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Satanic/Demonic Attacks Before Christ

Ephesians 6:10–13; Ezekiel 28:12–19



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 6:10, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

- 1. Only the Lord's power and might can protect us. (Eph. 6:10)**
- 2. We engage that power by putting on the panoply ("full armor") of God. (Eph. 6:11a)**
- 3. Only the full armor of God enables us to stand our ground. (Eph. 6:11b)**
- 4. Why? Because our enemy is not flesh and blood, but the minions of Satan who seek to defeat us. (Eph. 6:12)**
- 5. Conclusion: Take up the full armor of God in order to resist and stand our ground. (Eph. 6:13)**

With whom then is the ultimate struggle?

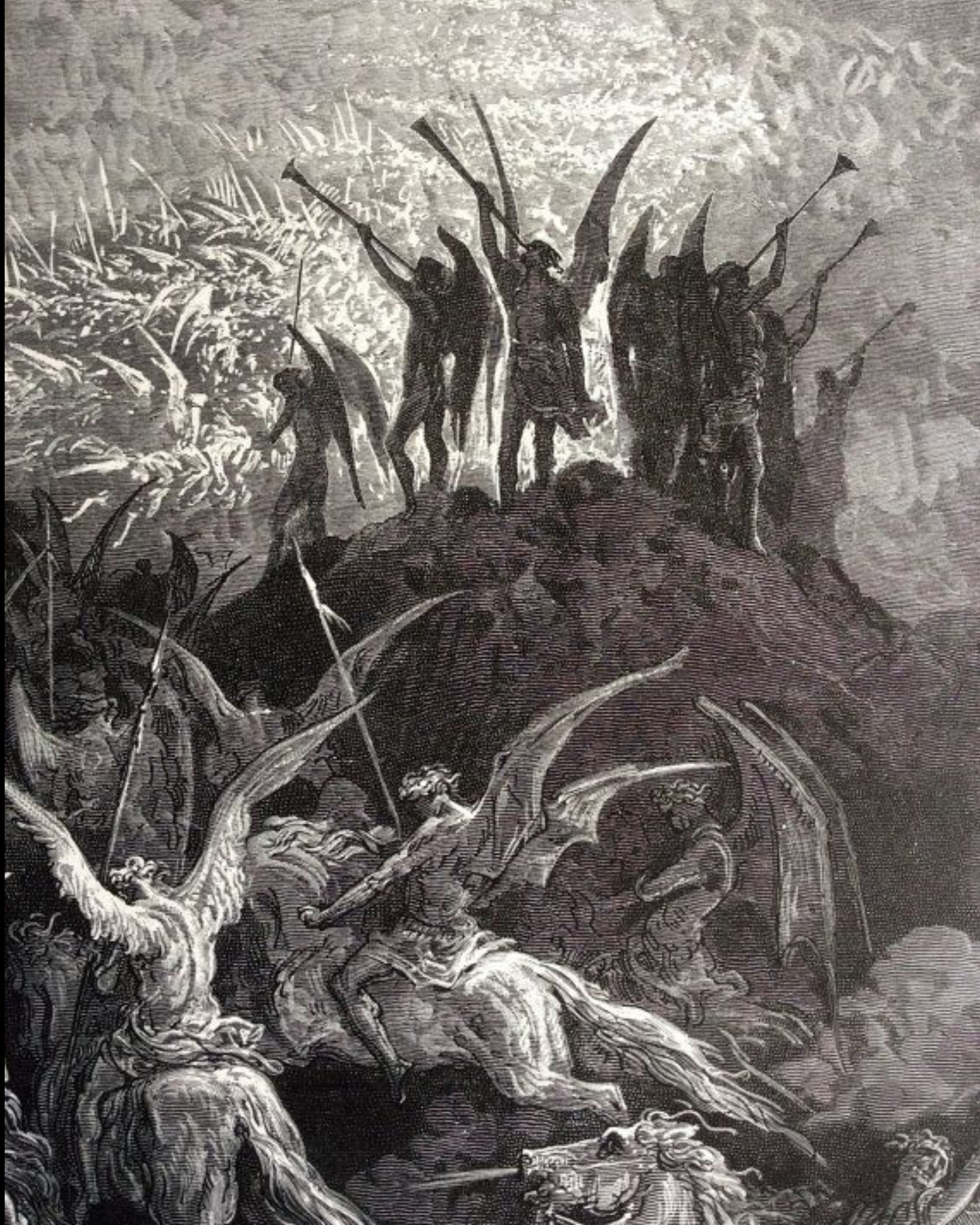
1. “Principalities”

