



Know Your Enemy

Ezekiel 28, Isaiah 14

Satan Was Originally An Angel



- Satan was a cherub by the name of Lucifer.
- Cherubim had a role in ensuring that the presence of God was not violated by anything unworthy.
- Lucifer's particular role was to guard God's glory.
- Even in Lucifer's fallen state, the archangel Michael did not dare condemn him.
- Lucifer sinned by instigating a rebellion against God Himself.

Lucifer's Fall



- Lucifer became blinded by his own magnificence and succumbed to conceited arrogance.
- Lucifer lost sight of the fact that no matter how splendid he was, he was still just a created being.
- Lucifer no longer wanted to obey or worship God; he wanted to be equal with God!
- Lucifer rebelled and was expelled from heaven and driven to earth in disgrace where he is known as Satan.

The Rebellion

A large, weathered wooden cross stands on a small mound of earth in a dark, foggy landscape. The cross is made of two thick wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal. The background is a deep purple and blue, suggesting a misty or overcast day. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

- Lucifer's rebellion was an actual rebellion against truth itself!
- Because Lucifer was expelled from the source of all truth, lies became his reality!
- As God is incapable of lying, so Satan is incapable of telling the truth.
- Satan lies by nature.

Satan's Encounter With Mankind



- Satan craved the worship and adoration that belonged to God alone.
- When cast to earth, Satan found that God had created mankind in His own image; the very thing to which he aspired.
- God predestined His creation to become a glorious being who would be an heir with God's own Son.
- God's grand purpose to make us heirs with God the Son was everything of which Satan had originally dreamed.

Satan Seduced Man



- Satan lusted for power and leadership in his own right.
- Satan learned that mankind, a creature of mud, was to be given sovereignty over the very planet to which He was banished!
- Satan was condemned, as a serpent, to crawl on his belly in that same dust from which mankind was raised in the image of God.
- Satan is seething with fury and a raging lust for revenge on His Creator.

Satan's Plan



- If Satan could not overcome God, then he would corrupt and seduce the creature that was made in God's image.
- Satan probably reasoned that in this way he was at least destroying God in effigy.
- Satan's plan is to seduce mankind into sinning so they will turn from God to him as the source of truth.
- By procuring the allegiance and worship of those made in the image of God, Satan believes it will make him equal, or above God!

Conclusion



- **The war against God is not physical; it is a battle for the hearts and minds of human beings.**
- **Satan's knowledge of the seductive lure of power and independence familiarized him with the potential weakness in mankind.**
- **As Satan had turned away from the truth, he now set out to deceive man into doing the same.**