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We are in the midst of describing Lucifer in the grandeur of his creation by God.

Ezekiel 28: 11 Again the word of the Lord came to me saying

Ezekiel 28:12 “Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God,

As we read through, remember this is a lamentation, a hurt, a sadness for this creature. In fact, the Hebrew word refers to a funeral lamentation or a dirge. People, we learn about God from this word. I am so sorry for Calvinists who firmly believe that God created this creature to sin, so that God could lament! That is absurd. That would make God a hypocrite. It is amazing how in trying to defend the Sovereignty of God, they blaspheme Him. It says a lamentation. What causes God to lament? What causes God to lament over His own creation? So we are learning about God.

Ezekiel 28:12 ...“You had (past tense) the seal of perfection,

Every part of his creation was perfect.

Ezekiel 28:12 ...Full of wisdom (his mental activity) and perfect in beauty (physical

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appearance). (It reminds me a little bit of what the Anti-Christ will be like. He will be very appealing, very handsome, very perfect in beauty. He will be very wise.)

Ezekiel 28:13 “You were in Eden, the garden of God (that is very important); Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets (his total grandeur), Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. (His creation was done. It did not grow it did not develop. A second ago he was not there, now he is there.)

Ezekiel 28:14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers (so as to guard), And I (God, your creator) placed you there. (We see that he was in the Garden of Eden, the Garden of God.) You were on the holy mountain of God (We looked at this in Daniel – this is Mount Zion in what is Jerusalem in Israel today); You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

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First – you walked – The Hebrew means to walk back and forth, up and down. The idea of this description is vast freedom that he enjoyed with God. Now, what about the stones of fire? Almost everyone who studies this passage agrees this is a tough one, as to what is being talked about here. Some, even think it refers to planets in the galaxies. Fortunately, neither our salvation or our spirituality, nor our glorifying God depends on this phrase! But, let's see if the context gives us some clues as to what is being described here.

**Ezekiel 28:13 He was in the garden of Eden,
the garden of God**

**Ezekiel 28:14 He was the covering or guard of
the glory of God**

**Ezekiel 28:14 He was on the holy mountain of
God...**

and then

**Ezekiel 28:14 ...You walked in the midst of the
stones of fire**

So most assuredly this has something to do with God, not an abstraction but something dealing directly with God.

If we look on top of Mt. Sinai where God met with Moses – fire and then the burning bush – non-consuming fire before Moses. Then we have the fine stones as the adoring of Lucifer. Here we have stones of fire... referring to the presence of Yahweh to which this Lucifer walked freely in fellowship with God like Moses did.

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Ezekiel 28:15 You were blameless in your ways...

Let me start by showing you how important it is to whom you listen to in the teaching of the Word of God. There are many who take the whole of Ezekiel chapter 28 as referring to the literal King of Tyre. Therefore, this phrase shows that there are multitudes who are not born under condemnation and in need of salvation, but are in a blameless state before God!!! That is what they believe, which of course is in great contradiction to many passages which teach that we are all born under sin. So, in verse 15 refers to before the Angelic Conflict and before the creation and the fall of Adam. The Angelic Conflict began after the original creation of galaxies, earth and angels. And we are seeing in Ezekiel chapter 28 how the foremost of the angels looked like when he was created. He was superior to all other angels. There was and is no equality among angels, not at creation, not now, not for all eternity, just as there is no equality among humans. Inequality of humans is going to be based upon the amount of time you spent in the power and leading of God the Holy Spirit. Not how much you love God; Not how much you go to church; not how much you give; not how much you sing but how often and how much you spend in fellowship with God the Holy Spirit and leading of the Holy Spirit. I hope I have taught you enough that when you pray that you know you are a sinner and do not deserve to come to God. But, God has placed you in His Son so that by the state of being in position in His Son and with the power and leading of the Holy Spirit I dare come before you in prayer. To come to God in prayer is an unbelievable privilege we have. Here we begin to learn about the

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beginning of the Angelic Conflict. The existence of prehistoric rational creatures. Scripture reveals there are two categories of rational creatures.

First: the prehistorical category called angels as in

Peter 2:11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power (greater than humans) do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord

Second: The historical category called homo-sapiens, mankind.

Hebrews 2:6 But one has testified somewhere, saying “WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

Hebrews 2:7 “YOU (God) HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;”
(What a phenomenal statement for sinners, unredeemed.)

The creation of man is recorded in Genesis chapters 1-2. But angels are rational, superior and prehistoric creatures, who have existed in the universe before man for an unknown period of time.

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We are looking at the fall of Lucifer, the supreme of angelic creatures. Let us note a few things before we enter the fall.

