

A Systematic Study of the Word of God
Lesson 1: Eternity Past
"Beginning Where there is No Beginning"
Congregational Worksheet – Wednesday, January 28, 2009

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#1. ETERNITY PAST: THE PREEXISTENCE of THE GOD HEAD.

Many times when people refer to “The beginning of The Bible”, they are referring to the _____ of the world.

And the main reason that they do this is because in Genesis 1:1, we see that The Bible starts by saying, “In the beginning God created...”.

And because of that, many see the creation as the very beginning.

But “the beginning” that this verse is talking about is not the _____ beginning of things when it comes to the study of spiritual things.

Because when it comes to theology, or The Study of God, we see that God was already in a state of _____ long before the creation account in Genesis 1:1 ever came to pass.

But how do we know this?

Because the very opening verse of The Bible declares it to be so... It says, “In the beginning God...”.

In other words, “In the beginning God was there...”.
Which shows us that He was _____ in a state of existence.

It is essential to understand that God was preexistent at the time of creation.

(For a study concerning The Eternality of God, refer back to our study on The Attributes of God).

But not only was God already existent before the creation of the world, but we find that the entire _____, or what is commonly referred to as The Trinity was already in a state of existence at the time of creation as well.

Now to prove this point, first we have to ask ourselves the question, “What is The Trinity, or What 3 _____ entities make up The Trinity”?

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Well, we know that The Trinity consists of God The Father, Jesus Christ The Son, and The Holy Spirit which is sometimes called The Comforter or The Holy Ghost.

And it is those 3 _____ and _____ persons that makeup what is theologically titled as The Triune Godhead.

But how do we know that Jesus and The Holy Spirit existed before the time of creation?

Because in Genesis 1:2 we are told very clearly that The Holy Spirit was already present and that He even _____ in the process of creation.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was 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.

But The Bible also makes it very clear that _____ existed before creation and that He participated in it as well.

Notice what we are told in John 1:1-3...

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Now, the title given here as “The Word” is clearly referring to the person of Jesus Christ. Simply by reading the remaining part of this chapter, or the many other verses such as 1 John 5:7, you will find this abundantly clear.

So without doubt, Jesus Christ preexisted the time of the creation.

Another common and very obvious argument that proves that God was not alone at the time of creation is found in Genesis 1:26.

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Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...

Notice the words _____ and _____ in that sentence.

Both of those words are plural and not singular, which means that God had to have been speaking to someone during the creation, which proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that He was not _____.

And by considering what we have already studied so far, it is evident that when He was speaking here, He was speaking to the other two-thirds of

_____.

Some other verses that prove that The Godhead existed before creation is found in...

Deu 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms...

Rom 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God...

Notice the words eternal and everlasting that are used in these verses.

The word _____ means: Without a beginning or an end.

The word _____ means: To exist indefinitely in both a future and past tense.

And Psalms 90:2 does a perfect job of describing both God's eternal existence and the fact that He existed before creation when it says...

Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

And the word used for "God" in this verse can be used as plural, emphasizing that it includes The Trinity.

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#2. ETERNITY PAST: THE PREEXISTENCE of ANGELS.

Another important topic to consider within the subject of Eternity Past is the fact that Angels also _____ before the creation of the world.

Now, The Bible doesn't go into a lot of detail about this fact, but it does give a brief explanation in one particular portion of scripture that we can use to come to this conclusion.

Notice what we are told in Job 38:4-7...

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

Job 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

First notice the time period of this text, it says, "When I laid the foundation of the earth". In other words, it is referring to the time of _____.

Then notice the two _____ that it gives in verse 7, it says...
"The Morning _____ and All The _____ of God".

Next notice what it says these beings were doing while God was "Laying the foundations of the earth"... It says that they were singing and shouting.

Now these verses tell us quite a bit, because first they tell us it is impossible that it is referring to mankind that was created as being "The Sons of God" that verse 7 is talking about, and it is also telling us that it is impossible for "The Morning Stars" that is mentioned in verse 7 as well to be referring to the stars in the sky.

