

The Sovereignty of God and Free Will of Angels and Man Co-exist by God's Own Decree

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." --Ronald Reagan

Freewill is from God and demands thought in every choice.

Review a few important points from our last study.

Eternity Past	Creation of Angels	Creation of Mankind	Eternity Future
One Will	More Than One Will	More Than One Will	One Will

Here is a very important point on the creation of free will. Those who deny that God gave free will, volitional choice, to His creation of angels and man, are left with the position that God created sin and evil. There is no other choice, no matter the rhetoric they may use. God created free will and the creature made a decision to go against the commands of God, resulting in the existence of sin. It is not from God but as a result of making a volitional choice against God.

The freewill of man and the Sovereignty of God co-exist by the decree of God.

We ended last session looking at what happened when there were two wills in the universe. We will continue in Ezekiel 28.

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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, “You had the seal/stamp of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty

Ezekiel 28:13 “You were in Eden, the garden of God;

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,

Was in you.

On the day that you were created

They were prepared.

Ezekiel 28:14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers, (guards!)

And I God placed you *there*.

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God created the Morning Star and God placed him in the garden. Now, where did this creature come from? When was he created? Genesis 1:2 and following does not tell us when he was created. But in Genesis 1:1 we have a clue. This magnificent angel, we know as Lucifer, was created in the pre-historic world that is the pre-history of mankind, which begins in Genesis 1:2. When I use the term ‘pre-historic,’ I am referring to that period of time from original creation of this world and all the billions of galaxies and creation of all the angels, with free will. And all that occurred in Genesis 1:1. Genesis 1:2 records the beginning of the Restoration of the earth for mankind.

So where did this Lucifer, this creation spoken of in Ezekiel chapter 28 come from? He along with all the other angels was created in Genesis 1:1 and with them came the existence of two wills by the creation of God, Himself.

Ezekiel 28:14 ...You were on the holy mountain of God;...

We saw from Daniel 9 this is where modern day Jerusalem exists.

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

You walked back and forth, wherever you wished.

in the midst of the stones of fire. In the presence of God.

Ezekiel 28:15 “You were blameless in your ways, From the day you were created

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From the day you were created. Create = *bara*. Angels were created out of nothing. The body of both the male and the female humans were built out of existing material: male out of the dust of the ground and the 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 *born of a woman*, is significant. This is a derogatory statement made about mankind. Or consider 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: they are downgrading to mankind. But God will take them and make His Son who is ‘born of woman,’ to be born pure and righteous: Jesus the Christ.

Ezekiel 28:15 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.

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We noted six points on how angels and mankind were tested in the same way.

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

**Ezekiel 28:16 ...Until unrighteousness was
found in you**

This phrase introduces a great deal in information. “Until” is very important here.

1. 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 are always used to indicate the relationship of a noun or phrase to something else.
2. Here Ezekiel is indicating a relationship of being *blameless* with being *unrighteous*.
3. This preposition is a ‘time marker.’ Something continues, here being blameless, until something happens that ends the condition of being blameless.
4. 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 are recorded in Genesis 1:2ff.

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5. He spent some amount of ‘time’ being the guard or covering. He spent some time worshipping God, in fellowship with God, loving Jesus Christ. He spent some time in fellowship with other angels.
6. Then, suddenly, things changed, introduced by **Until**. This happens in our own lives, but in reverse order. We spent a period of time unregenerate—sinners, unsaved...then, suddenly, we changed, the very moment we believed in Jesus as our Savior. Look at Colossians 3:5-10; coming up in our study of Ephesians read Ephesians 2:1-9 So, as 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 are imputed by God with perfect Righteousness. Then we are *found to be righteous and justified*.

Ezekiel 28:16 ...Until unrighteousness was found in you

Unrighteousness. There is a great deal in this one word in this context.

1. The Hebrew word means injustice, unrighteousness. The word refers to anything that deviates from the righteousness of God. It refers to corruption in contrast to being blameless.
2. 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.”

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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.

