ANGELS

1. Created by Christ

Ps 148:2-6; Col 1:16

(The "Lord our God" of the Old Testament is Christ of the New Testament)

- 2. They are part of the "things" invisible of Col 1
- 3. The position angels hold, by creation, is above men through the present time.

Heb 2:6-9; 2 Pet 2:11

4. Three angels are named in Scripture:

MICHAEL - "who is like God"

- a. the archangel Jude 9
- b. head of the armies of heaven Rev 12:7
- c. Israel's prince Dan 10:21; 12:1

GABRIEL - "the mighty one"

Dan 8:16; 9:21; Lk 1:19, 26-38

LUCIFER (Latin translation) Daystar (literal in the Hebrew Translation) cherubim

- a. lead the worship of God in heaven in the beginning
- b. head of the fallen angels Rev 12:7
- c. position over humanity at the present time Eph 2:2; Isa 14:12-17
- 5. Cherubim defenders of God's Holiness

(Lucifer was originally head of this group of beings.)

Ezk 28:11-19

Gen 3:22-24; Ex 25:17-22; Isa 37:16; Ezk 1:4-28

6. Seraphim Isa 6:2-4

7. Principalities and powers (position and strength)

Rom 8:38

Eph 1:21; 3:10; 6:12

Col 1:16; 2:10,15

1Pet 3:22

Lk 21:26

- 8. The "Good" angels are referred to as the "Elect" angels. 1Tim 5:21
- 9. Miscellaneous Facts Concerning Them:
 - a. They are legion (myriads upon myriads)

Heb 12:22

Rev 5:11-14; Dan 7:9-10

b. They are called "the Heavenly Host" (not "race" or "races)

Lk 2:13

"of the air vs terra firma" Eph 2

c. Their number is set. They neither increase nor decrease.

Matt 22:30

d. They are said to fly. Ps 91:1-4

Isa 6:2; Rev 14:6

e. Their sphere exists between earth and God's abode.

Heb 4:14 "....below the...." or "...above or beyond the...." though they are present in God's Heaven ("Heavenly Host")

f. They are classified as

elect; unfallen or holy angels - Mk 8:38

Lucifer's angels: or fallen angels - Matt 25:41

free or bound - 2Pet 2:4; Gen 6

g. There are many angels who are referred to by their function.

examples: angel of the waters Rev 16:5

angel of the abyss Rev 9:11

angel over fire Rev 14:18

angel of the church in Rev 1:20

h. Their presence is recorded at:

creation Job 38:4-7 the giving of the Law Acts 7:53; Gal 3:19

throughout the life of Christ

at the Second Coming Zech 14:5 transporting of souls Lk 16:22

in the life of Peter Acts 12:6-11; Acts 10:22

when John received the revelation Rev 1:1

i. They will continue forever Rev 14:9-10; Heb 12:22

MINISTRY OF ANGELS

1. Worship

rest not day and night Rev 4:8; Isa 6:5; Ps 148:1-2

2. Life of Christ

His Birth

- a. Announce the birth of His forerunner to his father, Zecharias Lk 1:11-19
- b. Announce the birth of Christ (the Savior) to Mary Lk 1:26-38
- c. Assure Joseph that he was to take Mary as his wife Matt 1:20
- d. Announce Christ's birth to the world Lk 2:9-15

His Life

- a. Directed His flight to Egypt and return to Nazareth Matt 2:13,19
- b. Ministered to Him in the wilderness after the 40 day fast Matt 4:11; 7:13

His Death....Resurrection.....Ascension

- a. Ministered to Him in the garden of Gethsemane Lk 22:43
- b. Stood ready to defend HimRolled away the stone to His tomb Matt 28:2
- c. Announced His Resurrection

 Matt 28:5; Lk 24:22-23; Jn 20:12
- d. Counseled His disciples at the Ascension
 Acts 1:10-11
- e. Escort Christ in His Ascension
 (Acts 1:1 He returns with the angels did He ascend with them also?)

