

**The Fall
What Really Took Place
Hint: No Snakes Were Harmed as a Result of This Study**

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Genesis 3:1–9

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 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 coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”” (NKJV)

The word used of the serpent is the term in the Hebrew – nahas or nacash. Pinning this down to a possessed snake is hard to do.

Hey Eve, you are talking to a snake, wise up? Really, remember, where God is His Divine Council is.

Last week we went through some of those specific titles and hinted at descriptions. Yes there is one who has some snakelike qualities.

The Seraphim are now generally conceived as winged →serpents with certain human attributes. The word *śārāp* has three occurrences in the Pentateuch (Num 21:6, 8; Deut 8:15) and four in Isa (6:2, 6; 14:29; 30:6). It is generally taken as a derivative of the verb *śārap*, to “burn”, “incinerate”, “destroy”. Since the verb is transitive, *śārāp* probably denotes an entity that annihilates by burning. While the etymological sense is thus “the one who burns (the enemies etc.)”, the term refers several times to some serpentine being. According to some scholars the connection with the Heb verb *śārap* is only a secondary association, the original etymon being Eg *sfr* / **srf* (cf. *srf*), “griffin” (JOINES 1974: 8 and 55 n. 15; GÖRG 1978). (Mettinger 1999, 742-743)

The term ‘cherubim’ occurs 91 times in the Hebrew Bible. It denotes the Israelite counterpart of the sphinx known from the pictorial art of the ancient Near East. In the Bible the cherubim occur essentially in two functions: as guardians of a sacred tree or as guardians and carriers of a throne. (Mettinger, Cherubim 1999, 189-190)

The cherub is equivalent to the griffin, a name found almost in the same form in Persian and in Greek. In ancient Near-Eastern mythology griffin were intermediaries between men and gods, carrying men’s prayers up to the higher beings. Cherubim are not described in detail in the Bible and it is known only that they had faces and wings. (Negev 1990)

Based on archaeological finds in the Levant (modern-day Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Israel), the scholarly consensus is that the cherub was probably more like a winged sphinx than a humanoid with wings. (Gilbert 2017, Kindle Locations 365 - 367)

In MT the generic word for a venomous snake or serpent is *nāḥāš* (31 times). In Semitic the only certain cognate noun is Ugaritic *nḥš*, ‘snake’ (numerous times in KTU 1.100 and 1.107), with a possible cognate in Arabic *ḥanaš*, ‘snake’ (via metathesis and an altered sibilant). The origin of the word may be onomatopoeic, derived from the hissing sound of a snake. Other words for snakes in MT include *peten* (cf. Ug *bṭn*, Akk *bašmu* and *bšn* in Deut 33:22; →Bashan), *śārāp* (lit. ‘burning one’), *šipônî*, ‘ep’eh, ‘akšûb, *qippōz*, *šēpîpôn*, and *tannin* (which can also mean ‘dragon’). It is difficult to correlate these names with the numerous species of snakes native to the region. It is likely that all of these were regarded as venomous snakes, a common attribution in traditional cultures. The Hebrew noun *nāḥāš* also has the apparently related meanings of ‘divination’ (Num 23:23 and 24:1) and ‘fortune, luck’ (attested in numerous personal names). The denominative Piel verb *niḥēš* means ‘to practice divination’ (attested also in Aramaic). Occasionally *nāḥāš* and other words for snake can be applied to mythical dragons (→Dragon, →Leviathan). The snake is commonly associated with selected deities and →demons and with magic and incantations in the ancient Near East. The latter association is found particularly in connection with the cure or avoidance of snake bites. The most common symbolic associations of the snake include protection, danger, healing, regeneration, and (less frequently) sexuality. (Hendel 1999, 744)

Could it be Lucifer possessed a beautiful creature known as a serpent and talked to Eve, maybe. Nacash - word play; triple entendre Image of serpent (divine throne guardian), information from divine realm (divination), shining appearance associated with divinity (brazen). (Heiser 2015, 90)

He was the throne guardian and may have had the serpent like appearance.



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Glazed tile of the dragon of Marduk, a creature with a serpent's head, a lion's body, and an eagle's claws for hind feet. From the Ishtar Gate, which guarded the Procession Way to the temple of Marduk in Babylon (ca 600 B.C.). (Gaebelein Jr. 1979 - 1988, 244)

As you can tell, the imagery of a serpent like creature being a throne guardian was not only in the Bible, there was also a realization in surrounding cultures of this same imagery.