2. “Powers”

3. “Rulers of the darkness of this age”

4. “Spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenlies”

Who is this “devil,” also known as Satan, the adversary?



The Anointed Cherub

Ezekiel 28:11–19

**Ezek. 28:17, “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.”**

**גבה *gavah* qal perf 3
masc sing
Literally, to be high;
lifted up, exalted,
also means to be
proud, arrogant,
haughty.**

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

Ezek. 28:12, “ ‘Son of man, take up a lamentation [funeral dirge] 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.**

**Ezek. 28:14, “ ‘ “ ‘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.**

**Ezek. 28:15, “ ‘ “ ‘You were perfect in your ways from the day
you were created, till iniquity was found in you.’ ” ’ ”**



**The Rebellion
Begins
Ezekiel 28:11–19
Isaiah 14:12–14**

Isa. 14:12, “How you are fallen from heaven, O shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!”

- 1. The first statement is that this creature has fallen from Heaven.**
- 2. This taunt is taken up at the time of this creature being sent to the lowest part of Sheol, “the lowest depths of the pit.” (Isa. 14:15)**

Isa. 14:13, “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;

Isa. 14:14, “ ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

Isa. 14:15, “Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.”

What the Bible Teaches About

**Your Adversary,
the Devil
1 Peter 5:8**



Introduction

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Who are the angels?

How many are there?

What do they look like?

What are their powers?

Can we see them?

What about people who think angels appeared to them?

Are there good and bad angels?

When were angels created?

When did Satan fall?

Who are the fallen angels, the demons, and the evil spirits and what can they do to us?

And finally, what does human history have to do with the angels, if anything?

How can we KNOW anything about angels?

Apart from God's revelation, can we on the basis of reason and logic alone, reason our way to the existence of angels?

What about our experiences, or those of others? Can we form an accurate understanding of the existence, nature, and purpose of angels and spirit beings, apart from any input from the Word of God?

The Basis of Knowledge

Divine Viewpoint	Autonomous Systems of Perception		
	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
	RATIONALISM (human reason alone)	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM (human experiences alone)	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM (intuitive insights or inner feelings, impressions alone)	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
	REVELATION God's Word, the Bible, alone	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

1. The Bible clearly attests to a supernatural order of intelligent creatures which are normally invisible to us, but were initially created to serve God. These are known as angels.

The only way we can truly know anything about them is from what God's Word, the Bible, reveals to us.

2. 34 of the 66 books of the Bible [17 Old Testament (OT); 17 New Testament (NT)] refer to angels by that name as existing creatures.

Over 300 references

17 books in the OT; 17 books in the NT

Jesus refers to the angels in numerous passages

Matt. 18:10, “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”

An angel announced His resurrection

Matt. 28:2, “And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

Matt. 28:3, “His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.”

Matt. 28:4, “And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

Matt. 28:5, “But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.’

Matt. 28:6, “ ‘He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay’.”

**Angels are to accompany and serve Him at His second coming,
Matt. 13:39–41; 16:27; 24:30–31; 25:31.**

**Matt. 13:41, “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they
will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those
who practice lawlessness,”**

Psa. 148:2, “Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!”

Psalm 148:5, “Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He gave the command and they came into existence.”

