

Fallen Angels

Architects of This Present Darkness

I. Satan: the Accuser of the Brethren

Purpose of the series: to recognize that:

- We humans are not exclusively responsible for evil
 - Satan, not Adam or Eve, initiated and brought evil into this world
- Our personal evil thoughts and deeds are most often imposed and suggested to us by evil supernatural beings (*and don't originate with us*)
 - Our challenge is not to condemn ourselves—it is to resist and overcome temptations
- The righteous anger and indignation we often feel about injustice should be directed at these evil beings, and not at people
- Our job is to love people—family, friends, even enemies—not hate or criticize them
- Our prayers to God for oppressed and oppressive people are frequently more effective if directed toward the evil beings influencing them (*particularly when our prayers are not being answered*)
- Trained intercessors and deliverance ministers can spiritually war against these evil forces
 - Indeed, we have more authority over these evil beings and their wills than we do over human actions and wills

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night

The 3+ "falls" of the angels

- Satan in the Garden
- Gen. 6 the Watchers; before and after the Flood
- The angels assigned the nations after the Tower of Babel
- Angels at any time

Satan's Fall: (*the judgment on the king of Tyre prophecy*)

Ezekiel 28:13-17

Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Son of man, take up a lament for the king of Tyre and tell him that this is what the Lord GOD says:

‘You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

You were in Eden, the garden of God.

Every kind of precious stone adorned you...your mountings and settings were crafted in gold, prepared on the day of your creation.

You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for I had ordained you.

You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

From the day you were created you were blameless in your ways—until wickedness was found in you.

By the vastness of your trade, you were filled with violence, and you sinned.

So I drove you in disgrace from the mountain of God, and I banished you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Your heart grew proud of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor; so I cast you to the earth; I made you a spectacle before kings.

Isaiah 14: 12-15 (the judgment on Babylon prophecy)

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, (*Heb: helel*) son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

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

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

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So...Lucifer is not really Satan's name

It is more, the title of the false "host of heaven" god worshipped by pagans

Either "Lucifer" or "Morning Star" is supported as a good translation

The issue: do these two passages represent Satan or just the kings of Tyre and Babylon: support for a Satan interpretation:

Luke 10:18

Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

Rev. 9:1

Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the abyss

Support for a Satan interpretation:

The being described here seems to be more than just a human ruler—ascending to the "mount of the congregation" and "above the clouds"

Jesus is described as "the morning star" In I Peter 1:19 – Satan is being described in Isaiah 14 as the "false" morning star worshipped by the pagans

Many of the Church Fathers and Reformers interpreted these verses as speaking of Satan

The Nature of the Garden of Eden

The entire earth, although paradise-like, rain-forest like and rich—was not all Eden

Eden had boundaries – it was a relatively small plot on earth

Eden was like no other place on earth

Planted by God

His garden

Indwelt by God and angels and the two first humans

Perfect, unchanging climate (*no clothes required*)

Fertile, watered, totally provisioned

A "heaven" on earth

Gen. 2:8

And Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed

The Garden of Eden was God's garden, for His dwelling on earth in addition to man's

Isaiah 51:3

For the LORD comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden; her desert like the Garden of the LORD;

In Ezekiel 28 Eden is called "the holy mountain of God."

With God being in the garden, there were certainly angels accompanying Him as well: cherubim, likely seraphim, and messenger angels

Gen. 2:15

And Yahweh God took the man and set him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to keep it.

The pre-incarnate Christ dwelt, or at least visited the Garden...walking and talking

Gen. 3:8

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

The Lord spoke there (chapter 3):

To the serpent (v. 14)

To Eve (v. 16)

To Adam (v. 17)

Adam and Eve were imagers of God...in Eden (not yet in the world)

The couple's mission from the Garden was to obey God's command to expand and fill the earth with the image and glory of God that was present in Eden

Gen. 1:28

(the man and women were to) "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule"

They were to fill the earth and subdue it from Eden (*where God was and therefore did not need filling or subduing itself*)

Angelic beings dwelt in the Garden as well as God and Adam and Eve

Gen. 3:24

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

And Satan (*a fallen [or falling] angel—or more likely a cherub*) was in the Garden as well

Eden was "heaven on earth" with God, the first man and woman, holy angels, and one fallen angel (Satan)

Similar, but not as glorious, as the coming new heaven and earth

Rev. 2:1-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them

Satan was a cherubim or seraph in the Garden

Gen. 3:1

Now the serpent (*Modern Heb: han-nahas; ancient Heb: Nachash*) was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

The Hebrew word rendered "serpent" is nachash, from the root nachash, to shine): and means a "shining or fiery one."

The serpents mentioned in Num. 21 that were burning in the poison of their bite, were called "seraphs"

Num. 21:3: 8

(God speaking to Moses) "...make thee a fiery serpent (*Heb: saraph*). He made it of brass

Seraphim are angelic being that are described as "burning or fiery ones".

