# SS-Doctrine 7,8,9 Angelology

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Today we will begin the study of Angels... Angelology.

When we say Angel, we are talking of 3 different, specific ranks of beings, including Elect Angels and Fallen Angels.

We know there are elect angels, like there are elect humans...

God's elect.

**1 Tim 5:21** I charge *you* before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and **the elect angels** that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

Today we will be looking primarily at the elect angels.

The first and highest rank of angels is the Cherub, or... plural, Cherubim.

Then there is the Seraph, or... plual Seraphim

And finally, 3rd, the normal rank and file Angel... Angels

As a matter of fact, since the word angel means messenger, it might even be incorrect to refer to Cherubim and Seraphim using that word... since we don't have a record of Cherubim or Seraphim being employed by God as messengers.

The 3rd rank... Angels... they are the ones God sends out to do His bidding.

Cherubim, Seraphim and Angels

The Word Angel means messenger... messenger of God.

Angels are mentioned in Scripture 273 times, in 33 of the 66 books.

They are real... they are important to God... they are referred to as 'The Sons of God' in Genesis and Job. A couple of examples in the O.T... **Gen 19:1**: And there came two angels to Sodom at evening. **Psalm 91:11** For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

In the N.T... **Matthew 16:27** For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward each one according to his works. **Rev. 5:11** And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and the living creatures and the elders. And the number of them was myriads and myriads, and thousands of thousands.... a huge number!

Angels are created beings... **Col 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Angels were created before God created the physical Universe.

**Job 38:4** He says to Job... 'Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding! Who has set its measurements, for you know? Or who has stretched the line on it? On what are its bases sunk, or who cast its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?'

Angels are spirits **Heb 1:13** But to which of the angels, did He say at any time, "Sit on My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool?" Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for those who shall be the heirs of salvation?

Angels are persons... they possess Will, Emotions and Intellect.

**Job 38:7** At creation, the **morning stars** sang together and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy... Joy is an emotion.

**Jude 1:6** speaks of certain angels having deserted their proper abode... that requires free will.

**1 Pet 1:12** tells us that the angels desire to look into salvation. They desire to ponder it. This cannot be done without intellect.

Although angels are spirits, it is clear from Scripture that they also manifest physical bodies in carrying out God's will.

Throughout Scripture they are seen, appearing as men, but they can also be felt... they have substance... remember when Lot was being taken out of Sodom by the Angels...

**Gen 19:15** When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." And while he lingered, the men **took hold of his hand**, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

Remember... when I speak of our coming eternal, glorified bodies, like that of the Lord Jesus Christ... I refer to it as a perfect melding of our spiritual bodies with our physical bodies... with our being able to move freely between **the physical and spiritual** dimensions... that **the physical and spiritual** will all be one to us... that is probably the kind of bodies angels have... they are eternal and they can apparently move between the spiritual and physical at will, or at least according to God's will and purposes.

By the way... I said they always appear as men... Angels are always referred to in Scripture as masculine... never feminine. They are never female angels... they are never fat little baby angels with stubby wings...

About the physical appearance of Angels... usually they are depicted in art as light skinned, handsome males... a brief rabbit trail for us...

Recently some art has begun to depict them with dark skin or with Asian, Latin or Negroid features and as female.

Let's use wisdom and common sense to examine that.

First, God created all the Angels before creation... before there ever came to be any humans with distinguishing features. As to humans... God did not create black people, brown people, red or yellow people. Don't look at me like I'm a racist... God first created one person... Adam. Then He created one more... from a part of the first. From that time on... every other human came from the genetic stock of those two, and only those two.

Now, if Adam and Eve were black or brown, is it possible that white skinned offspring could have been produced from the dark skinned people... not likely, knowing what we do about genetics and DNA.

Where did dark skinned people come from?

Before the flood, it is believed the Earth was surrounded in a cloud like canopy.

After the flood, that canopy dissipated, the sun shone down through the atmosphere, creating the first rainbow, and the shining sun contributed to the shrinking lifespan of humans after the flood, gradually dropping from close to 1000 years to the present 85 years.

As men spread out over the Earth... those who went south to hotter and hotter areas are the ones whose skin began to darken to allow them to live successfully in the hotter areas... India, Africa, South America. Those who inhabited the cooler areas did not need darkening skin to survive.

Angels are the same... there is no rational reason to believe God created them in any varying color schemes.

Let me end this rabbit trail by assuring you... I am not saying that having white skin is better than having any shade of dark skin... the Bible says that it is men who look on the outward appearance, but that He looks on the heart. Questions about that? Back to angels...

Cherubim and Seraphim have wings... Angels do not seem to... remember... they always appear as men, but without wings.

Angels possess Immortality, Power and Holiness

They are immortal: **Luke 20:36** Nor can they die any more, for they are equal to the angels...

