

GENESIS – Lesson 11

Learn: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Read: Genesis 3: 1- 15

Up to this point, for Adam and Eve, and the world that they lived in was all “very good”, as God had proclaimed it. There was no sorrow, no struggle to live, no pain, no suffering, no disharmony, no sin, and no death.

But today we live in a different world. Everything tends to run down and wear out. All life struggles against disease and death, animals fight each other in order to sustain life. Cultures rise and fall. Every person struggles, finding it easier to do wrong than right. The world is full of men’s cruel treatment of other men. Evil abounds everywhere.

The question is, why is the world that God created perfect, not perfect today? Many will either blame God, saying that if He has the power, He must be evil to allow evil. Or people say that if there is a God, He certainly must not be all powerful, for He can’t change things. Or others simply claim that there is no God.

The only place to find the answer to the source of evil in the world is to go to God’s Word. God Himself tells us what caused the change from the “good” world that He created, to a world where everything dies.

1. How did the trouble for mankind start? Genesis 3:1-4

2. How is the serpent described in verse 1. Also use verse 14, to describe the serpent’s appearance before it was cursed.

3. It is clear that this “serpent” was not just an ordinary serpent of the field. What things about this particular serpent confirm that it was possessed of some evil entity and not part of God’s “good creation”? vv 1, 4, 5, 13,15

4. We must look elsewhere in the scripture to find out how this evil entity came into existence, since in the beginning, God had made everything “very good.”
Who is the “serpent” identified as in Revelation 12:9; 20:2
In the beginning God had created a great host of angels (meaning “messengers”) for a variety of ministries around God’s throne. They had various ranks and positions of authority: “principalities and powers.” The greatest of these created spirit –beings was called “Lucifer (“day-star”).

5. In Ezekiel 28: 12-18, we have the description of this amazing angel, who is in control of the evil king of Tyrus. How is the angel described? vv 12- 15

6. Where had this angel’s main place of service to God been? Ezekiel 28: 16

7. What does this passage say was the cause of the covering cherub’s downfall?
Ezekiel 28: 15, 17

8. In Isaiah 14:4-15 we see the king of Babylon addressed, but starting with verse 12, there is someone else mentioned. Who is in control of this wicked king of Babylon?

9. Who is Lucifer? Also see Luke 10:18; Revelation 9:1; Revelation 12:7-12

10. What does Isaiah 14: 12-15 tell was the cause of Lucifer’s downfall?

11. What has this evil angel (Satan) been doing ever since he rebelled against his Creator?
Revelation 12:9

Revelation 12:10

John 8:44

I Peter 5:8

Ephesians 2:2

II Corinthians 2:11

Luke 22:3-6

12. What is one way that Satan can deceive people? II Corinthians 11:13- 15

As a review then, we see that Satan, first called Lucifer, was created perfect in his ways, (Ezekiel 28:15) just as everything else that God had created (Genesis 1:31). He continued thus for some time after man's creation. As we studied before all the "host of heaven" (the angels- Genesis 2:1) was very good.

Soon after this, Lucifer's "heart was lifted up" because of his beauty and he corrupted his wisdom by reason of his brightness (Ezekiel 28:17). Though God had assured Lucifer that he was a created being, he somehow doubted God's word and deceived himself into thinking that he himself could become God Isaiah 14:14). -Dr. Henry Morris

13. When Satan rebelled against God did he do it alone? Revelation 12:4, 9
Explain your answer.

14. What is Satan's ultimate destination? Isaiah 14:15; Matthew 25:41

We see that we have a dangerous enemy, far stronger, far more intelligent, far more powerful than any human being. We as human beings are at his mercy for he hates us and wants to destroy every single one of us. If it were not for the Lord Jesus our Savior, there would be absolutely no hope.

15. What does Ephesians 6:10-11 tell us?

16. How does our enemy come against us? Ephesians 6:12; II Corinthians 10:5

17. What are the weapons that God gives us to fight our enemy? Ephesians 6:13-18

18. What is our only and the ultimate way that Satan can be defeated? Ephesians 1:17-23

19. Do people who do not trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior have any protection from Satan? Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13

Explain your answer.