

## **QUESTION: In Job 2:1 it mentions "the sons of God". Is this talking about Believers?**

### **ANSWER:**

- **Job 2:1** "Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to **present themselves before the Lord**, and **Satan came also** among them **to present himself** before the Lord."

No. **In this context it is speaking about ANGELS.**..This could not mean Believers here, because Believers **did NOT have access to the presence of God** until Jesus died on the cross. The book of Job is one of the oldest books in the Bible, so at that time, no one would even **think** that a human being would be called a "son of God," but they would know it refers to angels. We see here a small picture of some of the things that happen in heaven, namely that Satan is allowed to come before God and His angels to accuse a man (in this case, Job). Satan and his angels no longer have the right to LIVE in heaven, but evidently Satan has the right to come before God at certain times.

- **Revelation 12:7-10** ""And there was war in heaven, Michael and his ANGELS waging war with the dragon. And the DRAGON AND HIS ANGELS waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was **no longer a place found for them in HEAVEN**. So the great dragon was cast (thrown) out, that serpent of old, called the devil and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to (thrown down to) the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for **the accuser of our brethren, who accused them BEFORE OUR GOD day and night**, has been cast down.'"

**Definition: "The ACCUSER of the Brethren"** - This is another title for Satan. "The Brethren" means "brothers," which is another name for Christians. Satan "ACCUSES us DAY and NIGHT," and this word, "accuse" means to "**charge with some offense**" . IF YOU BELONG TO JESUS, and you feel you are under condemnation, Romans 8:1 says that the **condemnation is NOT coming from God**. Romans 8:33 asks, "Who shall **bring a CHARGE AGAINST**" us? **Satan accuses and brings charges against us**, but God immediately declares us JUSTIFIED in His sight, because of the blood of Jesus.

**Definition: Present themselves BEFORE THE LORD - NO ONE could be bodily resurrected** from the dead **until Jesus WENT FIRST** (CHRIST is the FIRSTFRUITS of the resurrection and FIRSTBORN from the dead - see Colossians 1:18, I Corinthians 15:20). **No one's soul or spirit could go DIRECTLY INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD before JESUS opened the way** (that is what the VEIL IN THE TEMPLE being TORN IN TWO symbolizes). See also John 14:1-6, Hebrews 11:32-40 - Jesus had to GO FIRST and PREPARE **the WAY for us to come into the Father's presence**. So then, where DID **the souls of the Old Testament believers** go until they were united with their RESURRECTED BODIES at the time of Jesus' resurrection? Before Jesus came, EVERYONE WHO DIED went to HADES (Greek name) (also called SHEOL in the Old Testament). **Hades was divided into two parts**: one for the RIGHTEOUS DEAD, which was called Abraham's Bosom, and was a place of COMFORT and a WAITING PLACE until Christ would come. The other part is a PLACE OF TORMENT, and is a WAITING PLACE for the UNRIGHTEOUS DEAD until the Great Judgment.