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## Ezekiel 28

### Intro:

We know that this passage mentions the king of Tyrus, but it is also directed at Satan because of various references to things outside the scope of someone who lived on earth. The person mentioned here was: 1) full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty; 2) he was in Eden the garden of God; 3) every precious stone *was* his covering; 4) he was created by God; 5) he was the anointed cherub that covereth; 6) he was upon the holy mountain of God; 7) he walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire; 8) he was perfect from the day he was created until iniquity was found in him; 9) the king of Tyrus was not created and he was born in iniquity; 10) he was not a Cherub.

It will be difficult to determine exactly what is going on here because we are dealing with something contextually that has no point of reference with what we are familiar with and because this is dealing with something beyond what took place here on earth, but also something that took place in heaven long before, perhaps, the earth was originally created! This, obviously, is pre flood, and pre Adam and Eve. It could very well be before the 6 day creation mentioned in Genesis. It could be referring to what took place before the 6 day creation of Genesis and a time when the earth was originally created, but fell under judgment and all life was wiped out on it making the 6 day creation a recreation, if you will, and would bring in the ideas found in the **Gap Theory**.

It begins with the idea that Lucifer held a high ranking position in the government of God in the third heaven, until sin was discovered in him, because of which God could not allow him to continue on in his position and was thrust out of the 3rd heaven. He still has access to it, but not in the sense that he once held. He was thrust down to an earth that existed before the creation of Adam and Eve, but could still go back up into the 2nd heaven, where all the other angels live and even into the 3rd heaven. But he continued his sinful ways here on earth and thus incurred the wrath of God's judgment causing its full destruction. Then God created the earth differently than what it was before and he also created Adam and Eve and put Adam over the earth. The next thing we see is Lucifer coming into the Garden to deceive Eve and lead the original couple into sin.

The word **gap** in the Gap Theory comes from what linguists say there is a gap between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2, where the word **was** should have been translated as **became!** "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth **was** (became) without form, and void; and darkness **was** upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*"

So what we're looking at here in Ezekiel 28:1-19 is painting a picture of what took place before the creation of Adam, but not only is it pre Adamic, but also pre the creation of what is spoken about in Genesis. Some of the theories found in the GAP theory is that Satan was assigned here to the earth, while some of the other fallen angels were assigned to other planets, such as, Mars. And due to the multitude of his trade here on earth Satan became even more rich and powerful. In time he took all the glory to himself and rendered none to God. This led to God's judgment on the planets, especially, from what we now, that Mars and the earth getting the brunt of it. Mars was wiped out by asteroid strikes, (as well as the earth), and according to one scientist all the water that was on earth was pulled off it and deposited on earth when a comet swung close by the planet Mars.

L. Ezekiel 28:12 - "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." -

אַתָּה חֹתֵם הַסֻּמָּה מְלֵא חָכְמָה וְכָלִיל יָפִי.

**Thou sealest up the sum.** To **seal up** is the qal active participle of *châtham*. Seals were a very important part of life in those days and were possessed by kings and official dignitaries. They were a part of how kings conducted their affairs for when the royal seal was impressed on something it became an official document. A practice carried on even today in America. Whenever a seal was used, whether by a king, or governmental official, or in a business transaction, then the document became legally binding.

To seal up something means that the action, or transaction, has been completed and nothing can be added to it and nothing can be taken away from it. Coniah was a signet ring on the hand of Yahweh, but he plucked him off. Jeremiah 22:24, "As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;" And Zerubbabel became the new signet ring of Yahweh. Haggai 2:24, "In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts." When a king, or official, was chosen by God to be a signet ring, it meant that he was chosen by God to conduct God's business and rule.

The word for **sum** is *toknîyth*, Again another hard word to understand, but it has the ideas of equity, what is proper, as versus what is improper, and then the idea of a standard, or pattern. The pattern for the earthly temple is to be like the heavenly temple. If it isn't then it would be improper. Man's conduct is to be according to what God says. If it isn't, then it is improper. So it appears that Lucifer was the model of what God wanted in that department. Nothing could be added to it; nothing taken away.

**Full of wisdom** is *mâlê' chokmâh*. The word simply meant to be full of something, such as, the granaries are full, or a jar to be full, when "our days are full" it means that we have lived a full life and death is next, something is full to the top with no room left over. And here what is full is *chokmâh*. Now this can't be talking about the human king Tyrus for *chokmâh*, or **wisdom**, is found only in believers in Jesus Christ, who have metabolized the Word of God by faith, which Tyrus had not done either. The second thing is that he was full of wisdom, in that, he was full to the top with wisdom. And the third thing he had been created that way by God.

Now you say if he was perfect in every way, and if he was full of wisdom in his original state, how is it that he sinned against God? And the issue, once again, is free will. God created him with the ability to make free choices in his life and he chose wrong! And, as such, he has to suffer the consequences of his bad decision. Even Christians today, although we are perfect on the inside in the new birth, we make bad decisions. But with us we have Jesus Christ, who is our High Priest, who intercedes on our behalf and his blood atones for our sins.

**Perfect in beauty** is *kâlîyl yôphîy*. *Kaliyl* has the ideas of totality and perfection, not that one or two parts of Lucifer were beautiful, but all of him was. *Yophiy* has the ideas of beauty and goodness. He was created by God as the most beautiful of his creatures.

M. Ezekiel 28:13, "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created." -

בְּעֵדֶן גֶּן-אֱלֹהִים הָיִיתָ, כָּל-אֲבָן יְקָרָה מְסֻכָּתָךְ אָדָם פְּטוּדָה וַיְהִלֵם תְּרַשִׁישׁ שָׁהֵם וַיִּשְׁפֵּה,  
סַפִּיר נֹפֶד, וַיְבָרַקֵת וְזָהָב; מִלְאֲכָת תְּפִיךָ וַיִּנְקֹבֶיךָ בָּךְ, בְּיוֹם הַבְּרָאָה כֹּונְנִי

**Thou hast been in Eden the garden of Elohim** - **Thou hast been** is the qal active preterite 2 person masculine singular of *hâyâh*, which is the verb to be in the Hebrew that denotes one's existence, even with the idea of having a good quality of life in that existence. Translated in other versions as you were, also you enjoyed your existence at that time because of the quality of your existence in the Garden of Eden the very garden of God in the third heaven. God.

**In Eden the garden of God** is *'êden gan-'êlôhîym*. This is not the Eden that Adam and Eve were placed in here on earth, but the garden that belongs to God in heaven. From further information on it describing what it is like in the passage it becomes clear that the Garden of God talked about here is much different than the Garden Adam was in. Note the past tense is used here, "you **were** in Eden the garden of God".

The garden of Eden here on earth was described as being a plot of land somewhere east in Eden. How big the garden was we do not know. We can assume it was much bigger than a few acres and might have encompassed a hundred square miles or more. Genesis 2:8a, "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden;" Moses knew about this place because he references it to an area, or settlement, called Aden. Moses lived around 1300-1400 BC so this Aden he mentions had to have been there at that time. The people who live today in Aden claim that their area was the original site of the garden of Eden.

When we see the expression the garden of Eden in the Greek we have a genitive of reference showing that the garden God planted was referenced to this area called Aden, or Eden. Genesis 2:10 brings out the idea that there is a difference between Eden and the garden for water came up out of the ground, (a spring), to water the garden and from there it was divided up into 4 rivers. "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads."

The Lord came each day to talk to Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. Now we know that the nights would be cooler, but the passage says in the cool of the day. Now the day goes from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM and the coolest part of the day would be in the morning gradually getting hotter as the day goes on. What was the temperature of the garden? One can have an educated guess because they were human beings with no clothes and there would be a temperature span of 20 degrees, so I would imagine that the temperature would be from 70-90 degrees, or 80-100 degrees, something like that.

Our passage here has it as the garden of God, *'êden gan-'êlôhîym*, using the maqqeph. The maqqeph is used like our hyphen is today where hyphenated words take on a combined meaning. With the maqqeph the first word slides back in importance to the one following it. So now we have the idea that this garden of God speaks of a different garden than the one in Eden.

The word 'ēden in the ancient Middle Eastern cultures had the meanings of: softness, easy life of luxury, to be lush, paradise or delights, feast, to live luxuriously, bliss. The word either referred to that of a garden, or a region in which the garden was found. The Sumerians translated it as steppes describing the enormous steppe region about whose terrible dangers the Canaanite farmer speaks with horror. The garden of God seems all the more splendid if situated in this frightening wilderness! Could this imply a savage world on the outside filled with dinosaurs, etc.? This would make sense seeing that God commanded Adam to be on the watch for things. Genesis 2:15, "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to **keep** (shâmar - to guard, to watch over) it."

