#### Three World Ages Bible Study

Did you know that there was an earth age before this one? That the earth is really millions of years old? There was a time that we all lived on this earth in our spiritual bodies and everyone was happy. To find out what brought that to an end, read our study on the Rebellion of Satan (bellow at end of 3 ages). These two studies go hand in hand to explain why we are here and what brought the first earth age to an end. I'm not talking about reincarnation as we go though this earth age one time only. In this study we are going to take a look at the first earth age and how God destroyed it.

#### **Genesis 1:1-2**

#### V1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The word 'beginning' is Strong's number 7225 and means re'shiyth (ray-sheeth'); from the same as 7218; the first, in place, time, order or rank (specifically, a firstfruit).

The word 'created' is Strong's 1254 and means bara' (baw-raw'); a primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes): -choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).

God does not give us a year when He did this, just that He did it "In the beginning". The earth is not 7000 years old as some Christians claim but many millions of years old. It is only the earth age we live in now, the second, that is about 7000 years old. The dinosaur bones and fossils that are found date back more than 7000 years and are from the first earth age.

## V2 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.

The word 'was' is Strong's number 1961 and means hayah (haw-yaw); a primitive root [compare 1933]; to exist, i.e. be or become, come to pass (always emphatic, and not a mere copula or auxiliary).

The words 'without form' is Strong's 8414 and means tohuw (to'-hoo); from an unused root meaning to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e. desert; figuratively, a worthless thing; adverbially, in vain.

The word 'void' is Strong's 922 and means bohuw (bo'-hoo); from an unused root (meaning to be empty); a vacuity, i.e. (superficially) an undistinguishable ruin.

God did not create the earth without form and void but it became that way. God destroyed the first earth age because of the Rebellion of Satan.

#### Isaiah 45:18

V18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God Himself That formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

The word 'vain' is the same word that 'without form' is in Genesis 1:2 Strong's 8414. God created the earth to be inhabited but Satan's rebellion caused God to destroy that earth age. That was the first earth age and we now are living in the second earth age. The first earth age as well as the third earth age are spiritual ages meaning we just have our spiritual bodies. It is only in this second earth age that we have flesh and spiritual bodies. Just so you know, I'm not talking about reincarnation. We live in this second earth age one time and one time only. Some people may claim to have lived on earth hundreds or even thousands of years ago but they are possessed by evil sprits. That was going on a lot when Christ was on

the earth and I feel it will be happening more and more until Christ returns again.

Now lets go to II Peter and read how God destroyed the first earth age.

#### II Peter 3:1-8

V1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

V2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

Peter wants to remind us of the things that where spoken about by others in the Bible.

V3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, V4 And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

The word "scoffers" is Strong's 1703 and means empaiktes (empaheek-tace'); from 1702; a derider, i.e. (by implication) a false teacher.

The word "lusts" is Strong's 1939 and means epithumia (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); from 1937; a longing (especially for what is forbidden).

There are many false teachers walking after their own lusts today. They teach the lusts of their own mind and not the true word of God. They teach such lies like Christ will <u>rapture</u> them away before the great tribulation or that the <u>mark of the beast</u> is a chip or tattoo. We also have people that say Christ will never return at all. Then there are groups of people that set a date for Christ to return and when it don't happen they get all bummed out and kill themselves. That just adds fuel for the people that say He is never

coming back anyway. Be smart and do what Christ said. Watch and wait. Don't set dates because the only one that knows the date is God. Just get yourself ready for that day by reading God's word so you will not be caught off guard and deceived by Satan.

V5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

V6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

The word "perished" is Strong's 622 and means apollumi (ap-ol'loo-mee); from 575 and the base of 3639; to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively.

Some people desire to be ignorant to the fact that the earth is more than seven thousand years old when there is scientific proof which God's word aligns with. The dinosaur bones that are found toady are from the first earth age when dinosaurs walked the earth. Satan likes to play a lot of tricks but this is not one of them. Dinosaurs are talked about in God's word by God Himself in the book of Job. Read Job 40:15-24 and all of chapter 41 We were on the earth in our spiritual bodies in the first earth age with the dinosaurs. Because of the rebellion of Satan God destroyed fully that earth age with a flood. This is not talking about Noah's flood which happened in this earth age because it was not destroyed fully.

I Peter 3:20 V20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

V7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

This is talking about the earth age we live in now and looking forward to the Lord's day.

## V8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

God does not count time like we do. It takes a thousand of our years to make one day for God. In the story of creation, God took six days to do it and then rested on the seventh. So, six days for God would be six thousand years for us. The seventh day would be another thousand years to make seven thousand years total. The earth age we live in now is almost seven thousand years old. I'm I saying Christ will return soon? No. I'm not setting a date and you shouldn't either. This is just some food for thought that we all should be getting ready for the day that Christ does return.

Lets go to one more place where it talks about the flood of the first earth age.

