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# Satan Origin Explained — God Never Called Satan a Fallen Angel, Religion Did

## Satan Origin Explained — Examining the Serpent, Lucifer, Divine Purpose, and the Full Counsel of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation



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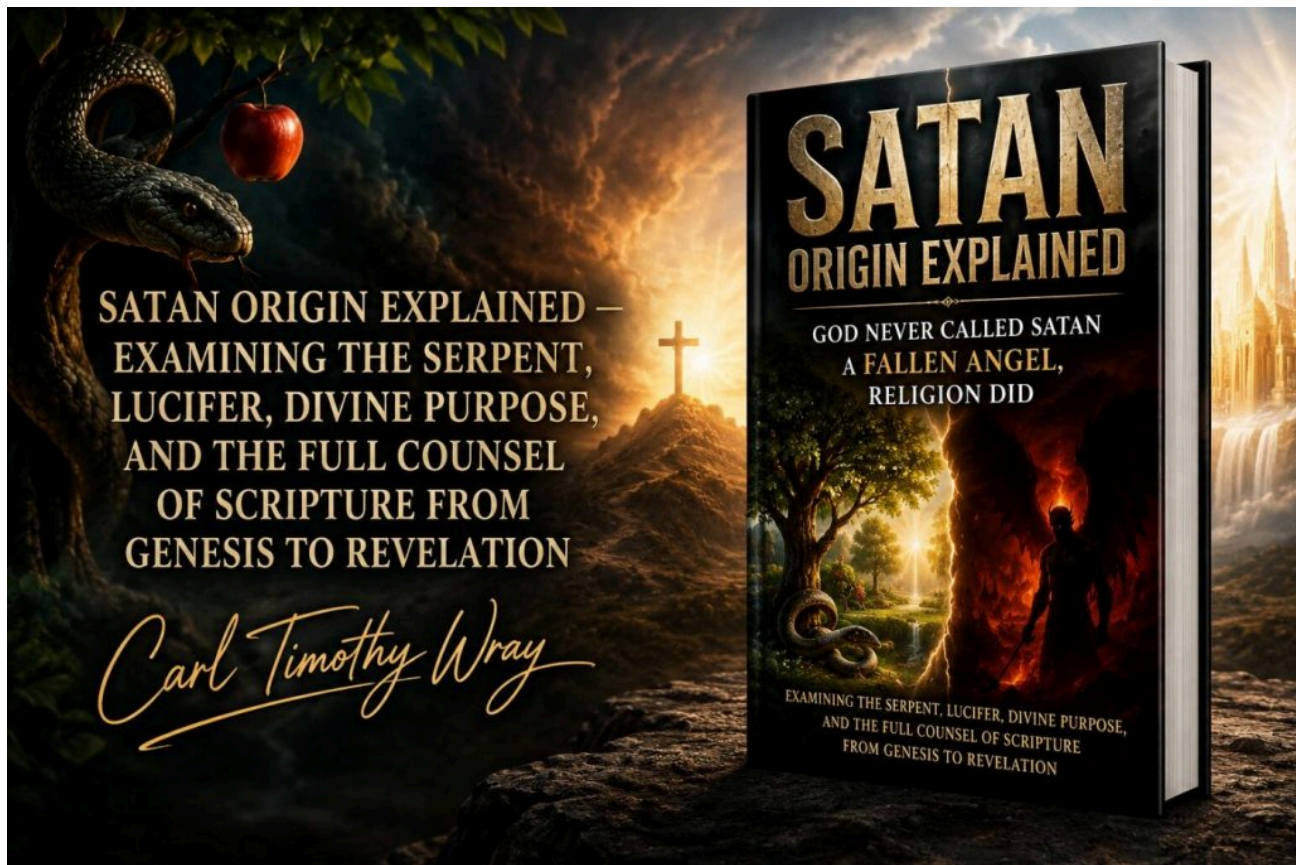
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**Satan Origin Explained** examines one of the most debated questions in Christianity today: *Was Satan originally a holy angel who fell from heaven, or does Scripture reveal a different story?* This book explores the origin of Satan through the serpent in Eden, the words of Jesus, Lucifer in Isaiah, the anointed cherub of Ezekiel, and the full counsel of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Readers will discover how deception, murder, divine purpose, sonship, and the Finished Work of Christ connect into one progressive revelation designed to unveil what the Bible actually says about [Satan's origin](#).





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# Satan: INTRODUCTION

## Babylon's View vs Zion's Examination

For generations believers have inherited a familiar story. We have heard it from pulpits, commentaries, paintings, study notes, and traditions passed from one generation to another. The story tells of a glorious angel named Lucifer who once stood in heaven clothed with beauty and power before suddenly falling into rebellion and becoming Satan.

Many believers have accepted that explanation without ever asking a simple question:

### Does Scripture actually say this?

This book is not written to attack people, traditions, or sincere believers. It is written to examine the Word of God carefully and allow Scripture to speak for itself. Rather than beginning with assumptions, we will begin where God began.

