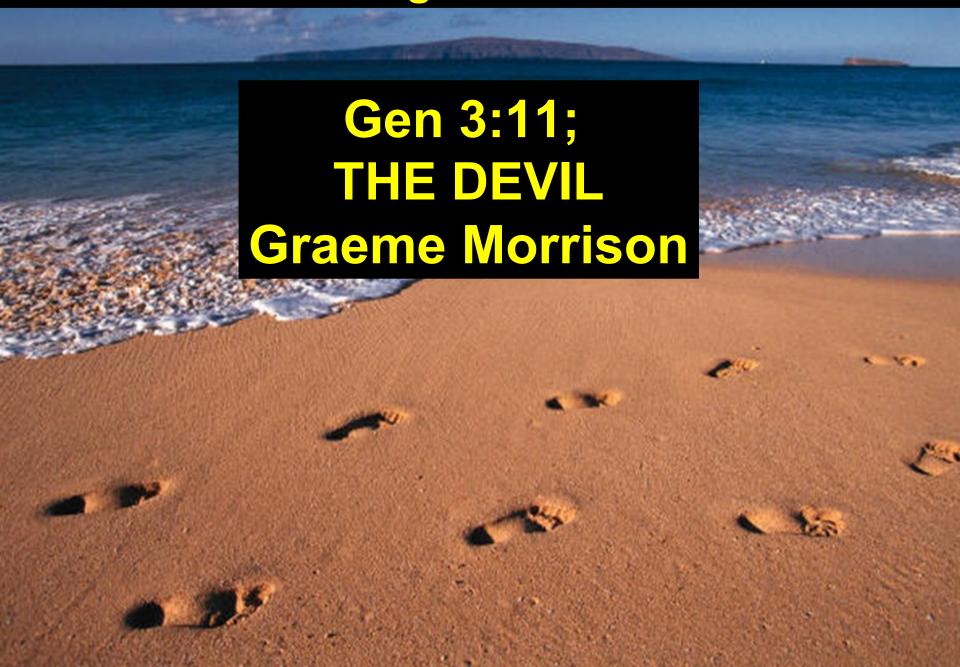
Patriarchal Age- before the flood.



Satan or The Devil

Angel of Light, one of Satan's disguises.

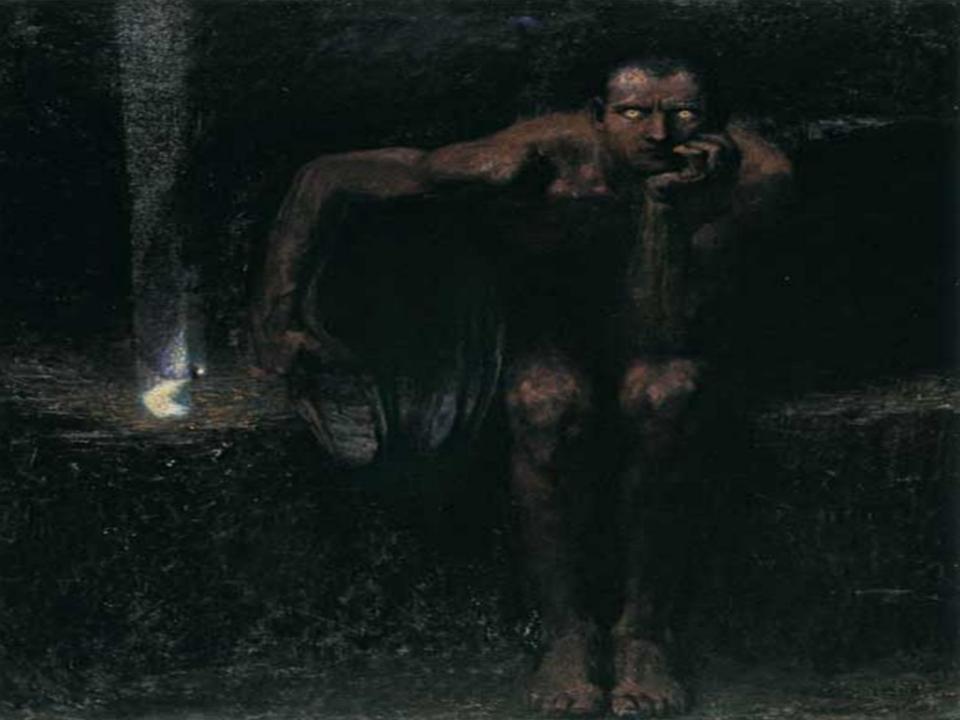


The pictures of Satan, the Devil or Lucifer in this presentation are artists' interpretations only and do not represent Satan as he really looks.

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

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



The first time we read anything about Satan is when he approached Eve in the Garden of Eden disguised as a serpent (Gen 3:1-4;)

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, Indeed, has God said, You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?"