Post Ascension

a. Deliver the Apostles from prison Acts 5:19; 12:7-10 b. Other verses

Acts 8:26; 10:3; 12:23; 27:23

NOTE: The word "angel" occurrs 237 times in the Gospels and 78 times in the Book of Revelation.

That Which They Saw - That Which Was New To Them

a. They had seen the Son in His Deity
"Glory I had with Thee"
God Incarnate (as a human)

b. The Giver of The Law
obeying His own Law, as a creature
attitude of a servant

c. The Governor of the Universe A subject

d. Cast Satan out of Heaven
Be tempted by him

e. Worshipped and Loved
Insulted, Reproached, Mistreated
Gethsemane, Crucified

f. Happy and Glorious

Agonized, Crying out, Bloody,
Dead - to save the world which had revolted from Him

- g. Glorified and Enthroned as a Human
- h. As High Above angels that God was in the OT Times He became lower than the angels at the Incarnation
- 3. They Behold the Face of God and Do Not Perish Ex 33:20-23 to Rev 22:4
- 4. Angels Serve Humanity not because they love us but because they love Him

They are interested in what concerns their Creator; their God

- 5. Angels were present at Creation Job 38:7 but no mention is made of their ministries on earth until the days of Abraham Gen 18:1-2; Heb 1:14
 - a. appeared to Jacob

Gen 28:12

b. interacted with Moses

Gal 3:19; Acts 7:53

c. Daniel

Dan 6:22 (?)

6. In the OT, Angels are called "sons of God"

Job 1:6 38:7

while men are called "servants of God" Moses - 1 Chron 6:49

In the NT, this is reversed

Angels are servants Heb 1:14

and Christians are "sons of God" Rom 9:26

(OT earth is the focus - NT Heavenly people is the focus)

- 7. The Present Age is void of angelic activity in a visible manner because the Holy Spirit is now present and active
- 8. They will be prominent at the Close of this Age Matt 13:40-42; 24:31; 25:31; 16:27; Lk 12:8-9
- No mention of them during the Millennial Kingdom (The King will be present and all flesh will experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit)
 Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16-21
- 10. They will be present in the Eternal Kingdom

Heb 12:22-24; Rev 21:12

11. They learn about God by watching His interactions with man; especially in the area of the Gospel and His administering of His Grace

1Pet 1:12; Eph 3:10; Eph 2:7

NOTE: They learned about Him before, as they saw Him create, and His interactions with that Creation.

After Pentecost, they are learning more about Him as they watch Him interact with His new creation.

No matter how much they learn in this present age about His salvation, they cannot be saved. Heb 2:16

12. Their Future

At the time of the Second Coming "all things" will be made right. Col 1:20; Eph 1:18-23

All things will relate to Jesus Christ as "Head over all things to the Church"...Angels are part of "all things".

- 13. There Are Four Times when Angels are said to be watching:
 - a. When a sinner repents Lk 15:7,10
 - b. When Christ confesses before them anyone who confesses or denies Him before men

Lk 12:8-9

- c. The entire time Christ was upon the earth 1 Tim 3:16
- d. The experience of the lost after their judgment Rev 14:10-11
- 14. They shall be judged by believers 1 Cor 6:3

SATAN Ezk 28: 12-19

Had the seal of perfection
 full of wisdom
 perfect in beauty (vs 12)
 In short, all divine creative power along the lines of wisdom and
 beauty are perfect in this created being.

2. The stones which covered him are found "together in only two other places"

vs 13

- a. High priest's breastplate
- b. the new Jerusalem
- 3. In the Garden of Eden, when He appeared, He is called, or named "serpent" meaning "the shining one".

2 Cor 11:14

4. He was created above all angels and to be a defender of the throne of

God. vs 14

NOTE: God, being the Almighty, needs no defense. It is not a question about what God needs, but rather It is a revelation about what God has chosen to arrange!

5. Sin came into being with him; it was uncovered.

The sin was self-exhaltation. vs 15-16 See Is 14:12-17 (I will)

THE SIN

1. "I will ascend into heaven"

He determined to move his dwelling to the third, or highest heaven, where God and His redeemed abide.

2 Cor 12:1-4

Angels were placed by God in a position lower than redeemed mankind. Eph 1:20-21

In a form of "self-promotion", Satan determined that he should

live on a higher level than his Creator had appointed for him.

God's plan was to take those whose original position is lower than the angels (Ps 8:4-6; Heb 2:6-8) and exhalt them to a position higher; highest (Jn 14:3; 17:21-24; Col 3:3-4; Heb 2:10; 10:19-20).

Satan was not created to occupy that position, nor was he included in a redemption that would move him there.

2. "I will exhalt (raise) my throne above the Stars of God"

Satan had been appointed to the guardianship of the throne of God. He determined to possess his own throne and rule over the "stars of God".

Job 38:7; Jude 1:13; Rev 12:3-4; 22:16

NOTE: He has been permitted "throne authority" during this present age.

Matt 12:26; Eph 2:2; Col 2:13-15; Lk 4:5-6; 2 Cor 4:4; Rev 2:13

"I will sit on the mount of assembly (congregation) in the recesses of the north"

"mount" - seat of divine government
"assembly" - Israel
In short - share in God's Messianic rule
"recesses of the north" - Ps 48:2

4. "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds"

Of the 150 references in the Bible to "clouds", one hundred are related to the Divine Presence and Glory

Ex 16:10; 40:38

1 Kg 8:10

Ps 104:3; Is 19:1

Matt 24:30; Acts 1:9; Rev 1:7

Is 60:8

1Thes 4:17

Satan intends to secure for himself the glory which belongs to the Creator alone.

5. "I will be like the Most High"

Gen 14:19,22

Satan's purpose is to gain authority over heaven and earth.

He recommended to Adam and Eve that they too could be the same.

Gen 3:5 ("You shall be as Elohim")

Adam entered upon the same course.

Satan's man, anti-christ, his son, will declare himself to be God.

2 Thes 2:4

This "Abomination" in fact, becomes the sign that the "end of the age" has arrived.

SUMMARY OF SATAN'S SIN:

- 1. take the highest, heavenly position
- 2. royal rights both in heaven and on earth
- 3. Messianic recognition
- 4. receives the glory that belongs to God alone
- 5. be the possessor of heaven and earth

ADAM AND HIS POSTERITY ADOPTED THE SAME PLAN!!!

Satan's activity by name is found only twice in the OT:

- 1. moved David to number Israel
- 1 Chron 21:1
- 2. involved with God's dealings with Job

In the NT he is revealed through his authority as a king over evil spirits and as god of this world.

NOTE: It is written of Satan that he "did not allow his prisoners to go home" Is 14:17.

Christ came "to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound" Lk 4:16-21

Bondage came when mankind joined Satan, taking on the same desire which resulted in them becoming bondslaves to sin and in bondage to the evil one.

Jesus came so that we might be redeemed, thereby being set free!

Dr William Cooke gives a partial record of the indictments which God brings against Satan, a non-redeemed creature.

They are:

1. He repudiated God in the beginning.

Isa 14:12-14

2. He drew a third part of the stars of heaven after him.

Rev 12:4

3. He sinned from the beginning.

1 Jn 3:8

4. He is a liar from the beginning.

Jn 8:44

5. In the Garden of Eden he belittled God and advised the first parents to repudiate God.

Gen 3:1-5

6. He insinuated to Jehovah that Job loved and served Him only as he was hired to do so.

Job 1:9

No greater insult could be addressed to Jehovah than that He is not really to be loved on the ground of His own worthiness, but, being rich, is able to hire men like Job to "pretend" that they love Him.

