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GOD has always known everything, including everything about us.

If the LORD had given you a choice to observe any biblical event at all, what would you choose? Would you choose a day in the restoration process not creation but restoration, when creation was restored from all the chaos that the kingdom of darkness produces?

To answer this question, we would go back to JER 4:23, where the LORD says, **“I looked on the earth, and behold, it was formless and void; And to the heavens, and they had no light.”**

Why did planet earth stoop down so low to becoming the Dark Devil’s Den, over-crowded, and on the verge of becoming a lost and dying world, confused and forgotten by the arrogance of the Kingdom of Darkness?

Next we have the place where the criminal unbelievers and the Carnal Fleshy believers and unbelievers dwell finding both the angelic and the human nature that our LORD requires our obedience to the Laws of Establishment. In JER 4:24, our LORD continues with HIS rebuke and grace orientation. **JER 4:24, I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro.** This is the roaring lion challenging anyone in His path.

Please notice that it is here that we are being ready and prepared to handle anything that comes or floats our way.

In JER 4:25, I looked, and behold, there was no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

What a description of a lost and dying individual who needs assistance to help them in any way. Notice how clear it is being able to prepare yourself to handle the coming attractions and the Trials and Tribulations coming our way. Our LORD had to depend upon others not for Himself but a trap that sets us free; EPH 6.

So, the LORD says that He looked and there was no man or angel or birds flying because there were no birds and no life to breathe. The LORD closed down the planet that we call “Earth.” He did so because rebellion was found throughout the world and He was not just going to let it die and drift away. Everything in your life has meaning and purpose which deals with When and How the Angelic Conflict Began. The revelation concerning the Angelic Conflict begins with the dateless period between the creation of the heavens and the earth in their perfect form in which they first appeared in GEN 1:1 and the desolating judgments which ended that period, when earth *became* waste and empty, GEN 1:2.

GEN 1:1, In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth.

Now, this is not the beginning of GOD because GOD has no beginning, He is eternal! Nor is this the beginning of the angels because the angels were already around before GOD created the heavens and the earth; from JOB 38:1 TO JOB 42:17.

JOB 38:1-6, Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, Who set its measurements, since you know? Or who stretched the line on it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone,

Introduction of the angels beginning in **JOB 38:7, When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of GOD shouted for joy?**

This was an Angelic Conflict celebration. So, the angels were around before Gen 1:1. At some time in eternity past, before the creation of the universe, GOD created the angelic host. Notice in Job 38:7, when GOD laid the foundation of the earth *all* the sons of GOD not some but all the angels shouted for joy because they were undivided at that time. One-third of the angels had not yet rebelled in arrogance, therefore all the angels shouted for joy.

And so, in GEN 1:1 the universe, the heavens and the earth, were originally created as the domain of the angels. Here they ruled and performed whatever responsibilities and tasks GOD had for them. Remember one of their responsibilities was to protect Jehovah Elohim and to guard His throne from anyone who tries to usurp the LORD's authority. It was between GEN 1:1 and GEN 1:2 that Lucifer rebelled against GOD and enticed one third of the angels to follow him. **REV 12:4, And his tail swept away a third of the stars [angles] of heaven,**

Now, along with sin and evil, Satan's rebellion brought chaos upon the earth. And, as part of GOD's judgment against the rebellious angels, the planet was enshrouded in darkness because angels have problems functioning with light, they need light to perpetuate. And without light or heat the raging waters of the deep froze into an ice pack and before the earth could be inhabited again, restoration would be necessary.

In the doctrine of the angelic conflict which deals with How the Angelic Conflict began, somewhere between GEN 1:1 and 1:2.

GEN 1:2, And the earth *became* [not was] formless and void [tohuw waabohuw],

Notice the phrase formless and void which is tohuw waabohuw because it's coming up in another passage that's important to our subject. Isaiah tells us about a time like this in **ISA 24:1, Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants.**

Look at **JER 4:23-26, I looked on the earth, and behold, {it was} formless and void [tohuw waabohuw, same as GEN 1:2]; And to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and behold, there was no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled. I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were pulled down Before the LORD, [why] before His fierce anger.**

Something made the LORD angry and caused Him to do this to planet earth.

What was it?

It was the angelic conflict which took place before the creation of the human race. This is when GOD covered the entire earth with ice. And after this GEN 1:2b tells us "**and the Spirit of GOD began to move over the surface of the waters.**" This was actually the beginning of GOD granting Satan's appeal! And so, the earth had to be restored for man's occupancy.

Man's occupancy on the earth came long after the creation of the earth. However, man's occupancy on planet earth didn't last too long before Adam and the woman fell and then Satan became the ruler of the world again! And Satan always considers this one of his greatest victories. Now, look in EZE 28, where we must meet the devil in all of his beauty to understand what the angelic conflict is all about. We must see him as he really is. A most attractive, beautiful, astounding personable creature.

We could say a lot about the devil such as the fact that he is the highest of all angels, and ruler of all fallen angels MAT 8:28, 9:34, 12:26; LUK 11:18-19. He is the most beautiful creature to come from the hand of GOD. He has a voice like a pipe organ. He is superior in genius, beauty, personality, persuasiveness, and is invisible. He is an organizational genius with a great organization of demons, EPH 6:10-12. He is the enemy of Bible doctrine. He is the enemy of the Church (The Royal Family). He is the enemy of Israel. He is the enemy of Christ.

