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Spiritual Warfare: Satan, his Origin and Six Domains

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Today's Message:

Spiritual Warfare will be covered in a Three Part Series:

Part 1 Satan and his domain

Understanding who the Devil (Satan) is; what his goal is; where he has lived (his dominion), is living, and will live. What his capabilities are and are not.

Part 2 Biblical Demonology 1

Part 3 Biblical Demonology 2

Who the demons are, their characteristics, capabilities and what they can and cannot do to humans, saved and unsaved.

Part 1 Satan and his domain

## CELESTIAL BEINGS

There are three levels of celestial beings:

1. Angels are the lowest without wings usually appear as a man when manifested in time and space (Gen 18:2; 19: 1; etc.). Michael is the head of this group as Archangel.
2. Seraphim, which have three pairs of wings or six wings (Isaiah 6:2, 6).
3. Cherubim, the highest order of the angelic or the celestial beings (Gen 3:24; Ex 25:18; Numbers 7:89; I Sam 4:4; Hebrews 9:5; Ezekiel 10:1; Rev 4:6 etc. They are mentioned 66 times in 59 verses in the KJV).

The Cherubim guard God's throne. They are on the veil of the tabernacle, and in the tapestry on the roof of the tabernacle. They were guarding the Garden of Eden with a flaming sword the entrance after Adam and Eve were expelled so they could not go back. Cherubim are the highest order of angels and the highest of the highest order of the Cherubim was Lucifer. He was God's most elevated Cherubim, and sin was found in him. What Ezekiel and Isaiah tell us is that he was cast down to earth and he hasn't forgotten it; he has been fighting ever since. His name was changed to Satan the adversary after his fall (Isa 14:12).

The Six Successive Domains of Satan:



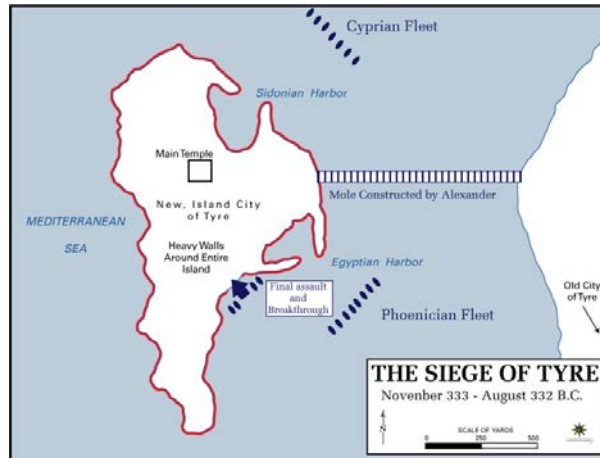
1. **The Throne of God (Past)**
2. **The Jeweled Garden of Eden (Past)**
3. The Atmospheric Heavens (Present)
4. The Earth (Future)
5. The Abyss (Future)
6. The Lake of Fire (Future)

The first two domains of Satan which were in the past are found in Ezekiel 28:11-15.

*Ezekiel 28: 11-15 Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the 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 in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee (ASV).*

This prophecy starts in verse eleven to the king of Tyre. Earlier in Ezekiel 28:1 it is addressed to the *prince* of Tyre. This is indicative of a type of prophetic fulfillment called the “double reference.” Some instances refer to a near and far term view such as in Deuteronomy 18 where Moses predicts a prophet who would succeed him. Although Joshua fulfilled the near term fulfillment, Acts 3:22-23 applies it to Jesus, hence, the near and far view interpretation. The same concept applies to this passage of double reference referring to Satan as the king of Tyre and the actual physical earthly king of Tyre as the *prince* of Tyre. So Ezekiel, following God’s command to address the prince in the first ten verses is then told by God starting in verse eleven to begin addressing a superior being titled *king*.

The earthly human prince of Tyre was able to control sea traffic in Tyre, Phoenicia (Modern day Lebanon). Verses 1-10 refer to the king of Tyre then reigning, Ittiobalus III by name, according to Josephus. Tyre was a great seafaring, naval, and financial power, the Wall Street of its time. Its core was on a highly fortified island, which made it practically impervious to attack. Ultimately, Alexander the Great completed the conquest of Tyre (332 B.C.) by taking rubble from the ruins of the mainland construction and using it to build a road to the island so his armies could mount a sustained assault on the fortifications. This conquest is written of extensively in history courses from the United States Military Academy.



But the king had gained a great deal of wealth, power and authority by the control he exerted over the sea traffic. However, the day came when he was lifted up in pride over his power and issued a self-declaration of his deity. This is in verse two.

