

## Lucifer becomes Satan—The Enemy

- I.** Lucifer ruled from a place prepared by God (Ez. 28:11-19).
1. He ruled the universe: the Mountain of God (vv. 14, 16; Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45; Is. 2:2-3).
  2. Eden the Garden of God was designed especially to display Lucifer's beauty and light (v. 14).
  3. Lucifer's rule was flawless (v. 15).
  4. He had a special relationship with the Holy Spirit (v. 14).
  5. "Covereth" would be better "overshadows" demonstrating Lucifer was the highest ranked created being (v. 14).
  6. After his fall Satan continues to outrank the highest angel (Duet. 34:5-6; Jude 9).
- II.** God reads Lucifer's mind (Ez. 28:15).
1. He trespassed by determining in his heart (Is. 14:12-14):
    - 1) To ascend the heavens (v. 13).
    - 2) To place his throne outside the universe (v. 13).
    - 3) To be the one who spirit beings report to (v. 13).
    - 4) To be above God (v. 14).
    - 5) To be like God—answerable to no one (v. 14).
  2. He sinned when he sold his idea to the others spirit beings (Ez. 28:16).
  3. His weakness was his beauty and light (Ez. 28:17).
- III.** God evicts Lucifer out of Eden the Garden of God (Ez. 28:16).
1. God judges the earth (Gen. 1:2 cf. 2 Pet. 3:5-7).
  2. Satan loses his anointing by the Holy Spirit (Ez. 28:14, 16).
  3. The Holy Spirit grieves (Gen. 1:2).
  4. Lucifer becomes Satan: The Enemy.
  5. Satan has his wisdom corrupted (Ez. 28:17).
  6. Satan has his sphere of authority limited:
    - 1) To no place to rule from (Gen. 1:2).
    - 2) Then to the earth, including the atmosphere (Eph. 2:2).
    - 3) Now one third of the angels (Rev. 12:4 cf. 1 Tim. 5:21).
    - 4) Over mankind (Lu. 4:5-6).
    - 5) To a moveable throne (Rev. 2:13).
- IV.** After eons Satan is "mocked" by God placing Adam in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8).
1. Satan becomes a "workaholic" (Ez. 28:18).
  2. Satan is optimistic till Mid-Tribulation (Rev. 12:12).