

## Lucifer and the Origin of Sin

### Announce:

- ✓ Independence Day Celebration
- ✓ Shindig at the Sutherlands
- ✓ Camp out in August, three camping spots left

### Our theme in doing this study—Ps 144

**Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war,  
And my fingers for battle—  
My lovingkindness and my fortress,  
My high tower and my deliverer,  
My shield and *the One* in whom I take refuge,  
Who subdues my people under me.<sup>1</sup>**

Last week we studied Genesis 1:1-2 and showed how there is biblical evidence that there was a great war in heaven after the first creation. That in verse 1, God truly created the heavens and the earth and it was good, but that there was a war in heaven between God and Satan, the first cosmic war, which probably would make a nuclear war seem like child's play

Satan was cast to the earth and made the earth a void, a devastation,

### Genesis 1

**Verse 1, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (period, then verse 2) The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ps 144:1–2). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>2</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ge 1:1–2). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- NKJV says “without form and void” but the American translation is more accurate here **“The earth was formless and void,”**
- Other translations have it as “waste and void,” and this comes from the Hebrew words used, *tohu-bohu*, meaning a “wasteland, wilderness, confusion, a wreck,”
- The French translation says: topsy turvy
- In *The Message*, Eugene Peterson translates Gen 1:1-2 this way, *God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don’t see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness.* <sup>3</sup>

Comparing the Bible with the Bible, It is important that as we compare Genesis 1:2, to what Isaiah tells us of how God creates,

### **Isa 45:18**

**For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited),<sup>4</sup>**

- He did not create the earth tohu-bohu, void, wasteland, and topsy turvy!
- God did not create a chaos! (The same word is used here as in Genesis 1:2)
- The Revised Standard Version even says, “He did not create it a chaos”

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<sup>3</sup> Peterson, E. H. (2005). *The Message: The Bible in contemporary language* (Ge 1:1–2). Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

<sup>4</sup> *New American Standard Bible: 1995 update*. 1995 (Is 45:18). LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

- o So, there is a great gap between verses 1 and 2
- o A better translation would be that the earth “became” a chaos, a wasteland, a wilderness
- o And so a war took place and by verse 2, the earth has been devastated by Satan

## Revelation 12:7

**And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “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.”<sup>5</sup>**

We would note that when Adam and Eve sin, Satan is already in existence and has already inhabited the earth

Tonight we are going to look at Lucifer, Satan, the Dragon—his origins and his character

Lucifer means “son of the morning” and it appears he was a most beautiful of created beings in time immemorial, but something happened, something terrible happened

**What is it that led to the war in the heavenlies? What happened that caused God to cast Lucifer out of heaven?**

## Ezekiel 28

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<sup>5</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Re 12:7–10). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- At the beginning of the chapter is a lamentation over a real prince of Tyre, this seems to have been real man, a ruler in the Middle East
- But in the 11<sup>th</sup> verse, there is a profound shift to a King of Tyre. Interesting shift. There is no historic record of a king of Tyre, only the Prince of Tyre
- The judgment over this King of Tyre is different. The description, most commentators agree, is of a Spirit Being, a thing that has become associate with Lucifer, Satan
- Now this is interesting, it could be said, based on other passages of scripture (i.e. Dan 10) that there may be a ruler in the heavenlies behind every earthly ruler! Yes, there can be a demon over a territory, a government that is behind the decisions of that ruler—either it is God and His angels or Satan and his demons
  1. In Ezekiel 28, it is obvious that this Prince of Tyre is a mouthpiece for the King of Tyre
  2. We see this happen with a serpent and Satan in Genesis 3
  3. We observe this with Peter in the gospels, where God has to tell Peter, "Get behind me Satan."
  4. With Ananias and Saphira, Satan is working behind the scenes to manipulate them to destroy the early church.
  5. We see a magician that Peter must deal with who is being used by Satan to manipulate the power of the Holy Spirit

- Thus, it is not extraordinary that the Prince of Tyre is actually being manipulated by the King of Tyre, Satan

## Who was/is Satan?

### Ezekiel 28:12-14

"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"You were the seal of perfection,  
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.  
You were in Eden, the garden of God;

- Satan is unfallen here!
- This is Lucifer, "the light bearer" "Morning Star" created by God with the seal of perfection, the highest of all created beings
- Full of God's wisdom and beauty, in a garden of God—not the Garden of Eden, but an Eden like place full of beauty

**Every precious stone was your covering:**

**The sardius, topaz, and diamond,**

**Beryl, onyx, and jasper,**

**Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold.**

**The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes**

**Was prepared for you on the day you were created.**

- This a beautiful place in the heavenlies, not unlike the new Jerusalem that will be come forth out of heaven in the last days
- Revelation 21 may be speaking of this recreated Eden,

