

More on Lucifer and Satan

Commentary of April 15, 2007 — Questions and Answers?

Question: Was Lucifer a Son of God or was he an archangel?

Answer: There is no "Lucifer" as the April 2007 article "Assumptions about Satan" (<http://www.askelm.com/doctrine/d070401.htm>) shows. The name "Lucifer" does not exist in Hebrew. It is a Latin term which crept into the King James Version. It is a descriptive term, NOT A NAME.

To answer your question another way, the being who is the subject of Ezekiel chapter 28 (the King of Tyre) is a cherub, as the text says (Ezekiel 28:14). His name is Moloch, as Dr. Martin shows in one of the referenced articles. There is no indication that cherub equals archangel. To identify archangels as cherubs is an assumption not evidenced by Scripture.

Follow-on Question: Was Satan a Son of God or an archangel?

Answer: Satan is not a Son of God, nor is he an archangel. He is not a cherub. He appears to be unique.

Sons of God are humanoid, look like men, and can breed with women (Genesis 6:2, 4).

Angels look like men, so do archangels.

Cherubim have the appearance like either a man, a bull, a lion, or eagle. Some have changing appearances of all four.

Satan has reptilian characteristics, whether he is described as a serpent (Hebrew *nachach*) or as a dragon (Hebrew *tanniyn* and Greek *drakon*). No other created being in Scripture has such reptilian features and attributes, with the possible exception of seraphim, as some scholars have noted (see Numbers 21:8–9 and Isaiah 14:29). Seraphs are distinct beings from cherubs.

The creatures of the spiritual realm appear to be as varied as are the creatures here on earth. Remember that there are spirit horses (Revelation 19:11, 14). Christ and the armies from heaven shall come to earth on white horses. These horses are not symbolic.

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