A man was thinking and he wondered,

why are there so many water miracles ...

detailed in the pages of the Bible? And ...

what is the real message behind those miracles?

Water Miracles In The Bible: Satan Conquered

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To The Warrior Poets

Introduction

There are numerous references to sea monsters, raging waters, and water-related miracles in the Bible. Why? It seems so ancient, almost primitive. Is there some central truth behind these, almost mythological, scriptural references? In fact there is and this book will provide an explanation for why there are so many water related miracles in the Bible. They are in the Bible for a reason and this book will provide a camera angle as to what is really happening and why. The bottom line is that Satan is ultimately going to be conquered, evil will be extinguished, and the good guys will win in the end. In the pages that follow I share with you my reasons for so believing. Some of the reasons are Biblical, some are historical, and some are based on logical reasoning and life experiences.

As a housekeeping point, the scriptural references, herein, are from the King James Version, KJV, unless denoted otherwise. Any emphasis, in the scriptural or other quotations, is mine throughout this book.

As an additional important note, I have chosen to write the pages that follow mainly in a conversational style. Having said that, let's get started. I offer for your serious consideration and hopeful edification what I have learned below.

Sea Monsters And Raging Waters

Why are so many miracles in the Bible associated with water? There must be a reason for it. This is the basic question I want to ask and answer, throughout this book.

It is not just the Bible that has stories where water plays an important role, or forms an actual theme. Throughout the world various cultures have stories about sea monsters and threatening waters that cover the earth and gods who fight them. There must be something to it. In Middle Eastern mythology there were various names for the sea monsters, like Tiamat, Yamm, Lotan, etc. The Bible itself refers to Leviathan and Rahab as sea monsters and the Hebrew word "yam" is usually translated as sea.

One story, from Babylon, is that Marduk, the god of order, vanquished Tiamat, the chaotic sea-monster. As a side bar, I personally believe [not know, believe] that when the two Jehovahs

(Genesis 1:26) informed the being who became Satan that they were making men in their image and likeness that the being now known as Satan thought this was complete chaos – especially being that mankind was given free moral agency. Satan thought he was the number three in the universe and this would never change. That it was changing and that there were these new beings to be created was chaos (in Satan's mind). Satan became the "heroic god of order" who would battle against this chaos (God's plan and the creation of mankind). Satan's rebellion against God (Isaiah 14:12-14) could very well have been an attempt to prevent "the chaos" of the creation of mankind. Once Satan could not prevent the creation of mankind, he now had to attempt to control the chaos, or to create order out of the chaos. Hence the numerous myths whereby the god of order (Satan) battled and won out against the chaos of the raging sea, or the chaos of the sea monsters that lived therein. Satan the deceitful old serpent, or dragon, is the real sea monster that deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9). Part of his deception of the whole world was the ancient myths about some heroic god (really Satan) fighting and winning against a sea monster (chaotic mankind and God's plan for man). Satan reversed reality.

The Wikipedia entry for "Marduk" contains several paragraphs quoted below:

"When Babylon became the capital of Mesopotamia, the patron deity of Babylon was elevated to the level of supreme god. In order to explain how Marduk seized power, Enûma Elish was written, which tells the story of Marduk's birth, heroic deeds and becoming the ruler of the gods. This can be viewed as a form of Mesopotamian apologetics. Also included in this document are the fifty names of Marduk.

In Enûma Elish, a civil war between the gods was growing to a climactic battle. The Anunnaki gods gathered together to find one god who could defeat the gods rising against them. Marduk, a very young god, answered the call and was promised the position of head god.

To prepare for battle, he makes a bow, fletches arrows, grabs a mace, throws lightning before him, fills his body with flame, makes a net to encircle Tiamat within it, gathers the four winds so that no part of her could escape, creates seven nasty new winds such as the whirlwind and tornado, and raises up his mightiest weapon, the rain-flood. Then he sets out for battle, mounting his storm-chariot drawn by four horses with poison in their mouths. In his lips he holds a spell and in one hand he grasps an herb to counter poison.

First, he challenges the leader of the Anunnaki gods [at least at one time, one of the leaders], the dragon of the primordial sea Tiamat, to single combat and defeats her by trapping her with his net, blowing her up with his winds, and piercing her belly with an arrow.

Then, he proceeds to defeat Kingu, who Tiamat put in charge of the [rebel] army and wore the Tablets of Destiny on his breast, and 'wrested from him the Tablets of Destiny, wrongfully his' and assumed his new position. Under his reign humans were created to bear the burdens of life so the gods could be at leisure."

It sounds very much to me like a perverted distorted rendition of Satan leading the fallen angels in a rebellion against the two Jehovahs where the story ends with Satan being the head god and the humans bearing the burdens of life so that the victorious Marduk (Satan) and his followers (the fallen angel "gods") could be at leisure. From Satan's point of view order would have been restored out of the chaos that would have resulted from the plan of the two Jehovahs succeeding. There is no doubt in my mind that the announcement of and/or the creation of mankind rocked Satan's world in a big way. To Satan, this creation of humans was chaos, and he had to stop it, so in his twisted mind, Satan becomes the god Marduk, the god of order, who has to vanquish Tiamat, an ocean god representing chaos. Tiamat's raging and dangerous waters were thought to encompass the entire earth.