Something we need to understand, Lucifer, who is identified in the NT as Satan, is a liar. So are all of the fallen. As such, it is not unusual to find imagery from surrounding cultures that are close but not quite the same, all part of the lie. But you still see a thread of truth.

The common Hebrew word for serpent is nachash. The Hebrew word for "bronze" is nechoshet. So there is a linguistic connection between the Hebrew word for serpent and the Hebrew word for "bronze"; both come from the same root. For example, in Numbers 21:9, Moses made a bronze serpent, in Hebrew nachash nechoshet. Later, in II Kings 18:4, this bronze serpent became known as nechushtan, which comes from the same root. This connection of the serpent with bronze indicates that the snake appeared as a shiny or luminous one. This carried into the New Testament where Satan appears as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14). The root word for serpent also appears as a verb, and as a verb it means "to practice divination" or "to observe astrological signs" (Gen. 30:27, 44:5, 44:15; Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10). It is also used as a noun, and as a noun it means "divination" (Num. 23:23; 24:1). Ancient Near Eastern divination practices often included the use of a serpent. (Fruchtenbaum 2008, 92)

Genesis 3, as we read last week, is a sordid tale of deception and murder. Adam and Eve were the victims and by extension, you and me as well. Would we have made it through the test?

Probably not. Who is this being that is the serial murderer of the ages?

Ezekiel 28:11–19

"Another message came to me from the LORD, and this is what it said: "Son of Man, start singing this lamentation for the king of Tyre. Tell him, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: "You served as my model, my example of complete wisdom and perfect beauty. You used to be in Eden— God's paradise! You wore precious stones for clothing: ruby, topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and carbuncle. Your settings were crafted in gold, along with your engravings. On the day of your creation they had been prepared! "You were the anointed cherub; having been set in place on the holy mountain of God, you walked in the midst of fiery stones. You were blameless in your behavior from the day you were created until wickedness was discovered in you. Since your vast business dealings filled you with violent intent from top to bottom, you sinned, so I cast you away as defiled from the mountain of God. I destroyed you, you guardian cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart grew arrogant because of your beauty; you annihilated your own wisdom because of your splendor. Then I threw you to the

ground in the presence of kings, giving them a good look at you! By all of your iniquity and unrighteous businesses you defiled your sanctuaries, so I'm going to bring out fire from within you and burn you to ashes on the earth before the whole watching world! Everyone who knows you throughout all the nations will be appalled at your calamity and you will no longer exist forever." ' ' ' (ISV)

What is this Divine Being's name?

What is the background that wound up leading to what we see here?

What would the reader of Ezekiel's time understand?

Is there any other background?

Isaiah 14:12–17

“How you have fallen from heaven, Day Star, son of the Dawn! How you have been thrown down to earth, you who laid low the nation! You said in your heart, ‘I’ll ascend to heaven, above the stars of God. I’ll erect my throne; I’ll sit on the Mount of Assembly in the far reaches of the north; I’ll ascend above the tops of the clouds; I’ll make myself like the Most High.’ But you are brought down to join the dead, to the far reaches of the Pit. “Those who see you will stare at you. They will wonder about you: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who made kingdoms quake, who made the world like a desert, who destroyed its cities, who would not open the jails for his prisoners?’” (ISV)

The name – Day Star, Star of the Morning, son of the dawn.

הֵלֵל בֶּן־שָׁחַר
Helel ben sahar

Helel - bright star, i.e. Lucifer. Nor is this a bad rendering, for there is added בֶּן־שָׁחַר and in the Chaldee also Lucifer [the morning star], is called כּוֹכַב בְּנֵי־הַבֹּקֶר. (Gesenius and Tregelles 2003, 222-223)

We see that this being's name is Lucifer, and he is a throne guardian, a cherub. He is a created being, just like you and me. He was created by Jesus Christ as the scriptures clearly teach.

Colossians 1:15–17

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” (NASB 2020).

Again, the scripture clearly shows us these Divine Beings, including Lucifer, were created by Jesus Christ.

When we read about the temptation of Jesus right after His baptism in Matthew 4, we read and see that we too are tempted by the same person.

But for Jesus, the one who tempted Him, was actually created by Him, was given life by Him, and Jesus was actually here on planet Earth to fully reverse the rebellion this Divine Being started. The Nacash, a cherub, one who is created, offered Eve the option of being like a god, he did not offer that to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God.

Ezekiel 1:4–10

“Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man;

each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.” (NKJV)

What are these creatures Ezekiel is seeing? This sounds like something out of a Hollywood SciFi script. It is much worse and very real. They are Uber Super Angels. Cherubs. How do we know that? He tells us that a little later in the book.

