

The History of the Angelic Conflict

Today's lesson is the second lesson from Jude 6:

- Fallen Angels of Noah's Day
- **History of Angelic Conflict**
- Chaos of Earth
- Domain of Darkness

Remember that the primary subject of the Book of Jude is Contenders of the Faith.

Remember also that Jude gave eight biblical examples of "those who were long beforehand marked out of this condemnation." They were the opponents of the Contenders of the Faith.

The second biblical example Jude gave was the Fallen Angels of Noah's Day (Jude 6). The example of Contender of the Faith was Noah.

This lesson will introduce Jude's third biblical example of those marked out, The Angelic Conflict.

The historic Angelic Conflict (A/C) against the Plan of God began in eternity past and will be active until the end of human history.

Jude (vs 6)
Peter (1 Pet.3:18-20) (2 Pet.2:4-5; 3:6-7)
Jesus (Matt.25:41; 8:28-29)
John (Rev.9; 20:10)

The term "Angelic Conflict" (A/C) is a doctrinal term describing the spiritual war between Satan's evil forces and God's divine agencies in the world (Eph.6:11-17; 2 Cor.10:4-5).

Question? How important is the doctrine of the Angelic Conflict (A/C) to the Believer in his / her Christian Way of Life (CWL) today? **Answer:** The Bible opens and closes with it (Gen.3 and Rev.20)

(Rev.12; 17) "And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make WAR with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus."

1. We will begin by examining Jude 6 by the following three homiletical points.

- **Angels**
 - (Gen.6:1-4) (tous aggelos / aplm) Angels
 - (2 Pet.2:4) (bene ha Elohim) Fallen Angels
- **Abode abandoned**
 - (2 Cor.5:2) "Did not keep (me tereo / a.a.ptc.aplm) [guard] their own domain (arche), but abandoned (apoleipo / a.a.ptc.aplm) [AWOL] their proper abode (to idios oiketerion)."
- **Angelic judgment**
 - (Jude 1:6) "He has kept (tereo / perf.a.ind.3ps) in eternal bonds (aidios desmos / lplm) under (hupo+acc. of sovereign authority) darkness (zophos) (**2 Pet.2:4, 17; Jude 6**) for the judgment (eis+acc. of divine purpose / krisis) of the great day (megas hemera / gsf/) (Matt.25:41)."

2. The origin of the A/C occurred in eternity past.

Its origin took place before the foundation of the earth (Eph.1:4; 1 Pet.1:20) when the archangel Lucifer (Morning star) led a revolt against the Plan of God (Isa.14:12-15; Ezek.28:11-19) (Lucifer, an anointed cherub).

Satan's sin is described in (Isa.14:13-14) (Note the five "I wills").

Satan's fall is described in (Isa.14:12, 15; Rev.12:7-9, 13) and his judgment in (Ezek.28:16-19)

(Isa.14:12a) "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn!"

(Isa.14:15) "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit." (Rev.9:1-2, 11; 20:1-3, 7; Ezek.28:17, 19; Rev.20:3)

3. John records that Satan led 1/3 of the angelic hosts in revolt with him in eternity past (Rev.12:4, 9, 12, 17; Matt.12:22-29; 13:34-43).

They were known as sons of God in the Antediluvian world (Gen.6:1-4; Jude 6; 2 Pet.2:4) and demons or evil spirits in the Postdiluvian world (1 Pet.3:18-20; Matt.8:16-17; Mark 5:2, 7-9; Rev.12:11; Eph.6:12; Acts 19:13-16).

They are sentenced to the Lake of Fire at the end of human history (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:1-3, 7, and 10). Many Bible scholars believe that God offered Satan and these fallen angels grace salvation before sentencing them to the Lake of Fire (Heb.2:2-3; Col.1:19-20; 2 Pet.2:4; **Rev.20:10-15**).

As a result of his fall, Lucifer was given titles reflecting his fall: **Satanas** [Adversary] (Matt.4:1-11; Matt.16:21-23; 2 Cor.2:11) and **Diabolos** [Accuser or Maligner] (Rev.12:9-10) and The **Evil one** (poneros) (Jn. 5:19).

"All angels were originally created in a holy state, but some followed Satan in his revolt against God and later became the demons." (Ryrie NASB, Heb.1:5)

4. Three chaotic conditions of the earth recorded in (Gen.1:2) were the result of the fall of Satan.

"The earth was (hayah / kal pf) to become something it wasn't in (Gen.1:1; Isa. 45:18) formless and void, and **darkness** (choshek) [Absence of light] (1 John 1:5) was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters." (Gen.1:2; Ps.115:16)

Day Two of creation-restoration was the only day not declared "good" (tob) (Gen.1:6-8; Ps.136:5-6).

Spiritual darkness was the result of the **fall of Satan** that was extended to the earth in Gen.1:2. Because angels were created from God's light, fallen angels of (Gen.6) were placed in Tartarus, the prison of zophos [absolute darkness] (2 Pet.2:4; Jude 6, 13; 1 Pet.3:19; 2 Cor.11:14).

As a result of the **fall of Adam**, every member of the human race is born:

- Under Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22, 45)
- Into the dominion of spiritual darkness (**Acts 26:18; Col.1:13-14**).

Only faith in the **gospel of Jesus Christ** can remove a member of the human race from the curse of AOS and the dominion of spiritual darkness (1 Cor.15:3-4; 2 Cor.4:4-6; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28; 1 John 3:5, 8; **Matt.27:45**) [**noon to 3pm**] (**skotos**).

Every CAB is placed, by **baptism of Holy Spirit**, into union with Christ, a position **superior** to all angels and Satan (Heb.1:4-14; 2 Cor.5:17; Gal.3:26-28; 1 John 4:4; 1 Cor.6:3; Eph.5:8; Rom.2:19).

BE CONTENDERS OF THE FAITH (Jude 3): "In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes." (2 Cor.2:11)