7. When permitted to act his own part, Satan brought five terrible calamities on Job.

Job 1:13 - 2:7

8. He stood up against Israel.

1 Chron 21:1; Ps 109:6; Zech 3:1-2

9. He weakened the nations.

Isa 14:12

10. He made the earth to tremble.

Isa 14:16

11. He did shake kingdoms.

Isa 14:16

12. He makes the world a wilderness.

Isa 14:17

13. He destroys the cities thereof.

Isa 14:17

14. He opened not the house of his prisoners.

Isa 14:17

15. He causes war on earth with all its horrors; for when bound, war ceases, and when loosed, war is resumed.

Rev 20:2, 7-8

16. He tempted the Son of God forty days and then left Him but for a season. He proposed to Christ that He forsake His mission, that He distrust His Father's goodness, and that He worship the devil.

Lk 4:1-13

17. He bound a daughter of Abraham eighteen years.

Lk 13:16; cf. Acts 10:38

18. He entered Judas and prompted him to betray the Son of God.

Jn 13:2

19. He blinds the minds of those who are lost.

2 Cor 4:3-4

20. He takes away the Word out of the hearts of the unsaved, lest they should believe and be saved.

Lk 8:12

21. He deals with saints with wiles and snares.

Eph 6:11; 2 Tim 2:26

22. He has exercised and abused the power of death.

Heb 2:14; cf. Rev 1:18

23. He, an adversary, as a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour.

1 Pet 5:8

24. He is opposed to God; is the persecutor of the saints, the "father" of lies. Through his emissaries he dethrones reason, tortures human beings, and movesthem to superstition and idolatry.

THE WORLD - "COSMOS"

The word "cosmos" is found 187 times and is translated in every instance but one by the English word "world".

There are other words which are translated "world" and in every form it has a "time" meaning.

Example: 2 Tim 4:10 "age"

"...not only had he forsaken the Apostle Paul but he also love the <u>age</u> that now is."

His love was not going out to a period of time as such, but to the evil which characterized that time (age).

Gal 1:4; Rom 12:2; 2Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 6:12

Time is divided into Three Phases: 2 Pet 3:3-7, 13

- 1. Time before the Fall
- 2. The Present Time
- 3. The Time we are waiting for

The NT "cosmos" only refers to the Present Time.

- 1. Separate from and foreign to God
- 2. Under authority which is "anti-god"
- 3. Everywhere the word appears
 - a. moral values are involved
 - b. Satanic influence and authority is indicated
- 4. It is opposed to God and worldliness is opposed to spirituality

NOTE: We are not talking about "degree" - The above is Absolute.

Consider the following when the Bible speaks of the "World":

1. Jn 12:46	A place (Time) of darkness
2. Jn 16:33	The believer experiences tribulation in this Time
3. Jn 17:25	Does not know the Father
4. Jn 18:36	Does not have any part in Christ's kingdom
5. Rom 5:12	Sin entered into the world
6. Rom 3:19	The entire "age" has become accountable to God
7. 1Cor 1:21	Knowledge of God cannot be had as a product of its wisdon

- 8. 1Cor 5:10 The people who "belong" to it are immoral
- 9. 1Cor 11:32 It is condemned
- 10. Eph 2:12 Without God
- 11. James 1:27 It stains 2Pet 1:4 It corrupts

2Pet 2:20 It defiles (pollutes)

its inhabitants

IN SHORT "The cosmos is a vast order or system which Satan has promoted; which conforms to his ideals, aims, and methods.

It is civilization, now functioning apart from God.

God is not expected to share in it.

God is not considered in respect to its projects and His "good" to it is denied.

It is that sphere in which man lives. It controls its governments, education, culture, religions, understanding of morality, and pride.

It is all that the lost know.

It is the "Satanic System".

SOME THOUGHTS

- 1. God sent His only begotten Son into the cosmos because He loved the lost people who make up the cosmos, that they might live through Him.
- 2. The believer is not to love the cosmos (if he does, the love of the Father is not reproduced in him).
- 3. As God loves humanity, apart from its evil institutions, the believer is to love also.
- 4. Said another way: We are to love only as the Father loves.