Similarly, the Canaanite god, Baal, has to battle the sea-monster Yamm (or Yam as it is sometimes spelled). Yamm starts the fight, but Baal finishes it. At the end of the myth Baal announces that the sea is dead and Baal rules. Ugaritic variations of this story represent Yamm as Lotan, a seven-headed twisting serpent or dragon of the sea. Wikipedia mentions that Lotan is either a pet of Yamm, or an aspect of Yamm. It is interesting that the Hebrew word, "yam" is usually translated as sea. It is also interesting that Leviathan refers to a Biblical sea monster, sort of a Hebrew analogue to Lotan. The Bible further refers to Rahab as a sea monster, or dragon: "Awake! awake! Put on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake! as in the days of old, in the generations of old. Was it not You who cut Rahab into pieces, piercing the sea-monster?" Isaiah 51:9, Modern King James Version (MKJV)

Wikipedia has the following entry regarding "Yam" (Yamm):

"Yam, from the Canaanite word Yam, (Hebrew '') meaning 'Sea', also written 'Yaw,' is one name of the Ugaritic god of Rivers and Sea. Also titled Judge Nahar ('Judge River'), he is also one of the 'ilhm (Elohim) or sons of El, the name given to the Levantine pantheon. Others dispute the existence of the alternative names, claiming it is a mistranslation of a damaged tablet. Despite linguistic overlap, theologically this god is not a part of the later subregional monotheistic theology, but rather is part of a broader and archaic Levantine polytheism.

Yam is the deity of the primordial chaos and represents the power of the sea untamed and raging; he is seen as ruling storms and the disasters they wreak. The gods cast out Yam from the heavenly mountain Sappan (modern Jebel Aqra; 'Sappan' is cognate to Tsephon). The seven-headed dragon Lotan is associated closely with him and the serpent is frequently used to describe him. He is the Canaanite equivalent of the Sumerian Tiamat, the primordial mother goddess.

Of all the gods, despite being the champion of El, Yam holds special hostility against Baal Hadad, son of Dagon. Yam is a deity of the sea and his palace is in the abyss associated with the depths, or Biblical tehwom, of the oceans. ..."

The Bible, being the true word of the true God, would just ignore Babylonian, Sumerian, Canaanite, Ugaritic, and other myths, correct? Actually, not correct. Below are just a few of the places where the Bible seems to make reference to these myths.

"In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword <u>shall punish leviathan</u> <u>the piercing serpent</u>, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and <u>he shall slay the dragon</u> <u>that is in the sea</u>." Isaiah 27:1, KJV

In Isaiah 27:1, God is actually boasting that he is the real God and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea. The real God is going to slay the real dragon – just not yet. "O LORD God Almighty! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, LORD? <u>Faithfulness is</u> your very character. You are the one who rules the oceans. When their waves rise in fearful storms, you subdue them. <u>You are the one who</u> <u>crushed the great sea monster</u>. You scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours - you created it all." Psalms 89:8-11, NLT

I believe that Satan is a wannabe who wants to pretend and have humans believe that he is God. As mentioned above, and as corroborated by scripture, the truth is found by reversing the story of the Canaanite myth. Satan is a twisted evil serpent who the Bible identifies in various places. And the real story, not a myth, is that the real God has thwarted Satan at various times in the past. Further the real God will ultimately vanquish Satan, the actual sea monster, who unfortunately is real and who is afflicting the people of this world with stormy waters.

"For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. <u>Thou didst divide the</u> <u>sea by thy strength</u>: <u>thou brakest the heads of</u> the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the **heads** of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers. The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter." Psalms 74:12-17, KJV

In Job 7:12, Job asked a very interesting question.

"Am I a sea [yam], or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?" Job 7:12, KJV

"Am I a sea monster that you place a guard on me?" Job 7:12, NLT

Job is basically saying, "Why am I being punished here? Am I the raging sea, or a sea monster that you have to set a guard over me? Haven't I faithfully worshiped and served you? Why are you doing this to me?" By asking this question Job is basically acknowledging that there is an evil being that God does need to set a watch over. And Job is asking, "Am I like him? Why are you (God) treating me like this?" Later in Job, God refers to controlling this raging sea and limiting its advances, as well as crushing a great sea monster.

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Do you know how its dimensions were determined and who did the surveying? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? <u>Who defined the boundaries of the sea</u> as it burst from the womb, and as I clothed it with clouds and thick darkness? <u>For I</u> <u>locked it behind barred gates</u>, limiting its shores. I said, 'Thus far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!'" Job 38:4-11, NLT

"By his power the sea grew calm. <u>By his skill</u> <u>he crushed the great sea monster</u>. His Spirit made the heavens beautiful, and <u>his power</u> <u>pierced the gliding serpent</u>. **These are some of the minor things he does**, merely a whisper of his power. Who can understand the thunder of his power?" Job 26:12-14, NLT

"Awake! awake! Put on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake! as in the days of old, in the generations of old. Was it not You who cut Rahab into pieces, piercing the sea-monster?" Isaiah 51:9, MKJV

It is interesting how many times God uses the sea and references serpent, or Rahab, or Leviathan, or the sea monster.

In Job 41 God is basically boasting that Leviathan is such a terrible fire-breathing monster that any man would be scared to death even at the sight of him. But God can put him on a hook and hold him up.

"<u>Canst thou draw out leviathan with an</u> <u>hook</u>? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?" Job 41:1, 2, KJV

"Behold, the hope of him is in vain: <u>shall not</u> <u>one be cast down even at the sight of him</u>? None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?" Job 41:9, 10, KJV

"Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and <u>a flame goeth out of</u> <u>his mouth</u>." Job 41:19-21, KJV "When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are <u>afraid</u>: by reason of breakings they purify themselves." Job 41:25, KJV

"He beholdeth all high things: <u>he is a king</u> over all the children of pride." Job 41:34, KJV

Your author believes the essence of the above metaphor is that if there were to be a universal, fishing-tournament competition men would be afraid to even look at Leviathan, much less to try and catch him. But God just puts Leviathan on a hook and wins the prize for catching the biggest fish. God is basically saying, "You guys are afraid of Leviathan and you should be, but I've got him on a hook right here. You guys weigh your fish and I will weigh mine." It is no contest as to who would win a universal fishing-tournament competition.

