

The Rebellious Angel: Satan

Before the creation of man events in heaven led to the most tragic rebellion of all time! Lucifer was the most powerful, beautiful and the highest of the angels: most likely led the heavenly choir. But allowed his beauty to fill him with pride (Isaiah 14:12-14. Ezekiel 28:17). One of his job - Cherubim in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary was to protect the Law of God (Exodus 25:21-22)

God made a perfect angel who, of his own God given free will, chose to sin (1 John 3:4) and then becomes a devil (Revelation 12:9). God allowed Lucifer to carry out his rebellion for many reasons:

First: to forever settle any question of whether God created His creatures with freedom of choice.

Second: if God had destroyed Lucifer, the universe would have forever had lingering questions: "Perhaps Lucifer was right"! therefore, God allowed him to demonstrate the horrible results of sin.

Third: God does not want His creatures to obey Him because He will punish them if they don't.

- He wants all to obey from principles of love rather than from fear. See: Ezekiel 28:13-19

Satan deceived 1/3 angels in heaven into rebelling against God and were cast down to this earth (Revelation 12:7-9). God told Lucifer I will lay you before kings (Ezekiel 28:17;) He then created this earth and Adam & Eve. Lucifer deceived Eve & Adam to disobey God (Genesis 3:1-8).

- Ezekiel chapter 28 & Isaiah chapter 14 gives us Lucifer/Satan's history.

God then set up a 3rd party jury system of judgement - Deuteronomy 19:16-19; Revelation 1:6, 1 Corinthians 6:3.

Three important criteria to be a Juror:

1. Not be present at the crime scene.
2. Be a Legal citizen of the country.
3. Be a Law-abiding citizen discerning right from wrong.

Satan continues his deception for nearly 6000 years of human life on earth. God later destroys all rebellious mankind save Noah's family in the flood after warning them through Noah (Genesis 6-9). Bible: destruction of the wicked is God's "strange act" - Isaiah 28:21; Ezekiel 28:19, 33:11; Nahum 1:9.

As generations continue to rebel, God chose faithful Abraham's descendants to be His chosen generations: Israelites of Old Testament. Jesus came 2000 years ago to save humanity from Satan

Heavenly Sanctuary (replica of it on Earth) - after Jesus' death on cross no more sacrifices:

We cannot comprehend the Sacrifice of Jesus until we understand the Sanctuary and its Services:

Alter of Sacrifice: Jesus Sacrifice on Cross (John 1:29)-Belief in Jesus (John 3:16; Acts 2:37-38)

Laver: Jesus Cleansing us of sin (Ephesians 5:26; 1 John 1:9) – Baptism (John 3:5).

Table of Showbread: Jesus the Word (John 6:35; John 1:1,14) – Bible Study (John 5:39).

7 branch Candlesticks: Jesus the Way (John 8:12; Psalms 119:105)-Witnessing (Matthew 5:14).

Alter of Incense: Jesus the Life (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 5:10) – Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Ark of the Covenant: Jesus the Judge (Matthew 3:5) – Judgement/Law of God (James 2:10-12).

Satan trampled Jesus' ministry and the articles of Sanctuary using Papacy: Revelation 13:2 Papacy during 1260 years (538-1798 Revelation 13:5-6) enforced countless non-biblical doctrines.

Alter of Sacrifice: Jesus Sacrifice is not sufficient – Need to do Penance to obtain salvation.

Laver: No need to confess, repent, die to self, enter watery grave, rise: Infant Baptism instituted.

Table of Showbread: No Bible reading allowed – Listen to the Priests and follow traditions.

7 branch Candlesticks: Should not preach about Jesus – In fact killed those who preached.

Alter of Incense: No need to pray to God – Pray to the Priest in 2 chamber confession booth.

Ark of the Covenant: No need 10 Commandments - Removed 2nd & most of 4th, split 10th to 2.

- Papacy used Emperor Constantine who converted to Christianity, to change the day of worship from 7th day Saturday to 1st day Sunday by Law: 7th March 321 AD - Sunday Worship begins!

Expect the Unexpected just before Jesus' 2nd coming:

Don't think or expect Satan to openly appear as God's enemy or some fearsome devil in the end time. He will appear as Jesus come the 2nd time as described of Jesus in Revelation 1:13-15 (See 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Matthew 24:24) and seek the worship of humanity (Revelation 13:12).

Satan will try to deceive:

Example - Jews as Messiah, Muslims as Mahdi, Hindus as Kalki, Buddhists as Maitreya, Christians are confused how the 2nd coming will be, etc... Satan will perform miracles like Jesus where all of humanity could be deceived. Will you be deceived?