3. So what happened to this super angel, Lucifer, who was blameless until unrighteousness was found in him? What caused him to become unrighteous?
4. The study of Isaiah 14, and Isaiah 10 and Ezekiel 28 provide an insight into how this superior creature, Lucifer, fell.

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

**Isaiah 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven
O star of the morning, (*Lucifer* in the King
James) son of the dawn.**

The Hebrew word is *heylel* which is a noun meaning *morning star*. Ok, the Hebrew does not translate this as Lucifer, nor does the Hebrew transliterate it 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, but is still used in the Latin Church or the 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

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is the Vulgate translation for ‘morning star.’ So, if you want to be biblically correct, it is not Lucifer but ‘star of the morning.’

We have started with looking at his original creation, all that God created him with in Ezekiel 28:11-15. So, this creature, morning star, was superior to these superior creatures. He is likened to two different empires: Here in Ezekiel, he is likened to the King of Tyre, while in Isaiah 14 he is likened to the King of Babylon. Why? Why these two analogies? As the Prince of Tyre, he seeks to rule the world, globalization for control of all material wealth. As the King of Babylon, he sought to rule the heavens. The Tower of Babel that reached up into the sky, to heaven, to over-rule the power of God, Himself. Combined: material and spiritual control—Sin of Arrogance!!

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**

And how fury has ceased! In Ezekiel –*a lament*, here a ***Taunt***. This Hebrew word refers to an oracle. Its content and intent is determined by the context. For example, it may be just a short saying of wisdom as in

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**Proverbs 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 saw in Ezekiel chapter 28, 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 is speaking to the magnificent creation, Morning Star. So here, while it appears to be spoken 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 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, 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 Isaiah 14:4 we know we are speaking of more than just a 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.

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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 majesty of the Lord or it can refer to the mental attitude sin (MAS) of arrogance, pride. Oh, people, this is why Spiritual Love is not arrogant. We do not make a decision not to be arrogant, we make a decision to trust in the Holy Spirit and He pours in Spiritual Love and this Spiritual Love is not Arrogant.

I want to start right here with pointing out what caused the fall of this super creature Morning Star. He stopped trusting in the Lord. **He stopped loving Jesus Christ.** And people, once we stop trusting and once we stop loving Jesus Christ with Spiritual Love, sin is right behind that decision. Once this creature stopped loving Jesus Christ, he became arrogant! And arrogance 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 Have been brought down to Sheol;
Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath
you, And worms are your covering**

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The music of your harps. This is a reference to the sound of his vocal chords, the 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 the after-life.

Note the grotesque scene in his demise:

**Isaiah 14:11 ...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 Babylon.

**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 designed by God for the stability of the earth. This is why Democrats are globalist and anti-America. People, we must understand the schemes of Satan throughout the world today, not just here and not just in the Middle East, but in your own personal lives, in your marriage, in your single life.

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 1 and Revelation 12.

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How you have fallen from heaven. 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 Latin *lux* "light" and *ferre* "to bring." So, you can see *lu-x-fer* = *Lucifer*. In Latin, this name originally referred to the morning star, the planet Venus, but later became associated with the chief angel who rebelled against God's rule in heaven. In later literature, such as the *Divine Comedy* (1321) by Dante and *Paradise Lost* (1667) by John Milton, Lucifer became associated with Satan himself.

Then it says **son of the dawn** *ben sahar* meaning morning, dawn or rising up. These are designations of grandeur.

**Isaiah 14:12 "How you have fallen from
heaven, O star of the morning, son of the
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You have fallen. Qal perfect of Hebrew verb meaning just that, to fall. And the Qal perfect simply looks at the action of the verb. This verb simply notes the result of Satan's sin, of his rebellion against God, while the next phrase explains his falling from heaven.

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you have been cut down which is a Nihil Perfect – which means he has been caused to be cut down, which refers to a judicial action by God. He, the morning star, has been cut down to the earth!

The important point here is that there has been but ONE WILL in existence for all eternity past, just one will, that is the Will of God.

Then, God created this super creation, angels, and gave them free will. So, there is One Will, God's. And now, another will.