1. Angelic volition and human volition are tested in the same manner.
2. The conditions of prehistoric (angelic) times have been reproduced in the history of mankind. The conditions of the fall of mankind are exactly like that of the angelic. Lucifer was the first angel to fall. Eve was the first human to fall. Eve led Adam to sin and Lucifer led 1/3 of the angels to sin.
3. God created both angels and humans in perfection and innocence. Both were created blameless. So, we begin an analysis between the angels and mankind with Lucifer and Adam, both in the garden. Both in fellowship with God.
4. The Hebrew word for blameless is associated with righteousness, truth, being upright before God, being without sin. So, again, we know this is not speaking, in our passage, of a man, the King of Tyre, but to the super creature Lucifer.
5. Now what is interesting here is what we learn about God and creation coming up.

from the day you were created is the word *bara*. When God created angels, He created them blameless, without sin. When God created man, He created him blameless, without sin. But in His creation of both angels and man, God created them with free will, volition. He started them out in perfect harmony with Him. This is the way God created them, so they could have fellowship with God. That is why He created angels; that is why He created mankind.

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Fellowship. If you don't have fellowship with God throughout the day, you are missing out on why you are here. Yes, we are here to witness; yes, we are here to grow. Over here we are here to fellowship with God: talk with Him, enjoy Him. What a privilege it is that we have the privilege, the right to fellowship with the sovereign, omnipotent God. That is a profound statement. Take advantage of that. Talk with Him. He created the super creatures – angels first for fellowship – but as we know a third of them turned from God while 2/3 turned to God – to be with God forever! At some point in the Angelic Conflict God caused those who had turned to Him to be in that state forever, not able to sin or fail, just like us in eternity.

6. Lucifer, used his free will to rebel against God in the garden of God resulting in the Angelic Conflict and the fall of angels. Adam and Eve used their free will to rebel against God, their creator led to the parallel fall of mankind. Mankind followed the exact same pattern as we find in Lucifer's rebellion against God their creator

From the day you were created = *bara* angels were created out of nothing. The body of both the male and female were built out of existing material: male out of the dust of the ground and female out of the rib of the male. But the soul of man and woman were created out of nothing. Now we start the Angelic Conflict. The only question here is were all angels created at the same time? It appears that they were. Angels know nothing about parents or growth – they were created in the maturity they attain throughout all time This is where the important phrase throughout the book of Job 24: “born of a woman.” This is a derogatory statement

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made about mankind.

Or such a phrase: can a man be pure before his maker Job 4:17.

Angels were created pure but not mankind after Adam or can mankind be just before God Job 4:17;

can man be right before God? Job 9:2

What is man that he should be pure? Job 15:14

Or he who is born of a woman that he should be righteous? Job 15:14

You take these phrases – and they are downgrading to mankind. But God will take them and make His Son who is born of woman – to be borne pure and righteous – Jesus the Christ, the savior of the world.

You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created

The next phrase introduces the beginning of the Angelic Conflict.

Ezekiel 28:15 ...Until unrighteousness was found in you.

Ezekiel 28:16 By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned;

Until unrighteousness was found in you. This phrase introduces a great deal of information.

“Until”

1. Until is very important here

- a. In Hebrew it can be used as a preposition or as an adverb. Here it can be seen as both a preposition and an adverb. Prepositions

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are always used to indicate the relationship of a noun or phrase to something else.

- b. Here Ezekiel is indicating a relationship of being blameless with being unrighteous.
- c. This preposition is a ‘time marker.’ Something continues – here being blameless – until something happens that ends that time frame.
- d. Question: How much time did he spend being blameless? Scripture does not tell us. But certainly, it would require much longer than just a few moments as those who believe in 6 days of creation they claim recorded in Genesis 1:2 and following.
- e. He spent some amount of ‘time’ being the guard or covering. He spent some time worshipping God – in fellowship with God – Jesus Christ. He spent some time in fellowship with the other angels.
- f. Then suddenly, things changed introduced by “until.” This happens in our own lives, but in reverse order. We spend a period of time unregenerate – sinners, unsaved...then suddenly, we changed, the very moment we believed in Jesus our Savior. Look at Colossians 3:5-10. Coming up in our study of Ephesians. Read Ephesians 2:1-9.

So, we continue from our origin at birth in our sinful, unrighteous state of existence...until... we believe in Jesus as Savior. And at that point, and instantly, we are impute by God with perfect righteousness, then we are found to be righteous and justified.

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Ezekiel 28:15 ... Until unrighteousness was found in you

2. Unrighteousness. There is a great deal in this one word in this context.
 - a. The Hebrew word means injustice, unrighteousness. The word refers to anything that deviates from the righteousness of God; it refers to corruption of being blameless.
 - b. God has nothing to do with unrighteousness

2 Chronicles 19:7 Now then let the fear of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness (this is our word) or partiality or the taking of a bribe.”

This is so difficult for people, Christians, to fully understand. They deceive themselves into thinking that if their motivation is good etc. then it is acceptable to God. Like love from the flesh, I truly love God. But people, if this love comes from the flesh, which can produce only unrighteousness – it is unacceptable to God. He will have no part of it.

- c. So what happened to this super angel, Lucifer who was blameless until unrighteousness was found in him? What caused him to be unrighteous?

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- d. The study of Isaiah chapter 14 and Isaiah chapter 10 and Ezekiel 28 give a study of how this superior creature Lucifer fell.

