ANGELS

Appearances
Fallen Angels

- We are not going to find the exact phrase “fallen angels” in the Bible.
- Jesus talks about the devil and his angels.
- Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
Satan and his Angels

- Revelation talks about Satan and his angels
- **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
Satan and his Angels

■ This context seems to be something that will happen in the future

■ Revelation 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
Satan and his Angels

- This chapter may refer to a previous time when Satan cast down to earth

- **Revelation 12:3-4** 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. 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.
Satan and his Angels

- The dragon (Satan) stood before the woman (Israel) who was about to give birth to her child (Jesus) as soon as He was born

- Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.
Satan’s fall

- Isaiah speaks about Lucifer fallen from heaven
- **Isaiah 14:12-15** 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!* 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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.* Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
Angels left their first estate

- Jude talks about the angels which kept not their first estate
- **Jude 1:6** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
Angels that sinned

- Peter talks about the angels that sinned
- 2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
Satan, the prince of the devils

- The Pharisees called Satan the prince of the devils
- **Matthew 12:24** But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
Jesus cast out devils

- Jesus cast out those possessed with devils

- **Matthew 8:16** When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:
The devils know Jesus

- The devils know Jesus
- Matthew 8:28-29 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?
Devils caused affliction

- Afflicting dumbness
- **Matthew 9:32** As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.
Devils caused affliction

- Afflicting blindness

- Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
Devils caused affliction

- Afflicting injury

- **Mark 9:17-18** And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.
Devils caused affliction

- Afflicting disease
- **Luke 13:11** And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
Devils teaching false doctrine

- Speaking false doctrine
- **1 Timothy 4:1-2** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

- **James 3:15** This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.
Fallen angels

- The Bible doesn’t exactly say that there are “fallen angels”
- *Revelation 12:3-4* 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. 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.
Satan rules over angels

- The Bible does say that Satan rules over his angels
- Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
Angels that sinned

- The Bible does talk about the angels that left their first estate and the angels that sinned.
- **2 Peter 2:4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
Angels that sinned

- **Jude 1:6** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
Fallen Angels

- Some fallen angels are confined
- Some fallen angels are confined temporarily
- **Revelation 9:14-15** Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
Fallen Angels

- Some fallen angels are loose
- Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Fallen angels are demons

- The Bible does say that Satan is the prince of demons
- **Matthew 12:24** But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

- The Bible doesn’t say that fallen angels are demons, but there is evidence that leads us to believe this is the case.
Jesus Believed in Demons

- Matthew 12:22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
- Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
Jesus Believed in Demons

■ **Matthew 17:15**  Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

■ **Matthew 17:18**  And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.
Demons, devils, evil and unclean spirits

- The word “devil” used for Satan is “diabolos”
- The word “devil” used for demons/devils is “daimonion”
- There is only one “devil” and that is Satan
- Demons, devils and unclean spirits are the same thing

Matthew 8:16  When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:
Possessed by a Demon

Mark 5:1-4 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.
Possessed by a Demon

- Mark 5:5-8  And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
Possessed by a Demon

Mark 5:9-12 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
Possessed by a Demon

Mark 5:13-15  And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.
Possessed by a Demon

■ Things we notice about this man before
  - Living among the dead
  - Unbelievable strength
  - Violent to himself and others

■ Things we notice about this man after
  - Sitting
  - Clothed
  - Right mind
Demon Possession

■ Can a believer be demon possessed?
■ We should make a distinction between being possessed by a demon and oppressed or influenced by a demon
■ Possessed has the idea of being “under the power of” rather than “taking possession or ownership”
Demon Possession

- Demon possession is the direct control of an individual by residing in him – controlling from the inside as opposed to influencing from the outside.

