

## The Cosmic Conflict Over God's Character #12

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**Revelation 16:7** “And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments”.

### Revolt in the Heavenly Sanctuary *The Fall of Lucifer*

**Ezekiel 28:11–18** (NKJV) Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>12</sup> “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty....

According to Diodorus Siculus who wrote in Bibliotheca historica, the name of the king of Tyre, was Ethbaal, or Ithobalus, he was king of Tyre when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed it. He was, it seems, upon all external accounts an accomplished man, very great and famous; but his iniquity was his ruin. Besides the literal sense of this lamentation there is an allegory in it, and that it is an allusion to the fall of Lucifer.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

**Exodus 28:17–20** (NKJV) And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; this shall be the first row; <sup>18</sup>the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; <sup>19</sup>the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; <sup>20</sup>and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings.

“Lucifer, "son of the morning," was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. He stood in the presence of the great Creator, and the ceaseless beams of glory enshrouding the eternal God rested upon him.”

**Lucifer was a covering Cherub.** <sup>14</sup> “You were the *anointed cherub* who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. <sup>15</sup> You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. <sup>16</sup> “By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O *covering cherub*, From the midst of the fiery stones.

<sup>17</sup> “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. <sup>18</sup> “You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading;

**Isaiah 14:12–15** (NKJV) “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

### The Accusations

**Job 1:6–7** (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”

**Job 1:9–11** (NKJV) So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup> Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

<sup>11</sup> But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

**\*Jude 9** (NKJV) Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

Ellen G. White says that Satan “is accusing the children of God, and making their case appear as desperate as possible. He presents before the Lord their evil doings and their defects.”—COL, p. 167.

**Matthew 26:60–61** But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, <sup>61</sup> And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. **They accused Jesus of wanting to destroy the sanctuary.**

**\*Revelation 12:10** (NKJV) Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

### Clean Garments for the High Priest

**Zechariah 3:1–2** (NIV84) *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”*

### Vindication At The Cross

**Zechariah 3:3–5** (NIV84) *Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. <sup>4</sup> The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you.” <sup>5</sup> Then I said, “Put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by.*

**\*1 John 4:10** (NKJV) *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

**Romans 3:23–26** (NKJV) *... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

### Vindication in the Judgment

**Psalms 96:10** (NKJV) *Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.”*

**2 Timothy 4:8** (NKJV) *Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

**Revelation 7:14** (NKJV) *So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

**Ecclesiastes 12:13–14** (NKJV) *<sup>13</sup> Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.*

**Proverbs 24:12** (NKJV) *<sup>12</sup> If you say, “Surely we did not know this,” Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?*

**Revelation 22:12** (NKJV) *<sup>12</sup> “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*

**Revelation 16:5, 7** (NKJV) *And I heard the angel of the waters saying: “You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. ... And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”*

**\*Revelation 19:2** (NKJV) *For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.”*

### The Cosmic Spectacle

**Matthew 5:16** (NKJV) *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**1 Corinthians 4:9, 10** *For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; **for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.***

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**1 Peter 1:12** *To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven; **things which angels desire to look into.***

**Hebrews 12:22** *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, ...*

**\*Hebrews 4:13** (NKJV) *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

“Satan saw that his disguise was torn away. His administration was laid open before the unfallen angels and before the heavenly universe. He had revealed himself as a murderer. By shedding the blood of the Son of God, he had uprooted himself from the sympathies of the heavenly beings.”—Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 761.

**Ezekiel 36:23–27** (NKJV) *And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord,” says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*

**Ezekiel 28:18, 19** *Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. <sup>19</sup> All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.” ’ ”*