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THE BIGGEST LIE

SATAN WAS NEVER AN

Archangel

IN HEAVEN



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Who is satan?

What does the Bible say about him?



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PREFACE

This book is written with accurate biblical hermeneutics, The scriptural references are in context and Interpretations are based on the author's intention of meaning; historically, grammatically, culturally as well as conventions and literary forms. We understand the natural instinct to oppose what seems to be coming against inculcated norms but someone took the first bold step in receiving the set norms that be now.

Moses was openhearted to receive God's fresh move of the time and the disciples of Jesus were openhearted to discern the 'Moses move' was over and a new chapter had begun in Christ. The Pharisees did not give the revelation of Jesus a chance; hindering the fresh move of God from hitting a higher scale & making master-impact. We therefore ask you to be one of the first that would receive what God is saying now -through this book and have an open minded read. We are open to hear your thoughts. You are welcome to disagree. Pastor John wrote this book in good conscience not to cause conflict or appear superior above anyone but in pure love for the Body of Christ and The Church of Jesus to know their true positioning and gain greater spiritual victories.

God bless you



Was Satan Really An Archangel?

Introduction

Once upon a time, we were told a fairy tale which has caused a generational and global doctrinal error.

We were given the idea that Satan was once an archangel named Lucifer, who rebelled against and threatened God's throne. He wanted to be like the Most High and he succeeded to influence one third of God's angels to revolt against Him. His rebellion led to a war in heaven and God commanded Archangel Michael to fight the devil. He was defeated and kicked out of heaven and as he left, he took the one third of God's angels who backed him up and they became the demons on earth.

If God couldn't handle Satan in heaven why leave him on earth to destroy mankind? Doesn't it sound unfair? A devil that had threatened the heaven of God was cast down to be left without constrain to unleash his wrath on mortals; sounds more like a terrible injustice! Unfortunately, this is a lie that has been believed over the years.

Pastor John has been assigned by God to correct this error. This is a MUST READ before taking your position. Be blessed!



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Chapter One

What The Body of Christ has Believed

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or so long, the body of Christ has believed that Satan was once an archangel called Lucifer, who rebelled against God and threatened to take over His Throne. His attempts failed dismally because a war broke out in Heaven and Michael and his angels threw Lucifer and his angels out of Heaven, into the earth. This belief was taken from three Chapters in the Bible:

Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; and Revelations 12.

This book was written to expose the lie and reveal who Satan really was from the beginning. To be able to walk in a higher realm of glory, see a mighty move of the Spirit and live victoriously where Spirit trumps flesh and sin, it is important to know the origin of the one responsible for the sin nature and its fruits of sicknesses, hexes, poverty and all decay and death existing in the world today.

1 John 3:8

“For this purpose, the Son of God was made manifest, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

If our Saviour Jesus Christ was made manifest to destroy the works of the devil as the Son of God, what more us, who have become Sons of God in our generation today? According to 1 John 4:17, as our Lord Jesus is, so are we in this world. However, without absolute knowledge of who the devil is and where he originated from, it is impossible for us to be able to destroy all his works in people, places, nations and countries effectively. God made the greater light and the lesser light; and concerning His Word, the greater light symbolises the greater revelation that we need to tap into, in each era or generation. That means although the revelation of His Word is at its peak generation after generation, it is yet progressively revealed according to our level of understanding of it, in each era. That means it's up to us to always be open to receive deeper insights into His Word, from age to age.

God can only work with us according to the level of revelation that we carry, therefore, it is important for us to walk in the greater revelation that is consistent with the time and era that we are living in right now.

The Bible prophesies in the book of Isaiah 60:1; that gross darkness shall cover the earth, meaning immense wickedness shall cover the earth.

However, our light as Sons of God shall so shine brightly and it shall effectively dispel the gross darkness! Which light is this? It is the greater light, the light of the revelation of the Word of God that is responsible for renewing our minds and is consistent with our generation.

Therefore, a lesser revelation, or a revelation that was trending in past generations may not be sufficient enough to effectively deal with the gross darkness of this present age. This is one of the main reasons this book has now been released. We are in the end-times(glory-time), therefore, we need to walk in a deeper consciousness of the greater light of the Word of God.

The expose` of Satan in this book will cause you to be able to effectively destroy all his works and manifest greater levels of glory in your generation. Remember, just because a lie has been in office for generations, doesn't make it the truth.

A brief summary of Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 12 and Revelations 14:

Isaiah Chapter 14:12-16

¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms...

Ezekiel 28:12-17

¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created.

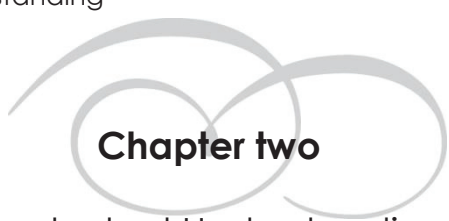


¹⁴Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou was upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee. ¹⁶By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Revelations 12:3-9

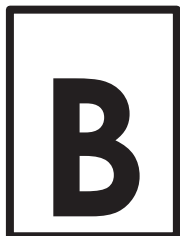
³And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. ⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.



Chapter two

Contextual Understanding



efore we do an in depth study of the verses that were incorrectly used to ascertain Satan's origin as an archangel, let us clarify some points that have contributed to this belief. Once these are resolved, it will create the right *sunesis* in you, meaning the correct way of understanding Scriptures, that will in turn give you the right mind-set concerning how to independently interpret Scripture throughout the Bible. After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God could not curse man because He had already blessed him, so He cursed the ground for his sake instead, and also told Eve the consequences of what she had done. However, God cursed the serpent, and not Satan, because Satan was already cursed, by reason of his nature.

Whilst God was cursing the serpent who had yielded his will to being influenced by Satan to tempt Eve in Genesis 3:14 below, he was also simultaneously speaking to Satan concerning what was to happen in the future, in the following verse, Genesis 3:15.

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴“And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

As Satan was naturally subject to God's instructions, God told him that He was going to put enmity between him and the woman. The consequence of Satan's actions had created this enmity in him. The word enmity means hatred or hostility. For this reason, we see how Satan tried to end the lineage from where this seed would spring forth from throughout Scripture. That is why we see him working through different rulers, in each generation, to wipe out the entire lineage of Israel, to eradicate the entire Jewish nation, as they were the chosen lineage to bring salvation to both the Gentiles and the Jews.

Satan was merely being obedient to the prophecy that had been given. The enmity that came in Satan as a result of his deception involuntarily set him on a mission to influence rulers and continuously test man's will and the true state of their hearts throughout the ages.

However, despite this truth, man was created with free will and therefore these rulers always had the ability to choose to either yield to Satan's influence, or yield to God's influence. God did not force them to submit themselves to Satan's leading. For example, King Nebuchadnezzar at one point passed a decree for all nations to worship God.

Daniel 3:29

"...Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

That means they had the ability to choose who to submit themselves to.

Daniel 4:34, 37

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Consider also how Hiram, the King of Tyre so loved King David. He didn't seek to destroy Israel, although he had the resources to oppress them, yet he yielded his own free will to God, unlike the King of Tyre that God passed judgement on in later generations.

2 Samuel 5:11

And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

1 Kings 5:1

And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

1 Kings 9:11

(Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

However, not all the rulers submitted themselves to God's influence. That is why the Lord released a prophecy concerning how Israel would be oppressed and enslaved, because He already knew every ruler before the foundation of the world, and He knew how each would yield their free will throughout the ages. Based on God's fore-knowledge of man's heart, He knew how they would respond to each situation. He knew who would submit themselves to Satan's influence and how.

That is why He hardened Pharaoh's heart when Moses was sent to him, because Pharaoh had already decided to submit himself under Satan's influence.

He didn't cause Pharaoh to oppose Moses, He merely hardened his already hard heart because He wanted to multiply His signs and wonders in Egypt.

Exodus 7:3

"And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt."

Judas who betrayed Christ, also did so of his own accord though this was in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, you will observe this ability to choose in Christ's words signifying that no particular person was chosen to fulfill the prophecy.

Matt 26:24

The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.

John 13:27

And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Having revealed this, let us clarify our understanding of how to rightly interpret Scriptures.

The truth that throughout Scripture, different rulers submitted themselves to Satan's plan to destroy the lineage of the Jews should not cause us to assume that when God gave a prophetic word to different rulers, he was addressing Satan and not the actual person.

In as much as they were influenced by Satan in their decisions to oppress or try to destroy Israel, when God sent a prophet to give them a Word based on their ill actions against Israel, He was in fact addressing the actual person who was the ruler at that time and not Satan. This is because they were each created with free will, which is the freedom to choose who to submit themselves to.

That means throughout Scripture, God saw how each ruler utilized their free will and based on their own personal decisions, He then passed a judgement directly upon them as individuals and not as Satan. The truth is judgement had already been passed on Satan by reason of who he was and why he was created from the beginning. That means God didn't have the time to keep passing judgement upon Satan from generation to generation.

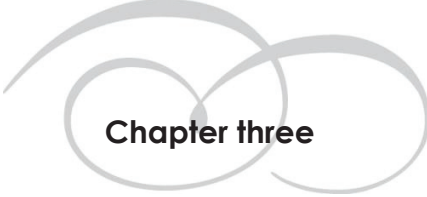
John8:44

He, therefore, simply passed judgements on those who chose to yield their will to Satan's influence. It was like that in times past and it is still that way today. Today, we are still given free will and we decide how to utilise it.

We each have the ability to either reject God and submit ourselves to Satan's leading or accept God and submit ourselves to Him. If we decide to use our free will to reject God, God will pass a judgement on us, and not on Satan. He will send a prophetic word of warning directed at us as individual people and not directed at Satan because judgement was already passed upon Satan from the beginning. Once we can understand the Bible from this perspective, it will be easy to independently interpret Scripture for ourselves, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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Chapter three

Isaiah 14: Historical Overview of Babylon



he first chapter that we are going to analyse is Isaiah 14, based on a prophecy given to King Nebuchadnezzar by Prophet Isaiah. The body of Christ has mistakenly attributed a section of this prophecy to Satan. To understand this chapter better, let us lay down a foundation, by looking at Babylon's state during the time of the prophecy.

King Nebuchadnezzar was so rich and wealthy, he dominated as a world ruler during his reign and used his excessive wealth to build the most exquisite city of all time.

One of the dreams that he had explains his influence, wealth, wisdom and power through Prophet Daniel's interpretation.

Daniel 2:37-38

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

According to the interpretation, he was so influential that God Himself called him a king of kings, a name only attributed to our Lord Jesus today. That alone explains how powerful he was in his time. Of all the other kingdoms prophesied to rise in the earth, King Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was rated by Prophet Daniel, as the most influential and wealthiest kingdom that would ever exist in the earth, apart from God's Kingdom.

During King Nebuchadnezzar's time, Babylon was the largest city in the world. The King's greatest accomplishment, was his Palace, which was magnificently spectacular, full of great opulence and flair, as well as the Hanging Gardens, which were the exquisite gardens that he built for his wife because she missed her home. The Hanging Gardens were so extraordinary, they made the list of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World. He is also famous for the walls he built around Babylon, which were so thick, nothing could penetrate them.



Isaiah 14: Historical Overview of Babylon

The entrance into Babylon, known as the Ishtar Gate was so beautiful; it was also part of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World, though it was later on removed. As a ruler, he was a ruthless leader and commanded the strongest army in the world. For this, all nations feared him, and this allowed him to successfully dominate and take control of several nations. However, God destroyed him because his heart got lifted up with pride, and he made himself a god by building himself a giant statue made out of pure gold, commanding everyone to worship him. This was Prophet Isaiah's warning to him, that many have misinterpreted to mean Satan.

Isaiah 14:12-17

¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; ¹⁷That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

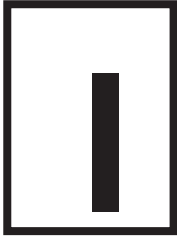


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Chapter four

An In-depth Study of Isaiah 14



saiah 14:12

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

THE LIE

Satan was an archangel in Heaven called Lucifer before he sinned and lost his name. When he sinned, he was cut down to the ground, yet he once possessed the authority to weaken the nations.

THE TRUTH

The original Hebrew manuscript does not contain the name Lucifer, but the words; 'HeylelBn -shchr' (Pronounced 'ben-shachar'). These words, directly translated, mean 'Morning star, Son of dawn'. The word Lucifer itself is neither English, Hebrew nor Greek, but is of Latin origin. The name first appeared in the Latin Vulgate, the Latin version of the Bible, written by Jerome, in A.D. 383-405.

During this time, the Roman Empire was ruling the world, therefore, the Latin language was becoming very prominent.

Pope Damasus requested a Latin translation of the Bible from Jerome. When he translated Isaiah 14:12, he did not use the meaning of the Hebrew text, that is, 'heylelbn -shchr', meaning, 'morning star son of dawn', nor that of the Greek, that is, 'heosphoros'; meaning 'borne of the morning'. Rather, he translated it by using a Latin name, 'Lucifer', meaning 'bright morning star'. Lucifer was also used by the Romans, to refer to the planet Venus, as it was regarded as a morning star.

Speculation is that Jerome used the name Lucifer in his translation to accommodate the Venus god, which the Roman pagans were famous for worshipping. However, other translations, including the popular King James Version of the Bible, chose to keep the name Lucifer there. The assumption is that they probably did not want to attribute the same words used to describe our Lord Jesus, that is, 'bright morning star', to any other person.