We will start in Genesis.

We will examine the serpent's appearance in Eden.

We will listen carefully to the words of Jesus Christ when He defined Satan as a liar and murderer from the beginning.

We will follow the first manifestations of that nature through Eve and Cain.

We will examine Isaiah and Ezekiel in their full context.

We will ask difficult questions.



We will look at divine purpose, sovereignty, testing, sonship, and ultimately the Finished Work of Christ.

The goal is not controversy.

The goal is clarity.

Because whenever truth is unveiled, confusion loses its voice.

Let us begin where Scripture begins.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

**THE SERPENT APPEARS — ORIGINAL**



**ORIGINATION AND CREATION**

*"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made..." — Genesis 3:1*

## THE FIRST APPEARANCE CHANGES EVERYTHING

When examining the origin of Satan, most people immediately begin with ideas they inherited from tradition:

*"Satan was once Lucifer."*

*"Satan was the highest angel in heaven."*

*"Satan led worship in heaven."*

*"Satan rebelled and then became evil."*

But before we allow traditions, assumptions, paintings, or systems to define our understanding, we must begin where God begins.

We must go to Genesis.

Because if we misunderstand the first appearance, we may misunderstand everything that follows.

The very first mention of the serpent appears in Genesis:

*"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made..."*

Notice carefully what Scripture does and does not say.

Scripture does not say:



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There was a fallen angel."

- "Now there was a rebel cherub."

- “Now there was Lucifer cast from heaven.”
- “Now there was an enemy God did not foresee.”

No.

The first revelation given by Scripture is startling in its simplicity:

**The Lord God had made him.**

That statement becomes the first stone in our mountain.

Because if the reader skips over that stone, the entire structure begins to lean.

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## **GOD WAS NOT REACTING — GOD WAS ORDAINING**

For many people, the Eden story has become the story of God reacting to a disaster.

The picture often presented looks like this:

God created a perfect world.

Then a rogue being unexpectedly entered the garden.

Then God suddenly had to repair what was broken.

But Scripture does not paint that picture.

The serpent did not crawl into Eden outside of divine awareness.



The serpent appears inside a garden planted by God Himself.

God planted Eden.

God placed Adam there.

God established the trees.

God established the boundaries.

And immediately we are introduced to:

| *“the serpent... which the Lord God had made.”*

Nothing catches God by surprise.

Nothing appears outside His knowledge.

Nothing enters creation outside His awareness.

The God who declares:

| *“Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.”*

is not learning history as it unfolds.

He knows the end from the beginning.



## THE SERPENT WAS MORE SUBTLE

Scripture does not merely tell us the serpent existed.



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mediately describes its nature:

*"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field..."*

The word subtle carries the idea of:

- shrewd
- cunning
- crafty
- able to influence
- able to persuade

Notice again what Genesis does not say.

It does not say:

*"The serpent became subtle."*

It does not say:

*"The serpent used to be something else."*

It simply introduces him as he appears.

The serpent enters the biblical story already possessing the characteristics through which he would function.

This becomes important later because Jesus Himself will say:

*"He was a murderer from the beginning... and a liar."*

Christ will not describe a nature that suddenly developed later.



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ibe a nature connected to beginnings.

But before we move there, we must first establish this foundation:

The serpent was not introduced as a surprise.

He was introduced as part of the setting itself.

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## **BEFORE WE DEFINE HIM, WE MUST SEE HIM**

Many believers begin with definitions.

But Scripture begins with appearance.

God first says:

*"Look."*

Then later He says:

*"Understand."*

Genesis is showing us the stage before explaining the actor.

The serpent stands in Eden.

Adam stands in Eden.

The woman stands in Eden.

The trees stand in Eden.



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y begins moving toward revelation.

The mountain is being built.

The first stone has now been placed:

**The serpent appears.**

**The serpent was made.**

**The serpent was subtle.**

**And God was already there.**

Now we move forward to hear not what men say about Satan—

but what Jesus Christ Himself says.

Because Christ will now define the one Genesis introduced.

## CHAPTER 2

# FROM THE BEGINNING — CHRIST DEFINES SATAN

*“You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” — John 8:44*



**NOW WE LET JESUS SPEAK**



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...ready laid the first stone.

Genesis introduced the serpent.

We saw his appearance.

We saw his setting.

We saw that he was present in Eden.

We saw that Scripture says:

▮ *“The Lord God had made him.”*

But now we move to the next step of our mountain.

We must allow Christ Himself to define Satan.

Not theologians.

Not traditions.

Not paintings.

Not ideas passed from generation to generation.

Jesus Christ Himself.

Because if Christ defines something, His definition must stand above every assumption of men.

And notice something extraordinary.



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ot begin by telling us where Satan lived.

Jesus does not begin by telling us his rank.

Jesus does not begin by telling us his appearance.

