

THURSDAY**The Fall of Lucifer**

- **Ezekiel 28:11–17** God describes Lucifer/ “seal of perfection”
- Full of wisdom/perfect in beauty =covered w/every precious stone
- Says to him, “**You were in Eden, the garden of God**” (vs 13)
- **Revelation 12:9** great dragon / called Devil/Satan = AKA **serpent of old**, Satan possessed Serpent / Garden of Eden= used it as medium
- **Ezekiel 28:14** God says Lucifer was “ the anointed cherub who covers; [Lucifer had exalted position next to throne of God]
I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God....

Ezekiel 28:15-17 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶“By the abundance of your trading [trafficking] 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...

Isaiah 14:12–14 ¹²“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³For 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; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

- God created perfect cherub= w/ intelligence = free will
 - exalted position of “covering cherub” at throne
- Satan unsatisfied w/position—wanted worship due/ Creator God
- Led rebellion/ heaven – tried to usurp God’s authority **Rev 12:7**
- Thought he knew better than God = not humbly dependent on God

IN CONTRAST = REDEEMED “IN CHRIST”= EXALTED STAND ON HOLY MOUNTAIN W/LAMB

- **Revelation 14:1–5** John sees: Lamb on God standing on Mount Zion w/ 144,000 [Symbolic number representing = redeemed of Earth]
 - have Father’s name written on their foreheads
 - w/o guile/deceit follow Lamb wherever He goes
- Heavenly scene = harps/ redeemed sang new song before throne, before four living creatures / elders; and no one could learn that song except 144,000 who were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 14:6 ⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

- Most important message / world needs to hear is God’s everlasting covenant of **righteousness by faith** based on substitutionary death of Christ—“Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world”, and His great exchange of taking our sins that we might become the righteousness of God *in Christ* (Rev 13:8; 2 Cor 5:21).
- Everlasting covenant = foundation of three angels’ messages
- Warnings the angels pronounce make no sense to anyone who doesn’t understand their need to cultivate a relationship w/ Christ to receive His *righteousness by faith*, and His power to overcome the wiles of Satan.

Revelation 14:7-12 ⁷saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” ⁸And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” ⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” ¹²Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

[LESSON QUOTE] notice how Lucifer was removed from the holy mountain, while the redeemed stand on Mount Zion w/ Lamb of God. Lucifer is said to have been in Eden; the human race was also once there, but in contrast to Satan’s fate, humanity is being restored to paradise through Christ. (See Rev. 22:1–3.) And they are there, in heaven, only because of the gospel. In fact, the theme of the gospel, of redemption, is found in a graphic manner in the throne room in Revelation 4 and 5. For instance, the angels cry out: “ ‘ “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God, persons from every tribe and language and people and nation” ’ ” (Rev. 5:9, NIV). What a picture of the gospel, the death of Jesus for the redemption of humanity!

Notice, too, how the language reflects the first angel’s message, in which we are called to preach “the everlasting gospel . . . to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Rev. 14:6, NKJV). What a powerful representation of the fullness of what Christ has done for the world. There is not a human being in all earth’s history for whom Christ has not died. They just need to learn about it and choose to accept it.

E.G. WHITE QUOTE “Heaven will triumph, for the vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Satan and his angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord.” —*The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, May 29, 1900.