And the reason for both of these things is because during the process of creation, God made "the foundation of the earth" that verse 4 speaks of on the _____ day of creation. And we know that the stars weren't created until the _____ day of creation, and man wasn't created until the _____ day of creation. Which makes

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it impossible for either of them to be singing or shouting at that time, since they weren't even created yet. So obviously this text is speaking of angels and who they preexisted the time of creation.

#3. ETERNITY PAST: THE BANISHMENT of LUCIFER.

The third major topic that needs to be addressed when studying The Subject of Eternity Past is The Banishment of Lucifer and The Fallen Angels from Heaven.

Now, we are not told directly _____ this tragic event actually took place, but simply by considering the fact that we find Lucifer appearing in his fallen form as Satan as early as in Genesis 3, we can be fairly certain that this event took place before the creation of the world.

There are some very important things to consider when studying The Banishment of Lucifer from Heaven...

**#1. First, we must notice The Description of Lucifer and
The Explanation of who he was that is found in Ezekiel 28: 12-15...**

Eze 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.

Eze 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.

Eze 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.

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

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His Description...

V-12... “full of _____” and “perfect in _____”.

V-13... Notice the detailed Physical description given here.

V-14... Notice the title that Lucifer was given... “the _____ cherub”.

And then God goes as far as to say, “I have set thee so...”, in other words He is saying that He ordained it that way.

His Explanation...

So we see that Lucifer was specially created by God Himself as a creature that was perfect and radiant in beauty, stunning in wisdom, and brilliant in being a minister of music in which to offer _____ unto God.

#2. Now let's look at The Sins of Lucifer or The Reason that lead to his banishment.

The following verses found in Ezekiel 28:15-18 and Isaiah 14:12-15 give us ample information as to what type of sin actually lead to his fall from Heaven.

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

Eze 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.

Eze 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.

Eze 28:18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; 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.

V-15... Read the verse

V-16... His _____ caused him to be filled with violence and lead to his rebellion.

V-17... His _____ was corrupted.

V-18... He defiled Heaven because of his sin.

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Then in Isaiah 14: 12-15, we are given a more detailed account of what actually took place in Lucifer's heart.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 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:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

So we see that at it's simplest form, Lucifer's fall originated by him placing _____ will before The Will of _____.

It is also important to note that not only was Lucifer Banished from Heaven, but part of _____ were kicked out at the same time as well.

It is commonly believed that the number of angels that were actually banished with Lucifer is spoken of in Rev 12:4, where it states...

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven...

Meaning that _____ of all the Angels that were in Heaven at that time were banished from Heaven with him. Which is a staggering thought when you think of the number of angels that John described seeing in Rev 5:11 as being "Ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands".

But regardless of their number we know that Lucifer was not _____ when he was kicked out of God's Kingdom, because the scripture says...

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jud 1:6 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.

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#3. And last, let's look at The Transformation that happened to Lucifer when He was banished from Heaven.

The dramatic transformation that took place in Lucifer's life is easy to see simply by _____ Ezekiel 28: 12-15 to verse 19.

Eze 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.

Eze 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.

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

Eze 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.

Also His drastic transformation is easily demonstrated by simply comparing _____ given to Him throughout the rest of The Bible...

He went from being called: Lucifer, The Anointed Cherub that covers, and Son of The Morning.

To being called such things as...

-Satan: which means "_____".

-Devil: which means "Slanderer".

He's also called such horrible things as...

The Ruler of Darkness, The Dragon, The _____, Beelzebub... which means The Prince of The Demons, The Wicked One, The Tempter, The Father of Lies, and The _____.

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Also notice the kind of animals that he is referred to...
A Lion, A Serpent, and A _____.

You can also compare the descriptions of His _____ from
Isaiah and Ezekiel where it states that He was beautiful and perfect, to that of 1
John 2:13, 2 Cor 11:14, Luke 8:29, and Luke 9:39, where it states that He is
_____, Deceitful, Fierce, and _____.

And ever since that transformation has taken place, we see that his primary role is
found in The Title given to Him in 1 Peter 5:8, which declares Him to be
“ _____ ” of all mankind, who’s only goal is to keep
mankind from following after The Perfect Will of God and enjoying the fellowship
that God desires to have with them.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,
walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: