# Satan and his demons—our TOTAL VICTORY! Part 3 of 3



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This concludes the 3 parts on identifying and defeating our Adversary. The Bible actually has a LOT to say about the Devil and his demons. In any war, we must know the Enemy and we must not be ignorant of Satan's tactics (2 Cor. 2:11). Did God create the Devil? Where did Satan come from? How did he come to be? What is his end? HOW does he try to get openings to God's children? We'll answer HOW and why we have total VICTORY over the demonic world. BE READY to withstand the coming evil and vicious attacks from that evil world – and to stand (Ephesians 6:10-12), and this sermon tells us how. With God and Christ in you by their spirit, demons hate God's children but we have power over them and complete victory.

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Welcome everyone to part 3, my final sermon on the evil spirit world – at least for a time. Satan and his demons are real. Satan and his fallen angels are spirit beings, or "spirits" (Hebrews 1:7, 14; Luke 10:20). Scriptures indicate that around God's throne are – minimum – 100 million angels, minimum. So there must be millions and millions of demons as well. And these creatures are very real – though usually invisible to humans.

He is the Adversary and he is releasing his demons more and more in the coming epic battles between God's LIGHT vs. Satan's darkness, Yehovah's HOLINESS vs. Satan's filth, YHVH's righteousness vs. Satan's undiluted evil. The battles will get ever more severe. Like it or not, you'll be in the middle of it and will have to make a choice – and resist and spiritually fight the Devil and his armies.

<u>There are TWO FAMILIES on earth</u> – the Household of YHVH in contrast to Satan's children (**John 8:44**). Make no mistake, he has his children. <u>1John 3:10</u> speaks of the <u>"children of God and the children of the Devil."</u> We are being called to make a stand! We cannot drink of the cup of the Lord – while partaking of the cup of demons.

Have you made that conscious stand? ARE you even aware of the ongoing war involving spirits that watch over us and spirits of demons watching over the world? It's also playing out in our nation right now. And too many think some of this war is funny. There are TV shows now, for example, that's all about people being hypnotized! That's playing with fire.

(Story of woman - house invasion – forced into bedroom while she prayed.... What the man intent on evil must have seen...) That's just a small example of the war playing out.

Satan is not the Red Devil with a pitchfork cartoon. In fact, scripture says he appears as an <u>angel of light</u> (2 Cor. 11:14) and we'll read – he (or she) was considered by God himself to be the epitome of his creation <u>and was very, very beautiful</u>. Angels are not male or female, so for all I know Satan may have <u>looked</u> more female than male to our eyes – with her beauty, jewels, and singing ability that Isaiah 14:12-13 and Ezek 28 describe. Michael and Gabriel have male names. They are never described as beautiful and covered with jewels. Heylel was described as perfectly beautiful and adorned with diamonds and precious stones. That sounds to me like someone looking more like a beautiful woman. Just a thought. **Satan's Hebrew name is Heylel – which just means "shining one"**. Several times in our English Bibles Satan is referred to as "he" – but ... who knows?

He's the serpent of old, that old red dragon (Rev. 12:3, 7-9). DO NOT let your children watch even "harmless" movies about dragons.

Those of you in China, Japan, Asia – where dragons are common features of your parades, celebrations, and astrology – in the name of the Son of God, I beg you – COME OUT of that. Have nothing to do with dragons. They picture Satan, the arch-enemy. But even here in America and England we feature dragons! WHY are we so foolish?

Outside Catholic churches in Europe, and even here in USA as well – there are grotesque, ugly, even demonic-looking **GARGOYLES** – images and statues of evil creatures that superstition says were to ward OFF evil. **The worst ones were on Notre Dame** Cathedral in Paris. But even here in the USA, we have demonic monsters outside the Washington National Cathedral in DC! There are some on the University of WA Seattle, WA. Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta Georgia also has them. WHY? WHY?

