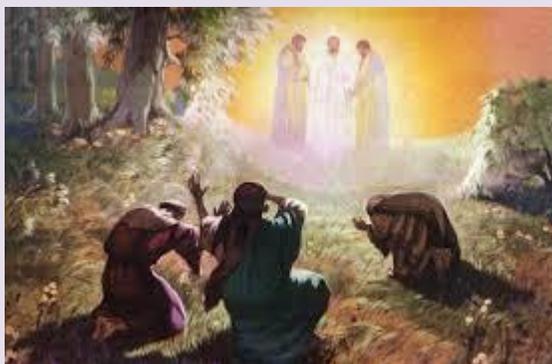


MARK CHAPTER 9 – THE TRANSFIGURATION (PART 1)

SUMMARY

Of all the miracles and events surrounding the life of Jesus – the Transfiguration is the most other-worldly. When Jesus healed, people saw a human transform from sickness to health in a short time. When Jesus healed it was possible to comprehend – like a normal healing – just speeded up. None of us living today have ever experienced seeing someone ‘**transfigure**’. It is outside our earthly frame of reference.



The number **9** means ‘Judgment’ or ‘Spirit’. In Mark chapter 9 presents us with a lesson concerning spiritual realities beyond our comprehension. This is a clue the message concerns other-worldly affairs. Similar to the rest of our papers on Mark , Chapter 9 is highly prophetic. According to our interpretation:

Mark 6 – **Birth of the Church** – Large Number of Jews Believe – Hungry for Truth

Mark 8 – **Decline of the Church** – Large Numbers of Christian Believers – Starving for Truth

Mark 9 – **Death of the Church** – The Great Apostasy and Martyrdoms - Just Before the Rapture

The **transfiguration** itself was brighter and whiter than man can comprehend. However, all the rest of the events in Mark 9 are dark and filled with fear. There is a demon possessed boy writhing and foaming at the mouth. The disciples are too afraid to ask Jesus questions. Jesus tells his disciples the Messiah must die.

The chapter ends with the darkest sermon of all. Jesus teaches his disciples what they must do to keep themselves from going to hell. It is a sermon filled with a language of bodily mutilation and a description of everlasting fiery torture. Jesus repeats these warnings three times. He puts a triple exclamation point here as if to say: don’t miss this – your eternal soul is at stake if you ignore this.

Mark Chapter 9 concerns spiritual battle with the Devil. A war in the other worldly realm is ongoing from of old. Before he dies – Jesus lays down his commands for all Christians for all time in this battle. If we do not heed Christ’s commands here - we will most definitely be used as instruments of Satan to do harm against the holy flock of God. For this error we will pay a severe penalty. On the contrary, if we obey Christ on these points – our reward will be great. The Voice spoke out of the Cloud: “**This is my Son – listen to him!**”

Part 1 of our paper on the **Transfiguration** is devoted to the historical and Biblical references to the mountain Jesus was **transfigured** upon. We cannot understand the **transfiguration** unless we understand the significance of its location. This paper proposes Mount Hermon to be the mount of transfiguration. Research into the history of this place reveals Mount Hermon is the historic world center of the worship of angels – Baal worship. After Israel occupied the Promised Land they succumbed to following this perverse practice.

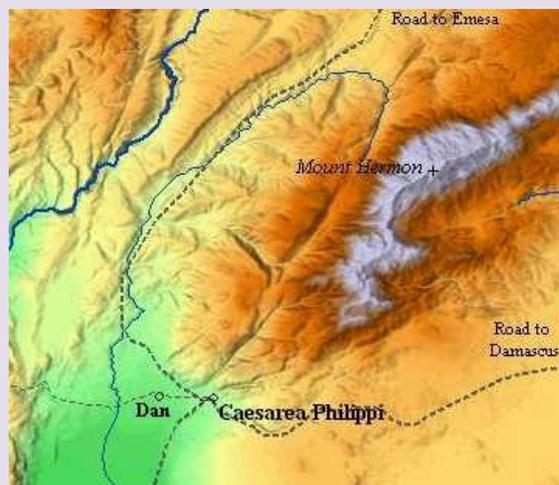
In Part 2 of our paper on the **Transfiguration** we will explain the teachings of Jesus in Mark 9 concerning the version of worship of angels that will be-devil Christians. Jesus chose to be transfigured on Mount Hermon to warn Christians that in the Last Days the worship of angels will be our Achilles heel. We will see in Part 2 that Christians who would never dream of worshipping angels in heaven are vulnerable to a version of this false religion that elevates Christian priests above all the rest of the believers. Christians will be fooled into pledging loyalty under oath to ‘angelic messengers’ – who appear before them in the form of ‘ordained ministers’, ‘priests’, and ‘holy fathers’. God judged Israel for Baal worship – this will be our downfall too.