Some other ideas found in Eden are: the proximity of God, opulence in nature, eternal youth, effortless existence, perfection of joy. The impossibility of attaining these things is revealed by placing Eden in a space that is blocked off from all attempts to get there, such as, on an island,, or on an high mountain, or surrounded by high mountains, or in heaven. The garden of God in heaven would certainly fit this criteria for it is far removed from everything. But also the garden of Eden would fit this criteria if was surrounded by very high, impassable mountain ranges.

**Every precious stone was thy covering**, *kôl yâqâr 'eben m<sup>e</sup>sûkkâh*. The word **precious**, *yaqar*, refers to stones that are beautiful and rare and that there is some quality about them that makes them such. What also could make them that way is they are translucent, or transparent; they could also be crystalline in nature.

The word **stones** is *eben* and it referred to every type of stone, which were used for markers in the field to denote one's property lines, to the building of houses and temples, and for weights and measurements. Most stones are quite ordinary, but there are some that stand out for their beauty and rarity and these are referred to as precious stones, or jewelry. So it appears here that we have every precious stone, on a heavenly standard, was used in the garden of Eden in heaven.

The word for **covering** is *m<sup>e</sup>sûkkâh*, but again we have a problem in defining the term. This word, along with other words in the passage, is used only one time in the OT and in this passage. So we don't have any other frame of reference to judge it by. Combined with the fact that this is speaking of a time that was before mankind intensifies the problem. And the fact that it's dealing with what something is like in heaven, a place where none of us has gone, complicates it further.

So what the linguists do is to try to find the background for this word in the Hebrew and in other Semitic languages. To which there are a couple of roots in the Hebrew and other languages from which this word might have come. If the root for this word is *suk*, then what we have here is a fence or hedge or wall around the garden. If the root is *sakak*, then we would have a covering of some sort.

So what we can somewhat narrow it down to is four things: 1) it could be referring to a tall wall that encloses the Eden of God in heaven, which would be made up of these very beautiful and precious gemstones; 2) it could be referring to some kind of breastplate that Lucifer wore when he was in the Eden of God, like the breastplate that the High Priest of Israel wore; 3) it could be referring to an actual garment made up of these beautiful stones; 4) or it could be referring to an edifice in the garden that was made up of these beautiful and precious gemstones! This structure might be what is referred to as one of the sanctuaries of Lucifer. Ezekiel 28:18a, "Thou hast defiled thy **sanctuaries** by the multitude of thine iniquities,"

If it was a **wall** around the garden, and it could be an immensely tall wall, then there is a similar pattern because the New Jerusalem has a wall around it. The stones in this wall could be of tremendous size, crystalline in nature, transparent or translucent. and each a different color reflecting the color spectrum of light. There could also be that these stones possess certain and other properties.

If it was a **breastplate**, it could be patterned after the breastplate that the High Priest of Israel wore, but with his there were 12 stones, each representing a tribe of Israel, while there are only 9 stones mentioned in this passage. Each tribe was symbolized by their own individual stone, and the High Priest represented those 12 tribes, as symbolized by the 12 stones. So did those 9 stones in Lucifer's covering symbolize that he represented 9 different groupings of angels in heaven, or that he represented 9 realms in heaven?

If it referred to an actual **garment** that Lucifer wore, which would be made up of these 9 different kinds of gemstones. Precious stones of such beauty and quality according to the standard of heaven, which would befitting for the most beautiful of all the creatures God had created.

Or if it referred to the **dwelling-place** Lucifer lived in in the garden of God in heaven. A building not made of wood, or stucco, or stones, or from any material found on the earth, but a structure made up of the most beautiful and precious gemstones in heaven! The word for **sanctuary** is *miqdâsh* and it could also be translated as a **palace**, but we will get more into it later on.

The **sardius**, *'ôdem*, is related to the word *edom* and *adam* and has the idea of being red in color, so it gives us the idea of a ruby, or garnet. It would be the carnelian today, which is of the quartz family and would range from pinkish orange to red in color.

**Topaz**, *piṭdâh*, is a golden brown to light yellow in color.

**And the diamond**, *yahâlôm*, called a diamond because of its hardness, but also an onyx, or a jasper.

The **beryl**, *tarshîysh*, which comes in a variety of colors from light yellow, to green, to blue, etc..

The **onyx**, *shôham*, was found in a pale green color, to black with a white band in it. It was said to ward off negative energy around you.

**And the jasper**, *yâshphêh*, a translucent stone of various colors.

The **sapphire**, *sappîyr*, a hard stone, perhaps sapphire, or lapis lazuli.

The **emerald**, *nôphek*, a shade of green.

**And the carbuncle**, *bâr<sup>e</sup>qath*, is any red gemstone, usually a garnet.

The problem with being accurate about their colors is that the designation for each one has changed at least twice in the NT era and a few times in the OT era, plus the variety of colors found in each stone. There also could be electrical properties that are activated by their close proximity to each other.

**And gold:** *zâhâb*, This is interesting because it brings up the subject of gold in the Eden belonging to God. So does this refer to gold in its raw form, such as, the kind found in hard rock mining? or in its raw form found in placer gold? or is this gold that has already been smelted and used for currency? It could also be in the form of setting mounts where gold is used to secure one stone to another, as found in jewelry. One would expect to find that in the breastplate, but also gold could be used to secure the 9 precious stones to each other if there is a wall, or to secure the stones in an edifice, such as a palace.

**The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes,** *m<sup>e</sup>lâ'kâh tôph negeb*, feminine singular noun. The word is closely associated with work done in the sanctuary of God. It emphasizes the skill involved in the labor as opposed to entailing physical labor. Thinking, planning, skill and execution of the plan are entailed in it. It was used involving holy objects, work on the temple and precious stones. The word for **tabrets** is *tôph* and was a percussion instrument of s round hand drum with a leather membrane stretched over a cylindrical frame that was held in the left hand and struck with the right hand. It was used to establish a beat in music.

**Thy pipes** is *negeb* and the meaning is unclear. It had the root idea of drilling to make hole, then something that was hollow and from there it was interpreted to be a pipe. From there it was used to denote a socket that was used for the setting of a gem. But are these referring to him personally? Or do they refer to something found in his palace or sanctuary?

**Was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created,** *bak beyom hibbaaraaka, (bârâ'), konanu, (kûn)*. **Thou was created** is the niphal infinitive, passive voice of *bara*, and **prepared** is the pulal preterite, passive voice of *kun*.

We have studied the word *bara* for to **create** many times in the OT and is first found in God creating the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God **created** the heaven and the earth." The significance of this word is that something is created out of nothing! Now Adam was created out of the chemical compounds of the earth and Eve was created out of the flesh, bone and marrow of Adam. But the heavens and the earth were created out of nothing.

And this is the word here we have for the creating of Lucifer. We know that the king of Tyrus is mentioned here, but this passage is alluding to Lucifer. Tyrus was not created out of nothing, but came into existence the normal way through human birth from a mother. Adam and Eve were literally created by God, but their children were procreated through natural production. So the being in view here, (Lucifer), came into existence as the direct result of God creating him out of nothing!

**Bak** is translated as **in you**, from *be* and *you*, but *be* has other specialized meanings, such as, nearness and vicinity, to indicate at, or near by, before in the sense of presence of, on account of you, in respect to you, concerning you, or regarding you. So it would be saying that these things were not prepared in him in the day he was created, but that they accompanied his creation and were near by.

**Prepared** is the pulal preterite of *kun*, which had a variety of usages. With *Yahweh* as the subject it denotes an exceptional act. The polel was used to denote the building of a city to dwell in. Also a derivative of it is *Chiun*, which was the word for the planet Saturn. What this does is suggest that God created a city, or a large dwelling (palace) for Lucifer to live in on the day he was created!

N. Ezekiel 28:14, "*Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*"

את-כְּרוֹב--מִמְשַׁח, הַסּוֹכֵד; וְנִתְתִּיד, בְּהַר קֹדֶשׁ אֱלֹהִים הַיֵּית--בְּתוֹךְ אַבְנֵי-אֵשׁ, הַתְּהַלֵּכֶת.

**Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth** is *ath mimshach k<sup>e</sup>rûb sâkak*. *Memshach* is thought to have come from *meshach*, which is the word for anointing. The concept of anointing is found all throughout the OT. It was done by God in his electing grace where he chose and consecrated individuals to an office in Israel, which was his nation on earth.

The three offices were: prophets, priests and kings. The **prophets** were the communicators of God's Word; the **priests** were those who conducted the worship of *Yahweh* in his temple; and the **kings** were those men who ruled over his nation under him. So what this tells us is that Lucifer had been chosen by God to do a certain service for God and God anointed him to that position. More than likely his service would have been either in the governmental aspect of God's kingdom, or performing in some area of the worship of *Yahweh*.