Jas 4:4 "friendship with the world is hostility toward God."

"Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." See James 4:7-8

Satan has created nothing.

He has been granted permission to assume authority over and to misdirect that which God has created.

SATAN'S AUTHORITY

Satan's authority over:

the "cosmos"

world

an inhabited district

this current age or period of time

When we say "How I love life" what are we thinking of?

Remember: 2 Tim 4:10 Demas forsook Paul because he loved the evil

which characterized the time he was living in.

(A time and place under the total authority and

control of Satan!)

Lk 4:5-7 "all the kingdoms of the world...this domain and its glory...

has been handed over to me and I give it to whomever I wish"

Jesus did not dispute his claim.

Also: Jn 19:10-11 Before its over, anti-christ will accept the

above offer.

Also: "showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in

a moment of time"

This demonstrates that Satan has miraculous abilities.

NOTE: Satan's claim of authority to offer up must be true or his offer would not be classified as a temptation.

Earthly governments are in the hands of Satan, meaning, however they appear to men, they are run in independence of God.

BALANCE

Satan is speaking the truth but there is another truth that stands - Rom 13:1 The application is that "God is Sovereign over all, and yet the creature is permitted to go in willful and evil ways and to thereby become guilty.

As To Satan's Leadership Over the Place We Live:

1. Jn 12:31	"The ruler of this world"	(Jn 14:30; 16:11)
2. Eph 2:2	"The prince of the power of the air"	
3. 2Cor 4:4	"the god of this world"	
4. Eph 6:12	his power delegated "against powers, against the world, ag darkness, against the spiritua the heavenlies."	gainst forces of this
5. Rev 2:13	"where you dwell, where Sata (Satan sits upon an earthly th	
6. 1Jn 4:4	"he who is in the world" (NOT "from the world" vs 5)	TE: that the population is
7. 1Jn 5:19	"the whole world lies in the e (the cosmos is both located in evil one)	vil one" n and under the power of the

Satan's reign results in: (Isa 14:16-17)

- 1. made the earth tremble
- 2. shook kingdoms
- 3. made the world like a wilderness
- 4. overthrew its cities
- 5. did not allow his prisoners to go home

Job 1:14-19 In Satan's dealings with Job, he:

1. caused the raiding Sabeans to destroy Job's oxen and asses and to kill his servants with the sword

- 2. caused fire to descend from heaven and burn up his sheep and the servants who tended them
- 3. caused the Chaldeans to rob Job of his camels and kill those servants
- 4. caused the death of all Job's children by controlling the wind and collapsing a home
- 5. smote Job with bodily suffering just short of death for an extended period of time (and would have killed him if he could)

The cosmos is not a battleground where God and Satan fight.

It is a thing which God has permitted

The cosmos is the product of the supreme effort of the greatest creature ever created.

Rom 3:9-18 That which God sees on the human side of the cosmos.

The humanitarian enterprises, culture, laws, and religious forms contain no evidence that God is recognized or honored in His true position.

1Cor 2:8 This is a Christ-rejecting cosmos!

It crucified the Lord of Glory and apart from the restraining power of God, they would crucify Him again

and destroy any witness of Him.

Jn 15:18-19 A cosmos which crucifies its Redeemer, hates those who

are redeemed by Him

It is to be judged and destroyed completely!

Nothing will be salvaged from it when its day of reckoning arrives!

2Pet 1:4	Any contact with it produces corruption.
1Jn 2:16	All that is in the world is not of the Father.
Mk 4:19	Riches and desires for other things from it "choke the Word, and it becomes unfruitful"
Ps 2	<u>It's End is Foretold</u>
Dan 2:44 7:9-14	
Matt 25:31-46	
Rev 6:1 - 19:21	
1Cor 7:31	"the form of this world is passing away"
2Pet 3:10	
1Jn 2:17	