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Special Study: The Origin of Satan

Tuesday Night Bible Study, October 27, 2007

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--Job 38:4-7 indicates that angels "shouted for joy" when God laid the foundations of the earth: "*[in the Lord's response to Job He said]* Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 **When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God** [*Job 1:6 & 2:1 indicate that "sons of God" was a term used for angels*] **shouted for joy?**"

--Ezekiel 28:1-18 compares Satan to the ancient King of Tyre.

--the human king of Tyre is referred to as the "prince of Tyre" and Satan is referred to as the "king of Tyre."

--the human king ruled under the influence of Satan, and therefore, in a spiritual sense, was a prince under the control of Satan the king.

--28:12-15 gives us a few insights into who Satan was before he sinned and fell...

--"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty." (v.12)

--28:13: "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created."

--there is different speculation about the meaning of this passage, but it seems to indicate that Satan had some purpose in Eden before he sinned.

--so it appears that after Satan's fall he had access to both Eden and heaven because he already had access to both places before he fell, opposed to the idea that Satan was in Eden only because of his fall.

--interesting conclusion drawn by A. Fruchtenbaum: *On the sixth day of creation, God created man and gave him the authority over the earth which had been removed from Satan. But when man fell, Satan usurped authority over the earth...* [in his futile plan to take the place of God]

--"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God..." (v.14)

--"cherubs" were the highest ranking angels, followed by "seraphim" and then "angels"
--A. Fruchtenbaum in *The Footsteps of the Messiah* (2003 edition) offers the following commentary: *Ezekiel one points out that the cherubim were the bearers or carriers of the Shechinah Glory, and they are the closest to the Throne of God. While the angels are before the Throne, and the seraphim surround the Throne, the cherubim are under it and are responsible for carrying the Throne of God. The closer the being is to the Throne the higher the being's rank. The cherubim are the closest to the Throne of God, and Satan is a cherub. However at some point in eternity past [after his role in the mineral Garden of Eden?] God took this one cherub and anointed or 'messiahed' him, which made him the Arch-Cherub, and elevated him over the other cherubs in power and authority. **With this event, then, Satan was the highest of all created beings, not only in wisdom and beauty, but also in power and authority.** Furthermore, he was the 'anointed cherub that covers'. The Hebrew for 'covers' means 'the covering roof.' He was a canopy over the Throne of God. In chapter one of Ezekiel, while other cherubim were underneath the Throne and were carrying the Throne, this particular cherub was a canopy over the Throne of God. This one was the most prominent cherub of them all.*

--remember that this information is based on passages like Ezekiel's vision (Ezekiel 1) of the Throne of God which tries to put in human terms profound spiritual realities.

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--28:1-10 describes the downfall of the human "prince of Tyre"

--because Tyre was an important seaport in the ancient world, the "prince of Tyre" gained much wealth and power.

--in time his heart was filled with pride and he proclaimed himself to be a god and therefore God brought judgment against him.

--28:11-19 describes the downfall of Satan (the "king of Tyre") that parallels the downfall of the "prince of Tyre"

--"15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ... 17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. 18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.""

**side note: much of the result of Satan's fall described in Ezekiel 28:11-19 appears to refer to events in the future (in particular his defeat at the end of the Great Tribulation) yet is written in the past tense, a grammatical structure called "prophetic perfect". Isaiah 53 is a familiar passage that utilizes the prophetic perfect.

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Perhaps the most recognized Hebrew scholar of modern times is Friedrich Gesenius (1786–1842). He wrote about the perfect tense and its various uses (the "perfect" is sometimes called the "past tense," but the Hebrew and English do not look at verbs in quite the same way). [5] Although normally associated with action that has already occurred, Gesenius wrote that the perfect is used in some cases when the event is still actually future. He noted that the perfect was used: ' To express future actions, when the speaker intends by an express assurance to represent them as finished, or as equivalent to accomplished facts...' - <http://www.truthortradition.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=298>

--Isaiah 14:12-15 also describes Satan's fall:

--"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven [*he wanted to have an even higher position in heaven than he already had*], I will exalt my throne above the stars of God ["stars of God" is symbolic of angels – he wanted to depose the other cherub angels and rule over all the angels]; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 **I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.** [*he wanted to have the place of God*] 15 **Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit...**"

--the fall of other angels...

--Revelation 12:3-4 seems to indicate, in figurative language, that one third of the angels in heaven fell with Satan: "And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."

--2 Peter 2:4: "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment..."

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