Revelation 22:16

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

However, this reasoning has no foundation because God Himself, chose to call King Nebuchadnezzar a 'king of kings' through Prophet Daniel, which is also a title only attributed to our Lord Jesus today.

Daniel 2:37-38

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

Revelations 19:16

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

This means when Prophet Isaiah gave this prophecy, he did not know that the name Lucifer even existed. He was referring to the King of Babylon, that is, Nebuchadnezzar, as the bright morning star. Prophet Isaiah described him as a morning star, because his vast amount of wealth and fame allowed him to build the most beautiful city in the world in its time, full of glittering glitz and glamour. The city shone with such exquisite splendour, it was known as 'the Golden City'.

Isaiah 14:4

"How hath the oppressor ceased! The golden city ceased!"

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<i>Isaiah 14:12</i> <i>'How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!'</i> (Lucifer is of Latin origin and was never in the original Hebrew translation)	<i>Isaiah 14:12</i> <i>'How art thou fallen from heaven, O bright morning star, son of the morning!'</i> <i>Isaiah 14:4</i> <i>That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath...the golden city ceased!</i>

❖ **Isaiah 14:12**

"...how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

THE LIE

When Lucifer sinned, he was cast out of Heaven by archangel Michael and his angels, and cut down to the ground.

THE TRUTH

Babylon was the largest and most exquisite city that ever existed, and because of his worldwide influence, King Nebuchadnezzar was referred to as a king of kings for he ruled over every nation in the earth during his time. He was feared by every nation because he was known as a domineering and ruthless king who took over any nation he desired. He had the strongest army in that era that literally 'weakened the nations' with fear. He was so rich and wealthy, and was revered by every nation, to the extent that he felt like a god. He was untouchable, a king of kings ruling with authority, wealth, dominion and affluence but when God decided to deal with him because of his pride, he was literally cut down to the ground, and he literally fell from the heavenly splendour from whence he reigned. The following interpretation by Prophet Daniel of the dream King Nebuchadnezzar had explains how his fame and authority had reached the sky.

Daniel 4:20-22

²⁰The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth,²¹with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds—

²² Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

LIE THAT IT IS SATAN	TRUTH THAT IT IS KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR
Isaiah 14:12 <i>'..how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!'</i>	Isaiah 14:4 <i>'...How hath the oppressor ceased!'</i> Isaiah 14:6 <i>He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.</i>

❖ Isaiah 12:13

'For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...'

THE LIE

Lucifer/Satan was filled with pride, and therefore threatened to ascend into Heaven, and take God's place.

THE TRUTH

Why would it be a big deal for Lucifer to desire to ascend to Heaven? If he was an archangel, wasn't Heaven already his home? As an archangel, he would have also had the right to sit upon the mount of the congregation. So, if Lucifer actually existed, these could not have been his secret desires!

Why would he wish for what he already had? That means that these were the desires of the one wishing for them, meaning, they were dreams that had not yet been attained. This therefore shows that this is a statement that King Nebuchadnezzar made, when his riches and power had gotten to his head because His greatness had grown until it reached the sky.

Daniel 4:22

²² Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

That is why he felt like it was possible for him to be able to ascend into Heaven, and be like God.

Isaiah 14:13

'For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven...'

Also, the "mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North...", by geographical location refers to the Temple Mount (hill) called Mount Zion which was located on the North edge of the City of David in Jerusalem and the altar was on the North edge of the Temple making it the most significant and revered spot in Israel where The Most High God manifested His presence on certain occasions.

Psalms 48:2

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the North, the city of the great King.

Psalms 50:2

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

King Nebuchadnezzar must definitely have heard about the exploits of The God of Israel and would have surmised in his heart that if he could subdue the influential points of this great God that the world feared and His people, it would wipe any trace of uncertainty in people's minds of who has the final

power. A lofty ambition indeed! Upon this thought line came his judgement and downfall.

If Lucifer was indeed ambitious to conquer the heavens as relayed, this shows beyond a doubt that this location spoken about "on the sides of the North" is an earthly location nullifying such a point of reasoning.

He also felt that his throne, which was his seat of authority, his seat of dominion, which had extended to the distant parts of the earth, could be greater than the stars of God.

Isaiah 14:3

'...I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...'

Whilst this refers to the height of the stars in the sky according to Daniel's interpretation, it also symbolically refers to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Genesis 37:9

'...Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.'

Revelations 12:1

'And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars...'

From the inception of the nation of Israel, they were always referred to as stars:

Gen 15:5

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Gen 22:17

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Gen 26:4

And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Jer 31:35-36

*Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name:
36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.*

Point of summary, King Nebuchadnezzar felt that he could sit and rule over the children of Israel in Jerusalem, when they assembled together for different feasts and festivals, as well as to worship God. The mount refers to Jerusalem, because God often called Jerusalem His holy mount.

Isaiah 14:13

'...I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...'

Isaiah 27:13

'...and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.'

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<i>Isaiah 14:13</i> <i>'For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven...'</i>	<i>Daniel 4:22</i> <i>Your...greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth</i>
<i>Isaiah 14:13</i> <i>'...I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...'</i>	<i>Revelations 12:1</i> <i>'And there appeared a great wonder in heaven...and upon her head a crown of twelve stars...'(12 tribes of Israel)</i>
<i>Isaiah 14:13</i> <i>'...I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north...'</i>	<i>Isaiah 27:13</i> <i>'...and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.'</i>

❖ Isaiah 14:14

'...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High'.

THE LIE

Lucifer sinned when he decided in his heart, that he was going to ascend into Heaven and overthrow God, and take over His Throne.

THE TRUTH

Even if this was Satan speaking, the lie that he wanted to ascend into Heaven to overthrow God has no foundation, because in this verse it states, 'I will be like the most high God', meaning 'I do not want to overthrow God or take His place, I just want to be like him'. Besides, it is impossible for creation to even think that they can overthrow their Creator. No creation of God is that foolish. Likewise, King Nebuchadnezzar did not want to overthrow God, he just desired to be like Him. *'For thou hast said in thine heart, I will be like the most High.'* His greatness is what caused the King to feel superior enough to be like God. He desired to be given the same status as God. He desired to be seen like God.

That is the reason why he built a large golden statue of himself and commanded that when the harps go off, every person should fall down and worship the golden image.

Daniel 3:5

'...That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up...'

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❖ Isaiah 14:15-16

¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble that did shake kingdoms...'

THE LIE

God finally dealt with Lucifer and kicked him out of Heaven into hell. Those that looked at him were amazed when they saw him because they couldn't believe he was the one who ruled the world.

THE TRUTH

Prophet Isaiah was clearly referring to King Nebuchadnezzar because the verse, *'They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms...'* is referring to a man, not an archangel. King Nebuchadnezzar was a ruthless leader, who was feared by all nations because he had the strongest army in his era.

We also have no record of a place in the earth where Satan was physically was thrown and people passed by to look on him and lament. This is laughable, insensible and an outrageous notion!

This referred to when people looked at King Nebuchadnezzar in his insane, depraved state, eating grass in the wild like an animal with nails overgrown according to the judgement prophesied upon him. He literally became 'world tourism' as the news of the dilemma of this feared king made other kings travel to go see for themselves



An In-depth Study of Isaiah 14

"...the sides of the pit..." is also not particular or exclusive to this verse or to Lucifer as we see the phrase used again in Ezekiel 32:23 when The Lord asks Prophet Ezekiel to take up a lamentation against Pharoah, the King of Egypt and predict the coming of the King of Babylon –King Nebuchadnezzar, for final conquest, who had recently subdued Egypt into being second in world power at this time, in the battle of Carchemish, 605 BC. As an aside, observe that it is God handing over all the kings of the earth into Nebuchadnezzar's hand.

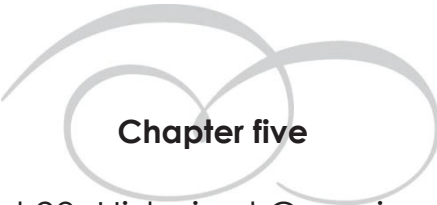
Reading downwards, Isaiah 14:9-10, you will see other fellow defeated kings question him in lamentation, if he has become as them.

If the reference is Lucifer, this should then give birth to an enhanced theory of other archangels who had already tried to revolt against God before Lucifer himself, as he now has to join their 'defeated bandwagon'. It would also disqualify him from being Satan –the overall evil nemesis.

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Was Satan Really An Archangel?



Chapter five

Ezekiel 28: Historical Overview of Tyre



As we study the book of Ezekiel chapter 28, based on the prophecy given to the King of Tyre by prophet Ezekiel, we will begin with a historical overview of the Island of Tyre, also known as Tyrus. This overview was taken from Ezekiel chapters 26, 27 and 28. Our understanding of how this Island operated and looked will cause us to have a better understanding of why God sent Prophet Ezekiel to the King of Tyre with the prophecy that the Body of Christ later attributed to Satan.

Tyre was one of the most beautiful cities in Ancient History, according to the book of Ezekiel. It was exquisitely built, with glass shops and fancy buildings throughout. Till today, it is known as one of the greatest commercial centres of all time. All the Kings of the earth at that time, traded with Tyre in the industry that was their nation's own strength. That means all the nations in the earth had business relations with Tyre.

For example, Tarshish traded with Tyre in all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin and lead. Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, traded men (slaves) and vessels of brass. Sheba and Raamah, traded with all spices and all precious stones and gold, amongst several other nations.

It was therefore a city of great strength, wealth and amazing beauty. Tyre was also celebrated for its dyeing and weaving workmanship, its purple dyes and beautiful tints. It was known for having the most skilled men in engraving of precious stones, as well as in several other industries. To the extent that in the generations before Prophet Ezekiel's prophecy, when King Solomon was looking for the most skilled craftsmen in precious stones, he sought for men from Tyre.

It was the world trade centre of its time. They had the best of everything in all industries and were very wealthy. This allowed the King of Tyre to build the city in a lavish manner. The King was famous for hosting the greatest parties, musical concerts and celebrations because he had the privilege of entertaining world leaders and powers on a regular basis.

Tyre was an economic and social hub, and everything within it was constructed to perfection, by the best builders, workers and craftsmen of that time.

There was no country that did not desire to trade with Tyre and its wealth was seen in the perfection to which everything was built, structured, run and engineered.

He had great influence over all countries because of his trade connections. If you wanted to be rich, the key was to make contact with the King of Tyre.

In his beginnings, he feared and respected God, however, he rebelled against the same God who gave him his influence, power and wealth when he decided he himself was a god. The power and affluence got to his head and he exalted himself and began to see himself like God. The attention he was receiving, the obvious praises of men, the fame and prestige had created pride within him and he felt so superior, that in his own head he decided this was how it must feel to be God but what followed proved that he was very wrong.

God sent Prophet Ezekiel with a prophecy that King Nebuchadnezzar was going to bring him down and utterly destroy Tyre, because the King of Tyre had become an opportunist who laughed at the invasion of Jerusalem, and decided to prey on Israel's weakness. However, it is clear from Scripture that in the time of King David and King Solomon, Tyre as a nation, once had good relations with Israel and the King of that time, Hiram, was a friend of King David and King Solomon.

This means that at a certain stage of its history, Tyre as a city once feared and respected God. However, generations later, when Israel had been broken down by the King of Babylon, the reigning King of Tyre forgot about God, though he clearly knew him as he compared himself to Him. This is when God sent Prophet Ezekiel, to tell Tyre the city and its King the prophecy of its destruction. This prophecy is what the Body of Christ has mistakenly attributed to also be simultaneously depicting the fall of Satan from Heaven, which is not true.

Ezekiel 28:12-19

"¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³ Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created. This is a description of Tyre's beauty, wealth, craftsmanship and musicality.

¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou was upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁵ Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee.

This depicts their friendship with Jerusalem (The Holy Mount Zion) and Israel till they chose to betray this loyalty.

*¹⁶By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
¹⁷Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*

Signifying his beauty and fame the reason for his negative turn around.

¹⁸Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee."

Lucifer/Satan, according to the storyline created, is never recorded to be burnt to ashes but rather to burn forever in hell and again, as pointed out in an earlier similar verse, there's no place people went to see Lucifer/Satan here on earth to behold his downfall.

You can observe that random verses are picked from different books and chapters to create a storyline instead of a proper contextual interpretation. Here is an interesting read on the historical documentation of the LITERAL fulfillment of this prophecy over Tyre:

What Happened To Tyre?

In the south of Lebanon there is evidence of an ancient battle so fierce that it permanently altered the Mediterranean coastline.

A peninsula juts out from the mainland in the place where a proud island city once refused an invader, providing silent testimony as to the fate of all those who defied Alexander the Great. The city is called Tyre and it is located approximately 20 kilometres north (12 miles) of the Israeli border and about 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of the Lebanese capital Beirut. Tyre is well-known to Bible students particularly (although not exclusively) from the prophecy of Ezekiel who was inspired to foresee details of Tyre's downfall that would have seemed wildly improbable to his contemporaries yet in the course of time proved accurate to the smallest detail.



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Ancient Tyre consisted of two parts. The first part of the city was on the mainland and the second part was on an island just under a kilometre from the shoreline. The island city of Tyre was blessed with not one but two separate harbours which faced opposite sides of the island. The north harbour (also called the “Sidonian Harbour”) which is still in operation today was one of the best natural harbours on the eastern side of the Mediterranean Sea. Having two excellent sheltered harbours gave the city great advantages and enabled Tyre to become a major destination for merchant ships hoping to trade and practice commerce with the people of the eastern Mediterranean.

