

SATAN'S CAREER

Ezekiel 28:11-19

SATAN'S ORIGIN

***V12— “You were the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”***

He was "the sum" of all created perfection, that is, the most exalted of all God's creatures—angelic and human.

Second, he was "full of wisdom," that is, possessed the full measure of creative wisdom.

Third, he was, "perfect in beauty," that is, was endowed with the full measure of creative excellency.

V12—“ I established you.”

The exalted position which Satan occupied not by inherent merit or achievement, was it delegated to him by his Creator. It was the gift of his Sovereign Creator.

***V13 – “You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering.”***

I believe in an earthly garden of Eden and a heavenly one. The heavenly one is a mineral/gem garden called the Garden of God. The earthly garden of Eden was a vegetable/fruit garden. Satan had access to both places.

The reference to "every precious stone" being his covering (Ezekiel 28:13), and the description of them which follows (when compared

with ephod of the high priest (Ex28:17-20)), seems to hint at his priesthood.

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V13 (KJV)—" the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created."

John MacArthur says that he oversaw the worship and praise in heaven. He did not need an instrument of praise to glorify His creator. He himself had perfect music of praise within him for God.

V 14 –"You are the anointed cherub that covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire."

We are told he is a "cherub." The cherubim are distinguished from the other intelligent, angelic beings.

Satan is not termed a cherub, but "**the cherub**," which seems to show that he was the prince or chief of the cherubim—cf. Matthew 12:24, He is better known as "The prince of the devils" today. In authority and power Satan was above every other created being.

Note also, he is here described as "the anointed cherub." Scripture provides us with several examples where "anointing" relates to induction to an office, and in the verse now before us the reference is evidently to God's appointment of Satan to fill a certain position.

In the Old Testament times men were anointed to fill but three offices—that of priest, prophet, and king the prophetic. By inference it is possible that Satan originally filled each of these offices himself!

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Isaiah 14:13, speaks of Satan's evil desire is to exalt *"his throne,"* above God's throne. A throne signifies kingship.

V14— "You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones."

The reference to "the holy mount" here seems to point to the place where God visibly manifested His glory.

According to Exodus 24:10, the "stones of fire" are located at the foot of God's throne. The floor of God's throne is sapphire.

V18— "You defiled your sanctuaries."

May no doubt have reference to his priesthood.

SATAN'S FALL

Jesus was there when he was judged and fell. The Lord Jesus Himself said: *"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven"* (Luke 10:18).

V17—"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness."

The immediate cause of his fall is clearly revealed to us in this verse. He became occupied with his own beauty and, as Proverbs 16:18 declares, *"Pride goes before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall,"* so these prideful thoughts which Satan had of himself brought about his ruin.

His name Lucifer means the “shinning one” and “the light bearer.” His beauty and brilliance got to his head.

Satan's pride is clearly brought before us in Isaiah 14:12-15 , were we read of the 5-fold “I wills of Satan.”

"How are you fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning, how are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For you have said in your 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.***

Yet you shall be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the pit."

His sin consisted in the rejection of the supremacy of his Maker. He determined to be equal with the Most High. He was not satisfied with a subordinate place but aspired equality with the Almighty, all the while the Son of God, being in very form God, did not consider equality to God something to be grasped (Phil 2:6).

He wanted God’s throne; he was not satisfied with throne he had been given. And so, the war of thrones began.

SATAN’S KINGDOM

Luke 4:5,6—*"And the Devil, taking Him up into a high mountain, showed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the Devil said unto Him, all this power will I give you, and the glory of them; for that is delivered unto me; and to whoever I will I give it."*

Jesus refused the kingdoms of this world from Satan's hand, one day the Antichrist will have them offered, and he will accept them.

Satan is a king. *"If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his 'kingdom' stand?"* (Mat 12:24-30).

On three different occasions our Lord described Satan as "The Prince of this world"— John 12:31;14:30; 16:11, as to his position since his fall .

Satan usurped Adam's earthly sovereignty, taking away the scepter from him. One day, at God's appointed time, the Jesus Christ our Lord will take away the scepter and earthly kingdoms from him.

SATAN'S WORK

The Apostle Paul declared " *we are not ignorant of his devices*" (Cor 2:11).

He is the Master Counterfeiter

Satan is not an initiator but an imitator. God has an only begotten Son—the Lord Jesus, and so has Satan— "*the son of Perdition*" (2 Thess 2:3).

There is a Holy Trinity, and there is likewise a Trinity of Evil (Rev. 20:10). We read of the "children of God," so also, we read of "the children of the wicked one" (Matt 13:38).

God works in believers to will and to do of His good pleasure, Satan is "*the Spirit that now works in the children of disobedience*" (Eph 2:2).

There is a "mystery of godliness" (1 Tim 3:16), so also is there a "mystery of iniquity" (2 Thess 2:7).

Are we told that God by His angel's "seals" His servants in their foreheads (Rev 7:3). Satan by his agents sets a mark in the foreheads of his followers.

Christ performed miracles, signs, and wonders" so also can Satan (2 Thess 2:9). Christ seated upon a throne, so is Satan (Rev 2:13).

Christ has a Church, Satan has his "synagogue" (Rev 2:9). Christ is the Light of the world, Satan himself is "transformed into an Angel of Light" (2 Cor 11:14). Christ has his "ministers", so does Satan have his ministers, too (2 Cor 11:13).

He Is the Great Deceiver

Rev 12:9 –*Satan, the devil, deceives the whole world.*

“And we know that we are of God, and the whole world (the Satanic System) lieth in wickedness” (1 John 5:19).

Satan deceives by "blinding" the eyes of the world. *“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them”* (2 Co 4:3-4).

Satan has his preachers who preach "another gospel" (Gal 1:6-9). It is a perverted gospel. That gospel is the "doctrine of devils" (1 Tim. 4:1). Satan preaches Jesus, but it's another Jesus.

He is termed *"Liar, and the father of it"* (John 8:44). His work is to pass misinformation, fake news and lies for truth. Satan's mode of

carrying out his evil work: by lying slanders, false accusations, evil defamations.

He is the instigator of “The Great Apostasy” of the last days. Peter says: *“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed”* (2 Pe 2:1-2).

The center message of Satan’s gospel is “Be good and do good.” It is a damning gospel! The mention of sin and its consequences is avoided altogether. Without the remission sin, through faith in the death of Christ, people wind up in hell with him.

The devil’s delusion is that we are good enough in and of ourselves and can be saved by our own works. Whereas God tells us: *“by grace you are saved through faith ... not of works, lest any man should boast.*

He is called "The god of this world" (2 Cor 4:4) because he is the inspirer and director of all religions of the world. His work is to gain worship through false religion.

He is the Great Adversary

Thirty -five times he is called "The Devil," which means "The Accuser" or "Slanderer"—accusing the saints before God and vilifying the character of God before men.

Fifty-two times he is called "Satan," which means "Enemy" or "Adversary."

The warfare between "Good" and "Evil," is recorded in the Bible from Gen 3:15 to Rev 20:10. Satan has tried to stamp out faith in God and righteousness from the get-go.

SATAN'S DOOM

His career can be traced from his 6 abodes.

- 1) Heaven – he was cast out like lightning. Access is still permitted to him.
- 2) Garden of Eden -the earthly one- he was there.
- 3) Air – he is the prince of the power of the air- where he lives and operates now.
- 4) Earth – will be cast down to it during the Tribulation period. Heaven shall be blocked to him.
- 5) Abyss- the pit with no bottom – he'll be chained there for 1000 years
- 6) The burning lake of fire – his final destiny and doom—where he shall be tormented day and night for eternity.

Good riddance!