Isa. 6:2

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim (each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

The same creature Satan (*nachash or serpent*) who beguiled Eve is spoken of as an angel of light elsewhere in Scripture

II Cor. 11:14

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light

Likely, Satan in the Garden was not a physical snake, like a boa constrictor as often depicted
 But a glorious shining being, an angel, to whom Eve paid great deference to
 Acknowledging him as one who seemed to possess superior knowledge and was a being of
 a superior order

Ezek. 28: 14,16 Satan is called a "cherub."

Ezek. 28:12 "Thou seals up the sum, full of wisdom"

Ezek. 28: 13 "Perfect in beauty...thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty."

Later references to Satan as a serpent may well be figures of speech:

Herod is called a "fox,"

Judah is a "lion's" whelp

Jesus is the "Lamb" of God

"On thy belly thou shall go" (from now on, metaphorically)
 Now beneath others, not exalted
 Not already (like a physical snake does)

"Dust shall you eat." – indicates humiliation

In summary, our poor great-grandmother Eve was not tricked by a talking copperhead, but an impressive, smart, subtle, glorious-looking, angelic being

Eve had it made:

Perfect husband
 Perfect home, climate
 Direct, visual access to God

She was not likely to be easily tricked

Satan in the Garden was an impressive-looking being and a "very good wizard"
 He initiated the rebellion against God, not Eve and Adam
 Satan, more than Eve, is the cause of the Fall and our Present Darkness

A battle of the "seed."

Gen. 3:15

And I will put enmity
 Between you and the woman,
 And between your seed and her Seed;
 He shall bruise your head,
 And you shall bruise His heel."

God's plan: to bring the Messiah, the Christ, His Son into the world "in the fulness of time"

To overcome the curse of the Fall, conquer sin, Satan, and death, and offer eternal life to those who believe

The Son was to be born of woman

There would be a genealogy of women that would carry the descendants of Jesus

Married to the men listed in the Bible

From Adam and Eve to Seth to Noah to Shem to Abraham to David

To Solomon and Nathan (*the third son of David and Bathsheba*)

Through the kings of *Judah (good and bad)*

To the genealogies of Matthew (*to Joseph*) and Luke (*to Mary*) to Jesus

Matthew follows the line of David's son Solomon

While Luke follows the line of Nathan, the third son of David (by Bathsheba).

This results in two distinct genealogies.

Matthew's genealogy includes the line of Judah's famous kings: Rehoboam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Josiah

Matt. 1:6-10

David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah...

Matthew's version clearly states it is the line to Joseph...

Matthew 1:15-16

Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

Matthew, writing to Jews, is emphasizing the right that Jesus has to the throne of David through the Judah kings and his earthly father, Joseph

Luke's lineage starts with Nathan, the third son of David and Bathsheba.

The line does not include the Judah kings

Includes the cryptic line "being as was supposed," the son of Joseph

Luke 3:23-24

Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph.

Luke's lineage is likely Mary's; Matthew's lineage is likely Joseph's

So... Eve's genealogy is a direct line to *Jesus (on both sides of the parents)*

Her "Seed" spoke of in Genesis was Christ

Her "seed" before and after Jesus was to be good believers in Jehovah (*and later us*)

Rev. 12:17

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Satan's seed: perhaps every non-believer

1 John 3:10

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Matthew 13:38

...and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one

Or... perhaps Satan's seed is more literal and involves the Nephilim of Genesis 6 and thereafter

The relationship between the "sons of God" and the "daughters of men" would contaminate the DNA in the line of descendants from Eve in a satanic attempt to corrupting Mary's offspring's DNA

Making it impossible for the spotless Lamb of God to be born from her

When the Nephilim ploy of Satan failed (*because of the Flood*)

Satan "warred" against the seed by trying to kill:

Jacob (Esau)

Moses and the first born Jewish males in Exodus (the Pharaoh)

The brothers of King Joash (Queen Athaliah)

Other Judah kings (by enemies in battle)

Jesus as a child by Herod / Jesus as an adult by a mob

The Holy Spirit in believers Rev. 12

There is a Satanic Hierarchy

Eph 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

In addition to Satan there are:

- Evil principalities, powers over regions of the world
- Watchers (*confined to a special hell*)
- Rank and file demons

Satan is a created being like us (*and unlike God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*)

- Stuck in time and place

- Cannot see into the future

- Can only try to predict the future and "create" it with self-fulfilling prophecies

Satan is a thief

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Satan is a deceiver

Rev 20:7-8

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth

Satan is an accuser

Rev 12:10-11

For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony

As our accuser, day and night, Satan pours out a stream of accusations—a ceaseless running commentary on your life:

- "You are a sinner."

- "You will never overcome your addiction."

- "Your situation is hopeless."