Tyre became very wealthy and the island portion of the city over time became heavily fortified.

The city on the mainland was the secondary part of the city called ‘Ushu’ and it principally served to supply the island with water and supplies.

One might think of the mainland portion of the city as being the “suburbs” while the island was the home of the wealthy and those of noble birth. The island also served as the city’s religious centre and the principal location for trade and commerce.

The Wealth Of Tyre

At first, the city/state of Tyre enjoyed good relations with Israel and Judah although the relationship was commercial and not based on any religious or cultural sympathy. When King Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem, King Hiram of Tyre famously supplied cedar from the forests of Lebanon as well as other materials and even skilled workmen. For this, Hiram was well paid. (1 Kings 5)

One export that contributed to the great wealth of Tyre was purple clothing dye, which came to be known as Tyrian purple. This was the most precious dye of its time, in large part because of the great amount of labour required to produce even small amounts.

First, Murex shellfish from the Mediterranean Sea were captured in traps in large numbers. It took an incredible amount of these shellfish to produce a single gram of dye. For example, as many as 12,000 shellfish were used to produce the dye for a single garment. For this reason, owning garments dyed purple was prohibitively expensive for most people. In time, purple came to be a colour associated with royalty.

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The principal cities of the Phoenicians were originally Byblos, Sidon and Tyre but they established colonies all along the north-African coast and as far west as Portugal and Spain. The cities of Byblos, Sidon and Tyre are located within the territory of modern Syria and Lebanon. A Phoenician colony in North Africa called Carthage later became a major city and a fierce competitor with the republic of Rome. The Phoenician cities were organised as city-states and there does not seem to have been a centralised Phoenician government. The Phoenicians were a seafaring people and their merchants-ships ventured all over the Mediterranean Sea making their cities very wealthy.



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The Religion Of Tyre

Culturally, the Phoenicians were Canaanites and spoke a variation of the Canaanite language and worshipped variations of the same gods as the Canaanite people in Israel. The fertility god commonly referred to as “Baal” in the Bible was commonly worshipped in Phoenicia along with its attendant practices of ritualized prostitution, sex worship and [infant sacrifice](#). The particular Baal deity worshipped in Tyre was named Melkart (or Melqart). The Greeks saw Melkart as a variation of their own demigod Heracles (or Hercules to the Romans). This connection to the Greek divine hero of myth would play a role in the city's downfall.

The Tyrian Baal worship of Melkart seems to have been introduced into the 10 tribe kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab. Ahab unwisely made a marriage alliance for the daughter of the Phoenician king of Sidon named in the Bible, “Ethbaal” (meaning “With Baal”). Ethbaal's daughter of course, was the infamous [Jezebel](#), an aggressive promoter of the worship of Melkart and a vicious opponent to the worship of the God of Israel.

After this point in history the once good relations enjoyed by Tyre and the people of Judah and Israel soured.

The prophet Joel accused the people of Tyre and Sidon of selling the people of Judah into slavery to the Greeks:



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"And the people of Judah and Jerusalem you have sold to the Greeks, In order to remove them far from their territory" (Joel 3:6)

Ezekiel Prophecies Against Tyre

The people of Tyre became overly confident in their natural island defenses and overly proud of the wealth and beauty of their city. They developed a feeling of jealousy and rivalry toward Jerusalem and exulted over the misfortunes she faced and hoped to exploit them for commercial opportunity. For these reasons the prophet Ezekiel was inspired to prophecy against her:

"Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha! The gateway of the peoples has been broken! Everything will come my way, and I will become rich now that she is devastated'; therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Jehovah says: 'Here I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, just as the sea brings up its waves.

They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear down her towers, and I will scrape away soil and make her a shining, bare rock. She will become a drying yard for dragnets in the midst of the sea.' (Ezekiel 26: 2-5)



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Notice this prophecy makes certain predictions:

- There would be “many nations” against Tyre (Ezekiel 26: 3)
- Her walls and towers would be torn down (Ezekiel 26: 4)
- Her soil would be scraped away and she would become a shining bare rock (Ezekiel 26: 4)
- Fishermen would use the area for drying nets (Ezekiel 26: 5)

A closer examination of the rest of Ezekiel chapter 26 reveals more details:

- Settlements in the countryside would be slaughtered (Ezekiel 26: 6)
- King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon would come against Tyre (Ezekiel 26: 7)
- He would lay siege and tear down Tyre's walls and houses (Ezekiel 26: 12)
- Tyre's stones, woodwork and soil would be thrown in the water (Ezekiel 26: 12)

Nebuchadnezzar's Siege of Tyre

Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Tyre began not long after Ezekiel's words against the city. According to the first century Jewish historian Josephus, Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Tyre for an incredible 13 years:

“I will now add the records of the Phoenicians; for it will not be superfluous to give the reader demonstrations more than enough on this occasion.



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In them we have this enumeration of the times of their several kings: "Nabuchodonosor besieged Tyre for thirteen years in the days of Ithobal, their king; after him reigned Baal, ten years;" (Against Apion, 1.21)

Josephus also quotes an account that has not survived til our day by a historian named Philostratus (who lived circa 170 to 250 B.C) who in his accounts said of Nebuchadnezzar: *"this King besieged Tyre thirteen years: while at the same time Ethbaal reigned at Tyre."* Unfortunately, this is as much as the ancient records have to say regarding Nebuchadnezzar's siege. Still between Ezekiel, Josephus and certain archaeological records, some conclusions may be drawn. That the siege would be long, Ezekiel adds:

"Son of man, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon made his army labor greatly against Tyre. Every head became bald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare. But he and his army received no wages for the labor he expended on Tyre. Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Jehovah says, 'Here I am giving the land of Egypt to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and he will carry off its wealth and take much spoil and plunder from it; and it will become wages for his army. As compensation for his labor against her, I will give him the land of Egypt because they acted for me,' declares the Sovereign Lord Jehovah." (Ezekiel 29: 18-20)

During the protracted, multi-year siege, Babylonian soldiers heads became bare from the chafing of their helmets, their shoulders rubbed raw from wearing armour and labouring long in the siege.

Evidently, the mainland portion of the city fell to the Babylonians along with associated settlements in the surrounding area. The walls and towers of the mainland city were levelled along with the homes within. The neighbouring settlements were razed to the ground and their inhabitants cruelly slaughtered. Yet lacking a significant navy, Babylon was incapable of taking the fortified island city. So Nebuchadnezzar choose to lay siege to the island, cutting it off from provisions from the mainland and to the extent they could, cutting it off from resupply by sea. In this way they hoped to starve the city into submission. A lengthy siege of this type would have cost the Babylonians dearly, which is also implied by Ezekiel who said that the army would receive “*no wages for the labor he expended on Tyre.*” (Ezekiel 29:18) As compensation, Nebuchadnezzar is promised the wealth of the land of Egypt.

Although the historical record of both the Babylonian siege of Tyre and the subsequent invasion of Egypt is limited, archeological evidence does support the Bible record. A broken cuneiform tablet first published in 1926 by German archeologist Eckhard Unger refers to provisions of food for “*the king and his soldiers for their march against Tyre*“. Other cuneiform tablets show that at some point Tyre was in the hands of the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar.



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Finally, a cuneiform tablet at the British Museum shows that Nebuchadnezzar did indeed successfully engage the Egyptian forces.

Nebuchadnezzar did not take the island city by force. It seems likely that the city negotiated a surrender after 13 years of siege. Either King Ithobal of Tyre died during the siege or he was surrendered to the Babylonians to be replaced by his son Baal who would become a Babylonian puppet-ruler.

The later theory is supported by an ancient list of foreign kings residing in Babylon who like Judean King Jehoiachin were prisoners dependent on the Babylonian monarch for their lives. At the top of this list is an unnamed king of Tyre.

Yet the prophecy concerning Tyre at this point could only be said to be partly fulfilled. Nebuchadnezzar had taken the mainland city, but the island city had not been destroyed let alone “thrown in the water”. The fulfilment of this part of the prophecy would wait over 250 years for the ascent of Alexander the Great. Remember, Ezekiel had said that Tyre would be plundered by “many nations”. (Ezekiel 26: 3)

After the fall of Babylon, the Achaemenid dynasty, ruled over what the Bible calls the empire of “the Medes and the Persians” (Daniel 5:28). This Persian empire ruled for two centuries over the former holdings of Babylonia including Tyre until they were taken away by a fierce young king from Macedonia.

By the time of his death shortly before reaching the age of 33, Alexander the Great controlled an empire that stretched from Greece, down south to Egypt and as far east as India. He was never defeated in battle and may have continued his conquests had he not suddenly died in Babylon under circumstances that are controversial still. Many ancient historians thought he had been poisoned although many (but not all) modern historians believe he died of natural causes such as malaria or typhoid fever.

Shortly after succeeding his father, Alexander turned his eyes eastward toward the ancient rivals of Greece and determined to conquer Persia.

First his army marched south, towards Egypt. Alexander had already bested two massive Persian armies before coming to Phoenicia. The king of the Persians, Darius III had eluded capture and fled to the eastern part of his empire, free to fight another day. Alexander's army continued south where the Phoenician cities of Byblos and Sidon capitulated without a fight. Now only Tyre, the grandest and richest city of the Phoenicians remained outside Alexander's control.



Tyre Denies Alexander's Request

Hoping to avoid bloodshed, the king of Tyre sent envoys bearing gifts to meet with Alexander. They greeted Alexander most courteously and while not formally submitting to him, requested a formal alliance. Alexander countered with a request of his own that made the Tyrians immediately suspicious. Inside the heavily fortified island city there was an old and famous temple to the chief god of Tyre, Melkart (or Melqart). The Greeks identified this god with their famous mythic hero Heracles (Hercules). Like many ancient kings, Alexander claimed descent from the gods. Specifically, Alexander claimed descent from Heracles. On statues and images created of Alexander he is depicted wearing or carrying items associated with Heracles. On his coins he is depicted as a youthful and powerful Heracles. In modern terms you could say that Heracles was Alexander's "brand".

The Tyrians politely declined Alexander's request to offer sacrifice in their city.

The request came during their major annual religious festival to Melkart and they may have felt that to allow Alexander to sacrifice there and at that time would have meant that they acknowledged his sovereignty over the city. Perhaps they suspected (correctly) that having invited Alexander and his forces in the front door the Greeks might never leave. Or they may have wanted not to pick a side between the Greeks and the Persians before the war was decided.

In any case, they proposed that rather than making his sacrifice in the temple of the island city of Tyre, Alexander make his sacrifices in a temple in "Old Tyre", the city on the mainland that Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed. Alexander was furious and immediately threatened to lay siege saying, *"You indeed, relying on your situation, because you live on an island, despise this army of foot-soldiers, but I will soon show you that you are on the mainland. Therefore I want you to know that I will either enter your city or besiege it."*

The Tyrians continued to refuse Alexander. Further envoys from Alexander were murdered. He was right in his assessment of them, the Tyrians were over-confident in their natural island defences and in their own military forces. They may have also thought that if Alexander could be forced into undertaking a difficult and protracted siege, that Darius III of Persia would have time to prepare and come to their rescue. Another theory is that the people of Tyre may have hoped for help from their greatest colony, Carthage. Unlike Nebuchadnezzar two centuries earlier, Alexander was not content to simply wait and starve the Tyrians into submission.

Nebuchadnezzar did not have the imagination to do what Alexander would do next. Alexander had empires to conquer and the island of Tyre was in his way. Delay was intolerable! Further, if he let Tyre alone, the Persians could safely harbor their fleet there and Alexander would continue to have an enemy at his back as he ventured east.



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Though the sea barred his path Alexander was able to see past this obstacle. True to his word, he would turn the island of Tyre into mainland.

Alexander Builds A Causeway

Demolishing the ruins of mainland Tyre ("Old Tyre"), Alexander had the stones thrown into the sea at the point where the distance between the mainland and the island of Tyre was the shortest. His forces began to build a massive causeway (also called a "mole") to the island. Alexander's soldiers became engineers and construction workers. Their material was timber from the famous cedar forests of Lebanon and the abundant stone and even soil from the old city of Tyre that had lain in ruins since its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar over two centuries before.

As the water deepened, the progress of the causeway began to slow. At this point, the efforts of Alexander's men invited only mockery from the Tyrians. The men of Tyre would approach the workers in boats so that they would be close enough to be heard but far enough away to avoid danger. They would shout scorn and reproach at Alexander's men. "Was this work for proud soldiers?"

Did you imagine when you enlisted that you would be carrying baskets of rock and dirt on your backs? Do you imagine that Alexander is greater than the god of the sea?"

Labor on the causeway continued and before long included tens of thousands of men drafted into service from neighbouring cities and towns. Only now did the men of Tyre begin to awake to the danger.

As the causeway progressed, it came within range of the archers on the walls of Tyre. Although ancient accounts of their height may exaggerated, there is no doubt that the walls of the island fortress were unusually high and formidable. Arrows and other projectiles hurled down on the Alexander's workers killing and wounding and making further progress all but impossible. Alexander countered by building two of the tallest siege towers in ancient history and then had them moved to the end of causeway. These wooden towers were covered in rawhide to protect the frame from burning arrows. These towers sheltered Alexander's workers from enemy fire and allowed them to continue working. Further, the towers also served as artillery platforms.

