Interlocked Series

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# INTERLOCKED

Lesson 2: Pagan View of Origins



# **Old Testament**



Creation		Flood		Abraham	Law	Kingdor	n	Partial
	Fall		Babel	Exodus		Conquest	Exile	Return

# **New Testament**



# **Old Testament**





INTERLOCKED	CHILDREN'S
The Spirit Beings: Job 38:4–7	The Spirit Beings: Job 38:4-7;
<b>The Shining Star:</b> Isa. 14:12–14; Ezekiel 12–17a	<b>The Problem with the Shining Star: he wanted to level up to be the Creator</b> Isa. 14:12–14; Ezekiel 12–17a
Pagan View of Origins	<b>Big Trouble in the Garden of Eden</b>
<ul> <li>A. Definitions</li> <li>B. Where did this pagan worldview come from? When did it start?</li> <li>Gen. 3:1–8</li> <li>C. What this pagan worldview looks like today? P. 11</li> </ul>	Satan the Serpent Satan the Deceiver You won't die You will be like God Adam and Eve believed Satan's lies Ooops, it's not my fault

- The focus of Lesson 1, broken into three sessions is on God's Creation, but especially in relation to the human race, i.e., in the social structures which God created: The Divine Institutions
- 2. Lesson 2 focuses on wrong views of Creation
  - Spirit beings
  - Shining Star's fall
  - The angelic rebellion
  - The deception of Adam and Eve
- 3. The second part of Lesson 2 helps to understand that why there are so many wrong views of where we came from.

# **Old Testament**





# **New Testament**



### **The First Three Divine Institutions**





**The 1st Divine Institution** 

**Responsible Choice** 

We are responsible to God for the decisions we make.



1. God is the Big Boss. Man is the lower-level boss.

This establishes the principle of authority and responsibility.

Man is responsible to God, to obey God.



### **The 1st Divine Institution**

**Responsible Choice** 

We are responsible to God for the decisions we make. We are not to try to act like we can remake the rules or recreate reality.



### Review

- 1. God looked over it all and took pleasure in it. And now He expected Adam to exercise that same creativity and to take pleasure in it.
- 2. As an image bearer, mankind was to imitate what God the Creator had done.
- 3. Man in the perfect, unflawed, image of God was sinless, but this was only at the beginning.

### Review

- 4. God, as part of responsible choice, gave man volition, the ability to make choices. God did not want man to be a robot, or simply a programmed being to do what God said.
- 5. Each person is accountable to God for our choices. Responsible choice means that there are both positive and negative consequences for what choices we make.
- 6. Our lives are the result of the choices we make.

#### **Summary of the Biblical Worldview**

1. Creator-Creature Distinction One God | Man | Nature (separate from each other)

2. Personal Sovereign God

3. Ultimate Authority: God

# Can we understand the world just by looking at nature [creation]?

### How God Communicated with Adam

God **SHOWED** him the garden He had made.



God **SPOKE** to him about how to live well.

**YAHWEH** 

Is work evil? Is it a curse? Isn't it true that in a perfect world, man should not have to work?

People were always given responsibilities to perform.

### **The 1st Divine Institution**

Responsible Choice

### **The 2nd Divine Institution**

• God designed marriage for the benefit of the human race.



<u>Gen. 1:27,</u> "So God created man in His *own* image; <u>in the image of</u> <u>God He created him; male</u> <u>and female He created</u> <u>them</u>."



<u>Genesis 2:18,</u> "Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a <u>helper</u> who is just right for him.' "

## "JUST RIGHT" = Woman



### **Divine Institutions**

- **1. Responsible choice**
- 2. Marriage: one man and one woman
- 3. The family



**Deut. 6:5**, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

**Deut. 6:6**, "These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

Deut. 6:7, "Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deut. 6:8, "Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead.

Deut. 6:9, "Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Proverbs 19:18,

"Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives."

<u>Proverbs 22:6,</u> "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."

### **The Spirit Beings**

Job 38:4, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much.

Job 38:5, "Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line?

Job 38:6, "What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone

Job 38:7, "as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?"

1. Time is not measured until we have light and dark, morning and evening. But we do have progression of events, one event preceding or following another.



2. When did God create the spirit beings?

From Job 38:4–7 we know that this was prior to the "laying of the foundation" of the earth, a phrase which indicates the beginnings of some building project.

- 3. There are differing kinds of spirit beings:
  - a. Seraph (sg), seraphs (pl) or seraphim (Heb. plural)

Isa. 6:2, "Attending him were <u>mighty seraphim</u>, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew."

- 3. There are differing kinds of spirit beings:
  - b. Cherub (sg), cherubs (pl), or cherubim (Heb. plural)

Four faces, all facing forward—human, lion, eagle, ox in Ezek. 1:10; but in Ezek. 10:8, they have the face of a cherub, a man, a lion, and an eagle.

They have wings with a human hand under them.

Cherubs are frequently presented as associated closely with the presence of God's throne.

- 3. There are differing kinds of spirit beings:
  - c. Living creatures

Full of eyes—one was like a lion, one like a calf, the third like a man, and the fourth like an eagle.

Each had six wings.

3. There are differing kinds of spirit beings:

d. Only one archangel is known: Michael

e. Only one other name is given: Gabriel

### 4. The number of angels is enormous.

<u>Rev. 5:11</u>, "Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of myriads and myriads and thousands of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders." [RD]

5. The name angel means a "messenger." Angels were created to serve God.

<u>Heb. 1:14</u>, "Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation."

### The "Shining Star"

Isa. 14:12, "How you are fallen from heaven, <u>O shining star</u>, <u>son of the morning</u>! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.

<u>Isa. 14:13,</u> "For you said to yourself, '<u>I will</u> ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. <u>I will</u> preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north.

Isa. 14:14, " 'I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.' "

### **Biblical Creation: Creator-Creature Distinction**

1<sup>st</sup> level CREATOR

2<sup>nd</sup> level Creature: what God created

The Shining Star wanted to promote himself to be God
"Shining Star, Son of the morning"

helel ben shahar

In the Latin Bible the morning star, Venus, was called Lucifer, from the word "*lux*" for light.

Shining Star was a cherub, Ezek. 28:14.

Ezek. 28:14, "You were the <u>anointed cherub</u> who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones."

**True "king" of Babylon and Tyre: The Shining Star** The Shining Star motivates the human rulers for evil



#### Human kings

Isaiah passage: addresses king of Babylon Ezekiel passage: addresses king of Tyre

#### Both passages address:

1 the human kings and

2 the spiritual power behind the human kings

## When Did Shining Star Fall?

1. From the name "Shining Star" it is clear that light is already present.

# When Did Shining Star Fall?

2. God is Light.

<u>1 Tim. 6:16</u>, "He alone can never die, and <u>He lives in</u> <u>light so brilliant that no human can approach him</u>. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen."

<u>1 John 1:5,</u> "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: <u>God is light, and there is no</u> <u>darkness in him at all</u>." <u>Rev. 21:23</u>, "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light."

<u>Rev. 22:5,</u> "There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever." <u>Gen. 1:2,</u> "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."

- 1. If God dwells in a brilliant light that is unapproachable... and that is all there is ...
- 2. If the angels are called "morning stars" and Satan, "Shining Star," then with their creation there was light ...
- 3. From where did the darkness come in Gen. 1:2?

## **Conclusion:**

Darkness is the absence of light.

Therefore, the darkness of Genesis 1:2 had to come from somewhere? All of these passages indicate that before Gen. 1:2 there is nothing but Light from eternity past. When God speaks the universe into existence, we are then told that darkness is present.

Darkness throughout Scripture is also a picture of sin and the fall.

<u>1 Thess. 5:5,</u> "For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night."

<u>2 Cor. 11:14, "But I am not surprised! Even Satan</u> disguises himself as an <u>angel of light</u>."

\*\*If Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, this implies that in fact he is an angel of darkness.

#### **Ezek. 28:11**, "The LORD's message came to me:

Ezek. 28:12, " 'Son of man, sing a lament for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ' "You were the sealer 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 ruby, topaz, and emerald, the chrysolite, onyx, and jasper, the sapphire, turquoise, and beryl; your settings and mounts were made of gold. On the day you were created they were prepared. Ezek. 28:14, "'" I placed you there with an anointed guardian cherub; you were on the holy mountain of God; you

walked about amidst fiery stones." '

Ezek. 28:15, "'"'You were blameless in your behavior from the day you were created, until sin was discovered in you. Ezek. 28:16, "'"'"In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned; so I defiled you and banished you from the mountain of God—the guardian cherub expelled you from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezek. 28:17, "'"' "Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom on account of your splendor. I threw you down to the ground; I placed you before kings, that they might see you."'"" Ezek. 28:18, "'" "By the multitude of your iniquities, through the sinfulness of your trade, you desecrated your sanctuaries. So I drew fire out from within you; it consumed you, and <u>I turned you to ashes</u> on the earth before the eyes of all who saw you.

Ezek. 28:19, " ' " ' "All who know you among the peoples are shocked at you; you have become terrified and will be no more." ' " ' "

**Rev. 12:10, "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.' "



#### **Original Name**

- Shining Star
- Morning Star (Translated as "Lucifer" in Latin)

### Shining Star Falls



## Now known as:

- Satan or Devil (which means accuser and adversary)
- Ruler
- Prince of demons