

A Study of Angels and Demons Part 3

When Jesus was baptized by John at the age of 30, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16). When the Levites turned 30 years of age, they were anointed with oil to prepare them for their priestly service (Exodus 29:7). Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit: ²⁰***But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.*** ²⁷***But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you.*** (1 John 2:20; 27 [ESV]) We, too, are anointed with the Holy Spirit when we are baptized into Christ for the remission of sins: ³⁸***And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*** (Acts 2:38 [ESV]) All those who have been baptized into Christ have put on His holy garments (Galatians 3:27) in order to serve Him as a nation comprised of a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9). ⁴***Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne,*** ⁵***and from Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on Earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood*** ⁶***and made us a Kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*** (Revelation 1:4-6 [ESV])

Because we are priests and kings in His service and clothed in His holy garments we can approach His throne boldly (Hebrews 4:16). Therefore, when I see Lucifer described as being ***“an anointed Guardian Cherub . . . on the holy mountain of God”*** in Ezekiel 28:14, I conclude he was anointed with the Holy Spirit of God to be High Priest of the Angelic Host.

The word translated ***“Guardian”*** in the original Hebrew was ***kacah*** (pronounced kaw-SAW) and it means to clad self, close, clothe, conceal, cover (self), (flee to) hide, to overwhelm. It also means to stop the approach, to block, and to shut off. As Guardian Cherub, then, it was Lucifer’s responsibility to stop or block the approach of any Angel coming to God without His consent. Only a limited amount of the Angelic realm were allowed to approach the Presence of God, and that is what is meant by the statement, ***“I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.”*** (Ezekiel 28:14 [ESV]) Just as only the High Priest under the Law of Moses was allowed to approach God in the Holy of Holies, so, too, does it seem that Lucifer as High Priest before his fall was allowed to approach the Presence of God.

Remember what we learned about what was found within the Holy of Holies. The Mercy Seat, representing God’s throne where His grace was granted, had overshadowing it two Seraphim whose outstretched tips of their wings touched and covered the Mercy Seat, guarding the Presence of God. I believe that these Seraphim over the Mercy Seat were symbolic of the Seraphim we see at the throne of God in Scripture. Lucifer was possibly one of these before his fall, and

Michael possibly the other. Michael is called the Archangel (Jude 9), and we are also told in Revelation 12:7-8 (ESV) that it was Michael who defeated Satan in that long ago, pre-historic age:

⁷Now war arose in Heaven, Michael and his Angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his Angels fought back,⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in Heaven.

In Exodus 28 we are told the significance and meaning behind the twelve precious stones worn by the High Priest. ***²¹There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes. ²⁹So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD.*** (Exodus 28:21; 29 [ESV]) Let us now compare the precious stones worn by Aaron to those worn by Lucifer:

AARON'S GEMS	SON OF JACOB	LUCIFER'S GEMS
SARDIUS	REUBEN	SARDIUS
TOPAZ	SIMEON	TOPAZ
CARBUNCLE	LEVI	CARBUNCLE
EMERALD	JUDAH	EMERALD
SAPPHIRE	DAN	SAPPHIRE
DIAMOND	NAPHTALI	DIAMOND
JACINTH	GAD	
AGATE	ASHER	
AMETHYST	ISSACHAR	
SARDIUS	ZEBULUN	SARDIUS
TOPAZ	JOSEPH	TOPAZ
CARBUNCLE	BENJAMIN	CARBUNCLE

As can be seen in the table above, the row worn by Aaron containing the gems associated with Gad, Asher and Issachar is missing from the gems worn by Lucifer. An explanation behind the meaning of the gems, I believe, is given in Jacob's prophecy of blessing he gives to his sons shortly before he dies in Genesis 49 (ESV).

¹⁴“Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. ¹⁵He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor.

¹⁹“Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels.

²⁰“Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies.”

The jewel for Issachar is missing because Satan is not a burden bearer, Jesus is (Matthew 11:29-30). The jewel for Gad is missing because Satan's future punishment is assured (Matthew 25:41). Jesus is the victor that was crucified (1 Corinthians 15:57). The jewel for Asher is missing because Satan will never produce royal seed because Jesus is King forever (1 Timothy 6:15). Since the jewels were imbedded into Lucifer at his creation, this would mean that limitations were placed upon Lucifer before he fell. God, by His determinate foreknowledge, placed limits on the enemy even before he fell.

It is also possible that just as the twelve stones of Aaron's breastpiece represented the twelve sons of Jacob, it could be that the nine stones of Lucifer's garment represented the nine orders of Angels as outlined by Thomas Aquinas: the Seraphim (Isaiah 6:2), the Cherubim (Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10:1-22), the Thrones (Colossians 1:16), the Dominions (Colossians 1:16), the Virtues (1 Peter 3:22), the Powers (Colossians 1:16), the Principalities (Colossians 1:16), the Archangels (1 Thessalonians 4:16), and the Angels.

There can be no doubt that when we see Jesus in Heaven, He is pictured as both High Priest and King. ***¹Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.*** (Hebrews 8:1-2 [ESV]) As High Priest He, too, is garbed similarly to that which is described for both the Aaronic priesthood and that of Lucifer, which makes me believe that before his fall Lucifer was a priest of the Angels before God. But I hold out the possibility that I could be wrong.

The Fall of Lucifer (Satan)

Lucifer is described as being cast from Heaven in Isaiah 14:12-14 (ESV) below, once again due to his pride. This is why I am convinced both passages, Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, refer to the same person. Notice how many times Lucifer says in his heart, ***"I will,"*** instead of doing God's will. And remember that in contrast Jesus prayed, ***"Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done"*** (Luke 22:42 [ESV]).

¹²"How you are fallen from Heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to Heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"

The name ***"Lucifer"*** in the KJV (***"Day Star"*** in the ESV above) comes from the Latin word for 'light-bearer.' It was also the name given to the planet Venus when it appears as the morning star in the sky. The Hebrew word for Lucifer is ***halal*** (haw-lal) which appears to be this Cherubim's real name before he became

known as Satan. In the Scriptures Lucifer is called **“the son of the morning”** or **“son of Dawn”** and the Hebrew term **halal** means morning star or day star.

The *Book of Revelation* also describes how Satan was cast from Heaven, taking with him a third of the Angels.

⁴His tail swept down a third of the stars of Heaven and cast them to the Earth. ⁷Now war arose in Heaven, Michael and his Angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his Angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in Heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the Earth, and his Angels were thrown down with him. (Revelation 12:4; 7-9 [ESV])

We have established that according to the Bible, Angels *are* created beings (Job 38:4-7 and elsewhere). However, what we do not know is the exact answer as to *when* were they created. When they were created is not specifically mentioned in the creation story, as is the case with both the animals and man.

The passages that teach us of the creation of Angels give us a glimpse into the history of Satan and his fall. For there to have been a history, then there would have had to be the existence of time in some form. The verses in Job, in particular, show us that Angels were created prior to man and even the Earth itself. The *Book of Job* also gives us further insight into how Satan interacts with God and man. It is obviously clear that Satan, as powerful as he may be, is no match for God, and Satan can only do what he is allowed to do.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. ⁷The LORD said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the Earth, and from walking up and down on it.” ⁸And the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the Earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?” ⁹Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for no reason? ¹⁰Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse You to Your face.” ¹²And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. (Job 1:6-12 [ESV])

Satan is depicted as presenting himself before the Lord along with the **“sons of God.”** The **“sons of God”** is a reference to Angelic beings, which gives further evidence that Satan began as an Angel. The phrase **“sons of God”** in

reference to Angels occurs on more than one occasion in Scripture, the first time occurring in Genesis 6 with the introduction of the Nephilim.

Descriptions of Angels

Some Angels are described as having wings (the Seraphim and Cherubim), but not all of them. In spite of what the artists throughout the centuries would have us believe, no Angel in Scripture ever appeared as a baby with wings or as a beautiful woman. Whenever they appeared to mankind they always had the appearance of a man. They are very awesome creatures to behold (Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1), and they are often clothed in white garments and shine with a light of their own.

Two Angels are named in Scripture: Gabriel and Michael. Some believe, and can make a very good case, that Michael is the name of the Angel of the Lord. If this is true, then Michael would be a pre-incarnate (meaning prior to His birth) name for Jesus. The Angel Raphael is also named in the *Book of Tobias* (Tobit), an apocryphal book and part of the Catholic canon. There are also several Angels ("Watchers") named in the *Book of Enoch*. Some of these are Semjaza, Samlazaz, Araklba, Rameel (who becomes Azazel and is later called Gadriel), Kokablel, Tamlel, Ramlel, Danel, Ezeqeel, Baraqijal, Asael, Armaros, Batarel, Ananel, Zaqiel, Samsapeel, Satarel, Turel, Jomjael, Sariel, Raguel, Remiel, Saraqael, and Uriel. Once again, none of these are beautiful women or chubby babies. Instead, they are all in the form of men.

We will take a closer look at the *Book of Enoch* later in this study when we examine the appearance of the Nephilim in Genesis 6. The events of Genesis 6 are confirmed by what is related throughout the *Book of Enoch*.

The Work of Angels in Scripture

Angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds (Luke 2:14), they ministered to Christ after His temptation in the desert (Matthew 4:11), they comforted Jesus in His agony in the garden (Luke 22:43), and they appeared to announce His resurrection from the dead at His empty tomb (John 20:12). Jesus Christ stated the Angels of little ones continually behold the face of the Father (Matthew 18:10). Angels will come with Him on the Day of Judgment (Matthew 24:31), and the Angels will separate the wicked from the just on the last day (Matthew 13:49), although they do not know when the Day of Judgment will be (Mark 13:32). Christ also said the children of the resurrection will be equal to the Angels (Luke 20:34).

Michael is one of the leading Angels and is considered "**Prince**" of the Heavenly Hosts, and appears twice in the *Book of Daniel* (Daniel 10:13 and Daniel 12:1). He is the only one in the Bible referred to as an Archangel by name (Jude 1:9), and serves a major role in chapter 12 of the *Book of Revelation*. The Angel

Gabriel first appears twice to Daniel (Daniel 8:16 and Daniel 9:21), but is best known for the announcement he gave to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38). The *Book of Tobias* (Tobit 12:15) names Raphael as “**one of the seven who stand before the Lord.**” Revelation 8:2 also refers to the seven Angels who stand before the Lord. The seven are Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the three named in the Bible and the Apocrypha; and Raguel, Remiel, Saraqael, and Uriel, all of whom are named in the *Book of Enoch* (Enoch 20:1-8), a book found among the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the Bible of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Ethiopia. (By the way, this means that the Ethiopian eunuch would have had the *Book of Enoch* in his possession when he was converted by Philip to Christ in the desert of Gaza in Acts 8. It was listed just after Deuteronomy in their canon of Old Testament writings.)