They have power: In **Dan 10...** Michael came to the aid of Gabriel and overcame the Prince of Persia... a powerful demon, if not even Lucifer... we will see that Lucifer is symbolically called the King of Babylon and the King of Tyre... perhaps he is also the prince of Persia... by the way... with the Bible telling of some powerful demon being the 'Prince of Persia,' is it any wonder that Iran, Persia, is such an evil nation today in these last days?

They are holy: **Luke 9:26** For whoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words, the Son of Man shall be ashamed of him when He shall come in His own and in His Father's glory, and that of the holy angels.

All of the angels of all ranks were holy and sinless in their creation until fully 1/3 of all the angels, including at least one cherub, rebelled against God, at which point they became corrupt and evil.

The Cherubim are associated with the visible appearance of God Almighty... with His glory around His throne.

In **Ezek 10:1**, we see the throne of God burning with glory and hovering above the cherubim: And I looked, and behold! In the expanse over the head of the cherubs was seen the appearance of the form of a throne, like a sapphire stone, above them.

Cherubim are also seen in regard to guardianship...

**Gen 3:24** And He drove out the man. And He placed cherubs at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

And also guarding the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem...

**Rev 21:12** And it had a great and high wall, with twelve gates. And on the gates were twelve angels, and having names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel:

The guardianship ministry of Cherubim seems to be in regard to places and things...

What we think of as personal 'guardian angels' is something different.

Seraphim are seen hovering over God's throne worshipping Him and involved in God's sanctification of those whom He calls... at least in the OT... before they were born again and filled with the Holy Spirit...

**Isa. 6:1** In the year that King Uzziah died I then saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphs; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of Hosts; the whole earth full of His glory." And the doorposts moved at the voice of the one who cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5. Then I said, "Woe is me! For I am undone; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of Hosts." Then one of the seraphs flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, snatched with tongs from the altar. And he laid it on my mouth and said, "Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." The seraph was used in Isaiah's sanctification.

The third rank... angels... make up the armies of Heaven, the hosts of God ... and their leader is Michael, the Archangel. Michael is the Archangel... the <u>only</u> Archangel named in Scripture... and Michael is of the 3rd rank... an Angel... not a Cherub, not a Seraph.

In the **book of Enoch**, to which we referred in our last lesson... remember... **Gen. 6** ... regarding fallen angels who mated with human women... much of the book of Enoch deals with that subject... although the book of Enoch is not included in the Canon of Scripture it is quoted in Scripture by Jude, Peter and Jesus... in Enoch there are in fact named 7 archangels... including Michael... Those seven named in Enoch are: Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, Uriel, Raguel, Remiel and Saraqael... of these other 6, only Gabriel is named as an angel delivering messages from God... and Gabriel is never called the Archangel... only Michael. The title archangel means... chief of angels... leader. Michael is the archangel.

Now, something which might support the idea of more than one 'Archangel' is found in **Dan 10:12** Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers* to *many* days yet *to come*."

So, we know Michael is an Archangel and one of the chief princes of God.

In addition to being Chief of the Angels, Michael is also the Guardian over the Nation of Israel.

But here, Michael is called THE great prince...

**Dan 12:1** "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Michael is 'The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people,' that is, he stands watch over Israel.

There are fallen angels assigned to every nation, we'll look at that later... Since Michael is named as the guardian over Israel, we might assume the same, an angel assigned to every nation and yet, it could be that one by one, God has removed His guardian, His protection over nation after nation, according to their evil and rejection of Him and His Son... we don't know for sure. If it is so, who knows how close this nation might be to that time, if it hasn't already happened.

These are also the angels which have the ministry we think of as 'guardian angels.' That's not a Biblical term, but we are told that God sends His angels forth to minister to us and to guard us and minister to our needs...

**Psa. 34:7** The Angel of Jehovah camps round about those who fear Him, and delivers them. THE Angel of God...

**Psa. 91:11** For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Matt. 18:10** Jesus said, Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that in Heaven their angels always behold the face of My Father in Heaven.

In the **Book of Enoch**, angels are called 'Watchers' ... watching us, or watching over us... God knows...

Churches also have Guardian Angels... in **Rev. 2 and 3** we see the seven letters to seven churches and each one is addressed to *the angel* of that particular church...

"To the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write... "And to the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write... and to **Pergamos**, **Thyatira**, **Sardis**, **Philadelphia** and **Laodicea**.

Each letter was addressed to the Angel of that Church.

I'm sure there is an **Angel of the Church of Milwaukie-Gracepointe**.

We read about the **Angel of Jehovah** Who camps round about those who fear God, and Who delivers them.

Who is He?

The Angel of the Lord or... the Angel of Jehovah... this Angel is never called AN angel of the Lord, but always **The** Angel of the Lord with the definite article, THE... He is different, special and unique.

We see Him many times in many places... He comes to Hagar in the desert, telling her she and Ishmael will not die... He appears to Abraham, calling him, testing him and staying his hand as he was about to sacrifice Isaac... He appears to Moses in the burning bush, He stood in the way of Balaam on his donkey and would have killed Balaam if the donkey had not stopped... he appeared to Joshua... to Gideon... to Manoah and his wife, the parents of Samson... to Elijah... In Isa 37, He killed 184,000 Assyrians in one night... He appeared to David... to Zechariah... and finally, to Joseph to tell him about Jesus and to take Mary as his wife.