**Abraham and Sarah** existed before the time of Israel. the Law, temple and son on, but God called him his anointed ones. Psalm 105:15, "*Saying, Touch not mine **anointed**, and do my prophets no harm.*" "*Do not touch my **anointed ones**; do my prophets no harm.*" Their anointing demonstrates God's choosing of them to a certain position and role.

**Jesus Christ** was the anointed one of God, even his name Christos, from which we get Christ, in the Hebrew is Messiah, which means the anointed one of God. He received his anointing after he was baptized where the Holy Spirit came down upon him. Now in the OT the one who was consecrated by God to the office of prophet, priest, or king, was anointed by the pouring of oil on their head. But Christ's anointing was done by the Holy Spirit, which was visible to all. Christ's office is: the communicator of the Father's Word, a prophet, chief Apostle, the High Priest and Lord and King.

Luke 4:18, "*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has **anointed** me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,*" Acts 4:26, "*The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his **anointed** one.*" Acts 4:27, "*Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you **anointed**.*" Acts 10:38, "*How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*"

Christians today are all anointed by God with the Holy Spirit at the moment of their salvation. We have been set apart from Satan's world system and consecrated by God to be his priests and kings in the Father's eternal kingdom. So Lucifer had been anointed by God to a very high position in God's celestial hierarchy. It may have been in a very high position in government, or it may have been something to do with the worship of *Yahweh*.

It also says that he was a **cherub**, which in the Hebrew is *kerub*. In other cultures the word kerub in the active participle karibu denoted a hybrid creature in a position of blessing, with the derivative mekerub it denoted an offerer, a priest-king, a unifier, one who brings near. There were all kinds of kerub found in the ancient Semitic world with varying appearances, including the sphinx. In the Bible it appears twice in the context of vegetation.

In the Bible their appearances have the following descriptions: 1) a human form, 2) upright biped, 3) four faces, human, lion, ox and eagle, 4) 4 wings, 5) straight legs, 6) hooves for feet, 7) human hands, 8) appearance of glowing coals, 9) move like lightning.

The throne of God is drawn by cherubs, who had four faces. The two cherubs that were with the ark of the covenant had one face. The cherubs that were on Solomon's temple were shown to have two faces, human and leonine. The one thing they all have in common is wings. So what we end up with is *kerub*, (plural *kerubim*), does not denote a single type of creature, but refers to a variety of winged creatures.

***Kerub*** is a technical term for a class of hybrid beings associated with God, either directly as part of his chariot throne, or associated with sacral vegetation, or sacred landscape. The passage in Genesis 3:24, "*So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims**, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*" Uses the word *kerub* in the plural, which denoted at least three or more cherubs to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Covereth** is the qal participle of *sâkâk*. The ideas connected with *sâkâk* are: covering, isolating, shielding and protecting, such as, the cherubim who spread their wings over the ark of the covenant to shield and to protect it; or the cherubim who protected or shielded the way to the tree of life to keep Adam and Eve from going back to have access to it

And **I have set thee so** is the qal preterite of *nâthan*. *Nathan* meant to set, to put, to place, to put in a place or a position. There are many variations in the many translations of this passage, all saying close to the same thing, but the one by *The Voice*, which I have never read, puts it as, "*I anointed you the guardian of the garden and stationed you at your post to protect it. You were on the divine mountain, the holy mount of God. There you walked among the fiery stones.*" It seems to have all the ideas found in the original Hebrew and puts them forward quite nicely.

**Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God**, *behar qôdesh 'êlôhîym hâyâh*. **Thou wast** is the qal preterite, 2 masculine singular of *hâyâh*, which was the verb of status quo, or existence. The qal preterite is a simple past tense telling us that Lucifer was, or had been, on the holy mountain of God for Elohim had placed him there to perform the function of covering or protecting.

The OT had two holy mountains belonging to God: 1) Jerusalem, which was here on earth, 2) the new Jerusalem in heaven and the heavenly Mount Zion. It's very difficult from the OT to understand the layout of what it's like up there. Is Eden the garden of God separate from new Jerusalem or Mount Zion? Or is it a part of it? Or at a level below it? Comprehending spatial relationships and positions of it all is hard to grasp. We see that this mountain is holy and that it belongs to God, just like the Eden up there is the garden belonging to God. Both passages regarding this use the term *elohim* stating that Eden is the garden belonging to *Elohim* and this holy mountain belongs to *Elohim* as well. Which is interesting that Ezekiel uses the word *Elohim*, the word for deity.

We know that the earthly Jerusalem sat upon Mount Zion, but there is a Mount Zion in heaven. Isaiah 8:18, "*Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in **mount Zion**.*" Hebrews 12:22, "*But ye are come unto **mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*"

**Thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire**, *hâlak tâvek 'eben 'êsh*. To **walk** is the hithpael preterite of *halak*. In the hithpael, which is intensive and reflexive, it meant to go about, to walk about, to go up and down. *Halak* also meant metaphorically to walk, to live, to dwell, to do service, the focus of one's activity, to follow certain criteria which in the choice of his criteria he can go astray, it implies activity and purpose not just taking a stroll.

**In the midst of** is *tâvek*, which is actually *be plus tavek*, or *betok* in the passage. The preposition be can be translated as: in, among, in the midst of, before, in the presence of, nearness to a place, to designate a place, of motion in a place.

**The stones of fire**, *eben esh*. The word *eben* refers to **stones**, which can be of any size and used for many purposes: from stones for building, landmarks, borders, testimony, pillows, altars for worship, weights of measurement, ballast, executions, plumb bobs, precious stones, to the stones on the high priest's breastplate; hail was regarded as stones hurled by *Yahweh* to punish. Stones used for altars could not be formed with a chisel for this would profane the altar. And there was the idea that some thought that some kind of power resided in the stones.

The word for **fire** here, *esh*, is not the same idea as the word for **flame** in Daniel 11:33, "*And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by **flame**, (*lehâbâh*), by captivity, and by spoil, many days.*", which meant glittering. *Esh* could refer to fire, flame, blaze, or heat; it's hard to be too specific.

**Fire** is a common theme both in the worship of *Yahweh* and in the pagan religions of those days. God is a consuming fire; his throne is ablaze with flames; a river of fire proceeds from *Yahweh's* throne, there is the lake of fire; there are the coals of fire, some of the angels are fiery; fire is a concept associated with God's judgment on the wicked, and on sin; also fire purifies and represents an effective protection against evil powers. This latter is why fire is always found around the temples of the pagans and the worship of God himself in warding off any elements of sin and wickedness.

Now, as to the composition of these **stones**, we do not know. They could be some kind of ordinary stone, or they could be precious gem-like stones. The ancient Egyptians called red granite a fiery stone, and today people call opals fiery stones. And, as to the nature of the fire, we do not know that either. It could be regular fire that we are familiar with, or the fire could be some kind of fiery energy that we have never seen! The ideas of protection and judgment could be found in it.

The fact that Lucifer walked among them, or in the midst of them, implies that they were of a larger size instead of being like gravel under the feet. Once again this seems to point to the idea that Lucifer was somehow involved in the worship of *Yahweh* on *Yah's* holy mountain in some capacity. *Cherubs* were a class of angelic beings who functioned in one way or another in a close proximity to God. The stones of fire complement the walls and perhaps a palace of precious stones for that purpose.

O. Ezekiel 28:15, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

תָּמִים אַתָּה בְּדַרְכֶיךָ, מִיּוֹם הַבְּרָאָה, עַד-נִמְצָא עוֹלָתְךָ, בְּךָ.

**Thou wast perfect in thy ways**, *tâmîym 'attâh derek*. *Attah, you*, brings our attention to and focuses on Lucifer's person. The word **perfect**, *tamiym*, meant to be completed, whole, lacking in nothing, to be finished, to come to an end of something, unblemished, having nothing wrong with it, to be complete, perfect, perfection, blameless, irrefragable, without fault, sinless, impeccable.

Now we tend to look at this verse from the standpoint of Lucifer's pre fall charter and how perfect and wonderful God created him, which is all true, but this passage looks at the conduct of Lucifer after he was created. Yes God created him as a perfect being; and yes he conducted himself in his goings and comings in a manner befitting his perfection, that's why *tamiym* is used to denote the ideas of being blameless, perfect, beyond reproach as to his activity before God, which is how he was from the time that God created him, until iniquity was found in him.

The word **your ways** is *derek*, or *biderakeyka* in the passage. *Derek* used literally looks at the road or path that one is traveling on. Figuratively *derek* looks at one's behavior, choices, conduct in society, or conduct in one's profession, or job. It would sum up how Lucifer conducted himself in heaven, his actions, choices, how he went about his heavenly duties, etc.. *You were blameless in your ways*.

