

LUCIFER

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Introduction: In reading the Bible, starting with the creation, it isn't long before a character full of hate appears and throughout the Bible many shades of this evil character appears and everywhere this character appears, evil and sin occurs. This is a study about the origin of this character as well as the origin of sin.

I. REPLACE GOD'S RULERSHIP

1. Somewhere before man's creation, God created a mighty and magnificent heavenly being to watch over and assist ruling the heavens and that mighty, magnificent being was named "Lucifer" which meant "Son of the Morning."
2. In time this beautiful, powerful being, Lucifer, became filled with pride because of his own power, position, etc., and he decided he could do things better than God. He proclaimed independent rule and multitudes of the heavenly host followed him, later called "fallen angels, demons."
3. God blasted the universe and the earth became void, without form, a wreck ruin, chaos of which God later reformed the earth as recorded in Genesis.
4. *Ezekiel 28* and the first 10 verses speak of a real human prince but after that the rest is different for verse *11* speaks of the king of Tyre and studies will show that it is not a human being referred to as king of Tyre, but the powerful angel named "Lucifer."

II. EVIL, SATANIC POWER

1. Lucifer, now called "Satan" by God, spoke through a serpent and that brings to mind what this evil one did, speaking through Peter one time and Jesus commanded him to get behind Him.
 - All Satan can do is only by the will of God and he does only what he is allowed to do.
2. *Ezekiel 28:12* speaks of Lucifer having a high position before he fell. God has an army type of order in the heavenly host with angels, archangels, principalities, powers, seraphs, cherubs, and Lucifer was the highest in rank, power, beauty. In *Jude 9* it is revealed that not even Michael, an archangel of God could order Lucifer.
 - Angels are messengers sent by God to bring messages to God's servants/people.
3. *Ezekiel 28:13* speaks of the garden of Eden when it was made in all it's beauty and before sin entered into it.
 - *Revelation 21:19-20* speaks of precious stones, a new city, jeweled garden, music, crowns of gold, everything associated with worshipping God. All this pointing to rank, position, levels within the heavenly realm.
 - Lucifer was created. He had a beginning and also has a definite end and is subject to his creator as is all that has been created.

- Lucifer was magnificent from his first waking moment, in full power, beauty, position, never knowing a lesser moment, was above all in power, wisdom, beauty, only at God's throne was there greater. The chief of all God's creation to rule over God's creation.
- 4. *Ezekiel 28:14* on the Holy mountain of God (*Luke 4:6*), Satan could have "legally" given it to Jesus Christ for he was/is still chief prince and shall remain so till he is put away for good.
 - The "Cherub" leads in worship (*Revelation 4:9-10; 5:11-14*) near the throne of God. Satan had sanctuaries, he received worship of the universe and offered it to God, he had access to the very presence of God.
 - *Ezekiel 1:26; Exodus 24:10, 17* (Stones of Fire).

III. THERE COULD BE BUT ONLY ONE WILL

1. Lucifer stood between God and creation and all that he had had come from God. He brought creation worship to God, thus an order of harmony. God's will was done perfectly.

IV. SATAN'S (LUCIFER) SIN

1. It started in Lucifer's heart, then went to his will.
2. *Ezekiel 28:15* describes the beginning of sin. It began with iniquity in the heart of Lucifer.
 - *Ezekiel 28:16* describes "merchandise" as anything passing through one's hands.
3. *Ezekiel 28:17* shows Lucifer being lifted up with pride, receiving "merchandise" from creation to be passed on to God, so why not keep some for himself? Thus came rebellion in his heart. Entrusted by God to be priest, spokesman, ruler, but he wanted to be independent of God.
 - He was prophetic in that he gave orders, was wise, powerful and began to let creation worship him, why not, he was worthy.
 - *1 Timothy 3:1-6* describes the overseer, bishop being responsible for people blessed by God, people give thanks to God through their pastor, etc.
 - *Isaiah 14:12-15* lists "I will's"
4. *Ezekiel 28:18* describes Satan/Lucifer being cast out of God's government. Lucifer/Satan lost the office of prophet, spokesman of authorities, lost the office of priest, stole worship for himself.
 - God's sentence was passed, yet not executed for Satan/Lucifer still retains power, still thinks he can rule but is destined to frustration and final doom.

CONCLUSION:

1. Satan was created as a heavenly being.
2. Satan performs as a human being although he has no human body.
3. No one can estimate his strength.
4. He is aided by fallen angels (demons).
5. Many believe Satan is only an evil influence, principle.
6. Satan's enmity is against God and seeks to slander and dethrone God.
7. He has been sentenced but delayed in carrying out.
8. He will be cast out during the tribulation, into an abyss after the millenium for all eternity.