

## THE RISE AND FALL OF SATAN

INTRO: The Bible makes it very clear that man has an arch-enemy -- adversary, Tempter, beast, slanderer, deceiver, roaring lion, god of this world, prince of the power of the air...

→ BACK OF EVIL -- Eph. 2:2, inspires every crime, plots every sin, energizes every lost man's thoughts, actions, etc. *Why Godless prosper etc.*

*What makes him Tick - Time Bomb*

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM, WHAT'S HE UP TO, WHY DOES GOD ALLOW HIM TO OPERATE?

IMPORTANT: KNOW YOUR ENEMY! He acts according to His character

*Satan Is A Created Being* *Jezebel II*

I. HIS RISE -- Ezek. 28:11-17... Notice vv. 1-10 to the Prince, then 11-17 to the King, the power behind the Throne... Satan works through men, is active in the affairs of govt.

NOTICE, also, the same characteristic we find in the King are found in the Prince. SATAN REPRODUCES HIMSELF THROUGH MEN!

THIS PASSAGE SHOWS US WHERE SATAN CAME FROM

I. SATAN IS A CREATED BEING, v. 13, 15 He isn't eternal or self-existent -- can't be free from his dependence upon God.

1. CREATED PERFECT, v. 12, 15 "seal of perfection." Read AMP. translation.

*Perfect in all his ways = everything about him was perfect*

(1) Perfect in WISDOM 12 Wisest of all God's creatures -- serpent in Garden, the "craftiest..."

Doesn't say he's perfect in KNOWLEDGE, but only in WISDOM. Satan isn't omniscient. *an attribute?*

(2) Perfect in BEAUTY 12, 13, 17 ISA. 14 He's called LUCIFER, "Radiant Light, Shining One."

a. BEAUTIFUL IN SIGHT v13. His beauty was a REFLECTED BEAUTY, Not inherent, needed light.

"Must have been a dazzling sight..."

b. Beautiful in SOUND 13 "Pipes" He was a walking PIPE ORGAN, opened his mouth out came a doxology...

Can understand now why this is a "LAMENTATION" a sad song, a funeral dirge...God is sorrowing over the fall of this beautiful creature.

2. CREATED POWERFUL v. 14 It seems that God administered the affairs of the universe through Lucifer, God's Prime Minister.

(1) ANOINTED CHERUB--Highest order of angels, Jude 9, even Michael wouldn't treat Satan disrespectful. *messiah, x*

(2) COVERETH--"guards and rules" 2nd in command.

→ (3) MOUNTAIN OF GOD--Center of God's authority and govt.

*not mly a Created Being, He is a Corrupt Being*

II. HIS FALL 28:15,16,18 Luke 10:18; Rev. 12

1. BECAME PROUD OF HIS PERFECTION...15,17  
I Tim. 3:6 (footprints of Satan)

(God's gift was the occasion of His sin)...The greatest evils come from abuse of God's greatest gifts --HOME, GOVT, TALENT, BEAUTY.

→ (Never give your children idea you love them because they are beautiful, etc.)

*Proud*  
2. PERVERTED HIS POSITION...v. 16; ISA. 14--a Tale of Two Wills -- wasn't content to play 2nd fiddle.  
*Created to Execute Ob Will not to Exercise Self-Will*

ISA. 14--HOW LUCIFER BECAME SATAN: Didn't stay in His PLACE!!! Here's a big footprint!!!  
Rev. 12:4; Jude 6; II Peter 2:4; GARDEN OF EDEN--Become "elohim"

Not content with created position; rebelled against God's purpose and plan and place



WOMEN'S LIB, STUDENT REVOLT, TEENAGE REBELLION  
AGAINST PARENTS, "They don't want me to have any  
fun, warping my personality..."

### III. ~~XXX~~ SATAN IS A CONQUERED BEING

Ezek. 28:17f19; Isa. 14:15,16,17

Heb. 2:14,15; Col. 2:14,15; I John 3:8; Rev. 12:11;  
Rev. 20:10.

THE DEVIL IS BLUFFING! 

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SATAN TO WORK?

1. To demonstrate to all creation the utter  
futility of living independently of God.

Satan is being permitted to exercise his power  
in order that he ~~xxx~~ and all his followers  
~~themselvesxxx~~ will themselves be the final proof  
of the futility and foolishness of rebellion.

2. To demonstrate to the universe the Wisdom and  
mercy of God...Eph. 3:10 2:7