**From the day that thou wast created**, *miyyom hibbaraka*. The preposition *min* is prefixed to *yom*, the word for **days**, which gives us a starting point. Further down in the passage we have *ad*, which gives us a finishing point. **From** this point in time, **until** something else took place. Like in the passage, which talks about the antichrist warring against the people of God, and defeating them, until the ancient of days judges in his saints favor. Daniel 7:21,22, "*I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom*". Lucifer was created in perfection and he lived and functioned perfectly in everything he said, did and thought, **until** iniquity was found in him.

The word used for **create** is the niphal infinitive of *bara*, which denoted that something was created out of nothing. Now Adam was created out of the chemical compounds of this planet, Eve was created out of the bone, marrow, flesh and sinew of the rib that God took from Adam, but Lucifer was created out of nothing. Nothing was there, then there was Lucifer brought into existence by the mighty hand of God. This is another reason as to why we believe this passage deals with Lucifer, not Tyrus.

Lucifer was created perfect by God, there was nothing that was missing, or lacking, and he was a perfect created being. Only a God, who is perfect, can create that which is perfect; a perfect God can only create something perfect. God can only do, or create, what is consistent with his nature. Therefore, when we take the attributes of God: his sovereignty (free will), righteousness, justice, love, perfection, etc., what he creates will be consistent with his nature. And that includes every single thing he has create in heaven and here on earth. Everything was created perfect for the task or purpose for that which it was created. Keep that in mind when it comes to our new natures created by God.

So, when it comes to Lucifer, he was created in perfection and when it says that he was perfect in his ways, it would sum up how Lucifer conducted himself in heaven, in his actions, in his choices, and how he went about his heavenly duties. Lucifer was created perfect and he was perfect in all his ways...until iniquity was found in him.

**Till iniquity was found in thee,** 'ad 'evel mâtsâ' bak. As we have seen the word **ad** denoted that something was going on, until a point in time. He was created perfect; he was perfect in all his ways, how he conducted himself in heaven, **until**, iniquity was found in him.

The word for **iniquity** is 'evel, from which we get the English transliteration of **evil**. Anything that is bad, or wrong, or sin can be found in this word, but it means to act wrongly, to depart from the path, it can refer to a specific deed and express a general negative assessment of a person's actions and behavior. It is a characteristic feature of those who do not adhere to the proclaimed will of God, to turn against that which Yahweh has decreed.

Those who use false weights and measurements are committing evil for they are depriving their neighbor that which they have a right to. Evil is the curtailment of a neighbor's rights, such as what we are seeing going on in America today. Lying and false accusations are found in the word, along with disloyalty and deception in human relationships and in one's relationship to God.

The ancients referred to a spirit of iniquity, which had the following ideas in it: greed, slackness in the search for righteousness, wickedness and lies, haughtiness and pride, falseness and deceit, cruelty and abundant evil, ill-temper, folly and brazen insolence, abominable deeds committed in a spirit of lust, lewdness, a blaspheming tongue, blindness of eye and dullness of ear, stiffness of neck and hardness of heart, so that a person walks in all the ways of darkness and guile. So, when it comes to **Lucifer**, we can see certain ideas of evil found in him: selfish ambition, not adhering to the ways of God, rebellion, lying, deception, murder, being self-willed, etc..

The word for **found** is the niphal preterite of mâtsâ'. In the qal it's to be found, to be present, or to exist. The **niphal** brings out the idea that there are the steps of: 1) detecting, 2) finding and 3) seizing of a thief. The act of finding can be the result of conscious effort after inquiring or investigating a matter, or it can be as the result of unintentional encounter, or a chance discovery. It can be found as: 1) the result of: a normal investigation, as per routine, into a matter, such as, the routine inspection of a commercial kitchen; 2) or as the result of a hearing of a problem, which causes a person to investigate and find, such as, you heard there was dirt behind the stove; 3) or, as the result of a chance encounter, such as, one is walking by and happens to see the dirt.

We are trying to understand what the dynamic was that led up to *Yahweh* finding iniquity in Lucifer. 1) Was it as the result of God routinely searching the hearts of minds of his creatures? 2) Was it as the result of God hearing of a matter and then investigating it? 3) Or was it as the result of a chance encounter? I think that we have to settle on the first one where God routinely searches the hearts and minds of his creatures and it was then he found iniquity in him.

1 Chronicles 28:9, "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: **for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.**"

P. Ezekiel 28:16, "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."

בְּרַב רִכְלֵתֶךָ, מָלְוֵי תוֹכְךָ תִּמְסֹ--נִתְחַטָּא; וְאַחֲלִלְךָ מֵהָר אֱלֹהִים וְאַבְדְּךָ כְּרוֹב הַסֹּכֵד, מִתּוֹךְ אַבְנֵי-אֵשׁ

**By the multitude of thy merchandise**, *rôb r<sup>e</sup>kûllâh*. **Rob** has a variety of ideas connected to it depending upon its context: to make large, to grow, to deify, to be great, abundance, multitude, to raise, to increase, to become a prince, commander, or political ruler. In our passage it's pointing to the idea of a multitude of something, abundance, or greatness.

The word for **merchandise**, *r<sup>e</sup>kûllâh*, and it referred to trade in the sense of commercial activity or economic trade. It denoted the wandering peddler who sought to sell his wares, as versus, the permanent shopkeeper. There was also the hint of deception and dishonesty in the word where he was often a swindler. The Greek used the word *emporos* to bring in the idea of retailer and wholesaler. This implies that Lucifer was involved in some type of commercial endeavor with other celestial beings for the purpose of multiplying his power and wealth.

So we ask the question was Lucifer involved in some kind of commercial activity in heaven? And were the 1/3 of the angels that rebelled with him against God involved in commercial activity not ordained by God? Some of the older theologians who taught the Gap Theory believed that Lucifer was originally on the earth and had his "black market" scheme going on down here on earth before God destroyed the whole thing and started over with Adam and Eve.

Satan's commercial activity is presently going on here on the earth and has been ever since the flood through the Babylonian money-magic system. It began in Babylon, under the direction of Lucifer, went to Egypt, then Rome, then throughout the whole world and now is now controlling America. It is run by the Vatican, under the pope, and the whole thing is centered around the worship of Saturn, which many of the Jews worshipped in their sojourn in the wilderness, and this worship of Saturn today is conducted by the pope, who wears his star on his mitre. The center of this money system and worship of Saturn (Satan) is the Capitoline hill in the city of Rome, which prior to that was the center of the worship of Saturn, or Stur, as the Chaldeans referred to him.

The pope claims to own the world and he also claims to own the bodies and souls of all the people of the world. Revelations 18:10-13, "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and **slaves**, (**bodies** - soma), and **souls** (psuche) of men." The Vatican poses as a religious system, but it is in effect a commercial enterprise, which the pope, as the CEO of that corporation runs the whole thing, under the master merchant Lucifer, otherwise known as Saturn!

This system not only trades in merchandise, but also includes the bodies and souls of men as part of this merchandising system. It is found in the system of slavery, which has been in existence from the earliest history of man even to this present day. Much has been said about the blacks who were enslaved here in America, but before them it was the whites from Ireland, England and Scotland that were made slaves as a part of this economic system. It is logical to assume that if Lucifer was carrying on some form of commercial activity in the heavens, that he would carry that down to the earth.

All the people of the world became the slaves of Satan the moment Adam and Eve sinned against God. When a slave owner owned a slave, then whatever issues that came from the union of the male slave and the female slave were now the property of the owner. This is how Satan acquired all the world's people as his property. Even the Queen of England has referred to America as her plantation. But it through faith in Christ that we were purchased from the slave market of sin. Romans 7:14, "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, **sold** under sin." 1 Corinthians 7:23, "Ye are **bought** with a price; be not ye the servants of men."

**They have filled the midst of thee with violence**, *mâlê' tâvek châmâs*. To **fill** is the qal preterite of *mâlê*. The word for **violence**, *chamas*, was used in Ezekiel 8:17, "Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have **filled the land with violence**, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.", which is self explanatory. And in Psalms 25:19, "Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with **cruel** (*chamas*) hatred."

*Chamas* has a wide range of meanings, none of them good: to do wrong, hatred, violence, murder, to wrong the powerless, of those who are in power and appropriate to themselves what belongs to their neighbors or to God, to exploit aliens, orphans and widows, assault on the life of one's neighbor, to hate, greedy desire, exploitation of the socially helpless, bloodshed, a city or nation can be filled with chamas, political, military or the rich and powerful exploiting the poor, needy and lowly, false accusations are one of their tools and unjust judges.

