

**WHY DID SATAN REBEL AGAINST GOD?  
HOW DID IT AFFECT HUMAN HISTORY?**

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To begin, let me use the following comparison.

If I proclaimed myself to be "King of the World," I would probably gain a few followers. For amongst humans, there are those who are opportunists and those others who are ready to join any hare-brained scheme.

On the other hand, if Lucifer had approached the angels and declared that he wanted to be "God," "in place of God" or "to be like God," he would have been instantly shunned and avoided at all costs. Angels, after all, were created as perfect beings. And being spirits, they were not limited by time and space and consequently, they would have been able to foresee the consequences of their evil actions. No crack-pot scheme would be compelling enough to rouse them to rebel against God and suffer eternal damnation and separation from their God and Creator. Besides, God had made Lucifer the chief of these angels. Lucifer had everything to be thankful to God for. Indeed his very name meant "bearer of light." And if there was a 'Praise & Worship' ministry, Lucifer's voice would have been the loudest. He was indeed God's right-hand angel.

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But God puts EVERYBODY, even angels, to the test.... just as He did Adam and Eve.

Then God created the Garden of Eden. As man and wife in this perfect setting, Adam and Eve had their physical and emotional needs fulfilled. And God walked with them. So even their spiritual needs were taken care of. There was not a dark cloud in the sky for them.

But God put them to the TEST and required them to keep away from the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil.

And the devil (Lucifer turned Satan ) was the cause of their downfall and banishment from this Paradise.

*Q: Why would the devil have anything to do with Adam & Eve?*

A: Because Adam and Eve and the rest of mankind were the cause of the downfall of the devils!

HOW & WHY??

The word angel means a messenger or servant.  
*And God commanded the angels to serve mankind. This was their test.*

It becomes clear why Lucifer rebelled and *“with his tail swept one third of the stars from the sky” (Revelation 12:4)*. For, after learning that the angels would be required to serve man who was to be created from the dust of the earth, Lucifer declared that he wanted to be *“like God,”* who was served and ministered to by the angels. This God's right-hand angel had no intention of humbling himself and serving and ministering to the “mud people,” and was then able to persuade a third of the angels to rebel against God. It was abundantly clear to all the angels, including Lucifer, because they were perfect beings, that they were God's created beings and therefore could never become God. However, they could exercise the gift of FREE WILL, to accept or reject God's commands. “I will not serve (these mud people),” was Lucifer's cry that rallied many angels in joining him.

*And when Jesus had declared that He had come to earth to serve and not to be served (Mark 10:45), He was implying that He had come as a substitute for those who had refused God's explicit commandment.*

The MOST galling fact to Lucifer, renamed Satan, and the fallen angels, also known as devils or demonic spirits, was the knowledge that mankind which came forth from the dust of the earth would, when perfected, become superior to the angels themselves and occupy the seats to the right and left of God. And Mary, *“a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars,”* would be proclaimed *“Mother of God.”* Added to this was the fact that God would make available spiritual food for man's journey made of His own flesh and blood (*Luke 22:19-20*), a food that the angels could never partake of.

*Wisdom 2:23-24* states that *“God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. And by the envy of the devil, death entered the world.”* Indeed, man was created as a shadowy reflection of God Himself. However, Jesus declared in *Matthew 5:48* “You must be made perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.” So this man, made of mud but created in the image and likeness of God, would when perfected become *“like God”* Himself. The angels, on the other hand, would continue to remain as a separate species of beings even though they would, like God, be holy and perfect spirits.

Consequently, the fallen angels grew envious and rebellious and have, since the creation of man, become the enemy of mankind and have sought its destruction. Sadly, there are humans who are possessed by the devil and do his work, much to their own downfall and eternal despair. *Wisdom 2:24* concludes with the words *“they who are in his possession experience it”* which means that those who are demon-possessed, experience both envy and hatred of others. And to give one example, Karl Marx, the founder of Communism, fell under Satanic influence and pronounced “gigantic curses” on mankind.