- "You are out of God's will."

- "You are weak, ineffective, incapable."

- "God can't love you."

- "You are unforgivable."

- "You are wrong; you are out of God's will."

You have not been conscious of this stream of persistent accusations which you thought was all from yourself. Not having recognized the source of it, you have let it turn you in upon yourself, until friends have called you morbid, or hypersensitive, or nervous, or "giving way," while other again say it is your character.

...You cannot do anything happily because of this stream of "self-accusations," as you call it. You cannot "speak," you have nothing to say; you do not know how to pray; you are not fit to be a worker; you are this and that and the other.

...It crushes you and takes the smile from your face...and all this time it is a stream from the enemy as the Accuser pouring into your mind a flood of accusations about yourself, which, if you only recognized that they came from him, could cease.

Jessie-Penn Lewis *Life in the Spirit*

If we listen to the accusations, we become:

Self-condemned
Depressed, anxious
Unable to work, play
Doubters of the goodness of God

Prov. 15:13b

... by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Prov. 12:25

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression.

We become self-centered, self-absorbed, excessively introspective; with no time for others

We are ineffective, unsuccessful in life and in Christian service

We constantly fall to the same sins

We even may take on the nature of the evil spirit that is tormenting us

Not just angry occasionally, but becoming an "angry" person

Not just negative occasionally, but a "woeful, unhappy" person

Footholds and strongholds develop

Addictions are always demonically mediated and controlled

II Cor. 10:3

For though we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh. The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

In wonderful contrast, Jesus is our *advocate*

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

There is a court room drama in third heaven where we are accused and then advocated for by Satan and Jesus before the Judge, God the Father.

Jesus can ask for our pardon from sins because He has paid the penalty for our sins on the cross

I John 2:2

... And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Propitiation: the act of satisfying or appeasing someone who is a potential punisher.

Christ's sacrifice on the cross paid for our sins, satisfying God the Father who insists on justice

Thereby gloriously "freeing" God to be the gracious good God He is.

What are the "weapons" of our spiritual warfare that Paul mentions in II Corinthians 10?

The weapons of Ephesians 6:

The Word, truth, faith, righteous living, personal peace, salvation

Love of our enemies

Persuasion in the spirit of Christ

Intercession

Deliverance

Our weapons are not: secular solutions: "righteous" anger, criticism, human opinions, politics, economics

Wars or violence

The world's attempts at warfare are one-dimensional--never bringing the resources of God and heaven to bear

Our struggle against personal sin is won by resisting demonic temptation and reckoning ourselves dead to sin and alive to Christ.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Rom 6:3-5, 7, 11

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life...⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin...Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our victor over personal sin day-to-day is maintained by "wrestling" against the accuser

Not wrestling with the problem-people in our lives

Eph 6:12

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Eph 6:10-12

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The accusations of the demonic against us are in the “air.”

The “second heaven.” – a fifth dimension

They enter our souls and thoughts from the spirit realm

Eph 2:2-3

In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience

Eph 4:14-15

That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting

Luke 8:5

A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

Rev 12:7-9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Luke 10:17-19

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Satan loses authority, control, his place in “heaven” when believers overcome sin personally and then bring the lost to salvation, heal the sick, and deliver people from demonic deception and bondage.

The Limitations of the Accuser

Demonic spirits have only as much access to our souls as we allow

The same is true of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 10:12-13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Satan needs God's permission to work on us

Luke 22:31-32

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail."

Job 1:6-12

One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it." Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and

upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

God seems to actually use Satan for His purposes

Judges 9:22-24

God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the citizens of Shechem, who acted treacherously against Abimelech. God did this in order that the crime against Jerub-Baal's seventy sons, the shedding of their blood, might be avenged

Luke 22:3-4

Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

God allows Satan to tempt and accuse us to:

- Strengthen our faith
- Give us something to overcome
- Expose our flesh's weaknesses
- Humble our pride

2 Cor 12:7

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

How can God, who is good, use Satan, who is evil, for His purposes?

Rom 9:22-23

What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath--prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory...

2 Tim 2:20-21

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

Christian and Apollyon in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*

Apollyon looked down on Christian with eyes hooded with pride. "No prince worthy of his title releases his subjects easily, and I am no different. I am not ready to let you loose as yet; but since you have complained about your service and wages, let me encourage you to go back home. I personally promise that what our country can afford I will give you." Christian shook his head. "I can't do that. You see, I have already yielded myself to another – even to the King of princes. How can I in all fairness go back with you?..."

Then Apollyon broke out into a furious rage, saying, "I am an enemy to this King! I hate His person, His laws, and His people! I have come out on purpose to destroy you!"

Christian replied, “Apollyon, beware what you do! I am on the King’s highway, the way of holiness—therefore take heed!”

When we walk in holiness and righteousness, we need not fear the devil; it is the devil who fears us.