

# **The Cosmic Conflict Between God and Satan**

## Why are we here?

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; **Who hath saved us, and *called us with an holy calling*, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.** 2 Timothy 1:8-9.

- **What are we being saved from?**
  - Matthew 1:21
- **What is sin?**
  - 1 John 3:4
- **What is God's current purpose?**
  - Romans 3:21-26

# Where did sin originate?

“Son of man, take up a lamentation for **the king of Tyre**, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘You were **the seal of perfection**, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **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 pipe was prepared for you on the day you were created.” Ezekiel 28:12-13, NKJV.

## Where did sin originate?

“You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; **You were on the holy mountain of God**; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, **till iniquity was found in you**”. Ezekiel 28:14-15, NKJV.

- Sin originated within Lucifer’s heart *while in heaven.*

## Why did sin originate?

“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! **For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend** into heaven, **I will exalt** my throne above the stars of God; **I will also sit** on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; **I will ascend** above the heights of the clouds, **I will be like the Most High.**” Isaiah 14:12-14, NKJV.

- Sin originated because Lucifer wanted to be his own god.

## What led to Lucifer's sin?

“Your **heart was lifted up** *because of your beauty.*” Ezekiel 28:17, NKJV.

- Pride cause Lucifer to desire to be his own god.

## What law did Lucifer break?

“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ **This is the first and great commandment.** And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**” Matthew 22:37-40, NKJV.

➤ Lucifer broke God’s law of love.

# What happened in heaven, as a result of sin?

“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.” Revelation 12:7-9, NKJV.

## ➤ **War!**

- As a result of this war, Lucifer and his angels were cast out of heaven.

What type of war took place in heaven?

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- 1) a war
- 2) a fight, a battle
- 3) a **dispute, strife, quarrel**

## What type of war took place in heaven?

“Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for **the accuser of our brethren**, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down’”. Revelation 12:10, NKJV.

➤ **Lucifer waged a war of accusations against God.**

- Job 1:6-9
- Zechariah 3:1

## What did Lucifer accuse God of?

“Whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, **to demonstrate His righteousness**, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, **to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just** and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”  
Romans 3:25-26, NKJV.

- Lucifer accused God of being unrighteous and unjust.

## What did God tell Lucifer when expelling him from heaven?

“I cast you to the ground, **I laid you before kings**, that they might gaze at you.” Ezekiel 28:17, NKJV.

- God told Lucifer that he would be judged.
- In this sense, the “accuser” is now, himself, on trial.

## Who would be the “kings” to judge Lucifer?

- The principles of God’s government state that there has to be at least two witnesses against anyone on trial.
  - Deuteronomy 15:19
  - Matthew 18:16
- **Lucifer knew at that time that there were no “third party” witnesses in the universe who could objectively judge him.**

# Why was humanity created?

- Exodus 19:6, NKJV: “And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**.”
- 1 Peter 2:9, NKJV: “But you are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, His **own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”
- Revelation 1:6, NKJV: “And has **made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

# Why was humanity created?

“Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” 1 Corinthians 6:3, NKJV.

- **Humanity was created to judge Lucifer in defense of God’s holy character.**
- **This is God’s “purpose” for each and every one of us; it is our primary reason for existence.**

## When will humanity judge Lucifer?

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and **judgment was committed to them**. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, **who had not worshiped the beast or his image**, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And **they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**” Revelation 20:4, NKJV.

- “Chosen” humanity will judge Lucifer during the 1,000 years following the return of Jesus Christ.

# What did Lucifer do to prevent humanity from judging against him?

“But I discipline my body and bring it into **subjection**, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should **become disqualified**.” 1 Corinthians 9:27, NKJV.

- Being cast to the earth, Lucifer knew that this newly created race would be the ones to judge him.
- He assumed that if he could tempt them to sin, they would be disqualified from participating in his judgment, leaving God with no witnesses against him.

➤ **If Lucifer's assumption would have been correct, he would have not only assumed dominion over this planet, but all of God's universal government may have collapsed and have fallen under his dominion.**

- John 12:31
- John 14:30
- John 16:11

# What plan would God implement to address the fall of humanity?

“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.” Genesis 3:15, NKJV.

- When humanity fell into sin, God implemented the **plan of salvation**, through the sacrifice of *Jesus Christ*, to save us from sin!

# Why didn't God simply destroy Adam and Eve and start over with another pair?

“To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—**things which angels desire to look into.**” 1 Peter 1:12, NKJV.

- God is on trial and the universe is watching. By destroying Adam and Eve for their disobedience, Lucifer would have been proved correct in accusing God of being unjust.

Why didn't God simply destroy Adam and Eve and start over with another pair?

“But He, **being full of compassion**, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath; For **He remembered that they were but flesh**, a breath that passes away and does not come again.” Psalm 78:38-39, NKJV.

**Why didn't God simply destroy Adam and Eve and start over with another pair?**

**“For God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16, NKJV.

## Why are we here?

- To be living witnesses to the loving, righteous and just character of God.

If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.* Colossians 3:1-2, NKJV.