God is using serpent/dragon/Leviathan symbolism to demonstrate how powerful he is to conquer this Leviathan and haul him out of the water on a hook. If God wished, the next step would be to have Leviathan as a trophy mounted on his wall. God also discusses his mastery of the sea in Psalm 77 and 93:

"The waters saw thee, O God<u>, the waters</u> <u>saw thee; they were afraid</u>: the depths also were troubled." Psalms 77:16, KJV

"The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. <u>The LORD on high is mightier</u> <u>than the noise of many waters, yea, than the</u> <u>mighty waves of the sea</u>." Psalms 93:3, 4, KJV

Over and over again, throughout the Bible, God continually mentions that he is greater than the storming waters. And that he is greater than Leviathan, or Rahab or whatever names he chooses to give to Satan.

"Was it in anger, LORD, that you struck the rivers and parted the sea? Were you displeased with them? No, you were sending your chariots of salvation! You were commanding your weapons of power! You split open the earth with flowing rivers! The mountains watched and trembled. Onward swept the raging waters. The mighty deep cried out, lifting its hands to the LORD. ... You trampled the sea with your horses, and the mighty waters piled high." Habakkuk 3:8-10, 15, NLT

"And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt. It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name." Amos 9:3-6, KJV

God is basically saying that he has such command of the waters of the sea he could scoop up those waters, like in a cup, and then just pour the cup of sea water out. He is further saying that he can punish those serving Satan by forcing Satan himself to bite his own followers. One of the reasons there are so many water related miracles in the Bible is so that God can demonstrate he is the real God, that he has absolute command over the sea, and ultimately absolute power over Satan and his team. I kind of liken it to when a father is play wrestling with his son and he pins his son to the ground. And then he says, "Don't hit yourself son. Don't hit yourself." And then the father makes the son gently hit himself. The difference between God and Satan is even larger than that of a father and a little boy, but I think it makes the point. Any time God wants, he can make Satan, the sea monster, hit himself.

Legacy Civilizations And Serpent/Dragon Worship

Before we get into the water miracles of the Bible, which to your author are very positive in demonstrating the absolute power that God has over Satan, I want to insert a rather tough-toread section. And this tough-to-read section is a mini-history of the battle of Satan against God. I include it for the purpose of detailing how widespread and how ancient the evil is that has come from the twisted mind of the twisting serpent.

The worship of serpents and dragons, and the civilizations built on such worship, is the subject of many large books and is certainly beyond the scope of this short book. That said, to not include at least a mini-history here would understate the problems that Satan and his team of fallen angels have caused for the two Jehovahs and for men made in their image. And so I include it here before we get into the power and encouragement of the water miracles of the Bible. As a further note, when I make mention of the problems that Satan and his team have caused for the two Jehovahs, I am not implying that Satan and his team could win. I am merely noting that they have been persistent in an eons-old rebellion.

Throughout the various regions of the world, dragons have played an important role in mythology and in religions themselves. The initial section in Wikipedia's entry on "Dragon" has the following:

"A dragon is a legendary creature, typically with serpentine or reptilian traits, that feature in the myths of many cultures. There are two distinct cultural traditions of dragons: the European dragon, derived from European folk traditions and ultimately related to Greek and <u>Middle Eastern mythologies</u>, and the Chinese dragon, with counterparts in Japan, Korea and other East Asian countries.

The two traditions may have evolved separately, but have influenced each to a certain extent, particularly with the cross-cultural contact of recent centuries. The English word 'dragon' derives from Greek δράκων (drákōn), 'dragon, **serpent of huge size**, **water-snake**,' which probably comes from the verb δρακεῖν (drakeîn) 'to see clearly.' In the New Testament, the Devil takes the form of a red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, in his battle against Archangel Michael."

The "Overview" section of Wikipedia's "Dragon" entry has the following:

"Dragons are usually shown in modern times with a body like a huge lizard, or a snake with two pairs of lizard-type legs, and able to emit fire from their mouths. The European dragon has bat-type wings growing from its back. A dragon-like creature with no front legs is known as a wyvern. Following discovery of how pterosaurs walked on the ground, some dragons have been portrayed without front legs and using the wings as front legs pterosaur-fashion when on the ground.

Although dragons occur in many legends around the world, different cultures have varying stories about monsters that have been grouped together under the dragon label. Some dragons are said to breathe fire or to be poisonous, such as in the Old English poem Beowulf. They are commonly portrayed as serpentine or reptilian, hatching from eggs and possessing typically scaly or feathered bodies. They are sometimes portrayed as having especially large eyes or watching treasure very diligently, a feature that is the origin of the word dragon (Greek drakeîn meaning 'to see clearly'). Some myths portray them with a row of dorsal spines. European dragons are more often winged, while Chinese dragons resemble large snakes. Dragons can have a variable number of legs: none, two, four, or more when it comes to early European literature.

Dragons are often held to have major spiritual significance in various religions and cultures around the world. In many Asian cultures dragons were, and in some cultures still are, revered as representative of the primal forces of nature, religion and the universe. **They are associated with wisdom** —often said to be wiser than humans—and longevity. <u>They are commonly said to possess</u> <u>some form of magic or other supernatural</u> <u>power, and are often associated with wells, rain,</u> <u>and rivers</u>. In some cultures, they are also said to be capable of human speech. <u>In some</u> <u>traditions dragons are said to have taught</u> <u>humans to talk.</u>"

Satan is the adversary of the two Jehovahs. He is also the adversary of mankind.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8, KJV

Satan, as adversary, evidently has an agenda and goals of his own. One of his goals was to ascend to the throne of heaven and take over the universe (Isaiah 14:13). In this, he failed, but in failing he evidently got one-third of the angels to follow him (Revelation 12:4).

Another of his goals was to corrupt mankind, which he successfully did in the Garden of Eden. The account is recorded in Genesis 3. And in the Genesis 3 account, God records that Satan was a serpent. As previously mentioned, Revelation 12:9 identifies this serpent as Satan the devil.