Jesus immediately begins with his nature.

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## A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING

Jesus says:

| *"He was a murderer from the beginning..."*

Immediately we must stop and ask a question:

### **What beginning?**

Because the entire mountain may stand or fall right here.

Beginning does not mean halfway through the story.

Beginning does not mean after some supposed rebellion.

Beginning means origin.

Beginning means commencement.

Beginning means the first appearance.

Beginning means the point where something begins to exist and function.



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ot say:

| *"He became a murderer."*

Jesus does not say:

| *"He was once holy but later became corrupt."*

Jesus says:

| *"He was a murderer from the beginning."*

That statement is thunder.

Because Jesus is taking us back to origins.

He is taking us back to Genesis.

He is taking us back to where the serpent first appeared.

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## HE ABODE NOT IN THE TRUTH

Jesus continues:

| *"...and abode not in the truth..."*

Notice what Christ is revealing.

He does not say:

| *"He fell out of the truth after ages of holiness."*



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say:

| *"He departed from truth after leading heavenly worship."*

He simply says:

| *"He abode not in the truth."*

Then Jesus gives the reason:

| *"Because there is no truth in him."*

Read that slowly.

Not little truth.

Not partial truth.

Not corrupted truth.

Jesus says:

| **No truth in him.**

The Lord is not giving us a biography.

He is giving us a definition.

And definitions matter.

Because definitions reveal nature.

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**THE FATHER OF LIES**

Jesus continues:

| *“When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

Again notice what Christ does not say.

He does not say:

| *“He learned to lie.”*

He does not say:

| *“He suddenly developed deception.”*

He says:

| **He is a liar.**

Not merely one who told a lie.

But one whose nature produces lies.

And then Christ goes even deeper:

| **The father of it.**

Father speaks of source.

Father speaks of origin.

Father speaks of producing something out of one's own nature.



The lie proceeds from him because deception belongs to his character.

# CHRIST HAS NOW GIVEN THE DEFINITION

The mountain now has its second stone.

Genesis introduced the serpent.

Jesus defines him.

Definition:

- Murderer
- Liar
- Father of lies

Now we stand before an important question.

If Jesus defined him as a liar—

**where do we first see the lie?**

If Jesus defined him as a murderer—

**where do we first see the murder?**

The answer is waiting in Genesis.

Because Scripture is now about to move from:

**Definition**



## Manifestation

And the first manifestation begins with a question spoken to Eve:

| *"Yea, hath God said...?"*

## CHAPTER 3

# THE FIRST MANIFESTATION — THE LIE SPOKEN TO EVE

| *"And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die." — Genesis 3:4*



## DEFINITION NOW BECOMES MANIFESTATION

We have now climbed two levels of the mountain.

Genesis introduced the serpent.

Christ defined Satan.

Jesus declared:

| *"He was a murderer from the beginning..."*

and

| *"... he is a liar, and the father of it."*



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Now Scripture begins doing something beautiful.

God does not merely give us a definition.

He gives us a manifestation.

The question now becomes:

If Christ called him a liar—

**where do we first see the lie?**

Genesis answers immediately.

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## THE FIRST WORDS OF THE SERPENT

The first recorded words of the serpent are astonishing:

“*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*” — Genesis 3:1

Notice something carefully.

The serpent does not begin with violence.

He does not begin with murder.

He does not begin with destruction.

He begins with a question.

But hidden inside the question is something more dangerous:



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The first attack in Scripture is aimed at the Word of God.

Not Eve herself.

Not Adam himself.

The Word.

The serpent introduces uncertainty where certainty existed.

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## **SATAN DID NOT ATTACK THE TREE — HE ATTACKED THE WORD**

Think about what is happening.

God had already spoken:

| *“Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”*

| *“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat...”*

The Word had already gone forth.

Truth had already been established.

The serpent’s strategy was not to create another tree.

The serpent’s strategy was not to create another garden.



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s strategy was to challenge what God had spoken.

The attack begins with:

“Hath God said?”

Because if the Word becomes uncertain—

everything becomes uncertain.

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## THE LIE ENTERS THE HUMAN STORY

Then the serpent speaks openly:

“Ye shall not surely die.”

There it is.

The first lie.

And notice the power of it.

The lie was not merely false information.

The lie questioned God’s truth.

The lie challenged God’s nature.

The lie implied:

“God is withholding something from you.”



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ng something back.”

*"God cannot be trusted!"*

That is the poison hidden beneath deception.

Because deception always attempts to separate man from trusting God.

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## **JESUS SAID HE WAS A LIAR**

Now the mountain locks together.

Christ defined:

| Liar

Genesis manifests:

| Lie

Jesus was not inventing a new doctrine in John.

Jesus was revealing what Genesis had already shown.

The first manifestation perfectly matches Christ's definition.

Definition:

**Liar**

Manifestation:



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en to Eve

The pieces fit.

The mountain rises.

