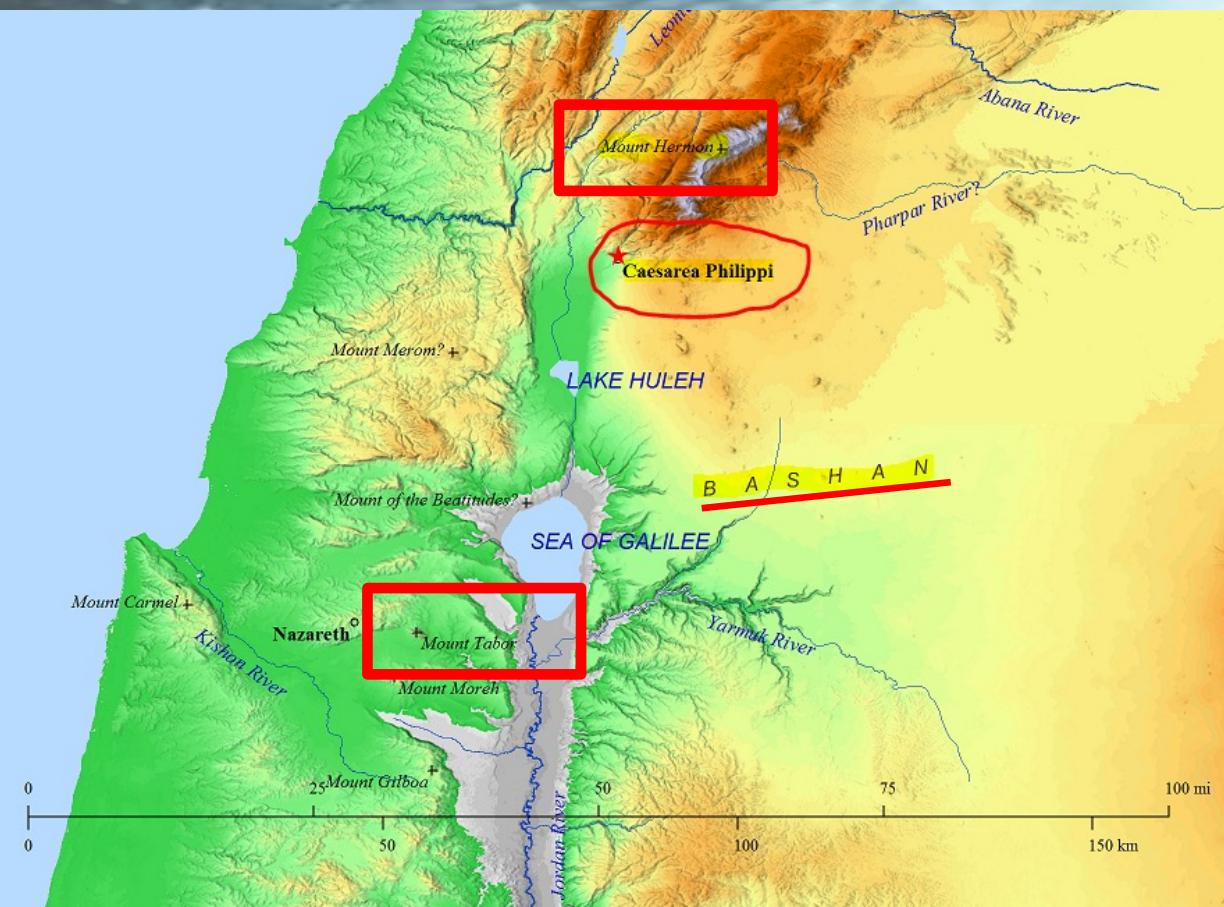
Tower of Babel

- Coming of Jesus puts gods on notice
- Jesus – imaging the Father – fixes death problem through resurrection
- God reclaims all nations for Himself
- Church = God's chosen method – bring believers back to God's family
- Great Commission until fullness of Gentiles
 - Our command: **OCCUPY! & Make Disciples**
- Fruit of the Spirit alleviates misery
- Brings love – joy – peace – patience – kindness – goodness – faithfulness – gentleness – self-control
- Jesus brings hope for eternal destiny rather than despair

Deuteronomy 32 Worldview throughout Bible

- Bashan (Deuteronomy 2-3)
- Jesus sends out disciples (Luke 10)
- Pentecost & Paul (Acts 2)
- “Blasphemy” of Jesus (Matthew 26)
- Ezra’s Conundrum (Ezra 9-10)
- Paul on Mars Hill (Acts 17)