We don't see the Angel of the Lord after that... once Jesus has allowed Himself to be confined within a human body, we never again see the Angel of the Lord... why is that?

Because, throughout the O.T. the Angel of the Lord is actually a Chritophony... an appearance of the 2nd person of the Trinity... God the Son... the Lord Jesus Christ before becoming man, the preincarnate Christ... appearing in human form.

In His appearance to Moses in the burning bush, He is definitely identified as God Himself.

**Ex. 3**... Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

So, it is clear that the Angel of the Lord is God Himself, but which person is He? Father, Son or Holy Spirit?

**1 Cor 10:1** Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

Whenever the Angel of the Lord appeared, He appeared as a man... those to whom He appeared thought He was a man.

This is Jesus Christ, before He became a man, taking on human form.

Angels are still active today, working in behalf of Christians.

**Heb 1:13** But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? That's us.

**Heb 13:1** Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels.

This is written to believers in the Church Age... even us, today.

After the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, the phrase 'angel of the Lord' appears only 3 times, but each time, it is preceded by the indefinite article... an... an angel of the Lord... not The Angel of the Lord... as in the O.T... even though in the KJV it does say the angel of the Lord... it should have been translated with the indefinite article... an...angel of the Lord.

Jesus Christ had risen and been seated at the right hand of the Father... with us seated next to Him. He lives in us and we live in Him, as well as our being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 17:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being.

Even so... today, He has given His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways... Angels are most definitely active around us always.

So... that is a brief look at 2/3 of the angels God created. What about the other 1/3?

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for next time... read and think about... what can we learn about Lucifer from these next two passages?

#### Isa 14:12

The Fall of Lucifer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!"

<sup>12</sup> "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.

#### Ezek 28:12

"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre (Lucifer), 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.

 $^{15}$  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. 18 "You defiled your sanctuaries

By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading;

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Most of the angels serve and worship God, but fully 1/3 of them rebelled against God, with Lucifer.

What **in the world** could make them do such a thing? God didn't decide to create all the angels and decide to make the most powerful one and an entire 1/3 of them mentally deficient in some way... something had to have happened, or to have been in existence to cause them to believe that rebellion was even possible, and also somehow worthwhile... how could they come to believe that there was something more valuable than right relationship with God?

You may have never thought of it in these terms... but that is how it has to have been. No one, angels included, just wake up one day on a cloud and decides... 'You know, this might be a good day for rebellion... what do you other guys think?

No one just sits on a rock and thinks, today I will sin... I don't have anything in mind... I'll just close my eyes and concentrate on how much I hate God.

No... a person sins when he sees or imagines or is reminded of... something he desires more...than to be in right relationship with God.

Something was going on... we may not know exactly what... but God has given us more information than we've realized...

#### We'll come back to that.

Satan, who was then known as Lucifer, is alive and is he a real person. He is called the adversary of God. This is true... He is the adversary of every Christian, every Jew and actually of every man.

But, to truly be the adversary of God he would of necessity possess some degree of power to bring adversity to God and His plans... this is simply not the case.

People mistakenly believe that there is a great cosmic battle going on between God and Satan, between good and evil (who do you think has pushed that false idea, to build up his own credibility and identify?)... that only in the end will good ultimately triumph... just the opposite is true, however... there is no great cosmic battle...

That would be like believing there is a great cosmic battle going on between a full grown grizzly bear and a single hair that had fallen from his foot... or between a great aircraft carrier battle group out on the ocean, and a single leaf floating on the surface of the sea.

Never forget... God is All powerful... period. There is nothing He cannot do... nothing can stand against Him.

The very first thing we must know about Satan, if we are to have any clear understanding of reality is that he only exists and remains undestroyed because it-is-only-at God's pleasure he remains. He exists... only because it is God's will that he exists. He is nothing more than a tool in God's hand... When God is finished with him, he will be cast out as a dead and abominable branch into the eternal torment of the lake of fire, created just for him and the other fallen angels. God could have accomplished that at any time in the past several thousand years, without so much as lifting a finger.

God's thought... His Word... accomplishes whatever is His purpose.

Isaiah 14:19 (concerning Lucifer) But you are cast out of your grave

Like an abominable branch, *Like* the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot.

Rev 20:10 (at the end of the Millennium) ...the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

It's also true that Satan has no power over us, in our lives... that is, in the lives of true believers... God's children.

Jesus prayed for us and He does pray for us always... for our protection from the evil one, and we are seated **now** with Christ in heavenly places. His Holy Spirit lives within us now and forever...

John 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

Eph 2:6 and He raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

1John 4:4 (concerning us vs. Satan and demons) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world...

and that... is the truth about a great battle between an Aircraft **Carrier Battle Group** and the single leaf on the water... or a **full-grown Grizzly Bear** and the single hair on the ground.