So yes, there are supernatural beings who for the most part are invisible to our eyes, but they can choose to make themselves visible. When people report seeing a "ghost" – that is going to almost always be a fallen angel, a demon, a bad being. Don't search for them, don't be entertained by them, don't ever, ever go on tours of haunted houses (don't do it!) where people hope they will get to see a ghost – which is really, again, a demon.

The first mention of Satan is as that Serpent in Eden (Genesis 3). We're not told if he was in a tree or not. My feeling is that he appeared as a brightly shining angel, appearing as a -- as I envision it – a very bright shining snake, which he possessed. Remember he sees himself as an angel of light, and that is what he was as Heylel. Let me speculate a bit:

God *may* have appeared to Adam and Eve as a bright Spirit Being too, as he did to Moses (**Exodus 34:29-35**). I think it's very possible that Adam and Eve – like Moses later – took on God's brilliance for a time. Then when the Serpent appeared – probably also very bright – this could have been the reason they were persuaded by him. He appeared God-like in his brilliance. They ate of the forbidden tree, and after they both sinned, I feel it's very likely they lost their own brilliance from God and for the first time realized they were naked.

Why else would they realize they were naked otherwise? But that's just speculation I think makes some sense.

**Today I'll finish covering the origins of Satan and his demons.** We'll also cover today how *God's children vanquish them totally, total victory*, and how God is going to put Satan under your feet, as you'll see in Romans 16. But how do we gain the victory? I think you'll be greatly encouraged.

<u>So welcome friends and family of God to Light on the Rock</u>, welcome to our free website where God is glorified, where Yeshua is King of kings and Savior, and where we learn from God's word. Be sure to let others know about our website if it blesses you.

OPENING PRAYER (You in us are greater than he who is in the world).

WHY this is such an important topic

# If any of you are wondering WHY I'm spending so much time on this topic, here's why:

- Because Yeshua (Jesus) encountered demons a lot. We read all through the gospels stories of HIS encounters and what he says about them.
- Because <u>Yeshua even taught us to PRAY "Deliver us from the evil one"</u> (Matthew 6:13). He didn't just ignore or dismiss what could be an unpleasant topic.
- Paul, Peter, Jude, John, Matthew, Mark, Luke they all also talk about the Devil. We've been reading their inspired words. Obviously they want their readers to know about that evil world. So understand, I have scriptural backing to be alerting God's people about this topic. And though we are to focus on things that are noble and uplifting, we are to also live by every word of God. Scripture says we must not be ignorant of how Satan works (2 Cor. 2:11). We're in a war. In any war, we must know our enemy. Satan's very name means "the Enemy, the Adversary".
- The Thief is Satan and he comes to steal your future, Kill your hopes and dreams, and destroy as much as he can (John 10:10), whereas the Good Shepherd Yeshua came that we may have LIFE, and more abundantly at that. You need to know how to keep Satan from robbing you of your joy and the full, vibrant life Christ wants you to have.
- Frankly, though we have a ton of demon issues in the USA, it's RAMPANT in parts of the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia RAMPANT. Voodoo and stories of zombies etc are RIFE. When I lived in the Philippines, we experienced a world of spiritual darkness that was sobering and I'm ecstatic when those people living in darkness can come to the light that is Jesus Christ! I have many from those parts of the world who come to this site and they need to know how to avoid and free themselves from that evil world.
- In the very last few years before Yeshua lands on Mt of Olives, Satan and his demons are going to be hitting everything you know and love with all their might, for they know their time is short and what do they have to lose? (See Rev. 12:12-17). I don't want you to be caught off guard. The Great Tribulation is a time of Satan's wrath and he will be attacking God's people as far and as hard as God allows him to.

Many of us will be martyrs. Some will be protected. We need to know how we have the victory over him.

It was like that also when Yeshua – the Word who actively created all things – when the Word became flesh (John 1:14). All of a sudden you have demonic attempts to kill him, even at his birth, and throughout his life. Demonic activity is rife as they sought to destroy or tempt Yeshua to sin and fail. Suddenly all through the gospels we're reading of Yeshua the Son of God casting out demons. Yeshua quite openly spoke of demons!

