

Dispensations:

The Key to Rightly Dividing God's Word



Original Creation, Christ, Fall of Lucifer - part 2

Names: Eternity Past, Creative Ages, Alpha.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 to 1:2

Covenants: None yet

Key events to know:

1. Original creation*
2. The Manifestation of Christ
3. Lucifer and his fall

LAST WEEK: Why would the earth be found in a chaotic state at the beginning of our Bible??

There was a battle that took place before the existence of mankind. A battle that continues to this very day. Remember the theme of the Bible? (a King and His Kingdom) That throne and kingdom have been in contention since before Adam and Eve existed. As we continue our study of this first dispensation, we will once again go all the way back to "the beginning" to see how and why this universal fight started.

THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST – Proverbs 8

- *Manifestation:* The act of disclosing what is secret, _____ or obscure – 1 Tim. 3:16. Flesh= the visible appearance of the invisible God. Here in Proverbs 8, we begin to see 2 distinct persons of the trinity (Father & Son). Note the Holy Spirit is present in Gen. 1:2.
- The call of wisdom – 8:1-11. If wisdom calls, speaks, and has a voice and mouth, then it must also be a person (v4 --> 1st person) – 1 Tim. 1:17; Jude 1:25. The purity of the Word of God – v8!
- The power of wisdom – 8:12-21.
 - Wisdom, personified in the Lord Jesus Christ, testifies of His power.
 - The fear of the LORD is to hate what God hates (v13). Through Him and His word we gain knowledge, wisdom, and understanding (v14) and it is simple to those who just believe it (v9).
 - ALL powers are established by _____. NOTHING escapes His control (v15-16) – Rom. 13:1-2.
 - God's circle of love (v17) – John 14:21; 1 John 4:19
 - We have a rich inheritance being adopted into His family (v18-21) – Rom. 8:17.
- The manifestation of wisdom: Jesus Christ – 8:22-36. 1 Cor. 1:23-24, 30.
 - _____ creation – 8:22-26. Sometime before Gen. 1 - John 1:1-3; John 17:5.
NOTE: "set up", "brought forth": Jesus was not created (He always was and is God) but is now distinctly revealed (manifested)!
 - During creation – 8:27-30. Col. 1:15-17; Ps. 104:24.
 - _____ creation – 8:31-36. Acts 17:28. He delights with the sons of men.
Note: Wisdom has no gates or doors, does not give you life, and you cannot sin against it!

LUCIFER AND HIS FALL – Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28

- Lucifer was _____ (Eze. 28:13,15) at some point after the manifestation of Christ and before the Genesis 1:1 creation of the earth (along with the angels) – Job 38:4-7; Col. 1:15-19.
- Lucifer means son of the morning, bringing light or light bearer.

KEY POINTS

In the OT, God often addresses Satan through the leadership of mighty nations (Is. 14; Eze. 28, 31; Daniel 4). The historic picture also represents what is doctrinally happening behind those leaders and nations: Satan, who is using and manipulating them for his purposes.

- Isaiah 14:11-15:
 - Lucifer is compared to the king of BABYLON – v. 4. (See Rev. 17-18).
Note: Satan working behind the scenes through Peter – Matt. 16:23; Mark 8:33.
 - His pomp (show of magnificence, splendor) was brought down – v. 11.
 - The noise of his viols (musical instrument...like violin) was brought down – v. 11.
 - He fell from heaven – v. 12.
Note: Jesus said...I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven – Luke 10:18.
 - He was the son of the morning (daybreak) – v. 12.
 - He didst weaken the nations! – v. 12.
 - He said in his heart I WILL exalt my **THRONE** above the stars of God – v. 13.
 - I WILL sit also upon the **mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north** – v.13.
 - I WILL ascend above the heights of the clouds – v. 14.
 - I WILL be like the most High – v. 14.
 - He SHALL be brought down to hell – v. 15.
- Ezekiel 28:12-15:
 - Lucifer is compared to the King of Tyrus – v.12.
 - He was complete, (perfect: the sum) and full of wisdom. Completely beautiful from head to toe – v.12.
 - His throne was in **Eden, the garden of God** v. 13.
 - Beautifully adorned with precious stones and gold (v. 13), like the breastplate of the Priest – Ex. 28:15-20; (12 for Israel vs. 9: fruitfulness). NOTE: New Jerusalem will be adorned with these stones - Rev. 21:18-21.
 - He was an instrument of music (tabrets and pipes v. 13.) – 1 Sam. 18:6; 1 Kings 1:40 (used by Jews).
 - He was upon the **holy mountain of God** – v. 14.
 - Anointed and “covering” cherub (v. 14,16) – a special purpose to guard and reflect the glory and righteousness of God – Ex. 25:20-22.
 - He led the angelic host called the “sons of God” to praise, worship, and honor God. After his fall and subsequent expulsion from Heaven, many of these sons of God (1/3 of angels) went with him – Gen. 6; Job 1:6, 2:1; Rev. 12:4.

