The Fall of Satan (After Creation)

Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17; Revelation 12:3-4a

As Typified in the Destruction of the King of Babylon—Isaiah 14

12 "How you have fallen from heaven,

O star of the morning, son of the dawn!

You have been cut down to the earth,

You who have weakened the nations!

13 "But you said in your heart,

'I will ascend to heaven;

I will raise my throne above the stars of God,

And I will sit on the mount of assembly

In the recesses of the north.

14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High.'

15 "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol,

To the recesses of the pit.

As Typified in the Destruction of the King of Tyre—Ezekiel 28

12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God,

"You had the seal of perfection,

Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God;

Every precious stone was your covering:

The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;

The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;

The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;

And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,

Was in you.

On the day that you were created

They were prepared.

14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers,

And I placed you there.

You were on the holy mountain of God;

You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 "You were blameless in your ways

From the day you were created

Until unrighteousness was found in you.

16 "By the abundance of your trade

You were internally filled with violence,

And you sinned;

Therefore I have cast you as profane

From the mountain of God.

And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub,

From the midst of the stones of fire.

17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;

You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.

I cast you to the ground;

I put you before kings, That they may see you.

As Seen in the Revelation of Jesus Christ—Revelation 12

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems.

4a And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

The Fall of Mankind (After Satan's Fall)

Genesis 3

By One Man Sin Entered the World

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
- 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"
- 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!
- 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- 6 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 desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. [cf. 1 Tim 2:13–14; Rom 5:12]

The Immediate Effects of Sin

- 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. [cf. <u>1 Tim 2:9</u>]
- 8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
- 9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"
- 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."
- 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"
- 12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."
- 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Curse

14 The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;

15 And I will put enmity

Between you and the woman,

And between your seed and her seed;

He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

16 To the woman He said,

"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you will bring forth children;
Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he will rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

Cursed is the ground because of you;

In toil you will eat of it

All the days of your life.

18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;

And you will eat the plants of the field;

19 By the sweat of your face

You will eat bread,

Till you return to the ground,

Because from it you were taken;

For you are dust,

And to dust you shall return."

Adam and Eve are Driven from Eden

- 20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.
- 21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.
- 22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—
- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.
- 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Cain and Abel (c. 4070 BC)

Genesis 4:1-24

The Birth of Cain and Abel

- 1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with *the help of* the LORD."
- 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Abel Pleases God

- 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.
- 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. [cf. Heb 11:4]

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?

7 If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Cain Murders His Brother Abel

- 8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.
- 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"
- 10 He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.
- 11 Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.
- 12 When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."
- 13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear!
- 14 Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."
- 15 So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.
- 16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

The Line of Cain (c. 4070 BC – c. 3000 BC)

- 17 Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.
- 18 Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech.
- 19 Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.
- 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.
- 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.
- 22 As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
- 23 Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice, You wives of Lamech, Give heed to my speech, For I have killed a man for wounding me; And a boy for striking me;

24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold,

Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

Toledot of Adam (4044–2618 BC)	
Genesis 5	Genesis 4:25–26
1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the	
day when God created man, He made him in the	
likeness of God.	
2 He created them male and female, and He blessed	
them and named them Man in the day when they were created.	
3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty	25 Adam
years,	had relations with his wife again;
he became the father of <i>a son</i> in his own likeness,	and she gave birth to a son,
according to his image, and named him Seth.	and named him Seth,
	for, she said, "God has appointed me another
	offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."
4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father	
of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had <i>other</i> sons and daughters.	
5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred	
and thirty years, and he died.	
6 Seth lived one hundred and five years,	26 To Seth, to him also a son was born;
and became the father of Enosh.	and he called his name Enosh.
	Then <i>men</i> began to call upon the name of the LORD.

- 7 Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.
- 9 Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.
- 10 Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.
- 12 Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.
- 13 Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 14 So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.
- 15 Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.
- 16 Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.
- 18 Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.
- 19 Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.
- 21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.
- 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.
- 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.
- 24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. [cf. Heb 11:5; Jude 1:14]
- 25 Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.

- 26 Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.
- 28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son.
- 29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed."
- 30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.
- 32 Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

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Chronological Notes

- 1) There are several texts (Isa 14:12–15; Ezek 28:12–17; Rev 12:3–4a) that are commonly thought to describe the fall of Satan. The fall of Satan must be placed *after* the declaration of God at the end of the sixth day of creation that "everything that he had made... was very good" (Gen 1:31). Satan's fall must also be placed *before* the temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden (Satan's intentions are clear at this point). This leaves a position just before Genesis 3 as the best option.
- 2) I date the story of Cain and Abel to c. 4070 BC. This is pure speculation on my part since we are not told how old Adam was when Cain was born. If Cain was born in 4070, then he would have been around 26 in 4044 when Seth was born (with Abel being perhaps 25 or 24). The murder took place sometime before Seth's birth, but we cannot be certain when. Note that I do not give the line of Cain its own chronological block—this is in keeping with the text's deliberate omission of any chronological details related to Cain's genealogy.
- 3) Seth's birth is mentioned twice, first in the conclusion to the story of Cain and Abel (Gen 4:25–26) and again in the Toledot of Adam (Gen 5:3–4). From a literary perspective, the birth of Seth provides a positive conclusion to Cain's murder of Abel and his ungodly descendants (Gen 4:17–24). A proper chronological placement is made by simply harmonizing the two texts together, thus showing that Seth was born when Adam was 130.

¹ Merrill F. Unger, "The Old Testament Revelation concerning Eternity Past," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 114:454 (Apr 1957): 134–140. Galeotti, while cautious about applying the OT texts to Satan primarily, admits "the King of Tyre, like the King of Babylon, also serves as a type for Satan"—Gary A. Galeotti, "Satan's Identity Reconsidered," *Faith and Mission* 15:2 (Spring 1998): 73–89.