Deuteronomy 2-3



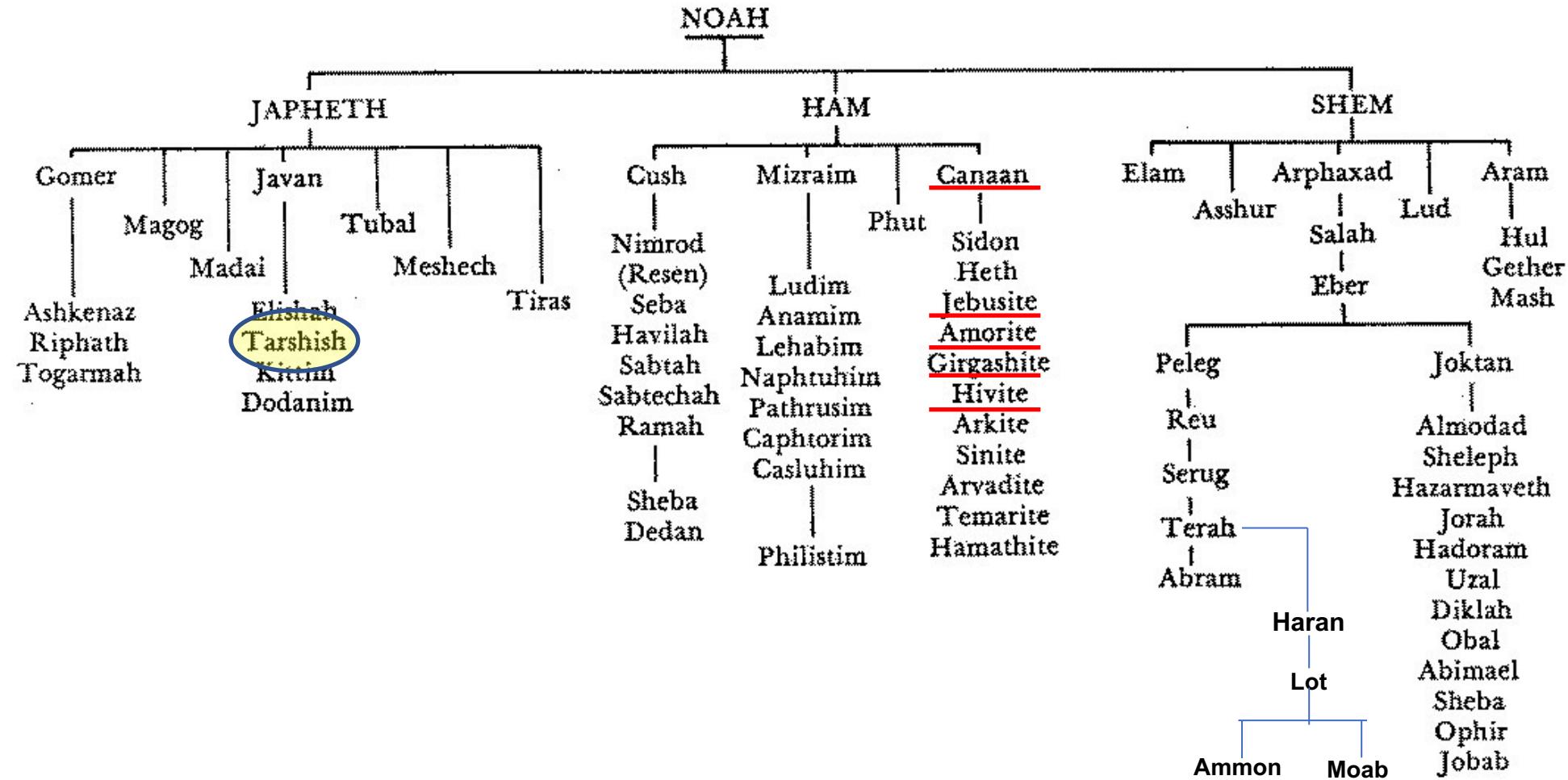
- Bashan – Gateway to underworld
- Mt. Hermon – high place of gods
- Battles with Sihon & Og
- Preparation for crossing Jordan
- Devote to destruction all Rephaim
- Reclaim land for Yahweh
- Cleanse Israel for God's territory
- Jesus travels north – Caesarea Philippi
- Gates of Hell won't prevail
- Mount of Transfiguration: Hermon – not Tabor (not even close)

Luke 10

- Jesus sends out 70/72 disciples (differs by translation)
- Go where Jesus will be going (v 1)
- Sheep among wolves
- Heal the sick – cast out demons
- Proclaim the Kingdom of God
- **Symbolic gesture**: reclaim nations divided at **Babel**
- Table of Nations (Genesis 10): 70/72

Table of Nations

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



Acts 2

- Pentecost
- Men of different tongues all hear & understand
- Beginning of reversal of Babel
- Nations listed east to west
- 3,000 saved – return to their nations = original cell groups
- Gospel taken by Jews into Gentile world = beachhead to reclaim
- Paul's missionary journeys – include all territories from Table of Nations
- Paul's final desire: Spain (Romans 15:24-28)
- Spain in Table of Nations? → Tarshish

“Blasphemy” of Jesus

- Jesus before Caiaphas the high priest = Matthew 26:62-66
- Baal Cycle – Ugaritic (Ancient Near East) texts that credit Baal as powerful deity who rides the clouds
- Old Testament writers frequently disparaged Baal – referred to Yahweh as coming on the clouds
- Daniel 7: Yahweh – Ancient of Days – bestows kingship & everlasting dominion on Son of Man
- Jesus = “Son of Man” & Matthew 26 He claims to be cloud rider
- Jesus tells Caiaphas that He is God
- Blasphemy of highest order – deserves death