3. The terms for angel [מַלְאָךְ (*mal'āk*), (Hebrew); ἄγγελος, (*angelos*), (Greek)] occur more than 300 times in the Bible.

These words mean “messenger” and accurately reflect their role.

**4. Among the angels are different orders or rankings:
“cherubim,” “seraphim,” “living creatures,” “archangel,”
“prince,” “sons of God,” “principalities,” “powers,”
“rulers of the darkness of this world,” “spiritual
wickedness in high places,” “thrones,” and “dominions.”**

5. Of these the most beautiful, intelligent, powerful, and most highly placed was initially referred to as “*Helel ben Shachar*” in the Hebrew, translated wrongly as *Lucifer* in the Latin Vulgate and then into English.

When this angel sinned, 1/3 of the entirety of the angels followed him in his rebellion. He is also known as Satan and the Devil, or the accuser.

Rev. 12:3, “And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Rev. 12:4, “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”

6. Those who followed him in his rebellion, are described by the terms “demon,” “evil spirit,” “unclean spirit.”

Matt. 9:33, “And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, ‘It was never seen like this in Israel!’ ” Matt. 17:18.

Luke 8:29, “For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.”

Acts 19:15, “And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’ ”

7. All of these spirit beings are identified as angels as well as “sons of God.”

Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.”

1 Kings 22:19, “Then Micaiah said, ‘Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.

1 Kings 22:20, “And the LORD said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.

1 Kings 22:21, “Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’ ”

8. The two groups are identified in the Bible as holy or unholy, or elect or fallen angels.

1 Tim. 5:21, “I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect [i.e., ‘choice’] angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.”

Matt. 25:31, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.”

9. Satan is also known as:

“The accuser of the brethren,” Rev. 12:10

“Serpent,” Gen. 3

Devil (Διάβολος), which means accuser, or slanderer

Satan (Σατανᾶς), which means adversary, and transliterates the Hebrew.

Rev. 12:9, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

10. When were angels created? Job 38:4–7

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?’ ”