Catapults and archers at the top of the siege towers were able to return fire at the soldiers on the walls of Tyre. This prompted the Tyrians to devise a very clever counter-attack. Taking an old transport ship, they filled it to the gunwales with highly combustible materials. They hung cauldrons of oil from the masts and then two galley ships towed the fireship to the end of the causeway and ran her aground.

Tyrian soldiers quickly set the vessel aflame and the inferno spread to Alexander's siege towers and other siege equipment.



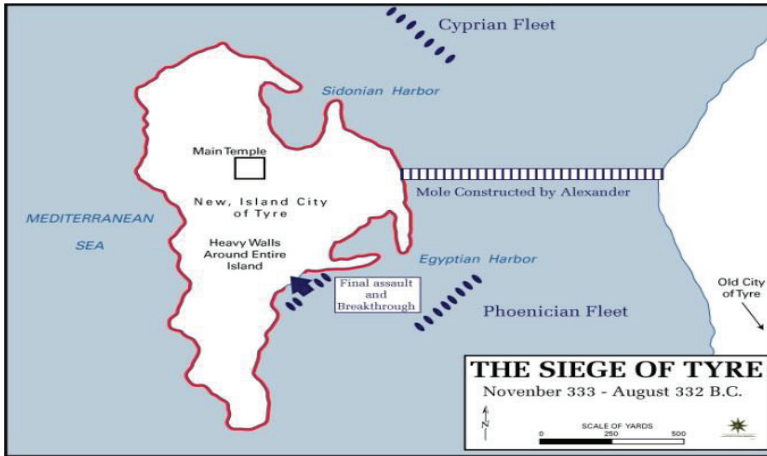
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Tyrian soldiers in boats landed on the causeway to kill or drive back those of Alexander's soldiers and workers that would try to douse the flames. The gambit was a complete success. The towers were destroyed and work on the causeway came to a halt.

The setback was short-lived. Alexander would not let the same strategy work twice.

He realised he would need a navy. Fortunately the other cities of Phoenicia which had surrendered to him largely without a fight possessed fighting ships. Further, the king of Cyprus wished to be allied to Alexander and sent 120 of his fighting ships. Another 23 fighting ships came from the Greek city-state of Ionia.

In total, Alexander now had a navy of 223 ships which was more than Tyre possessed and more than enough to blockade the island city. Finding themselves outnumbered, Tyrian ships could be contained in Tyre's two harbours where the best they could now do was guard against entrance into the city. The blockade was complete, the Tyrians were now cooped up inside their city, unable to harass Alexander's men or resupply the city from the sea.



Work resumed on the causeway. Alexander ordered that it be widened further and the siege towers rebuilt. As the causeway was being completed, his new navy tested the city's defences at various points and attacked the entrances to the harbours. Many ships were sunk at the mouths of the harbour but the defenders were able to keep Alexander's ships at bay.

Some of Alexander's ships were mounted with battering rams and they tested the city walls in a number of locations. Other ships were strapped together so they could support a siege tower tall enough to reach the top of the city walls. Finally, one of the battering ram equipped ships succeeded in punching a small breach through the walls.

The Fall Of Tyre

To split the Tyrian's attention, the Greek forces launched a number of diversionary attacks on various points of the islands walls and the navy bombarded the city from all sides with projectiles. With Tyre's forces fighting on all sides, two ships approached the breached wall. From a tall siege tower, Alexander personally led some of his elite soldiers onto the walls of Tyre and they forced their way into the city. The thoroughly demoralised defenders of Tyre were now in a panic and Alexanders forces were now able to punch through other areas of the city including through its harbours. The fighting inside the city was fierce but relatively short-lived.

Some citizens of Tyre sought shelter in the Temple of Melkart (Melqart), where Alexander had wanted to sacrifice to Heracles (Hercules). The city became a slaughterhouse. 6,000 of the Tyrian defenders died in battle while reportedly, only 400 of Alexander's men died in the final fight for Tyre. Even if those numbers are exaggerated the disparity was surely great.

30,000 of the citizens of Tyre were subsequently sold into slavery while 2,000 soldiers who had survived the downfall were forced onto the beaches of Tyre and hung or nailed by the hands onto trees, posts and rudimentary frames until they were dead. The Roman empire would later famously employ this form of slow public execution called in Latin, "crucifixion".

Ancient historians relate that 15,000 Tyrians were secretly saved from the victor's cruelty. Since

Alexander had pressed into service the soldiers and sailors of subjugated Phoenician cities, many of his forces were related to the people of Tyre by blood and culture. Some of these troops quietly provided their kinsmen protection and secreted them onto their ships where they were smuggled away from danger.

In the end, Alexander did make sacrifices to Hercules at the Temple of Melkart. Interestingly, in spite of the great slaughter that he ordered, those who had sought shelter in the temple were spared. Here to, he probably sought to show his reverence for a temple that he associated with the worship of Heracles.

Tyre In Later Centuries

Tyre was razed to the ground. It was standard practise for a victorious army to reduce the walls of a conquered city to rubble, lest the city be refortified and again used against them. This was the case with Tyre. Stripped of its impressive defences and denuded of its citizens, proud Tyre, no longer even an island was for a time, only fit for fishermen to dry their nets on the bare rock.

The city would eventually be rebuilt, although never again would it enjoy its former political importance. However, under the Romans the city would become an important commercial centre. The worship of Melkart did not disappear quickly.



Ezekiel 28: Historical Overview of Tyre

His image , continued to be presented on Tyrian coinage. It is a strange fact that during the lifetime of Jesus, the Tyrian Shekel (also called a Tetradrachma), was the only acceptable coin that could be used to pay the temple tax in Jerusalem. The money changers that Jesus drove out of the temple were changing Roman currency into Tyrian shekels. The 30 pieces of silver that the arch-traitor Judas was bought with (Matthew 26: 14,15) were almost certainly Tyrian shekels and bore the face of the Baal of Tyre.

Many of the Phoenician's who escaped the fall of Tyre eventually made their way to Carthage in North Africa. With Tyre destroyed, Carthage became the most important Phoenician city and would for a time under her famous general Hannibal, even rival Rome for dominance of the Mediterranean.

During the ministry of Jesus, crowds of people from Tyre and Sidon would travel to hear Jesus speak. On one occasion, Jesus personally visited the region around Tyre, on which occasion he cured the demon-possessed child of a Phoenician woman who was suffering greatly. Jesus visit to the region evidently bore fruit, because just over 20 years later toward the conclusion of the Apostle Paul's third missionary trip, he sought out and stayed with the Christian community in Tyre for seven days.

In the 7th century AD, Tyre and what is now Lebanon and Syria fell to Muslim Arab invaders. In 1124, European Crusaders won Tyre for Christendom in the First Crusade.

In 1291, Muslim forces drove out the Crusaders and for the next many centuries, what remained of Tyre lay in ruins, inhabited by almost no one. In 1697, an English academic and clergyman named Henry Maundrell passed through Tyre on his way to Jerusalem. He reported in Tyre only *"a few poor wretches, harboring themselves in vaults and subsisting chiefly on fishing."* This immediately brings to mind Ezekiel's statement that Tyre, *"...will become a drying yard for dragnets in the midst of the sea."* (Ezekiel 26:5)

By the end of the 19th century, a population was again beginning to form in what had once been Tyre.

These were no longer Phoenician people, whose culture, religion and language has been lost to history. Rather the new city is peopled by descendants of the Arabs who first settled in the land after the death of Muhammad. Sadly, war continues to visit the region. Notably, the Lebanese Civil War which raged from the mid-1970's until 1990 brought much suffering to the region. During the third phase of the war the city was heavily shelled by Israeli artillery in 1982.

Most recently, armed forces in the city belonging to the Shia Muslim "Hezbollah" militia were bombed by Israel during the 2006 Lebanon War.



Aerial photo of Tyre circa 1934. Centuries of sedimentation has turned Alexander's causeway into a peninsula 500 meters wide.

Today, visitors who look for ruins from Phoenician Tyre will be disappointed for nothing at all remains from that time period. Everything from that era was removed and thrown into the sea to build Alexander's causeway, leaving only "*shining, bare rock*" (Ezekiel 26:4).

Impressive ruins from Roman period do exist and UNESCO has declared the area a [World Heritage Site](#). Alexander's causeway permanently altered the sea currents and many long centuries of sedimentation has turned the causeway into a sandy peninsula approximately 500 meters wide.

In recent decades the area has been heavily built over.

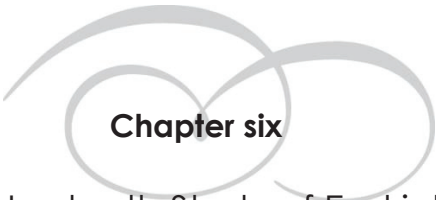
The area of the causeway now contains hundreds of apartment blocks and Lebanese Tyre has a population roughly estimated in 1993 to be 117,000 (although the real number is probably much higher). Tyre's southern harbour gradually filled with silt and has long since disappeared but the northern, "Sidonian" harbour is still used and is filled with fishing boats and pleasure craft. Recent years have seen a marked increase in tourism and it is hoped that the newborn city's white sandy beaches and rich historical heritage will make modern Tyre a tourist hotspot.

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Chapter six

An In-depth Study of Ezekiel 28



Having gone through the historical overview of Tyre, we now have a clear mental picture of how the city of Tyre was. We will now take an in-depth review of the portion of Scriptures that have been used to refer to Satan as Lucifer by the Body of Christ. We will dissect each verse and analyse it line upon line, and precept upon precept.

❖ **Ezekiel 28:12**

“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him...”

THE LIE

There has been a lot of confusion concerning Prophet Ezekiel's reference to the King of Tyre in chapter 28:12 after he had initially addressed the Prince of Tyre in Ezekiel 28:2. Compare the following:

Ezekiel 28:2

'The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, say to the Prince of Tyre...'

Ezekiel 28:12

"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him..."

This is what many have used to attribute to the King of Tyre in Ezekiel 28:12 to Satan, the assumption being that Prophet Ezekiel was referring to a spiritual principality, according to Daniel 10:20:

Daniel 20:20

'Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.'

According to the book of Daniel, when Gabriel referred to the princes of Persia and Grecia, he was essentially referring to the principalities that were set to rule over the nations of Persia and Greece. This is where the interpretation of the King of Tyre being Satan is coming from. The belief is that Prophet Ezekiel was most probably referring to the principality ruling over Tyre, that is, Satan.

THE TRUTH

Prophet Ezekiel's reference to the Prince of Tyre has been misinterpreted by several Bible translations.

When you study the original Hebrew to English text, you will find that the Hebrew word that was translated 'Prince' in English, is the word, 'ngid/nāgfīd', (pronounced 'naw-gheed'), which means governor or ruler. Hence, Ezekiel 28:2 is meant to read:

'The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, say to the governor/ruler of Tyre...'

That means that the reference to the King of Tyre in verse 12, was a reference to the same person spoken to in verse 2. Furthermore, inasmuch as we know by revelation, that each nation and country has a principality influencing the decisions of the current leaders, yet if the Scriptures were referring to the principality of Tyre, it would have been made clear to us, as it was in the Book of Daniel.

The Scriptures are clear enough for a child to understand and do not require speculation to validate their meaning.

LIE THAT THE PRINCE AND KING ARE TWO PEOPLE	TRUTH THAT IT IS ONE PERSON
<i>Ezekiel 28:2</i> 'The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, say to the Prince of Tyre...' <i>Ezekiel 28:12</i> 'Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him...'	<i>Ezekiel 28:2</i> 'The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, say to the governor/ruler of Tyre...' <i>Ezekiel 28:12</i> 'Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him...'

❖ **Ezekiel 28:12**

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

THE LIE

Prophet Ezekiel was referring to Satan when he was once an archangel, by referring to him as the seal of perfection who is full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. This type of perfection can only be attributed to an angel.

THE TRUTH

Prophet Ezekiel was referring to both the King of Tyre and to Tyre as a city in his descriptions and prophesies.

Ezekiel 27:1-3

“Son of man, take up a lament concerning Tyre. Say to Tyre, situated at the gateway to the sea...”

Ezekiel 28:12

“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him...”

So profound, so influential and so wealthy was the King of Tyre, everybody revered him and it was because of his great wisdom that he acquired this wealth, for every nation wanted to do business with him. His wisdom and wealth combined together made him a seal of perfection.

He built his city to perfection, and it was one of the most beautiful cities in its time. The whole world desired to do business with the King of Tyre, and this caused him to grow pompous even towards God.

LIETHAT IT IS SATAN	TRUTH THAT IT IS TYRE/TYRUS
Ezekiel 28:12 <i>'Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.'</i>	Ezekiel 27:3-4 <i>'...O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty...thy builders have perfected thy beauty.'</i> (Referring specifically to Tyre/Tyrus, the city)
Ezekiel 28:17 <i>Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:</i>	Ezekiel 28:5-7 <i>'With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches...and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.'</i> (Referring to the King)

**❖ Ezekiel 28V13.
'You were in Eden, the garden of God...'**

THE LIE

Satan is the only spirit being of whom it can be said that he was in the Garden of Eden, because no human being can be attributed to being in the Garden of Eden except for Adam and Eve.

THE TRUTH

Prophet Ezekiel loved to compare situations and individuals to the Garden of Eden, as is shown throughout his writings. He spoke of the Garden of Eden more than any other Prophet in the Bible. For example, he alluded to certain areas being like the Garden of Eden in the following verse:

Ezekiel 36v35

*And they shall say, this land that was desolate is become like the **garden of Eden**...*

Prophet Ezekiel also compared Pharaoh's beauty to that of the trees in the Garden of Eden in the following verses:

Ezekiel 31v2-18

Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness...

