

“4-The Big Picture of the Kingdom”

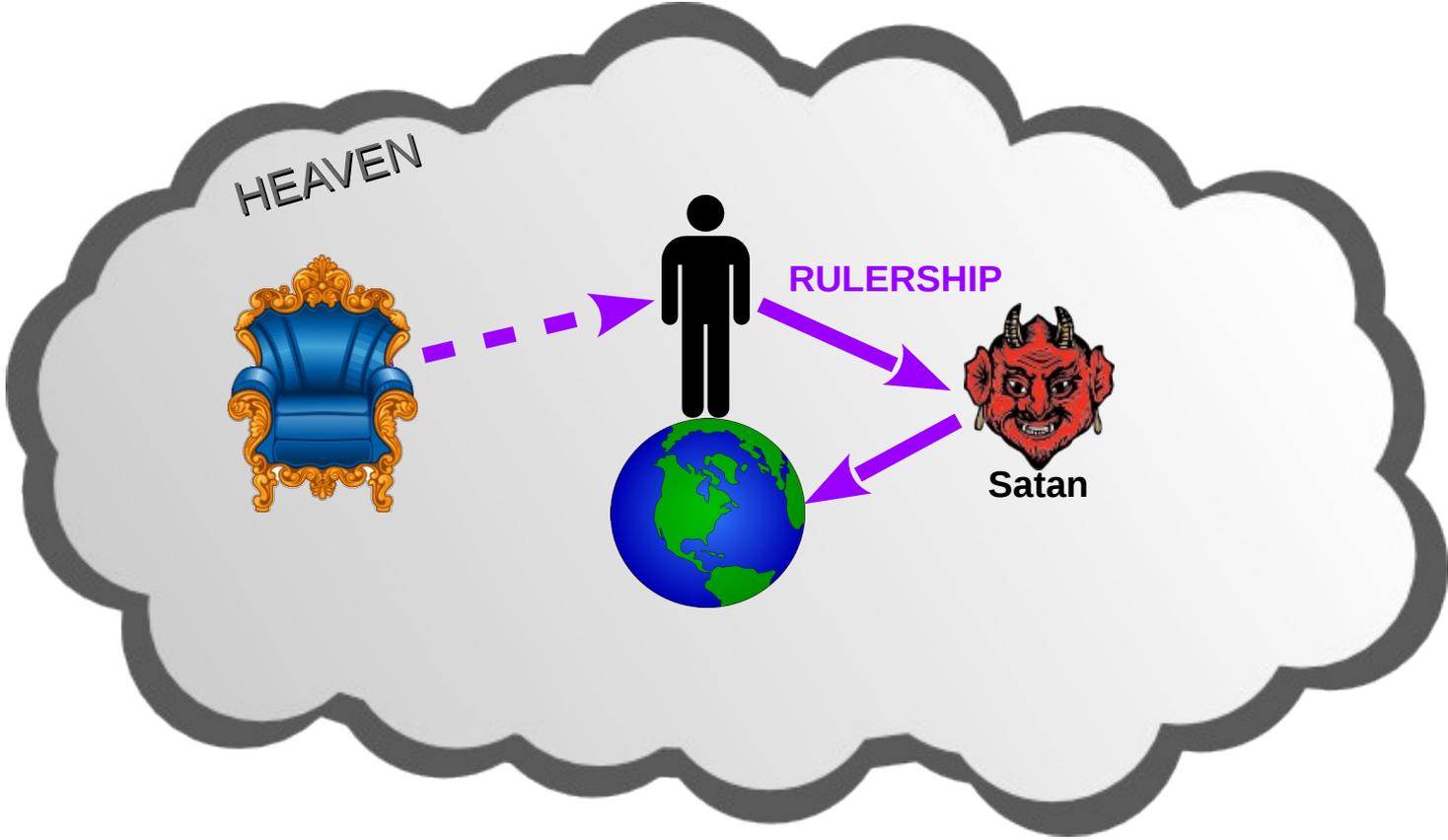
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Background