"And the great dragon was cast out, <u>that old</u> <u>serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which</u> <u>deceiveth the whole world</u>: he was cast out into the earth, <u>and his angels were cast out with</u> <u>him</u>." Revelation 12:9, KJV

Your author believes that when Satan and his fallen angel team were evicted from heaven they were, for the most part, confined to the earth. As they spread around the world they, virtually everywhere, deceived mankind. And since Satan is identified in scripture as a dragon, or a serpent, and since Satan has deceived the whole world, this is why the various cultures and religions of the world worship serpents and dragons. Across the world there is almost no end to the monuments showing serpents and dragons.

Another goal of Satan, in addition to deceiving and corrupting mankind, is to steal mankind's worship from God. He has largely succeeded in doing this – at least so far. "In whom **the god of this world** [clearly a reference to Satan] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

Part of Satan's deception, recorded in Genesis 3, is to convince mankind that through knowledge and wisdom they can become gods. And this is why so many of the religions of the world emphasize acquiring secret wisdom, combined with human effort, with those efforts being directed toward the goal of becoming god. Remember the Wikipedia entry above mentioning that dragons are often identified with wisdom and having taught mankind. It is true, not mythological.

In addition to leading away about one-third of the angels into rebellion, attempting to seize God's throne, corrupting and deceiving mankind, and stealing mankind's worship from God, Satan also likely engaged in something even more outrageously diabolical. This next portion of this section of the book is speculation, so the reader is free to take it or leave it. However, it is speculation based on a large quantity of circumstantial, and apparently Biblical, evidence. Satan evidently attempted to corrupt the bloodline of mankind so there could not be a Savior. This is recorded in Genesis 6, where some of the fallen angels evidently interbred with human women and this interbreeding produced "Nephilim," hybrid beings, which were giants who were evil.

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God [here the sons of God are angels Job 38:7] saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God [fallen angels] came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:1-5, KJV "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 1:6, KJV

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;" 2 Peter 2:4, 5, KJV

Satan's attempt to corrupt the bloodline created a Satan's seed (Nephilim and their offspring) versus God's seed (mankind and ultimately Jesus Christ). Genesis 3:15 probably refers to this conflict, in addition to the more important prophecy of a coming Savior (Jesus Christ). The fact that Noah was not only righteous, but also perfect in his generations (bloodlines, Genesis 6:9), was the likely reason he was chosen to build the ark that would allow mankind to continue after the flood. Notice that Peter linked the fallen angels who sinned with the evil that preceded the flood and recorded Noah was saved from it all. The historical *Book* *Of Enoch*, while not scriptural, has interesting information and reveals that the fallen angels did mate with human women producing evil giants and the fallen angles also taught mankind all kinds of evil, including warfare, witchcraft, etc.

"And I will put enmity between thee [the serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15, KJV

If Satan could prevent the Savior from being born, because there was no longer a pure bloodline, then mankind would be in big trouble because all men have sinned (Romans 3:23) and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Once again Satan failed as God saved mankind through Noah, who did have a pure bloodline, i.e., no Nephilim blood in him. And the true Savior was ultimately born, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Jesus Christ's bloodline was pure (Mathew 1 and Luke 3 and John 1) going all the way back to Adam, the first man. He was and is our Kinsman Redeemer.

Lest you think the idea of Nephilim as too strange to believe, consider Numbers 13:33 and several other scriptures which also provide some information on the subject:

"And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." Numbers 13:33, KJV

"The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims. The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them." Deuteronomy 2:10-12, KJV

"That also was accounted a land of giants: <u>giants dwelt therein in old time</u>; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; <u>but</u> <u>the LORD destroyed them before them</u>; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:" Deuteronomy 2:20-22, KJV

"And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all <u>Bashan, which was called the land of giants</u>." Deuteronomy 3:13, KJV

What God recorded in Numbers 13 and Deuteronomy 2-3 is that these various "im" people were giants. The word for Numbers 13 giants, in plural form, was Nephilim and the word for the Deuteronomy 2-3 giants, in plural form, was Rephaim. God helped the children of Esau drive out the giant Horim peoples from the Seir land they ended up populating just as God helped Israel drive out the evil devil-worshipping giants from the Promised Land. One of the principle reasons that God told the Israelites to destroy everyone in the land of Canaan was because the land was populated with many of the seed of Satan, the Nephilim/Rephaim, hereinafter Nephilim, unless designated otherwise.

The number 33 seems to be very important to Satan and his evil team. When reading through the Israelites conquering the Promised Land, I found something guite interesting. In addition to conquering the kingdoms of Sihon and Oq (Deuteronomy 3), the two main kings east of the Jordan, Joshua and the Israelites also conquered 31 other kings west of the Jordan, totaling 33 kings conquered. When God revealed that Moses, Joshua, and Israel conquered 33 bad-guy kings in total, this was not an accident. God was pointing out that he has power over Satan and can use it anytime he chooses to. Most of the Promised Land was led by and/or infested with evil devil-worshipping giants. There was, in fact, a reason for God ordering the complete extermination and destruction of the peoples of the land. And the fact that 33 of Satan's kings were conquered is an example of God tweaking Satan and demonstrating his power over him.

These "im" peoples were Nephilim and they were evil devil-worshippers who were against God and the children of Israel. The Nephilim, no doubt under Satan's direction, were the literal seed of fallen angels and they wanted to dominate mankind. If they could corrupt the bloodline of men they did so. If not, they wanted to corrupt mankind spiritually and steal God's rightful worship, giving it to their ultimate master, Satan, the god of forces (Daniel 11:38). They also wanted to enslave mankind and to have mankind work for them and to have mankind give Satan the earth (Mathew 4:8-9). And if mankind will not serve Satan willingly, then Satan wants to kill those who will not – which is why the mark of the beast system predicts that any who do not worship the endtime beast will be killed (Revelation 13:15).