⁸*The cedars in the **garden of God** could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the **garden of God** was like unto him in his beauty.*

⁹*I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the **trees of Eden**, that were in the garden of God, envied him.... ¹⁶I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the **trees of Eden**, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. ¹⁷They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.*

¹⁸*To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the **trees of Eden**? Yet shalt thou be brought down with the **trees of Eden** unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.*

Prophet Ezekiel likened Pharaoh to a beautiful tree and continuously described his beauty and stature

as being more beautiful than all the trees in the Garden of Eden. If we thus conclude, that in Chapter 28v13 Prophet Ezekiel was referring to Satan because he's the only one who could have been in Eden; *'Thou hast been in the Garden of Eden.'* How then do we explain Chapter 31v18 of the same book?

Ezekiel 31:18

'To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth...'

It is clear that Prophet Ezekiel decided to use the trees of the Garden of Eden to describe how beautiful Pharaoh was, and if he meant the literal Garden of Eden mentioned in the Book of Genesis, then it means the other trees of the Garden of Eden that envied him were people. According to the assumption, this would therefore mean that Pharaoh was 'a tree' in the Garden of Eden, and then he was cut down with the other people who were other 'trees' in the Garden of Eden, to the nether parts of the earth, which is preposterous!

Clearly in Ezekiel chapter 31v18, Prophet Ezekiel could not have been referring to Satan, nor could he

have been referring to the original Garden of Eden either, as the Scripture goes on to say:

'This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.'

That means that for Prophet Ezekiel to refer to the Garden of Eden, it was merely a form of description of the beauty of the place, or person and did not mean Pharaoh or the King of Tyre were in the literal Garden of Eden in the beginning.

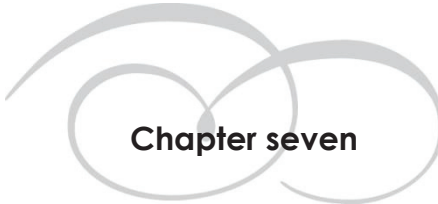
Neither does it mean that Prophet Ezekiel was simultaneously referring to Satan in both instances. Having clarified this, it is therefore clear that Prophet Ezekiel's prophecy meant that the King of Tyre was so rich and wealthy, that the Palace that he built for himself had beautiful gardens that can certainly be compared to the original Garden of Eden.

He had enough money to create a paradise for himself during this time, in the same manner as King Nebuchadnezzar built the world renowned Hanging Gardens of Babylon for his wife.

USED TO REFER TO SATAN	REFER TO KING OF TYRE & PHARAOH
<i>Ezekiel 28:13</i> <i>'Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...'</i>	<i>Ezekiel 31:18</i> <i>To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth:</i> <i>Ezekiel 28:13 (Pharaoh)</i> <i>'Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...'(King of Tyre)</i>



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Chapter seven

Continuation of Ezekiel 28



E

zekiel 28:13

...every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

THE LIE

Satan was created the most beautiful archangel in Heaven, covered with every precious stone one can think of. Other interpretations state that Satan was made from stones.

THE TRUTH

When Prophet Ezekiel wrote, '*every precious stone was your covering*', he was referring to the King of Tyre and the beautiful city he had built. Remember the prophecy was addressed to Tyre as a city, as well as to the King of Tyre.

Ezekiel 27:1-3

"Son of man, take up a lament concerning Tyre. Say to Tyre, situated at the gateway to the sea..."

Ezekiel 28:12

"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him..."

The King was so wealthy he could afford to lavish himself with jewellery and garments made out of every precious stone. However, contextually reading the verse, and studying the direct Hebrew to English translation, this verse is referring more to Tyre as a city, and not to the King. The initial phrase of this Scripture is referring to the King being in the most beautiful garden that looked like Paradise.

Ezekiel 28:13

'Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...'

Already, Prophet Ezekiel was setting the scene for us, by giving us a visual image of Tyre's beautiful gardens. The next phrase goes on to speak of being covered by every precious stone. Glass and stone decorated the city walls.

'...every precious stone was thy covering...'



Continuation of Ezekiel 28

In this phrase, the original Hebrew word for covering is, *'mskth/m^esukkah'*, pronounced as *'mes-ook-kaw'* which means a covering or awning that is in the shape of a booth-like pavilion. A pavilion is a type of entertainment area built in a garden. This verse can therefore be read as:

'...every precious stone was your pavilion...'

Which would literally mean:

'Your pavilion was made of every precious stone'.

This goes to show that Prophet Ezekiel was referring to the walls of the pavilions of Tyre, when he referred to Tyre being built with every precious stone. Tyre received these precious stones from Sheba and Raamah.

Ezekiel 27:3

And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

LIE THAT IT IS SATAN	TURTH THAT IT IS KING OF TYRE
Ezekiel 28:13 ‘...every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold:...	Ezekiel 28:13 ‘...every precious stone was thy pavilion, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold:... Ezekiel 27:3 ‘Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty. Ezekiel 27:22 “The merchants of Sheba and Raamah traded with you; for your merchandise they exchanged the finest of all...precious stones, and gold.

❖ **Ezekiel 28:13**

‘...the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.’

THE LIE

While Satan was an archangel, he was the praise and worship leader in Heaven because God created him with every kind of musical creativity and instrument within him. After he sinned and was cast out of Heaven, he became responsible for all the worldly music's success and fame as the gift was not taken from him when he was cast down because God giveth gifts without repentance.

THE TRUTH

As we already know, the prophetic word was directed towards Tyre as a city, as well as its King. With this in mind, when Prophet Ezekiel referred to its 'pipes', '...

The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes..., the original Hebrew word for 'pipes', that is, 'nqbi/neqeb' (pronounced 'nekeb'), refers to a 'bezel' which is a hollow setting specifically designed to hold precious stones. That means this verse can be read as follows:



Continuation of Ezekiel 28

Ezekiel 28:13

'...the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy bezels/hollow settings designed to hold precious stones; were prepared in thee in the day you were created...'

Tyre was famous for having the best workmen in carvings of precious stones, remember that when King Solomon, the richest and wisest man to have lived in the Old Testament, needed the most skilled craftsmen in precious stones, he sought for men from Tyre.

One can imagine the exquisite splendour in which this city was built with. That means within the beautiful pavilion walls of Tyre, were several alcoves, that is, hollow portions that were encased with precious jewels.

Furthermore, within the city walls was a celebratory atmosphere of dancing, singing and the playing of every musical instrument. When the King built the city, he made sure that the best musical equipment was erected in Tyre and if it was to be compared to this era, it would be likened to the huge concerts musicians host in our generation.



Continuation of Ezekiel 28

Hence the referral to tambourines or tabrets in Ezekiel 28:13, as well as songs and harps in Ezekiel 26:13.

LIE THAT IT IS SATAN	TRUTH THAT IT IS TYRE
<i>Ezekiel 28:13 '...the workmanship of thy tabrets...'</i>	<i>Ezekiel 26:13 'And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.'</i>
<i>Ezekiel 28:13 '...the workmanship of thy...pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.'</i>	<i>Ezekiel 28:13 '...the workmanship of thy...bezels/hollow- settings for jewels was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.'</i>



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Chapter eight

Unveiling the Truth



zekiel 28v14

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

THE LIE

Satan is the only spirit being that can be referred to as an anointed cherub, this therefore means he was once an archangel. The holy mountain of God where he was is Heaven.

THE TRUTH

The reference to the King of Tyre being on the holy mountain of God, merely refers to Jerusalem, the city which God often refers to as His Holy mountain.

Isaiah 66:20

'...to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD...'

Furthermore, as with the Garden of Eden, Prophet Ezekiel mentions cherubs more than any other writer of the books in the Bible and even had a vision where he saw them and could describe them vividly. It is not surprising then, that he described the King of Tyre as a cherub since he had revelation knowledge of what they symbolised. The cherub's wings symbolised how God's influence covered the whole earth through His anointing. They were not archangels. Their assignment was to show up wherever God showed up. They were created to only accompany His presence which is why they only appeared when He was present in the midst of them and nowhere else. This is also why God never sent a cherub with a message to man.

2 Kings 19:15

And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims...

Psalms 99:1

The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

2 Samuel 22:11

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

Exodus 25:22

And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony...

Ezekiel 10:1

Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

Ezekiel 10:18-19

¹⁸Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. ¹⁹And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight...

Having looked at all the above verses that refer to the cherubs, we can see that by describing the King of Tyre as an anointed cherub, Prophet Ezekiel could not have been referring to Satan as once being an archangel, because it is clear that a cherub is not an archangel. Furthermore, Prophet Ezekiel wrote the phrase in present tense, not in past tense. If Prophet Ezekiel was referring to when Satan was once an archangel, this would have been the correct time to use past tense and rather state, *'thou were the anointed cherub'*. Being written in present tense; *'thou art the anointed cherub'*; means God was referring to the reigning King of Tyre.

God Himself reiterated the truth that He was the one who set him to be the 'anointed cherub that covers' by stating, *"...and I have set thee so"*. The original Hebrew text states, *"...and I gave you"*, suggesting that God was the one who gave the King the anointing that covers like a cherub, the magnificence which followed his fame and presence, probably because he and his ancestors King Hiram had reverence for Gods people which attracted Gods blessings.

Let us consider the description of the archangels and angels in the Bible. The archangels and angels technically do not have wings on their backs, but were made in the likeness of man, as is shown throughout the Bible in their several visits to earth to give men and women messages from the Lord.

With this understanding, we can see that even if Prophet Ezekiel was referring to Satan, calling him a cherub would have simply been a way to state that he had anointing that covers the earth, and not that he has wings, which would therefore mean that even if Satan was once an archangel, he was certainly not a cherub.

The cherubs who stand around God's Throne, whom God also instructed to be placed around the mercy seat of the Ark of God, are the only spiritual beings in the Bible that we know for certain have wings. However, throughout the Bible, their wings are often used to symbolise the anointing that covers the entire earth. They also have a set of wings over their eyes as a covering in the presence of God's glory.

1 Kings 6:27

And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

Finally, let us consider how God Himself is often described as having wings. This is merely to demonstrate how in His sovereignty, He covers the whole earth with His presence and anointing like wings spread out.

Therefore when God is referred to as having wings, it is not a literal meaning. When we get to Heaven we will not find Him sitting on His Throne with wings on His back.

Psalm 91:4

'He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust...'

This is exactly the same context that Prophet Ezekiel used concerning the King of Tyre being described as a cherub. As continuously reiterated, the King of Tyre was so powerful, wealthy and influential, and this caused all nations to desire to trade with him, and thousands came from every nation in the earth, to engage in trade, or trafficking and this caused his influence to spread abroad throughout the entire earth.

This influence is what caused Prophet Ezekiel to liken him to a cherub that covers the earth with its wings, meaning influence.

LIE THAT IT IS SATAN	TRUTH THAT IT IS TYRE/TYRUS
Ezekiel 28v14 'Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so...'	Ezekiel 27:33 'When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.' (King Tyre's influence covered the earth)
Ezekiel 28:14 '...thou wast upon the holy mountain of God... '	Ezekiel 28:14 '...thou wast upon Jerusalem... ' Ezekiel 26:2 'Son of man, because Tyre has said of Jerusalem , 'Aha! The gate to the nations is broken...' (Jerusalem is God's Holy Mount)

❖ **Ezekiel 28:15**

***Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou
wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.***

THE LIE

Satan was perfect in all his ways when he was once an archangel until he sinned because of pride. This caused archangel Michael to kick him out of Heaven. No man can be perfect in all his ways, so this can only be said of an archangel or angel.

THE TRUTH

Prophet Ezekiel was referring to the state of the King of Tyre's heart initially, before he came up against Jerusalem. In generations past, the previous King of Tyre was very good friends with King David and King Solomon, proving that Tyre had great relations with God's chosen people.

That means the King of Tyre whom Prophet Ezekiel was prophesying against, was walking in his forefather's footsteps initially, until he saw Israel on its knees and decided to take advantage of their weakness and invade them. This is the same thing that was said concerning King Nebuchadnezzar. He was a God fearing man, until wealth and power consumed his heart and he made himself a god. There are several references in the Bible of men who were perfect in their hearts. Being perfect in all ways is a description that can also be used concerning man.

Genesis 6:9

...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation, and Noah walked with God.

Since Prophet Ezekiel also includes the city of Tyre when he prophesies, the same perfection can be seen in how the city was constructed, in perfect beauty, and how all manner of international trade was done in order and perfection.

Ezekiel 27:3-4

³And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty. ⁴Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

The city of Tyre/Tyrus was perfect in all its ways until blackmail, selfishness, and underhanded practises consumed the traders because of greed. One can only defile a sanctuary that was once pure.

Ezekiel 28:18

Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick...

LIE THAT IT IS SATAN	TRUTH THAT IT IS TYRE/TYRUS
<i>Ezekiel 28:15</i> <i>Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.</i>	<i>Ezekiel 28:2-5</i> <i>Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God...(King of Tyre)</i> <i>Ezekiel 27:3-4</i> ³<i>And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty. ⁴ Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty. (City of Tyre)</i> <i>Ezekiel 28:18</i> <i>Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick;(King and city of Tyre)</i>
A man can be perfect in all their ways.	<i>Genesis 6:9</i> <i>...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.</i>

❖ **Ezekiel 28v17**

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

THE LIE

When Satan was an archangel, he was the most beautiful angel in Heaven and he shone so brightly he was mesmerising, because of this, his heart became filled with pride. This pride is what caused him to corrupt his wisdom by sinning when he planned to ascend to Heaven and overthrow God.