*Ezekiel 28: 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thy heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art man, and not God, though thou didst set thy heart as the heart of God.*

Now God condemned him for this, which is the central focus of verses 1-10 in Ezekiel's twenty-eighth chapter. The world called Ittiobalus the king of Tyre but God gave him a lesser title of prince. The real king of Tyre was the person behind the earthly king, Satan who controlled the visible king. Satan is the *who* verses 11-19 are referring to. Ezekiel turned his attention away from the visible king now called prince to focus on the invisible person driving the visible. The descriptions of the king of Tyre in verses 11-19 cannot be of any earthly creature. They are in accord with prophetic double reference of the anointed Cherub Lucifer who became Satan. In verse twelve the prophet is told to take up a lamentation, which is a dirge, declaring certain specific characteristics of his career.

#### SATAN'S FIRST DOMAIN, THE HOLY THRONE OF GOD

In verse fourteen we are told that he lived in the Holy Mountain of God. Mountain, in the Bible's prophetic passages, refers to a king, kingdom or throne. There are two extremes when interpreting the prophetic symbols in the Bible. One is to ignore them because they are thought to be impossible to interpret (and those who say this are not sure of what they mean). The other extreme is to apply guesswork to speculate. Both extremes will no produce the God intended meaning of the prophetic passages. Balance must be utilized to understand the passages. The Bible does use many symbols but it is consistent in their application. Symbols are consistent in about ninety-five percent of the time throughout both the Old and New Testaments. For example when ever the word stone is used symbolically it is always referring to the Second Person of the Trinity,

Jesus. Satan's first domain is said to be the Holy Mountain of God. Verse fourteen says he was "over the holy mountain of God." This means that he was upon the Throne of God as a canopy or overshadowing the Throne of God.

Verse 12 says that Satan *sealed up the sum, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty*. The root of the Hebrew word "seal" means "to weigh or measure off". We see this usage in Ezekiel 43:10 where it means "to fill up or complete the pattern". To "seal up a sum" means to "fill up" or "complete" the pattern completely. This means that Satan was the one who "sealed the measurements" in that he was perfect in the areas of wisdom and beauty. Of all the created beings Satan was the wisest and most beautiful. This obviously differs from the various speculative paintings of him as an ugly creature.

The highest order of celestial created beings are the cherubim and they are responsible for carrying the Shekinah Glory and are closest to God's Throne (cf. Ezekiel 10). The seraphim surround the Throne and the angels are in front of the Throne (Revelation 4; 5). At some time in eternity past God elevated Lucifer to be the most anointed cherub. As the anointed cherub that covers he had the position of being a canopy or covering over the Throne of God. In Ezekiel chapter one while other cherubs were carrying the Throne, Lucifer was over it. He was the most prominent of all of the cherubs.

One other aspect of his nature was given in verse fifteen as being perfect in all his ways from the day he was created. When God created him was perfect. That perfection meant that he had the power to make contrary choice. That is a choice contrary to his nature. Mankind does not have that choice since we must choose according to our fallen nature. By nature he was holy and perfect and he had the power to make a choice that was unholy and imperfect.

## THE SECOND DOMAIN THE JEWELLED GARDEN OF EDEN

Sometime after the creation of the celestial beings (Job 38: 4-7) God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1). Lucifer was given authority over the earth as the passage states: *you were in Eden the garden of God*. This garden of Eden is not the same as the garden in Genesis. This is a jewel garden. The Genesis Eden is a vegetable garden. This passage describes the original creation being covered in jewels with no oceans or seas. The jewels exuded a light and are so-called as "*the stones of fire*" in verse fourteen. Satan, walking up and down these had dominion over it for some unknown amount of time. This was before any other earthly being was created. The stones also served as a canopy over Satan. Because the jewels and gold mentioned are almost exactly the same as the breastplate to the High Priest in the Tabernacle the text strongly suggests Satan had a priestly role in the first Garden of Eden.

The term "*the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was in you*" is a reference to musical instruments, which would add credence to the thought that he was a High Priest in heaven leading worship of God. It can also refer to the sockets, which hold the jewels mentioned. The Hebrew context accommodates both meanings. Finally, the verse says that; *in the day that you were created they were prepared*. This means that from the moment he was created he was assigned certain responsibilities.

1. He was the epitome of wisdom and beauty.

2. He had musical instruments to use in worship.
3. He was probably High Priest in the heavenly Tabernacle.

This is the domain from which he had his fall.