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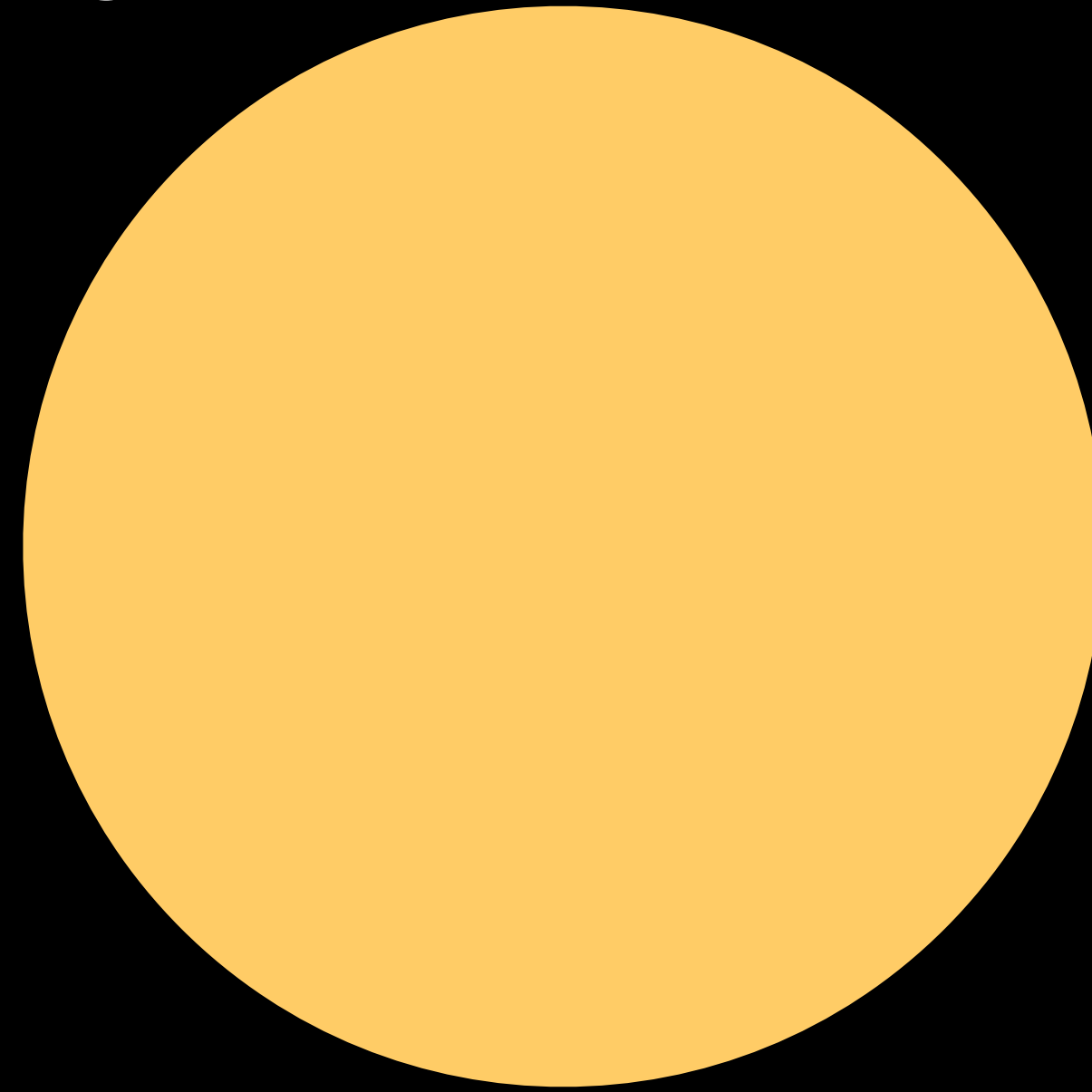
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