All that a demon can do against us is speak lies... but we do hear those lies... When God's Word tells us to resist him, to stand firm against him... what it means is to recognize the lie and remind ourselves of the truth.

We can only recognize a lie if we know what the truth is.

James 4:7 Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

We resist just like Jesus did in the wilderness. Recognize the lie, and remember the truth of God's Word to remind ourselves of reality.

Satan reminded Jesus that He was hungry and that bread was within His reach... Jesus remembered the truth of God's Word.

A demon reminds us that we are hungry for something... some lust or sin, and tells us that it is within our reach.

We can only resist and stand against the lie if we know the truth from God's Word.

Let's look at the origin of Satan and demons.

Originally, they were like all the other angels. When they chose to rebel, they were filled with a fallen, unholy, evil nature... like every human is controlled by his own fallen nature until God redeems him.

Fallen angels will never be redeemed. The Bible tells us that the Lake of Fire was created especially for them.

Matt 25:41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire **prepared for the devil and his angels**"

There is a power structure under Lucifer. The Bible classifies them as: principalities, powers in the heavenlies, world rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual wickedness in high places, thrones, dominions, authorities and evil spirits.

A principality is a specific geographical area over which a prince rules under the authority of the king. Monaco is a Principality, ruled by Prince Albert II von Hessen of the House of Grimaldi, under the protection of France... that must some kind of comfort.

In Dan. 10, Daniel speaks of the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece, powerful demons who battled the archangel Michael.

Powers in the heavenlies... we can only guess at exactitude, but... powerful underrulers in the air... in our atmosphere... perhaps having access to Heaven also, since we know that Satan is, in fact able to, in some way, be in God's presence since he is always accusing us before God... and accusing us to ourselves.

Satan and his demons still do have some access in some part of the Heaven, because it is not until during the Tribulation that they are finally and completely cast out and down to Earth.

What are the heavenlies?

We know there are at least 3 heavens.

The first heaven is the air... our atmosphere... birds flying in the heavens... the air around us up to the clouds.

The second heaven is probably all of outer space... the Universe.

The third heaven is where God and the angels 'reside.'

Paul recounted how, after his conversion, he had been taken up into the third heaven where he saw things which he was not allowed to describe, where he was taught by Jesus Christ Himself, all that God wanted us to know through his letters.

2 Cor 12:2 He wrote, 'I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.' ...He wrote in those terms because he had no desire to boast in himself, only in Christ.

Lucifer still has access to the heavenlies. He will not be fully and finally cast down until into the Tribulation.

Rev. 12:7 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

Even now, we battle against powers in the heavenlies, world rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual wickedness in high places.

Satan and demons are not bound in hell and they are not even bound to Earth yet. The only demons we are told are bound at this time, are the fallen angels who had sexual relationships with human women as recorded in Gen 6.

And finally, thrones, dominions and authorities... these are the spiritual powers behind earthly rulers in every area of government in every place on Earth.

Lucifer controls all areas of the world from top to bottom... government, entertainment, education, finance, commerce etc. Luke 4:5 Then the devil, taking Him (Jesus) up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." Jesus didn't dispute that ... because it is true.

God has given Satan authority throughout the world, throughout the Kingdom of Darkness... in every area, at every level... Here is reality... here is the grand plan of Lucifer... the plan he even believes to be possible...

He is the prince of darkness... the Bible says so. He is also called the god of this world, 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:12; The rulers of the darkness of this world... He is also called the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience, Eph. 2:2. These names describe his influence and power over the great mass of people in the world, under his control and subject to his will.

From the beginning, and from the flood... that flood thing really put a damper on his plans for a time... he didn't expect that one... but from Nimrod on, Lucifer has controlled the kingdoms of the world.

(Whenever I say that Lucifer/Satan has control of something, having or giving authority over something etc, we know that God Himself is really in absolute control, but He has allowed Satan a measure of freedom and control in this world, for a time, through the kingdom of darkness.

I use the names Lucifer and Satan interchangeably. Although he is Satan, the adversary, the evil one, he is still Lucifer... the beautiful, brilliant powerful Cherub, able to appear as an angel of light, who he is known and worshipped by the world as that person.

You'd be amazed how widespread and far reaching Luciferianism is today. It is the religion of this world, worshipping the god of this world... whether directly, with him known as Lucifer, or indirectly through deceit, as in all the false religions of the world. He doesn't mind if he is called Buddha, Vishnu, the Mormon Elohim or Allah etc.

From the time of Adam's fall, Lucifer has controlled the leadership of this world at all levels and he has given that authority and power to whomever he decided, obviously, only to those who would make the opposite choice that Jesus did in the wilderness, those who would bow and worship him in exchange for power, riches, fame or pleasure.

From that time, he has lied, deceived, planned, connived, and manipulated the entire world system to bring about one result:

That he be worshipped as God.

Isa 14:12 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!

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;
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'
Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit.