I'm wondering now if the creatures of **Revelation 9:1-9, the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet plague,** in fact aren't demons who are let loose on any mankind who have not pledged their obedience and worship to the living true God. Go read that for yourself. They sound more than just locusts or physical men. If you read about them there, they fly up out of a deep pit, have wings, and have power to inflict awful pain for 5 months and ... more! That doesn't sound like human flesh and blood to me. We'll see.

Satan detests people who love God, or stand for the Bible or love Israel. So guess what? That includes our President Trump. For all his faults – and he has many, as do you and I – President Trump supports and blesses Israel and he supports conservative Christianity's rights. Satan hates that, so all this constant attack against Trump – get this: all the hate focused on him is not originating from humans, it's not from the Dems or the far left – it's coming from Satan because he hates Trump blessing Israel and restoring some rights to believers in Christ.

# Ephesians 6:10-13 (cite)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the **devil**. 12 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. 13 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.

**So Trump** acknowledged Jerusalem as Israel's capital and the Golan as their land. He's closed the offices of Hamas and the PLO in New York. He is affirming conservative Christianity's rights in the country. *Love him or hate him – I assure you, Satan hates everything about Trump now because of that.* So you see vicious unprecedented attack! Remember, we are to pray for our leaders, scripture says. **Pray for Pres Trump**. I also prayed for Pres Obama, because scripture says we are to! I even pray for Trump's whole family, his team, his own life and their safety – and I pray God will give him wisdom, a kinder tongue, some humility and more self –control. Why not?

# We children of God have POWER OVER DEMONS

Yeshua's life and death and resurrection completely vanquished Satan and his miserable band of demons. So we can cast them out and rebuke them in Yeshua's name, whom they must obey.

First of all, 1 John 4:4 says "he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." Who and what IS in us? We have not just our spirit – but God's very own Holy Spirit in us. And

in **John 14:23**, Yeshua promised that HE and our Father – ABBA – will come live inside us! WOW! Satan fears Yeshua, and certainly fears our Abba, God Most High!

# **John 14:23**

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and WE will come to him and make Our home with him."

# **Luke 9:1**

"Then he called is 12 disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases."

<u>What about Demon Possession?</u> When a demon <u>possesses</u> a person, they OWN that person and take over his thinking, his actions and his life. There are many billions who are <u>influenced</u> by demons and Satan, or deceived, but I don't think very many people are demon <u>possessed</u>.

At the final supper with the disciples, it clearly says <u>"Satan ENTERED" Judas</u> – John 13:27. When Yeshua said "What you do, do quickly" – I believe he said that to Satan, not to Judas, in my opinion at least.

By contrast, God and Christ enter us by their spirit (John 14:23), but they do not possess us, or take over complete control. God still allows us to have free moral agency. WE choose whether to follow the spirit's lead – or not. That's why we are commanded to test the spirits (1 John 4:1) and not just let a spirit possess us!

**1 Cor. 14:32 – "the SPIRITS OF THE PROPHETS are controlled by the prophets"** BBE NKJV – "the spirits of the prophets are SUBJECT to the prophets"

<u>WE remain in control</u>. But we must do our best to follow where God leads us by His Spirit. The <u>context</u> of 1 Cor. 14:32 by the way was to keep order in the assembly and not let the gifts of the spirit – like in speaking in tongues – turn the service into pandemonium (which comes from pan-all; demonium – all – demons)

So stay in control of your mind. Now God's spirit will STIR inside you. **Jeremiah 20:9** – Jeremiah in his discouragement was ready to stop preaching, "but his word was like a BURNING FIRE in my heart, and I could no longer contain it...."

Do you see the difference?

We are Christ's students and brothers/sisters today. We have that same power over evil spirits that he gave his disciples 2000 years ago – Luke 9:1 that we just read. So do not fear them when you read the stories in the Bible or hear others' stories.