Notice that some of the kings of the lands, mentioned in the Bible, were giants, e.g., Og, King of Bashan (Deuteronomy 3:11). These giant kings dominated mankind and taught them Satan's ways, including the worship of serpents and dragons. Satan's hatred of the two Jehovahs, and mankind made in their image, goes deep and it goes back into antiquity. It might even predate the creation of Adam, which resulted in God having to destroy the earth before. This is why the earth was without form and void as recorded in Genesis 1:2. Notice an interesting scripture in Jeremiah 4, which seems to indicate that God had previously destroyed a pre-Adamic civilization of men who had fallen under the influence of Satan.

"I looked on the earth, and behold, it was formless and void; And to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, <u>and behold, there</u> <u>was no man</u>, And all the birds of the heavens had fled. I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a wilderness, <u>And all its cities were pulled</u> <u>down Before the LORD, before His fierce anger</u>." Jeremiah 4:23-26, NASB

The legends of Atlantis (Poseidon), Lemuria (Mu), an Egyptian Osirian civilization, an Indian Rama civilization, etc., are possible candidates for the above. The Indian Rama civilization refers to Nagas-serpent gods who take long sky trips. Who really knows if God destroyed these ancient civilizations a long time ago? It could very well be. The main point is that Satan has been fighting against the two Jehovahs for a long time. And part of this fighting likely involves periodic destruction from God upon these evil serpent-worshipping, dragonworshipping civilizations. The Aztecs, Hopis, Mayans, and others believe in the destruction of many worlds before our own. Perhaps this is one of the main, but less obvious, reasons for the below very famous scripture:

"That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So, **there is nothing new under the** **sun**. Is there anything of which one might say, "See this, it is new"? <u>Already it has existed for</u> <u>ages Which were before us</u>." Ecclesiastes 1:9, 10, NASB

Further, some of Satan's civilizations might have been interplanetary, which is why Ezekiel 28:14 mentions Satan as "walking up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." The "stones of fire" is almost certainly a reference to planets. Some people believe that Satan's planetary headquarters was a planet named Rahab. God judged Satan and destroyed Rahab, which destruction resulted in the surface of Mars and the Moon being pockmarked and also resulted in the formation of an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter (Job 26:11-14, the word "proud" in verse 12 is Rahab, Isaiah 51:9-10, and Psalm 89:9-14).

"<u>Thou rulest the raging of the sea</u>: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. **Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces**, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them." Psalms 89:9-11, KJV "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. <u>Art thou not it that hath cut</u> <u>Rahab, and wounded the dragon?</u> Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of **the great deep**; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?" Isaiah 51:9, 10, KJV

The great deep seems to be a Biblical codephrase to indicate a divine judgment resulting in catastrophic destruction. Further, in Joshua 10:11 we read of God using stones to judge as well, which could very well be an earthly divine judgment mirroring the Rahab divine judgment alluded to above and the future divine judgment involving giant stones mentioned in Revelation 8:8-11. Some great deep scriptures are as follows:

"Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; **thy judgments are a great deep**: O LORD, ..." Psalms 36:6, KJV

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And <u>the earth was without form,</u> <u>and void</u>; and darkness was upon the face of **the deep**. ..." Genesis 1:1, 2, KJV The fact that the earth was created perfect, with the angels singing for joy (Job 38:4-7), but then was without form and void and that darkness was upon the face of the deep indicate a divine judgment of God had taken place. The destruction of the flood at the time of Noah was also referred to as the great deep.

"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of **the great deep** broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis 7:11, KJV

Getting back to the evil Nephilim, there are numerous secular historical references to them, including Josephus' *Antiquities Of The Jews*, *The Book of Enoch*, and also *Ecclesiasticus* – which in Chapter 16 seems to indicate that giants lived in Sodom and were destroyed for their pride. *The Book of Jubilees*, in Chapter 20, mentions that giants were judged and killed with Sodom and also mentions in Chapter 20 that the seed of Canaan will be rooted out of the land. The seed of Canaan is a likely reference to the seed of Satan, the Nephilim.

Evidently, the Nephilim sometimes had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.

They were giants and were also known as "Titans," the heroes of past myths and various legends.

Numerous cultures, around the world, have angels mating with females, including Sumerian, Hindu, Japanese, Korean, Nordic, Celtic, Egyptian, and Chinese, amongst others. In addition to giants, many times this unnatural mating produced their ancient kings.

Further, around the world there are numerous legacy civilizations with huge monuments covered with serpent and dragon imagery. By legacy civilizations I mean civilizations that seemingly sprouted up quickly much faster than one would think possible. Many of these legacy civilizations have monuments that have extremely heavy and very precise stones that make them impossible to construct today, even with modern machinery. How did seemingly primitive men build such elaborate megalithic structures and why do those structures indicate serpent and dragon worship? Many times local traditions teach that men from space, who were giants, built these structures and cities. (Remember that Satan and the fallen angels probably had an interplanetary system they were administering and

so perhaps they pose as men from space as part of their attempt to deceive mankind.) Usually they used very accurate astronomy in so doing. And then these megalith builders taught the local population how to make implements of war, how to worship the serpent god, the importance of wisdom in attempting to become god, astrology, astronomy, etc. In addition to the similarity of having huge megalithic stone structures, most of these cultures have satanic symbolism in the form of pyramids, obelisks, sun wheels, the eye of Horus, groves of trees, serpent/dragon imagery, etc. How could cultures around the world spring up at about the same time with very similar symbolism? The answer is they were legacy civilizations, which were given some technology and a religion to believe in. The kings and priests of these ancient civilizations used technology and magic and witchcraft to control their people. The Nephilim, being descended from fallen angels and enemies of the two Jehovahs, naturally teach serpent/dragon worship and seek to exercise lordship over the peoples. Their end, however, and the fact that they have ruled over man, in some cases, is alluded to in an interesting passage of scripture, found in Isaiah:

"O LORD our God, <u>other lords beside thee</u> <u>have had dominion over us</u>: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased [<u>the</u> word "deceased" is rapha, plural form Rephaim], <u>they shall not rise</u>: <u>therefore hast thou visited</u> <u>and destroyed them</u>, and made all their memory to perish." Isaiah 26:13, 14, KJV

God basically says that Rephaim have ruled over mankind, but they are going to die and be dead forever ("they shall not rise," above). It also mentions God fighting against them and destroying them. There is no Savior for Rephaim, or Nephilim.