Because of his rebellion to take control, Lucifer was cast out of Heaven

Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:12-15



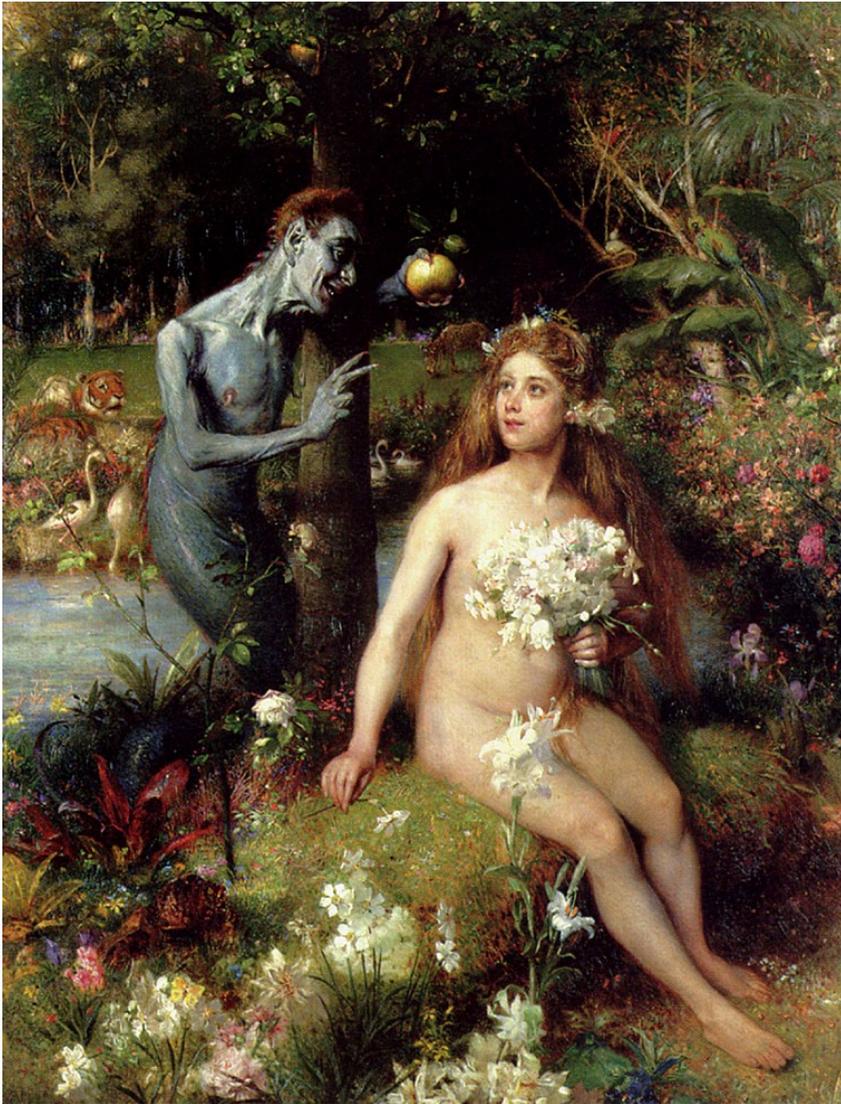
Lucifer (Satan) was no longer able to challenge the rule of the Kingdom of Heaven because he no longer had access there.

He was now on Earth, so he set about the task of ruling the Kingdom of Earth instead.

Satan's plan was to
rule Earth and to
raise an army to
challenge God again
for the rulership of
everything

Revelation 16:14,16; 19:19-21; 20:7-10





First, Satan had to
depose the existing
rulers of Earth so he
devised a covert plan
to eliminate them

Genesis 3:1

Here's a good question:

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Who or what was it who tempted the
1st humans?



Check this research:

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“Was it a talking snake? In a word, no.