Rev 21

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. <sup>6</sup>

- The workmanship being timbrels and pipes—a heavenly worship leader? That is what I believe, that Lucifer was one who worshipped God and took the worship of all the created angels and gave that worship to God—a heavenly worship intercessor!
- It is interesting that the stones of this heavenly Eden correspond to the stones of the breastplate of the priests in the Temple
- One author has called Lucifer the first Prophet, Priest, and King over the created beings in the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension
- Note this, don't miss this, Lucifer is a created being! He has a beginning—created by God, not equal to God, but rather created by God. With a finite beginning and end. Yes, the end will come. He will be cast into the Lake of Fire in the last days
- He knows his end and he knows that his time is short

**14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers;  
I established you;  
You were on the holy mountain of God;  
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.**

- The commentator Pember, writes, "The mountain of God is the place of his presence in visible glory, where His High Priest would stand before God to minister...We know that

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<sup>6</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Re 21:19–20). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

the cherubim of God are stationed just below the footstool of the throne of God (Eze. 1:26)"

- This explains this when Moses took Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu and the 70 elders up to Mt Sinai
  - "holy mountain" has the idea of the government of God, the ruling angels and cherubim: a Prime Minister for God
  - An elevated "Arch Angel" above all other angels (there appears to be ranking even among the heavenly beings with Michael and Gabriel also being highly ranked Arch Angels)
  - **The French translator Segond: "Thou wast the protecting cherub with spread out wings"**
  - He was a worship leader in heaven. This is why Satan understands the power of music
  - He led worship in heaven
  - **Karl Marx said, "if you give me the poetry, art, and music of a nation I will control them"**
  - Listen, his office as a Prime Minister of God has been fully taken away, even in his deposed place, he still has ruling power, but now it is on the earth

**15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,  
Till iniquity was found in you.  
"By the abundance of your trading  
You became filled with violence within,  
And you sinned;**

- Suddenly there is no longer One Will over the universe but to 2 wills. There can only be God's Will in heaven. There is no room in the heaven but for One will
- Sin began in the heart of Satan—a spontaneous generation within the heart of Lucifer and he lost his place
- When you kids ask you about how sin began, it began here. It all started in the heart of Lucifer, and the light bearer became the Dragon
- Pride was the beginning point of Satan's fall
- It is with pride that Satan tempts Eve in the Garden: "you can be like God" which is the very thing that was his undoing

**Therefore I cast you as a profane thing  
 Out of the mountain of God;  
 And I destroyed you, O covering cherub,  
 From the midst of the fiery stones.**

- This is the war in the heavenlies—pride was found in the heart of Lucifer and this created being became a Dragon and he was cast out

**and they saw the God of Israel. And *there* was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. <sup>7</sup>**

- Satan stood between God and creation as the highest of created cherubs
- But pride welled up in Satan and he is cast out of heaven to the earth, cast down!

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<sup>7</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ex 24:10). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.



- What happened in the heart of Satan?
- The nature of Satan's sin: the 5 "I wills" in Isaiah 14
- We see what was in the heart of Satan when he rebelled against God

### Isaiah 14:12-14

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground,  
You who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,

I will be like the Most High.'

- Five "I wills" → Another will in the heavenlies; another will in the cosmos
- This is the beginning of the First Great War. This is the origin of all wars
- This is where sin began—spontaneous generation—in the heart of Lucifer, Morning Star, and becomes Dragon, the great deceiver
- Root of all evil begins with self-will and rebellion against authority He was cast down to earth as a power hungry enemy of God!
- That is always the beginning of all sin: independence from God

- The beginning of all sin is saying “I will be done” in place of “Thy will be done”
- He was envious of God; pride was found in his heart
- In Gen 3 Satan comes to Eve → envious of the position of man, now the new creation, the highest of all creation, created in the image of God
  - He tempted man with the very thing he was tempted by: YOU CAN BE LIKE GOD! Pride, the root of all evil is pride, and it all started with Satan
  - He went after man because we are the “apple of his eye”
  - Satan hates man! Because we are created in the image of God
  - Satan knows that when you and I are born again, when we discover life in Christ and become wholehearted disciples, we become dangerous!
  - Satan knows that if he can keep us in rebellion to all authority we can stay enslaved to our pride

### **Colossian 2:6**

**As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.**

**8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all**

principality and power.

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.<sup>8</sup>

- Satan's greatest tool to keep you down → Pride, unwilling to be under authority, and independence from God will always be our greatest temptation to keep us away
- You can be complete in Christ... You can be made alive in Christ!
- You can disarm Satan and demons through trusting in Christ
- You can triumph over Satan and his demon hordes through complete surrender to Him

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<sup>8</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Col 2:6–15). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.