

Trinity Bible Church  
Lesson 17  
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## **Section IV: What Happened?**

### **11. The Fall Of Satan:**

- C. Satan's Method of Operation after his fall before the trial. Eze 28:16-19
1. His Program. Eze 28:16
    - a. Historical Tyre was the illustration of using one's position and wealth to spread lies. Eze 27:3-36
    - b. He was not confined to the throneroom.
    - c. Seeking to become still greater, he became arrogant and sinned. Isa 14:12-14
    - d. His immediate judgment was loss of his position and heavenly wealth.
  2. The Causes of his Fall. Eze 28:17
    - a. Satan let his position, overt beauty and wisdom become a source of arrogance.
    - b. He focused on the splendor instead of wisdom based in righteousness and truth.
    - c. This casting to the Earth would be immediately after his First Fall.
    - d. The kings would refer to angelic ranks.
    - e. This same type of thing will happen midway through the Tribulation. Rev 12:4-11
    - f. And again when he is bound in Sheol. Rev 20:1-3; Isa 14:9-11
    - g. The same type of thing happens to Prophetical Babylon. Jer 50-51; Rev 18
  3. The Result of his Distortions. Eze 28:18
    - a. After Satan's Original Sin of arrogance, he was permitted to spread his lies.
    - b. His original sin led to a multitude of other sins:
      - 1) He bent and twisted and hence distorted God's Essence.
      - 2) Because it is called "sin" there was the clear violation of a law. Cf Rom 4:15; 5:13
      - 3) He distributed wealth with partiality that was based on unjust standards.
  4. His Demise. Eze 28:19.
    - a. This looks at the judgmental decision rendered by God.
    - b. And the final destiny of Satan.
  5. Conclusion: Satan was had the opportunity to spread his leaven to all angels BEFORE Divine Intervention occurred.

## 12. The Fall Of Angels.

- A. The commonly accepted view is that One-Third of the angels fell. Rev 12:4**
1. This verse provides a clue to how many chose to side with Satan.
  2. It does not exclude another possibility, that all the angels fell.
- B. Angelic laws had to be in existence before the Fall of Satan. Eze 28:16 Cf Rom 5:13**
- C. Some obvious laws:**
1. There is only one true God. John 5:44; John 17:3
  2. He is the Supreme Authority. Isa 14:12-14
  3. There shall be no distortion of truth about the God. Exo 20:7 Cf Isa 14:12-14
  4. There shall be no lies. John 8:44
  5. There shall be no oppression of those under one's authority. Eze 28:16
  6. Grace should be recognized as the foundation of one's existence. Exo 20:8-10
  7. There shall be no theft. Ex 20:15-17 Cf Eze 28:16; Cf Isa 14:12-14
- D. Satan was permitted to spread his leaven before his trial, which provides a scenario in which all angels could fall. Eze 28:16**
- E. His position and function enhanced the possibility:**
1. He was the highest ranking angel and thus had the opportunity to abuse his position. Eze 28:14
  2. It appears that he was the Angelic High Priest, which would make him the chief communicator of God's instructions.
  3. His was to protect against violation of the Angelic Laws, so he would not immediately be suspected of personal violation. Eze 28:14.
  4. As an intellectual genius he was able to determine how to deceive others. Eze 28:12 Cf Rev 12:9
- F. The Implementation of Satan's Plan, termed Evil 1.**
1. He had sinned and was not dead. Isa 14:12-14 cf Eze 28:16
  2. God's wealth was misused to achieve selfish ends. Eze 28:16
  3. As God's spokesman, his words would be readily received since no untruth existed before him. John 8:44

4. So he assumed his first disguise to deceive others, as a messenger of truth to hide the lie that he was no longer a messenger of truth. 2 Cor 11:13-15 cf 11:3
5. From the Truth he previously received, he must have arrived at the conclusion that God's Omnipotence would not immediately eliminate him, or his plan probably would have been abandoned.
  - a. He probably knew of Everlasting Life, hence, a promise of not being eliminated.
  - b. He would know of God's Love as an Attribute of His Essence, since it is basically "The Divine Decree."
  - c. He would know of His Righteousness and Justice, because there existed laws of conduct. Eze 28:15-16
  - d. These three statements of truth could be distorted to the point that he reasoned he might have a chance at godhood. Isa 14:12-14
6. His plan was then activated. Eze 28:16-19
7. Satan's major lie throughout human history is that one can become a god, so the question is whether or not he used it on angels, like we know he did on mankind? Gen 3:5
8. The reasoning that he offered godhood to angels:
  - a. God did not make other gods. Deut 32:39
  - b. Yet there are self-proclaimed gods and those who have been proclaimed god by volitional creation. Deut 4:19; Amos 5:25-26; Acts 7:43; 1 Cor 8:5-6
  - c. The thought of becoming godlike originated with Satan. Isa 14:14
9. If he followed the revealed pattern as shown in the Garden of Eden, he would claim that knowledge of another system of good and the opposite of truth was essential to become a god, as it is required of Omniscience. Gen 3:5, Cf Eze 28:16 Cf 2-6
10. The major distortion would be that one must experience evil to become a god. Gen 3:5
11. He would then reveal that he had become a god, as evidenced by his very existence.
12. From his position and function, deception of the masses would have been very easy.
13. As a deceiver, cloaked in his "angel of light" disguise, he would claim to be speaking for God and delivering His Directive Will. 2 Cor 11:13-15