

The Journey
Series 01: Creation
Week 08: Satan Rebels

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Review (Where We Have Been)

Lesson 1: The Bible is God's Message to ALL people

It's About God, Inspired by God, Preserved by God

Lesson 2: The Bible Reveals What God is Like

He is Eternal, Triune, Independent, Spirit, Present Everywhere, Highest Authority

Lessons 3-4: God Creates Angels, Heavens, and Earth

God is eternal and speaks with authority about the creation of the invisible/visible

Lessons 5, 7: God Creates Male and Female, His Most Prized Creation

Created in His image (mind, emotions, and will) living in a marriage relationship

Lessons 6: God Places Man in the Garden with Two Significant Trees

Tree of Life – eating meant man agreed God was the source, upholder, authority

Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil – eating meant death

- Spiritual Death (immediate) – separation from a relationship with God
- Physical Death (future) – separation of soul and spirit from the body
- Eternal Death (forever) - separation from God eternally

BIG Idea

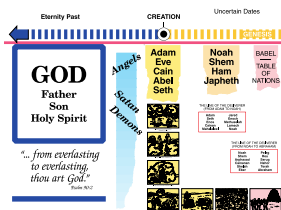
When the world began, nothing bad existed in the entire universe. Everything was in peace and harmony.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve experienced the beauty of both *internal* and *external* tranquility...but sadly, this would not continue.

An event in heaven would have a catastrophic effect on Adam, Eve, and the world.

We, too, have been affected by it.

To understand what took place, we need to return to the subject of angels.



Information (What We Need to Know)

What we already learned about angels...

- Present when God created the heavens and the earth
Job 38:4 (NLT) “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth... 7 and all the angels shouted for joy?”
- Created as perfect beings (God does not create evil; all He does is perfect)
Genesis 1:31 (NLT) God...saw that it was very good!
- Servants and messengers of God (intelligent/powerful to do God’s will)
Psalms 103:20 (NLT) Praise the Lord, you angels...who carry out his plans. Although angels are wise, intelligent, and strong they were still subject to God as their Creator and Authority.

We’re going to spend the rest of our time today focusing on one angel – Satan.

Although we’re studying the narrative of Scripture chronologically, the content of Genesis 3 *assumes* knowledge about Satan.

We learn most of what we know about the beginning of Satan from knowledge revealed to the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel.

In **Ezekiel 28:11-19** the prophet wrote about the King of Tyre, but the Holy Spirit revealed things which could not be true of an earthly king. We are told about Satan’s original position as God’s servant until he chose to rebel against God.

In **Isaiah 14:12-15** the prophet is writing about the king of Babylon; however, the Holy Spirit revealed to Isaiah the details of **a being** whose description is beyond that of a mere man. Isaiah recorded the rebellion of Lucifer, also called Satan. – Firm Foundations

Here’s what we know about Satan...

- He was created perfect
Referring to Satan, Ezekiel 28:15 says, “*You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created....*”
- He was entrusted with an important position (power/authority over other angels and nearness to God’s throne)
Ezekiel 28:14 calls him “*the anointed cherub who covers.*”
- He rebelled against God and other angels followed him
 - ✓ His rebellion was centered in pride
Ezekiel 28:17 (ESV) Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.

- ✓ **He aspired to take God's place as supreme ruler over all things, forgetting that he was a created being, not equal with God**

In Isaiah 14:12-15 the prophet reveals Satan's declarations, "**I will** ascend" into the place of God. "**I will** exalt" myself to the God's position of authority. "**I will** also sit" on God's throne. "**I will** be like the Most High."

- ✓ **He was the first created being to do evil**

- Chose to be independent of God
- Planned to take over God's position
- Stepped outside of and opposed God

- ✓ **Other angels followed in Satan's rebellion**

Matthew 25:41 refers to Satan and the angels who followed him as the "*the devil and his angels.*"

- ✓ **God removed Satan and his angels from positions of authority**

In righteous anger, God removed Satan's leadership position and expelled him from Heaven. God also removed rebellious angels from service to Him.

Because God is perfect and just, He no longer could allow these rebellious angels to remain as His attendants in Heaven.

- ✓ **God prepared the Lake of Fire for Satan and his angels as their final judgment**

Revelation 20:10 tells us that at the end of the world, the Devil will be "*cast into the lake of fire ... and ... will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*"

Application (What We Need to Do)

In the midst of Satan's rebellion, we must be reminded of *what* God is like...

- **God is all-knowing** (He knew what Satan was thinking in his heart)

Isaiah 14:13 (ESV) You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven..."

- **God is the highest authority**

Satan was a created being and had no right to challenge His Creator. He was not wiser or stronger than God.

God is the only true, eternal God. He existed in majesty and completeness before anything was created. He lives by His own power, and He gives life to everything.

- **God is sovereign** (He is never out of control, even in Satan's rebellion)

- **God is just** (He will judge over all creation; nothing is done in secret and all who sin will be held accountable before a holy and righteous God)

Hebrews 4:13 (ESV) And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- **God is at war with Satan** (who is a liar, deceiver, and hates all people)

1 Peter 5:8 says "*the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*"