

Incarnation: God Comes

Question and Answer

- Yeah, you raise the the question of something called theophanies or Christophanies, and what these are, these are occasions in the Old Testament where it seems like Jesus shows up. So there's a guy who shows up and wrestles all night with Jacob and at the end, He's like, "I could have taken you a long time ago." Whoa, that's probably Jesus or Daniel and his buddies, and some other guy shows up, probably Jesus. Melchizedek, this Old Testament character is mentioned as well in Hebrews, and some would say maybe that was Jesus. So there were occasions when Jesus, while still in heaven, would come down to the earth. Think of it this way, when a big movie comes out, we roll the trailers, right? We let everybody know it's coming. Well there were times that Jesus came down to give a preview of His coming fully at the incarnation. And there are these occasions, I get into this in the doctrine book, there are lots of these occasions where God shows up. I'll give you another one, in the Old Testament, you'll hear the language "An angel of the Lord, and the angel of the Lord." Angel just means messenger, and sometimes these angelic messengers they appear as human beings. When an angel of the Lord speaks, it's an angel, when the angel of the Lord speaks, I think the evidence is strong that it's Jesus, because it says, you know, this is Holy ground, we've been in the presence of God. You are the God who sees me. We have met with God. I mean, and they worship, they bow down, they revere, and so sometimes the angel of the Lord is a pre-incarnate, what I call Christophany or revelation of Jesus before He showed up. And the reason He did that, again, I'm coming, I'm coming, I'm coming, and He kept giving us the sneak previews until the whole film of His life ran. Yeah, so he talks about Genesis 3:15, the Portal Evangelion. We looked at the concept of group guilt in one of the early lectures where Satan, and Eve and Adam, all sin, and so they're all held accountable. And in Genesis 3:15, He says to the woman, "Your seed, your offspring, your son." And then He talks about Satan as well, and the family line of Satan. And let me pull it up here, "Between your offspring and hers." What He is showing here and this theme continues through Genesis in the Bible, that there are only two families, the family of God and the family of Satan. The family that God blesses and Satan curses and the family that Satan blesses and God curses. To become a Christian is to be transferred, Colossians says "From the domain of darkness into His marvelous light." Peter says that we have been redeemed from the hollow and empty way of life, inherited from our fathers. Jesus echoes this same thing in John eight, He's arguing with the Pharisees, and they said, "We are from God's family line, and our father is Abraham." Jesus' response is "Your father is the devil, you are part of his family." Sometimes the most religious people are the most demonic people. And ultimately, Jesus was able to see you are in Satan's family, not my family. Satan is your father, God is not your father, God creates Satan counterfeits, right? So the counterfeit of being Spirit-filled is what? Being demon possessed. The counterfeit of God's family line is Satan's family line. That everything God creates, Satan counterfeits with some sort of demonic deception so that you would be deceived.