His purpose and plan has always been... that all men would bow to him, sacrifice to him, fear him and tremble before him... to be worshipped as God, and to finally bring forth his imitation of the Trinity during the Tribulation... to defeat the Lord Jesus Christ, to take His place and to be worshipped by all men.

Instead of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit... men would worship a false trinity... Lucifer the father, Antichrist the son and false prophet the spirit.

How have we seen him worshipped in the world, in this kingdom of darkness, through the ages...

Think back. The religious systems of Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome... what we've been deceived to think of as *mythology* has been the belief system they believed and were willing to die for.

Greek and Roman gods...

Cronus	Saturn	Titan sky god, supreme ruler of the titans and father of many Olympians, his reign was referred to as 'the golden age'.
Hades	Pluto	God of the underworld, ruler of the dead, brother of Zeus, husband of Persephone.
Hermes	Mercury	Quick-witted, clever messenger of the gods, patron god of travelers, thieves and merchants, escort of souls to Hades, son of Zeus.
Poseidon	Neptune	God of the sea and earthquakes, brother of Zeus.
Uranus	Uranus	Father of the Titans.
Zeus	Jupiter	Sky god known as 'the thunderer,' supreme ruler of the Olympians.

The gods lived on Mt. Olympus... like the 'Mountain of God' Ez 28

Children of the gods: the Cyclops, known as the *primordial race of giants* and also the titans.

One of the definitions of primordial is antediluvian.

Antediluvian means... before the flood... none of this is by accident.

Gen 6, Judges and Jude teach that before the flood, the sons of God came down unto the daughters of men... giants were the result.

The children of the gods were the Cyclops, Titans and the Demigods... offspring of 'gods and human women'

Then, throughout the empires of Babylon, Greece, Rome etc. these 'gods' were worshiped and sacrificed to... especially Saturn and Zeus, both of which represented Lucifer.

None of these religious systems just sprang out of someone's imagination... The giants were real and they were remembered in stories. I have no doubt that Lucifer and demons appeared to different people, kings and rulers, as angels of light, claiming to be the gods of this world, demanding worship.

The planets are named after them... Venus, Mars, Gaia-the Earth Goddess, Neptune, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Pluto... that's pretty worshipful... Think about it.

What can we learn about Lucifer from Isa. 14... among other things... he has a throne... he is, and was, a king over his kingdom... he said, 'I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.'

In Rev 2:13, the letter to the church of Pergamos, Jesus says, "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is.'

Ever wonder why Turkey is such an increasingly evil nation today? Pergamos... where Satan's throne is.

I want to look at something else from these supposed 'mythologies'

Don't prejudge... just think... there was unimaginable evil before the flood and throughout Lucifer's kingdom.

Centaur - A creature that has the upper body of a human with the lower body of a horse

Sphinx – Human head, lion body.

Harpy - A half-bird, half-woman creature of Greek mythology

Minotaur - A creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man.

Ra, and Horus - Egyptian Gods with the head of a falcon.

Fairy: A humanoid with insect-like wings.

Pegasus: a horse with wings, and the winged lion, and the winged unicorn

Griffin – A creature that has the front quarters of an eagle and the hind quarters of a lion.

What am I suggesting...

We've mentioned the Book of Enoch... it's not part of the Biblical cannon, but important enough to be quoted by Biblical writers who were inspired by God to do so...

In Enoch we read a great deal about the fallen angels interbreeding with human women... and it also describes these fallen angels involved in cross breeding of animals and breeding with animals...

Fallen angels are evil and depraved beings, yet unbelievably intelligent... and able to appear beautiful and appealing.

All I'm saying is, that from the beginning, Lucifer has been active in creating a false religious system through which he would be worshipped as God... with his long term goal being to bring in the Antichrist, his false Messiah, with whom to deceive and nearly destroy Israel before Jesus returns at Armageddon.

There is so much that God has told us if we will just put 2 and 2 together, using common sense.

Since we haven't gotten into Lucifer and his fall and his previous kingdom, we'll have to spend one more week on Angelology.

# SS Doctrine 9 Angelology... Satan

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When we speak of Satan's workings the truth is, most demonic activity is accomplished by demons and not by Satan himself. When we say that Satan did or does something, it means he was in charge of the work, not that he actually did it. It's like saying that Hitler killed six million Jews. We know he did not do the killing, but that he gave the orders, and that the real work of killing was carried out by others under him, Himmler, Hess, Goebbels, Goering and others who then gave orders to their underlings. Scripture does specify Satan's work at times, but otherwise it is the work of demons.

## The Original Nature of Satan

The Bible refers to him as The Anointed Cherub, Day-Star and Son of the Morning, Morning-Star and Shining-Star.

When we read the name, 'Lucifer,' in Isaiah 14, The Hebrew word is Heylel... meaning... 'bright, shining one.' The name 'Lucifer' comes from Jerome's Latin translation, it means, 'light-bringer,' which is, in itself, a demonic deception, implying that he has light within himself, that he brings light, illumination, wisdom and understanding. That is exactly what those who worship him believe, that he is the source of light and wisdom.

