

1 Peter Series

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**Christ's Example of
Unjust Suffering
Preaching to the Spirits?
The Fall of Satan, Demons
1 Peter 3:19**

A photograph of a church steeple silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The scene is framed by a dark blue border.

1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

1 Pet. 3:19, “by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

1 Pet. 3:20, “who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.”

2 Pet. 2:4, “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [tartarus] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

2 Pet. 2:5, “and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;”

Jude 6, “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Jude 7, “as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

What the Bible Teaches About the *Angelic Rebellion*



5. The creation of angels:

Angels can take on physical form with many of the characteristics of a physical body.

Gen. 18–19

Angels are rational, personal creatures.

Angels have all the attributes of individual personality: They have intelligence and wisdom (2 Sam. 14:20) and can communicate in rational conversation (Gen. 19; Matt 1:20–21; 2:13; 19–20).

Angels expressed emotions: joy (Job 38:4–7); anger (Satan in Rev. 12:7–12)

Will, Volition; choice for or against God in eternity past, people are taken captive by Satan at his will (2 Tim. 2:26)

Angels have incredible, but limited powers.

Psalm 103:20, “Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!”

The number of the angels

Revelation 5:11, “Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,” (cf., Dan. 7:10)

When Were Angels Created?

Two basic views:

- 1. Before the creation of the earth and the universe.**
- 2. Sometime during the fourth day, along with the “stars.”**

Problem: Job 38:4–7

When Were Angels Created?

Job 38:4, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

Job 38:5, “Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?”

Job 38:6, “To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,

Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Classification of Angels:

a. The Angelic Council.

Psalm 89:5, “The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.” (*qadshim*—here: angels)

Psalm 89:6, “For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty [sons of God, *bene Elim*] is like the Lord,”

Psalm 89:7, “A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him?” [all those who encircle or surround Him]

Classification of Angels

b. The angelic army, the host of God, the chariots of God,

Psa. 68:17, “The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.”

Matt. 26:53, “Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?”

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Cherub: Four wings (Gen. 3:24; Ezekiel 1:5–24; Ezekiel 10:1–15; Heb. 9:5)

Seraph: Six wings, Isa. 6:1–6

Living creatures: Rev. 4:6–9

One archangel: Michael, Jude 9

The Origin of Satan and the Demons

1. Every creature, including the angels, was created by God through the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:3; Col. 1:16).

John 1:3, “All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.”

Past
God's Throne

Six Days
of Creation

Lucifer
The Anointed
Cherub That Covers

God the Father
Gen 1:1; Deut 33:27

God the Son
Jn 1:1-3; 17:5,24

God the Spirit
Gen 1:2;
Jn 14:26

THE
ETERNAL PURPOSE

Cross
2 Pet 1:18,20
Acts 2:22-23

Grace
2 Tim 1:9

Church
Eph 1:3-4

ETERNAL LIFE
Ti 1:1-2

ADOPTION AND
REDEMPTION
OF BODIES
Rom 8:23,29

ALPHA

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**SATAN REBELS
AGAINST GOD**

Ezk 28:14
Isa 14:12-17 **1**

Innocence
Gen 1:28-31

Man's State
Gen 1:26-30
Man's Responsibility
Gen 2:16-17
Man's Failure
Gen 3:6
Consequences
Gen 3:14-19;
Rom 5:12,18-19

The
FALL
Gen 3:24

Jn 5:39
SATAN — Prince of the Power of the Air Eph 2:2

Conscience
1656 Years
Gen 3:22 — 7:33

Adam

Abel
First Death

Line of
Cain

FALLEN

The
FLOOD
Gen 7:11-12,23

Civil Government
429 Years
Gen 8:20 — 11:9

Noah
his three sons
Shem, Ham
Japheth

Beginning
of Nations

TOWER
OF BABEL
Gen 11:5-9

Ezk 28:12-19
Satan Job 16; Lk 10:16
Devil Mt 4:1-11
Principalities
& Powers Eph 6:12
Accuser—Slanderer
Beelzebub—Serpent
Tempter—Wicked One
Prince of This World
Isa 14:12-17

THE
SPIRITS
OF THE
DEAD

TARTARUS
2 Pet 2:4

Sheol



The Origin and Limitations of Evil



Fall of
Satan
Beginning
of Evil

Human History

Great
White
Throne
Judgment
End of Evil



Mt 25:41; Rev 19:20;
20:10,14-15

Ezek. 28:1, “The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,

Ezek. 28:2, “ ‘Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, “I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,” yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god.’ ” ’ ”

Ezek. 28:11, “Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Ezek. 28:12, “ ‘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.

Ezek. 28:13, “ ‘ “ ‘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.’ ” ’ ”