

They translate this "whose origin" and then they have a footnote in the NIV. The footnote says Hebrew goes out." Well the KJV translates it literally: "whose goes out are from old from ancient times." What does that mean? "Goes out? We read in the OT about the theophanies. We read how the Angel of the Lord appeared to different people who were to be leaders and rescuers of the people. Back there in ancient times, way back there did Jesus Christ as the Angel of the Lord go out in those various times? Or does this look even further back: Whose goes out are from of old from ancient times. Does he look way back even before the creation of the world? God the Father sent the Son to Go out and create the Universe and establish the world. "Whose goes out." I like the literal rendering much better than the word origin. Naturally the modernists want to get away from this if they can and there is one translation that renders it: whose genealogy is from of old, from ancient times." His ancestors go way back!

Well, all our ancestors go way back to Adam as far as that's concerned. Once I figured out my ancestry. I was supposed to be working on it for a debate when I was in High School. I got tired working on it I went to the genealogy section which that library had a big section, and I traced back and got back to Charlemagne. I thought, How interesting that I am a descendant from Charlemagne. Then I figured if I had two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, 16, 32 etc., how many people would have been in Europe in the time of Charlemagne? Probably about 4 times as many people as actually were there. So I think everyone whose ancestors go back to Europe is a descendant from Charlemagne.

Ancestry is really a rather silly thing to be proud of. I don't think it refers to ancestry. I think this refers to his activity as the Son of God the Second Person of the Trinity. His goes forth were from ancient times--not his genealogy. Not even His origin but His activity.

Then we have a rather strange verse (3:3), "Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites." That is a strange verse, a very strange verse. I personally believe that verse describes this situation when the Davidic line had seemingly come to an end with no descendant of David reigning on the throne of David and it had seemingly come to an end. Israel seemed to have been abandoned. But then "she who is in labor gives birth" may be a reference to the virgin birth. I am inclined strongly to think it is a prediction of that, and then the "rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites" -- the disciples went out and preached throughout the world and the rest of God's people--the rest of those who can say that Jesus Christ is our elder brother, they joined the little band of Jews who went out with the wonderful message of salvation through Jesus Christ." So the rest of his brothers returned to join the Israelites is a movement that has been continuing from that day to this and will until our Lord returns and it includes the rest of His brothers. It includes those who turn to Christ in all nations, everywhere in the world and there are those who come to believe in our Lord. They are surely His brothers, and they are returning to receive the wonderful message that this group of Israelites took as they went out through the world proclaiming salvation through Christ.

So we read that Jesus Christ will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth, and he will be their peace. Jesus Christ is our Peace. He gives us