So who or what was the serpent? Most of us assume it was Satan, but maybe not. The serpent isn't named in the book of Genesis. In fact, Satan wasn't even a personal name in the Old Testament...



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“The adversary in the Garden is the nachash, which is the word translated into English as 'serpent'. It's based on an adjective that means 'bright' or 'brazen', like shiny brass. The noun nachash can mean 'snake', but it also means 'one who practices divination'...



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“In Hebrew, it’s not uncommon for an adjective to be converted into a noun—the term is ‘substantivized’.

If that’s the case here, nachash could mean ‘shining one’. And that’s consistent with other descriptions of the Satan figure in the Old Testament...



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“The bottom line is this: What Adam and Eve saw in the Garden wasn’t a talking snake, but a nachash—a radiant, divine entity, very likely of serpentine appearance.

Now...you’ll remember that the divine rebel in Eden, the nachash of Genesis 3, was called a guardian cherub in Ezekiel 28...

Ezekiel 28:14,16



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“...nachash and saraph, the singular form of seraphim, are interchangeable terms. But if the rebel in Eden was one of the seraphim, how could he also be one of the cherubim?”

You'll need to read the rest of the article to find out



How did Satan take rulership away from Adam?

The Genesis narrative doesn't specifically tell us, so we have to deduce it.

Here's how it was done:

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Satan tempted Eve to disobey God.

When she succumbed, she became the first person to sin.

Genesis 3:1-6

**NOTHING
HAPPENED AT
THIS POINT**

**Eve then enticed Adam to join in her
disobedience**

Genesis 3:6

All Satan had to do was to get Adam to agree with him, rather than God.

This is the Kingdom Principle of Agreement.

The Kingdom principle of agreement:

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Can two walk together, unless they
are agreed?

Amos 3:3 (NKJV)



Comment:

“God said we were already created in his image and likeness, but Satan introduced self-doubt...They sinned because they agreed with someone other than God.”

The Bible states this spiritual principle:

“Whoever you obey, you become a slave to.”



The Kingdom principle of bondage:

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Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey.

Romans 6:16 (NIV)



So, this is how Satan did it:

King Adam submitted to Satan by obeying him (indirectly through Eve). So, because of his place of ultimate authority, that authority was then passed on to Satan.

Adam and his descendants now became the subjects (slaves) of Satan.

They would do his bidding unconsciously.

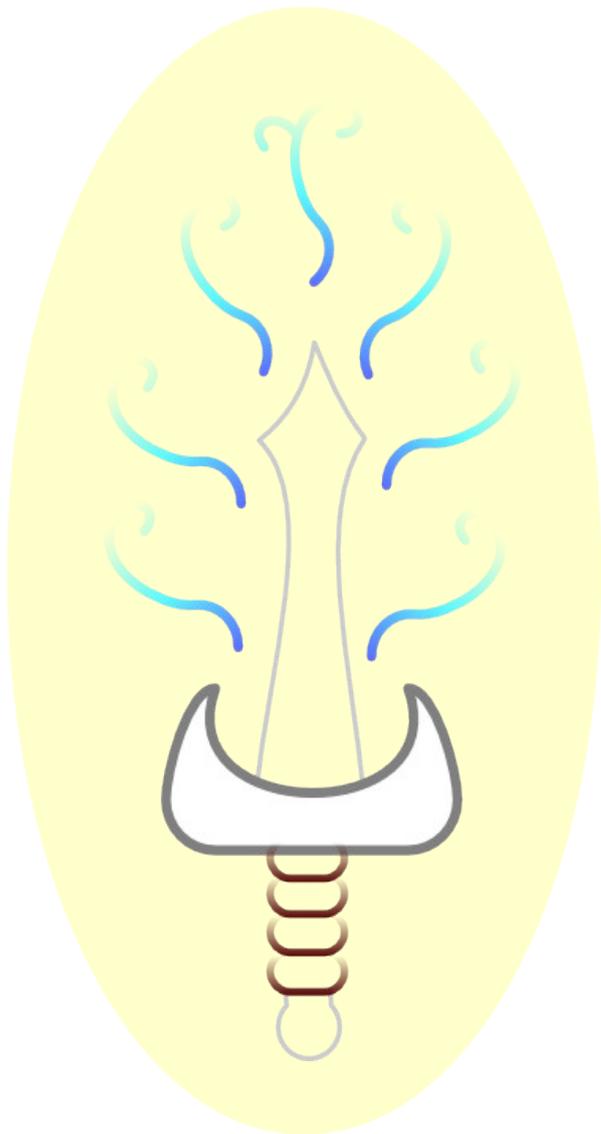
When the King of Earth (Adam) finally disobeyed God, that's when the punishment for the law-breaking needed to be carried out