*Ezekiel 28: 15-17a Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness:*

Looking at his authority, wisdom, beauty and other aspects he became prideful and sinned. The first sin ever was the sin of pride. The city of Sodom fell for this reason (Ezekiel 16:49) and we are warned not to appoint novices as elders in the church because of the same issue following Satan in his fall. Clearly Lucifer fell due to pride and he became Satan, which in Hebrew means adversary.

*1 Timothy 3:6 Not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the devil*

Isaiah gives us the content of that pride in the five wills.

*Isaiah 14: 13-14 How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground that didst lay low the nations! And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.*

1. *I will ascend up to heaven.* He was not satisfied with the domain God gave him. He wanted a higher position than God had assigned him. The only higher position was that of God Himself.
2. He desired to be sole authority over the angels (stars) of heaven. This would have deposed Michael as Archangel over the angels. This will lead to Michael battling with Satan in various disputes (Dan 10: 13; 12: 1; Jude 1: 9; Revelation 12: 7)
3. Sitting on the *mount of the congregation* refers to the Messianic Throne in the Millennial Kingdom.
4. Ascending above the *heights of the clouds* means to usurp the Shekinah Glory.
5. He wanted to make himself *like the Most High*. God, when referred to as Most High (Genesis 14: 18-20), means that God possesses the heavens and the earth. Therefore he wanted to be the sole owner of all of God's creation.

The result of Satan's pride was his leading a revolt in heaven against God. He was followed by one-third of the angelic host (Revelation 12: 3-4). In this way Lucifer or day-star, son of the morning became Satan the adversary. Judgment then came upon him.

Ezekiel 28: 15 states: *Till unrighteousness was found in you.* This is the only verse that describes the origin of sin in the Bible. The Hebrew word for unrighteousness is "wrongdoings." Ezekiel 28: 16-19 describes the content of his corruption.

*Ezekiel 28:16-19 By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being.*

*The abundance of thy traffic* is a reference to Satan trafficking about to gain support for his wrongdoings among the heavenly host, the angels. He slandered God to win their allegiance. Eventually he convinced one-third of them to follow him (Revelation 12:4). In this manner Satan became the father of lies (John 8:44) because he originated lying. *They filled you with violence* (Ezekiel 28:16) refers to the net result of trafficking from angel to angel to lie about God. This led to violence in the revolt between bad angels and good angels. It will finally end in the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 12: 7-12).

Verse 16b casts him out of the Mountain of God and destroyed (positionally) him from the midst of the stones of fire. He lost his first two domains. He further corrupted Heaven (sanctuaries) with his iniquity resulting in the necessity for The Messiah to provide the cleansing blood.

*Hebrews 9: 23-26 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place year by year with blood not his own; else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages hath he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

Jesus had to ascend to God the Father with His cleansing blood to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary and tabernacle. This is why Mary Magdalene could not touch Him (John 20:17).

Satan was cast to the ground meaning he lost his first two domains. In the prophetic interpretive schema known as “prophetic perfect” it also refers to his being cast out of his third domain. Verse nineteen states the astonishment of those that see him in his punished state. Those who knew him someday will be astonished at his demise. They thought he would be their savior and leader. He has proven to be a failure. In this fall he has become a terror to the earth and the fallen angels who see their end in the Lake of Fire with him. Someday he will finally be finished and not have any more ability to terrorize.

When God judged Lucifer He judged all the original earth and the condition of Genesis 1: 2 came in to being. God created a perfect earth and Lucifer corrupted it. The *waste and without form*” (Gen 1:2) are the result of Satan’s corruption. Some time after this came the creation account in Genesis one. The oceans are the result of the corruption and have been allowed to be partially removed, but will be fully removed in the New Jerusalem when the earth is restored and sin is finally removed (Revelation 21: 1). The new earth will look like the old earth with jewels and gold.

It must be realized that this is not the *gap theory*. Those are heretical theories that say there was a previous age in which there was another human race. Supporters of that theory try and provide an integration of creation with the eons of time proposed by geologists and evolutionists. Some call this gap “the dinosaur gap”. Scripture nowhere supports this theory.

Finally when God finished creating He gave man authority over the earth, which was usurped by Satan at the fall. This gave Satan dominion of the earth over which to pollute until he is cast down totally to the earth removing any access to Heaven. For now he has access to Heaven and the earth (Matthew 4: 9; Luke 4: 6-7; II Corinthians 4: 4; John 12: 31; 14: 30).

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