

THE PURPOSE FOR OUR CREATION

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Introduction

Mankind has made a confusing state out of the creation in which we exist. We feel that this is the case because the clear teaching of the Bible is not followed. Look with us at what the Bible has to say and hopefully you will come to a clear picture of what God is doing. A study such as this must start with the creation of Lucifer and the Angelic world.

A. THE CREATION OF LUCIFER THAT BECOMES SATAN: Ezekiel 28:28:12-19

“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. 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 was created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth and I have set thee so; thou was upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created until iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned; therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God and I will destroy thee O covering cherub from the midst of the stones of fire. 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. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shall be a terror and never shall thou be any more.’”

1. This passage tells us many things about Lucifer:
 - a. He was the finished pattern of perfection: Ezek. 28:12 “Thou sealest up the sum” means that he was the perfect pattern of perfection.
 - b. He was full of wisdom: Ezek. 28:12.
 - c. He was perfect in beauty: Ezek. 28:12-13.
 - d. He was the anointed supernatural being: Ezek. 28:14.
 - e. He was the guardian of the world that then was: Ezek. 28:14 – “covereth” means to protect or defend.”
 - f. He was perfect until he sinned Ezek. 28:15.
 - g. He will be destroyed in the future: Ezek. 28:18-19.

2. Because of Lucifer's fall the lake of fire was created: Matthew 25:41 "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, 'depart from Me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

B. The Creation That Lucifer Ruled Over:

1. Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
2. Isaiah 45:18 – "He created it not in vain." The Hebrew word for "vain" (Tohuw) means waste or desolate. The earth was not created as waste, so it must have become that way.
3. Genesis 1:2 – "And the earth was (became) without form and void and under darkness." The Hebrew word for "was" can also be translated "became" and is so translated in Genesis 2:7: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man "became" a living soul." Something had to happen between Genesis 1:1 and the truth about the six day creation. It is too strange to have verse 2 between verses 1 and 3 if some cataclysm didn't occur at verse 2.
4. Ezekiel 28:14 tells us that Lucifer ruled over things until iniquity was found in him: "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth and I have set thee so. To cover is to defend. Lucifer defended this creation until "iniquity was found in him" (Ezekiel 28:15

C. Was God caught in an untenable situation because of Lucifer's fall?

1. He covered that creation with water: 2 Peter 3:5-6 – "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the Heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished."
2. This wasn't Noah's flood because Peter dealt with that in 2 Peter 2:5 – "And spared not the "old" world but saved Noah "the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.
3. In 2 Peter 3:6, he says that everything perished. This didn't happen in Noah's flood. Only oxygen breathers perished. The entire plant life and sea life remained.
4. On day one of God's re-creation the water was already here: Genesis 1:2 – "and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." On day two God didn't create any water because it was already here: Genesis 1:6-7 – "And God said, 'let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters.' And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament and it was so." Because Lucifer was still ruling in the firmament God did not say that His creation of the firmament was good: Genesis 1:8 – And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

D. What was God's purpose?

1. Satan still had a lot of power over things: Matthew 4:8-9 – “Again the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them and said unto Him ‘all these things will I give Thee if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.’” Jude 9 – “Yet Michael the archangel when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses dared not bring against him a railing accusation but said ‘the Lord rebuke thee.’” Christ refers to Satan as the “prince of this world” three times in John 12:31, John 14:30 and John 16:11.
2. God chose to teach Satan a lesson. He made a creature out of dust and gave him rulership over the earth. Lucifer was given a free will to choose God and God gave Adam the same ability to choose. The choice for Adam was life or death: Genesis 2:15-17 – “And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it; and the Lord God commanded the man saying, ‘of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shalt surely die.’” Satan was allowed free access to the re-created earth and he recognized that by getting Adam to disobey God he would again have control because Adam would die. Satan already knew that his ultimate fate was death so he used his supernatural power to get Adam to sin: Ezekiel 28:18-19 – “Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thy iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shalt be a terror and never shalt thou be any more”.
3. Satan never realized that God Himself would pay the penalty for Adam's sin which He never would for Lucifer's sin: Hebrews 2:16 – “For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham.”
4. Satan was no doubt shocked that God would give creatures of dust the place that he wanted: Ephesians 1:3-5 – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will.” Christ is seated above the heavens: Ephesians 1:19-23 – “And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe according to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named not only in this world but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet

and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the church which is His body the fullness of Him that fills all in all.

5. Persons who have believed the Gospel are seated in the same place as Christ: Ephesian 2:6 – “And has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Satan never anticipated a dispensation of grace where believers would be given the place he coveted: Ephesians 3:2-11 – “ If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you; how that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery, whereby when ye read ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ; which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs and of the same body and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel. Whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power; Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God Who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

6. Satan has been shown the mercy and love of God by this re-created planet we live on. Just as Lucifer brought sin to a prior creation he brought sin to this creation. Therefore this creation will be destroyed by fire: 2 Peter 3:12-13 –“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Nevertheless we according to His promise look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness”.