In *Genesis, chapter 1* we read that *“the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.”* In the same chapter, *verse 6*, we learn that on the second day, God separated ( but did not then create )

the waters above and below the dome. The *existence of water prior to the first day* proclaims that *Genesis* tells the story of creation from a human perspective, and of RE-CREATION from God's. For God had placed (*pre-Genesis*) Lucifer in charge of the world and so he was able to declare to Jesus in *Matthew 4:8-9*: "*All the kingdoms of the world will I bestow on you if you prostrate yourself in homage before me.*" Jesus never questioned the devils' kingship because it was a fact. However, when Jesus returns, He will overturn Satan's rule and replace it with His own.

*(NOTE – The existence of water prior to the first day of human creation suggests that it was the period when dinosaurs and other pre-historic creatures roamed the earth. It is very clear that mankind would have been an endangered, and definitely extinct, species during the tenure of these great beasts and birds.*

*Secondly, science can NEVER explain creation, because its first law states "Matter can not be created." Creation, like prophecy, is outside the sphere of science. For example, it cannot trace a person's family tree going back 3 thousand years. On the other hand, the prophet Daniel told of the coming of future empires that did not exist in his time. Isaiah foretold centuries prior, the coming of Jesus the suffering servant. The Book of Revelation tells of the (future) end of the ages and Jesus' Second Coming. Prophecy is also outside the scope of science. While scientists, like everybody else, are entitled to their opinions about creation, it is ONLY The Bible that can tell of creation, BOTH past and future.)*

When the fallen angels rebelled, there was a Cosmic Battle (*Revelation 12:7*) between the good and faithful angels and the rebellious ones, which rendered the earth a "wasteland" covered with "darkness," the symbol of wickedness. From this forbidding desolation, the Spirit of God swept like a mighty wind and washed it anew making it habitable, indeed a Garden, for man. And God proclaimed it "Good" – *Genesis 1*

The earthly Paradise God had created for mankind was similar to the Heavenly one for the angels, except the Heavenly one provided the angels with the ever-present Beatific Vision of God.

The angels in Heaven enjoyed an ever present spiritual love feast with God and with each other. Having no bodies, as they were spirit beings, these angels were not subject to physical ailments like tiredness or hunger or headaches. The love of God for the angels and the reciprocal love of the angels for God permeated their very lives and beings and made Heaven into a place of heightened and never-ending ecstasy – a forever HEARTY PARTY. In this Heavenly paradise, Lucifer stood tall and above the rest. God created him as such without any prior merit on Lucifer's part. So the question arises, why would such a perfect creature rebel, in the midst of so much perfect love, ecstasy, beauty, sufficiency and no-competition?

Let's examine this scenario.

A very powerful Emperor decides to make you his Prime Minister. It is an instant decision, not based on any reason or merit on your part. And it immediately provides you with all the benefits and prestige of this noble office. Everywhere you go, the people spontaneously cheer you and offer great honour and respect. There is no one to come up to you and demand an explanation of why this honour was bestowed on you, and also there would be nobody to plot to depose or discredit you. In such an idyllic setting, would you ever entertain the thought of rebelling against the Emperor and taking his throne?

In this fallen world, and with our fallen human nature, it is even possible that somebody in this situation may rebel and attempt to mount and possess the throne of the Emperor.

But the angels then did not have a FALLEN human nature. In *Ezekiel 28:12* ( and following ), we read words addressed to the King of Tyre, but which refer to Lucifer.... "*You were stamped with the seal of perfection, of complete wisdom and perfect beauty.*" The angels were PERFECT, even though there were different classes of angels and greater and lesser angels. And unlike humans, who are limited by time and space, these angels could see the future and the consequences of their actions. *Certainly, Lucifer was NOT stupid or ungrateful before THE TEST.*

THE TEST

While the angels were engrossed in their perfect and seemingly never-ending party in Heaven, where the very thought of rebellion would be UNTHINKABLE, God made known to them His Commandment, which was their TEST! It is clear that when God put the angels to the test, Lucifer their chief, was stupendously incredulous that God required *him*, along with the other angels, to serve humans.