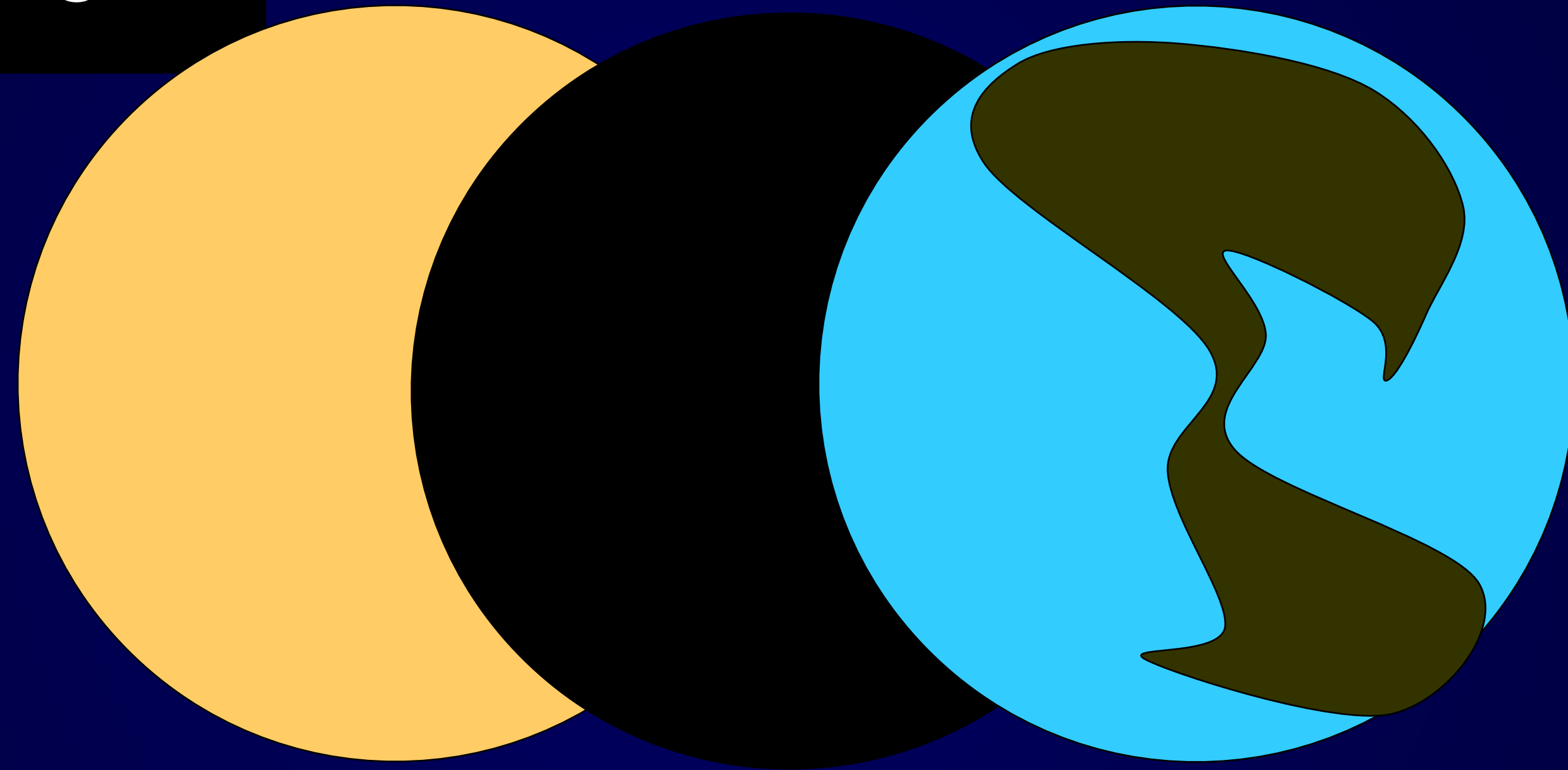
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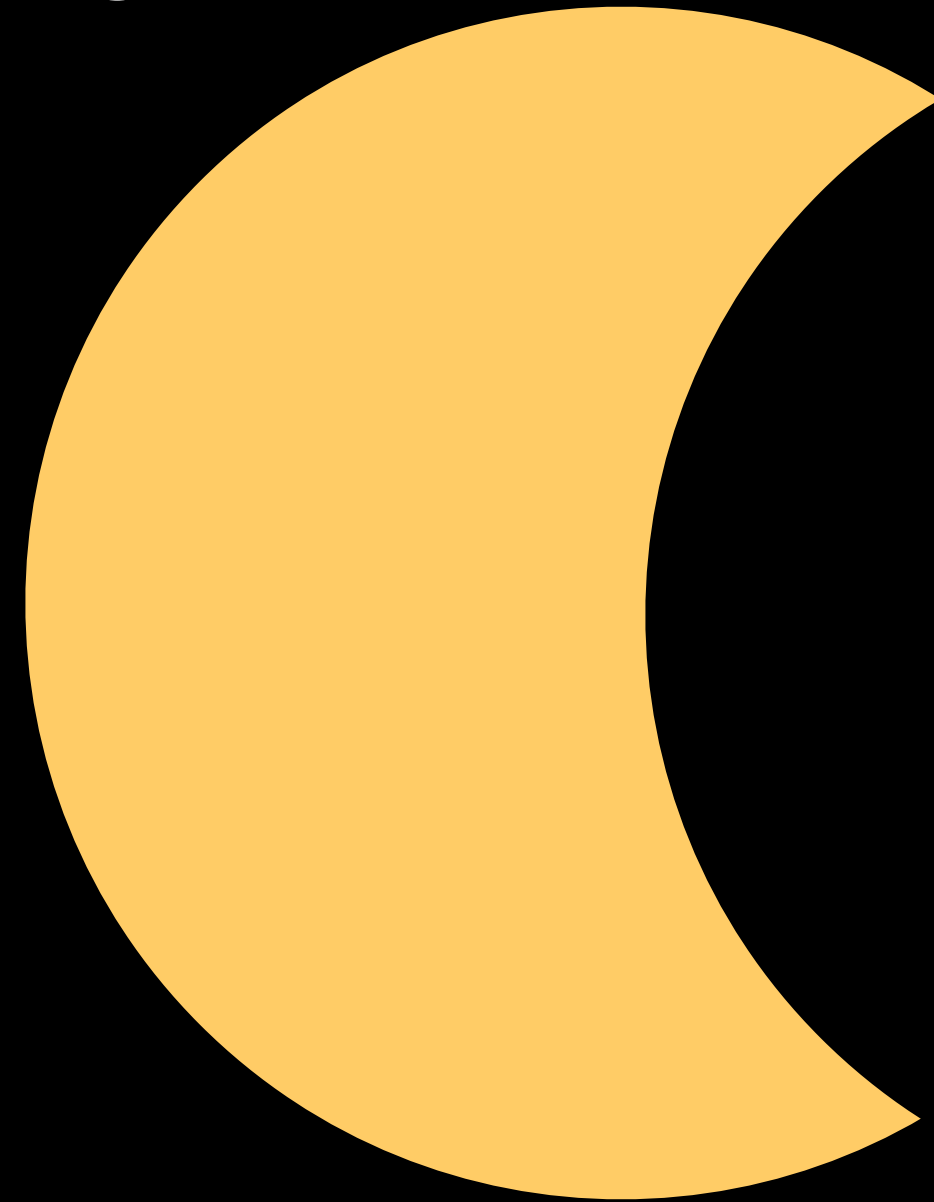