**And thou hast sinned** is the qal future of *châtâ'*. *Chata* meant to miss the mark, to commit an offense against someone with whom one is in an institutionalized position, to rebel against one's king, the rebellion of a vassal against an overlord, this matter of sin always carried with it associated consequences. It was this spirit of rebellion against *Yahweh*, who was Lucifer's overlord, that he carried down to earth with him and Adam did the same thing, rebelled against his king and overlord by disobeying him. Both acts carried with them consequences - death.

**Therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God**, *châlal min har 'êlôhîym*. There is God and there are those things associated with God: his temple, his mountain, all the things connected to his worship, etc.. To **profane** is to act in such a manner that is not in keeping with his holiness. God is holy, that is, he is separate from everything and everyone that is not holy in their person, speech, actions and conduct, whether in his temple on earth or in heaven.

The priests and people of God were to live their lives in such a manner of sinlessness and holiness that they would do nothing or bring nothing into, or around, the temple of God. They were also responsible to see that nothing ever would profane or desecrate God's temple. What we see here is God doing what is necessary to remove that which profaned his temple in heaven by kicking Lucifer out.

We have studied the word *har* before and it refers to the mountain on which God dwells in heaven. Hebrews 12:22,23, "But ye are come unto **mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect," So Lucifer, or *Hellel*, was expelled from this mountain, but this could be his first casting out where he thereupon went down to the 2nd heaven.

**And I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire**, 'abad sâkak k<sup>e</sup>rûb min tâvek 'eben 'êsh. Ezekiel 28:14, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." says that he was the **anointed cherub**, (appointed by God to this position), and here he is referred to as the cherub that covered. Again, in trying to put a fine point on it we have the idea that he could have been one of those cherubs that were like the ones regarding the ark, or a guardian. It could also be that he used his position to further his own goals!

**From the midst** is the *preposition min*, which is like the Greek preposition eis and both have the idea that something, or someone, was in something, but came out of it with the idea of total separation from it. So when he was expelled from the stones of fire in heaven and his position there, he was totally expelled never being allowed to return. Yet, he still has access to the court of heave before *Yahweh*. The **stones of fire** are referenced back to verse 14 that he dwelt among.

The word **destroy** is the piel future of abad, which meant to be perish, to be destroyed, to annihilate. The derivative, *abhaddon* referred to the place of destruction, or the underworld. It was frequently used of divinely willed destruction where God being the subject who destroyed the wicked, the criminal, or the law-breaker. The prophets used to describe critical times in the future when evil increases and good attributes and positive ideas vanish! We note that this action of the destruction of Lucifer/Hellel will take place at some point in time in the future.

Q. Ezekiel 28:17, "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee."

גָּבַהַ לְבָבְךָ בְּיָפְיֶךָ, שָׁחַת חֲכָמְתְּךָ עַל-יִפְעֹתֶיךָ; עַל-אֲרִיז הַשְּׁלֵכֶתִיךָ, לִפְנֵי מַלְכִים נִתְתִּיךָ--לְרֹאשׁוֹן בָּךְ

**Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty**, *lêb gâbahh yôphîy*. **Lifted up** is the qal preterite of gabahh, which was translated into the Septuagint as hupsoo. *Hupsoo* is one of the Greek words used to denote pride. It begins with viewing yourselves higher than you are, then on to another level of viewing yourself higher than others, then on to the top where you are higher than all. It is akin to the word *hubris* where you not only are full of pride, but you now see yourself as being a god!

If we were talking about geography we would say that hills are high, but higher yet are mountains, and higher than those mountains is a mountain range that is even higher yet, then there is one mountain that is the highest one of all! But there is the idea of the summit of the highest mountain and that would be *hupsoo*. *Hubris* would enter into the picture and imagine that it is above even the highest mountain! So this gives us some idea of the thinking of Lucifer/Hellel.

The Latin word used for this is **elevatum**, which meant to be lifted up, or elevated. It's the word used for modern day elevators. But the Greek is more clear on this idea.

*Gabahh* in the Hebrew has all those ideas of being exalted, of lifting oneself up in pride, of viewing yourself as higher than others, even higher than *Yahweh*, as the case here is with Lucifer. To be a proud boaster. When *gabahh* is followed by **be**, it shows that there is a close connection between it and its object, which is the heart. So his pride was found in the deepest part of his being over his beauty.

It is usually found connected to the ideas of: honor, fame, position, power, or fortune. So what this tells us that Lucifer was not only beautiful, as created so by God, and held a very high position in God's celestial hierarchy, and with that there had to be a high degree of fame and power. The problem was that in his pride he started viewing himself differently; he started to view himself higher than his person and position were; he not only started viewing himself higher than the other angels, and higher than the other sons of God, but he started viewing himself higher than God himself!

In this new viewpoint of pride he also started to view his position differently. He started to view that his position was way below what it should have been and he began to view his new place in the celestial hierarchy as being above God. He became so lifted up in his thinking that he thought he could do a better job of running the universe than God! Thus he now had made a decision to elevate his throne above the throne of *Yahweh*! What was he going to do with *Yahweh*? He couldn't kill him, so he figured he would demote or exile him.

That is when he made a decision and formulated a plan to demote *Yahweh* from his position as *El-Elyon* and place his throne above the throne of *Yahweh*! Isaiah 14:13,14, "*For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*"

We are presently witnessing a smaller, but similar version, of this here on earth in America where certain members of the Democratic party are so convinced that they belong in the corridors of power in the White House and government; and driven by their lust for power and filled with blind, unthinking rage, they are doing everything in their power to bring President Trump down from his duly elected position as President of the USA! Even to the place of an overthrow of our government by force, even inciting a civil war! Theirs is the *hubris* of Lucifer/Satan; they even speak his language - **lying!**

Can we not see this is exactly what has been taking place in heaven where Lucifer, driven by his lust for power and glory, deluded by his pride and beauty tried to wrest control away from *Yahweh*, but could not overthrow him from his throne, so he deceived and enlisted 1/3 of the angels to follow him in his rebellion and try to take God's throne from him by force? Where upon the final battle will take place and Lucifer/Hellel and the 1/3 that followed him will be permanently kicked out of heaven and have to go down to earth!

Revelation 12:7, "*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*"

**Because of thy beauty**, is *be* plus *yōphîy*. **Beauty**, *yōphîy*, refers to the outward appearance and it was used for both men and women, and also for things, such as, buildings. So what goes into determining what is beautiful, as in the case of men and women? First of all the over all form of a man and woman. Height, weight, physical and facial proportions, muscles, shoulders and hips for men and hour glass figure, curves and breasts for women. The skin must be free of blemishes and have a healthy glow about it. And the face must also have relative proportions of spacing for eyes, nose, lips, etc.. In other words there is an ideal of what constitutes beauty of men and women.

Although there are many people out there who will say, "beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder". A test was given to men from every country on earth where a dozen or more various female shapes were given to them to choose from the shape they thought was the most beautiful and they all chose the same female form which had the proportionate breast, waist and hips ratio.

Lucifer was beautiful because *Yahweh* created him that way, so proportionately everything about him was perfect, and even the word *yophiy* has the idea of perfect or completion in it. His covering, robe or palace, whichever it was, was an embellishment for his beauty. We don't know exactly what his form is or what he looked like, only that he was beautiful in every way.

Enters in the problem of pride; Lucifer began to be lifted up in pride because he was so beautiful. And when we say lifted up, we mean lifted up to the heights where he saw himself more beautiful than every other creature in heaven. Higher than the mountains, higher than the summit, even higher than *El-Elyon* himself! It was this pride that altered his perception of reality. Apparently he saw himself as the best and most beautiful of all celestial beings, thus he should be the one "running the show" instead of *Yahweh*. so he set his sights on deposing *Yahweh* from his throne by a coup.

When he sinned against God, he was immediately thrust from the 3rd heaven and the stones of fire. So his first attempt failed. Now that he has been cast down to the 2nd heaven, he immediately goes out and seeks to win the other celestial beings over to his side through lies and deception. He does happen to convince 1/3 of them. Perhaps through a voting process, or some such other legal maneuver, to depose God from his throne by this coup. This is his 2nd attempt at deposing God and was a soft coup. His 3rd attempt will be when an all out war breaks out in heaven through the "force of arms", a kinetic energy coup, he hopes to depose God from his throne. This is when Michael the Archangel fights and defeats him, but this will fail for Satan and he will be kicked out of the 2nd heaven and have to come down to earth! So he goes from the 3rd heaven, down to the 2nd heaven, and then down to earth.