MOUNT HERMON

The textual evidence points to the mount of transfiguration being **Mount Hermon**¹. Matthew records the events preceding the **Transfiguration** as having taken place in a town close to **Mount Hermon**:

“When Jesus came to **the region of Caesarea Philippi**², he asked his disciples ‘Who do people say that I am?’ (Matt.16:13) “From this time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must... be killed and the third day be raised to life.” (Matt.16:21) “**After six days** Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and **led them up a high mountain by themselves.**” (Matt. 17:1)

The map below shows the location of **Mount Hermon** relative to Caesarea Philippi:



¹ The traditional location of the transfiguration is Mount Tabor. We reject Mount Tabor for two reasons: (1) it is only 1,886’ high – making it a mere hill not a mountain, and; (2) it is located to the South-West of the Sea of Galilee – far away from Caesarea Philippi.

² The town of Caesarea Philippi, elevation 357m, is located at the south-western base of Mount Hermon, elevation 2814m.

The summit of Mount Hermon contains an ancient temple site. In 1869 Sir Charles Warren described the temple as a rectangular building, sitting on an oval stone plateau without a roof. He removed a limestone stele and took it back to the British Museum. An inscription on the stele was translated by George Nickelsburg to read "***According to the command of the greatest a(nd) Holy God, those who take an oath (proceed) from here.***" Nickelsburg connected the inscription with the oath taken by the angels under Semjaza who bound themselves by a curse to violate God's command and take human wives (1 Enoch 6:6).³

Indeed, evidence points to Mount Hermon being the exact spot on Earth where the angels who forsook their proper estate met and devised a plan to take human wives. The offspring of these forbidden unions were the giants the Bible describes in the 6th chapter of Genesis.⁴ The plan of the fallen angels was to replace the genetic seed of the righteous with the genetic seed of Satan (Gen. 3:15). Thus Mount Hermon typifies a demonic strategy to replace true believers with counterfeit worshippers – a false religion.

The first and purest form of false religion was **Satanism:** worship of the fallen angel fathers by their half-blood Giant (Nephilim) descendants before the flood. The second form of false religion was the worship of the Giants (Nephilim) by humans who lived before the flood. This was continued *after the flood* in the form of **Baal worship.** The third version of false religion to appear was **Paganism** – which appeared after the flood according to the invention of Nimrod - in which men were tricked into worshipping the forefathers of men – starting with Adam and Eve – who were manufactured into gods just as Satan promised – the pantheon of pagan gods including the patriarchs and other pre-flood famous persons – also turned into gods.⁵



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View of the Mount Hermon mountain range from the Golan Heights

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temples_of_Mount_Hermon

⁴ We document Biblical evidence for the angelic rebellion in our paper '[The Origins of Evil](#)' on Page 13 FEAR NO EVIL on our site.

⁵ For an in-depth look into the origin of paganism – see '[The Mystery of the Fig Tree](#)' on Page 13 FEAR NO EVIL on our website.

⁶ <http://ptl2010.com/2012/10/31/the-golan-heights-bastions-burials-battles-and-borders/>

BAAL WORSHIP

Baal worship and all the Canaanite variations of it were remnants of the worship of Giants (Nephilim) that preceded Paganism and originated prior to the flood. One of the evidences of this is the fact that altars to Baal were oriented to face the highest peak of Mount Hermon.⁷ Canaanites prayed in the direction of the most sacred spot at the top of Mount Hermon where the fallen angels took their oaths of wickedness.

The Bible confirms that Mount Hermon was the center of Baal worship, so much so it was named as such:

“...five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount **Baalhermon** unto the entering in of Hamath.” (Judges 3:3)

Besides the ancient connection of that spot to satanic invasion, there was another reason why Canaanites prayed towards the top of Mount Hermon: they believed fallen angels would appear there in human form.

The Hebrew letters of the name of the place confirm its reputation for demonic manifestation. The Amorites called Mount Hermon ‘**Shenir**’:⁸

“*Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it **Shenir** (שניר);*” (Deut. 3:9)

The word ‘Baal’ means ‘lord’ or ‘ruler’. We find it in the Hebrew Letters of the name ‘**Shenir**’.

