

Angels That Left Their First Estate

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As mentioned earlier in this audio series, both Peter and Jude quote or refer to the Book of Enoch and they refer to this particular event, which caused God to chain these angelic beings so that they could no longer do what they did. They continue to remain in chains until their day of judgment. *“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day”* (Jude 1:6).

And again, in Jude 1:14-16, *“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.”*

These passages reference the fact that angels left their first estate. Of course, commentators and scholars disagree over the actual meaning. Does it mean that the angels simply left heaven and fell to the earth, or does it mean that the angels who were given a specific command to be on the earth, watch over and protect humanity actually wound up going way beyond their angelic bounds by lusting after and finding a way to mate with human women? Was it the fact that the angels fell through sin, or was it the fact that they somehow found a way to cohabit with human beings, or was it *both*?

The fact that Genesis 6 tells us about the Nephilim and the giants that resulted from the union of “sons of God” with “daughters of men” seems to indicate that angels (*sons of God*, as also used in the book of Job) found a way to procreate with women, and the result was the Nephilim half-breed offspring that had so changed God’s natural creative order into something monstrous that God was forced to banish these angels to darkness in chains until their day of judgment.

Peter mentions this in his second letter. *“...God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment”* (2 Peter 2:4). These are the same angels that Jude refers to here. They did something so terrible that God banished them and confined them to chains until their day of judgment.

God created everything and each animal or human procreated after their own kind (cf. Genesis 1-2) and everything was *good*. Some angels came along and threw a huge monkey wrench works into things by going after beings that were not of their kind. The resultant

offspring was neither fully angelic or fully human. It was a cross between the two and it was something that God would not say was *good*.

Satan is the most evil of all beings. If we consider the things that he has prompted people throughout this world to do, we see that evil on display from the beginning. He was the first murderer (cf. John 8:44), causing Cain to murder Abel. Satan has worked to create chaos, envy, jealousy, pride – all the things that are found in him and the very things that brought about his fall.

Satan works tirelessly to bring the final man of sin (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2) to the forefront of humankind's preordained destiny. He will find a way to completely indwell this individual and possibly even incarnate him so that the thoughts and ideals of Satan will be firmly embedded and enmeshed within the man of sin. Just as the Christians' destiny is to become more like Christ in character, so will the man of sin be so like his father that the two will be indistinguishable for all intents and purposes.

Satan's goal from the beginning has been to overthrow God. He has wanted to make God obsolete, replacing God with himself, a created being that is *finite*, whereas God is *infinite*.

The ridiculousness of the equation is something that most can see, yet Satan barrels onward seemingly oblivious to the asinine nature of his own quest. The most tragic part of the entire thing is that he has managed to trap and indoctrinate so many into his web of lies and deceit. They are fully unable to see that they are caught up in his deceptions and consider themselves to be free thinking individuals who use their freedom to remain free. Unfortunately, as will inevitably be shown to them, their freedom is only imaginary.

Satan wants one thing and one thing only – to become God – but the very idea that someone can become something they are not is absurd to human beings, at least on the face of it. If a person is not, for instance, born of "royal blood," they cannot all of a sudden become royalty without marrying into it. In that case, they have become royal not because of themselves, but only because of the individual with whom they are connected. Without that connection, they cease to have any semblance of royalty. They themselves are still not royalty, but are merely *treated* as such due to the other person.

In essence, this is the way it is for authentic Christians. We became brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ through His redemptive mission when He came to this earth the first time. It is through our union with Him, through faith, that we are then *seen* as God's sons and daughters. Remove Jesus from the picture and we remain fallen human beings, incapable of saving ourselves from anything.

This is the lie that Satan tells his followers. "*Stick with me and you will become gods!*" Against all logic, people believe and adopt this attitude, clinging to one who is as finite as

they. A finite human being associated with a finite fallen angel still equals being finite. Only in being connected to the infinite God of the universe and beyond does finite become eternal, and that is only done through faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (cf. Romans 10:11-13).

Satan is on a path of complete, utter, and eternal destruction. That path will never change, regardless of what he says to those who place their trust in him. Satan's appointed future lies in the Lake of Fire, for all eternity. Those who follow him, believing that they will somehow receive a greater and better reward than their god (Satan), will come to realize that they have been the victim of the greatest con ever perpetrated on humanity! Are you one of them? I pray not.

Regarding the Nephilim, as stated, though the original bodies of the Nephilim died in the flood, they remain with us. These, together with the fallen angels and Satan himself, are doing their best to guide this world toward Satan's intended agenda. He desperately wants to fulfill his goals.

We have attempted to bring all these various components together in this one book and it is nearly impossible to do. What caters to one person may be lost on another. Satan knows this of course and is quite content to provide the opening that caters to each person. If they are a certain religion, for instance, then maybe the New Age movement will be able to suck them in. If they are not into either of those, then maybe there is something within the field of humanism that will tempt their spirit.

For those who believe that neither New Age thought nor humanism is something that they think about or are moved by, there are plenty of other avenues. Death Metal or Black Metal music is one that has really tapped the minds of youth today. In fact, much of it (as we have discussed in previous books) is wholly satanic, leaving nothing to the imagination. Many of these songs are literally *prayers* and odes to Satan put to music (if you can call that music).

Numerous people have rightly pointed out that focusing on individual aspects of what Satan is attempting to accomplish causes us to miss the "mother of all harlots" (cf. Revelation 17:5). This harlot is a conglomeration of all that is opposed to God in any form. The result is what the Bible calls the mother of all harlots because it is able to encapsulate a *something for everyone* mentality.

Thanks for joining me and we'll continue with this next time. Until we meet again, may God open your eyes to show you how blessed you are in Him!