

# THE FALLEN, THE FORBIDDEN, AND THE FINAL HOUR

## PART ONE: ETERNITY PAST AND THE HEAVENLY ORDER

### 1.1 Before the Beginning of Genesis One

**The opening line of scripture does not record the opening of existence.** Genesis chapter one verse one states that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The Hebrew verb translated created is *bara*, a word reserved almost exclusively for divine activity. It describes the calling into being of something that did not exist before.

#### Genesis 1:1

In the beginning **GOD CREATED** the heaven and the earth.

The order of this opening verse deserves close attention.

- The heavens are mentioned first.
- The earth follows. Whatever activity occupied the heavens preceded any activity upon the earth.
- The implication is significant. Before there was a sunrise on this planet, there was already glory, order, and worship in the unseen realm above it.

## 1.2 The Original Heavenly Population - The heavenly court was occupied before man was formed

- Heaven was not created empty. From the moment of its creation, it was populated with intelligent, worshipping, ministering beings.
- The book of Job provides direct testimony to this reality. The Lord asks Job a series of questions designed to humble him, and one of those questions reveals the timing of the angelic creation.

### Job 38:4-7

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding... When the morning stars sang together, and **ALL THE SONS OF GOD SHOUTED FOR JOY?**

The morning stars and the sons of God in this passage cannot be human beings.

- Adam had not yet been formed.
- The Hebrew phrase translated sons of God is *bene ha-Elohim*, an expression which throughout the Old

Testament consistently refers to angelic beings within the heavenly court.

- Job himself uses this phrase three times, and in every instance the context places these beings in the presence of the Lord.

### The divine council in the prophetic record:

Scripture repeatedly describes the Lord presiding over a heavenly council. **These beings are not equal to God. They are created servants who participate in the deliberations of heaven.** Two passages illustrate this most clearly.

#### Psalm 82:1

God standeth in the **CONGREGATION OF THE MIGHTY;** he judgeth among the gods.

#### 1 Kings 22:19-22

I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and **ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN STANDING BY HIM ON HIS RIGHT HAND AND ON HIS LEFT.** And the LORD said, who shall persuade Ahab... There came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD...

The Hebrew word *elohim* in Psalm eighty-two is plural in form.

- The same word is used for God Himself, but here it refers to the council of spirit beings who serve in the heavenly court.
- **They are not gods in essence. They are spirit-beings in office.**
- The prophet Micaiah, in First Kings, describes seeing this council in session, with the Lord presiding and the host of heaven standing on either side.
- Heaven is governed. Heaven is administrative. Heaven is judicial.

### **The orders of the angelic creation:**

Scripture identifies multiple distinct categories of angelic beings. These are not interchangeable. Each appears in different contexts and performs different functions within the heavenly order.

- **Cherubim.** Guardians of the throne and of holiness. They appear around the mercy seat in the tabernacle and the temple. Ezekiel describes them with four faces and four wings, full of eyes.
- **Seraphim. *The burning ones*.** Isaiah sees them above the throne of God with six wings, ceaselessly crying holy, holy, holy.

- **Living creatures.** The *zoa* of Revelation chapter four. Distinct beings around the throne who lead heaven in worship.
- **Messengers.** The Greek *angeloi*. Sent ones. Ministering spirits. These are the angels who most often appear in human form to deliver the word of God to men.
- **Watchers.** The Hebrew *ir*. An order Daniel describes in connection with the heavenly court. Their role appears to be the execution of decrees issued from the throne.

### **Daniel 4:17**

This matter is by the decree of the **WATCHERS**, and the demand by the word of the holy ones...