

THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

Gen.1:1-2 is part of a dateless eternal past while 1:3 is part of the present time line. Gen.1:2 introduced three chaotic conditions of the pre-adamic earth after it's original creation. We studied this last week. These three conditions characterized an uninhabited earth as opposed to the original creation (Isa.14:17)

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We learned that these three conditions were the results of the fall of Satan in eternity past (Isa.14:12-15; Exk.28:11-17). The King James translated Morning Star of Isa.14:12 as Lucifer (Latin) and is a reference for Satan's fall.

The fall of Satan was the cause of the ANGELIC CONFLICT.

This lesson will study SEVEN aspects of the Angelic Conflict.
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1. The Angelic Conflict began in eternity past with the fall of Lucifer (Satan).

Lucifer was a guardian cherub angel prior to his fall (Ezk.28:14). He led 1/3 of the angels in revolt against God in Heaven (Isa.14:12-15; Ezk.28:11-17; Rev.12:4-13).

Many believe that God offered the fallen angels grace salvation and they rejected it according to Heb.2:2-3. Therefore God sentenced them to the Lake of Fire for an appointed future time (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:10).

Lucifer unsuccessfully appealed this sentence and was given three titles associated with his fall: Satan (adversary of God); Devil (accuser of God); and Evil one (opposition to God) (Job 1:6; 2:1-3; 1 John 5:19).

2. As a result of this angelic rebellion, two categories of angels evolved: fallen and elect.

Fallen angels participated with Lucifer in the rebellion. They are further divided into two categories: imprisoned (2 Pet.2: 4; Jude 6; 1 Pet.3: 19; Gen.6) and demons (Mark 5; 1 Cor.10: 20-21; 1 Tim.4: 1)

Elect angels are those who remained faithful to God during the angelic rebellion (Mark 8:38; 1 Tim.5:21).

3. In the Church age, demons are Satan's highly organized modern army engaged in warfare against the human race, divine institutions, the Church, and plan of God.

This spiritual warfare referred to as the angelic conflict (Eph.2: 1-3; 6:11-17; Matt.13: 36-43).

4. The creation of the human race was designed to resolve the angelic conflict due to Lucifer's appeal of his sentence (Gen.1-3).

Human race was created in the image of God but inferior to angels (Gen.1:26; 1 Cor.11:7).

The resurrection - ascension Jesus Christ placed Him superior to angels since He is worshipped by them (Heb.1:3-14).

Free will (volition) is the common denominator between angels and mankind. Volition makes both free agents to choose or reject God's grace plan (Heb.2:7; Psa.8:5-6).

Adam's fall is an example of the Angelic Conflict being extended to the volition of the human race (Gen.2-3; 2 Cor.11: 3; 1 Tim.2: 13-15).

5. As a result of Adam's fall, Satan gained control of the dominion of the world of mankind but NOT of the volition of mankind (Gen.2-3; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 17:15; Matt.4: 1-11; 2 Cor.4: 4).

As a result of the fall of Adam, every member of the human race is born under both the judicial penalty of AOS as well as under the dominion of Satan (Rom.5:12-21; Col.1:13-14; Acts 26:18; Eph.5:8).

Spiritual darkness is the result of satanic rebellion and fall extended to the fall of mankind (Gen.1:2; Eph.4:17-20; 5:8-16; 6:13).

6. Since the Angelic Conflict had to be resolved in the sphere of the human race, Jesus Christ became the unique member of the human race.

§ Virgin birth	(Luke 1;34-35)
§ Hupostatic Union	(Phil2:5-8; Matt.1:21)
§ Impeccable	(2 Cor.5:21; 1 Pet.2:24)
§ Celebrity of Church	(Heb.2:5-11; Col.1:15-20)
§ Bread of Eucharist	(Luke 22:19; 1 Cor.11:24)

7. In grace salvation, every Church Age believer is placed in Christ, a position superior to angels (Col.1:13-14; 2:14-15; 1 John 3:8; 2 Cor.5:17).

Angels observe the volition of man choosing or rejecting God's grace plan (Luke 15:7,10; 1 Cor.4:9; 11:10; 1 Tim.5:21; 1 Pet.1:10-12).

Since human volition is tested the same as angels regarding salvation, the results are the same (John 3:16, 36; Rev.20:10-15; Rom.8:38-39; 2 Thess.1:7-10).