"The woman said to the serpent, From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but From the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die."

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!



The next time we read about him, he is mingling with the heavenly angels with access to the throne of God.

He persuades God to bring severe tests upon Job, which God allows him to do. (Job 1:1-6;)

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

Then we learn from Isaiah's and Ezekiel's writings that he was at first a beautiful angelic creature before he chose to fall from his high position of trust and authority. (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-19;)

We will have an opportunity to read these passages later in our study.



A HATER OF GOD AND MAN, HE WILL BE DESTROYED.

He has always worked to prevent God from accomplishing His purpose of saving mankind.

But Jesus death, burial and resurrection was his undoing and will bring about his final destruction.

(John 8:44; Revelation 20:10;)

His fate is sealed.



Names describe people.

Satan has many names that describe his personality, nature and work.

"Adversary." or "Accuser," is the English translation of the Hebrew word (Old Testament), "Satan," and the Greek word (New Testament), "Devil."

He is God's and man's Adversary and man's Accuser.



SERPENT.

He first manifested himself to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden as a reptilian creature of some kind because God took away his legs as part of the curse upon him.

Read all of Genesis 3.

Adam and Eve were both present but Eve was deceived and Adam was not.

1 Timothy 2:14;

And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

I think Adam chose to eat so he would not be separated from his wife.

GOD OF THIS WORLD.

In 2 Corinthians 4:4; Paul calls Satan the "god of this world," and says he blinds the minds of the unbelieving.

In Ephesians 2:2; He is called the "Prince of the Power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience"

LUCIFER, LIGHT BRINGER.

He was called, "Lucifer," or "light bringer," possibly referring to his angelic function before his fall. Isaiah 14:12;

He can disguise himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14;

He is the Tempter who tried to tempt Jesus in the wilderness of Judea. Matthew 4; and a Deceiver. 1 John 5:19;

He is a liar and the father of lies and liars. John 8:44;

MURDERER.

He was a genocidal murderer from the beginning, bringing death to mankind.

He is the greatest serial killer of all time. John 8:44;

He is a Thief, stealing men's souls. Luke 8:14;

He is a Polluter, always mixing in some bad with the good. Matthew 13:38;

He is a Provoker, pushing people to sin.
1 Chronicles 21:1-14;

SIFTER.

He unwittingly serves God by sifting the hearts of men, testing man's will and so separating the bad from the good. (Luke 22:31-32;)

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

This must be why God allows him to work among men.

Like a stalking lion, he prowls around seeking human prey to devour. (1 Peter 5:8-9;)

"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world."

He's a Resistor, resisting the servants and purposes of God.

Zechariah 3:1-2;

"Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him."

The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

GOD ALLOWS SATAN.

Why does He allow Satan to work among men on the earth until the end of time?

Satan has power but it is limited by God and within certain boundaries.

He serves a purpose useful to God in providing man a choice to test his love and trust. We see evidence of that in Genesis 3 and Job 1;



GOD ALLOWS SATAN.

Why did God not cast Satan into the Tartaros, the prison of evil spirits at the moment he rebelled?

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

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."

GOD SOMETIMES USES EVIL PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES,

God used Pharaoh to accomplish His will in Egypt. Romans 9:17;

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

Several times in Exodus it is said
That God hardened Pharaoh's heart,
He must have done it by allowing Satan to STIR UP
Pharaoh's own sense of power and superiority.

GOD SOMETIMES USES EVIL PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES.

God used Judas to accomplish His will in bringing Jesus to the cross. (Acts 2:23;)

"This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."

Jesus chose Judas as an apostle knowing he would betray him when the time was right. (Luke 6:16; 22:3; John 6:70-71;)



GOD SOMETIMES USES EVIL PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES,

Luke 6:16; "Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor."

Luke 22:3-4; "And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them.

John 6:70-71; "Jesus answered them,
"Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve,
and yet one of you is a devil?"
Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot,
for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him."

GOD SOMETIMES USES EVIL PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES.

God used an evil spirit to entice Ahab to go into battle and be slain.

1 Kings 22:19-23;

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 Him on His right and on His left.

"The LORD said, Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-Gilead? And one said this while another said that."

"Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, I will entice him."

GOD SOMETIMES USES EVIL PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES.

"The LORD said to him, "How?' And he said, "I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.'

"Then He said, You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so."

"Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."



POWER OF DEATH.

Until Jesus rose from the dead, Satan had the power of death over mankind.

In making the resurrection possible, Jesus destroyed his power over death. Hebrews 2:14;

"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;



WE CAN DEFEAT SATAN.

When the writer speaks of Jesus "destroying" the devil, the word is used in the sense of defeating him and destroying his power. Satan will not be annihilated, nor will any spirit.

