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~Satan's Resumé: Part 1~

Sin, The Fall Of Man, and The First War In Heaven!

What we are about to study is a delicate topic. Like a 100 piece puzzle with the pieces scattered throughout the Bible. I have done my best to gather and place these pieces in the most accurate way possible. I am not saying my layout is without question, or that things couldn't be adjusted. I am saying that I believe I have done my best to create an accurate depiction, given the clues provided by scripture. Some things are absolute and without question- like Satan being the Father of lies and that he tricked Adam and Eve to sin. These we can hang on to with no cause for concern and trust our hearts and minds to them. Concerning my timeline, it is not to be considered absolute. While it may be 100% correct (I believe it is), just know that the Bible does not emphatically state the "moment by moment" timeline. So, please pray about it. Study it for yourself and see if we arrive upon the same conclusion of the matter. To recap: all these events happened and are true as stated in the Bible. My exact layout of these events are my best attempt through a lot of studying to provide as complete of a picture as we can glean from the Bible.

~Key Concept To Understand~

God created "Good" and "Evil" by default. When God declared one thing to be called "Good", it made the other option to be "Evil." If there is a "right way," there is by default a "wrong way." Therefore, the idea or concept of sin was created in heaven. For God made a law, a guideline, and a code of heavenly conduct. To rebel against that law would be sin and rebellion.

1 John 3:4 "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness."

Sin was first manifested in the Devil while in heaven, as he sinned from the very beginning.

1 John 3:8 "He who practices sin is of the Devil, for the Devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might undo the works of the Devil."

John 8:44 "You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

Side Note: From The Beginning? What Beginning?

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

So at the beginning of the creation of the physical realm: the creation of the heavens and the earth. As we know that Gods realm and kingdom is without beginning and without end. So this leaves us with only one option. {See also John Chapter 1}

Acts 13:9-10 “But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, (10) and said, “**You son of the devil, full of all deceit and all cunning, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”**

Matthew 16:23 “But He turned and said to Peter, Go, Satan! You are an offense to Me, **for you do not savor the things that are of God, but those that are of men.”**

Because of this rebellion in his heart, Satan harnessed a creative power of doing the opposite of the character of God: “If God loves the truth, I give birth to lies. If God loves life, I will introduce death, Etc.” I believe He wanted to try and strong arm God and force God stick to His moral guidelines of good. Thus believing he could compromise God into an unwinnable situation. He thought to himself, “If God is highly exalted, I will go higher and become greater...” It appears to me that Satan wanted to subvert the power and throne of God. Filled with pride, he concluded in his heart that he himself was worthy.

Isaiah 14:12-14 “How you have fallen from heaven, (~~O Lucifer~~) shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low! (13) You said in your heart, “I will ascend into heaven! I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north! (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds! I will make myself like the Most High!”

Adam and Eve could only discern Good and not evil, as they were in perfection and were perfect without corruption. God wanted to protect Adam and Eve from the option of Evil, and created a space in the garden of nothing but good. Yet, the tree was presented as the possibility to understand both.

Genesis 2:16-17 “And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, (17) but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of **good and evil**. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

So as we have studied, sin or disobedience started with Satan. Therefore, Sin entered into the garden through Satan, then activated by Eve and then Adam’s disobedience.

It is my belief that Satan, knowing he couldn’t dethrone God, turned his lust for power and control towards Adam and Eve. I do not believe that there was a war in heaven, and then God threw Satan down to the earth upon his unsuspecting children. That would be like a dad sending a pedophile and murderer into his child’s bedroom. No, I believe that Satan was allowed to traverse the earth as a messenger of God.

I do believe though, that he was not allowed into the garden. Therefore, having born sin in his heart, he went to the garden to deceive Adam and Eve with the deception of the serpent. All in an attempt to gain control of the earth and to force God's hand in heaven. So, let's look at what I believe is the scene playing out in scripture for us all to read. We know for sure that the serpent has been identified as Satan in the New Testament. I believe it is Satan possessing the serpent to enact his will and gain admittance into the garden.

Revelation 20:2 "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old **serpent**, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years."

Genesis 3:1 "Now the **serpent** was more cunning than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, Is it so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

Genesis 3:4-5 "And the **serpent** said to the woman, You shall not surely die, (5) for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing **good** and **evil**."

Adam and Eve were provided free will. To remain as they were, all they had to do was trust and obey. If they desired more, the tree was present. So, we should not look at the tree as a trap, but a symbol of freewill. If complete trust in God was present, then the tree is a non- issue. God created good and evil as we talked about. God gave them protection from evil and free will. Unfortunately, they chose unwisely.

Genesis 3:6-7 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise, she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (7) And the eyes of both of them were opened. And they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made girdles for themselves."

Humanity had now fallen and forsaken their ownership of the earth as ambassadors and children of God, as we know. It is a very important point that Adam is called the Son of God in Luke's genealogy:

Luke 3:38 "the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of **Adam**, the son of **God**."

