

“Satan with One/Third Angels”

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You wouldn't find two lions entering a clearing where a herd of buffalo are grazing and one say to the other, "What are we going to do?" They know what they are going to do because it's in their lion-nature to do it: They are going to eat the buffalo!

In the same way, when we were made partakers with Christ's divine nature, we were given a capacity to understand the things of God by the nature He gave to us. As our teacher, the Holy Spirit uses our nature to help us to understand the things that are in God's nature. For example, we can learn about God by taking a look at two creations—the Angelic and our own—and seeing how He dealt with each one.

God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and because we have a nature like His, we know that He will deal with both creations out of the same, unchanging immutability that makes Him who He is. Since God cannot change, then finding out what He *has* done will help us find out what He *will* do.

Immutability means God cannot change, nor can He be changed. The one thing the Word uses to emphasize His unchanging immutability is that it is impossible for Him to lie!

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: (Hebrews 6:18).

God cannot change how He operated in the past, so the same principles apply to how He will operate in the future. This means we can go back into recorded history and find out how God dealt with Satan's intrusion into our world, his beginning, and finally his end. Remember to find out how God worked in the past is to find out how He will work both now and in the future. So why don't we go back before our creation and find out who Satan was and why God was forced to judge him.

When Jesus was in a time of confrontation with the Jews, He told them: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will also do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (Jn.8:44).

When Jesus said Satan was a "murderer from the beginning," He was not speaking about Lucifer's beginning, because in Lucifer's beginning, he was perfect in his ways, as Ezekiel 16:14 says:

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

By the time Satan came into the garden of Eden, which was our beginning, he had already fallen and was plotting the fall of man. We do not know how long Satan existed before the creation of our world. It could have been hundreds thousands of years; we just do not know. We only know that by the time Satan intruded into the Garden of eden, he had already fallen.

In the 14th verse, when Ezekiel said Lucifer was perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him, the indication was that it took awhile for the iniquity to become apparent to those who were around him. Of course, God knew the whole time! Lucifer must have been one of those rare, one-of-a-kind creations who, having no tempter, still turned on the tender loving-kindness and long-suffering of the One Who created him.

Those who seem to be somewhat among us, the "experts," say that the angels had no redemption because they had no tempter. This may be true in Satan's case, but how about the third of the angels who fell with him? They had a tempter the same as we had a tempter. Lucifer used the same persuasive power on the angels as he did on Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and they followed him!

Don't come to conclusions just yet; because you should understand that Satan's persuasive powers on the angels came from be one out of the highest ranking order of angels that there is, the cherubims; and Lucifer was the anointed cherubim that covereth (Ezekiel 28:14).

We do not know how long it was from the time Lucifer was created until iniquity was found in him, but one thing we do know: It became apparent when He came to evangelize the host of angels. He did not just point at a third of the angels and say, "You, and you. Come and follow me!" He had to persuade, seduce and deceive them. He must have been able to evangelize the masses by persuading other angels, not just to follow, but to become aggressive in their evangelism. ...and this could have been even through our generations today! We only knew of Lucifer's powers of deception were so strong that the angels that followed him believed he could deliver what he was promising long before Isaiah prophesied the evil that was in his heart!

"For thou hast said in **THINE HEART**, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I **WILL BE LIKE THEE MOST HIGH**. (Isaiah 14:13-14).

No wonder Satan had the audacity to say to Adam and Eve, "Go on, eat of the tree. You are not going to die. You will be as God's, knowing good and evil."

Satan's powers of deception had to be legendary because a third of the angels stood with him, believing they could win, believing he was some kind of god! So much so, they went to war with him against Michael and his angels.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the nations (world): He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:7-9)

Jesus described it like this: "***I beheld Satan as lightning, fall from heaven*** (Luke 10:18)

You must understand this point: Satan was not just after the third that fell with him, he was after all of them! In order to persuade them to follow him, he had to be fully persuaded himself. He had to literally deceive his own heart into believing he would succeed and sit down on his own throne and be like GOD! He never even dreamed of the horrors of the incarceration of fiery pits forever and ever!

Satan had to be totally convinced of his own deception, or he would not have made the statement he made in Isaiah 14:13-14, when he said:

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will **EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD:...**" **I will be like the most high!**"

It wasn't until Michael and his angels made war against Satan and threw him out of Heaven that it began to dawn on him that his time was short, and then he became very angry and full of rage and took it out on the inhabitants of earth

It had to have been a rude awakening for Satan when he was jolted out of his own deception and into his worst nightmare. He could not have deceived the angels into following him by saying things like, "Come, and go with Me. We will reign several thousand years and then be incarcerated in a lake of fire forever!"