Shenir is spelled **Shin-Nun-Yod-Resh**: (Hebrew reads right to left)



Using the meaning of Hebrew Letters⁹, **Shenir** means:

‘Light of God’ (**Sheen**) ‘Spiritual Leader’ (**Nun**) ‘Hand of Authority’ (**Yod**) ‘Ruler’ (**Resh**)

Using the numerical meaning¹⁰ of Hebrew Letters, **Shenir** means:

‘God Revealed’ (**300**) ‘Purification’ (**50**) ‘Testimony’ (**10**) ‘Mouth of Lion’ (**200**)

Total gematria of **Shenir** means ‘Senseless Sons of Darkness’ (**560**)

⁷ Archeological Supplement, NIV Bible. See ‘4387 Mount Hermon’ in the Thompson Chain Reference;

⁸ The name ‘Shenir’ is similar to ‘Shinar’ which was the place of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:2), similar spiritual meanings too.

⁹ See Page 22 HEBREW on our site for in-depth explanation of how the spiritual meaning of Hebrew letters is proved

¹⁰ See Page 8 GEMATRIA on our site for an explanation of the numerical meaning of Greek and Hebrew letters.

The Hebrew letters of **Shenir** confirm the story the history and archeology is telling, which is that Mount Hermon was revered by Canaanites because their 'Rulers' – the Baals – 'Spiritual Leaders' – 'Revealed God' there; i.e. it was the place where the fallen angels manifested before human eyes.

The total gematria of **Shenir** expresses God's opinion of Canaanite worship: 'Senseless Sons of Darkness'.

Jesus transfigured before Peter, James, and John on Mount Hermon. Does that make Jesus a manifestation of an angel of darkness? No – it proves that the power of Jesus is greater than the power of darkness – that He can transfigure – that He can manifest the 'Light of God' even in a demonic stronghold. Part 2 will set forth the teachings of Jesus in Mark 9. We will see how Jesus directly warns Christians that the worship of angels will bring corruption to his holy flock in the Last Days – and how we can maintain the pure worship of God in the midst of the darkness of that time. Jesus takes us to Mount Hermon to lead us away from it.

HERMON IS MOUNT SION

According to Moses, Mount Hermon is also called Mount **Sion**:

*“From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto **Mount Sion**, which is **Hermon**, And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea...”* (Deut.4:48)

The Hebrew '**Sion**' is: **שִׁיאַן** pronounced '**Shi-an**'. The Hebrew '**Zion**' is: **צִיּוֹן** pronounced '**Tzi-wn**'. In English **Sion** and **Zion** sound similar – but they are far apart in Hebrew. In Hebrew **Sion** means: 'lofty' but **Zion** means 'stronghold'. As the highest mountain in Canaan – the description 'lofty' fits Mount Hermon. **Zion** can refer to the small hill the stronghold of David was built on in Jerusalem (2 Sam 5:7) – or to the Heavenly Jerusalem that is above (Isaiah 60:14).

Understanding the hidden meaning of **Sion** versus **Zion** in the Hebrew Letters will provide clues which we will see later confirmed in the teachings of Jesus in Mark 9.

The Hebrew **Zion** is spelled: **Tsade-Yod-Vav-Nun**



Using the meaning of Hebrew Letters, **Zion** means:

'Saints Suffer' (**Tsadi**) 'Hand of Authority' (**Yod**) 'Man' (**Vav**) 'Spiritual Leader' (**Nun**)

Using the numerical meaning of Hebrew Letters, **Zion** means:

'Righteous Sifted' (**90**) 'Testimony' (**10**) 'Flesh' (**6**) 'Purify' (**50**)

Total gematria of **Zion** means 'Man's Leadership' (**156**)

The gematria of **Tsadi (90)** plus **Nun (50)** means 'Evil Schemes' (**140**). The gematria of **Yod (10)** plus **Vav (6)** means 'Sacrifice' (**16**). The Suffering Servant – Jesus – will offer his life a living 'Sacrifice' (on the Cross) due to the 'Evil Schemes' of authorities in **Zion** (Jerusalem)!

The hidden message in the Hebrew Letters of **Zion** is that the Spiritual Leader who has true authority is the Man who suffered to obey the demands of righteousness. The Man who leads God's holy flock is Jesus Christ – who suffered and died on the Cross of Calvary and now sits at God's right hand – on the Throne of David.