THE TRUTH

Prophet Ezekiel was referring to how the King of Tyre was filled with pride because of the beauty and splendour of his glorious city. The city had beautiful buildings encased with jewellery that caused it to shine under the glaze of the sun. It shone with glorious splendour. The King of Tyre himself, also adorned himself with every precious stone, and he was a shining star because he was famous throughout all the nations. He was a celebrity and because of his wealth and splendour, he shone through his great affluence.

This state of exquisiteness that his wealth had brought to him, caused him to corrupt his wisdom, by deciding to plan an invasion against Israel, which was an attack against God, attracting God's wrath and judgement.

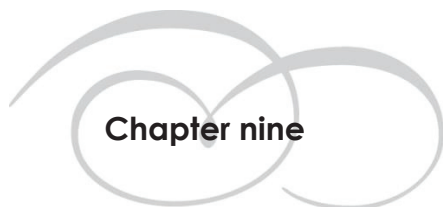
Ezekiel 28:5

'By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches..'

Ezekiel 28:7

'...they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.'

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Unveiling the Truth



To conclude our study of Ezekiel 28, we will now read through the entire prophecy that was directed towards Tyre and its King, and as we read through this, we will understand fully, in context, the prophecy that Prophet Ezekiel was sent to give to the King of Tyre. Coupled with what we have already learnt, this will seal the truth that Ezekiel 28 had nothing to do with Satan once being an archangel.

The full prophecy against Tyre and its King begins in Ezekiel Chapter 26, through to 27 and finally ends in 28. Therefore, we will have to read the Scriptures from Ezekiel chapters 26, 27 and 28.

This is the only way we can truly understand, contextually, why Prophet Ezekiel described the King of Tyre in the manner in which he did.

Read the Scriptures below as though you are reading a novel.

New International Version (NIV)

A Prophecy Against Tyre

Ezekiel 26

In the eleventh month of the twelfth year, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, because Tyre has said of Jerusalem, ‘Aha! The gate to the nations is broken, and its doors have swung open to me; now that she lies in ruins I will prosper,’ ³therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, Tyre, and I will bring many nations against you, like the sea casting up its waves. ⁴They will destroy the walls of Tyre and pull down her towers; I will scrape away her rubble and make her a bare rock. ⁵Out in the sea she will become a place to spread fishnets, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD. She will become plunder for the nations, ⁶and her settlements on the mainland will be ravaged by the sword. Then they will know that I am the LORD.⁷“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: From the north I am going to bring against Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses and chariots, with horsemen and a great army. ⁸He will ravage your settlements on the mainland with the sword; he will set up siege works against you, build a ramp up to your walls and raise his shields against you.

⁹He will direct the blows of his battering rams against your walls and demolish your towers with his weapons.

¹⁰His horses will be so many that they will cover you with dust. Your walls will tremble at the noise of the warhorses, wagons and chariots when he enters your gates as men enter a city whose walls have been broken through. ¹¹The hooves of his horses will trample all your streets; he will kill your people with the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground.

¹²They will plunder your wealth and loot your merchandise; they will break down your walls and demolish your fine houses and throw your stones, timber and rubble into the sea. ¹³I will put an end to your noisy songs, and the music of your harps will be heard no more. ¹⁴I will make you a bare rock, and you will become a place to spread fishnets. You will never be rebuilt, for I the LORD have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁵"This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Tyre: Will not the coastlands tremble at the sound of your fall, when the wounded groan and the slaughter takes place in you?

¹⁶Then all the princes of the coast will step down from their thrones and lay aside their robes and take off their embroidered garments.

Clothed with terror, they will sit on the ground, trembling every moment, appalled at you. ¹⁷ Then they will take up a lament concerning you and say to you:

“How you are destroyed, city of renown, peopled by men of the sea! You were a power on the seas, you and your citizens; you put your terror on all who lived there. ¹⁸ Now the coastlands tremble on the day of your fall; the islands in the sea are terrified at your collapse.’

¹⁹ “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When I make you a desolate city, like cities no longer inhabited, and when I bring the ocean depths over you and its vast waters cover you,

²⁰ then I will bring you down with those who go down to the pit, to the people of long ago. I will make you dwell in the earth below, as in ancient ruins, with those who go down to the pit, and you will not return or take your place in the land of the living.

²¹ I will bring you to a horrible end and you will be no more. You will be sought, but you will never again be found, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

Ezekiel 27

The word of the LORD came to me:² "Son of man, take up a lament concerning Tyre.³ Say to Tyre, situated at the gateway to the sea, merchant of peoples on many coasts, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'You say, Tyre, "I am perfect in beauty."⁴ Your domain was on the high seas; your builders brought your beauty to perfection.

⁵ They made all your timbers of juniper from Senir; they took a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.⁶ Of oaks from Bashan they made your oars ;of cypress wood from the coasts of Cyprus they made your deck, adorned with ivory.⁷ Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was your sail and served as your banner; your awnings were of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah.

⁸ Men of Sidon and Arvad were your oarsmen; your skilled men, Tyre, were aboard as your sailors.⁹ Veteran craftsmen of Byblos were on board as shipwrights to caulk your seams. All the ships of the sea and their sailors came alongside to trade for your wares. ¹⁰ "Men of Persia, Lydia and Put served as soldiers in your army. They hung their shields and helmets on your walls, bringing you splendor.¹¹ Men of Arvad and Helek guarded your walls on every side; men of Gammad were in your towers .They hung their shields around your walls they brought your beauty to perfection.

¹² “Tarshish did business with you because of your great wealth of goods; they exchanged silver, iron, tin and lead for your merchandise.¹³ “Greece, Tubal and Meshek did business with you; they traded human beings and articles of bronze for your wares.¹⁴ “Men of Beth Togarmah exchanged chariot horses, cavalry horses and mules for your merchandise.¹⁵ “The men of Rhodes traded with you, and many coastlands were your customers; they paid you with ivory tusks and ebony.

¹⁶ “Aram did business with you because of your many products; they exchanged turquoise, purple fabric, embroidered work, fine linen, coral and rubies for your merchandise. ¹⁷ “Judah and Israel traded with you; they exchanged wheat from Minnith and confections, honey, olive oil and balm for your wares.

¹⁸ “Damascus did business with you because of your many products and great wealth of goods. They offered wine from Helbon, wool from Zahar¹⁹ and casks of wine from Izal in exchange for your wares: wrought iron, cassia and calamus. ²⁰ “Dedan traded in saddle blankets with you.²¹ “Arabia and all the princes of Kedar were your customers; they did business with you in lambs, rams and goats. ²² “The merchants of Sheba and Raamah traded with you; for your merchandise they exchanged the finest of all kinds of spices and precious stones, and gold.

²³ *"Harran, Kanneh and Eden and merchants of Sheba, Ashur and Kilmad traded with you.²⁴ In your marketplace they traded with you beautiful garments, blue fabric, embroidered work and multi-coloured rugs with cords twisted and tightly knotted.*

²⁵ *"The ships of Tarshish serve as carriers for your wares. You are filled with heavy cargo as you sail the sea.*

²⁶ *Your oarsmen take you out to the high seas but the east wind will break you to pieces far out at sea.²⁷ Your wealth, merchandise and wares, your mariners, sailors and shipwrights ,your merchants and all your soldiers and everyone else on board will sink into the heart of the sea on the day of your shipwreck.*

²⁸ *The shorelands will quake when your sailors cry out.²⁹ All who handle the oars will abandon their ships; the mariners and all the sailors will stand on the shore.³⁰ They will raise their voice and cry bitterly over you; they will sprinkle dust on their heads and roll in ashes.³¹ They will shave their heads because of you and will put on sackcloth. They will weep over you with anguish of soul and with bitter mourning.*

³² *As they wail and mourn over you, they will take up a lament concerning you: "Who was ever silenced like Tyre, surrounded by the sea?"*

³³ When your merchandise went out on the seas, you satisfied many nations; with your great wealth and your wares you enriched the kings of the earth.³⁴ Now you are shattered by the sea in the depths of the waters ;your wares and all your company have gone down with you.

³⁵ All who live in the coastlands are appalled at you; their kings shudder with horror and their faces are distorted with fear.³⁶ The merchants among the nations scoff at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

Ezekiel 28

The word of the LORD came to me:² "Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "In the pride of your heart you say, "I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas. "But you are a mere mortal and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god.³ Are you wiser than Daniel? Is no secret hidden from you?⁴ By your wisdom and understanding you have gained wealth for yourself and amassed gold and silver in your treasuries.⁵ By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud. ⁶ "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Because you think you are wise, as wise as a god,⁷ I am going to bring foreigners against you, the most ruthless of nations; they will draw their swords against your beauty and wisdom and pierce your shining splendor.

⁸ They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die a violent death in the heart of the seas.⁹ Will you then say, "I am a god," in the presence of those who kill you? You will be but a mortal, not a god, in the hands of those who slay you.¹⁰ You will die the death of the uncircumcised at the hands of foreigners. I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD.'" ¹¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

(these are the verses attributed to Satan)

¹² "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

¹⁴ You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

¹⁶ Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

¹⁷ Your heart became proud on account of your beauty and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

¹⁸ By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you ,and it consumed you and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.¹⁹ All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.'"



Historical Overview of Revelations 12



he final chapter that we are going to look at is Revelations chapter 12. This is the most popular chapter that most Christians use to validate their claim that Satan was once an archangel in Heaven.

Revelations chapter 12 is addressing the events that occurred when Saint Mary gave birth to The Lord Jesus. It gives a spiritual perspective of what was happening in the realm of the spirit during this period.

What we know from the gospels is that Saints Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem, and when Mary went into labour, they could not get a room at the Inn, so they went into a stable and she gave birth there – our Lord Jesus, lying in a manger.

Thereafter, because King Herod heard that the wise men had come looking for the King of the Jews who had just been born, he sought after Lord Jesus' life, and killed every baby boy in Bethlehem under the age of two. However, an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to flee to Egypt in the middle of the night. That is how they escaped King Herod's rage.

Revelations 12:1

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ²And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

⁵And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

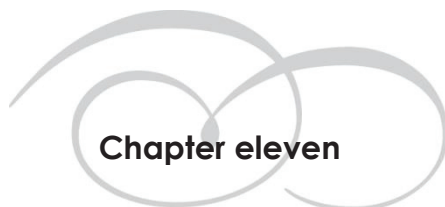
⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹⁰And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

¹³And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.



In-depth Study of Revelations 12



In this study of Revelations 12, we are going to explain the literal meaning of each verse because it is a chapter based on symbolic visions. That means the format used to explain Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 is not the same one used here, because, this chapter is talking about Satan, but not in the context of once being an archangel. The line upon line literal interpretation will explain why Revelations chapter 12 has no ties to the lie that Satan was once an archangel named Lucifer, who was thrown out of Heaven by archangel Michael when he decided to overthrow God. Please note that other symbolic interpretations that do not relate to exposing the lie that Satan was once an archangel in Heaven are not expounded upon.

It is only those points that are directly linked to the expose` of Satan that will be addressed.

❖ **Revelations 12:1-2**

'And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ²And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.'

The woman clothed with the sun was Saint Mary. She had reached the full term of her pregnancy and was in labour. That means she was already in the stable at this time.

❖ **Revelations 12:3-4**

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

The red dragon was Satan and he was red with anger and rage. The Greek translation describes him as fiery red, meaning an enraged dragon. His tail drawing a third of the stars, is referring to all his angels that he assigned to this mission. That means that Satan's whole focus at this point was stopping our Lord Jesus from coming to physical existence and he ordered all his angels to diligently take part in this assignment.



❖ **Revelations 12:5**

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

The original Greek word for the English word 'man' is 'arrena' which means 'male'.

The original Greek word for the English word 'was' is 'mellei' which means 'is about to', and the Greek word for child is 'teknon', meaning a baby, therefore the verse should be read thus:

'And she brought forth a male child, who is about to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her baby was caught up unto God, and to his Throne.'

This means the verse is referring to Lord Jesus as a child and not as a grown man. That is why it goes on further to say He was about to rule all nations with a rod of iron, which means this was a future prophecy destined to come to pass when he was older.

'...and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.'

This was in past tense meaning it was not a future prophecy but something that already happened when He was still a baby.

Jesus Himself referenced this prior to His death and resurrection while still here on earth when he responded to His disciples in Luke 10:18.

Luke 10:18

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

This therefore means John the Divine was not referring to Lord Jesus being caught up to God and to His Throne as a man, but when He was still a 'teknon', meaning child. How could our Lord Jesus be caught up unto God as a child? Furthermore, how could He have a throne as a child? This was a spiritual principle that had been deliberately activated by God. When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them a Throne, from whence they ruled and reigned in the earth from whilst He dwelt in the Third Heaven, where He rules the Heavens and the earth from.

He created the second Heaven, which is a spiritual realm surrounding the Universe, where spirit beings that rule the physical earth and Universe function from. That means that man's Throne was in the second Heaven, from whence he had dominion and jurisdiction over matters of the earth. However, when Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, they yielded to his temptation, and were immediately removed from their Throne in the second Heaven.