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## **THE FIRST BATTLE WAS OVER TRUTH**

Most people think the first battle in Scripture was over fruit.

But the battle was never really about fruit.

The battle was over truth.

The battle was over:

### **What has God said?**

The serpent introduced another voice.

Another interpretation.

Another word.

And once Eve accepted another word—

the seed of deception entered into humanity.

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## **THE NEXT MANIFESTATION WILL GO**



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The first manifestation was deception.

But Jesus did not only call him a liar.

Jesus also called him:

| *“a murderer from the beginning.”*

The next step of the mountain will reveal the second manifestation.

The lie entered through Eve.

Now the nature hidden inside that lie will produce its next fruit:

**murder through Cain.**

## CHAPTER 4

# THE SECOND MANIFESTATION — MURDER THROUGH CAIN

| *“Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother...” — 1 John 3:12*

## THE LIE NOW BEARS FRUIT

The mountain continues rising.

We have already seen:

Genesis introduced the serpent.



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d Satan.

The first manifestation revealed the lie spoken to Eve.

Now we move into the next unveiling.

Because Jesus did not merely say:

| *"He is a liar."*

Jesus also said:

| *"He was a murderer from the beginning."*

Now we must ask:

**Where does murder first appear?**

The answer appears immediately after Eden.

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## **THE FIRST MURDER IN SCRIPTURE**

Genesis introduces us to two brothers:

Cain and Abel.

One brings an offering.

The other brings an offering.

One offering is accepted.



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not.

Then something begins rising within Cain.

Jealousy.

Anger.

Bitterness.

Pride.

And suddenly Scripture records the first murder in human history:

*“And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass... that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.” — Genesis 4:8*

The first blood of man now touches the earth.

The nature hidden within deception now reveals its next fruit.

The liar now manifests as the murderer.

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## JOHN OPENS THE VEIL

Many people read Cain merely as a story about two brothers.

But the Spirit later opens the veil through John.

John writes:

*“... Cain, who was of that wicked one...”*



Pause there.

John does not merely say Cain was influenced.

John does not merely say Cain made a mistake.

John points directly to a nature operating beneath the surface.

Cain manifested something deeper.

The very nature Christ described.



## **JESUS ALREADY GAVE THE DEFINITION**

Remember what Jesus said:

| *"He was a murderer from the beginning..."*

Now watch the pieces lock together.

Definition:

**Murderer**

Manifestation:

**Cain murders Abel**

Definition:



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Manifestation:

## The serpent deceives Eve

Everything begins fitting together with astonishing precision.

Jesus was not inventing a new teaching.

Jesus was unveiling what Genesis had already shown.

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## THE PROGRESSION OF DEATH

Notice the order.

The serpent did not begin by murdering Abel.

First came deception.

Then came corruption.

Then came murder.

The progression unfolds like this:

### Question God's Word



### Receive the lie



## Corrupt the heart



### Produce death

That pattern still operates today.

Because death always begins long before blood is shed.

Murder begins within the heart.

Bitterness.

Hatred.

Pride.

Self-exaltation.

Division.

The outward act only reveals what was already growing inwardly.



## THE NATURE HAS NOW BEEN MANIFESTED

The mountain now has another stone firmly placed.

Genesis introduced the serpent.



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ed Satan.

Eve revealed the lie.

Cain revealed the murder.

Definition:

- Liar
- Murderer

Manifestation:

- Eve
- Cain

The evidence now stands before us.

But another question now rises.

If the serpent in Genesis and the Devil are connected—

**does Scripture ever plainly identify them together?**

The answer waits in Revelation.

Because the next chapter will pull back the veil and reveal:

**| That old serpent.**

## CHAPTER 5



# THAT OLD SERPENT — THE IDENTITY REVEALED

*“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...” — Revelation 12:9*

## THE MOUNTAIN NOW CONNECTS GENESIS TO REVELATION

We have now climbed several levels of the mountain.

Genesis introduced the serpent.

Jesus defined Satan.

The lie manifested through Eve.

The murder manifested through Cain.

Now another question rises naturally:

**Was the serpent in Eden merely used by Satan?**

Or:

**Was the serpent actually identified as Satan himself?**

This question becomes critical because much of the religious world has taught that Satan entered a serpent and merely spoke through it.



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apture itself will answer.

## GOD NOW GIVES HIS OWN DEFINITION

John writes:

| *"That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan..."*

Read those words slowly.

Notice what Scripture does not say.

It does not say:

| *"That old serpent used by Satan."*

It does not say:

| *"That old serpent possessed by Satan."*

It does not say:

| *"That old serpent influenced by Satan."*

Scripture simply says:

| *"That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan."*

God now gives us His own identification.

Genesis introduced him.



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identifies him.

The mountain begins connecting itself.

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## **“OLD” DOES NOT MEAN AGED — IT MEANS ORIGINAL**

Notice the phrase:

| *“that old serpent”*

Many read “old” and think merely of age.