- Believers and unbelievers can be influenced and affected by demon activity.
Demon Possession

- **Matthew 4:24** And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

- **Mark 1:25-26** And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.
Indwelled by the Holy Spirit

■ Believers are indwelled by the Holy Spirit

■ 1 Corinthians 3:16  Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

■ 1 Corinthians 6:19  What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
Demon Possession

- **1 John 4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

- The common belief is that one who is indwelled by the Holy Spirit could not also be indwelled by a demon.
Demon Oppression

- We are reminded that Christians face a spiritual battle
- Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Demon Oppression

- Principalities and powers refer to Satan and his demons
- Ephesians 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
Demon Oppression

- Romans 8:38-39  For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Colossians 1:16  For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
The Case of Ananias

- The Bible says that Ananias’ heart was filled by Satan to lie to the Holy Ghost

- Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

- If Satan could fill his heart, then why couldn’t a demon?
Give Place to the devil

- We are reminded to not give any place to the devil
- Ephesians 4:27  Neither give place to the devil.
- Place refers to a position, advantage or opportunity
- 2 Corinthians 2:11  Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.
Exorcism – casting out demons

- There are no mentions in the New Testament after the book of Acts regarding someone being possessed by a demon.
- There are no Bible passages that tell us to cast out demons out of believers.
References to Satan’s Fall

- The prophecy in Ezekiel refers to Satan
- Ezekiel 28 – the prince of Tyrus, (vs. 2) the king of Tyrus (vs. 12)
- The prince of Tyrus is called a “man”
- The king of Tyrus is called the “anointed cherub”
■ Ezekiel 28:2  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:

■ Ezekiel 28:4-5  With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:
Ezekiel 28:6-9  Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; 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. 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. 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.
The Prince of Tyrus

- This Prince is the ruler of the city
- He is filled with pride – proud of his wisdom and wealth
- God would judge this ruler as a man
The King of Tyrus

Ezekiel 28:12-13  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. 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.
The King of Tyrus

■ Ezekiel 28:14-15  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. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
The King of Tyrus

Ezekiel 28:16-17  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. 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.
The King of Tyrus

**Ezekiel 28:18-19** 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. 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.
The King of Tyrus

- This king seems to be a representation of Satan
- Some have suggested that the covering of jewels may suggest that this cherub had a priestly function similar to the high priest
Description of Satan

- Full of wisdom
- Perfect in beauty
- Present in the Garden of Eden
- Covered in precious stones
- The ability to make music
- Anointed covering cherub
Description of Satan

- Perfect from the day of creation
- Iniquity was found in him
- Heart of pride lifted up
References to Satan’s Fall

- Isaiah’s prophecy refers to the fall of Satan
- Isaiah 13-14 refer to the fall of Babylon
- **Isaiah 13:19** And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
- This also speaks about the fall of the king of Babylon with reference to the previous fall of Satan
Lucifer

■ Isaiah 14:12-15 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! 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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
Lucifer

- This is the only verse that mentions Lucifer
- Lucifer is a Latin word that means light bringer, it can refer to the planet Venus which is seen as a star
- The Hebrew word is “heylel” which means brightness, day star, morning star
- Lucifer probably wasn’t a name for Satan pre-fall
Lucifer

- Satan tries to imitate Jesus

- **Revelation 22:16**  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.

- **2 Corinthians 11:14**  And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
Lucifer Fallen

- He was fallen from heaven
- **Luke 10:18** And he (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
- **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- He had pride in his heart
Lucifer’s Pride

- He wanted God’s place – ascend to Heaven
- He wanted God’s position and authority – throne above the stars
- He wanted God’s likeness – be like the most High
Satan’s Fall

■ Satan was created with the heavenly host

■ Genesis 2:1  Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

■ Satan was good while in the Garden of Eden

■ Satan sinned sometime after Creation and before the Fall of Adam and Eve

■ Genesis 1:31  And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
Entertaining Angels

- Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
Angels Carrying us Home at Death

- **Luke 16:22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
The Language of Angels

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
Angel’s Food

- Psalm 78:24-25 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
Angels and their Power

- Psalm 103:20  Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
Angels and Warfare

- 2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

- Isaiah 37:36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.
Angels and Warfare

2 Samuel 24:15-16 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.
Angels and Warfare

**Revelation 12:7-9**  And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
Angels Carrying out God’s Judgment

- **Genesis 19:1** And there came two angels to Sodom at even;

- **Genesis 19:13** For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

- **Genesis 19:15** And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
Angels Carrying out God’s Judgment

**Exodus 23:20-23** Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.
Angels Carrying out God’s Judgment

- **Exodus 23:27-30** I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.
Angels Carrying out God’s Judgment