This is extremely important in the context of Mark 9. Jesus takes pains to warn his disciples that the Son of Man must die a cruel death at the hands of sinners: *(see how Jesus' words match the Hebrew Letters in **Zion**)*

“For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of Man [Nun] is delivered into the hands [Yod] of men [Vav], and they shall kill him [Tsadi]; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.” (Mark 9:31)

Even the Hebrew character **Tsadi** looks like a **Nail** driven into the body of a **Man Bent Over in Suffering!**

Jesus is instructing the disciples how to recognize the rightful ruler of the Holy Flock of God – and to help them not to fall prey to Satanic deception in the Last Days. This route to righteousness and authority is completely opposite to the path which is represented by Mount **Sion**. Mount Sion represents obtaining power without personal sacrifice. Mount **Sion** is about acquiring power through alliance with demonic spirits. Mount **Sion** is the counterfeit Kingdom of God. One that is tempting to man but abomination to God.

The Hebrew **Sion** is spelled: **Sheen- Yod- Aleph- Nun**



Using the meaning of Hebrew Letters, **Sion** means:

'Light of God' (**Sheen**) 'Hand of Authority' (**Yod**) 'Ox/Bull' (**Aleph**) 'Spiritual Leader' (**Nun**)

Using the numerical meaning of Hebrew Letters, **Sion** means:

'God Revealed' (**300**) 'Testimony' (**10**) 'Unity' (**1**) 'Purify' (**50**)

Total gematria of **Sion** means 'Great Harlot' (**361**)

Gematria of first and last letters = **300 + 50** which means 'Prophet in Distress' (**350**)

Gematria of second and third letters = **10 + 1** which means 'Darkness' (**11**)

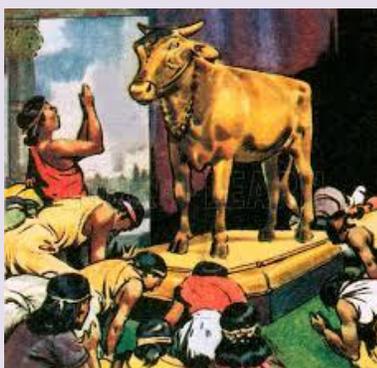
Sion is the **Anti-Zion**. Whereas in **Zion** the suffering servant for righteousness sake is the spiritual leader; in **Sion** the Ox or Bull of Authority is the spiritual leader. Interestingly Baal worship portrayed their idol in the shape of a Giant Man with a Bull's head seated on a Throne elevated above the people.



Therefore, the spirit of Baal worship, or the Doctrine of **Sion**, is the authority of a Bull, which signifies kingly authority on earth, over God's people. Christians are told to submit to the authority of earthly kings and their appointed officials. But worldly authority of men must not intrude on the fellowship of believers. Jesus said **'But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.'** (Matt.23:8-9). The Church that disobeys this command is a harlot. She becomes a distress to the prophets because she forbids them to speak.

THE TRIBE OF DAN – THE APOSTATE CHURCH

At the base of Mount Hermon about four miles from Caesarea Philippi is a town called Dan. It was at this location that the Northern Kingdom of Israel placed a golden calf - an idol of jealousy to the LORD:



The tribe of Dan was the first tribe of Israel to commit apostasy. When the twelve tribes entered the Promised Land all tribes occupied a territory except Dan. The territory assigned to **Dan** was strongly defended by the Philistines who refused to be dislodged (Joshua 19:40-48). Apparently the other tribes of Israel would not help **Dan** defeat the Philistines. So **Dan** migrated to the far North of the Promised Land and attacked a

peaceful and unsuspecting city and put it to the sword. That place was called **Leshem**, which means 'precious stone'. The gematria of **Leshem** is **370** which means 'Worship of Angels'. The place was also known as **Laish**, which means 'Lion'. The gematria of **Laish** is **340** which means: 'Testimony' (**10**) of 'Man's Religion' (**34**).

Golden Calf worship is the ancient sin of Israel. While Moses tarried up the Mount Sinai (prophetically, when Jesus seemed long in returning) Aaron fashioned a Golden Calf:

“And Aaron said unto them: ‘Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me’. And all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, ‘These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt’.” (Exodus 32:2-4)

The Israelites surrendered their golden earrings to make the Golden Calf. Here is a connection to the demon possessed boy in Mark 9. Not only could the boy not speak – he could not hear as well – for when Jesus rebuked the spirit He said: **“You deaf and dumb spirit – I command you, come out of him!”** (Mark 9:25). Spiritual deafness is the consequence of idol worship. Spiritual silencing is the consequence of Baal Worship.