~We will get into this more in the next study~

The Serpent Possessed: This concept of the possessing Devil using God's creation to act out his sinful will is a very important point to remember when talking about the Son of Perdition. So, keep this in mind for future discussion. I believe we find substantiated proof that this is exactly what happened to the serpent by Satan. For his willingness to partake in this evil scheme, he then brought judgment upon all serpents for all time. Just as Adam and Eve's sin brought judgment on all mankind.

Genesis 3:14 “And Jehovah God said **to the serpent**, Because you have done this you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.”

As we know, Satan is not still on his belly as he is the prince of the power of the air.

Ephesians 2:2-3 “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 children of disobedience; (3) among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”

And we also know that Satan can transform himself into an angel of light. So he can control his look and appearance.

2 Corinthians 11:14 “And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light.”

This does not relieve the burden of the poetic natural and prophetic significance of the battle between Jesus and Satan, as stated by God in the prophecy of Jesus defeating Satan. As the serpent represented Satan and the woman (Eve) who was deceived by the trick, would then bear a child in Jesus to defeat the power behind the serpent Satan.

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

The rest of chapter 3 outlines the form and punishment for their sin. The key of which was that they were going to die that very day.

Genesis 2:17 “but you shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die.”

They did not die the day they sinned, as God was being kind to them. He used a day according to God’s timing, not the days of man.

2 Peter 3:8 “But don’t forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

So as we see, Adam died within in (1) day according to God’s timing.

Genesis 5:5 “All the days that Adam lived were **nine hundred thirty years**, then he died.”

What about Satan and his punishment?

I believe Satan enacted his plan and fled from the Garden back to heaven. I believe this is when he was thinking he would exalt his throne over God, now that he had taken the spoils of the earth. From scripture, we know that a third of the angels of heaven were in on this 1st act of rebellion. And it is here we see the confrontation between God and the Devil.

~Ezekiel 28:11-19~

Big Drama In Heaven

The originator of the prophecy: The Lord

(11) “And the Word of Jehovah came to me, saying,”

(12a) “Son of man, lift up a lament over the king of Tyre, and say to him, So says the Lord Jehovah:”

The Past: What used to be!

(12b) “You seal the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”

The Accusation: God Knows what Satan Has Done!

(13a) “You have been in Eden the garden of God;”

It’s almost like God is pleading with Satan: “Why did you do it?”

(13b) “every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your tambourines and of your flutes was prepared in you in the day that you were created.”

Notice the past tense and the beginning of judgment:

(14) “You were the anointed cherub that covers, and I had put you in the holy mountain of God where you were; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”

The proclamation: What Was

(15a) “You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created,”

The proclamation: What Is

(15b) “until iniquity was found in you.” (16a) By the multitude of your goods they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned.”

God enacts punishment and explains His action.

(16b) “So I cast you profaned from the height of God, and I destroy you, O covering cherub, from among the stones of fire.”

The Reprimand: God exposes how he went astray.

(17a) “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have spoiled your wisdom because of your brightness.”

Satan is now to be cast out of heaven.

(17b) “I will cast you to the ground;”

(17c) “I will put you before kings, that they may behold you.”

The reprimand continues.

(18a) “By the host of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade, you have profaned your holy places;”

Prophecy of the lake of fire and eternal punishment.

(18b) “so I brought a fire from your midst; it shall devour you, and I will give you for ashes on the earth, before the eyes of all who see you.”

Malachi 4:1+3 “For, behold, the day comes, it burns as a furnace; and all the proud, and all who work wickedness, will be stubble; and the day that comes will burn them up,” says Yahweh of Armies, “that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. You shall tread down the wicked; for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make,” says Yahweh of Armies.”

Satan destroyed in the lake of fire.

(19) “All who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you; you shall be terrors (terrified), and you will not be forever.”

Revelation 20:10 “And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are too, and they will be tormented there day and night forever and ever.”

First War In Heaven Described in Revelations 12

Satan and the angels that followed him are cast out by God to the earth.

We need these key concepts to understanding the past, present, and future tense of the book of Revelation.

The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of all Prophecy

Revelation 19:10 “I fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, “Look! Don’t do it! I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.”

Who is (Present), Who was (Past), and Is to Come (Future)

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Have seen (Past) Things which are (Present) Things which will Happen (Future)

Revelation 1:19 “Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter;”

As we see, the book of Revelation follows the aspects of the character of Jesus and God.

Some things had already happened, some things are happening, and some things are yet to happen.

~The First War~

Right After The Fall Of Man

Just as declared, Satan was kicked out of heaven and forced to the earth. Being fully removed from his position as the covering cherub, and stripped of all rights and privileges of his position.

Revelation 12:3-4 “And another sign was seen in the heavens. And behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads! (4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them onto the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman being about to bear, so that when she bears he might devour her child.”

Notice that Satan has not forgotten the prophecy given by God in Genesis. He is standing ready to defeat the prophesied child of God that will save humanity.

Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Revelation 12:1-2 “A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (2) She was with child. She cried out in pain, laboring to give birth.”