Matthew 13:39-42 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
Angels Carrying out God’s Judgment

- Revelation 20:1-2  And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
Angels and their Power over Nature

■ Revelation 7:1-2 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
Angels and their Power over Nature

- **Revelation 8:1-2** And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

- **Revelation 8:5** And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- **Revelation 8:7** The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

- **Revelation 8:8** And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
Angels and their Power over Nature

- **Revelation 8:9-11** And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- Revelation 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.
Angels and their Power over Nature

■ Revelation 9:14-15 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- **Revelation 14:18** And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.
Angels and their Power over Nature

■ Revelation 16:1  And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the **seven angels**, Go your ways, and **pour out the vials** of the wrath of God upon the earth.

■ Revelation 16:2  And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous **sore upon the men** which had the mark of the beast, and **upon** them which worshipped his image.
Angels and their Power over Nature

■ Revelation 16:3  And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

■ Revelation 16:4  And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- **Revelation 16:8-9** And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the *sun*; and power was given unto him to scorch men with *fire*. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- Revelation 16:10-11 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- Revelation 16:17-18 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.
Angels and their Power over Nature

- Revelation 19:17  And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
Satan and His Power over Nature

- **Job 1:12** And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

- **Job 1:16** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
Satan and His Power over Nature

- **Job 1:18-19** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
Satan and His Power

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
Sons of God and the Daughters of Men

- **Genesis 6:1-2** And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.
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**Genesis 6:3-4** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
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■ Genesis 6:5-7  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. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;
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- Who are the sons of God?
- There are two popular interpretations of this passage
  - The sons of God are the Godly children of Adam’s son, Seth who married the ungodly children who descended from Cain
  - The sons of God are angels
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There are other Old Testament verses that refer to the “sons of God”

**Job 1:6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

**Job 2:1** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.
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■ Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

■ Clearly in these passages in Job, the sons of God are referring to the angels in Heaven presenting themselves before God and the angels who witnessed Creation
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- Two passages in the New Testament refer to the story in Genesis 6
- 2 Peter 2:1-10 – refers to angels, the Flood, and Sodom and Gomorrah
- Jude 6-7 – refers to angels and Sodom and Gomorrah
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■ 2 Peter 2:4  For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

■ The angels that sinned in Genesis 6 were punished
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- **2 Peter 2:5** And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

- The wickedness of man caused the world to be destroyed by a Flood except for Noah and his family
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2 Peter 2:6  And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

Sodom and Gomorrha were destroyed because of their sin.
2 Peter 2:7-8  And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

Righteous Lot was spared
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- **2 Peter 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

- God can punish the wicked and deliver the righteous today just as He has always done.
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- **Jude 1:6** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

- The angels which left their habitation, sinned and are in chains until the judgment
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- **Jude 1:7** Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

- Sodom and Gomorrha were destroyed because of sexual sin just as the angels in chains sinned because of sexual sin (in like manner)
What about Jesus words regarding angels?

**Matthew 22:30** For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

**Mark 12:25** For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.
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- Jesus is answering a hypothetical question regarding a woman who was widowed seven times. Who would be her husband in heaven?
- Jesus answer is that in Heaven, we will be as the angels in reference to marriage
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- The angels in Heaven are not the same as the angels who left their first estate because of sin.
- We know that angels can carry out some human endeavors – they look like men, they stand and sit, they are able to eat food, they had physical interactions with mankind.
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- It seems clear that the passage in Genesis 6 refers to angels who sinned by having sexual relations with women.

- **Genesis 6:2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

- A possible view is that these angels possessed men in order to provide human seed for procreation.
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- These sexual unions between the angels and women brought forth children

- **Genesis 6:4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.
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- Giants is the Hebrew word “Nephilim”
- **Numbers 13:33** And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.
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- On the earth in those days and afterward
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After that probably refers to after the Flood
- This means that if the Nephilim were the children of these unions, then there were further unions after the Flood
- This could mean that these unions had nothing to do with the Nephilim
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Men of renown

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- Men of renown – this phrase seems to be describing the children of these unions
- The emphasis on this passage is the sin of mankind and God’s judgment
- You should not shift the blame for the origin of sin to these sinful angels
- **Genesis 6:5** 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.