1 John 1:45 says, 'God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.' Satan is darkness, the prince of darkness, king over the kingdom of darkness, in whom is no light at all. So really, his name is not Lucifer at all... He is called, by God in Isaiah, Heylel. That was his original state... reflecting God's glory, but he must have imagined the light was actually of himself. Of course it's hard to imagine his name not Lucifer, and really Heylel... that would be like trying to think of a Hollywood star by his real name... like saying Kirk Douglas is really Issur Danielovitch Demsky, or that Cary Grant was really Archibald Alexander Leach... it doesn't compute... but it is true, nonetheless.

Lucifer is really Heylel... but... perhaps Satan is better... it's easier to remember.

## **The Original Position of Satan**

The Anointed Cherub that Covers. Ezekiel 28:14 begins, You were the anointed cherub that covers.... In Ezekiel 10:1, we see the throne of God hovering above the cherubim; but in 28:14, we see the Shining One, Heylel, Lucifer, covering the throne of God. He was anointed by God for a very special role... and he was above all the other angels.

The Anointed Cherub that Covers: It says, The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes or... your tambourines and your flutes, was **prepared in you** in the day that you were created.

These musical instruments were *in* him, part of him, as he hovered above God's throne... above the seraphim (Isaiah 6:2) and above the other cherubim (Ezekiel 10:1). He seems to have been the worship leader who led all the angels in worship to God... a glorious ministry, but he began to believe more about himself than was true... like many worship leaders, many singers, even many pastors. He is the spirit of pride that works in the hearts of those lifted up by man.

He is compared to a Roaring Lion.

1 Pet 5:8 says, ... your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone he may devour... the lion's roar causes panic in the prey. In the context of this verse, it shows him as the devourer of faith... to tempt, to deceive and to discourage believers.

He is the Tempter in Matt 4:3

He is The Deceiver in Rev 12:9, in which Satan is called, the deceiver of the whole world.

Eph 6:11 commands us to stand against the wiles of the devil.

In 2 Cor 11:14, we see that he can Appear as an Angel of Light.

**He is the Devil...** the Accuser, the Slanderer, he seeks to cause division between believers and between believers and God.

The Accuser of the Brethren. Rev 12:10 the accuser of believers.

**The Serpent. Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made.

**The Dragon** in Rev 12, emphasizing his great power and ferociousness.

**He is called The Prince of Demons** in Matt 12:24 and Luke 11:15... which shows his authority over all other demons.

**The Prince of the Powers of the Air.** Eph 2:2 demons inhabit the air around us... they infest the air.

He is called the god of this age in 2 Co 4:4

And the Prince of This World John 12:31, 14:30, and 16:11. the Greek word for world is kosmos, meaning our world system. He controls the world system... top to bottom... for now.

**The King of Babylon.** Isaiah 14:4 presents him as being in control of all the world's kingdoms. In Rev. the name given to the world system, civil and religious, is 'Babylon.' He is the king of Babylon.

**The King of Tyre.** The same... as the king over all the kingdoms.

He is called Belial in 2 Cor 6:15... it means worthlessness... Satan's value in doing absolutely nothing good.

However, at the same time, we are instructed to respect him as a powerful angel, as to his power and usefulness as God's tool.

Jude 1:8-9: Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these speak evil of whatever they do not know.

And, in 2 Pet 2:10... They are presumptuous, self-willed, not trembling when they speak evil of angelic glories... When we hear someone mocking Satan or being flippant about demons, they are being foolish.

Satan plans to destroy all humanity. Isaiah 14:12 says he "laid low the nations."

Rev 12:9 calls him "the deceiver of the whole world."

2 Cor 4:4 ... the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ones, so that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ (who is the image of God) should not dawn on them.

After being rejected by God because of his rebellion, after inducing 1/3 of the angels to rebel with him, Satan turned his hatred to the newly created humans. God loved His creation, so Satan hated it all and has sought to destroy it all... nature, animals and especially humans.

After he tempted Eve to sin and she led Adam into sin, their first child murdered their second son. From there, human depravity became so great and prevalent, infected as it was from the fallen angels mating with human women, God destroyed the entire Earthly creation except for one family and the animals they carried on the Ark. But man's evil filled the Earth again so that God confused and scattered them all from the tower of Babel.

Whenever and however possible, Satan has worked to corrupt mankind, desperately trying to thwart God's plan of redemption and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ

**World-wide hatred of Jews**, anti-Semitism, has always been one of his special projects. He knew God has promised a Savior in the Garden, then he learned from the promises to Abraham that the Savior would come through Israel.

He also knows that Israel being reestablished in 1948 was the beginning of the end for him, and he knows that Jesus' return will be in relation to rescuing and saving Israel.

We read earlier that, had Satan known the outcome, he would never have instigated the Crucifixion. The same is true of WWII. Had he known it would lead to the reestablishment of Israel as a homeland for the surviving Jews of Europe, he would never have instigated it.

Satan's efforts at preventing the Messiah's two comings is the spiritual root of all anti-Semitism. It must be spiritually understood: Satan is the root of it, and his plan is to destroy the Jews to prevent Messiah's return and his own demise.

