
A Bible Prophecy Series

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Revelation's Dragon

Lesson #4

Introduction:

If God is all knowing, all powerful, and all loving... then what went wrong? Why is there pain? Why do bad things happen to good people? Everybody has struggled with these questions. Today we will find answers, peace, and hope, in the Bible, God's Word.

1. **Where did sin begin?** - Revelation 12:7-9
It all started in Heaven, in perfection. *See supplement.*
2. **Why did God create sin?** – Matthew 13:24-30
He did not. An enemy has done this, an enemy that is trying to make God look bad.
3. **Did God create the devil?** – Ezekiel 28:12-15
No, God created a beautiful angel called Lucifer (Is. 14:12), who chose to become Satan. Iniquity/sin was *found* in him.
4. **What position did Lucifer hold in Heaven?** – Ezekiel 28:14
Lucifer actually held a very high-ranking position. He was the anointed covering cherub and was a very musical creature (Ez. 28:13b).
5. **What was the root of Satan's evil?** – Ezekiel 28:17,13
His beauty, his pride was the cause of his downfall.
6. **Why did Satan rebel?** – Isaiah 14:12-14
Satan wanted to be worshipped. He wanted to take the place of God...and still does.
7. **What was the result of Lucifer's rebellion and why did God not stop it?**
Rev. 12:7, 4, 9
War finally broke out in Heaven. Satan was able to convince 1/3rd of the angels of Heaven to rebel with him.
8. **How did sin make it from Heaven to Earth?** - Gen. 3:1-6
Satan deceived Eve. It was a simple test, don't eat from one tree. When Eve succumbed to temptation she chose to follow Satan instead of God and led Adam into sin with her.
9. **What is the immediate result of sin?** – Gen. 3:23,24
Sin affected everything (Gen. 3:14-19). The immediate result of sin is separation from God (Is. 59:2).
10. **What methods does Satan use?**
Deception (Rev. 12:9), accusation (Rev. 12:10), miracles (Rev. 16:14), temptation (Mark 1:13), murder and lying (John 8:44). In short, the devil will do whatever it takes to do the job...anything.

11. **When is Satan most dangerous?** – 2 Cor. 11:14,15

Just as in the Garden of Eden (the serpent), Satan can transform himself into an angel of light. He is most dangerous when he mixes a lot of truth with a little bit of error, just as we see in many churches today.

12. **How well does the devil know the Bible?** – Mt. 4:5, 6

Satan (the devil) knows the Bible very well and will twist the truth in the Bible to coerce people.

13. **Why is the devil so angry with me what did I ever do to him?** – Rev. 12:17

He is most angry with those that keep God's commandments. He knows the Bible and he knows his time is short and he is trying to take as many down with him as he can.

14. **Do I stand a chance against Satan?** – James 4:7, 8

The only chance we have is to draw close to God and submit to Him, and he (Satan) will flee from you. The best ways to draw close to Him are through prayer and seeking to know Him through His Word.

15. **How did Jesus resist Satan?** - Mt. 4:10, Eph. 6:17, Heb. 4:12

Jesus always responded with an "it is written". Our only safety is to store God's Word in our heart (Psalm 119:11).

16. **Will Satan ever have an end?** – Isaiah 14:15, Ezekiel 28:19

Satan will one day have an end. We will never have to worry about this whole thing starting over again in Heaven (Nahum 1:9).

17. **How does God feel about the destruction of the wicked?** – Ezekiel 33:11

He will take no pleasure in it, but it must come to an end.

18. **How will sin come to an end?** – John 1:29

By Jesus sacrificial death on the cross, Satan was defeated (Gen. 3:15).

Conclusion:

From the very beginning it was Jesus sacrifice that we put our faith in. This is why He is called the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). Jesus lived the life we should have lived and died the death we deserve. By doing this by doing this, Christ offers us the power over sin that He Himself exercised while on Earth. Next time we will learn more about Jesus and the free gift He offers.

Supplement

Q – Who is Michael? – Dan. 9:25, 10:21, Jude 9, 1 Thess. 4:16, John 5:25

A – Michael the archangel is Jesus. (archaggelos = chief angel). Archangel does not mean He is an angel but the leader of the angels.

The word archangel is never pluralized in the Bible, there is only one archangel. In Daniel, Michael is known as Messiah the Prince. In Jude 9 we see that Michael disputed about the body of Moses and we see in 1 Thess. 4:16 that it will be the voice of the archangel that raises the dead.