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11. How many angels are there?

Rev. 5:11, “Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,” [NKJV]

11. How many angels are there?

Dan. 7:9, “I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;

Dan. 7:10, “A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

Dan. 7:11, “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.” [NKJV]

12. What do we know about Satan?

a. He seeks to devour us.

1 Pet. 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

1 Pet. 5:9, “Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

12. What do we know about Satan?

- b. He is the master counterfeiter, appearing as an angel of light!**

2 Cor. 11:13, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

2 Cor. 11:14, “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

2 Cor. 11:15, “Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

12. What do we know about Satan?

c. He is the father of all unbelievers, he was a murderer from the beginning, he is the father of lies.

John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

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ἐτοιμάζω *hetoimazō* perf passive participle with article i.e., relative participle: “which was prepared completely in the past” awaiting its use.

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Matt. 25:46, “ ‘And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.’ ”

αἰώνιος *aiōnios* fem sing acc eternal

The same word and grammatical form is used in all three places in the Greek.

Therefore, if we have “eternal” life, the punishment is the same length, eternal.

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- b. Obviously, that punishment has been delayed. Why?**
- c. We can only surmise, draw a logical inference from the biblical data, that “the adversary” challenged the legitimacy of the punishment.**

Theologians infer that in light of what we know of Satan, the adversary and accuser, from the Scripture, he must have challenged God's righteousness and justice and His love.

“How can a loving God assign His creatures to eternity in never-ending torment in the Lake of Fire?”

“How can this be right, fair, or just?”

“How can such a harsh sentence of eternal torment be righteous or just?”

We know:

God is omniscient: He knows all of the knowable, all that could, should, would have, might have happened, and all the infinite variables of every course of action.

Therefore, He knows how disobedience to Him has led to unimaginable pain, sorrow, death, destruction, heartache, famine, disease, wars, terrorism, pandemics, and so much more.

Human history reveals how horrific it is when the creature disobeys the Creator. We are an object lesson for all eternity of the horrors of sin, and the glories of God's grace.

In fact, elect angels “rejoice over one sinner who repents,” referring to one person who believes in Christ, Luke 15:7, 10.

1 Tim. 3:16, “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, viewed by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.”

1 Cor. 4:9, “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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