They had handed over their authority to reign in the earth to Satan and he immediately took over man's Throne, He held the spiritual legal right to rule and reign in the earth from the second Heaven.

That is why God had to send our Lord Jesus to the earth as the 'Word of God' that became flesh. Therefore, in the same manner the Word of God became light and trees and animals in the beginning, the Word of God also became a sperm, which joined itself to Mary's egg and formed our earthly Lord Jesus.

The life of a baby comes from the sperm, whilst the body of a baby comes from the egg, this means that Lord Jesus' life came from the Holy Spirit, and His body was formed by Mary's egg. Therefore, whilst the whole world was born with a sin nature in their spirit beings because of Adam and Eve's transgression, our Lord Jesus is the only human being who was born with a pure, holy and righteous spirit being.

This is the reason why when our Lord Jesus was born, He was immediately more superior to Satan, by reason of His pure, holy and righteous spirit being, even as a child.

This instantly gave God the spiritual legal right to remove Satan from man's Throne and once he was removed, our Lord Jesus' spirit being, as a child, became caught up unto God and to His Throne, the same Throne that Adam and Eve had forfeited in the Garden of Eden. The reason why He was able to be caught up unto God, even as a child, is because of His pure and holy spirit being. God is so pure, so holy and so righteous, that the Third Heaven, where He dwells, exists in the realm of light. This means, only light exists where God is and there is no darkness at all. However, the second Heaven was created to be able to contain both good and evil spirits, which means it can contain both the realm of light and the realm of darkness. That is why we see scripture reference *'spiritual wickedness in heavenly places in Ephesians 6'*

From the moment Adam and Eve sinned, only the kingdom of darkness existed in the second Heaven, headed by Satan, because everyone born of Adam was born with a sin nature that cannot exist in the realm of light. Up until the birth of our Lord Jesus, there was no realm of light in the second Heaven, because there was no pure and righteous human being in the earth. Therefore, due to our Lord Jesus's pure, holy and righteous spirit being, as soon as He was born, His spirit being, was translated, meaning it was caught up, into the realm of light. This immediately gave Him direct access to God.



This translation allowed God to re-establish the realm of light in the second Heaven, headed by our Lord Jesus and because of its obvious superiority to the realm of darkness, man's Throne immediately took its position there. This realm of light that our Lord re-established, is what we know as the Kingdom of Heaven.

❖ **Revelations 12:6**

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

The woman who fled into the wilderness was Saint Mary. She had to flee after she gave birth to our Lord Jesus because King Herod sought for His life. He instructed that every child under the age of two should be killed because he had heard that the wise men had come to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the newly born King of the Jews.

However, Joseph was instructed in a dream to flee to Egypt with Mary and our Lord Jesus. Egypt is the wilderness.

Ezekiel 20:36

Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

❖ **Revelations 12:7-9**

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

A throne is not a literal seat but an office of authority, when Satan realised that man's office of authority had been taken from him and reinstated to man, he tried to fight to keep his place in the second Heaven. However, because there was no longer any place for him and his angels in the second Heaven, Archangel Michael and his angels fought against him and his angels, and they were cast out into the earth. This was because a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven, had been established in the second Heaven, therefore, a new principality had to be assigned there and that new principality, who was the head of the Kingdom of Heaven, was and is -our Lord Jesus! - **Col 2:10 and Ephesians 1:20-21**

This is also what happened in the Book of Daniel. When the reign of the Kingdom of Persia was over, it was time to give way to the Kingdom of Greece to take over as the world power.



However, the Prince of Persia, who was the principality that had been assigned over Persia by Satan, resisted this transition but because he had been removed from the office of authority as the reigning world power, there was no longer any place for him. Therefore, Archangel Gabriel had to go and forcibly remove him in order to make way for the Prince of Grecia, who was the principality that was assigned over Greece. God had to send Archangel Gabriel to remove him, so that God's prophetic Word concerning the kingdoms of the world could be established.

Daniel 10:20

Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

❖ Revelations 12:10-11

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

This proclamation was made to announce the Kingdom of Heaven, referred to here as the Kingdom of our God being established in the second heaven because our Lord Jesus had been caught up to His Throne.

❖ **Revelations 12:12**

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The Greek words for 'knows' and 'time' respectively are 'eidos' meaning 'aware' and 'kairon' meaning 'season'. The verse should be read thus:

'...because he is aware that he has but a short season.'

Satan realised that because he had been removed from man's Throne in the second Heaven, the next thing that was going to be taken from him were the keys of death and Hell. That is why he was filled with great wrath, because he knew that the time for him to be destroyed by our Lord Jesus was drawing near. At this point, our Lord was still a child, but as soon as He would grow into maturity, Satan knew that He was going to completely destroy him. He knew he had a short time left before everything was completely stripped from him.

Hebrews 2:14

'Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil...'

Revelations 1:18

'I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.'

❖ Revelations 12:13-17

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. ¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Although this verse was placed towards the end of the chapter, it is actually referring to the period when Saint Mary fled to Egypt with Saint Joseph and our Lord Jesus.

It is placed here because John the Divine was describing two different events at the same time, that is, what happened to Saint Mary before and after she gave birth, as well as what happened to Satan as a result of the birth of our Lord Jesus. There is reason to believe that the flood that Satan spewed out was a literal flood in Egypt, which the earth swallowed up, meaning the flood lost its power to do any harm as was intended.

Therefore the order in which the events took place are as follows.

1. Mary's pregnancy. We see that she had a difficult pregnancy because already Satan had started to try and stop her from giving birth to our Lord Jesus.
2. After Mary gave birth to Lord Jesus, His spirit being was caught up to God and to His Throne.
3. Satan found out that he had been displaced from man's Throne and fought against Archangel Michael to retain his place. He couldn't prevail and he was cast out of the second Heaven with his angels.

4. He was filled with great wrath because he knew he had a short time, so he went after Mary; to try and get rid of our Lord Jesus before he became a real threat as an adult.
5. Saint Mary and Joseph took our Lord Jesus and fled to Egypt where they were protected and preserved.
6. Although King Herod continued with the plan that had been put in him by Satan to kill all children under the age of two, Satan knew that they had fled to Egypt. He therefore followed them to Egypt and tried to kill them by sending a flood against them. However, the earth swallowed up the water and their lives were preserved.

A few interesting side notes regarding this chapter:

It is confirmed that at the time of Jesus' birth, the constellations in the heavens depicted the exact picture described in Revelations 12. The virgin maiden (Virgo) constellation positioned with the moon at her feet and a crown of twelve stars, giving birth to the Leo (LION) constellation on Regulus (Royal and brightest star), a dragon positioned waiting to devour the child.

Each month prior to the birth of Christ, the 'baby' dropped lower in the Virgin's womb as though in preparation for birth.

It is speculated that it could have been these 'drops' that the Magi (Wise Men) were observing to know when to begin the journey not to miss The Saviour's birth. The Magi are traced all the way back to the Babylonian Empire who had dealings with Daniel and may have been taught on the signs of The Saviour's Coming Birth as Daniel was skilful above the astrologers of the time and shown deep mysteries.

He was also put in charge of them all and would have taught them godly astrology. It is also speculated that the knowledge of The Coming King could have also been generationally transferred as was the culture of the time because the Magi by lineage are traced to the Land of Shir (believed to be China and were descendants of Adam and Eve's third son, Seth).

Bible archaeologists validate this theory as an ancient route was discovered that led all the way to China from Bethlehem.

It was called the Spice Route, for good reason, because merchants would bring their wares from the East to sell so the Magi did not look odd entering Bethlehem. As already stated, Egypt was made a wilderness according to Bible prophecy.



At the time Saint Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt, a great flood took place which would have devastated the area (believed spiritually to be the dragon spewing a flood out of his mouth after the woman) but it is recorded historically that simultaneously, an earthquake took place, swallowing up the waters of the flood (spiritually believed to be the biblical reference to 'the earth helping the woman').

Chapter twelve

Where did Satan originate from?



Now that we know that Satan was not an archangel called Lucifer, the next question to ask is: “Where did he originate from?”

God originally created Satan as Satan. In as much as we know that God is love and in Him there is no darkness at all, yet the Bible informs us that He created all things, including evil.

Isaiah 45:7

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Job 26:13-14

By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. 26:14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

As Job 26:14 clearly states, there are parts of His ways that we have not yet known, yet these parts are clearly stated for us in the Scriptures.

We only know a small portion of Him, but thanks be unto God that He gave us His Word, to enable us to understand Him and get to know Him fully. Once we begin to learn more of Him, we will come to the understanding that there was a purpose for creating Satan, which we will revise in the next Chapter. For now, let us look at who God created Satan as originally. The Bible informs us that he was created as Satan and was evil from the beginning.

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.

Whilst we understand that there are two beginnings in the Bible:



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1. The pre-historic beginning, when God created the Heavens and the earth originally. The Greek word for this beginning is 'archai' meaning 'principality / original / at the beginning / at the first estate'.
2. Every other beginning. Greek word for this beginning is 'archomai' meaning 'precedence / to commence in order of time'.

The Greek word for beginning in John 8:44 and 1 John 3:8 above, that is used in conjunction with Satan is 'archai', which is the pre-historic beginning which means 'principality / original / at the beginning / at the first estate'. That means John the Beloved was referring to the original, pre-historic beginning when he spoke of the devil being a murderer and sinning from the beginning.

That means the verses can be read as follows:

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Furthermore, compare the Greek word 'archai'; which means 'principality / original /at the beginning / at the first estate; to the Greek word 'archaios' which means 'original / primeval / prehistoric / that which was from the beginning'. 'Archaos' is used to describe Satan below in the word 'old'.

Revelations 12:9

'And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan.'

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This discovery leads us to the most important question of them all: If God so loved man, why would He create an evil, wicked being called Satan and place him within man's domain?



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Chapter thirteen

The Purpose of the Soul



hen God created Adam's body from the dust of the ground, He breathed the breath of life into him and man became a living soul. This soul was the place where God placed man's mind, will and emotions. Man's mind, will and emotions had free course. This means that man was not programmed to only respond to certain 'codes' like robots. Man was created to be able to think rationally by himself, make his own decisions, entertain his own thoughts and control his own actions.

He had the ability to exercise his will in whichever dimension he so pleased. However, there was one element in man's soul that made it truly unique, it had the capacity to receive the love of God, not only that, it had the capacity to love God back with His same measure and God was pleased with this because the soul of the man was the one place that was going to allow God to be able to evaluate His love relationship with man.

God desired sons and daughters and he desired to have a love relationship with them. He could not have a love relationship with the angels because their souls were limited. Their minds, wills and emotions were limited to certain capacities and were ultimately designed to respond in absolute loyalty towards God or man's direct instructions, nothing else.

That means angelic beings loved God because they were bound by loyalty to do so. So whilst man's soul was created for the purpose of love, angelic souls were created for the purpose of loyalty. Evidence in the Scriptures suggests that in the Pre-Adamic world, God's angels were created with souls that had a greater leeway in terms of utilising their will concerning their loyalty. That means although their wills were created tied to loyalty, this loyalty was not yet absolute towards God. The Bible says:

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the earth.

This beginning pre-existed the Adamic world. In the Pre-Adamic world, when God created Heaven, He created angelic beings. Angels were the first creatures that God ever created and they dwelt in Heaven.

After He created angelic beings, he gave them a soul that had the capacity to make decisions. However, the angelic souls, were limited to the will of loyalty. They were not as dynamic as man's souls that were open to God's love. The angel's souls were going to enable God to carry out His test of loyalty on angelic beings but in order to put their loyalty to test, He required an adversary.

There was therefore a need to create Satan, the tempter, together with his angelic beings. They were created with the nature of evil, from the beginning. They did not have the capacity to tell the truth, neither did they know any other existence outside of the darkness that they were. They were the exact replica of the angels, however, their souls had no will and were originally created to be bound to God's absolute loyalty. Later, after man was created, Satan and his angels would also be bound to absolute loyalty toward man. After they were created, God released them to tempt the angelic hosts, as they had the ability to transform themselves and look like angels of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

They used this ability to tempt the angels and test their free will in relation to their loyalty to God. Some angels abused this free will and decided to yield their loyalty to Satan instead of God. They consciously left their first estate, that is, their first habitation both in terms of their original dwelling place, as well as the state of their spirit beings in obedience to Satan.

When they did this, they sinned and this caused the chaos in the earth that is described in the Scriptures.

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

God immediately separated them from the other angels who used their free will to prove their loyalty towards God by consciously refusing to be tempted. This decision instantly turned every angelic beings' loyalty into an eternal state of absoluteness.

For those who proved their loyalty towards God, their state was transformed to absolute loyalty towards God and for those who proved their loyalty towards Satan, their state was transformed into absolute loyalty towards Satan. However, God did not spare them but cast them down to Hell, to be bound by the very being that tempted them, that is, Satan, in everlasting chains.

2 Peter 2:4

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment...

Jude 1:6

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

It is interesting to note 'for whom' these angels have been reserved for; and 'who' will do the judging.

1 Corinthians 6:3

Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?

When we study 2 Peter 2:4, we see that the truth of the matter is that the angels had the ability to sin. And what is sin?

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Although 1 John 3:4 is speaking of the Law of Moses specifically, yet this definition of sin gives us a slight indication of what happened when the angels sinned.

They transgressed a command they were issued. For any being to be able to transgress a law or command means that they had to have free will at some point in their existence.