## Theological Corruption in the Church has also been responsible for much persecution of the Jews

Satan has deceived much of the Church into believing that Israel is no longer God's chosen people... that the Church has taken her place. This is called 'Replacement Theology.' It is one of those **Doctrines of Demons** of which Paul warns Timothy and us. It is the dominant belief among mainline denominations and Emergent Church types as well as many others. Catholicism is the corruption that really spread this lie. That is why the Catholic priesthood is so obviously patterned after the Levitic priesthood... the same is true of Mormonism... believing their priesthoods have usurped the Levitic Priesthood.

Theological Corruption in the Church has also led to ignoring of Jews in evangelism... that is Dual Covenant Theology... the false teaching that the Jews have a special relationship with God and do not need to believe in The Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation, that if they live 'in light of the Torah' they will be saved.

This is what is believed and taught by those like John Hagee. His entire CUFI, Christians United for Israel has nothing to do with salvation for the Jews.

I know some won't believe this about John Hagee, so here is a quote from the Houston Chronicle concerning his 'Night to Honor Israel.' Haggee said, 'I'm not trying to convert the Jewish people to the Christian faith. There is nothing in the 'night to honor Israel' that does that. In fact, trying to convert Jews is a waste of time. The Jewish person who has his roots in Judaism is not going to convert to Christianity. There is no form of Christian evangelism that has failed so miserably as evangelizing the Jewish people. **They already have a faith structure.** Everyone else, whether Buddhist or Baha'i, needs to believe in Jesus, **but not the Jews**. Jews already have a covenant with God that has **never been replaced by Christianity**.' That from John Hagee to the Houston Chronicle. That is pure Dual Covenant Theology... **another doctrine of demons**.

Matt 15:24 'Jesus said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' Jesus said He was sent to Israel.

John 14:26 'Jesus said to Jews, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.' That from John the Apostle. John the Hagee says, "Everyone else, whether Buddhist or Baha'i, needs to believe in Jesus...but not Jews." John Hagee, from an interview with the Houston Chronicle.

Paul told the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:29. For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also men shall arise from your own selves, speaking perverse things in order to draw disciples away after them.

Satan's demons attack believers through the lies and deception of false teachers and by lying directly to us, speaking lies and deception, whether we are awake, or during sleep in dreams.

#### **OUR RESPONCE TO THE ATTACKS OF DEMONS**

Eph 4:26 Be angry, and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down upon your wrath, neither give place to the Devil.

This indicates that anger can cause a wide open door for demonic attack, deception and entry into our lives. Even unbelievers know this. One of the things they teach people fighting addictions is the acronym HALT... H-A-L-T. It is to remind to never let yourself become too hungry, angry, lonely or tired. If you let yourself become angry, you are far more apt to once again begin drinking or using drugs.

When we recognize demonic attack, we are to prevent his entry by resisting. If we recognize that we have let him in, we are to repent and force his departure through resistance... always resistance... as Children of Light, we are really the rebel forces in this kingdom of darkness... we are to resist and rebel against the darkness. We are the resistance.

But it is God Who resists the proud.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. Therefore submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Pet 5:8 Be sensible and vigilant, be sober and alert, because your adversary the Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; but resist him in the faith.

We are to resist the Devil in humility, but firmly, and in faith, meaning within scriptural truth and obedience.

2 Cor 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but **mighty in God** for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ

How do we take every thought captive... we don't allow our thoughts to wander, we remember and believe the truth...

Col 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Psalm 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles, the schemes of the devil. 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*. Therefore take up the <u>whole</u> armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the <u>preparation of</u> the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

What does it mean to take up and put on the armor of God... the whole armor of God?

First, we are to Stand! Stand firm... we are not taking back territory from the enemy... we are not advancing the Kingdom of God... we are not building the Kingdom of God... we are to **stand and resist**.

People like to say, the **sword of the Spirit**, the Word of God, is our only offensive weapon... with it, we attack the enemy... that is a complete misunderstanding of what Paul is saying... it is all for defense... against the enemy's attacks. One would be on offense with a sword if he were moving forward... we are commanded only to stand... stand and resist. The sword is to deflect the enemy's attack.

Jesus used the sword of the Spirit in the wilderness... did He attack at all? No. He used the truth of God's Word to deflect the enemies attack, to cause it to fall harmlessly to the side. But before we are able to successfully use the sword of the spirit... some other pieces of armor must be in place first...

**The belt of truth**... we are to know the truth of God's Word. Who we are in Him... who He is in us... that He chose us and saved us and will keep us... that He loves and wants us.

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

When Satan tempted Jesus, Jesus remembered and quoted the truth from God's Word.

**The breastplate of Righteousness**... does that mean to BE righteous? No... we are to remember, to remind ourselves of the truth that, in Christ we are righteous and pure before Him...

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We reject the lie from a demon that we are unworthy and dreadful to God, that God could never love someone like you...