# Luke 10:17-20

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

- 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
- 19 Behold, I give you the <u>authority to **trample on serpents** and scorpions</u>, and <u>over all the power of the enemy</u>, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, <u>that the spirits are subject to you</u>, <u>but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven</u>."

We do not have to fear them. Satan cannot do a thing against you or your family – without God's permission, as in the case of Job (chapters 1-2). I do not believe God often gives them permission to harm or attack his children - - until the Great Tribulation at least. So don't be afraid.

# Mark 16:14-18

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

You take command and rebuke and order the demon(s) to come out when you come into contact with someone who is demon possessed. Sometimes it's more than one.

Remember even <u>Mary Magdalene was infested with 7 demons (Luke 8:2).</u> And yet she was the first witness of the risen Christ. There's no Biblical backing to think she was a prostitute though, as is commonly said among Catholics.

So we're in command. When in command, TAKE command, in Yeshua's name.

We must not be afraid of demons. They're creatures, <u>spirit</u> <u>beasts</u>, and like dogs and many animals, when they sense <u>your human</u> fear, they have power over you. So we do not show fear or feel fear around demons. Satan's been defeated by Christ, and we are in Christ. Much more on this in a few minutes.

But casting out demons in Jesus' name does not give anyone an automatic seal of approval from Yeshua!

#### Matthew 7:21-23

"NOT everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

You all know I preach receiving GOD's righteousness by faith, and I believe Yeshua brought grace and truth (**John 1:17**), but scriptures like this one and many more show we have to follow the LEAD of God's spirit – and reject this world's ways – or the Son of God won't even know us. *God's children are law-keeping believers who live by faith and grace*.

We'll see shortly how Paul and others rebuked and cast out demons, strongly, without fear. If you know you're going to be in the presence of demons, be sure you are

close to God and fasting – but not in fear Look at the sequence James, the brother of Jesus, gives us in James 4:

## **RESISTING THE DEVIL**

#### James 4:7-8

<u>Therefore submit to God</u>. <u>RESIST the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God</u> and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Resisting the Devil is sandwiched between submitting to God and drawing near to God.

Remember I've said previously **don't risk "losing control" of your mind**; don't lose your mind – whether in hypnosis, in drugs and alcohol, in rages of anger, in sexual abandon – especially if it's not your husband or wife. That opens the door to possible demon entry points into your mind! Let's read some more. <u>I want you to notice that Paul, Peter, James and John ALL SPOKE OPENLY and frequently about defeating the DEVIL in our lives.</u>

# **Ephesians 4:26-27**

"Be angry, and do not sin": **Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give** place to the devil."

We must not lose control of our minds – in lost temper and angry rages.

If you lose your temper a lot, SIN LIES AT THE DOOR, and you're opening the door to the devil. Same thing if you lose control of sex, drink, alcohol, vanity – oh, that's a big one.

#### 1 Peter 5:8-9

"Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he MAY devour.

<u>9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith</u>, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

So how do we RESIST THE DEVIL?

- DRAW CLOSE TO GOD, call on him to "deliver us from the evil one"
- CHALLENGE AND REBUKE HIM IN Jesus' name even out loud in your bedroom or outside... I've done that too.
- CLEAN UP they are UNCLEAN spirits, so CLEAN up your mind, your life, your home, your sinful habits and dirty mind, dirty jokes. Believers have no part with all that.
- DON'T FEED the beast! Don't watch Harry Potter. Don't be involved AT ALL in Halloween – such a Satan-FILLED festivity. Don't watch movies about demons and aliens taking over people's bodies, zombies, and voodoo – DON'T BE ENTERTAINED by Satan!
- WHATEVER YOU WILL FEED WILL GROW in you. Feed on God's word -- be steadfast in the faith!

## **HOW WE OVERCOME Satan**

# Now the best part of this topic. How and WHY we overcome Satan and demons.

You see here's the big deal for us: We already defeated Satan when we came under the blood of the Lamb. I want you to carefully study this next text from scripture

# Revelation 12:9-12

9 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.