But there is something deeper being revealed.

The Spirit points back to beginnings.

Back to origins.

Back to the first appearance.

Back to Eden.

John is not introducing a new serpent.

John is identifying the serpent already introduced.

The same serpent:

- who questioned God’s Word
- who deceived Eve



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gan the progression toward death

Now the veil opens.

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## **THE WHOLE STORY IS COMING TOGETHER**

Watch the progression now:

### **Genesis**

The serpent appears.



### **John**

Jesus defines him.



### **Genesis**

The lie manifests.



### **Genesis**

The murder manifests.



The identity is revealed.

Everything now begins standing together.

Not separate stories.

Not disconnected symbols.

One progressive unveiling.

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## **THE READER NOW STANDS BEFORE A NEW QUESTION**

The mountain has brought us here:

If this serpent is identified with Satan—

and if Christ said he was a liar and murderer from the beginning—

then another question immediately appears:

### **What about Lucifer?**

Was Lucifer truly a fallen angel?

Or have generations inherited assumptions that Scripture itself never directly stated?

Now we move into one of Babylon's strongest walls.



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t chapters will walk carefully through every stone.

Because now we enter Isaiah.

## CHAPTER 6

# LUCIFER EXAMINED — ISAIAH REVEALS FALLEN ADAM

*"They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble...?" — Isaiah 14:16*

## NOW WE ARRIVE AT BABYLON'S STRONGEST WALL

We now arrive at one of the most repeated teachings in the church world.

For generations people have heard:

*"Lucifer was Satan before he fell."*

*"Lucifer was the highest angel in heaven."*

*"Lucifer led worship."*

*"Lucifer rebelled and became the Devil."*

Paintings have been painted.

Movies have been made.



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ve been preached.

Entire systems have been built around this idea.

But now we must slow down.

Because we are not asking:

### **What has tradition repeated?**

We are asking:

### **What does Scripture actually say?**

Because if we have climbed the mountain correctly, we cannot suddenly abandon our method.

We started in Genesis.

We followed Christ's definition.

We followed manifestation.

We followed identification.

Now we must follow context.



## **ISAIAH DOES NOT BEGIN WITH SATAN**

Look at where Isaiah begins:



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"...his proverb against the king of Babylon..." — Isaiah 14:4

Notice carefully:

The chapter does not open with:

*"Concerning Satan..."*

The chapter does not say:

*"Concerning Lucifer the fallen angel..."*

The Spirit immediately points to:

## **| The king of Babylon**

This becomes our first stone.

Because if we remove the opening context, we can make the chapter say almost anything we wish.

But Scripture establishes the setting first.

Babylon.

King.

Government.

Pride.

Exaltation.



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## HOW ART THOU FALLEN, O LUCIFER

Then Isaiah says:

| *"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning..."* — Isaiah 14:12

Now many stop reading right there.

The moment they see "Lucifer," the conclusion is already made.

But we must keep walking.

Because one word cannot override the surrounding context.

The word translated *Lucifer* carries the idea of:

- shining one
- morning star
- light bearer

The question now becomes:

### Who is this shining one?

The answer is still unfolding.



## THE FIVE "I WILLS"

Now we see the heart condition:



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*hast said in thine heart..."*

Then come the famous declarations:

| *"I will ascend into heaven..."*

| *"I will exalt my throne..."*

| *"I will sit..."*

| *"I will ascend above..."*

| *"I will be like the Most High..."*

Now pause.

What are we seeing?

We are seeing self-exaltation.

We are seeing independence.

We are seeing man attempting elevation apart from union.

We are seeing:

**self enthroned.**

And does this not sound familiar?

Back in Eden another voice said:

| *"Ye shall be as gods..."*



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The same spirit appears again.

Self reaches upward.

Self seeks exaltation.

Self seeks independence.

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## **THEN COMES THE FALL**

Isaiah continues:

| *“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” — Isaiah 14:15*

The one who rises upward now falls downward.

The one who exalts himself now descends.

The one lifted in glory now falls into corruption.

But now comes the verse that shakes the mountain.

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## **IS THIS THE MAN?**

Isaiah says:

| *“They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man...?” — Isaiah 14:16*

Stop.



Read it again.

Not:

*"Is this the angel?"*

Not:

*"Is this the cherub?"*

Not:

*"Is this Satan?"*

Scripture says:

## Is this the man?

The mountain now demands a question:

If Isaiah intended to reveal Satan's angelic biography—

why does the Spirit identify:

## a man?



## ADAM NOW BEGINS TO APPEAR

Watch the pattern emerge:

Adam was crowned with glory.



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placed in divine order.

Adam was given dominion.

Adam listened to another voice.

Adam sought something outside union.

Adam fell.

Adam was driven from glory.

The pattern now becomes visible.

Isaiah is unveiling something larger than one earthly king.

Babylon becomes a picture.

The king becomes a type.