Furthermore, where there's sin, there's temptation and where there's temptation, there's a tempter. Satan was created as the tempter and his first assignment was to tempt the angels. He challenged the free will of the angels. If the angels could sin, that means they had choice. Some angels yielded to sin and some did not.

Some people might still want to believe that the verses 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6 were referring to what happened when Satan was still an archangel who then led the others into sin. However, these verses cannot be referring to Satan who, once an archangel; rebelled and was cast out of Heaven with other angels who conspired with him, because the verse is very clear that God did not spare these angels that sinned but delivered them into everlasting chains of darkness until judgement day. The Greek word for everlasting is '*aidios*' meaning 'eternal'.

This means these angels are in Hell, bound by eternal chains under darkness even now and will only be released on judgement day. However, Satan and his angels continued to freely roam around the earth, to and fro, throughout the Bible.

Job 1:7

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...

These verses certainly do not describe the predicament of one who has been placed in everlasting, eternal chains, until the great day of judgement.

Whilst the angels that sinned were being cast into Hell, in everlasting chains under darkness, the rest of the angels that were loyal towards God were being reserved in everlasting liberty, under the light of God, having been changed from their first state into one that exuded absolute loyalty towards God.

That meant that from that point going forward, there was never going to be any other incident of disloyalty again because the transformation was eternal. Now that Heaven had been eternally cleansed, it was time for earth to also be eternally cleansed.

In the beginning, the precedent beginning, found in Genesis 1v2, not the original beginning, God created man with ultimate authority and power. That means man possessed the same authority and power as God when he was first created. He was put on earth and given a Throne in the second Heaven from which to exercise the fullness of his power and authority, which was the fullness of God's own power and authority.

He could do so because God created him with something precious which the angelic beings did not have full capacity of. This one unique and most beautiful attribute, possessed the exact same capacity as God Himself, the greatest miracle of all time! It distinguished man completely from the angelic hosts and was the most powerful tool man would ever possess! This was the soul, given to man, possessing God's own capacity!

Man's soul was the seat of the mind, will and emotions and having the same capacity as God's own soul meant that this soul gave man the same abilities as God, the same emotions as God, the same capacity to rationalise and think, decide and feel for himself, just like God!! Above all, it gave man the ability to receive the fullness of God's love and not only receive it but reciprocate it, with the same capacity as God.

This ability to receive love and to love back had never been given before, but here it was, the very tool that would enable a part of God's creation to willingly and whole heartedly choose to be in an intimate love relationship with God Himself had been given to man! This is what distinguished man from angels. Angelic souls were given to angels with the ability to receive the fullness of God's absolute loyalty, yet man's soul was given to him with the ability to receive the fullness of God's absolute love. Angels were therefore created to be loyal, whilst man was created to love.

Man's ability to love and receive love was such a great miracle to God Himself, because for the first time ever, God was going to be able to determine whether the love relationship that would exist between Him and man was genuine, born out of their own free will, born out of their own emotions. Without this ability to choose to love in the soul, they would love God out of absolute loyalty to Him, like

the angels. This therefore meant that the soul was the one place, where God would be able to enjoy true fellowship, partnership and a genuine love relationship with man from.

However, for the soul to be able to run its natural course, man's free will had to be tested. An opposing force had to exist; which would be the exact opposite of God so that man's soul, that is, his mind, will and emotions could be put to work.

If all man had to choose was God, there'd be no need for a soul. They'd have no choice but to submit to the only 'choice' available. That is why Satan was originally created. He had completed his first assignment of testing the angels' will of loyalty, now, it was time for his next assignment, which would be to test man's will of love. However, this does not mean that God is a wicked God, who created Satan and his angels for the purpose of doing evil deeds to man.

The truth is that Satan and his angels were created as darkness, the opposite of whom and what God is, but without any power or authority in the earth outside of God or man, just as the angels in Heaven were created as beings of light, however, without God or man, they possess no power or authority in the earth. It is either God or man who grants angelic beings; whether good or bad, the authority and

power to move and act in the earth. For example, a gun, without man, has no power or authority.

It is only when it's used by a man that it becomes a powerful weapon. That means, concerning angelic beings, both dark and light are passive, unless man's soul stimulates them. When God created His angels of light, as well as Satan and his angels of darkness, He created them with no power or authority as far as the second Heaven was concerned, which is the spiritual realm that governs and controls the earth.

They were neutral beings, existing in different realms. The angels of light existed in the realm of light, whilst the angels of darkness existed in the realm of darkness. They could do nothing in the second Heaven unless they received permission from man's soul. Neither possessed any power or authority, outside of man or God. The soul that man possessed, which was the exact same soul that God possessed, empowered the angels -good or bad, so it was up to man to use wisdom to ensure that their souls chose to empower angels of light and not angels of darkness. It was up to man, to use their souls, consisting of their minds, wills and emotions to choose to love God, have fellowship with Him and choose to have a relationship with Him. That means any form of evil manifested in the earth could not have been activated without the use of someone's soul. Man's own will chose to either activate light or darkness.

Darkness on its own, without man, can do nothing. It just remains darkness. It remains what it was created to be, without any ability to act independently. That is why Satan had to tempt Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He knew without their consent, he was powerless. He needed to be empowered by Adam and Eve's soul and he succeeded. They willed their souls to his leading and empowered him to take their place of authority. Without their will, he would have remained powerless and without authority, till this day. After being empowered, the one thing he did throughout his reign, from the time of Adam and Eve, to the time when our Lord Jesus was sent to destroy him, was influence man to form religions and forms of worship that directly or indirectly involved rituals that would always activate his presence.

That is why, till today, although he was destroyed by our Lord and disempowered, yet the forms of worship he established through man in the earth have been continued by man and these rituals continuously empowers him and activates darkness to establish its wicked nature in the earth.

However, if man did away with these false forms of ritualistic worship that continuously creates portals for darkness to operate on earth, then darkness would once again be completely powerless. Satan and his angels would have no authority and no power to carry out their evil ways. Darkness would once again be rendered neutral.

Chapter Fourteen

Satan as God's Instrument



What does all this mean? It means man was created to be the angelic being's boss. He was created to instruct angels for his own service. The angels were his servants that responded to his every beck and call. To top it all off, he was given a soul, from whence he could choose which servants to activate. He could either choose to activate the angels of light, or he could choose to activate the angels of darkness. However, whichever choice he made, came with consequences and these consequences were always made clear to him before he acted upon his decision. Take these instances for example; Paul activated Satan for his own use. He knew Satan was an angel of darkness, yet it suited him to activate him for his own purpose. See the verse below:

1 Corinthians 5:3-5

For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, ⁴In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered

together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁵To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

However, his intentions were noble, his intentions were to get the person to repent and receive salvation. He knew who Satan was and knew that because Satan was an angel, he had the authority to activate him and use him to bring about the salvation of one's spirit.

God also used Satan to achieve His own goals too.

Exodus 12:23

For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

This verse shows that it was not God Himself who killed the first born sons of the Egyptians but He used 'the destroyer' by allowing him to go in and manifest his nature of death over the first born sons of the Egyptians. God within Himself, has no ability to strike or kill because He is eternal life. His nature is righteous, pure and holy. Therefore when He shows up, He manifests life. He therefore required Satan to



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manifest his nature of death and He used him to remove any obstacle threatening to destroy the lineage of the Israelites, from which the saviour of the whole world was to emanate from, that is, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following is a list of other examples taken from the Scriptures that show us how God used Satan as His instrument, in order to accomplish His perfect will in the earth.

Job 1:6-12

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power;

only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

1 Samuel 16:14

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

1 Samuel 18:10

And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

1 Kings 22:16-23

And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. 18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? 19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade



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Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

If Satan was therefore an archangel who rebelled against God, surely now that he had been cast out of Heaven as God's eternal enemy, he wouldn't have to obey him anymore. He could have thrived in his rebelliousness, and refused any instruction given by the Lord, since he had done it before. However, the above Scriptures clearly show that in all these verses, Satan was used as God's instrument to accomplish whatsoever God desired.

This shows us that throughout the ages, God allowed Satan, meaning, He gave Satan permission to go in and manifest his nature, which is death; towards anyone who tried to use wickedness to abort God's perfect will concerning His purposes and plans for mankind.



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Chapter Fifteen

In Conclusion



When God decided to create man and give him a soul which contained the seat for him to exercise free will, He had already seen the end from the beginning. He had already seen that the first man would fall, therefore, He had already calculated every possible outcome of how things would turn out after man's fall. He already knew they would use their free will to sin and He established a solution for mankind before the foundation of the earth – **Rev13:8**. Therefore, inasmuch as He created Satan to give man the right to exercise their free will, when they yielded their souls to Satan, it was man who empowered the spirit of death. Death has always been an enemy of God, unfortunately, Adam and Eve empowered it by yielding to Satan's commands and because death had come in, this became an avenue for other acts of wickedness to be carried out through man's own free will. God knew it was going to be vital to use Satan and his angels to judge the men and women who were going to hand themselves over to having a wicked soul and thereby use their free will to activate the angels of darkness and use them to destroy mankind throughout the ages.

He created a way in which He would be able to allow Satan and his angels to manifest their nature over those who willingly chose to be wicked, who sought to wipe out His perfect will as well as mankind. He had already seen the end from the beginning and had already seen how giving man free will was going to cause some people to become desperately wicked. He had already seen that His own nature wouldn't allow Him to destroy them, therefore, in order to save those that were going to willingly choose to have a relationship with Him, God used Satan to protect the remnant, that is, those who were going to willingly choose to receive His son Jesus Christ; by getting born again and receiving eternal life. These were the ones that God had seen when He created man. The ones who were going to use their free will to be reconciled back to Him, to be in a love relationship with Him. The ones who were going to use their free will to choose to become sons and daughters of God.

It is befitting to therefore call this reunion between God and the Church –“the marriage feast of The Lamb” because, in the same vein, we, being made in the image and likeness of God, though we know marriage has challenges but for the beautiful true love relationship we'll experience, it is worth it and we still desire to go into it. It is therefore easy to understand God's need just by observing ourselves.



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As an unchallenged supreme God, God desired a true fellowship relationship, in Spirit and in Truth and it is a beautiful privilege to be chosen and crafted as 'the object of His love'. – **John 4:24**

That is why when the Saviour of the world showed up, God could finally bring man into Christ, completely separated from the realm of darkness, separated from the realm of death, forever sons and daughters of God with eternal life, completely superior to Satan and his angels by reason of their own free will.

It was an eternal change of state that would allow them to receive eternal liberty under God's realm of light, just like what happened to the angels who used their free will to be loyal towards God. However, those who were going to use their free will to reject Him, would forever be subject to the one whose nature they had and just like the angels who sinned, they would be thrown into Hell under eternal judgement.

This therefore means that although God did not create darkness with the intention of allowing it to wipe out mankind or bring death, sickness and suffering, He did however use it to preserve the remnant born again sons and daughters, by wiping out all wicked and unreasonable men who sought to destroy the lineage through which this remnant was to spring forth from.

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If this is the case, what happened? How did darkness infiltrate the earth and get out of control, causing so much unnecessary pain, suffering and death? Who allowed darkness to run on a destructive rampage in the earth?

Inasmuch as God did not create Satan and his angels with the intention of giving them the authority and power to wipe out mankind and kill, steal and destroy, He however, created man with free will and man is the one who decided to use darkness to wipe each other out. In essence, this therefore means that all evil manifested in this world, is caused by man. Man is the instigator, man is the decider, man is the activator. If all men used their souls to only be influenced by light, to only activate light in the earth, there would be no darkness at all. Darkness would not have any authority or legal right to operate in the earth.

That means darkness, with no power or authority remains neutral. However, darkness empowered by man becomes a gross form of wickedness. As the Bible declares, the heart of a man is desperately wicked. It is man who exhibits wicked characteristics. It is man who takes darkness and gives it expression and authority to act out his own wickedness. It is man who uses his free will to activate darkness and



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kill, steal and destroy. There are 325 verses containing the word 'wicked' in the Bible, of these, only 5 are attributed to the 'wicked one', referring to Satan. The rest are referring to man.

Therefore, any crippling fear that comes up in our hearts whenever the devil or demons are mentioned; by the exposition of this book, should come to an end by understanding!

We, the body of Christ should stand boldly and confidently in our position to put satan in his place and effect the Lord's perfect will on earth.

The devil was never an archangel and even if he was; we were still created in a position above him to which we have been restored 'In Christ.' This is the word of the Lord to His Church. In the endtimes, the Lord calleth for the manifestation of His sons in power, for He cometh for a glorious church, Halleluyah! A victorious bride and the spirit of the bride sayeth 'come, come Lord Jesus,' meaning – We have taken our position of authority and glory,

"You can come for your glorious bride, Lord Jesus."
Amen!

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"If you are not an influence, then you are under an influence."

"Wisdom is higher than faith, but you cannot use one without the other."

"Whilst you are waiting for the coming of Jesus, creation is waiting for your coming."

"Salvation was (the spirit being) and is (the soul) and is to come (the body)."

"In light of immortality, we have been delivered (the spirit being), we are being delivered (the soul), we need deliverance (the body)."

"Bodily redemption will cause a redemptive chain reaction throughout all creation."

"The Kingdom is in the spirit being, the power is in the soul and the glory is in the body."

"The salvation of your spirit being is complete, but the body can only be glorified once your soul is saved."

"The condition of your soul determines the condition of your body."

"We live as long as we desire and transform to transit the earth at will."

"The gospel of sonship is the gospel of immortality."

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