

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study #52: The Fallen Diabolos
Revelation 12:7 - 11
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The Great Controversy

In Revelation 12:1 – 7

John's fifth vision starts with seeing a pregnant woman in the sky clothed with the brightness of the sun standing of the moon with a crown of victory on her head with twelve stars. Then appeared a great seven headed red dragon with ten horns and seven crowns upon his heads waiting to kill the baby of the woman as soon as He is delivered.

This symbolic prophetic scene is a glimpse of the great controversy between Jesus vs. Satan, God's faithful people vs. Satan's people. The pregnant woman is God's true and pure church. The red seven headed dragon is Satan's. Jesus is the baby born of the woman in which Satan wanted to destroy as soon as He was born.

The seven heads with seven crowns depicts the seven times throughout the Bible Satan tried in the past and in the future to usurp the kingdom of God and establish his Satanic kingdom forever.

From the kingdom of Babylon Satan also used seven earthly kingdoms to attack the people of God and Jesus himself. (Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Rome, Papal Rome, USSR, and Papal Rome II).

The seven headed red dragon with ten horns also reveals who is behind the power of the leopard like beast in Revelation chapter 13 who also has seven heads and ten horns!

ATTENTION: We are at war! Whose side are you on! There are ONLY two sides!

Where did the great controversy get started in the first place?

Revelation 12:7

7 And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought against the dragon (Satan); and **the dragon fought and his angels**,

This was not a war that was fought with the physical weapons of war like swords, guns, missiles, and tanks. The war in Heaven was a great dispute or controversy between Michael and his angels and Satan and his angels.

Michael means "who is like God." Michael is the same as the great prince that stands up in the Most Holy Place in the Heavenly temple in Daniel 12:1. He stands to get ready to deliver His people from the earth!

Daniel 12:1

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

The "great prince" is no other than Jesus Christ that was prophesied about in Isaiah 9:6.

Isaiah 9:6

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Revelation 1:5

5 And from **Jesus Christ, *who is the faithful witness***, and the first begotten of the dead, and the **prince** of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Michael is not created, but the Divine. He is the Creator over all the angels that He created, better known as the archangel.

Jude 1:9

9 Yet **Michael the archangel**, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Archangel (Greek) = Chief of the angels.

It is this same Archangel who fulfills His promise of coming to this earth a second time to take His faithful to Heaven with Him!

1 Thessalonians 4:16

16 For the **Lord himself (Jesus)** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the **archangel**, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Only the voice of Jesus can raise the dead from the grave:

John 5:25

25 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

Go back to Revelation 12:7 – The war in heaven was a great war between Jesus and his angels versus Satan and his angels. Satan went head to head with his creator, Jesus in Heaven.

What happened to Satan and his angels as a result of this war in Heaven?

Revelation 12:8, 9

8 And **prevailed not**; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And 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.

Who was Satan known as before he was cast out of Heaven?

Isaiah 14:12

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!

Lucifer = “Light Bearer”

Who does Jesus reveal who he saw fall from heaven?

Luke 10:18

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

See the connection. It was Lucifer the “light bear” now known as Satan that fell from Heaven because he was cast out! Lucifer's name changed because his character changed. Satan is fallen. He is a defeated enemy and anyone who joins him in anyway will also fall.

Before Satan was cast out of Heaven what was his character-like, and also what was his angelic position in Heaven?

To find these answers you must go to *Isaiah chapter 14* and *Ezekiel chapter 28*. Both of these chapters reveal that Lucifer, now known as Satan, is the evil mastermind behind the kings of Babylon and Tyrus. They were wicked and sinful kingdoms. It also reveals who is behind nations and kingdoms that reject God's Word.

In Isaiah 14:12 – Satan was Lucifer, Light bearer. Why was he known as the light bearer in Heaven?

Ezekiel 28:12, 13

12 Son 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.**

Sealest up the sum = The greatest value or measurement. There was not made another greater angel that could measure up to Lucifer.

Ezekiel 28:13

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 wast created.

Tabrets = *tambourine* (Greek). Yes Lucifer was made with a rhythm that was in unison with the rhythm of God. We are all made with a rhythm such as that heart beat. The rhythm is naturally a 1, 3 beat. The emphasis is on the 1 and 3 count. But the beat that makes you want to dance and rebel against God, the emphasis is on the 2 and 4 count! This beat is known as syncopation, rhythm of rebellion. (Give example)

So before Lucifer rebelled and fell he was walking to the Godly rhythm of heaven!