10 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.

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. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

FIRST we're told salvation, strength, GOD'S kingdom and the power of God's Anointed (Christ) have come. Why? Because Satan the accuser has been slammed back down. And **John 14:23 says** God the Father – he's God MOST High – and Yeshua actually RESIDE in you and me now. Talk about POWER!!! BELIEVE that, wake up to that, USE that power.

So we're reminded we have GOD's VERY OWN power to tackle Satan – and then verse 11 says we overcome him by the blood of the Lamb.

# Stop. You tell me. How do you overcome Satan by the blood of Yeshua? What is the context here about Satan?

<u>Verse 10 of Rev 12 says -- our Adversary is slandering and accusing us day and night</u> <u>before God</u>. Your sinful life – past or especially ongoing sin in your life -- is the only thing Satan has on you.

But because we have an Advocate in our defense (1 John 2:1), Yeshua keeps saying to the Slanderer: "But this my brother and sister came under my blood, and all claims you have on them, Satan, are null and void because these my brethren are under my blood.

ALL their sin debts have been paid in full by me, plus I have gifted them with my righteousness (Rom 5:15-19), the perfect righteousness of God himself. They are now blameless, without condemnation (Romans 8:1-4) before the Father and before me and you have NOTHING to condemn them for. . . NOTHING, Enemy – get out of here! Get behind me. Satan!"

Because the only thing Satan thought he had was the ability to accuse you and me. But it goes on to say that we not only overcame him by the blood of the Lamb <u>but also – by the word of their testimony."</u>

<u>V. 17 says we also have the testimony of Jesus Christ</u>. Now this is MOST important and why we do NOT FEAR the devil.

What is the testimony of Jesus Christ? It goes 2 ways. First Christ has a testimony about US, in him, and HE declares we are without condemnation (Romans 8:1), for HE – Christ – has saved us from the claims of sin. He also declares we are covered by HIS righteous LIFE and HE now lives in us (2 Cor. 5:21; Phil 3:9-11).

But it goes both ways: **WE now also have something to say, a testimony!** WE have a testimony against the Devil: "Get out of here! <u>You have no claim on me Satan, for I am covered by the blood of my Savior and</u>....", a big and ... "I am HIS, He is my Beloved, and <u>HE is MINE</u>. I no longer will follow you, Satan. I have chosen to follow my Savior, to obey Him, and declare my total trust and allegiance to HIM. No longer do you have ANY hold or claim on me, and you are my ENEMY. My Savior has died for me <u>and I will die for Him</u>, if He chooses to honor me with suffering and dying for his name's sake. So in Yeshua's name, we rebuke you Satan. Get out of here."

Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise you Yeshua, Praise you our Messiah, and praise you our Holy Father in heaven!

So you see? I'm not trying to scare you about Satan but in fact the opposite: ATTACK him. **The gates of HELL WILL NOT PREVAIL (Matthew 16:18).** That means WE are the ones on the attack. Gates of hell are not attacking – but trying to stave off OUR attack. Get it? And Satan's gates won't prevail against our attack. We are being bold, going on the attack; we're in the fight -- and claiming our victory!

<u>Hebrews 2:14-15</u> says that Yeshua through his death <u>destroyed</u> him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and release those who through fear of death were in bondage!

So we don't fear death –because for us it's just a short sleep anyway until the resurrection to immortality! We don't fear what Satan or his demons are cooking up – for we have GOD, we have Yeshua the Messiah.

<u>In Part 1 we covered the many sightings</u> of spirit beings who let themselves be seen – good angels and perhaps bad ones too. We covered the <u>many commands in the Bible</u> <u>against witches, demonism, divination</u> and fortune telling, using mediums – people who say they are communicating with the dead, and all that. God condemns all that.