Each one of us must fight the battle against Satan and the forces of evil in our own lives.

God has given us the means to do this, the armour, the training and the assistance of the Spirit. (Ephes 6:11; Matt 4:4; the "Word of Truth;" 1 John 4:4;)

Our greatest asset for overcoming Satan is "The Blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 12:10-11;)



The king of Babylon was a proud man, like Satan in many ways.

In the following prophecy, I believe God is saying that what will happen to the king will, in some ways be like what will happen to Satan:-

"But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
In the recesses of the north."

"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol."



THE KING OF TYRE.

We get an even more detailed scenario of Satan's primal position and his fall when God compares the king of Tyre to Satan in Ezekiel 28:12-17;

"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. "You were in Eden, the garden of God;"



THE KING OF TYRE continued.

"Every precious stone was your covering:The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship
of your settings and sockets, was in you."

On the day that you were created
They were prepared.
"You were the anointed cherub who covers,
and I placed you there.



THE KING OF TYRE continued.

You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

"You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.

"By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God."



THE KING OF TYRE continued.

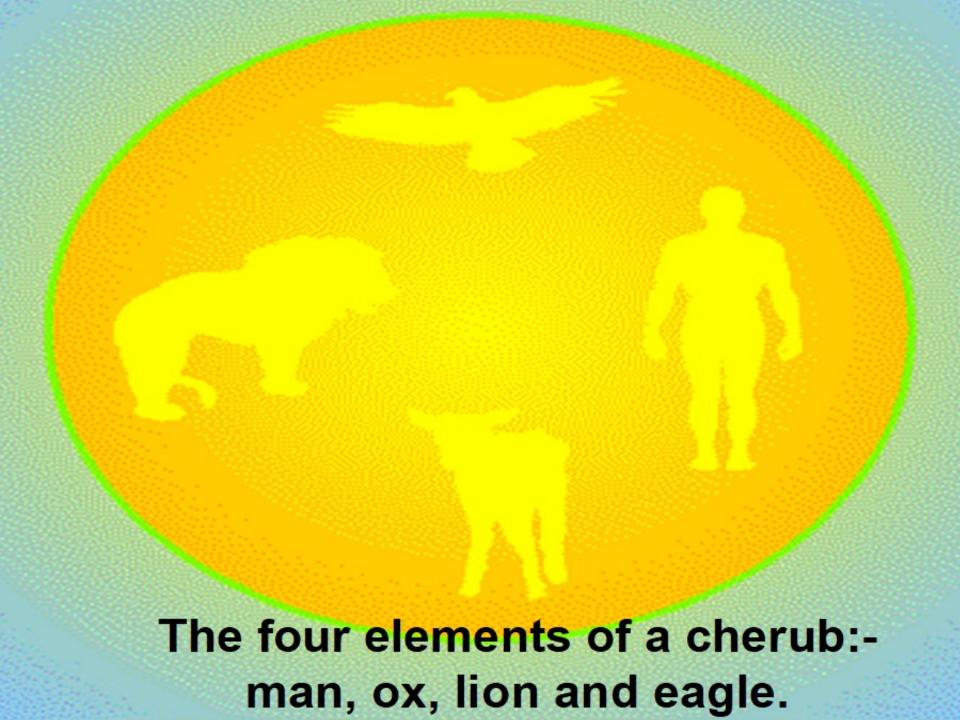
"And I have destroyed you,

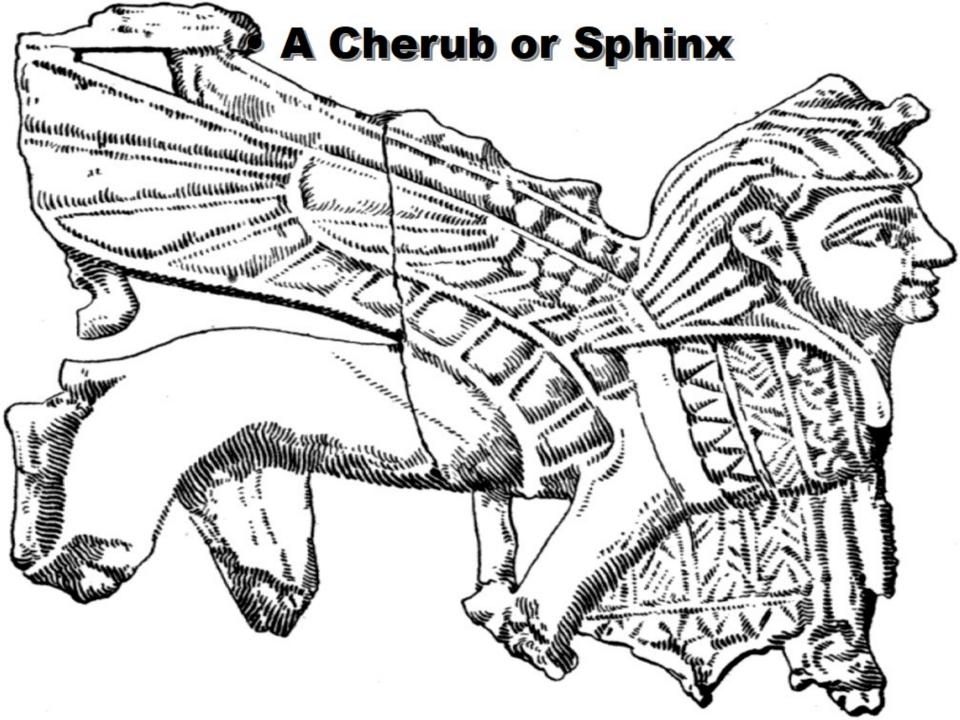
O covering cherub,

From the midst of the stones of fire."

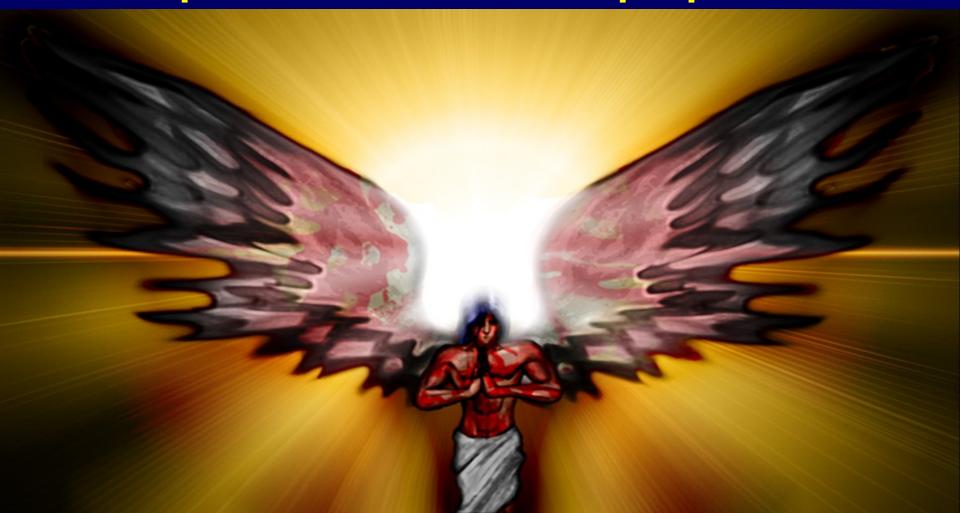
"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendour."

"I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you."





I believe Satan's primal position as a heavenly creature of great beauty, position of trust and his rebellion and fall are pictured in these two prophecies.



DOUBLE MEANING.

As with many prophecies, these from Isaiah and Ezekiel have double meanings.

Not only so, but there is a mixing of metaphors as is often done in biblical analogies.

An example of this mixing is seen in Paul's analogy of the Free Woman and the Slave Woman in Galatians 4:26;

