

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God so that you might always be able to hold your ground against the strategies of the devil.

1 Peter 5:8 Be clearheaded, be on the alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for some believer to devour.

1 John 4:4 You are uniquely from God, dear children, and you have overcome false teachers; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in *cosmos diabolicus*.

Principle: Satan learned from experience that he could not personally attack God because of His sovereignty. When the human race was introduced, he realized that man is corruptible by manipulating his volition. Cain confirmed the idea and Satan developed a fourfold strategy:

1. Tempt the sin nature's area of weakness to commit personal sins.
2. Tempt the sin nature's area of strength including arrogance, legalism, and self-righteousness.
3. Tempt the sin nature's trends: (a) toward legalism and moral degeneracy and (b) toward antinomianism and immoral degeneracy.
4. Stimulate and arouse the sin nature's lust patterns: power, approbation, social, sexual, chemical, monetary, inordinate ambition, criminal, crusader, and pleasure.

Details on the Original Trial of Satan and the Fallen Angels

1. The angelic conflict refers to prehistoric creatures in opposition to and in conflict with God. The rebellion began with arrogance, a system of evil, as well as a combination of sins.
2. Arrogance emerges from many forms of mental-attitude sins. It is the natural inclination of fallen creatures whether they are angelic or human.
3. The first creature to revolt against God was the most perfect creature God ever made. He was called, Lucifer or *Helel ben-Shachar*: "Star of the Morning, Son of the Dawn." He was the most beautiful of all angelic creatures and held cherub rank among the angelic hierarchy.
3. He became enamored with his attractiveness and was the object of adoration by all the angels. In arrogance he was inspired to contend, "I will be like the Most High God." This proclamation fomented his rebellion, against the Trinity.



4. The result was the prehistoric angelic conflict in which the opposition against God took the form of a revolution led by Satan. It continued for an unknown period of time. Lucifer led a revolt against the perfect environment of heaven from which he recruited one third of angels.
5. When all angels had made their decisions for God or for Satan, a trial was convened in heaven. This was the first of two trials of Satan and all fallen angels.
6. As a result of the prehistoric trial, two categories of angels emerged: (a) those who remained with God were called “elect angels” (1 Timothy 5:21)² and (b) those who opted for Lucifer are referred to as “fallen angels.”
7. These fallen angels who now function under the command of Satan as the ruler of this world are called “demons” or “evil spirits,” Mark 5:1-20; 1 Corinthians 10:20-21; 1 Timothy 4:1.
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9. Eventually the prehistoric angelic conflict culminated with a trial. From Scripture, we know the result of this trial. When all the angels had made their choice for or against God, a trial of fallen angels resulted in Satan and his demons being sentenced to eternal incarceration in the Lake of Fire.
10. The elect angels decided for God and possessed eternal salvation and an eternal relationship with God.
11. The fallen angels were against God and their sentence is stated in:
Matthew 25:41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.’”
12. Therefore, we know this sentence was passed before man was created. The eternal Lake of Fire was to be the eternal place of incarceration for “the devil and his angels.”
13. The word “devil” is not a name but a title: **διάβολος (diábolos)**: one who accuses in a court of law, i.e., a defense attorney. This title only occurs in the New Testament.

² (a) “Before God and Christ Jesus and the elect (ἐκλεκτός [eklektós]) angels, I solemnly charge you to carry out these commands without prejudice or favoritism of any kind” (1 Timothy 5:21 [NET]). (b) “Referring to them as chosen by God to minister to the special needs of believers” (Spiros Zodhiates, ed., “ἐκλεκτός” in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed. (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1993), 545. (c) “In 1 Timothy there is the reference to ‘the *elect* angels,’ who with God and Christ form the heavenly tribunal, before which the church officeholder is responsible for his work” (Jost Eckert, “ἐκλεκτός,” in *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*, eds. Hortst Balz and Gerhard Schneider (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 1990), 1:418.