Pipes = more than one way to make sound similar to a piped organ.

Based on the description of Lucifer, not only was he very beautiful, but he was an angel created with great musical abilities.

With the multiple pipes, Lucifer could sing like a choir and sing five and six part harmony by himself! Lucifer was created to reflect the light and the glory of God! Lucifer was a master piece of God's creative power!

What position and responsibility did Lucifer have in Heaven?

Ezekiel 28:14

14 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.

What is the anointed cherub that covereth on the mountain of God?

Psalms 99:1

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

Cherubims are two angels one on the right and one on the left that stood next to the throne of God!

Lucifer stood next to the throne of God, that is why he did bear the light of God because he was in his direct presence of God.

On the ark of the covenant in the earthly temple in the Most holy is a replica of the two anointed cherubims on the left and right side of God's throne. (show illustration)
(Show blasphemous pope between two cherubims)

What was the character of Lucifer before he rebelled against God?**Ezekiel 28:15**

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

Lucifer was not created with sin. God did not create sin. He gave all His Creation the freedom of choice.

Lucifer, the light bearer, who stood next to the throne of God was PERFECT in wisdom and beauty walking and singing to the rhythm of God.

Why was there strife and war in a place of perfect peace and harmony? What happened to Satan, why was he upset? Why did Satan start this great war with Christ, Michael the archangel?**Ezekiel 28:17**

17 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.

Isaiah 14:12, 13, 14

12 How art thou **fallen from heaven**, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:

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

Lucifer's wisdom was corrupted because he no longer looked at God. He began to look at self. His selfish-pride caused Satan to become self-deceived. How can a created being have supremacy over God who created him? Impossible! It is like a child telling his mother that he will have supremacy of the mother. It is physically impossible for a child to become his mother. Lucifer allowed his character to be altered because of his prideful thinking. Thoughts > Feelings > Behavior > Habits > Character

Pride = arrogancy = putting self above others even God himself. Pride is the opposite of submission. Pride refuses to submit to God's authority! Pride is ultimately why many will be lost. They refuse to submit to God's authority. They believe their wisdom is greater than any other being. Pride is destructive. Pride is death!

What will pride do to those who cherish it like Satan?**Proverbs 16:18**

18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Isaiah 2:11, 12

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Obadiah 1:3, 4

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

Pride will put all who cherish it in a mode of self deception. Pride is one of the main characteristics of the idolatry of worldly entertainment and amusements. Beware! Beware! Beware! Pride is the backbone of all false worship and idolatry! Pride is the god formed into a mental or physical image. Pride leads ALL who follow it on the road of destruction.

Proverbs 18:12

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

Proverbs 29:23

23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

Humility is the opposite of pride, it submits to God and His Truth. God hates PRIDE. Those who cherish pride are self deceived. Pride refuses to submit fully to the ways of God and His commandments.

Those who claim to be children of God, but refuse to give up the ways of the heathen and its idolatrous ways are in a web of Satanic PRIDE!

Pride is present when Bible truth has been clearly revealed in the Word and a person still continues in rebelling against the truth. That person is doing exactly what Satan did in heaven. Pride will accept a false, dancing, sin-loving, worldly Christ, but hates the purity of the true Jesus in the Bible. Pride is the reason why people will not accept God's Holy seventh-day Sabbath!

All of us MUST have God examine our hearts to make sure there is not one dust particle of pride in us.

God detests and hates pride. It is an abomination to Him.

Proverbs 16:5

5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

All those who hold on to PRIDE will be destroyed.

“Self-esteem” = Self-admiration = PRIDE

In our society we pump up our children with selfish pride – to think of one self better than others. They are trained by media, schools, and even in many churches to cherish “self-esteem” which instills within them something that got Satan kicked out of heaven – self-esteem. Self-esteem is self-adoration. It is basically the worship of self. The whole focus is lifting self up. Self-esteem focuses on I.

That is why we live in a “I” generation with their I pod, I pad, I phone, I watch. We don't need more self-esteem. We need God esteem. God adoration instead of self-adoration.

Our self worth is not based on what others think of us, it is our full submission to God and what He thinks of us.