Ezekiel 10:15

“Then the cherubim rose up. They are the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar.” (NASB 2020)

Ezekiel 10:20

“These are the living beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew that they were cherubim.” (NASB 2020)

They are Cherubim, and notice this, they are not flying naked babies. Where did we first see these creatures? Cherubs are those who were assigned the duty of guarding access to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24

“When he drove the man out, he placed on the eastern side of the orchard in Eden angelic sentries who used the flame of a whirling sword to guard the way to the tree of life.” (NET)

Exodus 25:18–22

“You shall make two cherubim of gold; you shall make them of hammered work, at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other; of one piece with the mercy seat you shall make the cherubim at its two ends. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings. They shall face one to another; the faces of the cherubim shall be turned toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark; and in the ark you shall put the covenant that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the covenant, I will deliver to you all my commands for the Israelites.” (NRSV)

Characteristics of cherubim

We need to know as they are the ones who are about the throne of God

We see this in the picture of the throne of God from the construction of the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant.

- Four faces
- Four wings
- Straight legs
- Calf's feet
- Gleaming like bronze
- Human hands under each of the four wings
- These creatures are coming to see Ezekiel

By the way, John was taken to go meet a different type of creature in Revelation 4:5-8, the same type described by Isaiah in chapter 6:1-7 and we learn that the creature with six wings is a seraph.

What Ezekiel sees though are several cherubs.

So, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were used to walking and talking with the Divine Beings. This includes seraphs, cherubs, watchers, archangels, angels, and others as well. Some of them had interesting appearances.

Ezekiel 28:13–14

““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. “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.” (NASB 2020)

We see precious stones as a covering for Lucifer. Or at least a description that references precious stones, but for a Jew in 500 BC, this is a description of a luminescent being. It could be indicative of someone who was very shiny.

All of the gems have one thing in common—they shine or sparkle. Luminescence is a characteristic of divine beings or divine presence across the ancient Near Eastern world and the Old Testament (e.g., Ezek 1:4–7, 27–28 [cf. Ezek 10:19–20]; Dan 10:6; Rev 1:15). This description of the divine cherub in Eden is designed to convey divinity—a shining presence. (Heiser 2015, 79)

It is also possible that the stones have an additional significance.

This may imply that one of the functions of Satan was to represent all other angelic beings before God. (Fruchtenbaum, The Messianic Bible Study Collection 1983, 5)

So we have a cherub whose name is Lucifer, in the Garden of Eden, with a very shiny appearance, possibly being a representative of all other angels, before the throne of God.

Ezekiel 28:13

“You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.” (NKJV)

The reference to the timbrels and pipes is a reference to musical instruments. Remember, this is a multidimensional being who was created to operate in more than the three dimensions that we enjoy. Most commentators take this to mean that Lucifer also participated and led in the musical praise to God around the throne

It refers to the gems and to their significance and that he led in priestly worship in Heaven. (Fruchtenbaum, The Messianic Bible Study Collection 1983, 6)

We know this was for Lucifer, as the conclusion of verse 13 says it was prepared for him. He was specifically created with beauty and wisdom and the shiny appearance/covering representing all the Divine Creation before God and leading them in worship to Him. He was made for that, until...something happened.

It is entirely possible that Adam and Eve had sung praises to God, with the Heavenly Host around them, led by this same being.

Ezekiel 28:14

“You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.” (ESV)

Anointed cherub means he did indeed have authority over all the other cherubs. He was first in wisdom, beauty, power and authority. But he became corrupted.

He walked among other Divine Beings.

Ezekiel 28:15

“You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.” (ESV)

One day, there it was! This is the closest the Bible comes to describing the origin of sin. Satan was perfect in all of his ways, in his being and in his actions, until, at some point, unrighteousness was found in him. The Hebrew word for unrighteousness means “wrongdoings.” (Fruchtenbaum, The Messianic Bible Study Collection 1983, 8)

Lucifer was perfect, until he did something, some wrongdoing that changed everything.

What was that? (See Genesis 3).

Lucifer is a cherub, he has a lot of authority, he is shiny, he is the throne guardian. Throne guardians were depicted many times as snake like.

The cherubim were supernatural bodyguards for the throne of Yahweh, and their imagery was appropriated by earthly kings. (Gilbert 2017, Kindle Locations 371-372)

What we see in Genesis 3 is not just the fall of man, but the beginning of the Cosmic Rebellion that we suffer the effects of even today.

