

ORIGIN OF THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

We begin a new series of lessons entitled, The Angelic Conflict.

- **An individual's question:** "If God is sovereign and knows everything, why did He allow Adam and Eve to sin and cause the fall of mankind?"
- **Responsive question:** "Are you familiar with the Angelic Conflict that occurred before the foundation of the world?"
- **My question to you, as a student of The Word of God:** "Are you familiar with what led to the origin of the Angelic Conflict?"

<p>This lesson will study three important aspects of the Origin of Angelic Conflict.</p>

Personal Note: It is interesting to me that the Bible opens with the Angelic Conflict (Gen.1-3) and closes with the Angelic Conflict (Rev.19-20) and involves everything in between the two.

1. What led to the origin of the Angelic Conflict began in eternity past, before the foundation of the world.

It occurred as a result of the Eternal Life Conference when the Plan of God was laid-out (Eph.1:3-5, 18-23).

The center piece of the Plan of God involved the second member of the Godhead, Christ. Thus, Christ is the center piece of the **Angelic Conflict** (Gen.3:15; Heb.1:1-4).

(Eph.1:4a) "Just as He (God, Father) chose Him (God, Son) **before the foundation of the world.**"

(1 Pet.1:20-21) "For He was foreknown **before the foundation of the world** but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

(John 17:5) "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." (John 17:22-26) [pay attention to the word - "world"]

Here is one verse that drives the Devil nuts: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one** comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6)

(2 Cor.4:3-4) "And even if (1cc) our gospel is (eimi/ p.a.ind.3ps) veiled (kalupto/ perf.p.ptc.nsn/ perfect periphrastic) , it is veiled (same) to those who are perishing, in whose case the god (ho theos) of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the glory of Christ, who is the image of God (Tou Theos)." (2 Cor.3:18) (Matt.4:11) [The goal?]

2. The greatest war ever fought was in heaven, before the foundation of the world.

This war was a prelude to the warfare of the Angelic Conflict on earth.

(Eph.6:10-17) tells us how the warfare, in the Angelic Conflict, is fought now - in the Church Age.

NOTE: Rev. Ch. 12 tells us how this war was fought at beginning and will be fought at **the end** (Tribulation and Second Coming of Christ).

(Rev.12:7 “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war.” (Rev.20:2)

Lucifer (morning star) or Dragon was defeated, and three titles were given to him through-out time and eternity:

- satan (adversary)
- devil (diabolos) (accuser)
- the evil one (1 John 5:19)

(Rev.20:2) “And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and satan, and bound him for a 1000 years.” (The fall of angels and fall of mankind)

3. This warfare, which took place in eternity past, affected the original created Heaven and Earth (Gen.1:1-2).

Originally, the earth was made perfect (Gen.1:1; Isa.45:18).

(Isa.45:18) “For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place (tohu) [uninhabitable] but formed it to be inhabited.”

Satan led a revolt against the Plan of God that resulted in the destruction which took place between (Gen.1:1) and (Gen.1:2)

(Ezek.28:15) “ blameless until unrighteousness was found in you”

In (Gen.1:2), there were four chaotic conditions:

- **The earth, formless and void** (uninhabitable)
- **Darkness** (Day 1) [light of God] (1 John 1:5) **over surface of deep** (abyss/ Tartarus) [prison for fallen angels] (2 Pet.2:4; Jude 6);
- **The earth covered in primeval water** (2 Pet.3:5; Job 37:10) [frozen in time]
- **The Holy Spirit hovering over the surface of waters**
 - Until Day #2 [eternal protector] (Eph.1:13-14) [separates the water]

Preview of Lesson #2:

Man is created to resolve the Angelic Conflict of eternity past.