God created man to resolve the angelic conflict and we are presently seeing another example of this in America where certain internationalists and members of the Democrat party are seeking to depose Trump from his position as the President of the US. They have used lies, deception, propaganda, manipulation and every other under-handed technique on Trump and those who side with him to impeach him from office and have failed so far. The next step is through a violent coup, which is why Trump has activated the Marine Reserves to protect his administration and the constitution.

**Thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness**, *shâchath chokmâh yiph'âh-'al*. **To corrupt** is the piel future of *shachath*. The Greek translates it as *diaphtheiro* using the intensive stem to denote the utter corruption of something, such as, the rotting of wood, or the rusting of metal. It's to bring something down into a condition worse than it was before.

The Hebrew has *shachath* in the piel stem as an act of ruthless destruction subjecting the object to complete annihilation, or decimating or corrupting it as thoroughly that its demise is certain. The piel is resultative telling us that this act of destruction has already been carried out. It was also used for actions contrary to the divine will; actions that violate the integrity of the body, or the covenant with God, or, as we have here, actions contrary to the wisdom Lucifer had.

It says in Ezekiel 28:12, "*Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, **full of wisdom**, and perfect in beauty.*" that Lucifer was created full of wisdom. And, as we know, *chokmâh*, referred to the **wisdom** that we learn from Bible Doctrine, only Lucifer was created with it, so he didn't have to go through the learning process that we have to go through to get it.

So his actions with the **five I wills**, and all that took place afterward in his attempted coup on God's throne, were contrary to the wisdom he had. Which tells us that the mental attitude of pride can change everything about us and move us to act **contrarily** against what we know to be right!

So how did Lucifer, who was perfect in beauty, completed in wisdom, which we know to be Bible Doctrine metabolized by faith sometimes referred to having a completed edification complex of the soul, which millions of believers have devoted their lives to and will one day be completed when they go to heaven; how did he who was sinless in his person, not having a sin nature in him and was blameless in his relationship with God, the other angels and in carrying out his duties, how did he end up sinning against God?

And he knew better because he was completed in wisdom having been completed in it on the day that *Yahweh* created him! I don't think his wisdom was corrupted because wisdom in itself is without corruption and cannot be corrupted, so we have to take *shachath* as being contrary to; contrary to the divine will, contrary to the covenant, or, as we have here, contrary to the body of wisdom that he possessed. He acted in a manner that was contrary to the wisdom he had. So what was the thing that brought all this about? It was because his heart was lifted up with pride over his beauty! It was pride that brought about his downfall.

The word for **because of your brightness** is *yiph'âh-'al, יִפְּאֵר-לְ*. It had the ideas of shining, the radiance of light, to become visible, to appear, to shine forth, etc.. Physically it was used of the stars in the sky. Spiritually it was used of the appearance of deity to man, to describe the appearance of deity. Is this what was going on in Lucifer's mind? God created him with beauty and brightness, but did he misconstrue that to mean that he was a god? *Al* here brings out the idea of because; Lucifer acted contrarily to the wisdom he had because of his brightness.

If we're looking for the dynamic that brought about Lucifer's downfall, we could say that it was his pride where he saw himself as being higher than he was. Or, we could say that it was because due to his brightness that he started thinking of himself as being a god. So what was it that would have kept him in line? It was the body of completed wisdom that he possessed having been created with it by God! But he acted contrary to it. He became enamored with himself and didn't listen to the wisdom he had. A similar idea was when God prospered Israel, because they didn't listen to his Word, they began to believe that they had done this by themselves!

**I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee,** *shâlak al-'erets nâthan pâniym melek.* The word in the Hebrew for **cast** is *hishlaktiyka*, which is the hiphil preterite of *shalak*. **Shalak** meant to throw, to toss, or to cast. In the Hebrew it had the following nuances: to throw down, to cast out, to throw away, to discard, to cast down, to get rid of something that is offensive, to throw out and was associated with judgment.

This will be finally consummated in the middle of the Tribulation when God throws Satan out of heaven for good. Revelation 12:9, "*And the great dragon was **cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were **cast out** with him.*"

**To the ground** in the Hebrew is *al-'erets*, which does not have the definite article **the**. Which changes the idea because **to ground** does not make sense, I will cast you to ground. But the word *erets* also means **the earth**, which is how we should take it here, **I will cast you to earth.** The word *al* attached to *erets* gives us direction, but also has the idea of being upon. So what we end up with is God is going to cast Satan out of heaven and he will be sent in the direction of, and landing on, the earth. Which is what the prophecy in Revelation 12:9 says.

The passage in Ezekiel 28:16 says that God had already cast Satan out of the 3rd heaven, but this was not the casting of him to earth. "*By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore **I will cast thee as profane** out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*"

The reason why we say that he was cast down to the 2nd heaven where the other celestial beings dwell is because Scripture has a lot to say on that matter. Job 1:7, "*And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*" Job 2:2, "*And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*"

We see in Zechariah 3:1,2 Satan is in heaven before he judgment seat of God accusing Joshua the High Priest. "*And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist (**accuse**) him. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"*

And in Revelations 12:9,10, we see Satan finally being cast out of heaven down to the earth, and while he was in heaven he was accusing the people of God night and day before God's throne of judgment. "*And the great dragon was **cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was **cast out into the earth**, and **his angels were cast out with him**. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*" We also see that the angels were assigned their own area in which to live in Jude 6, which some departed from when they went down to earth to intermingle with women. "*And the angels **which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation**, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*"

**I will lay thee before kings**, is *nâthan pâniym melek* the qal preterite of *nathan*. **Nathan** meant to put, to place, to give to give over to, to give anyone into custody, to set or place someone into another's authority, to place them over you. **Paniym** meant in the face of someone, in front of someone, under someone's eyes where he is looking on, before someone, in the presence of someone.

The word for **kings** is *melekiym*, the plural of a king. Now when reads this most people assume that this refers to the human kings of the world system, but have they ever considered that this is not referring to the kings of Satan's world's system, but to **the kings of God of the Church Age**? Revelation 1:6, "*And hath made us **kings** and **priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*" Revelation 5:10, "*And hast made us unto our God **kings** and **priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.*"

**That they may behold thee**, *râ'âh bak*. **Behold** is the qal infinitive of *raah*, which tells us that this action is being done for a purpose, the purpose is that God is placing Satan before the presence of Christ's kings that we may see him. Is this the one who caused all this war in heaven? Is he the one behind all the earth's and heaven's problems?

The Septuagint uses the word *paradeigmatizo* for the word **behold**, which gets into the reason behind beholding. It meant to put someone before people as an example and as a warning to others not to do what he had done, also to put them to open shame, to expose someone, (those who operate in the darkness to not want to be exposed), to publicly display someone and their crimes with a view of punishing them and making an example of them for all to see!

Satan has operated in the darkness for eons, he has lied, he has deceived, he has murdered and done everything in the wrong way after he sinned. And at the same time he has portrayed himself as an enlightened being full of light and goodness. Yet there is coming a time when he and everything about him will be brought to light in a public trial for all to see! All will see him for what he is and he will be displayed as an example of those who rebel against God and an object of shame.

And he will be placed before all the Christians of the world, who are the kings in Christ's eternal kingdom, for us to see him for what he is, and more than that we will judge him and all the angels who sided with him in the rebellion against *Yahweh*! 1 Corinthians 6:3, "*Know ye not that **we shall judge angels**? how much more things that pertain to this life?*"

Ezekiel 28:18, "*Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.*"

מַרְבַּע עֲוֹנוֹתָי, בְּעֵגֶל רִכְלֹתָי, חֲלֵלֹת, מִקְדָּשֵׁי; וְאוֹצֵא-אֵשׁ מִתּוֹכִי, הִיא אֲכָלֹתָ, וְאַתְנַד לְאַפֵּר עַל-הָאָרֶץ, לְעֵינַי כָּל-רְאִיִּי.

I think we can start with a clause farther down in the passage where it says, **by the iniquity of thy traffick**. This gives us an idea of what was going in with Lucifer in heaven that brought out his ultimate and final expulsion from heaven and God's grace. The exact same expression is found in v.16, **by the multitude of thy merchandise**, *rôb r<sup>ê</sup>kûllâh*. **Rob** had a variety of ideas connected to it depending upon its context: to make large, to grow, to deify, abundance, multitude, to increase. In our passage it's pointing to the idea of a multitude of something, abundance, or greatness.

The word **spreading** would also fit very well in it. So what was spreading, or growing, getting more and more? Merchandise! The word **merchandise**, *r<sup>e</sup>kùllâh*, referred to trade in the sense of commercial activity or economic trade. Today we would use the word **commerce**, or the commercializing of something. **Commercialization** is where you take a product, or anything else for that matter and bring it to market for the sake of profit.