When Christians appoint a man to rule over them (a Baal), a priest or a paid minister, they give that man their full attention – they hand that man their ears, so to speak. The paid minister or the priest then preaches. But here is the evil: the people cannot hear the words the preacher speaks – because they have no ears to hear!

When Christians appoint a man to rule over them, they commit spiritual apostasy and turn from the LORD.

We will see how the teaching of Jesus in Mark chapter 9 addresses the demonic nature of the Last Days Apostasy and what Christians must do to flee Man's Religion in Part 2 of our paper.

We have attached to this paper an Addendum which uses the science of Sacred Geography to understand the spiritual atmosphere of Mount Hermon based strictly on its geographic coordinates.

We do this to confirm our thesis in this paper and to demonstrate the many wonderful ways God speaks to us.

SACRED GEOMETRY – MOUNT HERMON

God speaks through all creation – the works of his hands (Psalm 92:4-6). The geography of Earth is part of God's creation. Therefore, God speaks through Geography¹¹.

Using the Great Pyramid at Giza as the boundary marker for Sacred Geometry we examine the right angle triangle formed with Giza at the bottom left corner and Mount Hermon at the top right corner:



Notice that the longest line, from Giza to Mt. Hermon passes through Mt. Carmel at the coast. Here is a lesson in sacred geometry. The power of the cult worship of angels centered at Mt. Hermon was broken when the prophets of Baal were defeated at Mt. Carmel by Elijah. Jesus took it one step further and went directly to Mt. Hermon and humiliated the cult worship of angels by transfiguring himself and demonstrating the glory, the purity, the holiness, the magnificence of Jehovah – incarnated in the flesh of Jesus Christ.

¹¹ For further insight on this method of discerning the wisdom of the LORD – please visit Page 9 GEOGRAPHY on our website.

Here are the geographic metrics of the Mt. Hermon triangle relative to the Great Pyramid of Giza:

	Latitude North	Longitude East	
Mount Hermon	33.4161	35.8575	
Giza Great Pyramid	29.9792	31.1344	
		degrees	km
Triangle Distance North-South		3.4369	383
With Giza Distance East-West		4.7231	526
Corner to Corner:		5.8390	650

spiritual meaning

TRUE PROPHETS IN PRISON
 TWICE (2) A REFUGEE IN A FOREIGN LAND (263)
 TESTIMONY (10) of APOSTASY (65)

Look at the numbers for the location itself: Latitude **33** North, Longitude **36** East. The spiritual meaning is: **Truth (3)** is **Hidden (11)** by **Exalting Man (36)**. The most elementary truth of the whole gospel is 'Jesus is Lord'. When a fellowship elevates a Man to rule the Church – they push Jesus Christ off the Throne.

When a priest does all the speaking in the Church, the Holy Spirit is bound from stirring up any other man from speaking: **True Prophets in Prison (383)**. A Christian who flees the world because they he is a stranger in it, finds himself a stranger in Church also! **Twice (2) A Refugee in a Foreign Land (263)**.

As with all geometries – the longest line is the most telling story of the meaning. The corner to corner distance denounces the worship of angels in the strongest possible terms. You can't serve God and Mammon. You can't bow the knee to Ba'al (the local religious Lord) and be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. For a Christian to join a religion that installs a single priest or minister to be 'in charge' of a local congregation is: **Testimony (10)** of **Apostasy (65)**. They could be good speakers. They might live clean lives. But the hirelings have usurped the authority of Jesus Christ. They have departed from the faith once delivered to the saints.

	Surface of the Earth	Area of Giza Triangle	# Triangles to Cover Earth	
Total Area	41,251	8.12	5,078	degrees^2
Total Area	511,185,501	100,662	5,078	km^2

It would take **5,078** of these triangles to cover the Earth. **5,078 = 2 x 2,539 [371st prime]**. The spiritual meaning is: **Division (2)** of **Place of Suffering (371)**. The 'place of suffering' is the Cross. When the Church installs a Man to rule over it – the power of the Cross is nullified. Paul was shocked at how Corinth was divided into factions of saints, each group idolizing one of the apostles of the faith: Paul, or Peter, or Apollos. Paul's immediate response was: '**Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you?**' (1 Cor. 1:13) Obviously, the Church can only have One Lord. The moment saints follow men – they nullify the Cross – the crucifixion of Christ. As is to be expected Paul commanded Christians not to share communion with brothers who through apostasy deny the Cross: '**You cannot drink the Cup of the LORD and the cup of demons too.**' (1 Cor.10:21).