In the great controversy in heaven Lucifer was a beautiful angel, but he made a choice to get caught up in his beauty. He wanted to be worshiped like God. Because of Lucifer's attitude of pride, jealousy, discontent, and self-exaltation, he openly rebelled against the authority and law of God.

Remember God did not create sin. Ezekiel 28:15 says that God created Lucifer perfect in all his ways, but Lucifer made a choice to hold on to his pride and sin.

1 John 3:8 ⁸He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning...”

Satan is the originator of sin and destruction.

How many angels did Satan get to join in his rebellion against God and how did he do it?

Revelation 12:4

4 And his (Dragon = Satan) 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.

Stars = angels

Based on Revelation 1:20, the stars of heaven represent angels, the messengers of God.

Revelation 12:4 reveals that Satan was able to get 1/3 of the angels of heaven to join him in his open rebellion against God. But how? Notice at the beginning of the text Satan is depicted as a Dragon that drew 1/3 of the angels with his tail.

What does this tail represent?

Isaiah 9:15

15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

Tail = Lies. Satan was able to persuade 1/3 of the angels of heaven to join him in his rebellion with LIES. The fallen angels allowed pride, jealousy, and discontent to grow in their own hearts. We do not know how long the war in heaven lasted, but it is quite clear that Lucifer did not back down from his position causing him and those who believed him to be cast out of Heaven.

Why did God NOT destroy Lucifer/Satan and the 1/3 of the angels that joined him the rebellion immediately?

Satan's names "Satan" and "Devil" reveals his character after his open rebellion in Heaven.

Satan "Satanas" in the Greek means adversary. This name reveals that Lucifer who was at one time in harmony with God and His commandments is now in direct opposition to God and His law. He is an enemy of God.

Devil "Diabolos" in the Greek means false accuser or slanderer. This name reveals that Lucifer falsely accused God before ALL the angels of heaven and throughout His creation. The fallen 1/3 angels that joined Lucifer are also known as devils – false accusers.

It is evident that the Devil/Satan and his "devils" openly and falsely accused God and His government. Satan's accusations were the opposite of the truth. For example, the Bible clearly says that God is love and that we can worship Him freely. The false accusation of this is that God is not love and that His worship is restrictive and forced. Now of course, these are all lies that the Bible makes clear, but Satan tried to tarnish God's lovingly reputation before the angels and all the other created worlds.

If God killed Satan and all of the fallen angels immediately, what do you think the angels and other worlds would have thought? They probably would have thought that Satan was right in his many accusations. So it is evident that God put Satan's accusations to the test in order to totally redeem His reputation and character to all His created beings. It is evident that the test began in Heaven where the war began.

God did not force two-thirds of the angels to choose to serve him, because if He did one-third of the angels would not have been cast out of Heaven with Satan. In other words, all the angels each had a free will choice to choose God or Satan.

Did God give Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels an opportunity to turn from their wickedness?

Psalm 86:15

15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalms 86:5

5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Psalms 103:8

8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Ezekiel 33:11

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Hebrews 13:8

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Yes, Lucifer and the rebellious angels had an opportunity to turn from their rebellious course. This is the reason why it was war. It was not physical war in which Lucifer and his angels were fighting Jesus with swords and spears. It was a spiritual battle over the thoughts toward God or self! Physically, Satan was no match for God, that is why at the end of the controversy in Heaven they were cast out. God could have done that at the very beginning of the rebellion, but He was long suffering, pleading for them to turn from their rebellion. He pleaded for them to change their evil rebellion, but they rejected time and time again the conviction to turn from their deadly course. They have NO excuse. They were in the direct presence of God. They saw the power of God unmasked. Lucifer walked with the light of God. They had ALL evidence of the glory and goodness of God, but they still rebelled. After they rejected the final plea, there was no hope. Their fate of eternal death is sealed! They are lost! **Fallen! Fallen!**

Let's go back to Revelation 12...

What Heavenly announcement is given about the great controversy and how do the faithful people of God overcome Satan and his lies?

Revelation 12:10-11

10 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.

11 And 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.

Testimony (Greek) = Evidence.

God's faithful overcome SIN and Worldliness through the blood of Jesus and their testimony. It is evident who they served. They love Truth more than their own lives.

What is the evidence of your faith in God's Word? Do you love it to death? Do you love it more than Satan hates it?

Satan, his devils, and kingdom is fallen is fallen!

Whose side have you chosen? End time chaos will only get worst! Are you ready for the mark of the beast crisis?