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Lucifer and the Origin of Sin, Part 2 Steve Holt

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Part II—Lucifer and the Origin of Sin

We could stand at the Balanced Rock at Garden of the Gods, straight in front, one foot away, and not know what we are looking at. It looks like any other large rock. But as you back up, we realize that this 700-ton rock is a spectacle balanced on small base.

As you continue to back up, we take in the entire view of Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak; this series on The Cosmic War is doing just that, as we back up and look at all creation history from a new perspective—a cosmic and global war going on.

- Most Jesus disciples do not know anything about the origins of Lucifer and sin. Much less how to engage the enemy.
- Most of us have never been taught from a panoramic view of all of scripture. The Bible is a mosaic, a puzzle with each book, chapter, and verse having its place.

Last week we studied Genesis 1:1-2 which showed how there is biblical evidence that there was a great war in Heaven after the first creation. In the first verse, God truly created the heavens and the earth, and it was good. But, 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 1:1-2

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [A war broke out in heaven]. The earth [became]...without form, and void; and darkness [waste and void]...And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

- 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."

When comparing the Bible with the Bible, it is important that we compare Genesis 1:2 to what Isaiah tells us of how God creates.

Isaiah 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 <u>and did not create it a waste place</u>, [He did not create it a chaos-RSV] but formed it to be inhabited)."

- He did not create the earth *tohu-bohu*, void, or a wasteland!
- God did not create a chaos! The same word is used here as in Genesis
 1.2
- So, there is a great gap between verses 1 and 2.
- A better translation would be that the earth became a chaos, a wasteland, a wilderness.
- And so a war took place and by verse 2, the earth has been devastated by Satan.

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 the most beautiful of created divine 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?

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Ezekiel 28

• At the beginning of the chapter is a lamentation over a real <u>prince of Tyre</u>, a ruler in the Middle East.

Verses 1-2

"The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, 'Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, "Thus says the Lord God..." "

• But in verse 11, there is a profound shift to a <u>king of Tyre</u>. An interesting shift. There is no historic record of a king of Tyre, only the <u>prince of Tyre</u>.

Verses 11-12

"Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre..."

- The judgment over this <u>king of Tyre</u> is different. The description, most commentators agree, is of a *spirit being*, a thing that has become associated with Lucifer, Satan.
- Now this is interesting—it could be said, based on other passages of scripture (Daniel 10) that there are divine beings ruling behind the scenes of earthly rulers. More on that next week.
- In Ezekiel 28, it is obvious that this prince of Tyre is a mouthpiece for the king of Tyre.
 - We see this happen with a serpent and Satan in Genesis 3.
 - We observe this <u>with Peter</u> in the gospels, where God has to tell Peter, "Get behind me Satan."
 - With Ananias and Saphira where Satan is working behind the scenes to manipulate them to destroy the early church.
 - We see a magician that Peter must deal with who is being used by Satan to manipulate the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is not extraordinary that the prince of Tyre is actually being manipulated by the king of Tyre, Satan.

Lucifer as Light Bearer

Ezekiel 28:12-13

"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."

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

Revelation 21:19-20

"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."

- The workmanship being timbrels and pipes—a heavenly worship leader? That is what I believe, 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.

Lucifer was the first Worship Leader over Divine Beings in the 4th Dimension.

"The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes
Was prepared for you on the day you were created."

- Note this, don't miss it, <u>Lucifer is a created being!</u> 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.

Ezekiel 28:14

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

 This explains when Moses took Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu and the seventy elders up to Mt. Sinai.

Holy Mountain means the Government and Presence of God.

- "Holy mountain" has the idea of the government of God, the ruling angels and cherubim; Satan is a Prime Minister for God.
- An elevated archangel above all other angels (there appears to be ranking even among the heavenly beings with Michael and Gabriel also being highly ranked archangels).
- 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.

Karl Marx said, "if you give me the poetry, art, and music of a nation I will control them."

• 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.

Ezekiel 18:15-16

"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 <u>no longer one will</u> over the universe but to two wills. There can only be God's will in heaven. There is no room in the heaven but for one will.

Two Wills in Heaven! Sin began in the Heart of Lucifer—a Spontaneous Generation—and He is Cast to the Earth.

- When your 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.

Ezekiel 28:16-17

"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.
Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty..."

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

Look at the manifestation of Satan in the prince of Tyre.

Ezekiel 28:2

"Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the sea, yet you are not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god."

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

The Five "I Wills" of Lucifer

Isaiah 14:12-14

"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!
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;
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, a spontaneous generation in the heart of Lucifer, Morning Star, who becomes the Dragon, the great deceiver.
- The 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!

The beginning of all sin: A Declaration of 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 Genesis 3 Satan comes to Eve <u>envious of the position of man</u>, 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, 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.

You Can be Complete in Christ

Colossian 2:6-14

"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.

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 <u>you are complete in Him</u>, who is the head of all principality and power.

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, 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."

You can be Made Alive in Christ

- Satan's greatest tool is to make you prideful, selfish, and arrogant.
 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.