You can review part 1 or read these scriptures yourself: **Deut 18:10-14; Leviticus 19:31; 20:6-7, 27; Exodus 22:18;** 

<u>In part 2</u> I told several stories of personal involvement with people who had demons in their homes. I could tell several more. <u>Yeshua had NUMEROUS encounters with these foul spirits</u>. Apostle Paul also recounted his stories in the Bible. So it's not wrong to teach God's people about these.

#### Acts 16:16-19

"Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain <u>slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination [predicting the future]</u> met us, who brought her masters much profit by <u>fortune-telling</u>. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and <u>said to the spirit</u>, "I command you in the <u>name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.</u>" And he came out that very hour. 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities."

<u>Not all strange things are demonic.</u> I have a funny story of ministerial trainee in the South – TN perhaps – who was out with the pastor, way out in the countryside. Had to stop to have a break… pastor heard younger trainee rebuking demons in Jesus name, came running – and found his younger minister had never seen fireflies before!!!

In both Part 1 and 2 I've warned strongly against getting involved in any books, movies, games that involve witchcraft. Dungeons & Dragons and all fantasy role playing games that involve sorcery and witchcraft – DON'T do it. Ouija boards, Harry Potter movies and books, all witchcraft movies and books... have nothing to do with them.

# Satan's Origins as told in Isaiah 14

I started talking about Satan's origins in Part 2 as we went thru Isaiah 14. <u>God did not create a devil. He created a powerful and beautiful arch-angel</u> named Heylel – NOT Lucifer -- who sinned and became the enemy – the Adversary - who even tried to overthrow God in an epic battle of spirit beings. His followers, who were also spirit beings called angels – then were renamed "demons" after that epic battle.

Quick review of where we left off. Isa<u>iah 14:3-11</u> – is about the king of Babylon and how he will fall from his glory into maggot-covered worms. From v 12 onwards, it shifts to another being, who was in heaven.

#### Isaiah 14:12-15

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (should be HEYLEL), son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 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:

<u>14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds</u>, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

# **HEYLEL - OR LUCIFER:**

The name "Lucifer" is not in the original Hebrew. His name was Heylel – "shining one". The name "Lucifer" was a grab from the LATIN translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, in Jerome's Latin Vulgate. Lucifer means "day star" or "morning star" – Venus. But the original word, the original name was HEYLEL – shining one. Yeshua is our morning star.

# The title of "morning star" rightfully belongs to Yeshua, to Jesus Christ.

- In Rev 22:16, Yeshua says, "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, [I AM] the BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR."
- In fact he tells the 4<sup>th</sup> church of the 7 churches of Revelation 2-3, that to those who overcome, "I will give him the morning star" (Rev. 2:28) meaning he will give them

HIMSELF. Peter says "...until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19).

So the morning star or day star is Christ! NOT Satan.

**A cherub** is a super-angel, having 4 wings, 4 faces, or 4 sides/faces on his head according to Ezekiel 1 and 10. There are other angelic beings, by the way, called **seraphs**, or seraphim – who have 6 wings. You can read of them in **Isaiah 6:1-6.** The 4 living creatures, or "living beasts" around God's throne are probably Seraphs – 6 winged angels.

It's probable that most angels don't have wings, or need wings.

It appears that God probably split the angels into 3 parts – 1/3 each to Michael, Gabriel and Heylel. Scripture speaks of "Michael and HIS angels" and also of "the Dragon and his angels". Heylel (your Bible says "Lucifer" wrongly) speaks of rising above the clouds – so he was given the earth to manage with his angels. **Rev 12:4** says the Dragon (Satan) "drew a third of the stars (angels) of heaven and threw them to the earth."

Elohim first created the spirit world – heavenly Jerusalem itself, is probably made of spirit, I believe, and then he created <u>millions and millions of angels</u>, who are **also SPIRITS (Psalm 104:4).** <u>Daniel 7:10 speaks</u> of "10,000 times 10,000 stood before Him (God)" – folks, that's 100 MILLION angels right there.