On our feet, the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

We are to know the Gospel and be able to clearly present the Gospel.

Rev. 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.

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

And we remember the Gospel for ourselves, that we are indeed saved for eternity and bound for Heaven.

Above all taking up the **Shield of Faith** against fiery darts, lies of the enemy... faith means believing... we are to know the Word of God and believe it... remember it... remind ourselves of it... set our minds on it.

Our faith is only as strong as the Word of God we know... upon which our faith is built. We can only have faith in what we know... the rest of the Word of God is worthless to us... it doesn't help to carry it around... or wave it in the air... we need to know it, believe it and then have the faith to resist the devil through it.

The Helmet of Salvation... again... our mind is to be kept upon and kept by the Word of God.

Isa 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Our assurance of Salvation is what keeps our minds and hearts at peace. When we are at peace, we can remember God's Word, we can hear His voice and we can resist the devil.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

# And the Sword of the Spirit... the Word of God...

Paul caps it off with exactly what we've been saying... **The Word of God, knowing and remembering the Word of God is everything.** 

No one can stand firm against the enemy... no one can resist the devil... no one can walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which we have been called, without the Word of God, without knowing the Word of God.

We don't need to have it all memorized... but we must know it. We may not know the book, chapter or verse, but we can still know what it says and apply it to our lives and to the present attack from the enemy.

Remember when Jesus was tempted in the Wilderness... He never said where the verses He quoted came from. And even if He had not quoted it exactly... the effect would have been the same.

We know a great deal about angels and demons from God's Word, and **only through God's Word can we resist the devil** and have him flee from us.

It's not about quoting Scripture... it's about knowing Truth and clinging to that truth.

He says take up the whole armor of God... each and every part. It all goes together. If any part is left lying on the ground we are vulnerable to attack and destruction.

If we don't know truth... all of it is meaningless.

If we don't understand and believe our righteousness before God, we are open to attack... you're not good enough... God doesn't love you.

If we don't understand the Gospel, we don't know and understand our own salvation.

If we don't know the truth of God's Word, we can't have faith in God, and without faith, it is impossible to please God... Heb. 11:6

Without faith, we are vulnerable to all the fiery darts of the wicked one... those quick, unexpected lies and temptations... those sudden memories of pain, failure and disappointment. Those are the fiery darts of the evil one.

If the helmet of Salvation is missing... if we don't understand and remind ourselves of the truth of our eternal salvation, our secure and 'unloseable' salvation, our minds are an open door to attack.

Finally over all and under all... the sword of the spirit... the Word of God... if we don't know it and understand it and especially believe it... all of it... nothing else matters... we're already defeated.

Satan is alive and powerful and so are his myriad demons. Our only hope and strength is the Word of God.

Read it, learn it, know it and use it... to be able to stand firm against all the wily schemes of the evil one... and having done all, **stand firm**.

All of Satan's attempts to prevent the Lord's return will end in futility. Just as the Seed of the Woman went to the cross despite Satan's furious efforts to thwart Him from doing so, so the Lord will come again, have Satan bound in the abyss for a thousand years (Revelation 18:2), and finally cast him and his demons into the Lake of Fire for eternity (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-2,10).
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legion manhy in one person's body not bound by phys space 2000 pigs
like today animals more important than humans saw healed man said leave! instead of stay and heal the rest of us.

Eph 2:1-3 2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Eph 3:8-12 <sup>8</sup> To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

## Eph 4:25-32 Do Not Grieve the Spirit

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph 5:8-9 <sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the wiles of the devil. <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. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1 Pet 5  $^5$  Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. <sup>11</sup> To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

James 4:6 <sup>6</sup> But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Resist: anthistēmi än-thē'-stā-mē

- I. to set one's self against, to withstand, resist, oppose
- II. to set against

Isa 14:1-17 14 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

# Fall of the King of Babylon

<sup>3</sup> It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, <sup>4</sup> that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased,

The golden city ceased!

The scepter of the rulers;

He who ruled the nations in anger,

Is persecuted and no one hinders.

They break forth into singing.

And the cedars of Lebanon,

Saying, 'Since you were cut down,

No woodsman has come up against us.'

To meet you at your coming;

It stirs up the dead for you,

All the chief ones of the earth;

It has raised up from their thrones

All the kings of the nations.

Have you become like us?

And the sound of your stringed instruments;

The maggot is spread under you,

And worms cover you.'

The Fall of Lucifer

12 "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!

'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>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The whole earth is at rest and quiet;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Hell from beneath is excited about you,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> They all shall speak and say to you:

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Have you also become as weak as we?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart:

<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.

<sup>16</sup> "Those who see you will gaze at you,

And consider you, saying:

'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,

Who shook kingdoms,

<sup>17</sup> Who made the world as a wilderness

And destroyed its cities,

Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Lamentation for the King of Tyre

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<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.

"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.

## "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.
All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you;
You have become a horror,
And shall be no more forever."

this was on the earth, before the creation of man

there were kings on the earth to see his physical destruction. who were the kings, what did they rule over?