An Israelite would have known that the episode described interference in the human drama by a divine being, a malcontent from within Yahweh’s council. (Heiser 2015, 74)

Satan’s methodology was threefold: First, he raised doubts as to the wisdom, justice, and love of God; second, he made a direct contradiction of the Word of God; and third, he claimed that disobedience to God will result in the highest good. However, in reality, Adam and Eve will know good and evil only from the standpoint of sinners. Romans 7:19 teaches that Paul knew the good but was unable to do it. He also knew the evil, but was unable to resist it. Adam and Eve will know the evil, but will be unable to resist it. (Fruchtenbaum, Ariel’s Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis 2008, 95)

What the serpent is saying is that the woman and the man will have the capacity to make judgments as to their own welfare independently of God. The insidious nature of its discourse lies in the implication that defiance of God’s law constitutes the indispensable precondition for human freedom. (Sarna 1989, 25)

Genesis 3:6

“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.” (NRSV)

The woman is not a temptress. She does not say a word but simply hands her husband the fruit, which he accepts and eats. The absence of any hint of resistance or even hesitation on his part is strange. It should be noted, however, that in speaking to the woman, the serpent consistently used the plural form. This suggests that the man was all the time within ear’s reach of the conversation and was equally seduced by its persuasiveness. In fact, the Hebrew text here literally means, “She also gave to her husband with her (‘immah),” suggesting that he was a full participant in the sin, thereby refuting in advance his later excuse. (Sarna 1989, 25)

The result – immediate spiritual death. They become aware of a presence that produces fear in them, they realize they are guilty of disobedience and try to hide. Decisions have consequences, for both sides.

God starts with the nacash and the decision he made.

The nachash was cursed to crawl on its belly, imagery that conveyed being cast down (Ezek 28:8, 17; Isa 14:11–12, 15) to the ground. In Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, we saw the villain cast down to the 'erets, a term that refers literally to the dirt and metaphorically to the underworld (Ezek 28:17; Isa 14:9, 11–12, 15). The curse also had him “eating dirt,” clearly a metaphorical reference, since snakes don’t really eat dirt as food for nutrition. It isn’t part of the “natural snake diet.” The point being made by the curse is that the nachash, who wanted to be “most high,” will be “most low” instead—cast away from God and the council to earth, and even under the earth. In the underworld, the nachash is even lower than the beasts of the field. He is hidden from view and from life in God’s world. His domain is death. (Heiser 2015, 91)

There is also a promise made after God tells this Divine Being he is now lord of the dead.

First: I will put enmity between you and the woman. There will now be a special animosity between Satan and womanhood and womankind. The reason for this persistent animosity is because of woman’s redemptive role, which is going to be spelled out later in this verse. When God said: I will put, it means that animosity will be put there by God. Rashi interprets this to mean the serpent sinned because of his desire for the woman. In this interpretation, the consequence of animosity was the reverse of what Satan hoped for. The second provision states that the animosity will persist: between your seed and her seed. The animosity of the first provision in 3:15 will be generated prospectively through two seeds: the woman’s seed and Satan’s seed. The “Seed of the Woman” is the Messiah Himself, making this the first messianic prophecy in the Bible. To refer to the Messiah as the Seed of the Woman goes contrary to the biblical norm, since in Scripture, the seed is always traced after the male line. The genealogies throughout the Bible, including those in Genesis, always give the male line. However, with the Messiah, this is going to be different. (Fruchtenbaum, Ariel’s Bible Commentary: The Book of Genesis 2008, 103)

Eden was a lush, well-watered garden “on the holy mountain of God,” which was where Yahweh presided over His divine council. The council included the first humans. They walked and talked with the supernatural “sons of God” who, based on clues scattered throughout the Bible, were beautiful, radiant beings. At least some of them were serpentine in appearance. The long war between Yahweh and the sons of God who rebelled is not just about control of the spirit realm, it’s also about whether humanity will be restored to its rightful place “in the seat of the gods”— among the divine council on the Holy Mountain of God. (Gilbert 2017, Kindle Locations 450-455)

Just as the seed of Eve would be literal and find ultimate fulfillment in Messiah, so is the seed of the nachash. The seed of the nachash is spiritual rebellion and there is more of that to come among the Divine Beings as well as among humans.

John 8:44

“You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father’s desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and the father of all lies.” (GNB)

1 John 3:7–10

“Little children, don’t let anyone deceive you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, just as the Messiah is righteous. The person who practices sin belongs to the evil one, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason that the Son of God was revealed was to destroy what the devil has been doing. No one who has been born from God practices sin, because God’s seed abides in him. Indeed, he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born from God. This is how God’s children and the devil’s children are distinguished. No person who fails to practice righteousness and to love his brother is from God.” (ISV)

After the dust settles, Lucifer is banished. Adam and Eve are kicked out. Armed guards are placed at the entrance. The war has begun.

