

WHEN WAS SATAN CAST DOWN FROM HEAVEN?

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When was Satan cast down from Heaven? People who believe in the Gap Theory say it was during the 'gap' of time between Gen 1:1 and 2. This gap allows for the earth to be billions of years old. Satan's rebellion and fall supposedly caused the earth to become without form and void in verse 2 and he was cast out of Heaven at that time. People who believe the heavens and earth are only 6000 years old say he was cast out in a 'gap' between Gen 2 and Gen 3. This was at some point after Adam was created on day six, but before Satan spoke to Eve and deceived her. A third idea holds that Satan rebelled and was cast out before the heavens and earth were created in Gen 1:1.

This article follows the scriptures showing the history of Satan and gives the Bible answer as to when he was cast out.

1.

This tells us that God created the angels before creating the heavens and the earth on day one. Here we see that all the angels were already present and sang together when God laid the foundations of the earth.

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?

2.

When he was created Lucifer was perfect in beauty, a cherub covering God's throne.

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.

3.

These scriptures show that Satan is the ruler of this earth. God must have assigned him (then Lucifer) this authority when he first created the earth. And this is why he was in the Garden of Eden. God would not have given him authority over his new and beautiful creation if he had rebelled prior to this, or caused a great cataclysm that left the earth formless and void and had been cast out of heaven.

Luk 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luk 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

4.

And so Lucifer, being in charge of the earth, was in Eden the garden of God. It seems from these scriptures that before he deceived Eve, he was still perfectly wise and beautiful. The plot to thwart God's plan may have been fomenting in his mind for who knows how long, but he did not actually begin implementing it until he lied to and deceived Eve

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.

5.

These scriptures show that angels are able to enter into animals. So Lucifer must have entered into the serpent to talk to and deceive Eve.

Mat 8:30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

Mat 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Mat 8:32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

6.

It was only after Satan deceived Eve that God pronounced a curse upon him. God did not immediately take away Satan's authority over the earth, but prophesied that this would happen

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Isa 26:21 For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isa 27:1 In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent.

7.

Even though Satan had sinned and deceived Eve, this scripture shows that at the time Job lived he still had access to Heaven. So he had not yet been cast out of Heaven

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

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.

8.

So when was Satan cast out of Heaven? Here is the scripture showing Satan's fall from Heaven and the plot in his heart to overthrow God. These scriptures tell us Satan fell from Heaven, but do not tell us when. Most people assume this occurred sometime in the past according to the three theories mentioned above.

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.

9.

Here is another scripture showing that Satan was cast out of heaven. Jesus said this when he sent the seventy out to preach the gospel giving them authority over demons. Most assume that since Jesus said this in past tense, that it must have happened long ago in the past.

Luk 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Luk 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

10.

Compare these scriptures with the above verses. They are also spoken in past tense, but the events do not actually happen until the future. Therefore, isn't it possible that Jesus could have been prophesying about the fall of Satan as a future event?

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

11.

This tells us precisely when Satan was cast out of Heaven. Jesus said this at the Passover meal the evening before he died. Notice how this will agree with # 12, 13 and 14.

Jhn 12:31 NOW is the judgment of this world: NOW shall the prince of this world be CAST OUT.

12.

Notice the time setting for these verses is at the time Jesus was born. By this time Satan had already accomplished part of his goal to take over God's throne by having recruited 1/3 of the angels,

Rev 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Rev 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne.

13.

The time setting for these next verses is after Jesus was born when Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled into Egypt. Sometime between their flight and the death of Jesus there was war in Heaven.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

14.

So the time setting for Rev 12:1-5 is the birth of Jesus. The time setting for Rev 12:6-8 is that sometime after the holy family fled to Egypt there was war in heaven against Satan and his demons. Now compare these scriptures, Rev 12:9-12, with Jhn 12:31 which says, "Now is the judgment of this world: NOW shall the prince of this world be cast out." (Spoken by Jesus at the Passover before he died), the time setting of these verses is at the death of Jesus when Satan was finally cast out of Heaven.

Rev 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.

Rev 12:10 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.

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

CONCLUSION

When we put all the scriptures together, they tell us that Lucifer and all angels were created before the physical heavens and earth were created on day one. He was at that time a cherub whose job was to cover God's throne in Heaven, and was the most perfect, wise and beautiful creature ever created. Then God placed him in charge of the earth. So he was in the Garden of Eden. Having fomented a plot to thwart God's plan for man and take over God's throne, he began to implement this by lying to and deceiving Eve, thus introducing sin and death into the world. Then God prophesied a curse on him. Satan continued to rule the earth and had access to Heaven until the war in Heaven against him sometime after the holy family fled to Egypt and he was finally cast out of Heaven at the death of Jesus Christ. Since he has been cast down his goal is to persecute and spiritually devour Christians. To accomplish this purpose he will set up a final three-and-a-half-year world ruling empire. Jesus Christ shall take over all kingdoms of the earth at his return, set up the Kingdom of God on earth and Satan shall be shut up into the bottomless pit for 1000 years.