

### 3. Angels On Assignment Authority over fallen angels

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REVIEW: *The Bible speaks much about these ... **spirit beings called angels!***

- i. **Angels are God's covenant enforcers in the earth.**
- ii. They are not mystical. In the spirit angels are miracle workers
- iii. **Angels play a key role in God's plan.**
- iv. God created angels to carry out His will in heavens and on the earth.
- v. Angels are NOT free agents, they're under the authority to the Lord of Hosts and DO His WORD!

Hebrews 1:14 NIV ***Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.***

salvation – soteria – “welfare, prosperity deliverance preservation, safety”

- i. We will NOT experience God's GREAT salvation promises just because they are in the Bible.
- ii. We need to co-operate with God and the supernatural assistance He has given us.

**Angels are sent to serve us and response to God's Word**

**Psalm 103:20** *Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, **who do His Word, heeding the voice of His Word.***

**Hebrews 2:2-3 NIV** *... **the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?***

Israel would not agree with God's Word **BUT provoked the angel of the Lord and never entered the Promised Land.** Yet the angel of the Lord was encamped around them to deliver them BUT they died in the Wilderness

#### 1. **Why is it important for us to learn about Lucifer and his angels?**

- i. **Satan and his fallen angles are our enemies.** Their future is eternity in the Lake of Fire where they will one day be banished forever!
- ii. Jesus said, He is a thief who has come to steal, kill and destroy ( **John 10:10**)

There is more teaching on devils in the New Testament than there is in the Old.

Why? Because people in the Old Testament did not have authority over demons as we do in the New Covenant.

#### 2. **Jesus Christ came and defeated the devil, what Adam should have done, Jesus Christ did!**

- i. Jesus' ministry involved casting out devils.
- ii. Jesus has given us authority in His name and told us to cast out devils.

#### 3. **Overview of the origin of Lucifer and fallen angels**

- i. God created Lucifer perfect in all ways on the day he was created.
- ii. When the Lucifer revolted against God, a third of the angels joined him.
- iii. We know some angels are already held in chains until the Day of Judgment. (Jude 6)
- iv. There are different ranks of fallen angels in the earth's atmosphere. (Ephesians 6)

#### 4. **Names given to Lucifer** – Anointed Cherub, son of the morning, king of Tyre, chief princes, archangel, Satan, the Dragon, Serpent, the Thief, the Usurper...

#### 5. **Paul speak about four ranks of demonic spirits**

**Ephesians 6:10, 12** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ... <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places.*

“wrestle” — “pale” — “refers to warfare”

- i. **“Principalities”** “archas” – “principalities, chief rulers or beings of the highest rank and order in Satan's kingdom”

- ii. **“Powers” “exousias”** – “authorities, who execute the will of the chief rulers”
- iii. **“Rulers of darkness”**– “kosmokratoras” – “world-rulers of the darkness of this age, spirit world-rulers”
- iv. **“Spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places”** – “pneumatika” – “wicked spirits of Satan in the heavenlies”

**Example: The book of Daniel records a high-ranking angel over Persia**

**Daniel 10:13** *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*

**Example: The book of Ezekiel records a high-ranking angel over Tyre**

Ezekiel 28:1-2 *“The Word of the LORD came to me again, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,’ Yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god.”*

**6. Lucifer was created by God and was the seal of Perfection**

Ezekiel 28:11–15a *Moreover the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>12</sup> “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.**” <sup>13</sup> **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.** <sup>14</sup> **“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.** <sup>15</sup> **You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.***

- i. Lucifer was the seal of perfection ... Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
- ii. Lucifer was in Eden, the garden of God, (before Adam)
- iii. He was the anointed cherub who covers... (an honored position)

**7. Lucifer’s rebellion against God ( The 5 ‘I WILLS’)**

Isaiah 14:12-15 *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! <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.*

- i. God created Lucifer, God gave him authority, he was a prince, a chief prince, an arch angel, the son of the morning...
- ii. He had a throne, Lucifer was a ruling spirit.
- iii. His kingdom was under the clouds, under the stars, and under heaven.
- iv. Some Bible Scholars, (Dakes Bible), believe Lucifer was ruling on earth during a Period Genesis 1:1, before Gen 1:2.
- v. But that was not enough, he became proud, and want to exalt himself above God! (The 5 I WILLS)

Ezekiel 28:15-17, 18-19 *“**You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.**” <sup>16</sup> *“By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and **I destroyed you, O covering cherub,** from the midst of the fiery stones. <sup>17</sup> *“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. <sup>18</sup> “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. <sup>19</sup> All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.”***

**8. Lucifer revolted against God – one third of the angels join him**

Revelation 12:3-4 *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.***

**9. Some angels are held in chains until the Day of Judgment**

Jude 6 *And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.*

## 10. Other titles given to Lucifer / Satan / the Serpent

### i. Jesus called him, the thief, “the ruler of this world”

John 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world; now **the ruler of this world will be cast out.***

John 10:10 NIV

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full*

### ii. Paul called Satan “the god of this world”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

### iii. Paul referred to Satan as “the prince of the power of the air”

Ephesians 2:2 ... *the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

### iv. John said, “the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one”

1 John 5:19 *We know that we are of God, and the **whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.***

### v. We are warned that Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light

2 Corinthians 11:14 NSAB ... *for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

## 11. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil

1 John 3:8b NKJV Ampl *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might undo destroy, loosen, and dissolve the works of the devil.*

## 12. God has delivered us from the domain of darkness

Colossians 1:13-14

*God has delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...*

## 13. We overcome Satan, the dragon ... by the word of our testimony ...

Revelation 12:7-9 *And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,** <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> **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 12:10-11 *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.***

## How do we co-operate with God and His angels?

Revelations 12:11 *And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.***

## 14. All authority now belongs to Jesus Christ in heaven and earth

Matthew 28 *All authority given to Me in heaven and on earth... Go therefore ...*

## 15. Jesus has given us authority over all the power of the enemy

Luke 10:18-19 *And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

**BUT we do not FEAR** – because .... *Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.* <sup>17</sup> *And Elisha prayed, “**Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.**”* 2 Kings 6:16-17 NIV