EZE 28:11-12, Again the word of the LORD came to me saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

The king of Tyre was one the few individuals in human history who was possessed by Satan just like the serpent in the garden and Judas Iscariot who betrayed our LORD. This is the LORD speaking to Satan who is indwelling the animal or the serpent. Tyre was the merchant city of the ancient world, as was Babylon the Great. Today we would call it New York City or Hollywood or Chicago, Los Angeles. It represented the promotion of the world's idea of success. And the phrase "**You had the seal of perfection**" is very important.

EZE 28:12, 'Thus says the LORD GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom [he's a genius] and perfect in beauty [his overt beauty is perfect]."

Now, this reveals that all angels have form. They appear to be made of light and can travel through space. And their bodies are not visible to the human race for the obvious reason of the danger of worshipping angels, as COL 2:18 warns us against. Satan has mentality and the greatest I.Q., and he is a super-genius. Just think about the fact that GOD offers us the mind of Christ which is much greater than the greatest mind of all time, Satan's, and the average believer says, "NO thank you"!

Is it any wonder why REV 12:9 says, "**And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.**"

He deceives the whole world! In REV 13:14, he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform. In REV 18:23, he deceives the world by using a very popular church in Rome. In REV 19:20, he deceives those who had received the mark of the

beast. And that's why we read just before the Millennial reign begins a seraph angel (six-winged) is said to throw Satan into the abyss in REV 20:3.

REV 20:3, and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

So, he was the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty." By the way, his outward appearance hasn't changed. Throw away your pictures and concepts of a gruesome creature! He was smart enough to know that he was the most beautiful creature that ever came along and he was smart enough as a creature to try and use his beauty and his genius to his own advantage.

Now, in the human race, we have different categories like smart and ugly or beautiful and dumb. And one seems to protect one from the other from the great problem of arrogance. If there's anything that destroys genius, smartness, talent and beauty, anything that can be considered worthwhile, it is arrogance. Arrogance makes a smart good-looking man, dumb and stupid. Arrogance makes a beautiful intelligent female, homely and with a bitch - stupid!

And arrogance begins with a thought! First, there is the thought of arrogance. Then there is the decision of arrogance. Then there is the action of arrogance. As with Satan, first he thought it, then he decided it, and then he did it! He led the first great revolt in the universe as far as we know.

EZE 28:13, "You were in Eden, the garden of GOD."

He was not only perfect but also in perfect environment. The original sin among angelic creatures is like the original sin among human creatures, it occurred as a decision in perfect environment. Adam was perfect in beauty and in brains just as Satan was. And the environment was perfect. So, immediately we know that there are three things that you can *do without* as far as happiness in life is concerned!

1. To be a genius mentally. You don't have to be a genius to be happy, in fact, it's very hard to be a genius and be happy.
2. Physical beauty in some form. You don't have to be beautiful to be happy.
3. Perfect or improved environment. You don't need a perfect environment to be happy.

And yet it's very interesting, people associate happiness with these three things and yet they are the least important things in life as far as happiness is concerned. Now, in making these statements I am not trying to glorify stupidity, GOD forbid. Nor am I being critical or antagonistic toward perfect or improved environment. The point is that these three factors cannot and do not bring happiness to the one who has them.

Degeneracy in any nation, in any society, is merely a manifestation of the fact that people are unhappy AND THAT MAKES THEM UGLY. Degeneracy is an advertisement for unhappiness. Happiness comes from truth.

Happiness is a state of mind. And, above all, happiness is something that all members of the human race are born without. We are not born happy...even as we are not born free! One of the most asinine stupid statements is the fact that people are *born free*. The extent of the helplessness of the baby guarantees no freedom and that's the way it's supposed to be. We weren't born free, We were born helpless!

Now, Satan was created an adult with perfect beauty, with the greatest genius of any creature GOD ever made and with perfect environment. He didn't have to acquire these things. He had them from the start of his life. With self-consciousness, he had perfect beauty, perfect brains, in a perfect environment. As EZE 28:12 says he was the sum total of perfection. And, he made a decision.

He had everything people ordinarily think would give them happiness. I think the majority of us would say that if we had perfect brains, perfect beauty in a perfect environment, and a lot of money, we would be happy. But we're just kidding ourselves. Because people who have all of these things or part of these things, always want something else. They're not happy. And do you know what it usually is that they think is missing? *POWER!*

They want power! They want approbation, to be recognized! You see, that's the power of beauty! What's beauty if someone doesn't say you're beautiful. Now, Satan had beauty and brains from the start of his life and he also had authority being the anointed cherub or the Messiah's angel.....but he got tired of being second in charge. He started yawning in perfect environment. He became bored and he wanted something more!

He had everything except GOD's power and that's what he wanted. He should have fulfilled the PPOG resulting in PSD! And so a principle emerges, Arrogance promotes ambition, or today we call that inordinate ambition. Pay attention. You never know!

Just learn the lesson of Eutychus; act like ACT 20:9 And there was a certain young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor, and was picked up dead. And by the way, this is why the first sin mentioned in GOD's top seven is arrogance, the sin of Satan!

Arrogance is satanic. And arrogance is found in tremendous measure among born again believers. Many of them are so busy cleaning up the devil's world, they don't know a thing about the angelic conflict and why they are here.