Since the middle of the twentieth century, and even before, numerous UFO sightings, reported alien abductions, messages via channeling from space beings, etc., have occurred all over the world. The various conflicting and sometimes confusing messages from these supposed aliens are that all paths lead to godhood, except for following Jesus Christ, or that Jesus Christ was one of many Avatars and the particular one that mankind needed at the time. Or, ancient aliens seeded the planet earth and have been patiently helping us to evolve and now they have come back to help us evolve further. Etc. Don't be surprised if, after a real or staged world incident, aliens land on earth and proclaim they are our creators who have come back to save us from ourselves. And what we urgently need is an immediate world government with people control in order to stave off planetary destruction. The aliens are, of course, fallen angels and perhaps their offspring (the Nephilim) serving Satan, their master, in one more grand effort to deceive mankind into worshipping Satan.

Satan, their leader, wants to be known as an equal to the two Jehovahs. He wants to be known as a creator and a being that can give life. Those who trust in him will find out he cannot give eternal life. And he is no equal to the two Jehovahs, as the water miracles in the next sections of the book will clearly show.

Water Miracles - General Comments

For most of the remaining portion of this book we are going to go through, or reference, twelve water-related miracles in the Bible. Seven of these water-related miracles are found in the Old Testament and five of them are found in the New Testament. There are more than twelve that could be used, but twelve is enough to make the major point of this book. And the major point concerns the fact that God, once he chooses to act, has absolute power over the raging sea, over any other waters, and over any serpents or monsters therein, including Satan, the serpent/dragon and his slithering team. Whatever Leviathan (Satan) can come up with, God can deal with and emerge victorious.

To a modern person it would seem surprising that God uses a lot of ancient Near East raging water and serpent/dragon mythology in the Bible. Your author believes this is because for thousands of years, throughout the world, many people believed in these sea monsters and they believed in the storminess of the oceans. It seems that people are afraid of the serpent/dragon and the raging waters and God wants to make a point that he can and will deal with the serpent/dragon – at the appropriate time. Satan the serpent and his team are as good as dead.

Miracle One - Creation

Water miracle number one is found in Genesis 1 and it is the creation story.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And <u>the Spirit of God moved upon the</u> <u>face of the waters</u>. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Genesis 1:1-3, KJV

"And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so." Genesis 1:9, KJV

"When he prepared the heavens, I [wisdom] was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:" Proverbs 8:27-29, KJV

If the creation event were a sporting event and there were human commentators at the time, like sports commentators, the talking heads would be yapping about the current score of the game. And if it were, let's say half-time at the big game, it would initially look like Satan was winning - at least at this point in the game. It would look like Satan was winning because there is darkness over the face of the earth and the whole earth is covered with water. I quess one could make the point that the reason there was darkness and water covering the entire earth was because God had previously judged and destroyed a pre-Adamic civilization. Even so, darkness and water are both associated with Satan, ergo it looks like Satan is winning in the big game. At the very minimum what God ultimately wants is not yet on the scoreboard. But then God speaks and instead of darkness now there is light and then God speaks and he pushes back the water and dry land appears. God had a purpose and he had the power to make that purpose come to pass. Darkness became light and dry land appeared from the water. God only had to speak and it was done. It did not matter how dark it was before God spoke to create light. It also did not matter how deep or stormy the oceans were before God spoke and forced the dry land to appear. No matter how things look at the moment, that is to say no matter what the current score is, Satan is not going to win the big game.

Miracle Two – Noah's Ark

Water miracle number two is the story of Noah's ark and the great flood found in Genesis 6-9. I am not going to quote it here because the story is so familiar. I am just going to reference it and make a few comments regarding it. If you think about what happened, Satan got the entire world, except for eight people, Noah's family, to follow him.

The people of the earth were living in a hedonistic rebellion against God. There was likely a corruption of the human bloodline, via Nephilim, as well. At any rate, the flood destroyed Satan's non-spirit followers who were on the earth at the time. Noah the righteous and his family were saved. Peter also alludes that Satan had some of his fallen angels thrown into angel jail at the same time. Perhaps these fallen angels were the ones who initiated mating with human women and this merited their being imprisoned at the same time God destroyed their offspring. At any rate it is interesting that the fallen angels being thrown into angel jail and Noah being saved are in the same paragraph.

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;" 2 Peter 2:4-5, KJV

All of the above is very much like God forcing Satan to hit himself in that God used raging floodwaters to kill Satan's own followers. God, in essence, told the human race, "If you want to serve the god of the sea then I will use the sea to give you what you deserve." It was poetic justice to use the raging waters of the flooded seas to kill Satan's followers. Noah the righteous was saved and, once again, the dry land reappeared.

Miracle Three – Moses As A Baby

Water miracle number three is found in Exodus 2. Here you have a completely defenseless baby, Moses, floating on the Nile River. It was almost like God was mocking and taunting Satan. God put Moses, a baby, into a basket floating on the river to see if Satan, the big bad river monster can preemptively kill the one who would lead God's people, Israel, out of Egypt. And now, let us remember who won this important historic contest. The contest seemed totally rigged for Satan. Let's see if the big bad river monster can kill a helpless little baby. We'll just put this baby in a basket. We'll put him on top of the water. And we will see if the baby survives. God's team was himself and a helpless baby. Satan had the river, Pharaoh, the Egyptian army, any monsters in the river, etc. Satan had the superpower nation on earth at the time. God had a helpless baby. We will just float this little baby on the water and then see who wins.

What a humiliation for Satan. He cannot even kill a helpless baby if God does not allow it.

