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“Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!” (Psalm 103:20)

In “*declaring the end from the beginning*” (Isaiah 46:10a), God’s general purpose was clear to the angels, for they were witnesses to the declaration of His Word. Yet God alone knows the details of His purpose.

Lucifer was a great angel, and it is possible that the revelation of God’s plan to “*not subject to angels the world to come*” (Heb. 2:5) but rather to lowly mankind, may have inspired his rebellion against the Word of God.

In Ezekiel, the king of Tyre is compared to Lucifer who “*had the seal [were the one sealing a pattern] of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God... You were the anointed cherub who covers [guards], and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering [guarding] cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you*” (Ezekiel 28:12b-19). Lucifer was involved in sealing God’s purpose, in guarding God’s Word, but his pride tempted him to disobedience, and in rebellion he became the devil, satan: “*behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven*

and threw them to the earth” (Rev. 12:3b-4a), “*the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him*” (Rev. 12:9). “*How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit*” (Isaiah 14:12-15).

Perhaps God’s declaration in the beginning that lowly mankind was to inherit all things and judge even angels was too much for Lucifer’s pride and caused his rebellion against God’s purpose. This would make sense why he and the fallen angels are so determined to corrupt the affairs of men, rebelling against their duty as “*ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation*” (Hebrews 1:14).

Satan is on a crusade to corrupt mankind from God’s purpose for them, for he was “*passed over*” to inherit the coming world. Perhaps he tempts man to sin to “*demonstrate*” God’s “*folly*” in choosing mankind over angels, for when men fall by his temptations into sin, he turns around and accuses them of their sins before God. In this way, he may think he is justifying his own sin against God by “*proving*” man is worse than him, but he is in error as we shall see.

In all his “*wisdom*,” satan could not foresee Jesus Christ—God coming as a man to save mankind from the very sins satan accuses them of! Jesus (as God and man) has inherited everything and believing mankind will inherit the world to come through Him and Him alone.

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