The spirit of self-exaltation becomes visible.

The fallen Adamic nature begins standing in full view.



## **THE WALL OF BABYLON BEGINS TO CRACK**

The mountain has now brought us to a critical place.

Religion says:

| Lucifer = Satan the fallen angel



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asks:

| *"Is this the man?"*

The question now becomes even larger.

Because Isaiah is not standing alone.

Another prophet now joins the witness.

Ezekiel is waiting.

And he will describe:

- Eden
- beauty
- covering
- wisdom
- precious stones
- the holy mountain
- corrupted glory

Now we continue climbing.

## CHAPTER 7

# THE ANOINTED CHERUB — EZEKIEL REVEALS ADAM IN GLORY

| *"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." — Ezekiel 28:15*



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..... **SECOND WITNESS NOW SPEAKS**

We have now arrived at the second major fortress of tradition.

For generations people have joined Ezekiel 28 together with Isaiah 14 and concluded:

*"This is Satan before he fell."*

*"This is Lucifer as the highest angel in heaven."*

*"This is the Devil before rebellion."*

But if we have learned anything while climbing this mountain, it is this:

**Never begin with assumptions.**

Begin with context.

Begin with Scripture.

Begin where God begins.

Because God has already shown us:

- the serpent introduced
- Satan defined
- the lie manifested
- murder manifested
- the old serpent identified
- Isaiah unveiling fallen Adam

Now Ezekiel joins the witness.





# EZEKIEL DOES NOT BEGIN WITH SATAN EITHER

Look at where Ezekiel starts:

| *"Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus..."* — Ezekiel 28:12

Again notice carefully:

The Spirit does not say:

*"Take up a lamentation against Satan."*

The Spirit does not say:

*"Take up a lamentation against Lucifer."*

He says:

## | **The king of Tyrus**

Again we see:

- a ruler
- a king
- a man

The same pattern Isaiah established now appears again.

The mountain is laying stone upon stone.



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## PERFECT IN BEAUTY

The prophet says:

| *"Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." — Ezekiel 28:12*

Now the religious system immediately says:

*"That has to be Satan."*

But slow down.

Adam himself was created in extraordinary glory.

Adam came forth:

- crowned with honor
- clothed with beauty
- given dominion
- bearing divine likeness

The language is describing glory and appointment.

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## THOU HAST BEEN IN EDEN

Then Ezekiel says:

| *"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God..." — Ezekiel 28:13*

Now we are brought directly back to Genesis.



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And now another question rises:

Who was placed into Eden?

Adam.

Who was commissioned in Eden?

Adam.

Who walked within God's arrangement there?

Adam.

The Spirit is now drawing our attention back to original glory.

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## **EVERY PRECIOUS STONE WAS THY COVERING**

Ezekiel lists precious stones:

| *"The sardius, topaz, diamond..."*

These stones later appear in priestly and governmental imagery.

Notice the picture emerging:

- beauty
- covering
- authority
- priesthood
- glory



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ot merely a gardener.

Adam stood as a priestly son within divine order.

He carried responsibility.

He carried authority.

He carried glory.

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## THE ANOINTED CHERUB THAT COVERETH

Then comes one of the most debated statements:

“*Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth...*” — Ezekiel 28:14

Tradition immediately says:

“*See? Satan was a cherub.*”

But let Scripture speak.

Throughout Scripture cherubic imagery repeatedly appears connected with:

- divine presence
- glory
- covering
- governmental order

The picture here is not fluttering wings in heaven.

The picture is covering glory and divine appointment.



Adam stood under divine covering and was appointed within God’s order.

## TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN THEE

Now the turning point arrives:

*"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."*

Then Ezekiel continues:

*"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty..." — Ezekiel 28:17*

There it is again.

The same pattern Isaiah showed:

Self-exaltation.

Lifted heart.

Corrupted wisdom.

Glory turning inward.

The issue is not merely outward rebellion.

The issue is inward elevation.

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## CAST OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN



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EZEKIEL SAYS.

*"I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God..."*

Now compare:

Adam:

- placed into Eden
- clothed with glory
- given dominion
- listens to another voice
- falls
- driven out

The pattern stands before us.

The mountain continues building.

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## ISAIAH AND EZEKIEL NOW STAND TOGETHER

Isaiah showed:

- exaltation
- "I will"
- man
- fall

Ezekiel shows:

- beauty



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- covering

- lifted heart
- expulsion

Together the prophets unveil a larger picture:

Not an angelic biography.

But man in glory—

then man fallen.

Not Satan ascending and falling from heaven.

But Adamic humanity exalted and then corrupted.

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## **THE MOUNTAIN NOW MOVES TO A GREATER QUESTION**

If God introduced the serpent...

If Christ defined him...

If Genesis manifested him...

If Isaiah and Ezekiel unveil the fall of man...

Then another question rises:

**Why would such an adversary exist at all?**



Now we move into the sovereignty of God.

# CHAPTER 8

## I FORM LIGHT AND CREATE DARKNESS

*"I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." — Isaiah 45:7*



### NOW THE READER ASKS THE BIG QUESTION

We have climbed high enough on the mountain that another question now rises naturally.

If God introduced the serpent...

If the serpent appeared within God's own garden...

If Jesus defined him from the beginning...

If deception and murder manifested exactly according to that definition...

If Isaiah and Ezekiel revealed fallen man rather than an angelic biography...

Then the question becomes:

#### Why?

Why would God permit such a thing?

Why would God allow an adversary?

Why would God allow darkness?



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Why would God allow testing?

Why would God allow evil?

This may be one of the greatest questions believers wrestle with.

Because many imagine two competing powers:

God trying to accomplish good.

The Devil trying to stop Him.

But Scripture presents another picture entirely.

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## **GOD TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS CREATION**

Listen carefully:

| *"I form the light, and create darkness..."*

| *"I make peace, and create evil..."*

| *"I the Lord do all these things."*

These words shake religious systems.

Because man frequently attempts to protect God from responsibility that God Himself accepts.



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THE NATURAL mind says:

*"Surely God could not mean this."*

*"Surely something escaped God's control."*

*"Surely some other power entered the story unexpectedly."*

But God says:

**I do all these things.**

Not some things.

Not only pleasant things.

Not only comfortable things.

All things.

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## **GOD NEVER LOST CONTROL**

Many believers unknowingly imagine a conflict like this:

God builds.

Satan destroys.

God repairs.

Satan attacks again.



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ds.

Satan moves unexpectedly.

But Scripture paints no such picture.

The Lord declares:

“Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.”

And again:

“Declaring the end from the beginning...”

God is not learning history while it unfolds.

God is not reacting to surprises.

God does not discover problems.

Nothing enters existence outside His knowledge.

Nothing operates outside His boundaries.

Nothing escapes His purpose.



## THE POTTER HAS POWER OVER THE CLAY

Paul writes:

“Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto glory, and another unto dishonor?” — Romans 9:21



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Notice carefully:

One lump.

Same potter.

Different vessels.

The clay never rises above the Potter.

The clay never surprises the Potter.

The clay never creates itself.

The Potter remains Lord over all.

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## **DARKNESS REVEALS LIGHT**

Now another mystery begins opening.

How would light be recognized without darkness?

How would truth be recognized without deception?

How would faith be revealed without testing?

How would overcoming exist without opposition?

How would maturity come without challenge?



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and many things by contrast:

Health against sickness.

Life against death.

Day against night.

Strength against weakness.

Victory against struggle.

Without contrast many realities remain unseen.

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## **THE QUESTION IS SHIFTING**

The question is no longer:

**“Can God control evil?”**

The question is becoming:

**“What purpose could God possibly have through it?”**

Because if God remains sovereign—

then purpose must exist.

And if purpose exists—

the adversary must serve some role within the larger unfolding story.



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in now prepares for another unveiling.

Because the next chapter will ask:

### Why the adversary?

And we will begin seeing the furnace where sons are formed.

## CHAPTER 9

# WHY THE ADVERSARY? — THE FURNACE OF SONSHIP

*“But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” — Job 23:10*

## NOW WE COME TO THE QUESTION MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER ASKED

We have climbed high on the mountain now.

We have seen:

- The serpent introduced
- Christ define Satan
- The lie manifested
- Murder manifested
- The old serpent identified
- Isaiah and Ezekiel unveil fallen man
- God’s sovereignty established



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Other question rises:

## Why would an adversary exist at all?

If God remains sovereign—

why permit opposition?

Why permit testing?

Why allow affliction?

Why allow temptation?

Why allow wilderness seasons?

Why allow fire?

This is where many believers struggle.

Because suffering often appears to contradict God's love.

Trials seem to contradict His goodness.

Testing appears to contradict His care.

But Scripture begins revealing something larger.



## THE FIRE IS NOT MEANT TO DESTROY THE GOLD



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the middle of suffering and spoke these words:

*"When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."*

Notice carefully:

Job did not say:

*"When Satan has destroyed me..."*

Job did not say:

*"When I am abandoned..."*

Job saw purpose operating beneath pain.

Gold enters fire.

But the purpose of the fire is not destruction.

The purpose of the fire is revelation.

The impurities rise.

The dross separates.

The hidden becomes visible.

The gold emerges.



**EVEN JESUS ENTERED THE WILDERNESS**



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resting belongs only to weak believers.

But Scripture reveals something astonishing:

*"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." —  
Matthew 4:1*

Notice carefully:

The Spirit led Him.

Jesus did not wander into the wilderness accidentally.

The Son was led there.

Why?

Because sonship is proven.

Sonship is strengthened.

Sonship is manifested.

The wilderness was not punishment.

The wilderness was preparation.



