

more glorious state of existence. (GC 499, 500).

- Christ had worked in the heavenly courts to convince Satan of his terrible error, till at last the evil one and his sympathizers were found in open rebellion against God Himself.” (This Day With God, 256).
- Christ, as Commander of heaven, was appointed to put down the rebellion.” (RH, May 30, 1899).
- Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and His loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven.” (The Spirit of Prophecy 1:23).
- Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to conquer the Son of God and those who were submissive to His will. But the good and true angels prevailed, and Satan, with his followers, was driven from heaven.” (Early Writings, 146).

EFFECTS OF THE REBELLION

Satan stood in amazement at his new condition. His happiness was gone. He looked upon the angels who, with him, were once so happy, but who had been expelled from heaven.... Now all seemed changed.

Countenances which had reflected the image of their Maker were gloomy and despairing. Strife, discord, and bitter re- crimination, were among them....

Satan now beholds the terrible results of his rebellion. He shuddered, and feared to face the future, and to contemplate the end of these things. The hour for joyful, happy songs of praise to God and His dear Son had come.

Satan had led the heavenly choir. He had raised the first note, then all the angelic host united with him, and glorious strains of music had resounded through heaven in honor of God and His dear Son.

But now, instead of strains of sweetest music, discord and angry words fall upon the ear of the great rebel leader.... The hour of worship draws nigh, when bright and holy angels bow before the Father. No more will he unite in heavenly song. No more will he bow in reverence and holy awe before the presence of the eternal God.

Satan trembled as he viewed his work. He was alone in meditation upon the past, the present, and his future plans. His mighty frame shook as with a tempest. An angel from heaven was passing. He called him, and entreated an interview with Christ. This was granted him. He then related to the Son of

God that he repented of his rebellion, and wished again the favor of God. He was willing to take the place God had previously assigned him, and be under his wise command. Christ wept at Satan's woe, but told him, as the mind of God, that he could never be received into heaven.... The seeds of rebellion were still within him.

When Satan became fully convinced that there was no possibility of his being reinstated in the favor of God, he manifested his malice with increased hatred and fiery vehemence. As he could not gain admission within the gates of heaven, he would wait just at the entrance, to taunt the angels and seek contention with them as they went in and out.” (1SP 28-30).

At the end of the rebellion, Satan was cast out of heaven to this earth. “The loyal angels mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth.” (ST, January 9, 1879).

The fall of Lucifer

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Lucifer once an exalted angel, but is now fallen to become Satan, the deceiver of all nations, has one mission which he began in heaven, to usurp the power and authority that belong only to God.

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!. 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 also 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 the most High.” (Isaiah 14:12-14).

From the Bible account above, Lucifer has (a) fallen from heaven, (b) cast down to the earth, relegated to this earth and has one single purpose, (c) to deceive the nations of the earth.

He first deceived the angels in heaven, drove them to fight against their Maker with success that one third believed him and were engaged in war against their Maker.

“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 whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Rev. 12:7-9). The Bible further states that he (Satan) “drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth.” (Rev. 12:3-4). Satan and his angels fell like Lightning from heaven (Luke 10:18) and is masquerading as an angel of light to the inhabitants of the earth (2 Corinthians 11:14).

THE ORIGIN OF LUCIFER

“Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone [was] thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cher-

ub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.” (Ezekiel 28: 12-17).

From the verses quoted above, Lucifer was (a) created by God (b) as an anointed cherub, and (c) beauty played a role in his fall for it is written that “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness” and because of this iniquity that was found in him, (d) this led to his expulsion from heaven

- God made him [Lucifer] good and beautiful, as near as possible like Himself.” (RH, September 24, 1901).
- He made him noble, gave him rich endowments and a high position. (Sabbath-School Worker, March 1, 1893).
- His position was high and he was an exalted angel, next in honor to God’s dear Son ((The Story of Redemption, 13).
- Satan...was highest in power and glory.” (The Signs of the Times, July 23, 1902).
- Peace & joy existed throughout the angelic host ((The Spirit of Prophecy 4:316, 317).
- “There was a time when ... it was his [Satan's] joy to execute the divine commands. (The Signs of the Times, September 18, 1893).

LUCIFER THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

- “Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness.” (Ezekiel 28:17).
- Sin appeared in a perfect universe, a thing that was shown to be inexcusable.” (The Signs of the Times, April 28, 1890).
- Evil, sin, and death ... are the result of disobedience, which originated in Satan.” (RH, August 4, 1910).
- Little by little, Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation (PP, 35).
- “Satan ... began his work of rebellion with the angels under his command. (RH, January 28, 1909).
- By sly insinuations, by which he made it appear that Christ had assumed the place that belonged to himself, Lucifer sowed the seeds of doubt in the minds of many of the angels.” (The Educational Messenger, September 11, 1908, par.1).

- “His [Lucifer's] work of deception was done in so great secrecy that the angels in less exalted positions supposed that he was the Ruler of heaven.” (This Day With God, 256).
- “He [Lucifer] gained the sympathy of some of his associates by suggesting thoughts of criticism regarding the government of God. (4BC, 1143).
- A vast number of the angels were seduced.” (Patriarchs and Prophets, 331).

THERE WAS WAR IN HEAVEN

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- It was decided that time must be given for Satan to develop his rebellion. The corrupting principles of Satan's rule must be revealed. (RH, Sept. 7, 1897).
- In this battle every angel would choose his own side, and be manifested to all.” (1SP 21).
- Satan was determined, Head he would be, to control, not to be controlled.” (RH, April 16, 1901).

SATAN CAST OUT OF HEAVEN

All the heavenly host were summoned to appear before the Father, to have each case determined. Satan unblushingly made known his dissatisfaction that Christ should be preferred before him. He stood up proudly and urged that he should be equal with God, and should be taken into conference with the Father and understand His purposes. God informed Satan that to His Son alone He would reveal His secret purposes, and He required all the family in heaven, even Satan, to yield Him implicit, unquestioned obedience; but that he had proved himself unworthy a place in heaven. Then Satan exultingly pointed to his sympathizers, comprising nearly one half of all the angels, and exclaimed, These are with me! Will you expel these also, and make such a void in heaven? He then declared that he was prepared to resist the authority of Christ, and to defend his place in heaven by force and might, strength against strength.” (1SP 22).

- Satan denounced the divine statutes as a restriction of their liberty, and declared that it was his purpose to secure the abolition of law; that, freed from this restraint, the hosts of heaven might enter upon a more exalted,