One of the concepts of logic is where you take past history to determine present activity. If someone has had a lifetime history in the past of stealing, you can be sure he is still stealing today! So what we have are some clues about what Lucifer was doing in heaven beforehand by what he's been doing here on earth since the beginning.

Lucifer began Mystery Babylon after the flood and it was a commercial system, whereby goods, service and people existed for the sake of profit. It eventually morphed into Roman Catholicism where the Vatican claims ownership of all the earth; everything on the earth, and all people who dwell on the earth. And everything that exists has been commercialized! That is, everything that moves on earth, or performs work on earth finds its way back to Rome with those at the top profiting the most from it. A definite pyramid scheme.

We can see this happening now in Protestant America starting back from around the 60's when Rome and the international profiteers took over our country. Rome does it through the selling of indulgences, where you have to pay a priest for anything you want done that pertains to the spiritual. Marrying, burying, getting family members out of Limbo, currying favor with God, etc.. But the churches in America fare no better because they charge for what God provides free in his grace!

Courts today and even back in Israel were supposed to be free and impartial, but Babylon comes along and commercializes justice by paying judges for favorable treatment. A man has the right to work and the responsibility to support himself, but Babylon commercializes that and makes him pay money to do what God has given him the freedom to do. Everything in America today centers around money and this is the commercialization of America!

So this should give us some understanding of what Lucifer was up to in heaven that brought about his fall; he was commercializing his position in God's celestial kingdom to profit off of it garnering for himself wealth and political power. And it certainly must have spread far and wide for 1/3 of the angels in heaven joined in with him in his Ponzi scheme with him at the top!

**Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick;** *châlal miqdâsh min rôb âvôn 'evel r<sup>e</sup>kùllâh*. We have seen that the word for to **profane** (*châlal*) is to act in such a manner that is not in keeping with his holiness. God is holy, that is, he is separate from everything and everyone that is not holy in their person, speech, actions and conduct, whether in his temple on earth or in heaven, and here it is in the piel preterite to show how intensive this matter was of his defiling of his sanctuaries.

The word for **sanctuary** is the plural of *miqdâsh*, *miqdashim*, which has the idea of there being at least three or more of these sanctuaries. So what does that mean? A *miqdash* was a holy place a place that had been consecrated and it was used usually throughout the OT as the place where God dwelt.

It was a place that had been set aside as being special, and holy, Normally it was used of the place where God dwelt here on earth, and in heaven. The English word comes from the Latin word **sanctum**, which spoke of a place for refuge, or asylum; a place where one could go for protection. The word denoted in the Latin the idea of being **holy**, which had the idea of being separated from all sin.

But basically a **miqdash** was a dwelling place; it was the place where a being dwelt, (*Yahweh* in so many references in the OT), where he dwelt among, but separate from, all other beings. The temple and tabernacle of *Yahweh* were a building and a tent, very ornate, but still a building and a tent. What made them special was they were the places that *Yahweh* dwelt when he was among his people. And what made them holy was the holiness of the being who dwelt in them.

What's interesting in the plural use of *miqdash* is that there were at least three or more of them. One can accept that there was one *miqdash* up on the mountain of God where he lived and functioned before his rebellion, but where were the others? Were there *miqdashim* here on earth? Could the pyramids found all throughout the Middle East and in the Americas with their temples on the tops of them, were these the *miqdashim* of Lucifer? The places that were set aside here on earth to dwell in when he came to visit the different parts of the earth?

You have **defiled** your sanctuaries uses the word *châlal*, which meant to act in a manner not in keeping with the holiness of where you dwelt. God is holy and all the angels he created were holy, that is, initially were holy when he created them. And the places that he gave them to dwell in were also holy befitting the nature of holiness they possessed. But Lucifer acted in such a manner that was not in keeping with the holiness God made for him to dwell in. And what caused that was the multitude of thine iniquities. In the Hebrew it's *rôb âvôn*, *rôb* had the idea of an abundance of something, a multitude, or a spreading. *Avon* had the idea of actions that are contrary to the divine will. So whatever he was doing was contrary to his position and what God had placed him there for.

In verse 12 it says that Lucifer was *full of wisdom* and had been so from the moment he was created by God. This does not mean that he was omniscient, but that he possessed the Word of God in his soul, by which we obtain through the faith metabolization of Bible Doctrine, only he possessed all the wisdom that he needed for his existence as this created being in his personal relationship with his creator and to perform in the area for which he had been created.

But it also says that he *corrupted his wisdom*, or more accurately, he acted contrary to the wisdom he had, by reason of his brightness. What this tells us is that Lucifer rejected the doctrines he had and knew full well because of his brightness. So is not this the fall of Lucifer? Is this not the essence of what Luciferianism is all about? When people reject the words and doctrines of God they are doing exactly what Lucifer did! Lucifer did it because of his brightness, (apparently he thought he was deity because of it), but one can do it because of their intellect, training, physical beauty, or a whole host of other things. It's to put your will above the revealed will of God. It's to reject Bible Doctrine. The concept is summed up in the secret societies as, "Do as thou wilt".

Lucifer went against the divine order of things that God had established in heaven; he tried to undo everything that God had done. It was a matter far worse than sin; it was far worse than going against a known and stated command of God!

For example there is **sin**, *hamartia*, and there is **trespass**, *paraptoma*. *Hamartia* has been defined as missing the mark, erring, making a mistake, doing what is wrong, things along that line, While **trespass** would be going against a known and stated command.

**Sin**, *hamartia*, could be used in the sense of a landowner and his property. A man owns some property, but he has no fences, or signs, posted on it telling people to keep out. Kids come along and they are playing on his property; they don't know that it is his, but they do know that it is not their property. So the man comes out and tells them to leave.

**Trespass** would be where there is a fence around it and signs are posted telling them to stay out! So maybe someone kicked a ball and it went on the property, or they went across it as a short cut to save time. The owner comes out and tells them to leave, so they do. The difference between the two is where they didn't know that in the first instance, but did in the second one. That's the difference between sin and trespass.

There is another dynamic found in trespass and that is where the kids knew that it was someone else's property and they went across the line to see if they could get away with it, or just out of spite, no one's going to tell me what to do. That's the difference between omission and commission. People can be doing a wrong thing, but not know it's wrong, but are without excuse when they are told that it's wrong. That's what the Law does, it tells them that this act is wrong.

Adam could do anything and everything he wanted to do and it would not be considered as wrong, or sin. But when God gave him a stated command, not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and then to do that would be considered a **trespass**. He went across a known and stated command from God.

And things stayed that way, until God formed the nation of Israel and gave them ten commandments, which delineated the difference between right and wrong, of what was considered sin and what was acceptable behavior, and, if someone went against those commands, then it was considered trespass.

But there was an higher order that was set in place, which we call the divine institutes. There are things that God had established in the beginning, things pertaining to the divine order of things, things set in place, which were established by the creator. For example:

He was the creator of all things.

He created the human race.

He created them male and female.

He created the institution of marriage.

He placed man over the earth.

He placed man as the head of the home.

Things are propagated after their own kind.

Man has the right and responsibility to feed himself.

Man has free will, but is responsible for his decisions.

man has the right to protect himself, and many other things.

There is another sin and that is to go against the divine order of things, sometimes this is referred to as the "Law of Nature".

This is what Luciferianism is all about; it's to go against everything that the Creator has established in heaven and here on earth, which we are presently witnessing going on here in America. Homosexuality and Lesbianism are sins against the divine order of things, where God established sex between males and females, married ones at that. So is transgenderism where people are trying to change their sex, going against God creating them male and female. The blending in of cross species through genetically modified food, or with animals using DNA manipulation. The killing of children in their mother's wombs, The commercializing of just about everything on earth; the state of Oregon now claims that it owns the rain that falls from the skies.

We now see the hand of Lucifer at work in just about every aspect of American society today. He not only attacks the concept of right and wrong by telling people they can do whatever they want to do, but he even attacks the divine order of things that *Yahweh* has placed here on earth! And why wouldn't he? This is what he has been doing in heaven!

When God created Lucifer, he was brought into an established order that had already been set in place by the Creator. But because of his pride and self-delusion, he then set about in trying to upset the entire order of heaven and the universe! he wanted to be a god; he wanted to rule the universe; he wanted to put his throne above the throne of *El* and tell *Yahweh* what to do!

To see how crazy this is, Lucifer has inculcated into the minds of man that there is no creator, therefore there is no God for man to worship. Then he comes along and tells man to worship him! Lucifer wants the praise and adulation of man to be directed at him, not the Creator, which is all an out-working of his narcissism. He is so caught up in his own beauty, he is so self absorbed, as we would say, he is so in love with himself, that he wants all those whom God has created to worship him!