## **SONS ARE FORGED THROUGH EXPERIENCE**

The writer of Hebrews says:



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*"... He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered." —*

What astonishing words.

The Son learned through experience.

The Son walked through suffering.

The Son encountered opposition.

The Son overcame.

If the Captain of our salvation walked through testing—

how much more those following Him?

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## THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH

Peter writes:

*“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth...” —*

1 Peter 1:7

Faith that has never been tested remains unproven.

Strength that has never resisted pressure remains unknown.

Victory without battle remains incomplete.

No athlete becomes strong without resistance.

No warrior becomes mighty without conflict.



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No son matures without challenge.

Even in the natural world this principle appears everywhere:

Muscles grow through resistance.

Trees grow stronger through storms.

Gold is purified through fire.

And sons are formed through testing.

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## **THE ADVERSARY BECOMES A WRESTLING PARTNER**

This changes the question entirely.

The question is no longer:

| *“Why is Satan attacking?”*

The question becomes:

| *“What is God producing?”*

Because if God remains sovereign—

then opposition cannot be meaningless.



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rs to resist us often develops us.

What appears to weaken us often strengthens us.

What appears to oppose us often prepares us.

The adversary becomes part of the furnace where sons are formed.

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## **THE MOUNTAIN NOW REACHES ITS HIGHEST QUESTION**

We now stand near the summit.

Because if:

- God introduced the serpent
- Christ defined him
- Genesis manifested him
- The prophets unveiled fallen man
- Sovereignty revealed purpose
- Testing formed sons

Then one final question remains:

**Was God unprepared for any of this?**

Or...

**Was the answer already there before the foundation of the world?**

The final chapter now reveals the Lamb.



# CHAPTER 10

## THE LAMB WAS ALREADY THERE

| *"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." — Revelation 13:8*

## WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN

We have climbed from Genesis to Revelation.

We have followed the unveiling stone by stone.

We saw:

- The serpent introduced
- Christ define Satan
- The lie spoken to Eve
- Murder manifested through Cain
- The old serpent identified
- Isaiah and Ezekiel unveil fallen man
- God's sovereignty revealed
- The furnace of sonship established

Now one final question remains:

### **Was God surprised?**

Did God suddenly discover a problem?



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enter emergency mode?

Did redemption become a backup plan?

Was the cross God's reaction?

Many people unknowingly believe that salvation was God's response to an unexpected disaster.

The picture often looks something like this:

God created man.

Man fell.

Satan ruined everything.

God suddenly began searching for a solution.

But Scripture reveals something much greater.

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## THE LAMB STOOD BEFORE THE FALL

John writes:

| *"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"*

Read that slowly.

Not after the foundation.

... I am sinned.



Not after Eve was deceived.

Not after Cain murdered Abel.

Not after history unfolded.

Before.

Before the serpent appeared.

Before the garden.

Before deception.

Before death.

Before sin manifested.

The Lamb was already there.

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## **GOD DID NOT CREATE THE ANSWER AFTER THE PROBLEM**

Think of what this means.

God did not see darkness and then invent light.

God did not discover sin and then create redemption.



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suddenly create Christ because Adam fell.

The answer existed before the question appeared.

The cure existed before the wound.

The cross existed in the heart of God before man walked in Eden.

This changes everything.

Because now redemption is no longer reaction.

Redemption becomes purpose.



## **ALL THINGS WERE MOVING TOWARD CHRIST**

Paul writes:

*“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...” — Colossians 1:16*

Then Paul continues:

*“And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself...” — Colossians 1:20*

Notice the language:

### **All things created**

Then:



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reconciled

The story began in Him.

The story moves through Him.

The story ends in Him.

Christ is not a side character entering late in the story.

Christ is the center of the entire story.

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## **THE STORY NEVER ENDS WITH SATAN**

Many teachings make Satan the center.

They magnify:

- the serpent
- darkness
- deception
- evil
- rebellion

But Scripture continually moves the eyes of the reader somewhere else.

Toward Christ.

Toward the Lamb.

Toward reconciliation.



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pletion.

Toward fulfillment.

Because Satan never becomes the center of Scripture.

Christ remains the center.

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## **THE FINAL VICTORY**

Paul writes:

| *"Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God..."*

Then:

| *"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."*

Then finally:

| *"That God may be all in all" — 1 Corinthians 15:24–28*

Look at the progression:

Death entered.

Death worked.

Death reigned.

Death fell.



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ned standing.

The Lamb always stood beyond the serpent.

The Lamb always stood beyond the fall.

The Lamb always stood beyond darkness.

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## **THE MOUNTAIN NOW STANDS COMPLETE**

We began with:

### **The serpent in Eden**

But we finish with:

### **The Lamb upon the throne**

We began with deception.

We finish with truth.

We began with death.

We finish with life.

We began with the lie.

We finish with Christ.

Because the story never truly belonged to Satan.



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onged to the Lamb.

| *“Worthy is the Lamb.”*

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