In case you think I am taking the big bad sea monster thing too far, let's note an interesting scripture in Ezekiel 29.

"Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt: Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, <u>I am against thee,</u> <u>Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that</u> <u>lieth in the midst of his rivers</u>, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself [The Pharaohs said they were descended from gods. Perhaps some of them were Nephilim.] But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales. And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel." Ezekiel 29:2-6, KJV

""Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him, 'You compared yourself to a young lion of the nations, <u>Yet you are like the monster in the</u> <u>seas</u>; And you burst forth in your rivers And muddied the waters with your feet And fouled their rivers." Thus says the Lord GOD, "<u>Now I</u> will spread My net over you With a company of many peoples, And they shall lift you up in My <u>net</u>. "I will leave you on the land; I will cast you on the open field. And I will cause all the birds of the heavens to dwell on you, And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with you." Ezekiel 32:2-4, NAS95 God links Pharaoh with Satan and water in the above two passages. Whether Pharaoh was Nephilim or not, I do not know. What I do know is that Satan could not kill a helpless baby floating on the water of a river. And I am sure that Satan would have killed Moses if he were able to. But Satan could not. Moses lived. Satan was humiliated. The rest is history.

Miracle Four-The Nile Becomes Blood

Water miracle number four is also associated with Egypt. As part of the ten plagues upon Egypt, God turned the Nile River and the other waters of Egypt into blood. The reason was to demonstrate the power of the real God over the false gods.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt." Exodus 7:19-21, KJV

Egypt was the superpower nation on earth at the time. This would be the modern day equivalent of God turning the Mississippi River, the Great Lakes, and all of the other waters of America to blood. When combined with the other nine plagues and water miracle number five, the Exodus, it rocked the ancient world.

Miracle Five – The Exodus

The fifth water miracle is the story of the Exodus. To your author, this is the ultimate story about using God using the dragon's ocean against itself. In the big contest the lineups were: God and the escaping Israelite slaves versus Satan, the Pharaoh, the Egyptian army, the Red Sea, and any of Satan's monsters in the sea, as well as any of the other resources forming all the power of Egypt. Who won?

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the **Egyptians in the midst of the sea**. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that

<u>came into the sea after them; there remained</u> <u>not so much as one of them</u>. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and <u>the waters were a wall unto them on</u> <u>their right hand, and on their left</u>. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and <u>Israel saw the Egyptians</u> <u>dead upon the sea shore</u>. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses." Exodus 14:21-31, KJV

"And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, <u>which</u> <u>thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the</u> <u>nations and their gods</u>?" 2 Samuel 7:23, KJV

"And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest **into the deeps**, as a stone into the mighty waters." Nehemiah 9:11, KJV

"Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. <u>The</u> waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; <u>they were afraid</u> ... " Psalms 77:14-16, KJV

It is almost like God pushed Satan down onto the ground. I picture it like this: Satan is flat on his back and God has just pushed one of Satan's arms flat on the one side and God also pushed Satan's other arm flat on the other side. And Satan is lying flat on his back, pinned to the ground. And now all the Israelites are going to walk over Satan's face, over Satan's chest, and all the Israelite animals are also coming through tinkling on Satan. There are perhaps two million or so people coming through and God has just got Satan pinned down and here come the cattle and the sheep and the goats and they are peeing on Satan as they walk on by. It is really funny if you think about it. Once again, God basically said, "Don't hit yourself, Satan. Don't hit yourself. Don't destroy your own army. Oh, too bad. You just destroyed your own army."

The Exodus story completely demonstrates God's absolute power over the sea and the raging dragon/serpent monster therein.

Miracle Six – The Jordan Crossing

Water miracle number six is what happened with the Jordan River when Israel entered into the Promised Land. The Bible's account speaks for itself and shows, once again, that God has complete power over any water in his path.

"So Joshua told the Israelites, "Come and listen to what the LORD your God says. Today you will know that the living God is among you. He will surely drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites. Think of it! The Ark of the Covenant, which belongs to the Lord of the whole earth, will lead you across the Jordan River! Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. <u>The</u> <u>priests will be carrying the Ark of the LORD, the</u> <u>Lord of all the earth. When their feet touch the</u> <u>water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream,</u> and the river will pile up there in one heap.

When the people set out to cross the Jordan, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. <u>Now it was the</u> <u>harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing</u> <u>its banks</u>. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, the water began piling up at a town upstream called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the city of Jericho. <u>Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD's covenant stood</u> on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by them. They waited there until everyone had crossed the Jordan on dry ground." Joshua 3:9-17, NLT

Miracle Seven – Jonah's Experience

Water miracle number seven is the story of Jonah being thrown into the raging sea with a great fish swallowing him up. Jonah was running away from a job God gave him to do and he had to spend three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish. All of the above is found in Jonah 1. The story is familiar to most and the entire book of Jonah is only four chapters so I will not quote it here.

Jonah ended up having to do the job God gave him to do anyway and it got a good result. Through the raging sea and the great fish process I believe that God was basically trying to teach Jonah, at a minimum, a couple of lessons. One lesson is that you cannot run away from God. Another lesson is that if you are not with God, the raging sea can get you and/or a sea monster can get you. The Near Eastern symbolism is unmistakable. Also, Jonah was not able to hide the fact that he was one of God's servants. It is almost like God was and is saying, "You can run, but you cannot hide. And if I do not provide you with divine protection either the raging seas themselves, or a sea monster will get you." And it is the same thing for us. It is not safe without God. The sea monster wants to kill us and we need the divine protection. However, with God's divine protection, neither the raging seas, nor the sea monster can get us.

Miracle Eight-Christ Calms A Storm

Water miracle number eight is found in the New Testament and it is Jesus Christ calming a great storm. (As a sidebar note: when your author says, "New Testament," it is for the sake of brevity of communication. Both the Old and New Testament are integrated and form the complete written word of God.) This particular great storm was evidently a storm of close to hurricane proportions and the account of it is found in Mathew 8:24-27. The fact it was such a strong storm that was calmed is obviously to show that Jesus Christ has complete power over the raging seas. As the story relates that the waves covered the ship, the waves must have been very high indeed.