First, to his name 'Lucifer' you will not find 'Lucifer' in your Bible, unless you have a King James translation.

Isaiah 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven O star of the morning, son of the dawn

The Hebrew word is heylel which is a noun meaning morning star. Now, the Hebrew does not translate this as Lucifer, nor does the Hebrew transliterate into Lucifer. So, where does Lucifer come from? It is from the Latin Vulgate. The Vulgate was written by Jerome in the late 4th century A. D. It was Europe's standard Bible for over 1,000 years and is still used in the Latin Church or Roman Catholic Church today. The study of Jerome is most interesting but leave it all to say he was a genius of languages and translated the Hebrew and Greek bible into modern day Latin. It is still used today. He wrote it while in Bethlehem. Now Lucifer is the Vulgate translation for 'morning star.' So if you want to be biblically correct, it is not Lucifer but 'star of the morning.'

End here

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We will start with looking at his original creation, all that God created him with.

Read Ezekiel 28:11-15 so this creature, morning star, was superior to these superior creatures. So what happened?

Look at Isaiah chapter 14 We run into the same situation we had in Ezekiel chapter 28. It appears Isaiah is speaking of or to or about the King of Babylon. Read verse 4

Isaiah 14:4 that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, “How the oppressor has ceased, And how fury has ceased!

Taunt. This Hebrew word refers to an oracle – it’s content and intent is determined by the context, for example it may be just a short saying of wisdom as in Proverb 10:1 a wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.

Or as we have it here it can refer to a prophetic utterance or composition revealing the evil of this person And as we say in Ezekiel chapter 28 where it seems to be addressed to the Prince of Tyre, but as we noted it could not refer to a human being of Tyre, but was speaking to the magnificent creation Satan. So, here while it appears to be spoke to the King of Babylon, as we read there is no way this is referring to a human as king of Babylon but to the one who inspires the King of Babylon – that is Satan – One of the heads of the Seven headed Dragon. Again, I

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have to remind you that there are a multitude of scholars who deny this is speaking of Satan but is speaking of the King of Babylon. And as we saw before this leads to sloppy theology like there are humans who are born 'blameless.' So, you have to decide how you see and understand these Scriptures in the Word of God like does Isaiah 53 speak of the suffering of Jesus Christ or not?

As we read from verse 4 we sense we are speaking more than just of mere man. Let's note a few of the policies and strategies of Satan.

Verse 4: He is an oppressor, the oppressor of angels and of mankind he is filled with fury to get his way – control.

Verse 5: The Lord will always be victorious over him

Verse 6: Satan is a cruel master, and hates nations – globalist

Verses 7 & 8: When the Angelic Conflict is over in Phase 1 [time of rebellion by Satan to God casting him and all fallen angels into the Deep] the whole earth is at peace.

Verse 9 is a rather frightening scene – in sheol

Verse 10 Fallen angels will realize that this Lucifer, this morning star is no better than they

Now in verse 11 we come to what happened to this magnificent creature. First notice **pomp**. Here is one of the Hebrew words that can refer to opposites as referring to the exalted majest of the Lord or it can refer to the mental attitude sin of arrogance – pride. Oh, people, this is why spiritual love is not arrogant. We do not make a decision not to be

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arrogant, we make a decision to trust in the Holy Spirit. And He pours in spiritual love and spiritual love is not arrogant.

I want to start right here with point out what cause the fall of this super creature Lucifer. He stopped trusting in the Lord; He stopped loving Jesus Christ. And people, once we stop trusting and one we stop loving Jesus Christ with spiritual love, sin is right behind that. Once this creature stopped loving Jesus Christ with spiritual love, he became arrogant! And that is sin; Once Eve took her eyes off the Lord, she looked at herself – I can be like God! This is exactly what happened to this super creature Satan.

Isaiah 14:11 your arrogance and the music of your harps. This is a reference to the sound of his vocal chords – sound of many harps. People, this creature was magnificent.

Now look what arrogance did to him and will do to you: have been brought down to Sheol you take nothing but what you are into after this life

Note the grotesque scene in his demise:

Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you And worms are your covering

Now we move to vivid indication that this is a lot more than the King of Babylong

Isaiah 14:12 “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! Satan is anti-nationalism, because nationalism is

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designed by God for the stability of the earth; this is why Democrats are globalist and anti-America. They are now trying to impeach Trump for killing the most notorious of terrorist on earth, responsible for killing American military – which they do not care one bit about. People, we must understand the schemes of Satan throughout the world today, not just here and not just in the Middle East

How you have fallen from heaven. Remember that it was this super creature who had access to heaven and walked with Jesus Christ But even as an enemy he still has access to the meeting room in heaven, Job chapter 1 and Revelation chapter 12.

How you have fallen from heave now we come to his name or designation O star of the morning, son of the dawn

So where did the King James get the name Lucifer? Where did Jerome, author of most of the Vulgate get the name Lucifer?

The Hebrew heylel, which sounds nothing like Lucifer means morning star. The Latin means “bringing light,” derived from the Latin lux “light” and ferre “to bring.”