*( The over-100 year old Abraham must have been similarly stupefied to learn that God wanted him to sacrifice Isaac, his only child by his 90 year old and previously-barren wife, Sarah. However, Abraham set his fears and doubts aside, and immediately proceeded to do God's will. )*

*Ezekiel 28: 15 & 16 states that Lucifer who was " blameless in your conduct from the day you were created, until evil was found in you, the result of your far-flung trade, violence was your business, and you sinned, " acted violently. Ezekiel 28:17 states that Lucifer consequently became haughty of heart because of his beauty. He took matters into his hands and violently confronted the angels, far and wide, and "with his tail swept one third of the stars of Heaven ( Revelation 12:4 )." Then having consolidated an army of one-third of angry, rebellious angels, he tried to storm the throne of God and take God's place. The two-thirds loyal angels engaged these rebels in a cosmic battle and cast them down to earth.*

*Jesus stated that He had seen Lucifer, now renamed Satan or adversary, fall down like lightning to the earth (Luke 10:18).*

Before the Fall, the angels had God's presence, also termed the beatific vision, continually before their eyes. However, after rebelling and turning their eyes from God, the evil angels started looking at themselves. Lucifer noticed his great beauty and took on the sin of pride. His fellow rebels also started looking at themselves and got immersed in the other sins of greed, sloth, envy, lust, gluttony, wrath, etc. As long as the angels kept their focus on God, they remained faithful. However, once they took their eyes off God and placed their focus on to themselves, they felt self-sufficient and had no need of God.

*Similarly, Peter kept walking on water as long as his focus was on Jesus, but when he turned his eyes away to look at the storm and raging waters, he began to sink and drown (Matthew 14:29).*

Consequently, God banned the rebellious angels from the mountain of God, and cast them to earth. Since then, the devils have had an unremitting HATRED for mankind, and have made war on these "mud creatures" to turn them away from their creator and thereby lose, what these demons previously possessed, which was the friendship of God and the inheritance of Heaven.

*( NOTE – All those who are engaged in Satan worship, will find out in the next world how very, very wrong they were, and that "Satan is NO friend of Man," and that they were just pawns and "useful idiots" in his hateful and hurtful rebellion. )*

Similarly, the Garden of Eden was man's Paradise. There was not a cloud in the sky. There was plenty of beauty and food, as cultivation and care was easy, and the animals docile. It was a bit like the Heavenly Paradise before the Fall of the rebellious angels. However, after the Fall of Mankind, the Garden of Eden was sealed away, and life became a struggle with thorns and thistles. Heaven remained the same for the loyal angels, though there was repositioning of angels with Michael now taking Lucifer's place. The loyal angels were also assigned as "Guardian Angels" to humans. The demons were domiciled to fiery Hell, but they were still allowed to roam the earth (*Job 2:2*) and "sift" mankind (*Luke 22:31*). God allowed the demons from fiery Hell to "sift" humans so that, through testing, mankind could be purified, as gold and silver are made pure through fire. It has been said that Satan has thereby assigned a demon angel to each human, to counter their God-assigned Guardian Angel.

The question arises – Why does God put us to the test?

The answer is that God is the GOD of LOVE and JUSTICE. The best mansions in Heaven and the seats to His left and right must be 'MERITED.' For Justice must be done AND seen to be done as WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD, equal in His sight and with no favouritism on His part. As only one person *each* can be given the

first and consecutive seats, how will our God of Love and Justice allocate these seats? The basis used by God to determine our place in Heaven will be merit obtained by how we, while on earth, imitated the EXAMPLE of JESUS in doing the WILL of GOD, (whether in season or out, whether convenient or inconvenient, OR even whether reasonable or unreasonable) and carrying out His Commandment of 'LOVE of GOD & NEIGHBOUR.'