When Satan entered into the Garden of Eden some six thousand years ago, not only did Adam and Eve inherit a sin nature, but our planet was also scheduled for termination. Along with Satan's intrusion into our world, he was also judged, and his reign of terror will be terminated at the same time we get a new heaven and a new earth. From Adam's day, that could be a period of approximately 7 thousand years! No one knows for sure, but what we do know is the last thousand years of this period will be called, "the millennial reign," during which time Satan will be chained in a bottomless pit while we rule and reign with Christ. His worst nightmare keeps getting worse and worse. We will reign—he's chained!

Even after Satan is unchained from his thousand year incarceration (and he already knows his time is short), he will yet go out into the four quarters of the earth to deceive the nations. Why? Because that's what he does! He is

so consumed by his own death nature, nurtured by thousands of years of hatred and murder, that he becomes the personification of insanity. In the same way God does not just have love—*he is love!* The devil does not only have the evils in his being, but he is the embodiment of evil! He is not just a liar; he is the total absence of truth; He is not only insane...HE IS INSANITY! HE CAN NO MORE STOP HIS KILLING THAN YOU CAN STOP YOUR BREATHING JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY WANT TO..He is destruction; and he is DESPERATELY EVIL.

But this time, the devil is going to be stopped for good. Look at these verses in Revelation 20:7-10:

“And when the thousand years expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Revelation 20:7-10).

Satan’s scheduled termination was carried out approximately 7,000 years after his intrusion into our world.

When a person catches his or her first glimpses of the love of God, it’s easy to have a tendency to believe that somehow, someway, everyone will be eventually saved, including the devil, his angels, everyone. It’s not surprising that the devil tries to deceive people about God’s love because it is so great.

Private worship played a major role in my life by introducing me to more of the love of God, and when His love came to one of its highest levels in my life, the devil tried to come and camp on my reasonings—my ability to think clearly logically. He tried to build a stronghold on the line where I was getting my first and most powerful look at the love of God, and he tried to camp there. (A stronghold is a system of thought empowered by emotions. This is where many doctrines come from that are fully empowered by deception.)

If the Devil had succeeded in erecting a stronghold in my life, I probably would have been preaching a gospel of “ultimate reconciliation,” which is a belief that all creation will eventually be reconciled back to God, including the devil. (This kind of teaching is an example of a system of thought empowered by emotion). Or maybe I would be preaching an all-inclusive gospel that says the whole human race will be saved because Jesus paid the price for all mankind. So whether or not anyone accepts or denies Him, he or she will still go to Heaven. This kind of all-inclusive doctrine usually evolves to include the devil getting saved.

I realize that God is always consistent in His nature and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is self-governed by nine attributes that make Him Who He is. These attributes are absolute:

1. Sovereignty
2. Judgment
3. Righteousness
4. Immutability
5. Eternal Life
6. Love
7. Omniscient
8. Omnipresent
9. Omnipotent

God is incapable of rendering an unfair or unjust judgment. The word Judgment is derived from the word *Just*, and because God is just and all-knowing, without time, He is totally *justified* in every *judgment* He has ever made or ever will make. So how God had to deal with the devil is totally fair and just; He had to judge the devil because he left God no recourse.

With Satan’s intrusion into our world, “We”—that is, Adam and Eve—had a tempter. Because we had a tempter, God blocked out Over 7,000 years of time to do everything He could possibly do to get us back. This included

sending His own Son, Jesus. Through Jesus' death, God made it possible, for everyone who wanted, to go back home to their family and to their Father God; He made it possible for them to do so.

If God did all that for us, because we had a tempter, why wouldn't He have some kind of plan for the third of the angels who had the same tempter we had? I believe he did have a plan. In the same way God blocked out a certain amount of time to carry out His redemption plan for us, He blocked out a certain amount of time to carry out His redemption plan for us, He blocked out a certain amount of time to carry out His redemption plan for us, He blocked out a certain amount of time to give the angels an opportunity to make their way back to Him. And He probably had established a line of some kind that once they crossed that line, there was no turning back.

The timeline God blocked out for the angels must have overlapped our creation, which gave Satan his access into our garden. Nevertheless, Satan and the angels who followed him obviously crossed the line of no return. Jude talked about them in verse Six, as follows:

“And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”

These angels abandoned themselves to Satan's cause for a new habitation to reign with Satan while he played “god.” These angels were active all the way through Jude's time when he authored his epistle, which was some-time between 65 and 80 A.D. In fact, these angels have been active all the way up through our present time and will be for many years to come.

So what did Jude mean when he said the angels were reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day? It means when they crossed the line and totally abandoned their first habitation, they were chained under the darkness of spiritual death with no way out, pending their judgment and incarceration in the Lake of fire—forever. But meanwhile, they are loose with Satan, deceiving, Killing, and destroying, and they will continue to the end.

It is essential to know that, because Satan is insanely evil, he will not stop coming after us trying to destroy us. But the good news is that Jesus said:

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke10:19). We have all authority over the devil! We will never forget that!