

SATANOLOGY
(PART 1 - HIS ORIGINAL CREATION)

Introduction:

There are two extremes as we look at the subject of Satan. Read the article by Brunner and then the article by Richard DeHaan. Five footnotes before we look at Satan.

(1) **The works of the devil have been destroyed**, (1 John 3:8) "the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

(2) **Remember that he is a judged and defeated foe**, (Revelation 20:10) "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

(3) **It is the blood of Christ or the cross which defeated him**, (Revelation 12:11) "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death." (Hebrews 2:14) "Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;"

(4) **We must be careful not to give him too large** a place in our Christian thinking and conversation. Yet, we must not be ignorant of his schemes, (2 Cor 2:11) "in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes."

A) ignorant= . agnoeo, not to know (through lack of information or intelligence); by

impl. to ignore:--(be) ignorant (-ly), not know, not understand, unknown.

B) schemes=the workings in his mind.

(5) **Finally we are protected from the evil one**, (2 Th 3:3) "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

a) protect=to keep under guard and protect from all persons or things. Used of a Roman guard with two in front, on each side and in the rear.

I. SATAN=S ORIGINAL STATE AND MORAL CHARACTER

A) The Great Interval

1. In the Grand Canyon, there is a 10 gulf between Grand Canyon Village and North Rim City. If you were to look at a map you would not notice it. Because of the great gulf between the two one must go 6 hours to go ultimately 10 miles.

2. We are reminded of this as we read the first two verses in the Bible. One of the most common errors in the Bible is not understanding the thematic philosophical base of the Jews and gaps or gulfs in the Bible.

a) Gap between first and second coming, gap between rapture and 2nd coming, gap between the 69th and 70th week of Daniel. See at least a 2000 year gap taught by Christ, Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1-2a.

3. To interpret Scripture, we must use Scripture to interpret a Scripture. It is like a jig saw puzzle. You must use the totality of Scripture to see the whole. That is

how we understand Christ as fulfilling the Old Testament. Many heresies arise from a false interpretation of a single verse of Scripture, and the matter is even sadder when we realize that the interpretation would have been corrected if the heretic had taken time to collate all of the passages covering the subject on which he erred. As an example we could use the Trinity of modalism heresy or fleece casting.

B) The first side of the abyss stands the following phrase, (Genesis 1:1) "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

1. This is creation Ex- nihlo, or out of nothing. The Hebrew word is עָרַם .
2. This creation was done by Christ, John 1:3, and Colossians 1:16, 17.
3. As with any creation of Christ, it was good and perfect. Yet, we come to verse two and we see the other side of the gulf.

C) The second side of the abyss stands the following phrase, (Genesis 1:2) "And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters."

- 1) Formless and void are the Hebrew words, tohuw and bohuv. The French translate it topsy-turvy. They are best translated without any order and ruined or waste. Can you imagine a God of order creating a place of waste and in disorder?
- 2) In fact, we are told just the opposite, (Isaiah 45:18) "For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He

established it and did not create it a waste place, But formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else."

a) create=bara

b) waste=tohuw

- 3) Furthermore, the words tohuw and bohuv are always used of the result of divine judgment (Jeremiah 4:23, and Isaiah 24:3).
- 4) This shows something happened between the two verses especially when you look at the verb in verse A2" which is Awas. The Hebrew word is Ahayah which is a qal perfect. It means fall out or come to pass, BDB. The same verb in the same form is used in Genesis 2:7 and is translated <became=, as well as 19:26.
- 5) It can be seen that God will always judge the domain of one being judged. The Fall, the Flood, the Tribulation, are just few examples. (Genesis 3:17-18) "Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. {18} "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you shall eat the plants of the field;"
- 6) Furthermore, if a perfect God should create a very imperfect world, it would

violate one of His great principles stated by the Holy Spirit. (Psalms 18:30) "As for God, His way is blameless and perfect... (Matthew 12:35) "The good man out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil." (James 3:11) "Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?"

D) Something Terrible Happened

1. In the recreation of Genesis we see that Satan is already fallen and he introduces sin into the world, (Genesis 3:1) "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" (:4) "And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die!" **This was Satan,** (Revelation 12:9) "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him."

2. The Original Creation Was his Home
 - a) (Isaiah 14:13) "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heavens ... The only place this could be said from is from earth (deutro-plural, more than two).
 - b) What we shall see, is that Satan lived on an earth as ruler and sinned. He with his realm fell.