14. He is also referred to as Satan in both Testaments. In Hebrew it is the title, **שָׂטָן** (*Sátan*), and in the Greek, **Σατανᾶς** (*Satanás*) and both mean “adversary.” Over time it evolved from a general term to an appellation and later to a proper name. In addition to these names, he is also referred to by descriptive titles which are numerous in Scripture:

Tempter (Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5); **Beelzebub** (Matthew 12:24), **Enemy** (Matthew 13:39); **Evil One** (Matthew 19:38; 1 John 2:13, 14; 3:12, and particularly 5:18); **Béllial and Beliar** (2 Corinthians 6:15); **Adversary** (1 Peter 5:8); **Deceiver** (Revelation 12:9); **Dragon** (Revelation 12:3); **Father of Lies** (John 8:44); **Murderer** (John 8:44); **Sinner** (1 John 3:8)—these are isolated references occurring from 1 to 3 times each. In the vast majority of passages (70 out of 83) either Satan or Devil is used.³

15. The name “Satan” is commonly used to identify the person who led the angelic rebellion which is recorded in Isaiah 14:12–14. In this passage, he pronounces his Five Assertions.⁴
16. These Assertions mark the moment Satan fomented his strategy to overthrow God and seize total control of the angelic community. Within these three verses, Satan’s real name is revealed in the Hebrew text.
17. The King James Version actually cites his name in:

Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! (KJV)

In Isa. 14:12 (KJV), the proper noun, Lucifer, is the Latin word for “light-bearer,” and is used to translate the Hebrew word **הֵלֵל** (*Helel*), which means “radiant star.” The *New American Standard Bible* translates *Helel* “Star of the Morning.” The Hebrew text continues with the phrase **בֶּן־שָׁחַר** (*ben-Shachar*), translated “Son of the Dawn” in all English versions. Star of the Morning, Son of the Dawn refers to the superior officer of the Dark Side, the cherub-ranked fallen angel known by the monikers, Satan or devil, but whose real name is *Helel ben-Shachar*. Employing the Latin noun, Lucifer, conveniently summarizes all these translations.⁵

³ Lewis Matthews Sweet, “Satan” in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, James Orr, gen. ed. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1956), 4:2693.

⁴ “Assertion: Stating confidently without need of proof or regard for evidence.” (*Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, eleventh ed. (Springfield: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2014).

⁵ Joe Griffin, *One Day at a Time*, ed. John Cameron Smith (St. Charles: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2013), 161.



18. We are not privy to the details of Lucifer's appeal to the Supreme Court of Heaven. However, it is apparent that one had to have occurred because of the lapse of time between the convictions of Lucifer and the demons which occurred in eternity past, Matthew 25:41, and the execution of the sentence which does not occur until the conclusion of human history, Revelation 20:10:

Matthew 25:41 “Then I will say to those on His left [**condemnation of unbelievers**], ‘Depart from Me, you accursed ones, into the everlasting lake of fire that had been prepared in the past [**perfect passive participle of ἐποιμάζω (*hepoimázō*)**] for Satan [**at the time of his fall**] including his fallen angels.’” (EXT)

NOTE: The above pronouncement occurred after Lucifer's appeal.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast [**the dictator of the revived Roman Empire**] and the false prophet [**the dictator of Israel**] are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (EXT)

19. We also know that the universe was created perfectly by God prior to the angelic rebellion:

Job 38:4 “Were you, Job, present at the creation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding.

v. 5 “Do you know who fixed the dimensions? Or who measured it with a line [**a theódolite: triangulation of a location using trigonometry**]?

v. 6 “Where are the foundations of the earth fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

v. 7 when the morning stars [**the original myriads of the angelic population prior to the fall**] sang together [**the angelic choir in concert**] and all the sons of God [**the entire angelic community**] shouted their admiration. (EXT)

20. It is apparent that subsequent to these events Lucifer led his rebellion having recruited one-third of the angelic myriads to follow him. He and his followers were defeated in this attempt and sentenced to the Lake of Fire for all eternity.
21. It becomes obvious then, that a great number of things occurred between these two events. The only explanation for this multi-millennial delay is Lucifer's appeal of the convictions.

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