This is why Lucifer is termed a **rebel** against God for he is the head of the revolution against *Yahweh's* government over that which *Yahweh* created! The word **revolution** is defined as: a forcible overthrow of a government or social order, in favor of a new system. Lucifer has been trying to *impeach* him by futilely trying to show that *Yah* has been unjust in his running of the universe, which will be followed by an open, forcible attempt to topple God from his throne!

Make no mistake about it, this war that has been going on in heaven for millennia is an open revolution against *El-Elyon*, the one who created all things and the one who governs all things! And this war is also being carried out by those who would seek to overthrow our government and constitution and replace it with the same communist Luciferianism that overthrew so many countries around the world!

We are either going to be ruled by God, or be ruled by the devil. Heaven was divided up into 2/3 who wanted God to rule over them, while 1/3 of heaven have chosen Lucifer to rule over them! And if 1/3 of the angels in heaven could be deceived by Lucifer's lies, then it is easy to see that many in America can be deceived by the lies of those in politics and education!

America stands in the crossroads; it has a decision that it needs to make. Are they going to stand for our country and constitution? Or are they going to believe and follow the lies of Lucifer and his people? After millennia of accusations and legal wranglings against God in Lucifer's attempted revolution, it will be followed by the violence of armed combat, which Lucifer and his followers will lose. One can expect the same scenario to be played out here in America - and Lucifer will lose here too!

The six questions of who, what, when, where, why and how are answered here. The word **who** answers the question of the person, or persons involved. In our study it's Lucifer, or Hellel in the Hebrew. The word **what** gives information on the events taking place, namely Lucifer wanting to depose God from his throne and place him and his throne at the top of the ruling council. The word **when** denotes the time that this is taking place, and with Lucifer it is the present time going back to before the creation of Adam. The word **where** tells us of the place where all this taking place, namely in the 2nd and 3rd heavens. The word **why** gives us the reason or motive behind all this, namely, in Lucifer's pride and arrogance he is convinced that he can rule the universe better than God. And the word **how** gives us the manner, or mechanics that he is employing to depose God from his throne It is a revolution that is ongoing. The first part of this is where Lucifer has been placing his arguments before God and his ruling council to try to prove in heaven's court that EL is somehow unfair and unjust and therefore he does not have the right to rule. After losing all court cases he will resort to an all out assault on the throne to depose God by force, which he will subsequently lose and be kicked out of heaven.

On the subject of the habitation of the angels there is an hypothesis dating back to the 18th century that was used to calculate the approximate distances of various planets to the sun called Bodes Law. These distances were based upon the mass of the planet, the gravitational pull of the sun and distance from the sun. In it each planet was about twice the distance away from the planet that was closest to the sun. So we have the sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars Jupiter and Saturn.

If we take the furthest planet, Saturn, and assign it 100 equal parts between it and the sun we end up having Mercury=4 parts, Venus=7 parts, Earth=10 parts, Mars=17 parts, Jupiter=52 parts, and Saturn=100 parts. The problem lies between Mars and Jupiter where there is a larger gap between the two planets. A planet should exist at about the 28 parts point, but there is no planet between Mars and Jupiter! Why? And should there be?

But there is something that exists in this area instead and it's an asteroid belt. The theory is that there was a planet that existed between Mars and Jupiter, but some primeval cataclysm occurred where something large struck it and it was destroyed with the parts of it now becoming a belt of asteroids. The theory also goes on to say that it was these asteroids, when the planet broke apart, that struck: the Earth, our Moon and Mars as evidenced by all the impact craters on these bodies.

Some Christian writers believe that this planet was named Rahab and was the dwelling-place of Lucifer after he was kicked out of the 3rd heaven. Psalm 89:10, "*Thou hast broken (dâkâ') Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain (châlâl); thou hast scattered (pâzar) thine enemies with thy strong arm.*" Job 26:11,12, "*The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.*" Isaiah 51:9, "*Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut (châtsêb) Rahab, and wounded (châlâl) the dragon?*"

**Luciferianism is to legally and/or violently overthrow the divinely established order instituted by Yahweh that governs the earth and the heavens and to replace it with one based upon Lucifer's ideas with him at the top of all things. It is also the commercialization of that which God has freely bestowed without charge upon all his creatures in heaven and upon the earth.**

For example in the divine order of things:

God was the creator of all things. All that which is, or ever has been, was created by one being, the Lord God *Yahweh*, creator of heaven and earth. Genesis 1:1, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*"

He created the human race. Man did not evolve over millions of years, as Lucifer would have mankind to believe; he was created out of the chemical compounds of the earth at a point in time by the Creator God. Genesis 1:26, "*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*"

He created the species male and female. The man and the woman were two separate creative acts and never the twain shall meet, or a going back and forth between the two. Genesis 1:27, "*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*" Lucifer says that you can change your sex, which is an attack on original creation.

He created the institution of marriage. Marriage was designed by God where a covenant is put in place for life between a man and a woman to be faithful to each other and never abandon one other. Lucifer perverts that by implementing same sex *marriage*.

He placed the man over the earth. The Eternal One made Adam the ruler over the earth as a prince-regent. Genesis 1:28, "*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*"

He placed man as the head of the home. Man is not only to be ruler over the earth, but also the authority in the home over his wife and children. Genesis 3:16, "*Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*"

Lucifer beguiled Eve into rejecting the divinely established order on the earth and where she fit into it by appealing to her lust for power, as he did. Genesis 3:13, "*And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*"

Things are propagated after their own kind. God gave man the responsibility, under free will, to "earn his own bread", that is, feed himself. With that he also gave him the right to do that. In his grace he provided seed bearing fruits and vegetables for free, so all that a man need to do was save some seed and plant it for the next year to eat from. But Lucifer has commercialized that by coming up with hybrid seeds that do not self-propagate, but have to be purchased from agricultural companies and GMO seeds, which are highly invasive and destructive to natural crops..

Genesis 1:11,12, "*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*" Genesis 1:29, "*And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.*"

Man has free will, but is responsible for his decisions. God has given angels and men free will to make choices in their lives, but holds them accountable for their decisions. One argument that Lucifer had was God was unfair to create him because he knew what he was going to do in the future, but the argument was - he still had a choice! Luciferianism punishes those who don't choose for what Lucifer wants.

Man has the right to protect himself. Luke 22:36, "Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." The sword was the equivalent of today's hand gun. Lucifer, though, wants to disarm every one, so that only his minions will be armed.

**Therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee**, *yâtsâ' 'êsh min tâvek*. **Will I bring forth** is the hiphil future of *yâtsâ'*, which meant to bring forth in the causative sense. Lucifer will not be doing this; it will be done by *Yahweh* as a part of his final judgment on Lucifer.

**The midst of thee** is *min tavek*, the word *min* has the idea of the preposition *ek* where something is inside of something else, then it comes out from there. But *tavek* has the ideas of something being divided in the middle of something, then being separated from it. It lends to the idea of elements that are at the very smallest level, which are held together to each other, but the binding force that holds them together is released thereby releasing each of these elements from each other at their smallest level. And the result of all this would be a tremendous release of energy in **fire**, which is what we have here in the passage. *Tavek* is also the root word behind punishment.

**It shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee**, *hîy' 'âkal nâthan 'êpher 'al 'erets 'ayin kôl râ'âh*.

The word *it* refers back to the fire previously mentioned in the verse, the devouring fire unleashed from within Lucifer will totally consume him. As the Bible also prophesies in Hebrews 12:29, "*For our God is a consuming fire*." His fiery judgment consumes everything, as also stated in Deuteronomy 4:24, "*For the LORD thy God is a consuming ('âkal) fire, even a jealous God*."

**I will bring thee to ashes**, refers to the total destruction of Lucifer as per the result of God's final judgment on him. This he also did to Sodom and Gomorrah in the OT. 2 Peter 2:6, "*And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*" Jude 1:7, "*Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire*."

**In the sight of all them that behold thee**, has to be in the context of the passage a reference to the kings who will be beholding him, v.17b, "*I will cast thee to the ground (to the earth), I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee*." I will bring thee to ashes and I will lay thee before kings have the same verb *nathan*.

Remember the time frame, Lucifer will be kicked out of heaven in the middle of the Tribulation; he will come down to the earth for 3 1/2 years; then he will be locked up in the Abyss for 1,000 years; then he will be released to gather out the Edomites once again, and then the end!

Ezekiel 28:19, "All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more." -

כָּל-יֹדְעֶיךָ, בְּעַמִּים, שָׁמְמוּ, עָלֶיךָ; בְּלִהוֹת הַיִּתְּ, וְאִינְךָ עַד-עוֹלָם.

Luke 23:43, "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in **paradise**." 2 Corinthians 12:4, "How that he was caught up into **paradise**, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." Revelation 2:7, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the **paradise** of God."

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