KEY POINTS

- Eden (the garden of God, Eze. 28, 31) is where Lucifer had his **throne** (Is. 14) and led the worship of God (Eze. 28). This occurred _____ the original creation found in Gen. 1:1 and before Gen. 1:2 where the universe is flooded.

- This entire area (Eden) would later be the land grant God promises Abraham and the Jew - Gen. 15:18; Joshua 1:4; Ex. 23:31; Gen. 2:10-11. **See Figure 1.**
- The garden of Eden, where God would put Adam and Eve, is also located within this area – Gen. 2:8.
- “mountain of God”, “mount of the congregation”: the focal point (special place) of the worship of God. Compare Isaiah 14:13 and Psalm 48:2 (sides of the north – God’s throne). In mankind’s time, it will be called _____ meaning highest point, holy place, monument. References to this mount:

City of David (lower eastern hill) – 2 Sam. 5:7 (1st mention of Zion); 1 Kings 8:1; 1 Chronicles 11:5.

City of Jerusalem – Ps. 135:21, 51:18; Is. 40:9; 2 Kings 19:21, 31.

The Jewish nation, Israel (Zion as a modern term) – Is. 1:27; Zech. 9:13; John 12:15.

The Millennial Jerusalem – Joel 2:32; Is. 2:2-3.

The New Jerusalem (eternal) – Heb. 12:22; Micah 4:7; Is. 35:10; Rev. 21:2.

The Temple Mount (dwelling place of God) – Is. 2:3, 8:18; Ps. 9:11, 132:13-14.

NOTE: What is now the foundation of Jerusalem, was once called Mount Moriah. This is where Solomon built the first temple (2 Chron. 3:1) and where Abraham was told by God to offer his only son Isaac as a sacrifice (Gen. 22:2).

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

At some point “in the beginning”, Jesus Christ is manifested (revealed) as a distinct part of the Godhead. God creates the expanse of heaven (universe) and a special planet called “earth” for Him and by Him. It is His footstool (Is. 66:1; Matt. 5:35). It is a created place to bring Him glory where the angels and the covering cherub, Lucifer, will worship God. On earth, this was Eden, the garden of God and where Lucifer’s throne was. He was over all created beings, second only to God. However, this is not enough for him. He tries to overthrow God and take over His throne. Lucifer is removed from his heavenly position as the beautiful, anointed cherub and his throne and all that God created to that point is drowned in a universal flood.

This is the state we find the earth in at Genesis 1:2. But there will be a new beginning. A new creation – mankind. God simply wants what we all want: to be with people that _____ to love Him. Lucifer, now Satan in his fallen state, has not given up his lust for power and desire for God’s throne. He will show up in the new creation (Gen. 3) to get it back!

See Timeline (**Figure 2**)

DANGERS OF WRONGLY DIVIDING

- If you ignore the verses that clearly state what is going on in the beginning, it will set a pattern of wrongly dividing God’s word and completely missing His perspective.
- Lucifer – failing to see who he was and who he is now, is exactly where he wants you to be. He operates behind the nations and rulers he controls.
- “sons of God” – In the OT, many will say these are the “godly children of Seth” completely missing their real identity, rebellion, and who their new master is.

- Eden vs garden of Eden – this helps you rightly divide the time and why this area is so important to God and Satan. Failing to see this means you miss God’s plan for worship, His throne, and the importance of the land grant to the Jew.
- Manifestation of Christ – without God’s perspective on dispensations, you can read right _____ a passage and miss something as important as the Lord Jesus Christ!

Figure 1 – Eden, Land Grant to Abraham and the Jew



Figure 2