In *The Book of Revelation 19:7*, we are informed of the Heavenly Wedding between Jesus and His elect to take place. And, just as at any wedding celebration, the Bridal couple offer the best and nearest seats to those who are dearest and most like-minded, and the further seats to lesser friends and relatives, at the Heavenly Wedding, God will likewise bestow the honoured and nearest seats to those who resemble Christ the most, and the lesser and further ones to the others.

*Revelation 3:16*, declares that the lukewarm will not come close to Jesus in Heaven.

*By way of example*, if 30 billion souls had been created from the beginning of time to the end of the ages, and if one-third are lost forever, then it would mean that 20 billion souls will reach Heaven and will be allocated seats and mansions, close to Jesus and Main Street or further away. God's love and justice for each person requires that this allocation be made in a just manner. It is certain that God does not have to prove and explain His decisions and choices to His creatures. Yet at the final judgment, all the saved will rejoice at the love, wisdom and justice of God's allocation.

Many humans will amazingly choose to go to Hell and follow the one-third of angels who rebelled. God WILL respect all free wills. The rest who go to Heaven will be placed to the right and left, far and near to God by virtue of their MERITS. The Beatitudes teach that those who are disadvantaged in this world are favoured in the next. On the other hand, Jesus has reminded us that the rich of this world have great difficulty in entering Heaven. For GOD provides a LEVEL field for HIS children. It is a choice of....Enjoy NOW, pay later....or pay now, enjoy LATER! To "*pay now*" requires a person to put away his/her human and natural inclinations and put on "*the spiritual person*" by placing the love of God first and then love of neighbour before self, and accepting the WILL of God in all circumstances – good or evil. Moreover, Christians who hold the *supreme advantage* of having the Perfect example of Christ before them, will be required to produce an abundance of fruits ( or merits ). "From those to whom much has been given, much more will be required."

It is therefore incumbent on us to treat our stay on earth as a JOURNEY, not a parking lot. We will ALL die and each will be required to stand in judgment before our God and render an account of our lives and thereby receive eternal reward or eternal damnation.

God had given the angels the fore-knowledge of the inheritance that would be bestowed on the MUD people, and the requirement of the angels to serve these

humans. This was their TEST. In His infinite wisdom, God has likewise allowed the devils on this earth, in turn, to tempt and dissuade humans so that they take the path of least to lesser resistance and thus turn their backs on their inheritance. On the other hand, humans have been given the command of resisting and overcoming these fallen angels, the fallen world and their own fallen nature, and attain God's spiritual nature. This is our TEST.

And SAINTS are those people who remarkably and extraordinarily have passed "summa cum laude" through this fiery crucible of testing despite their weak flesh and powerful worldly enticements.

Adam & Eve were the first to be tempted by the devil. It is certain that Cain & Abel were also tempted. When Abel resisted the devil's temptations, his sacrifice became pleasing to God. Cain caved in, and became his brother's murderer.

Even Jesus was not exempt from the devil's temptations (Matthew 4:1-11).

It is certain that those who are confronted with great and frequent trials and temptations, are the very ones who are graced with more opportunities to obtain even greater merit. And the saints always urged those who were suffering to thank God more and indeed to ask for even greater sufferings!

Indeed - The greater the Trial, the greater the Glory.

The Arch-angels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael must have passed this test with supreme merit. And the victorious angels, as stated in *Revelation 5:7*, who unceasingly worship before the Throne of God and have the eternal reward of being forever in God's immediate presence, must have also passed the test with supreme honours.

The Bible makes it clear that there are different classes of angels. These classes are the result of MERIT and are appropriately named as Archangel, Principality, Power, Virtue, Dominion, Throne, Cherubim and Seraphim.

It is now clear why God tests each and every creature – human or angelic. The angels have had their day of testing. Human testing will end when Christ will come again as Lord and Judge. Until then, we have to put on the whole spiritual armour of prayer, fasting and good works. More importantly, we have to die to our natural selves and become spiritual persons, holy, righteous and pleasing to God. We will thus be able to accept with joy "*why and when bad things happen to good people.*" Though short is a person's lifetime, and brief the period of testing, yet eternal is his/hers reward.