# Revelation 5:11

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of <u>many angels</u> around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them <u>was ten thousand times ten</u> thousand, and thousands of thousands..."

Of course God himself is SPIRIT (John 4:24). After those same spirit angels were created, they sang for joy as they watched God Most High and his Word create the universe, the stars/galaxies, and planets (Job 38:4-7) including earth.

#### Genesis 1:1-2

"In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth <u>was</u> without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

A careful reading of Genesis 1:1-2 shows God (Elohim) created the heavens and earth, and yet somehow by verse 2 it is void and void – and all ruined. So something seems to have happened after the initial creation of earth and God had to restore or renew the face of the earth (**Psa 104:30**). The word translated "was" without form, could also be translated "BECAME" without form. The word "was" in Gen 1:2 is the Hebrew word "hayah" which most of the time is translated "became".

So something happened! There was the initial creation and it appears Heylel was put on the earth with his angels, but somehow he felt dissed, discontent. He became vain and not content with what God had given him and decided to launch a coup d'état – to try to topple God Most High and to become the true ruling God of the entire universe. In the battle that ensued, Satan and his troop were slammed back down! God can be TOUGH too!

What did Yeshua say?

<u>Luke 17:18 – "I saw Satan fall as lighting from heaven"</u>

#### Jude 6

"And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

#### 2 Peter 2:4

"For if God did not <u>spare the ANGELS WHO SINNED</u>, <u>but cast them down</u> to hell (Gr: tartarus – lower place even than Hades) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment..."

He was thrown back down to earth in an unimaginable battle. (Discuss – asteroids, etc)

#### Job 26:13

"By His spirit he (God) adorned the heavens, His hand PIERCED the fleeing serpent".

So much of the solar system was destroyed and God had to FIX and renew it. Satan and his demons will attack God again in the very last few years before Christ returns.

And now one of the covering cherubs over God's throne had become the Enemy.

<u>IN this unimaginable war, some planets were destroyed</u> (like the ring of **asteroids** between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter) and perhaps that's when the earth itself and the dinosaurs were destroyed in a great cataclysm when Satan was cast back to the earth where God had put him. Along with all of them, no doubt a lot of space debris slammed into the earth as well – **ending all known life on the earth.** 

Frankly, I believe that's how highly developed dinosaurs became extinct – due to Satan's rebellion and the battle that ensued. Their end was so dramatic, so sudden, so strong – that eventually that era of time is what ended up producing our oil, coal, gas and energy.

Remember again, that WE, as God's children, have POWER over demons and to heal diseases (Luke 9:1) 1 John 4:4 – He in us is greater than he in the world.

But those bad angels are our REAL enemy – not the trials and persecutors you have in the world. We can love our human enemies when you realize they are not our real enemy. Our real enemy is The Adversary, Satan – popularly falsely called Lucifer. His real Bible name was HEYLEL – "Shining one".

## **EZEKIELS 28 ACCOUNT OF Satan's ORIGIN**

**So let's read another account of the origin of the Enemy.** This time, it hops between the King of TYRE – led and inspired by Satan – to Satan himself.

**Ezekiel 28:11-19** 

Moreover the Word of YHVH came to me, saying, 12 "Son of man, take up a <u>lamentation</u> for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says YHVH Elohim: (it now talks about Satan, the real power behind the king of Tyre at that time)

"You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in BEAUTY.

13 You were in Eden [on 4 Beings were in Eden – God, Adam and Eve, and the Serpent], 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. [King of Tyre was not created]

- 14 "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, til iniquity was found in you.
- 16 "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.
- 17 "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.

(Not sure if v 18-19 apply to the King of Tyre – or Satan ... but let's read it)

18 "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. 19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; **You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.**"

#### So how will Satan and his demons end?

Scripture says God alone has immortality – right now (1 Timothy 6:15-16) – though he is offering immortality to you and me, to his children when WE are changed to spirit (1 Cor. 15:53-54; Romans 2:6-7).