At this point, Hell was created for the Devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:41 “Then he will say also to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels;”

Even though Satan was kicked out, he was still allowed into Heaven as the ambassador of the earth.

Revelation 12:4a “His tail drew one third of the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth.”

Job 1:6-7 “Now on the day when God’s sons came to present themselves before Yahweh, Satan also came among them. (7) Yahweh said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, “From going back and forth in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.”

He used that access to accuse the children of God, before God.

Revelation 12:10b “for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

This is very important to understand when we talk about the 2nd war in Heaven. Satan still had access to Heaven, but with no residence to stay.

We will cover this more in a bit.

~Isaiah 14:9-22~

Let's look at Isaiah 14:9-22 and seal up some details that prove this is actually talking about Satan, providing us with even more complete pictures of what transpired.

(9a) "Hell from below is moved for you, to meet you at your coming."

Matthew 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels!'"

(9b) "It stirs up the dead for you, all the he-goats of the earth."

2 Peter 2:4 "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but threw them into hell and locked them up in chains in utter darkness, to be kept until the judgment,"

(9c) "It has raised from their thrones all the kings of the nations."

Ezekiel 28:17c "I will put you before kings, that they may behold you."

(10) "All of them shall speak and say to you, Are you also as weak as we? Are you like us?"

Ezekiel 28:19 "All who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you; you shall be terrors (terrified), and you will not be forever."

(11a) "Your pride is brought down to the grave,

Ezekiel 28:15 "You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created,"

(11b) "and the noise of your harps. The maggot is spread under you, and the worms cover you."

Ezekiel 28:13b "every precious stone was your covering, the ruby, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the turquoise, and the emerald, and gold. The workmanship of your tambourines and of your flutes was prepared in you in the day that you were created."

(12a) "How you are fallen from the heavens, (~~Lucifer~~) O shining star, son of the morning!

Ezekiel 28:17a "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have spoiled your wisdom because of your brightness."

(12b) "How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!"

Ezekiel 28:17b "I will cast you to the ground;"

(13) “For you have said in your heart, I will go up to the heavens, I will exalt my throne **above the stars of God**; I will also **sit on the mount of the congregation**, in the sides of the north.”

Apparently his high station was not enough, he wanted to be higher!

Ezekiel 28:14 “You were the anointed cherub that covers, and **I had put you in the holy mountain of God** where you were; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”

The Stars Represent Angels

Revelation 1:20 “the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lamp stands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven assemblies. The seven lamp stands are seven assemblies.”

Those he sought to exalt himself above were brought down by him.

Revelation 12:9 “The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

(14) “I will go up above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.”

(15) “Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the Pit.”

Revelation 20:10 “And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are too, and they will be tormented there day and night forever and ever.”

(16) “Those who see you shall stare and closely watch you, saying, Is this the man who made the earth to tremble; who shook kingdoms; **(17)** “who made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed its cities; who did not open the house for his prisoners?”

(18) “All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house.”

(19) “But you are cast out of your grave like a hateful branch, and like the clothing of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trampled underfoot.”

Malachi 4:1+3 “For, behold, the day comes, it burns as a furnace; and all the proud, and all who work wickedness, will be stubble; and the day that comes will burn them up,” says Yahweh of Armies, “that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. You shall tread down the wicked; for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make,” says Yahweh of Armies.”

~Motives~

Conclusion & the Why of it all!

This is my belief and opinion from what I have studied.

Satan's former estate was as a covering cherub over the throne of God. Built with musical instruments for praise and giving honor to God. Made perfect and full of glory, he was brilliant in appearance. A lot of which, I believe came from being in God's presence. Much like how Moses' face glowed from being with God. I believe Satan glowed carrying the residual glory of God upon himself. Though perfect in beauty and form, he was not made in God's image. I can see Satan saying to himself: "How could God do this to me, creating another creature in God's own image? Then calling these lower life forms His children?" Being filled with envy and disgust in his heart, he asserts: "Now they are doing what I do and give glory, praise, and honor to God. Not out of requirement, but of free will." The crushing weight of jealousy erupts in his very being: "How dare God give them their own realm- the physical realm? And allow them full dominion of it? Creatively naming everything in this place called earth, which is beautiful!" The final insult to his enormous ego has landed: "I am not allowed to create new life and replicate myself, yet these inferior life forms have been given the ability to bear children and make more of themselves! And they will teach their children to worship and praise God as I have done, why would I be needed then?" Then comes the straw that broke the angels back: "How is it that I must stand over God and sing His praise, yet He walks in His garden to talk with His children? Just to talk and see how they are doing." "No, this cannot be! I will destroy the child bearer. I will take their dominion, and I will rule the earth for my own. Then their children will become my children, and they will give me praise. As my last masterstroke, I will take God's ministering spirits with me. I, Satan, will be the great liberator and provide freedom for all to worship me- instead of God! I will create the earth and its children in my own image!" Then with a murderous smirk across his face he says, "Yet, even if God destroys those pathetic life forms and the place called earth, I will have forced His hand and it will prove to all of creation that I was right and God is a monster. Either way, I will win and prove my position and be justified."

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