"And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that <u>the ship was covered</u> <u>with the waves</u>: but he [Christ] was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? <u>Then he arose, and rebuked the winds</u> <u>and the sea; and there was a great calm</u>. But the men marvelled, saying, <u>What manner of</u> <u>man is this, that even the winds and the sea</u> <u>obey him!</u>" Matthew 8:24-27, KJV

Remember the cultural context of this story and note that a number of former fishermen formed a part of this particular group of men being impressed. The fishermen among them understood the risks and the power of the roaring sea and they also knew the symbolism of it all as well. And when Christ immediately, with a few words, calmed a huge storm they knew something very significant had just happened. Jesus Christ must be God in the flesh to have done this. And he was.

Miracle Nine – Christ Walks on Water

Water miracle number nine is actually composed of four individual miracles, which were all part of the same event, as near as I can tell. The first miracle is Jesus Christ walking on the water, which is no small feat. The second miracle is Peter also walking on the water – at least for a while, also no small feat. It is not your author's place to pick on Peter, which many seem to like to do. The third miracle is that as soon as Christ and Peter got into the ship the wind ceased. All three of those water related miracles can be found in Mathew 14:22-33. The fourth related miracle is found in John 6:16-21, which is quoted below:

"And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, **they see Jesus walking on the sea**, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship: **and**

immediately the ship was at the land whither they went." John 6:16-21, KJV

The fourth miracle is that once Jesus Christ got into the ship, the ship was immediately at the end destination. This almost sounds like Star Trek beaming people from ship to ship, or planet to ship. It is an easy miracle to read over, but God really showed that not only could Jesus Christ walk on the sea, so could Peter, the wind can cease at Christ's command, and the ship itself, with all aboard, can immediately be miraculously transported to end destination. I would say that this was complete command of the situation, which leads to the punch line of the Mathew version of the story:

"Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, **Of a truth thou art the Son of God**." Matthew 14:33, KJV

One further interesting point is that evidently Jehovah number two, Jesus Christ, likes walking on the water. I think the below scripture, in Job, is literal and not just figurative when it says the following, referring to God:

"who [God] alone stretches out the heavens,

and walks on the waves of the sea;" Job 9:8, MKJV

Perhaps God likes to walk on the water, just to prove a point. At any rate, he once again shows he has the power to treat the raging sea as he wishes.

Miracle Ten - Baptism

The tenth water miracle is our own baptism, for those who have been baptized. Baptism is a personal water miracle with a promise of a future resurrection to eternal life.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:" Romans 6:3-5, KJV

"Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: <u>let me be delivered from them that hate</u> <u>me</u>, and <u>out of the deep waters</u>. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me." Psalms 69:14, 15, KJV

This is a Psalm of David where he cried out to God to save him from those who hate him and from the deep waters, i.e., from death.

It is beyond the scope of this short book to completely explain water baptism. For our purposes the waters of baptism symbolize the forgiveness of sin and its related death penalty, the putting of our old pre-Christian selves to death, and coming up out of the baptismal waters into the newness of life. I think it also symbolizes that we used to belong to Satan and that God pulled us up out of the deep waters, away from Satan, and now we are new creatures who belong to God. Baptism is our own personal water miracle from God.

Miracle Eleven – Revelation 12:15-16

Water miracle number eleven is in the future. It concerns Satan attempting to destroy some of God's people. What is related in the story, and the symbolism, speaks directly to the theme of this book. "And **the serpent** cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might <u>cause her to be carried away of the flood</u>. And the earth helped the woman, <u>and the earth</u> opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth." Revelation 12:15, 16, KJV

Satan wants to hurt a portion of God's people and he is portrayed as a serpent/dragon that casts forth water as a flood in an attempt to destroy them. God has the earth open its mouth and swallow up the flood that the dragon cast out of its mouth. Whether the water is literal, or symbolic of something else, does not matter for our purposes. Satan is thwarted again.

Miracle Twelve – No More Sea

Water miracle number twelve is also in the future and it speaks volumes in its own right.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; **and there was no more sea**. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21:1-5, KJV

It is interesting to note that when there is a new heaven and a new earth that one of the descriptors is that there is "no more sea." Further, there will be no more pain or sorrow. No more sea. No more pain or sorrow. No more Satan. Ultimately it is clear that God will completely vanguish Satan.

Summary: Satan Conquered

There are so many scriptures concerning raging waters and sea monsters and serpents and dragons that I cannot quote them all and keep this book to a readable length. There are also so many water related miracles that I simply picked twelve of them. The hope was that these twelve would be both meaningful and would suffice to make the point of God's ultimate power and victory over Satan.

Some additional scriptures of interest are as follows:

"The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters." Psalms 29:3, KJV

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns [this is clearly a reference to a Leviathan sea monster], and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." Revelation 13:1, KJV

"Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? [like God can] or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? ... He beholdeth all high things: **he [leviathan] is a king over all the children of pride**." Job 41:1,34 KJV

We have our part in resisting and overcoming Satan, but that is also beyond the scope of this book. Ephesians 6:10-18 speaks to putting on the whole armor of God and of praying to God. Timothy encourages as follows: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7, KJV

James advises as follows:

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. <u>Submit yourselves therefore</u> to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:6-7, KJV

God is ultimately going to completely take care of Satan, the evil serpent/dragon. Leviathan is going to be put on a hook and held up for all to see (Job 41:1). And then the sea monster is going to be slain.

"In that day <u>the LORD with his sore and</u> <u>great and strong sword shall punish leviathan</u> <u>the piercing serpent</u>, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and <u>he shall slay the dragon</u> <u>that is in the sea</u>." Isaiah 27:1, KJV