Then something happened in the soul of this super creature, The Bright and Morning Star.

God did not create sin, God did not create evil.

These are the offspring of the soul of the will of this creature. Now look at

**Ezekiel 28:16 By the abundance of your trade
you were internally filled with violence,**

It is easy to see how this would apply to the King of Tyre. Therefore, virtually everyone, commentators, scholars, teachers etc., go off on a description of the man, the Prince of Tyre. But many of those have already stated that this does not refer to a mere man but to the super creature, the Morning Star. So, what is this saying about this creature we call Lucifer? Let's stay with context and grammar. Let's examine closely each word in grammar and in context! Let's fine tune it that we might hear the message within.

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First, do not pass by the Preposition **By**. This preposition reveals the *place or area or location*. So here, we have the activity of this Super Creature that will cause him to sin.

Next: **by the abundance of** = a large number

Now we come to the important word **of your trade**. What does this mean? And how is it applied to this super creature?

First, the root of this word means *going about* (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament) and includes the idea of traffic. Here, going from heaven to earth, earth to heaven, communicating or transmitting messages from God to angels and angels to God. This refers to the vast activity of this Morning Star going back and forth from earth to heaven, from heaven to earth, representing God to the angels and angels to God! And as he traveled and trafficked—he became occupied with himself and all that he was doing; like a judge who uses his judicial position for personal gain and profit. He has made merchandise of justice.

Therefore: **By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence**. Note the first place of Morning Star's fall: *within himself*. By the way, this is also true of Eve. At some point Morning Star began to think within himself that some of the worship should go to him, since in fact he was the most beautiful, all wise of the angels and that some of the authority should go to him.

Now what about **filled with violence**? **Filled** what an important word to let us know what is going on inside this super creature. First, it functions in both a temporal and a spatial sense.

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Spatially, the term pictures the act of making that which was empty of a particular content no longer empty. Temporal as related to time, so here we learn that this was a slow process in this creature. Something like, at first, he knew better, so he abandoned the thought of his own superiority, and pushed down his anger at God getting all the glory. But slowly, little by little he became more and more impressed with his own superiority, and his anger toward God getting all the praise began to fill his soul -- until he reached the point where he was filled with his own superiority and therefore filled with anger toward God.

filled with violence. This Hebrew word tells us even more about what was going in his soul. This word means to do damage---with cruelty!

For example, look at

Isaiah 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Now, this is in time, of course, but put the principle in terms of our study. This Morning Star sees all the time, the loftiness of God...lofty that is raised above everything and everyone exalted. You want to see what is inside the Morning Star? Look at Daniel 11:36 where we have a description of the Anti-Christ in the Tribulation, who will be filled with this very creature. Then, the king, in context this is the Anti-Christ, will do as he pleases, throughout all the earth and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; YHWH and he will prosper **until** the indignation is

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finished, for that which is **decreed** will be done. The Morning Star lusts of this from the beginning in Eternity Past at the beginning of the Angelic Conflict and will be this way all the way through human history to the very end of the Millennium.

In closing let's pause a moment: what about us? Christian, whenever you sense a resentment toward someone, at home, work, church, life; when you sense this resentment, nip it right then and there; Do no **push** it down; Here is where confession fits. Do not deny, do not hide it, do not deceive yourself—confess it, acknowledge that it is there and attack it with the truth, attack with Spiritual Love from the Holy Spirit. As we will see the first thing this super creature, the Morning Star did was to stop loving the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ. And once he stopped loving Him, he started loving himself and started resenting Jesus Christ. Once you stop loving Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit you start resenting Him and His intrusion on your life. We will see this pattern right from the beginning with the fall of the Morning Star:

First, he stopped loving Jesus Christ.

Then, he started seeing his own magnificence.

3rd he started resenting that this Jesus was getting all the glory. And then 4th he became full of himself and this was accompanied with his being filled with violence—against Jesus Christ. So, people, please, always be aware of what is going on inside you. Do not be in denial and do not **push** it down in your soul...acknowledge and deal with it, with or by the filling of the Holy Spirit and Spiritual Love.