Adam and Eve were cursed and removed from the Garden of Eden. Their return was prevented by Cherubims (plural).

Genesis 3:16-24



A flaming sword also guarded the entrance to the Garden in Eden. It could move of its own accord. Like the heavenly “wheels”, it was a being, not an object.



Part of the curse was:

- Humans became mortals

Mankind is given the understanding that Heaven is permanent and Earth is temporary.

The Spirit realm is reality, while the natural is transient.

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Satan then set up his own kingdom along with his 'fallen angel' minions so he could rule Earth in place of King Adam and his descendants

In this matter, the NT writers acknowledge Satan's positional authority by describing him as a '**prince**'.

They do not refer to him as a 'king'. →

Day after day when I was with you in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power and authority of darkness are yours.

Luke 22:53 (AMP)

'Exousia': The power of authority & right; the right to rule or govern



And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience...

'Archon': Prince; ruler; 1st in power; chief; leader; commander

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NKJV)



Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

John 12:31 (NKJV)



'Archon': Prince; ruler;
1st in power; chief;
leader; commander

Prince Satan:

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For I am persuaded that neither death
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor powers, nor things present nor
things to come...

'Dunamis': Inherent power;
power in numbers – as of
an army

'Arche': The 1st in
place; principality;
rule; magistracy

Romans 8:38 (NKJV)



“Principality”:

Bear in mind that the choice of the word 'principality' in the NT is significant.

A principality is: *A state ruled by a prince.*

This gives you the idea of who's in charge.

He has the status and authority of a ruling prince.

Prince Satan:

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For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)

'Exousia': The power of authority & right; the right to rule or govern

'Arche': The 1st in place; principality; rule; magistracy

'Kosmokrator': World ruler; lord of the world; prince of this age





Satan's rulership of Earth is confirmed when he offered Jesus the rulership of the Kingdoms of the world.

“All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

In the NT Satan is also referred to as
a “god” →

Satan the god:

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe...

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)

'Theos': god; deity



He is a deity to those who follow him by doing his work for him (living the worldly life), not just those who deliberately worship him as their god.

Satan is NOT all-powerful.

He is not equal in ability to God Almighty.

Satan's authority on Earth is the authority that Adam had, which he ceded to him at The Fall.

Satan has limited influence in the Earth and is **restricted** by God as to what he is allowed to do.

(more on this later in this session)

God hasn't destroyed Satan even though he is evil and is the enemy of all good.

He is allowed by God to rule Earth because he has legal tenancy from the title he 'stole' from Adam.

Satan even took Adam's rightful place in the Divine Councils of Heaven.

SEE Job 1:6-12

Satan is a usurper.

i.e. He stole Adam's rule and kingdom,
and created his own counterfeit kingdom
in place of it.

Satan was not content with what he got from Adam. He wanted rulership without the interference of the King from the unseen realm.

SEE Luke 4:5-7

Religion says Satan just wants to get as many people in Hell with him as he can because he's an unhappy crank.

Kingdom understanding paints a completely different picture. He is trying to keep his power over Earth and over his human vassals.