#### Psalms 104:5-9

### V5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

As we read in Isaiah 45:18 God created this earth to be inhabited. We all walked this earth in the first earth age when we were in our spiritual bodies. We walk on it now in our flesh bodies and those that go to heaven will be on this earth in their spiritual bodies once again. This earth will never go away and heaven will be on this earth after the great white throne judgment of God.

# V6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. V7 At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.

The word "hasted" is Strong's 2648 and means chaphaz (khawfaz'); a primitive root; properly, to start up suddenly, i.e. (by implication) to hasten away, to fear.

We know that this is talking about the flood of the first earth age and not Noah's because in Noah's flood the waters did not hast away. In Genesis chapter 8 we read it took the water in Noah's flood months to dry up. In the first flood, God wanted the earth dry and it was dry, instantly.

V8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which Thou hast founded for them.
V9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

God promised Noah and He is telling us again that He will never flood the earth again like He did in the past.

Now lets document from God's word that we lived in the first earth age. Lets go to the book of Job. Job's whole life fell apart as he was being tested by Satan and spent most of the book talking to his three friends. They all thought that they had the answers to why these things happened to Job. We are going to pick up the story with God's first address to Job.

#### Job 38:1-7

V1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

V2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

V3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou Me.

God is asking Job why he listens to his friends when they have no idea what they are talking about. God is saying to Job, If you know so much, I'm going to ask you some questions and lets see you answer them. All of mankind put together knows very little compared to the wisdom of God.

V4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.
V5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
V6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

God is asking Job where he was when He created the earth. This is something that happened many millions of years ago. God is taking us back to creation and the first earth age.

## V7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Not many people shouting for joy now a days. This is looking back in time when we all where happy in heaven and everything was going great. This happened before the rebellion of Satan.

So now we know that there was an earth age before this one that we all lived in. There was no flesh in that earth age as we just had our spiritual bodies. God destroyed the first earth age completely because of the rebellion of Satan and that a third of His children followed Satan. He did that with a flood that covered the whole earth. By reading this study and the rebellion of Satan, you will know the answer to that age old question, "Why are we here?" I'll give you the answer now and it is we are being tested. God want's to know who loves Him and who does not. That's it, plain and simple.

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#### Rebellion of Satan Bible Study

In this Bible study we are going to take a look at what Satan was up to in the first earth age and what caused God to end that age. If you don't know that there are <u>Three World Ages</u>, you should also read that study as it will help you understand this one. The things we are going to be talking about in this study happened a very long time ago. We were all happy in heaven which was on earth at that time. We did not have flesh bodies but only spiritual ones. Satan who was called Lucifer back then was a good guy and had great responsibilities given to him by God. But one day that all changed.

#### Isaiah 14:12-17

## V12 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!

The name 'Lucifer' is Strong's 1966 and means heylel (hay-lale'); from 1984 (in the sense of brightness); the morning-star.

Strong's number 1984 is a primitive root; to be clear (orig. of sound, but usually of color); to shine; hence, to make a show, to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; causatively, to celebrate; also to stultify.

The fall from heaven this is talking about happened in the first earth age. Lucifer use to be Satan's name but it was changed by God. For more information on his names see our <u>Other names for Satan</u> study. Lucifer is the fake morning star, Jesus Christ is the true morning Star.

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Revelation 22:16
V16 I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you
these things in the churches. I am the Root and the
Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star.
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# V13 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:

Lucifer is really getting full of pride here. He wants to sit in the Divine assembly of judgment which in Psalms 82:1 we read that is God's job.

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Psalms 82:1
V1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; He judgeth among the gods.
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He also wants to sit "in the sides of the north." The problem with that is, that is where God's throne is. Psalms 75:6-7

V6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

V7 But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another.

### V14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the MOST HIGH.

The words "MOST HIGH" is Strong's 5945 and means 'elyown (elyone'); from 5927; an elevation, i.e. (adj.) lofty (compar.); as title, the Supreme.

That is one of the <u>Divine names of God</u> and is God as possessor of heaven and earth. Lucifer was so full of pride that he wanted to be God. Gee, I wonder what God thinks of that.

### V15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

God does not like people that are full of pride and will bring them down to size. Without repentance, as in the case of Lucifer, that means death of the soul.

V16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, 'Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

V17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?'

This happens in the millennium when Satan is cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. People that are deceived by Satan thus receiving the <u>Mark of the Beast</u>, will be amazed that they were deceived by him, for he is just a man.

Revelation 20:2-3

V2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

V3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the

nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Lets go to Ezekiel 28 and read more about Satan's rebellion. Ezekiel 28:1-10 are after his fall and verses 11-19 are about before his fall.

#### **Ezekiel 28:1-19**

V1 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, V2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a GOD, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not GOD, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

The word "Tyrus" is Strong's 6865 and means Tsor (tsore); or Tsowr (tsore); the same as 6864; a rock; Tsor, a place in Palestine.

Strong's 6864 is tsor (tsore); from 6696; a stone (as if pressed hard or to a point); (by implication, of use) a knife.

Some may say that this is not talking about Satan at all but as we cover these verses you will see that it can be only him. His heart was full of pride and he thought he was better than God. Seas as it is used here is symbolic of people. Satan is the false rock while Christ is our true Rock.

## V3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

If you read the book of Daniel you will find that he was a very wise man, but Satan is even wiser. He knows the word of God very well, he just changes it around to suite his needs. He used God's word against Eve and he used it to test Jesus Christ.

V4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

V5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou

#### increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

The word "traffick" is Strong's 7404 and means rekullah (rek-oollaw'); feminine passive participle of 7402; trade (as peddled).

Strong's 7402 is rakal (raw-kal'); a primitive root; to travel for trading.

Satan has used his great wisdom to get riches by lying and deceiving people. Satan with the help of his friends here on earth, rip people off everyday. Tennis shoes that cost \$150 bucks when they are made by some 14 year old in a third world country that gets paid twenty cents a day come to mind. Add the cost of what they pay the 14 year old and the material that the shoes are made of and what do you come up with? Not \$150 bucks. There are many more examples like this but I think you get the idea. Just be wiser than Satan and his friends and look for the best deals around. Satan's heart is lifted up because of his riches but what is that going to get him in the end? A one way ticket to burn in hell.

#### V6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;

Satan who is a unjust liar among other things wanted to be God. Thank God, Who is just and does not lie, didn't let it happen. There is only one true God and that's the way it will always be.

V7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

V8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.

The word "defile" is Strong's 2490 and means chalal (khaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare 2470]; properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from 2485) to play (the flute).

The word "brightness" is Strong's 3314 and means yiph` ah (yifaw'); from 3313; splendor or (figuratively) beauty: -brightness.

For those that think these verses are not talking about Satan, yiph' ah is only used twice. Here and in verse 17 where when read with the verses before it, it is very clear that it is talking about Satan.

The swords talked about here is the word of God. People will start to tell the truth about Satan and what his plans are which in turn will wound his brightness.

V9 Wilt thou yet say before Him That slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no GOD, in the hand of Him That slayeth thee.

V10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

The 'Him' in verse nine is referring to Jesus Christ. Christ will end Satan's reign of unrighteousness when He returns at the second advent. Satan thinks that he is so big and bad but he is no match for Jesus Christ. Satan in due time will be killed and all that follow him will be killed also.

II Thessalonians 2:8

V8 And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming:

Revelation 20:10

V10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:15

V15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

V11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, V12 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.

Remember that the word "Tyrus" means rock. Satan is the false rock, while Christ is the true Rock. Lucifer before he rebelled against God was perfect. He was very wise and beautiful.

V13 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.

This tells us that Satan was in the garden of Eden in this earth age. This also goes on to tell us that Lucifer was very blessed in the first earth age. At one time, God was very pleased with him and gave him great responsibilities. God created Lucifer, he was not born of woman. Lucifer, who had his name changed to Satan by God, is a supernatural being. He has more powers than we do but even Satan has to ask God's permission to do something. Read the first two chapters of Job. Also, in Luke Christ gave us power over Satan.

Luke 10:18-20

V18 And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

V19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

V20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

#### V14 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.

Lucifer's job in the first earth age was to protect the very throne of God in heaven. Stones of fire is God's altar.

## V15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Lucifer was perfect in God's eyes until evil was found in him.

V16 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.

The word "violence" is Strong's 2555 and means chamac (khaw-mawce'); from 2554; violence; by implication, wrong; by meton. unjust gain.

Strong's 2554 is chamac (khaw-mas'); a primitive root; to be violent; by implication, to maltreat.

Lucifer with his lies and deception received unjust gain and sinned. This happened in the first earth age and at that time a third of God's children followed after Lucifer.

Revelation 12:3-4

V3 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.

V4 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.

V17 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.

Lucifer thought he was so good he wanted to be God. He became full of pride and would not change his ways, so God had to cast him out of heaven. These are the events that brought the first earth age to an end. V18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; 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.

V19 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.

Here Lucifer is sentenced to death by God Himself. If you ever wondered what hell is going to be like, these verses tell us. Satan and anyone else that is sentenced to death, God will destroy their soul with fire until the only thing left is ashes.

So now we have a better understanding of who Satan is and what his job use to be. Because of his rebellion and the fact that a third of God's children followed him, God ended the first earth age and started the second one. This is the one we are living in now. If no one followed after Satan when he rebelled in the first earth age, God would have just killed him then and you would not even be reading this study. But seeing that so many followed him, God ended that earth age and started the one we are living in now, the second earth age. If you ever wondered why we are here, the answer to that is simple. We are being tested. God want's to find out who loves and will follow Him and who is going to follow Satan. There is no middle road, people are either for God or against Him. The fate of those against God is death.

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