II. THE CREATION OF SATAN

A) A Principle

1) Often times Satan is addressed through the intermediacy of the others. Through a serpent, and even through Peter, (Matthew 16:22-23) "And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." {23} But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

2) A king of Tyre is addressed and God passes beyond to Satan who stood behind the King to strengthen him in his blasphemous pride and opposition to God. In verses 1-10, we have the historic King Ittobaal II addressed. This literary method of beginning with a historic person, and then projecting the vision to another distant person who stands beyond as the antitype, is a common phenomenon of Scripture. As an example, Acts 2:24-32 an address of David that looks to Christ.

B. SATAN=S ORIGINAL APPEARANCE & LOCATION

1. He was a created being, 13, 15 (bara)
2. Satan had the seal of perfection, v. 12d
 - a) Satan was God=s masterpiece. The <Goodhouse Keeping Seal.= In the world of created beings, Satan was the climax of God=s creation. He was of the highest order. In him was the consummation of perfection in:

I) Wisdom, v.12e

ii) Beauty, v.12 f

b) Satan was the wisest of created beings and the most beautiful created being.

Even the ruling of all angels, has respect for Satan=s created order, (Jude 1:9) But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

3) Satan was also in Eden, v.13

a) This was an Eden before Genesis 1:2. Look at its= description, (Ezek 28:13)

"You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

b) The garden was a mineral garden and not vegetation. It was his covering or protection, hedge, surrounding. The same stones and description is given for the New Jerusalem, Revelation 21:19-20, where the redeemed will live. We can look forward to the future as an analogy of the past. Beings this is poetry, it could be symbolic. If it is, the symbol is always less then the reality.

c) Imagine, when Satan awoke in the first moment of his existence in the full-

orbed beauty and power of his exalted position; surrounded by all the magnificence which God gave him. He never had known a lesser moment,

REMEMBER PROPHET (speaks for God) , PRIEST (speaks for another), AND KING(rules over a realm)!

a) A Textual Problem: 13c, settings is best translated tambourines and sockets is best translated flutes. Depends on vowel pointing. Septuagint translates tambourines and sockets. Both are probably correct.

b) Covering in verse 13a is the word for hedge or wall of protection.

c) Satan was a living doxology. He was the angel of worship. See further verse 18 and 16, where he profaned the sanctuaries which always implies worship and priest. Until his fall, he gave YHWH full worship in his very being. That=s why he hates worship and seems to use it when ever he can for division.

C) HIS ORIGINAL AUTHORITY, v. 14

1. He was the anointed cherub.

a) Anointed=used of priest and sacrifices. Used of one empowered by the Holy Spirit. A priest goes on behalf of others to God. (V. 16 word for

trade is the word merchant, trafficker, one who brings something from one to another). The thought is that Satan brought the worship from angels on the earth to YHWH in heaven. His sin is tied to his giving God his worship and maybe he wanted to keep some for himself.

b) Cherubim had the ability to face God. God placed him in this position.

2. He was on the holy mountain of God, v. 14

a) Holy mountain of God always refers to the center of God=s government, power and eternal throne, i.e. the Washington D.C. of heaven.

1. He had authority over the angels and administered from the throne of God.

b) Stones of fire= used of the absolute presence of God (Exodus 24:10,17), particularly in poetry. Satan was in the very midst (v. 16d) of God=s presence. Satan walked in the very presence of God and His government

II. SATAN=S REVOLT AGAINST GOD

A) His original state, v. 15

1. Blameless is without spot or to be innocent. It is one who has not been tested. Atamiym@ {taw-meem'} 1) complete, whole, entire, sound 1a) complete, whole, entire 1b) whole, sound, healthful 1c) complete, entire (of time) 1d) sound, wholesome, unimpaired, innocent, having integrity 1e) what is complete or

entirely in accord with truth and fact.

2. With Satan, the first time one had a will that was independent of God.

B) THE THREE STAGES OF HIS REVOLT v. 16-19.

1) His splendor and beauty was too much for him, v.17 (See Further 1 Timothy 3:6).

a) He retained his beauty

b) He corrupted his wisdom

2) He was unwilling to remain in the position God had placed him, Isaiah 14.

3) He sold his plan to angels.

Conclusion: