

THE ESCATOLOGY OF
SATAN FROM GENESIS TO
REVELATION


PART 1

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SATAN IS MENTIONED 150 IN THE BIBLE

Lucifer, Satan and the Devil are three different names for the same angel. Lucifer refers to this angel when he lived in heaven. Satan and the Devil are names for this angel after he became evil and came to our earth. The Bible uses many names for Satan.

Lucifer was created by God as a perfect angel. He was called Lucifer while he lived in heaven. After he sinned and persistently refused to repent he was thrown out of heaven. When Lucifer was cast out of heaven he lost his name Lucifer and he became known as Satan. The history of Satan tells his story.



Well,
that didn't go the
way I'd hoped...

WHO WAS THE FIRST SINNER?

The origin of sin took place even before Adam and Eve were created (Genesis. 1:26-27). The beginning of sin took place prior to the creation of the heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1). Remember that before Adam sinned, there was already a sinful creature who was in the Garden of Eden and who was in a fallen and wicked condition.

To find out about the ORIGIN of sin, we need to learn about the first sinner. Adam was the first human sinner, but he was not the first sinner. Lucifer was!

LUCIFER – SON OF THE DAWNING, NOT MORNING

Lucifer is just another name for Satan, who as head of the evil world-system is the real, though invisible, power behind the successive rulers of Tyre, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and all of those evil rulers that we have seen come and go in the history of the world. This passage goes beyond human history and marks the beginning of sin in the universe and the very fall of Satan in the pristine, sinless spheres before the creation of man.

The single place where the title Lucifer is found is in Isaiah 14:12.

Isaiah 14:12

"How art thou fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning!
how art thou cut down to the ground,
which didst weaken the nations!"

(Interlinear) "O shining star, son of morning,
how you have fallen from the heavens...
For you said in your heart,
I will go up to the heavens;
I will raise my throne above the stars of YHWH,
and I will sit in the mount of meeting
in the sides of the north...
I will be compared to the most high."

HOW DID THE NAME LUCIFER GET MISTRANSLATED BY THE CHURCH?

The name Lucifer has often been understood to be another name for the devil or the satan. This identification has a long history in the church, going back to at least the fourth century. Its origin is actually from a passage in the Old Testament from the book of Isaiah that, to some, speaks of a being cast out of heaven because of pride. Since some people see a reference to the devil being cast out of heaven in the New Testament (Rev 12:9-12; cf. Lk 10:18), they assumed that the Isaiah passage referred to the same thing.

The passage (NRSV): 14:12 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!

In the King James translation, verse 12 reads:

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

This often misinterpreted passage has led some to conclude that Lucifer is a different entity than Satan. At the very least, the King James mistranslation compounds confusion because of the association of Venus / Lucifer / "Morning Star".

The original Hebrew makes clear that the word "Lucifer" is not an accurate translation. "Light Bringer" clearly is not what was intended in this passage. Unfortunately, the Hendricksen Interlinear Hebrew Bible translates the phrase misleadingly as well, using "O shining star" instead of "Lucifer".

The actual Hebrew word hay-lale does not mean "star" but "bright or clear sounding" [as in singing Hallelujah] although it also denotes "brightly colored or shining", and appropriately, "boastfulness and pride". If the intended meaning was "star", the Hebrew word for star, kochob "a round rolling object", would have been used.



The phrase, "son of morning" should read "son of the dawning", as in "the earliest" or "the first" -- YHWH created the angels at the dawn of all of His creation. A more accurate English translation from the Hebrew should read, "O clear sounding, boasting son from the beginning", describing this rebel angel who was cast out from the heavens by YHWH. Satan is not the only "morning star" mentioned in the Old Testament. Other passages describe the angels as sons from the morning or dawning of creation:

Who is the morning Star and the Bright Morning star?

This could not mean Adam who had no sons until after he sinned. This was when the foundations of earth were being laid, before Adam was made on the 6th day. The angels were together, united as sons of YHWH before a division occurred through the fall of a certain Cherub. So we see that the morning stars are a group and they are also called sons of YHWH.

The Hebrew word for sons of YHWH is bene elohim. The term, sons of YHWH in the Old Testament is used in a plural manner and refers to angels. Men are not called sons of YHWH until the New Testament when the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodosh resides in them. One becomes a son of God – children in his spiritual family (Jn.1:12; 1 Jn.3:1,10, 5:10) by being born again, by His Spirit living within us. We are adopted becoming part of a family of believers. Gal. 3:26-27: “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus” (Rom.8:14,19; Lk.20:36). The word `son ` in this respect relates to possession, or that one thing belongs to another.

The word morning stars is found only once in the Old Testament and is plural in Job 38:7. [KJV, NKJV, NASV all have the same words in Job.38.] The Hebrew word here for morning is boquer or dawn stars – they are symbolized as when the angels were together in unity. We see this symbology used when Satan states “I will exalt my throne above the stars of YHWH.” His goal; to become the authority over all the “other“ angels in heaven, something reserved only for YHWH.

All the angels are called morning stars, collectively (Job 38:4-7), this is not a unique title. Satan is classed among the other morning stars as a created being, an angel. However, he being called the son of the dawning separates him from among the other stars. The other angels are called stars, morning stars (symbolically), this title makes the point that he had a higher estate than the others.

After the fall he is no longer called by this title. We have to understand that this being, now called Satan (meaning accuser) was created without flaws, perfect in his being until sin was manifested - which was pride). Satan is spoken of in Ezek. 28:14: “You were the anointed cherub who covers; in Ezek 28:16 he is called the covering cherub. He was the anointed angel that was located “above YHWH’s throne.”

There are three places the title morning star are seen in Scripture.

1) Rev. 2:28 “and I will give him the morning star.” In Revelation the Son of YHWH/YAHSHUA HAMASHIACH promises to give the MORNING STAR to him that overcometh. . . this has nothing to do with the fallen angels known as Satan. Since one is overcoming the world and its temptations that come from Satan to receive the morning star. Morning star- proinos. Aster.

Rev 2:28 The morning star ton (NT:3543) astra (NT:785) ton (NT:3543) proion (NT:4355). “The star the morning one.” In Rev 22:16 Yahshua is the bright morning star. The victor will have Yahshua” (from Robertson's Word Pictures in the New Testament)

2) Rev 22:16: `Yahshua is called THE “bright morning star”: Bright morning star- lampros-1) shining a) brilliant proinos- pertaining to the morning. Gr.aster-a star.

This means we will have Yahshua Himself [as our reward], like Yahuwah promised Abraham “I am your exceeding great reward. This connects with Rev. 22:16: “I, Yahshua, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

Yahshua is saying he alone is this, “I am the bright Morning Star.” Only here is the word bright is added to Morning Star, distinguishing Yahshua HaMaschiach the Messiyah from any angel.

Son of the morning (which correctly translated from the Hebrew is son of the dawning) (is exclusively Lucifer’s title before he fell) and is not the same as the bright morning star (used only for Yahshua), which makes the titles difference between Yahshua and Satan.

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YHWH questioned Job from the whirlwind Job 38:4-7:

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
... or who cast it's corner stone, when the morning stars sang
together, and all the sons of YHWH shouted for joy?

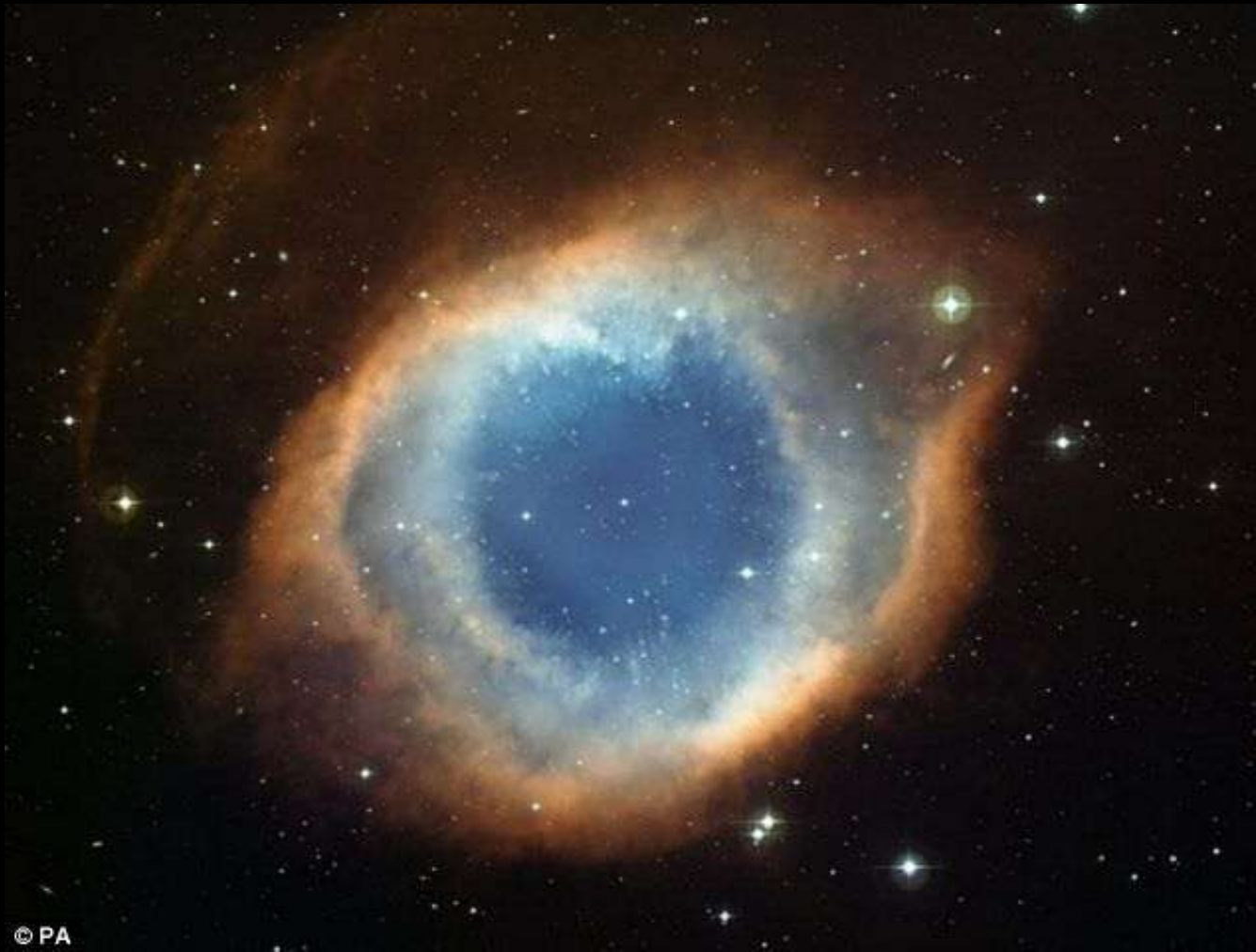


YHWH created the angels before he spoke the worlds into existence. YHWH is known throughout the Bible as the ELOHIM OF HOSTS, Job 25:2:

Rule and fear are with Him
He makes peace in his high places.
Is there any number to his armies?

Psalm 148: Praise Jehovah from the heavens:
praise him from the heights. Praise him, all his angels;
Praise him all his hosts. Praise him sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.
Praise him O heavens of heavens;
... Let them praise the name of Jehovah;
for He commanded, and they were created.
And he established them forever and ever;
He gave a decree that they not pass away

The 'eye of god' - also known as the Helix nebula - is so huge, it would take a beam of light two-and-a-half years to cross it



BEFORE THE FALL LUCIFER WAS ONE OF YHWH's MOST BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS

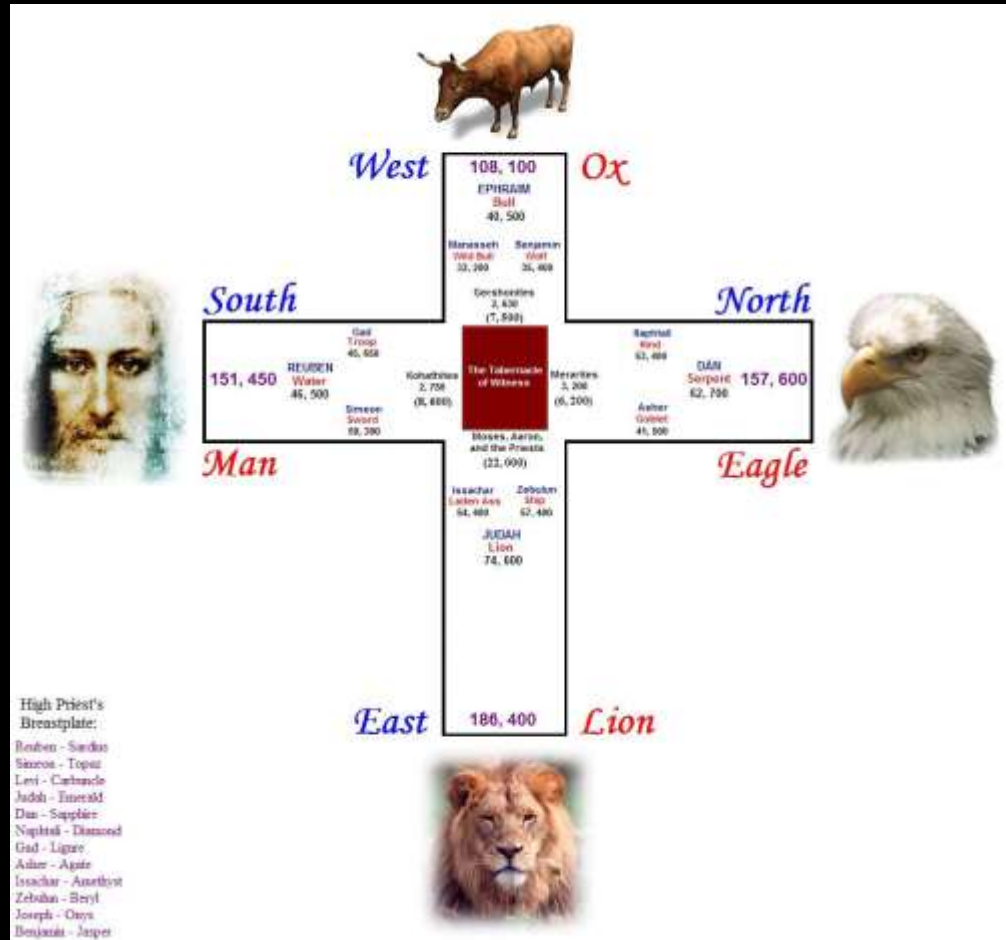
So Satan was created a cherub and he originally was “the anointed cherub that covered” the very throne of YAHUWAH. He was perfect and “blameless”. Reading YHWH’s description in Ezekiel, you see all the precious stones that have ever been created are a covering of his: gold, emeralds, jasper, and so on. He was “full of wisdom and beauty” but his pride lifted up his self-worth and he became “unrighteousness” before YHWH.



WHAT DO CHERUBS LOOK LIKE?

Although cherubs are often depicted in forms of art as chubby, child-faced creatures with wings, the Bible provides a more interesting and somewhat strange description of these beings. The book of Ezekiel in the Bible gives the best description of Cherubim. Ezekiel 10:20-21 states, "These were the living creatures I had seen beneath the God of Israel by the river Kebar, and I realized that they were cherubim. Each had four faces and four wings, and under their wings was what looked like the hands of a man." Ezekiel 1:4-8 reads, "In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had the hands of a man." Verse 10 states, "Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle."

THE 4 LIVING CREATURES



Exodus 25:17-20

You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be.

Two cherubim overlaid with gold with outstretched wings were placed facing one another on the cover of the Ark in the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:18-20) and figures of cherubim were embroidered on the veil and the curtains of the Tabernacle (Exodus 26:1, 31). In Solomon's Temple the two gilded cherubim were not attached to the Ark, as in the Tabernacle, but were placed as figures each 10 cubits high in front of the Ark (1 Kings 6:27-8).

HOLY OF HOLIES



Scripture also seems to indicate that one of the functions of the cherubim was to bear God's throne and/or holy chariot. Psalms 80:1 states, "You, who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth." Ezekiel 1:24 reads, "When the creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of the Almighty, like the tumult of an army." In 2 Samuel 22:11, it reads, "And he rode upon a Cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind."



The Bible indicates that cherubs may have functioned as guardians and protectors since God stationed cherubim at the entrance to the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:24 reads, "So he drove out the man, and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life."



WHAT DOES SATAN LOOK LIKE?

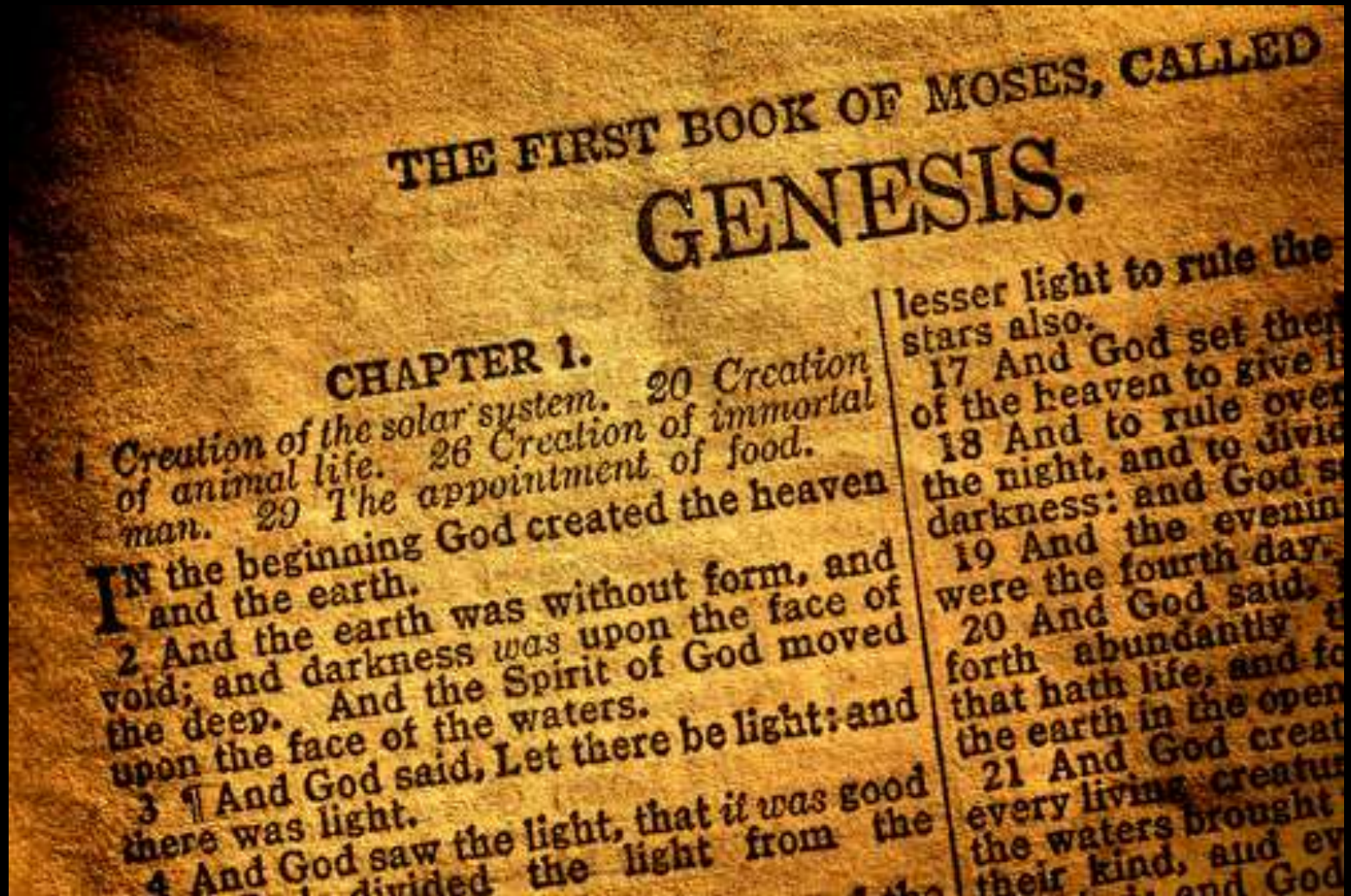
What do cherubs look like? If you could actually see an angel, they would frighten you. They are not the chubby little angelic and winged baby-looking creatures you see pictured so often. In fact, not all angels have wings. But a cherub, in particular Satan, is enormous in size, power, and strength. Every cubit is 1.5 feet (18 inches) and so I have formulated the cubits per feet in measuring just how big these demons and Satan are. Satan himself and all other cherubs stand 18 feet tall!

However Satan is the most powerful of all beings that YHWH ever created in the universe. Satan and likely, a number of his demon, have wing spans of 8 feet long and under each of their four wings there were what looked like the hands of a man (Ezek. 10:8). They had not only four wings but they had four faces too (Ezek. 10:21)! Imagine how frightened Ezekiel was when he was recording this in Ezekiel chapter ten.

Satan and likely most of the demons entire body, including their back, their hands, and their wings were completely full of eyes, including the four wheels they had (Ezek.10:12). Their four faces where faces of a cherub, a man, an eagle, and a lion (Ezek. 10:14).

Similar creatures or angels that may have become fallen were likely those that were over the Most Holy. These had six wings and one looked like an ox, another like a lion, one like a man, and another like that of an eagle (Rev. 4:6-8). Satan and these fallen angels are spirit beings and so, thankfully, they can not be seen because they would be terrifying to anyone. Even so, Satan and his demons are subject to YHWH's sovereignty and can do nothing over and against the will of YHWH and are not allowed to take human lives (Job chapter one and two).

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE YHWH CREATED US?



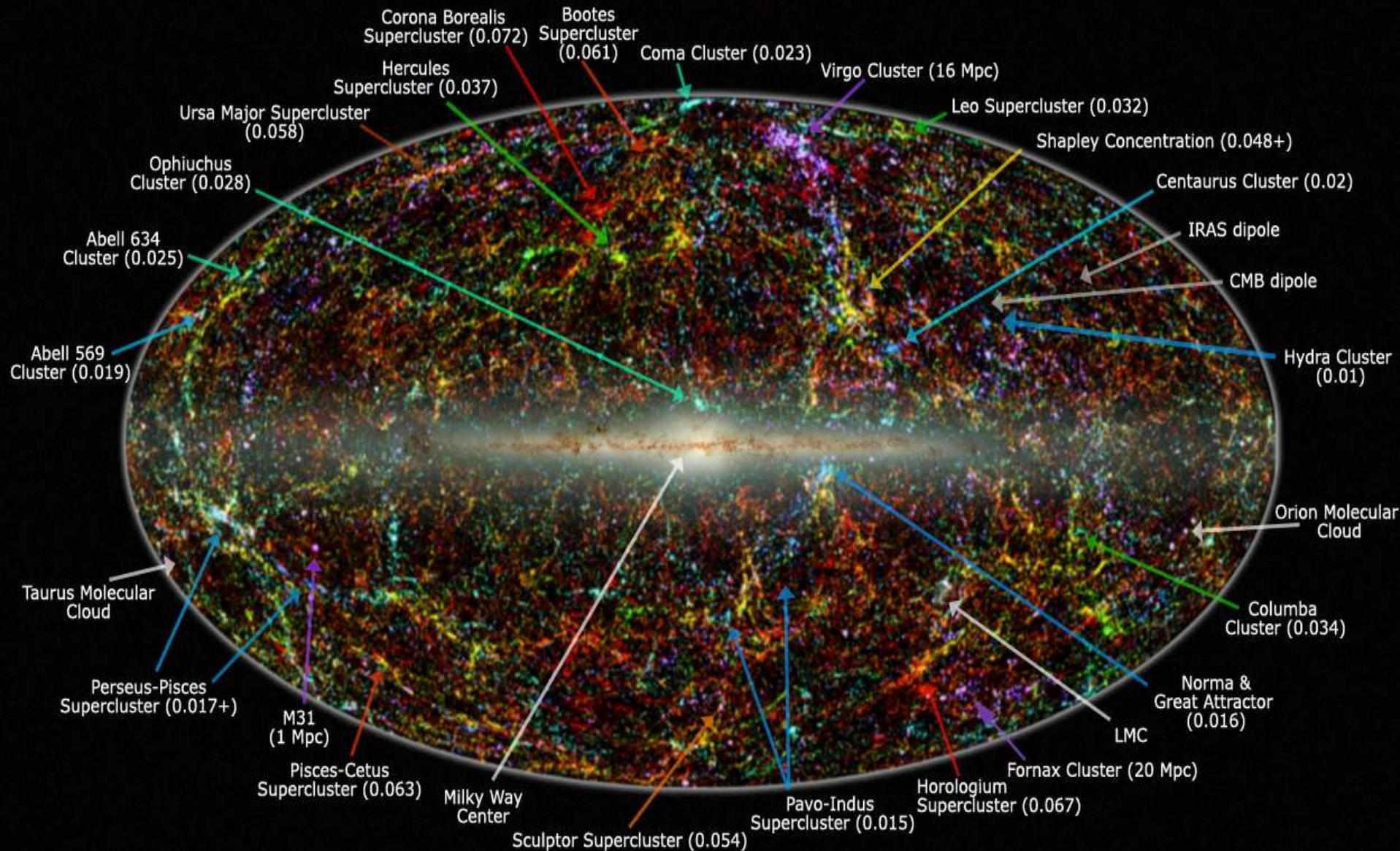
SATAN'S FALL TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO GENESIS 1

The position that the fall of Satan took place prior to Genesis chapter one assumes that the creation of Satan (Lucifer) and his fall both took place prior to Genesis 1:1 and that his fall took place prior to the creation of Adam and Eve, not after their creation. Consider the following:

1. Genesis chapter one describes in detail the six days of creation and what was created on each day. The chapter talks about the creation of the earth, the atmosphere, the sun and moon, the stars, the dry land, the plants, and the animals. In this chapter nothing is said at all about the creation of the angels. Was this simply an omission, or is it possible that the creation of the angels did not fall within these six days?

2. Exodus 20:11 places the creation of Lucifer within the creation week only if it is assumed that the expression "heaven" (or "heavens") refers not only to the first and second heavens, but to the third heaven as well. 1

Large Scale Structure in the Local Universe



Legend: image shows 2MASS galaxies color coded by redshift (Jarrett 2004); familiar galaxy clusters/superclusters are labeled (numbers in parenthesis represent redshift).
Graphic created by T. Jarrett (IPAC/Caltech)

3. A comparison between Exodus 20:11 and another verse on creation found in Nehemiah 9:6 is helpful. The Nehemiah passage definitely refers to the creation of angels. Notice the expressions that are used: "For in six days YHWH made heaven (or heavens) and earth, the sea, and all that in them is" (Exodus 20:11).

"Thou, even thou, art YHWH alone; thou hast made heaven (or heavens), the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preserve them all; and the host of heaven angels worship thee" (Neh. 9:6).

Notice the additional phrase used in the Nehemiah passage, **"the heaven of heavens."** This is the Hebrew way of making a superlative. "A superlative sense is expressed by joining a noun with its own plural in the genitive" (Hebrew Syntax by Davidson). The superlative is also used in English. An example is, "The Bible is the Book of Books!" By this we mean that the Bible is the greatest Book of all. Here are some Bible examples: "Slave of slaves" means the lowest slave (Gen. 9:25). "Holy of holies" means most holy (Exodus 26:33). "Song of songs" means the most excellent song. "King of kings" means the greatest of all kings (Ezekiel 26:7 and see 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16). For other examples see Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, (Section 133i). Thus, "the heaven of heavens" means "the greatest of the heavens" or "the highest of all heavens" (see Brown, Driver and Briggs' Hebrew Lexicon). The highest of all heavens can only refer to the third heaven, which is the abode of YHWH and angels.



We are here

The expression "heaven of heavens" is found in the following passages: Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 2:6; 6:18; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 68:33 and Psalm 148:4. In each of these passages the phrase clearly refers to the third heaven, "the highest of all heavens." Notice also that Psalm 148:1-4 is another passage (like Nehemiah 9:6) which mentions the angels (v.2) and in the same context mentions the highest of all heavens (v.4).

Exodus 20:11 does not mention the heaven of heavens and Genesis chapter one does not mention the heaven of heavens either. Neither of these passages mention angels. Could it be that Exodus 20:11 and Genesis 1 refer only to the first and second heavens and not to the third heaven? And if so, is this an indication that the third heaven with all its host had already been created prior to the six days of creation? 2

The Hebrew word "heaven" always occurs in the plural form and may be translated "heavens" if the context so demands. Thus Genesis 1:1 could be translated "YHWH created the heavens and the earth" (referring to the first and second heavens). There are times in the Bible when "heaven" can refer to the third heaven (Matt. 6:9), the second heaven (Psalm 8:3), or the first heaven (Matt. 6:26 "fowls of the heaven"), but the expression "heaven of heavens" only refers to the third heaven.

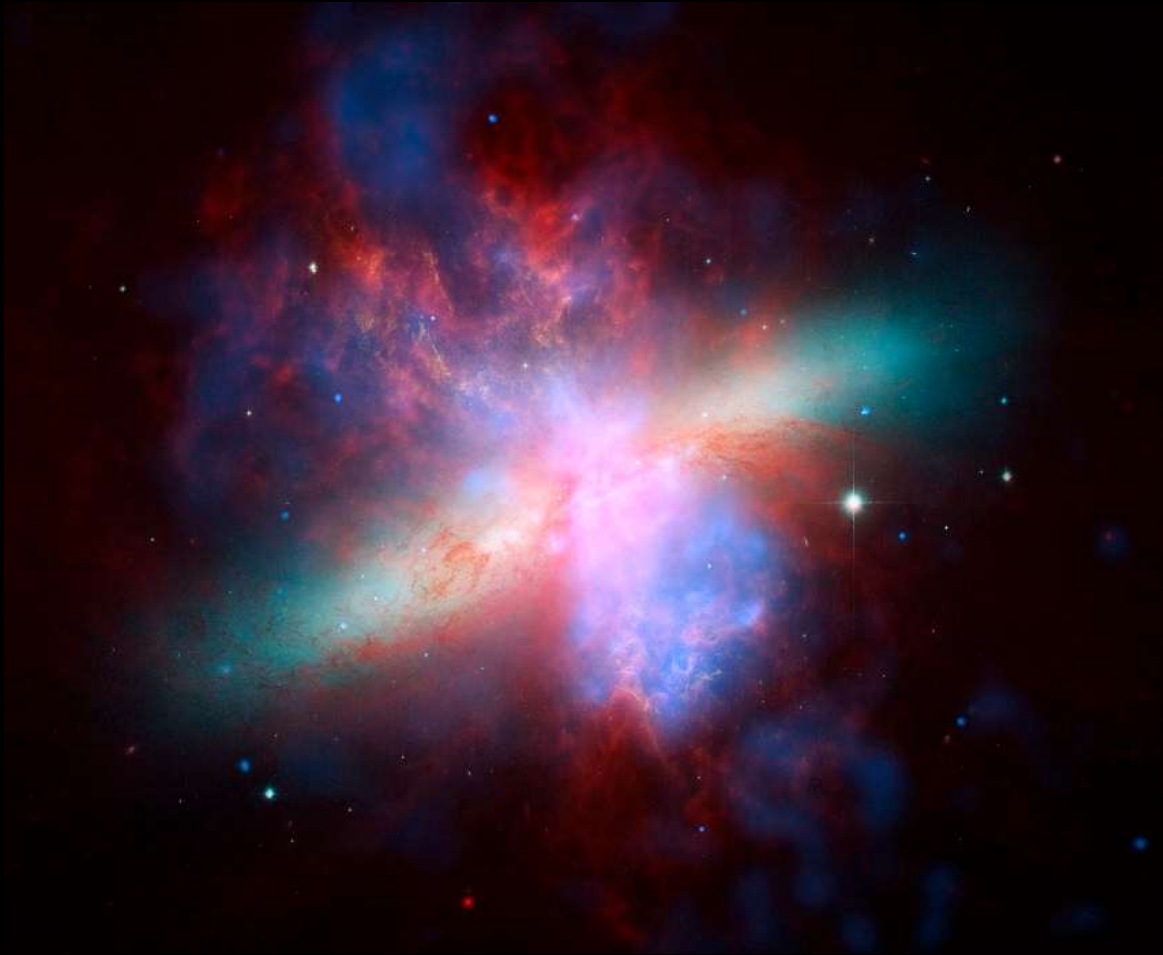


4. The expression "the heaven(s) and the earth" (found in Genesis 1:1 and Exodus 20:11) refers to the UNIVERSE (the Hebrew language did not have a word for universe as we do). The universe is made up of the earth, the first heaven and the second heaven and includes the earth with its solar system, its galaxy and the millions of galaxies around it. The third heaven is beyond our universe and unseen by any telescope.

5. Exodus 20:11 and Genesis 1:1 both refer to the creation of the universe (the heavens and the earth), that took place in six literal 24 hour days. In both Exodus 20:11 and Genesis chapter one, no mention is made of the heaven of heavens or the creation of angels or the creation of the throne of YHWH or the creation of anything else which relates to the third heaven. Also in Ezekiel chapter 28 which tells us of Satan before his fall, there is nothing in the description which speaks of the earth. It all appears to be a heavenly scene, not an earthly scene. Thus the focus of Ezekiel 28 is upon the third heaven (prior to the creation of the universe) and the focus of Genesis one is upon the earth.

6. In the passages which do clearly mention the third heaven and the creation of angels (Colossians 1:16 and Nehemiah 9:6), nothing is said concerning the time frame of creation. The main point being stressed in these verses is that He is the Creator of all things.

7. A comparison of Exodus 20:11 with Nehemiah 9:6 would indicate that the expression "heaven(s)" does not necessarily include "the heaven of heavens." A distinction seems to be made. If Nehemiah felt he needed to add the expression "heaven of heavens" to include the creation of angels, then it seems possible to say that the omission of this expression in Exodus 20:11 suggests that the creation of angels is not in view.



8. It may seem awkward to posit a creation of the third heaven prior to the creation of the universe. However, this view actually harmonizes more easily with Job 38:7 that says, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of YHWH shouted for joy." This passage in the ancient book of Job is referring to the time when YHWH laid the foundation of the earth. The angels were already there as witnesses and they were rejoicing at YHWH's work of creation. A natural and normal reading of Job 38 seems to indicate that when YHWH created the earth (Genesis 1:1 on the very first day of creation), the angels were already there witnessing this event. The text in Job 38 does not seem to imply that these angels were recently created just moments before. One would assume by just reading Job 38 that the angels were created PRIOR to the creation of the earth.

NGC 6217 is one of over 3,000 galaxies visible to the Hubble in 1990.

They also estimated that over 150 billion more galaxies existed. Now, 10 years later, it could be up to 500 billion.

Genesis 1:1 seems to put the creation of the earth at the very beginning of DAY ONE of creation. Note: Those who place the creation of angels within the six days are thus forced to say that they were created at the very beginning of the creation week so that they could thus witness the laying of the foundation of the earth, which also took place early on the first day of creation. This understanding seems strained and forced.

THE GAP THEORY BETWEEN ORIGINAL CREATION AND THE 6 DAY CREATION

This is one of the main reasons that I believe in a gap of time between the original creation and the six-day creation. It was during this gap that Satan/Lucifer rebelled against YHWH. If there was no original creation and destruction, then the devil could predate man by no more than five days. This means that the following events must have occurred between the first day of the six-day creation and the fall of Adam and Eve:

Lucifer's service to YHWH as "the anointed cherub that covers" (Ezekiel 28:11-15).

The fall of Lucifer because of his pride (Isaiah 14:12-15).

The fall of the angels who followed Satan (Matthew 25:41).

The preparation of everlasting fire for the devil and his angel (Matthew 25:41).

NOTE: This fire must have been prepared after the fall of Satan created the need for it yet before the fall of man condemned him to the same place. Otherwise, it would have been created for Satan, his angels, AND man.

Satan's Claim on the World

Satan is called “the prince of this world” by Yahshua (John 12:31) and “the god of this world” by Paul (2Corinthians 4:4). What gives him a claim on this world and when did he get this claim?

In Luke 4:5-6, Satan told Yahshua that all the kingdoms of the world had been delivered unto him (“for that is delivered unto me”). Yahshua did not deny his claim but rather answered that only YHWH Himself deserved worship (Luke 4:7-8).

The devil's claim of having the kingdoms of the world delivered unto him is allowed to stand. But when could this have been done? When Satan shows up in the Garden of Eden before the fall of man, he is already the serpent and is in opposition to YHWH. If Satan had some previous rule over the world, when did he practice this rule?

Satan's Character From the Beginning

The devil was “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44) and he “sinned from the beginning” (1John 3:8). To what beginning does this refer? It must refer to the beginning of the six-day creation. Nothing else makes sense.

However, if there is no gap and the devil was created on the first day of the six days of creation, he must have been created as a sinner and a murderer—since he was these things from the beginning. But this is impossible for two reasons.

First, this interpretation would make YHWH the author of sin.

Second, the Bible clearly states that the devil was perfect from his creation and that iniquity was not found in him until a later date (see Ezekiel 28:15).

He was perfect at the time of his own creation, but was a murderer and sinner at the time of the beginning or creation as we experience it. Therefore, the devil had to fall in sin somewhere between the time of his creation and the beginning of the world as found in the first chapter of Genesis. Only the gap provides a time for this. There is no other option. By David Reagan.

YHWH SPEAK'S TO LUCIFER THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH

'This is what the Sovereign YHWH says:

Isaiah 14:4-14

"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of YHWH;

every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,
topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.

Your settings and mountings were made of gold;

on the day you were created they were prepared.

14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of YHWH; you walked among the fiery stones.

15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.

16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence,
and you sinned.



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So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of YHWH,
and I expelled you, guardian cherub,
from among the fiery stones.

17 Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendour.

So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.

18 By your many sins and dishonest trade
you have desecrated your sanctuaries.

So I made a fire come out from you,
and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
in the sight of all who were watching.

19 All the nations who knew you
are appalled at you;
you have come to a horrible end
and will be no more.”

THE 4 FALLS OF SATAN

Satan fell from glorified to profane (Ezekiel 28:14-16). This is what Yahshua spoke of in Luke 10:18 when He says He saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

Satan will fall from having access to heaven (Job 1:12, 1 Kings 22:21, Zechariah 3:1) to restriction on the earth (Revelation 12:9).

Satan will fall from his place on the earth to bondage in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-3).

Finally, as mentioned here in Isaiah 14:12, Satan will fall from the bottomless pit to the lake of fire, which we commonly know as hell (Revelation 20:10).



In the Beginning

God Created the Heavens
and the Earth.

Genesis 1:1

IN THE BEGINNING

It is written, in the beginning YHWH created the heavens and the earth, and thereafter He created man to dwell upon earth! He made Adam out of the dust of the earth and breathed out His Spirit upon him and he became a living soul! Adam the man was created in YHWH's image.

He then made a helper for Adam and called her Chavah/Eve. His desire was to have intimate fellowship with His earthly children.

Genesis 1:26-28 'And YHWH said, "Let us make mankind in our image after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the earth' YHWH created man His own image. He created both male and female and YHWH blessed them "Be fruitful and multiply;

Genesis 2:7 'And YHWH ELOHIM formed man of the dust of the ground, and He breathed into His nostrils the breath of life. And man became a living soul.'

YHWH made man in a very special way. HE took dust and made a man. The Hebrew word for man is "Ish". Then He breathed life into him. YHWH called him Adam.

YHWH put Adam in His beautiful garden. HE loved Adam and made him in charge of naming all the animals. YHWH also gave Adam a job to take care of the Garden of Eden. Included in the garden were two special trees, one called the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and the other called the Tree of Life or in Hebrew "Etz Chaim". YHWH caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He removed one of Adam's ribs and created a woman. In Hebrew "Ishah" is the word for woman. She was named "Chavah" or in English we say "Eve."



WHAT DOES SERPENT MEAN?

Serpent, derived from Latin *serpens*, a crawling animal or snake (Hebrew: נחש, *nahash*, (meaning whisperer and tanniyn) occurs in both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. The symbol of a serpent or snake played important roles in religious and cultural life of ancient Egypt, Canaan, Mesopotamia, and Greece. The serpent was a symbol of evil power and chaos from the underworld as well as a symbol of fertility, life, and healing.[2] Nahash, Hebrew for "snake", is also associated with divination, including the verb-form meaning to practice divination or fortune-telling. In the Hebrew Bible, Nahash occurs in the Torah to identify the serpent in Eden. Throughout the Hebrew Bible, it is also used in conjunction with saraph to describe vicious serpents in the wilderness. Tanniyn, a form of dragon-monster, also occurs throughout the Hebrew Bible.

As in the Exodus, the staffs of Moses and Aaron are turned into serpents, a nahash for Moses, a tanniyn for Aaron. In the New Testament, the Book of Revelation makes use of Serpent several times to identify Satan, the Dragon an ancient Serpent (Rev.12:9; 20:2).



In the Hebrew Bible, the Book of Genesis refers to a serpent who was responsible for the Fall of Man (Gen 3:1-20). Serpent is also used to describe sea monsters. Examples of these identifications are in the Book of Isaiah where a reference is made to a serpent-like Leviathan (Isaiah 27:1), and in the Book of Amos where a serpent resides at the bottom of the sea (Amos 9:3). Serpent figuratively describes biblical places such as Egypt (Jer.46:22), and the city of Dan (Gen.49:17). The prophet Jeremiah also compares the King of Babylon to a serpent (Jer.51:34).



YHWH COMMANDED ADAM

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LET'S NOT JUST BLAME EVE

The serpent didn't tempt Eve without tempting Adam. Adam was with Eve when Satan deceived her.

Genesis 3 says: "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate." (v. 6, emphasis added)

Earlier in the chapter, the story seems to suggest that the only two characters present are Eve and serpent, but verse 6 tells us that Chavah/Eve's husband, Adam, was with her. Actually it was Adam who was commanded by YHWH to not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

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2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, YHWH hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

We are not talking about real trees here but it is symbolic of people. Lets take a quick look at Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 “But blessed is the one who trusts in YHWH, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Tree means to fasten (or make firm), i.e. to close (the eyes). It also means the spine (as giving firmness to the body) backbone. So you see we are not really talking about a tree at all. We are talking about a person, Satan. He is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan invented evil as he was the first one to sin which can be read in Ezekiel 28:14-15

For good examples of how trees are used in a figurative sense to describe people, races and nations please read: Ezek. 31:3-9 (Assyrian Empire); Jer. 11:19 (about Jeremiah) and Matt. 3:10 (people standing judgement). We see in Gen. 3:3 that the 'Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil' was the 'tree' that Adam and Eve weren't supposed to 'touch.' We know that literal trees possess no knowledge of good and evil. In Ezek. 31:9 it says (in reference to the vast Assyrian Empire) that 'all the trees of Eden, that were in the Garden of God, envied him' (KJV). Literal trees can't 'envy' anything. This Scripture is clearly showing us that the 'trees' spoken of here are merely figurative representations of races and nations that envied the Assyrian Empire. In Gen. 3:4-7, we see that Satan (the 'serpent') leads Eve astray and she in turn leads Adam astray as well. But, was the leading astray the simple eating of a literal piece of fruit from the 'Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil'?

WHAT WAS CHAVAH'S RESPONSE

Chavah says, "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat thereof." Here again is the Hebrew word Nachash meaning enchanter, but instead of "beguiled" the Hebrew word nawshaw means "seduced."

And Yahweh said unto the woman, "What is this that you have done?" And the woman said, "The enchanter seduced me."



LETS LOOK AT HOW SATAN OPERATES

Satan makes a couple of suggestions and if you aren't actively managing, disciplining, and keeping your mind spiritual, YOU will begin to distort, generalize, and delete information...and it will eat on you and eat on you...and if you don't get a grip on yourself, YOU will walk out of relationship and fellowship with YEHOVAH and YOU will destroy YOURSELF.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any wild animal which Adonai had made. He said to the woman, "Did YHWH really say, 'You are not to eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat from the fruit of the trees of the garden, 3 but about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You are neither to eat from it nor touch it, or you will die.'"

4 The serpent said to the woman, "It is not true that you will surely die; 5 because YHWH knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like YHWH, knowing good and evil." First, Satan merely points out to Eve that she doesn't get to eat of EVERY tree in the garden...

And with that one point, it doesn't matter that they are living in a perfect paradise, it doesn't matter that YHWH himself comes to visit them every evening, it doesn't even matter how many trees she has to eat from...There's that ONE tree that she doesn't have!

And now, Satan ramps the NEGATIVE BENT that Eve is already on by pointing out something else that she doesn't have...She doesn't have the same position, the same knowledge, the same power, the same wealth as YHWH has...Now, that just isn't fair, is it?

And then Satan introduces the second element of his trick...

YHWH is against you Eve...HE doesn't want you to have everything that He has...He doesn't want you to have the benefits and privileges that He as...He doesn't want you to have the same glory that He has...That's why He doesn't want you to eat from that ONE tree, Eve. Eve, YHWH isn't being fair to you. He's withholding good from you...

Now, we know good and well that YHWH wasn't thinking any such thing. We know that HE wanted only the very best for Adam and Eve. We know for a fact that YHWH GREATLY loved Adam and Eve. But that didn't matter because in Eve's mind, the ONE tree obviously "proved" that YHWH was withholding the very best from her.

And with these suggestions firmly implanted in her mind, Eve did everything else necessary to destroy HERSELF. Unfortunately, she was persuasive enough to also destroy her family.

By accepting, dwelling upon, and ultimately acting upon these two suggestions from Satan – that there was something good she didn't have and that others were against her – Eve moved herself OUT OF RELATIONSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP WITH YHWH and brought great pain, hardship, and harm to herself. Satan seeks to kill, steal, and destroy in YOUR life.

He seeks to give you these same suggestions too – so that YOU too will move YOURSELF out of relationship and fellowship with YHWH and bring pain, hardship, and harm to yourself.

So don't fall for Satan's oldest, most common, most reliable trick.

Why reinvent the wheel when it already works very effectively for believers that don't know their word and their authority and when you are just not on your guard.

This trick is still being performed in a place you're very familiar with...**INSIDE YOUR MIND!**

Here are Satan's specific steps:

1. Bring to your awareness what you **DON'T** have
2. Suggest that others are **AGAINST** you

That's it. Those two little steps don't look like much, do they? And yet, they work with almost unbelievable effectiveness.

They work so well because **IF** a person **ALLOWS** these two notions into their mind, then that person will also **LET** their mental faculties – faculties such as the imagination and selective recall – work against them...often until it literally destroys them.



Specifically, if you permit these two notions to lodge in your mind (rather than outright rejecting them) then YOU will tend to blank out all the blessings and goodness they already have and possess to the point YOU start feeling as if YOU have been deprived of everything that's good...that others have all the good but YOU'VE been cheated, short-changed, and treated unfairly.

Likewise, today, if the devil just appeared to us and told us to break YHWH's commandment, we would surely rebuke him and drive him away in Yahshuas' name. If he tried to lure us with attractive offers, we would also turn away in disgust. But Satan has a much more effective tactic-deception. It has proven to work ever since the beginning of human history, and he still uses it today. By his crafty persuasion Satan has fooled many people into rebelling against YEHOWAH. As believers, we must learn to perceive Satan's schemes, for only if we have spiritual discernment can we remain faithful to YHWH and withstand Satan's attacks.

The Genesis account reveals to us the nature of Satan's cunning. It shows us how Satan tries to set us off guard, damage our relationship with YHWH, and convince us to rebel against our Lord. By studying the four tricks that the serpent used to lead Eve to contemplate sin, we can strengthen our own resistance to his deceptions.



These days, it is no longer "politically correct" to believe that there is an absolute moral standard. Your high school friends may laugh at you if you are still a virgin, and people will protest if you say that abortion is wrong. Satan tries to make believers look like fools for obeying YHWH's commands. He bombards us with secular ideologies and philosophies in order to weaken our conviction in YHWH's word.

Even more subtle is how Satan works in religion. People will constantly challenge our belief in salvation through Yahshua/Jesus alone: "Would YHWH really be so narrow-minded to save only Christians?" "Has YHWH indeed said that there is only one gospel of salvation?" It is also more and more difficult to preach that there is only one gospel and one true church. More than ever, many people today are willing to condone false religions and doctrines in the name of unity and Christian love.

In the apostolic period, false teachings arose to challenge the true gospel. In the epistles, time and again the apostles warned the believers against the deception of false teachers. Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning the threat of false doctrines: "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor 11:3).
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PAUL'S WARNING ABOUT FALSE PROPHETS AND DOCTRINES

Notice that Paul quoted the serpent's deception when warning against false doctrines. Satan can lead us into misbeliefs in the same way that the serpent led Chavah/Eve into sin. Like the Corinthians, who faced the threat of heresy, we today are also living in a time of great apostasy. Just as Satan is able to transform himself into an angel of light, false teachers and prophets will come in sheep's clothing, preaching misleading doctrines to believers. We must remain steadfast to the true gospel in the midst of these great deceptions.

Sometimes it is tempting to try to enlarge the narrow gate of salvation, in order to let more people in. It may appear more in line with the Christian spirit to include people of different faiths. But when we think that we know better than YHWH's command, we are likely to disobey His word. YHWH knows what is best for us and wants us to obey Him with simple faith. We should preach only what the Bible preaches, even if some people feel that it doesn't seem very logical or fair. We have no authority to change YHWH's standard. Our job is to bring people to the narrow gate, not to widen it so that it looks more appealing. If we remain faithful to YHWH's word, we will not be led astray by Satan.

IS YHWH A G-D OF JUSTICE?

When the serpent spoke to Eve, instead of denying YHWH's word outright by saying, "You will not die," he reduced the seriousness of God's warning by saying, "You will not surely die." This statement is ambiguous, because it contradicts YHWH's command in a subtle way. In other words, "YHWH said that you will surely die, but the fact is that you probably won't die." The serpent offered Eve the false promise that she might be able to eat from the tree and not suffer the consequences.

In a world where evildoers and the ungodly prosper, it may seem as if the warnings of the Bible are not all that serious. During the time of Malachi, when injustice was rampant, the people said to themselves, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of YHWH, And He delights in them."

They also asked, "Where is the G-d of justice?" (Mal 2:17). The line between right and wrong was blurred. YHWH's justice was scorned.

Today, Satan tries to remove the seriousness of God's commands and imply that God's warnings are just meant to scare us. He deceives believers into thinking that God doesn't really mean what He says. "It won't be that bad. You are not going to die. Why should you be scared?" Have you ever been taught in the church that you will get another opportunity of salvation even after death? Have you ever heard of standing in the gap for your loved ones who are dead and praying them into the kingdom of G-d before the 2nd death. These and many others are the kind of false teachings of today that sugar coat every teaching of YHWH to no effect and make people think that they can always put off receiving salvation today and getting their life right because G-d is love and will judge them. THESE TEACHINGS ARE FALSE AND DANGEROUS.

THE BIBLE SAYS in 2 Corinthians 6:2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

You almost never hear a preacher talk about hell or what will happen to people wilfully sin against YHWH. Its all feel good messages that don't upset any of the congregation. But woe to the shepherds that lead the flock astray.

There are things that come that cause people to sin, but woe unto the person through whom they come. For it is better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck, than for him to cause one of My little ones to sin. (Luke17:1-2).

WOE UNTO THE SHEPHERD WHO LEAD THE FLOCK ASTRAY

"Woe unto the shepherds who scatter My flock. MY people do not fear me, because my shepherd (YOU) do not fear Me. You have exchanged holy boldness for carnal rudeness. Guard your tongue. Your flock freely shows irreverence to Me because you have shown irreverence for Me. What you do to the least of my servants, you do also unto ME. They sin without conviction because you sin without conviction. You tell them that they have time to rid themselves of their sin, so they linger in it, when I have commanded them to work out their soul salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12).

I am saying, Behold I come quickly, and I will repay man according to what he has done. Today, my shepherd, is the day of salvation. Repent now, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Your flock is a reflection of you. Their failures are your failures.

WOE UNTO THE MAN THAT SAYS GOD HAS SPOKEN WHEN HE HAS NOT.

Satan knows that if a person no longer takes God's word seriously, he will much more readily choose to disobey God.

The nature of Satan's deceptions has not changed since the days of Eden. Our study of the Genesis story helps us recognize his age-old tricks. Being aware of Satan's tactics enables us to guard ourselves against his schemes.

But as we keep a constant watch for Satan's deception, we must also actively seek to draw closer to God (Jas 4:7-8). The story of the serpent teaches us that Satan's first line of attack is to weaken our relationship with God. Just as the serpent planted doubt and error in Eve's mind to lure her away from her Creator, Satan likewise hopes to pull our hearts away from God with his deceptions. When our relationship with God is weak, we are vulnerable to sin. When God's word loses its authority in our lives, we obey our own desires rather than God's will. When we feel that God's commands are burdensome, sin becomes more attractive.

Therefore, the best immunity against sin is a strong relationship with God. Whoever abides in the Lord does not sin (1Jn 3:6). We need to spend more time with God's word than in front of the TV, more time speaking with the Lord in prayer than chatting with friends, and more time seeking to do God's will than seeking for pleasure. We should be filled with God's word, His Spirit, and His love. As the hymn goes, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of his glory and grace." If we are always deeply in love with God, we will show no interest in sin. If the Lord is constantly present in our lives, Satan's temptations will become completely powerless.

In the end time, when there seems to be no sign of impending judgment, mockers will taunt believers who still hold to the true faith: "Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation'" (2 Pet 3:3-4).

YHWH WILL NOT BE MOCKED BUT WILL DELIVER JUDGEMENT TO THE WICKED

Satan hopes to make us see YHWH's word as a lie. He wants us to believe that no one will ever suffer in the lake of fire. He gives people the false hope that they can somehow escape YHWH's terrible judgment, even if they live in sin. Such a misleading message is very appealing. "You will not surely die"-that's what people like to hear. They don't like to hear about hell, or about YHWH's just punishment. People like to be told that no matter what they do, YHWH will always accept them.

Paul warns us against such deception: "Do not be deceived, YHWH is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal 6:7). YHWH's word is absolute. He means what He says. Let us take every word of Yahuwah seriously and not fall into Satan's trap.

WHAT WAS ADAM AND CHAVAH'S PUNISHMENT?

Genesis 3:22-23 ‘Then Yehowah said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us, to know good and evil. **Now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever.”** Yehowah sent him out of the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.”

There are only four persons mentioned: YHWH, Adam, Eve, and the serpent. Then, after Adam and Eve had been expelled, God stationed angels to guard the garden. It was then that God spoke, telling us the essence and the conclusion of the battle of the ages. Notice that the enmity is HIS doing, not Adam's, Eve's, or the serpent's:

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head [destroy you], and you shall bruise His heel [pain Him]” Genesis 3:15

The Seed Who came through the woman is Yahshua HaMaschiach, as YHWH in the flesh, the Son of Man holds the key to defeating Satan on battleground earth.



SIN BROUGHT FORTH DEATH, WHICH NOW REQUIRED A BLOOD ATONEMENT

Adam and the woman Eve ate from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and were expelled from the Garden for the disobedience of YHWH's specific commands! **Therefore death had entered into the very nature of Adam, the man of flesh; for the soul who sinned would die.**

The fall of Adam our first father had led all his descendants down a path of separation from YHWH. Instead of the unmerited gift of life, this was replaced with our own free will choice to live our life as we wanted - even if it were contrary to the will of YHWH. Even so, the Almighty had a plan to redeem His human family from the curse of Adam's disobedience, creating sin which leads to death; this curse that was inherited now fell upon all mankind.



YEHOVAH HAD A PLAN OF REDEMPTION **BY PROVIDING AN ATONEMENT**

- It is foretold in the Tanakh, (Hebrew Scriptures) that in the fullness of time God would raise up a prophet like Moshe, and would send a deliverer to Zion. The eternal hope of the Hebrew people was that the anointed Messiah would one day come and reverse the human condition. He would restore the way of eternal life which was lost in Garden of Eden; Yehovah had a plan of redemption by providing atonement for us. Thereby, at an appointed time (Mo'ed). It is written that God would reverse the curse of sin and death and bring peace; not only for Israel but all mankind. This plan was conceived in the heart of Yehovah, to fulfill the Divine destiny and confirm the Torah and the writings of the prophets; that the Almighty would provide atonement for His land and for His people!

SATAN, POSSESSED CAIN AND BECAME THE FIRST MURDERER

Eve's joyful, even triumphant, exclamation at the birth of her firstborn son -- "I have gotten a man from YHWH" -- reminds us of the promise of salvation in Gen. 3:15, in which YHWH prophesies ongoing strife between the Serpent and the Woman, and between the "seed" or offspring of the Serpent and the offspring of the Woman. During the course of this strife, the Woman's seed would crush the head of the Serpent, but the Serpent would strike the Woman's seed in His heel. The birth of Cain may have raised Eve's hopes and expectations, encouraging her that perhaps the promised redemption would be accomplished through Cain.

But if she hoped that Cain would be the Redeemer, her hopes would prove to have been misplaced. Setting a pattern that would be repeated many times in the history of the human race and of the Chosen People, the firstborn or the elder son fell into sin while a younger son followed the paths of holiness. This was true not only in the case of Cain and Abel (and the third son Seth, who took Abel's place as progenitor of the righteous seed), but also with the sons of Noah (Shem, apparently the third and youngest son, is almost always listed first) as well as the sons of Terah (again, Abraham, apparently the third and youngest son, is always listed first).

This pattern continues with the successive generations of the patriarchs. The promises devolved upon Isaac instead of his older brother Ishmael; upon Jacob instead of his older brother Esau; upon Judah, Levi, and Joseph instead of their older brother Reuben; and upon David instead of any of his seven older brothers. Each time, the offspring of the elder son or sons would express hostility towards the offspring of the younger son, or would even be noted for unfaithfulness to God.

We must ask, "Why did Cain and Abel make sacrifices to the Lord?" Sacrifices were made to atone for their sins. Then we need to ask, "Why was Cain's offering not pleasing to YHWH?" Cain offered the best of his crops. After all he was a farmer, and he offered what he had produced with his hands. Paul gives us insight as to why Cain's offering was not pleasing to the Lord:

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrews 9:22

YAHWEH INSTITUTED THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

- Through the giving of specific instructions to Abraham, Yah instituted the sacrificial system. In His mercy the Almighty accepted animals to die as a substitute for our sin. This was a merciful concession towards us which was ordained by Yah! Instead of the children of Israel having to die for their **own sin**, an animal took on the punishment of our sin which was death. The horrible experience of witnessing so many valuable animals being slaughtered by the thousands, demonstrated in a physical way how much Yah hates sin and has demonstrated our need for the shedding of blood to make atonement. Why the death of an innocent animal? Because when Adam disobeyed the Creator of mankind, he became subject to a curse and a sentence of death came upon all Adam's descendants.



THE FIRST BLOOD SACRIFICE BETWEEN MAN AND YAHWEH

Genesis 3:21 And for Adam and his wife, YEHOVAH made coats of skins, and clothed them. This was the first shedding of blood for sins. The animal was killed so its skin could cover the naked Adam and Eve. Was it just the animal skins, made into clothing, that covered them or was it the blood – just as the blood became a covering at Passover and in the sacrifices... We also saw how Yahweh refused to accept the clothes of leaves that Adam and Chavah made for themselves. Yahweh wanted to teach them that sinners have no way of covering their shame before the Holy One who must judge them. Only Yah can save sinners from their guilt. Thus, we saw how Yah Himself sacrificed some animals, made clothes of skin, and put them on Adam and Eve. **Yahweh made the first blood sacrifice.**



In Cain's offering there was no shed blood. Therefore Cain's offering was not acceptable, and he remained in his sin. Yet many today are still trying to please YHWH with the works of their own hands. The only thing that is pleasing to YHWH is a humble heart and a contrite spirit. Abel must have had this because his sacrifice was pleasing to YHWH.



SECOND BLOOD COVENANT BETWEEN ABEL AND YAHWEH

- *"In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. Yehovah looked with favour on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour.*



ABEL BROUGHT A BLOOD SACRIFICE

- Abel brought the sacrifice that God required, but Cain brought what he chose.
- What was it that YHWH required so that He could forgive their sins without compromising His righteousness? He required the blood-**the life**-of an unblemished animal. Abel believed YHWH and brought a blood sacrifice, just as YHWH required.



The Hebrew Masoretic and the Dead Sea Scrolls show the following version of Gen. 4:6-7 "And YHWH said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why is your face downcast? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you don't do well, sin crouches at the door. Its desire is to have you, but you must rule over it.'"

"And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him." Genesis 4:8

The devil was a murderer from the beginning. So we know by the words of Jesus, it was the devil that lied to Cain to get him to murder his brother Abel.

"And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9



The New testament makes this clear as the Devil worked in Cain he still works today. Eph. 2:2: “the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience.” Every time the human will exercises itself against YHWH, sin is in operation. It is in our heart constantly but it brings it fruit when acted upon.

YHWH then pronounced judgment upon Cain because he had murdered his brother. 10 The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”



ADAM AND CHAVAH GRIEVE THE DEATH OF ABEL/HEVEL



The same is true today. Anyone who allows the devil access to their lives are truly vagabonds from the ways and reality of YHWH. And they find, or will find, their punishment is greater than they can bear. Cain cried out:

Genesis 4:14-15 13 Cain said to YHWH, “My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

15 But YHWH said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then YHWH put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So Cain went out from YHWH’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

YHWH SET A MARK ON CAIN

YHWH set a mark upon Cain. Let's look at this mark. The word mark is the Hebrew word OTH. This word is only translated as mark once. It was translated as the word sign sixty times. So it was not a physical mark that YHWH placed upon Cain, it was a sign. It is by this same sign we recognize something or someone. Our actions are a sign of how we think. So the mark YHWH put on Cain was a sign. We can truly recognize those who have the Mark of Cain in their life by the way they act, live, and think.

Those who claim to be Christians, but do not keep His commandments are liars, and there is no truth in them. One of YHWH's Ten Commandments is "Thou shalt not take the name of YHWH your ELOHIM in vain." The word vain means "something that has no value." Only those who claim to be Believers, but do not keep and live By YHWH's Word have taken His name in vain. The Bibles contains YHWH's commandments man is to live by. If they claim to know Him, but do not live by His Word, then they become liars, and openly display the Mark of Cain to all around them.

WHO DID CAIN MARRY?

All their offspring were born outside the garden. Gen 5:4 "After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters." The male child born to Adam and Eve after Cain killed Abel was Seth, when Adam was 130 years old. Besides these three sons Adam and Eve had many other unnamed sons and daughters. The Bible does not give the exact time period when Cain took his wife. Depending on how much time there was between Cain being married, he either married a distant sister, or if enough time transpired, he could have married his own niece. Probably the later is true. Marriage to a sister in the early stage of the human race was not considered wrong or unnatural. Even later on Abraham's wife was his half-sister (20:12); also 24:4 and 28:2. God did not prohibit such marriages until the time of Moses when it was specifically stated it was against the law of God according to Lev. 18:9, 18:11, 20:17, and Deut. 27:22.

Genesis 4:16-17: "Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son-- Enoch."

BLACK SEA

NOAH'S ARK



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Turkey

Mt Ararat

Azerbaijan

River Gihou-Aras

LAKE VAN

Noqdi ● UPPER NOD

Mt Kusheh Dagh

Ardabil ●

LOCATION OF THE ARK

GARDEN OF EDEN

Tabriz ●

LOWER NOD



Mt Judi Dagh

Mt Sahand

LAKE URMIA

Iran

Miyandoab ●

HAVILAH

Iraq



We can see by how it is written it is a summary of a whole period of time. He married, his wife conceived and they even built a city; obviously with other people in the area he lived (Nod). The imperfection from sin accumulated over time and eventually corrupted the gene pool, this made it wrong to marry within the family line. By Moses' time it was forbidden. In fact, the genealogy in Genesis 5 records that every descendant of Adam down to Lamech had "other sons and daughters," some born to men who were on the wrong side of 180 years. People up to this point in Biblical history had very long life spans thereby substantially increasing their childbearing years, which means there could have been a out-and-out population explosion in a relatively short period of time.

If Eve's childbearing years were about 500 and they had their first child at about the age of 50 and another child every five years, it is not outside the realm of possibility that he had sisters from whom he picked a wife even before he left. However had he waited to marry until he was about 200 years old, he probably had more than a few women to choose from, some of whom could have left for Nod before he did.

In the north east of Iran at the foot of Mount Sahand in Kandovan, the villagers live in cave homes carved out from the volcanic rock.

The age of some houses is more than 700 years.

One of the most extraordinary sights in Iran must be a visit to the troglodyte village of Kandovan , where people live in cave dwellings as their predecessors did over 1600 years ago. Historians have recently quoted specific geographical references in the book of Genesis as evidence that link the area surrounding Kandovan with the Garden of Eden. It naturally follows that the village of Noqdi , to the east of this Eden , must be the biblical land of Nod .



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