"But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. Galatians 4:31; So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman." Sarah = Jerusalem = Our Mother



REDEMPTION PRICE.

Although the Bible does not reveal the negotiation as it did for Job, God must have agreed to pay Satan's asking price for the ransom or redemption of men's souls.

When we sell our souls to Satan and become his slaves, we belong to him.

God must have agreed to pay the blood of His Only Son to buy us back and set us free.

CONCLUSION.

From the scriptures we have studied it seems that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honours;

Through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty he fell.

(1 Timothy 3:6;)
"not a new convert, so that he will
not become conceited and fall into
the condemnation incurred by the devil."



CONCLUSION continued. Drew after himself a host of angels. Revelation 12:7-9;

"And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven." "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 is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world.

I believe him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and the Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions.

The chief power behind the present apostasy; the Lord of the Anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness.

Destined however to final defeat at the hands of God's Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels.



Gen 3:11; THE DEVIL

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The Sneaky Snake. by Ellis Jones

The sneaky snake confronted Eve;
Adam too was there. 1)
She believed his pack of lies;
She took his dirty dare.
1) Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 11:3;

She gave some fruit to Adam;.
From him death comes to all. 1)
Because he loved the woman,
He freely chose to fall. 2)
1) Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:22;
2) 1 Timothy 2:13;



It soon became apparent, They'd made a foolish choice. That is why they hid themselves When they heard God's voice.

So we sinned in Adam
And death passed to all. 1)
Then one day there came a man,
Upon him we may call.

1) Through his loss of access to the tree of Life.

To reverse the curse of death and sin And save all Adam' race. 1) So we can walk with God again And someday see his face. 2)

1) 1 Corinthians 15; Romans 8; 2) Revelation 22:1-5;