

02252024. what in the world happened to us ...origin...We have an enemy!
Knowing our origin is vitally important as our future is linked to our pass.

What one knows and thinks about the past directly influences our perspective regarding the future.

GE 2: 7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground (body) and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (spirit), and the man became a living being(soul).

- Lord God...First time the singular personal name of God is used...
 - Now he gives a personal name...Lord who is God...that is Jesus the one like us... He is the personal God of the Triune Godhead.
 - So man is created spirit and soul...and a human body is formed out of the created material...as a residence for us...
 - And breathed in man life ...he became part eternal...spirit in him that which is invisible...and part natural...that which is visible...formed of the elements of the earth
 - Man is completed...Spirit... Soul and Body...completely unified and whole... His body in synchronization with the visible created world
- I. His soul ...Heart ... And his spirit in union with God...it is the place God houses himself in us...

****KEY POINT** *GE 2:25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

- a. **Adam and Eve recognized their differences, and their oneness.. both felt complete, secure, safe, and accepted...How Sin has done a number on us!!! They were transparent in their relationship together**
- b. They were both naked (transparent) and felt no shame means (disfigurement)...they had not disfiguring thoughts or actions toward God, or themselves...and did not disfigure one another...by word or action...
- c. The word **“FELT”** is revealing...it means they did not sense or feel or experience, any kind of disfigurement...in their spirit, soul or body....
- d. **So...**The first man and woman whom God had formed reflected wholeness in every way... completely comfortable in the natural and the supernatural...
They were comfortable, and secure, acceptable and loved

But humans were not the only beings present upon the earth... God walked with them...he made a sound as he walked....a preincarnate recognizable being. They were familiar with the presence of God...

GE 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

...We are provided food for life eternal...and an opportunity to choose their own will

GE 2:8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- **Eden means delight in Hebrew ...Lord planted a garden to the East of where Adam was made. Possibly Israel...Saudi Arabia...it was in Deen...there was much of Eden left...**
- **Not like a vegetable garden..More like a park...Fruit trees, river watering itetc.**
- **Two trees..of mention** One of life...evidently it could be eaten to give continual life ...in a special way then the other life provided by the other fruit trees.
- **The other tree...the Knowledge of Good and Evil...**
- e. The tree which symbolizes man's moral concepts...The concept of what is good and what is evil.**
- f. It will test the character concept of obedience...**

*****And commanded not to eat from that tree...Commanded to make a moral choice to obey God...and continue in that obedience**

GE 2: 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

- **They were to trust God with His knowledge and determination of what is good and evil...**

They must trust him with the knowledge of what is life and what causes death... Or face a serious consequence

- It seemed like a reasonable command...until it was challenged from someone outside themselves....

*******But humans and The Lord were not the only beings upon the earth... the presence of another supernatural being...whose nature was corrupted and his heart toward humans was ma-lev-o-lent-...a being whose intent is to to do them harm** Though they knew it not more on that in a bit so lets get the original picture..

*******While our first parents were created perfect and upright, they were not endowed with a fully developed character.**

- Character is developed as the result of testing and experience. character then as now is developed in a person...no matter how perfect their environment is.... God gave them a way to test their character...the character of obedience...trusting in His love for them and his commands had their best interest at heart...

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GE 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made.....

who is this serpent? ... **First his character**.... The word Crafty...means wise skilled in the ways of manipulation ... setting you up...he is tricky...confusing...keeps one off balance...

Second ...He was not like the other creatures.... Wild animals he was not formed from the elements of the earth.....he came from a different place...

Third...He therefore was privy to other information...had much more knowledge...and lived much longer...

His names in Scripture give us much more information...as they describe his character also... **THE SERPENT IS ALSO CALLED THE DEVIL, LUCIFER OR SATAN** ...He is an historical salient being one with a beginning and will have have an end and whom both John and Jesus referred too. a historical fact.

DEVIL (Gr. *diabolos*), a slanderer, the arch-enemy of man's spiritual interest... **devil**" is the translation of the Hebrew *sair*, meaning a "goat"

SATAN...Adversary; accuser. The Hebrew word so rendered has the article “the adversary” In the New Testament it is used as interchangeable with *Diabolos*, or the devil, and is so used more than thirty times. he is called “the prince of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30); “the prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2); “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4); “the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2).

The Serpent This word is used symbolically of a deadly, subtle, malicious enemy (Luke 10:19). The Hebrew word rendered "serpent" in Genesis 3:1 is *Nachash* (from the root *Nachash*, to shine, and means *a shining one*. Hence, in Chaldee it means *brass* or *copper*, because of its *shining*. Hence also, the word *Nehushtan*, a piece of brass, in 2Kings 18:4.

In the same way *Saraph*, in Isaiah 6:2,6, means *a burning one*, and, because the serpents mentioned in Numbers 21 were burning, in the poison of their bite, they were called *Saraphim*, or *Seraphs*. **a serpent because its bite was burning...and poisonous**

The *Nachash*, or serpent, who was crafty in deceiving Eve (2Corinthians 11:3) ... is spoken of as "an angel of light" in verse 14. glorious angel), possessing superior and supernatural knowledge.