SEE Luke 4:5-7

What was the outcome of The Fall?

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The king lost his kingdom



Adam lost 6 things in The Fall:

- His kingship & kingdom
- His citizenship in the Kingdom of God
- The presence of God
- The Holy Spirit
- Eternal life on Earth
- Free food supply

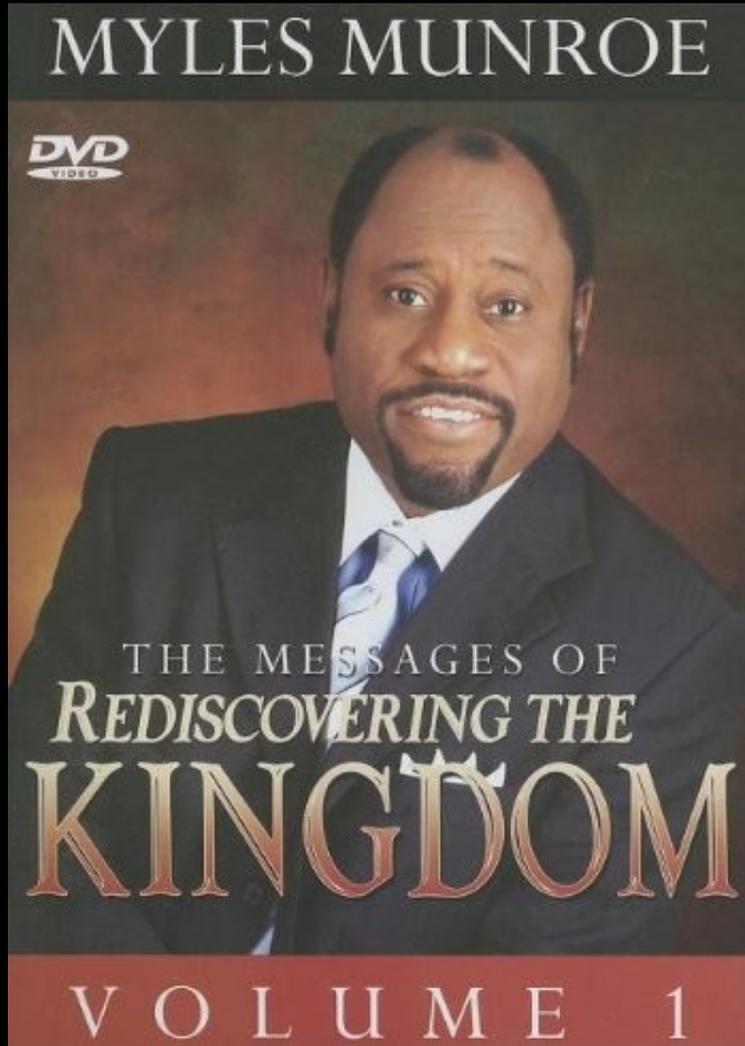


Note:

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If mankind hadn't sinned, we would never have to leave Earth – which we do temporarily after dying





Video Clip

“Adam Surrendered His
Rulership”

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“The main takeaway of this article is this: Eden was a lush, well-watered garden “on the holy mountain of God”, which was where Yahweh presided over His divine council. The council included the first humans.



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They walked and talked with the supernatural “sons of God” who, based on clues scattered throughout the Bible, were beautiful, radiant beings. At least some of them were serpentine in appearance...

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The long war between Yahweh and the sons of God who rebelled is not just about control of the spirit realm, it's also about whether humanity will be restored to its rightful place in the seat of the gods—among the divine council on the Holy Mountain of God.”

Food for thought:

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“As Christians, who should accept the existence of the spirit realm by default, it should be natural for us to ask whether the lesser elohim might have rebelled against Yahweh’s plan for creation, and if so, how that would play out. If we don’t, you can bet secular historians, archaeologists, and anthropologists won’t bother.”

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