I know of no verse that says angels are immortal. They are spirit. We should not assume that means the same thing. But nothing is impossible for God, so if God decides Satan and his demons have served their purpose – and there's no further need for these evil creatures – God CAN end their lives and existence. I am not sure to whom Ezekiel 28: 17-19 refers to – either the king of Tyre – or Satan.

I know, scripture says there's a time Satan is cast into the lake of fire and a time of torment – **Rev. 20:10, Matthew 25:41**; also called "the 2<sup>nd</sup> death" – **Rev. 20:14-15.** Another verse – **Jude 13** – speaks of "wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." <u>Whatever</u> our God decides to do to, or about Satan and his fallen angels – will be great.

# Satan hates you getting close to God

You will also find that when you are truly trying to make big changes in your life – to get close to our God, to love Him with all our heart and soul, to overcome sin, to clean up your life, to pray to God and read his Bible – that Satan and his demons go nuts over this! They will often try to discourage you with many problems. *And most of all – to tempt you to sin in a big way.* They will try to tempt you into big, horrible and awful sins and you wonder where those thoughts and actions came from! Satan IS THE TEMPTER, remember.

In doing this, he wants you to question how you could possibly think you're a son or daughter of Holy Righteous God -- and do what you did. Do you get it? He makes you question your relationship – are you a real child of God, let alone are you a BELOVED child of God? Those questions come from Satan, folks.

Just like he did to Yeshua. "IF you're the son of God, turn these stones into bread." "IF you're the son of God, you can throw yourself off this high place and angels will pick you up.... See, just as I thought, you aren't really God's son." And "IF you're the son of God... come off the cross and we'll believe you." (Matthew 27:39-44). They're always trying to make you doubt you're a child of God, or that God cares about you – and doubt you could ever be a real child of God. At that point we lose confidence, don't care – and sin all the more (and that's what Satan hopes).

One thing we have: our faith. And our Savior who roundly defeated Satan! And guess what? He's watching Satan's antics around you. <u>Did you know that at times Satan asks God for permission to sift you out of the body of the Messiah?</u> Did you know that?

<u>Luke 22:31</u> And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 <u>But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail</u>; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

<u>John 17:20</u> "I do not pray for these alone, **but also for** <u>those who will believe</u> in **Me through their word;** 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Yeshua is so truly awesome. He not only prayed for Peter but for each of us, who are here as believers in the testimony and words of the apostles. When we pray "the Lord's Prayer" – part of the prayer is to ask God to "deliver us from the evil one." And He does.

#### VICTORY OVER THE TEMPTER

In the meantime, we must put on the whole ARMOR of God and fight him! Study Eph 6:10-19. Notice the armor of God is so we can stand against the wiles of the devil (v.11). Then in verse 12 Paul reminds us that our battles are not against fellow humans so much, but thru the spirit forces (demons) that are enabling and empowering them to fight you.

## Revelation 12:10-12

"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. 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. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

But no matter how bad it can become, we have the victory. We may have to die for our faith in Yeshua and our Father, we may have to go through tough times – but we will, because we LOVE and OBEY our Father and Savior, be willing to take our faith in Him to the death if we're called to have that HONOR and privilege to die as a witness for our God!

In the end, here's how it ends:

#### **Romans 16:20**

"And the God of peace will crush Satan under YOUR feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

Amen and Amen. Come, Master, come. And we look forward to a strong angel – maybe Michael – BINDING HaSatan – the Enemy – and putting him away into a "bottomless pit" where he is shut up for a thousand years and sealed away for that time -- and then again soon after that (Revelation 20:1-3) thousand year reign on earth is done.

I hope you have learned a few things about our arch-enemy, Satan and his demons. We don't fear them, and we can rebuke them in Yeshua's name and they will flee from us. Be strong, and don't give them a second of your time to distract you. Someday YOU may even be called to judge them. But we DO have the victory over Satan and his armies of fallen angels.

#### CLOSING PRAYER.

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