

# WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

*Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2*

## What Caused Satan to Fall Is a Warning to All

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- Existence is the totality of reality
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- This encompasses everything that exists from the smallest worm to the biggest star, the planets, the earth and all it contains, Heaven and hell, as well as the host of heaven and the demons of hell
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- Existence requires a creator
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- Almighty God is the Creator of all
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- While existence is the totality of everything that is real
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- Its counterpart, Imagination, is made up of that which is not real, and often birthed by evil -2 Cor 10:4-5

**Genesis 6:5** KJV - And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] *every imagination* of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.

- Besides the Creator, there is a corruptor
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- The corrupter cannot create; he can only corrupt that which is created
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- While God is the Creator, satan is the corruptor
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- God is good, and all that God creates is good. ...
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- We see this in the account of creation. Whatever God created He called good
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- Satan is evil. All evil originates from him. (*keep this in mind for later*)
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- **Satan did not create evil, he became evil**

The Fall of Satan:

**Ezekiel 28:11** Again the word of the LORD came to me saying, **12** "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **13** "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

**Ezekiel 28:14** "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you [there.] You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. **15** "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.

**Ezekiel 28:17** AMP - "***Your heart was proud*** and arrogant because of your beauty; ***You destroyed your wisdom*** for the sake of your splendor. ***I cast you to the ground;***...

**The result of Satan falling into pride was that he “destroyed his wisdom” and imagination replaced reality:**

**Isaiah 14:12** "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! **13** "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.

**14** '***I will*** ascend above the heights of the clouds; ***I will*** make myself like the Most High.' **15** "***Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.***

- **Pride is a sinful focus on self – it elevates self, not God**
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- **Pride focuses on achievements, it rejects dependence upon God**
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- **Pride, which is self-worship, caused the fall of Satan, and also of man**
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- **Pride manifests itself in selfish ambition and a desire to exalt one’s self**
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- **Also, and this is so true, when one has pride they lack empathy toward others**
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- **That is why Paul warned Timothy not to put a novice in office, as they may get puffed up and fall under the same condemnation as the devil**

\* **Prov 16:18 - Pride comes before the fall**

\* **James 4:6 - God resists the proud**

**Let’s take a moment to look at the account of creation:**

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Genesis 1:2** The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

- **I believe there was an undisclosed time between verses 1 & 2**
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- **I am not disputing that the earth was created in 6 days, because it was, God said so**
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- **But I believe the 6 days of creation did not begin until the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse where God says, “Let there be light”**

**Genesis 1:3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

**Because, when God first created the earth, the Bible says He made it to be inhabited not chaotic and void:**

**Isaiah 45:18** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it [and] did not create it a waste place (*a place of empty chaos*), [but] formed it to be inhabited), (*He Says*) "I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**The earth was originally created for mankind before Satan and his demons rebelled and were cast out of heaven:**

**Ephesians 1:4** just as He chose us in Him *before the foundation of the world*,...

**God instructs Job on His creation:**

**Job 38:4** "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell [Me,] if you have understanding, **5** Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? **6** "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, **7** *When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy? ...*

**Somewhere Back in the Eons of Time - After All This, Satan Fell:**

- **God continues to instruct Job on His creation**
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- **Listen carefully to this, how God's description of the earth changes course...**

**Job 38:8** "Or [who] enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb; **9** When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, **10** And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, **11** And I said, "Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And *here shall your proud waves stop*?"

**Swaddling Band** - A cloth used by parents to restrict the movement of their toddlers. ...

**Listen to the description of the earth when we first see it in Genesis vs.2:**

**Genesis 1:2** The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep,...

- **Earth was transformed into a prison for Satan and all his demons**

**Formless: (to-hoo)** - confusion and chaos, complete and utter turmoil (**complete opposite of heaven**)

**Void: (Bo-hoo)** - Undistinguishable ruin (not like Is 45:18 explains it)

**Then God Said:**

**Genesis 1:3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

- Right here begins the six days of creation
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- Where God forms the earth to be a habitation for man again (**it is both an act of creation and restoration**)

### How did we get to where we are all at today?

**Genesis 2:9** Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*.

- God released Satan from his prison and allowed him to roam in the garden to see what man would do
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- God will do this again at the end of the Milenium...

**Revelation 20:1** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; **3** and he threw him into the abyss, and shut [it] and sealed [it] over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

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- God did not create man to fear Him, but to Love Him
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- Love is a choice, one loves because they choose to love
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- Adam chose to love self over God, just like Satan
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- Satan does not love, he controls, and everyone who is influenced by him does the same...
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- **That is why 1 John 4:18 says, there is not fear in Love, and perfect love casts out all fear**

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"

**Genesis 3:4** The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! **5** "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God, ...*"

- Satan is telling Eve the same lie he told himself
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- As long as man did not touch the tree of the knowledge of good and evil the demons who fell with Satan would remain in their prison
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- Satan needed Adam to release them onto the earth
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- Satan wanted man who was created to worship God, to worship him instead (Jezebel)

**John 4:23** Jesus said, "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

### To Sum it All up:

**1 Timothy 3:1** It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine (excellent- *amp*) work he desires [to do.]

- **Excellent, because it is established by Jesus Who was the first Overseer – The Good Shepherd**
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- **An overseer is necessary in the Kingdom of God to keep heavenly order**
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- **Lest as The Book of Judges says, 17:6, there was no Overseer and everyone did what was right in their own eyes**
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- **This is the devil's playground**

**1 Timothy 3:2** An overseer, then, must be above reproach,...

**1 Timothy 3:6** KJV - Not a novice, *lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.*

- **Make no mistake about it, this condemnation is not a feeling, it is a sentence!!!**

**Novice**- one who has just recently come out from under Satans control and influence, one who has not yet completed his transformation, he is still wearing his grave clothes.. **Lazarus**

**This warning is not just for Overseers, it is for every believer:**

- **The moment you find yourself serving God because you want to be somebody – is the moment you fall from grace...**