Ezra's Conundrum

- Ezra returns to Jerusalem from Babylon to rebuild temple
- Leaders bring bad news
- Intermingling with descendants of Ham = Rephaim blood/DNA
- Ezra knows of Genesis 6 depravity & corruption
- He knows Israelite history & how they turn from God
- Ezra must take drastic action to faithfully honor God's decrees
- Why necessary?
- Ezra 10:44 - *All these had married foreign women, and some of the women had even borne children.*
- Had to divorce & send away to maintain Israelite bloodline integrity

Paul on Mars Hill

- Paul was product of Ancient Near East – knew his neighborhood
- Had supernatural perspective – Deuteronomy 32 worldview
- Visits Athens – Mars Hill: Areopagus (Acts 17)
- Greeks worshiped many gods plus unknown God
- Heiser interview with Hercules
- International Pagan Network: “All pagan all the time”
- Paul uses knowledge of gods to witness with their context
- “Boundaries”: Deut. 32 – “Seek God”: Time to come home
- “Poets”: Their own people know of One true God
- Paul’s efforts brought salvation to Gentiles

Summary

- Examples small sampling of Deuteronomy 32 **WEIRD!** impact on Scripture
- Others:
 - Replacement Theology's low view of God, His Word, & Israel – exalts other gods
 - Jesus statement in John 10:34 that “you are gods”
 - Psalm 68 pokes Baal in eye through exaltation of God (cloud rider)
 - Edenic mandate that carries forward into New Heavens & New Earth
- Weird - Jude 9: Fight over Moses' body
 - *But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”*
- Typical western, Christian worldview misses the mark
- Contextualized, supernatural perspective necessary to better understand God's BIG plans & purposes
- Through Jesus God abolishes sin, destroys the work of spiritual opposition, AND reclaims the nations
- Jesus IS the ANSWER

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Azazel - Scapegoat

Leviticus 16:6-10

“Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel [scapegoat]. And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

[Sin banished to realm of spirits (demonic domain – unholy ground) away from God’s presence in camp (holy ground)]

Fallen Angels – Sexual Sin

Jude 6-7

And the **angels** who did not stay within their own position of authority, but **left their proper dwelling**, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— just as **Sodom and Gomorrah** and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

2 Peter 2:4-8

For if God did not spare the **angels who sinned**, but held **them** captive in **Tartarus** with **chains of darkness** and handed **them** over to be kept for judgment, and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, and seven others when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly, and condemned the cities of **Sodom and Gomorrah** to destruction, reducing them to ashes, having appointed **them** as an example for those who are going to be ungodly, and rescued righteous Lot, worn down by the way of life of lawless persons in licentiousness (for that righteous man, as he lived among them day after day, was tormenting his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he was seeing and hearing),

Deuteronomy 32 Impact (1)

1 Samuel 5:1-5

When the Philistines captured the ark of God, they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it into the house of Dagon and set it up beside Dagon. And when the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and put him back in his place. But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. This is why the priests of Dagon and all who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

Deuteronomy 32 Impact (2)

2 Kings 5:15,17-19

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, “Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.”...Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter.” He said to him, “Go in peace.”

Moab & Ammon

Deuteronomy 2:9-12,19-22

And the LORD said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession... (The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim... the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them... And when you approach the territory of the people of Ammon, do not harass them or contend with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.’ (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim. Rephaim formerly lived there—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim— a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place...)

Sihon & Og

Deuteronomy 2:26,34;3:1-3

²⁶ “So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon...³⁴ And we captured all his cities at that time and **devoted to destruction** every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors...¹ “Then we turned **and went up the way to Bashan**. And **Og** the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.² But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’³ So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we struck him down until he had no survivor left...⁶ **And we devoted them to destruction..** ¹¹ (For only O**g** the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? **Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth**, according to the common cubit.)

[9 cubits = 13 feet – 4 cubits = 6 feet]

Cloud Rider

Matthew 26:62-66

And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on **you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.**” **Then the high priest tore his robes** and said, “He has **uttered blasphemy.** What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “**He deserves death.**”

Ezra's Bad News

Ezra 9:1-3

*“The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their **abominations**, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the **holy race** [“holy seed” (LEB)] has **mixed itself** [“Intermingled” (NIV)] with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost.” As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled.*

God's Decree to Israelites & Their Disobedience

Ezra 9:11-12

“which you commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, ‘The land that you are entering, to take possession of it, is a **land impure with the impurity of the peoples of the lands**, with their **abominations** that have filled it from end to end with their **uncleanness**. Therefore, **do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters for your sons**, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.’”

Ezra 10:10-11

“You have broken faith and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel. Now then make confession to the LORD, the God of your fathers and do his will. Separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives.”

Paul's Statement

Acts 17:26-28

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”