2CO 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light (shining forth).

- This shining, beautiful, intelligent spirit being is Hissing... like a serpent...means to enchant , entice ,divine...or diligently observe
- Just what the enemy does...He diligently observes us...And we see him enticing, whispering , enchanting EVE... as an angel of light...

(1) know this when the enemy speaks it is with a Mission....

His mission....John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; His tactics...*

John 8:44 (B)He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies (source).

- **But this was not His original design position. For in the book of Job we are told as God rebukes Job for his lack of faith in the wisdom of God...he questions him...**

JOB 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—

Job obviously was not there...but angels and morning stars were...

verse: *JOB 38:7 while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?*

Imagine the angels watching what God is doing and giving him great glory for his abilities and skills...being full of Joy...and to this day they continue to watch God's unfolding plan take place *Now Morning Stars? Seems to be a title for some of the angels...and is used specifically to describe Satan*

NIV ISA 14: 12 "How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth....

And Satan or Lucifer (Light Bearer) was in the Garden...It appears after that time...He fell

His original design... *NLT EZE 28: 11 Then this further message came to me from the LORD: ¹² "Son of man, sing this funeral song for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign LORD: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty.*

NLT EZE 28:13 ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God. (He fell after being in Eden) (like a park...not a farm)

Your clothing was adorned with every precious stone— red carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone,

blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald— all beautifully crafted for you

and set in the finest gold. They were given to you on the day you were created.

on the day you were created they were prepared. . Shining, brilliant!

NIV EZE 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.

(chief angel) **Cherubim** (which are celestial or spirit-beings) for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.
(sparkling gems...perhaps fenced in the holy site or stars)

NIV ^{EZE 28:15} You were blameless in your ways (did not sin...but capable of it)
from the day you were created (but being created being)
till wickedness was found in you. (sin found a residence in him)

He was the highest created being, perfect in beauty, full of wisdom, shining in splendor

His Rebellion... ^{EZE 28:17 7} Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty. Your wisdom was corrupted

by your love of **splendor**. (pride before a fall) (He was beautiful)
(crafty or subtle...idolized his own wisdom) **Splendor** ...Means in Hebrew shining he thought he was all that..

He idolized his own beauty and splendor...what does the world worship today? Beauty and Splendor...

- It is instructive to watch as the world's frenzy as it worships Hollywood stars, their beauty and splendor...the fashion, music, sports, power all media promotes the splendor of the rich and famous and powerful...
- Forming, creating, and worshipping the created rather than the creator...

Then...He declared war on God...by Rebelling against him

• His stated goal is to rise back up to the heavenlies.... to be exalted again
NIV ISA 14:¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.^[b] ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Verse 15..Your mission to sit on the mount of assembly with all people serving you...it will never happen you will be lower than the lowest creature on the planet...and humans ill war against you...

What was his problem???He did not want to serve God by serving humans

NLT Heb 1:14 Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation.

- **Kingdom principle...the greater serves the lesser**

Then What he Did Ezek 28:16 A... he started to influence the other angels..also to join him

EZE 28:16 Through your widespread trade (enticed angels to go with him) you were filled with violence, and you sinned. (Warred against angels and men)

What Happened Ezek 28:16B

So I drove you in disgrace from the *mount of God*, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. So I threw you to the earth... (outside of your domain) possibly stars (Mount Moriah...Jerusalem)

God removes him from his position and a war took place in Heaven

REV 12:7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

*****From here... he manipulated the woman...and fooled her with his deceiving, lying language..., and shining personality...she and Adam fell for the lies...you know the story**

They ran and hid once they realized the truth....full of shame...disconnected from God...themselves, each other, their purpose...all deaths...with finally separation from their bodies...

We know sin entered the physical world through one man...spread one to another

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

- **sin causes death (separation) disfigurement ...sooner or later...the disease of sin kills life**

the effects of our sin also disordered nature...that which we were to take care of..turns against us

BUT GODhe looked for them... *NIV Gen 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

➤ *Just as he looked for them he looks for us... we are fallen But God to the rescue...* *NLT Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*

Then God pronounces Judgment on the SerpentYou wanted to rise above God ? you will be below the earth dwellers.. Satan's final destiny...tormented in that what he wants will forever elude him...

GE 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

- **And You wanted to destroy humans... through a human God will bring from the woman a deliverer**

NLT GE 3: ¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike^[b] your head, and you will strike his heel."

- **I declare war between you and the woman...man..humans universally...the battle of good verse evil**
- **The will Strike...fatal blow Crush your head... head denotes power.....destroy you**
- **strike his heel....from God's view Satan only wounds the lords foot, at the same time Jesus heel was bruised, Satan's head...dominion was crushed,**

- **Satan also nips at the heels of the followers of Christ**

Why would God do this? NLT Eph 1:7He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

- **He bought our freedom from eternal death to eternal life...**
- **And forgave our sins....free from condemnation...some day free from the presence of sin...**

Next for weeks...how it happened.... end