There will be other Divine Beings who will not decide well as well.

It is only natural then that the first attack would be on the children of Adam and Eve. All the nacash knew at that point was his enemy would come from Eve. This put a big red x on the back of her boys, so the nacash attacks her first born son, Cain.

Genesis 4:1–8

“And Adam knew Eve, his wife, and she conceived and brought forth Cain and said, “I have acquired a man through God.” And she proceeded to bring forth his brother, Abel. Abel became a herdsman of sheep, and Cain was working the earth. Now this happened after a number of days: Cain brought some of the fruit of the earth as an offering for the Lord, and Abel himself also brought some of the firstborn of his sheep and some of their hard fat parts. God looked upon Abel and upon his gifts, but he did not pay attention to Cain and upon his offerings. He grieved Cain very much, and he fell in face. The Lord God said to Cain, “Why have you become deeply grieved, and why has your face fallen? Have you not sinned if you offer rightly but do not divide rightly? Calm down! His recourse will be to you, and you will rule him.” And Cain said to Abel, his brother, “Let’s walk through the field.” And this happened while they were in the field: Cain rose against Abel, his brother, and he killed him.” (Lexham Press 2020, Gen 4:1-8)

The war has been engaged now by both sides. Lucifer took advantage of a weakness he saw in Cain and then exploited that weakness as a means to try and destroy the curse he is under. He did not quite understand the whole story. In fact, up to the coming of Jesus, he and his minions did not get the full story as God was intentionally jamming the message as He was transmitting it.

1 Corinthians 2:6–8

“Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. (Psalm 82) But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (ESV)

By God’s design, the Scripture presents the messiah in terms of a mosaic profile that can only be discerned after the pieces are assembled. Paul tells us why in 1 Corinthians 2:6–8. If the plan of God for the messiah’s mission had been clear, the powers of darkness would never have killed Jesus—they would have known that his death and resurrection were the key to reclaiming the nations forever. (Heiser 2015, 241)

Jesus pointed that out when He brought all of the pieces together during His first post-resurrection Bible study that He did while walking with a couple of followers to Emmaus.

Luke 24:25–27

“Then Jesus told them, “O, how foolish you are! How slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! The Messiah had to suffer these things and then enter his glory, didn’t he?” Then, beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them all the passages of Scripture about himself.” (ISV)

Lucifer though wanted to bring others along with him in his rebellion against God. He had the time while he still had power and position prior to the fall, to infect other Divine Beings with his ideas. Over time, some of them acted on that as well. The idea that 1/3 fell all at once is something we need to move away from. We are going to learn it did not happen all at once. I like how the ISV translation frames it.

Ezekiel 28:16

“Since your vast business dealings filled you with violent intent from top to bottom, you sinned, so I cast you away as defiled from the mountain of God. I destroyed you, you guardian cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.” (ISV)

The rebellion has infected humans, but we will see next week they are not the only ones. We will learn how it also had impacts in the unseen realm.

The Septuagint version of the Old Testament provides a realistic look at what it is the rabbis understood was going on. Hold onto your hats as this is serious freaky weird stuff.

Genesis 6:1–8

“And Noah lived five hundred years, and Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And it happened when humans began to become numerous upon the earth, and they had daughters, the angels of God, having seen the daughters of humans, that they were beautiful, took for themselves women from all whom they picked out. The Lord God said, “My breath will certainly not reside in these humans for very long because they are flesh, but their days will be one hundred and twenty years.” Now giants were upon the earth in those days, and after that, whenever the sons of God entered into the daughters of humans, they fathered children for themselves; those were the giants who were from long ago, the people of renown. Now the Lord God saw that the wicked actions of humans multiplied upon the earth, and everyone was focused in his heart on evil things all their days. And God reflected that he made humankind upon the earth and considered. And God said, “I will discard humanity, whom I made, from the face of the earth, from human to animal, and from creeping things to winged birds of the heavens, because I am angry that I made them.” But Noah found grace before the Lord God.” (Lexham Press 2020, Gen 6:1-8)

Jesus Christ came to earth to reverse the curse, solve the sin problem, and begin the undoing of the effects of the original rebellion among other goals He achieved. We will see that even in His genealogy are the elements of rebellion and how the reversal taking place will doom those rebels from the unseen realm.

To read in preparation.

Genesis 6, 10 and 11

Matthew 1

Next week – giant problems

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