



## The Falling Star

**M**any tribal legends regarded certain bright stars of the night sky to be men who started out from their heavenly lodges at sunset and made nightly journeys across the sky. Among several Native tribes, these evening stars were legendary protectors of fields and

planting. If any of these protecting stars failed in their duties, they were cast down to the earth and destroyed in the process. This was the explanation of the meteors, or “falling stars,” seen across the skies at night.

Interestingly, the *Book of Heaven*, the Bible, in symbolic language tells a similar story. Angels are sometimes referred to as stars. Some of the angels of God rebelled against Him. Their leader, Lucifer, the bright and morning star, became the Devil or Satan, the Adversary, and was also cast out of heaven to this earth. Today these fallen angels work as evil spirits that seek to turn us away from the loving protection and power of our Creator.

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**Key Thought.** The Bible calls these unfaithful angels evil spirits and promises that some day all of them will be destroyed in a lake of fire. Their evil leader is Lucifer, or Satan. He and his fallen angels in spirit form sneak about us today like roaring lions seeking whom they may devour (see 1 Peter 5:8). It’s so important for us to know there is an actual evil power working against us, as we endeavor to live for Christ. As a result of this influence, we have dishonesty, heartache, and twisted thinking in our world today. These evil powers are working harder and more feverishly on us each day because they

see their coming destruction drawing near. Jesus, our Creator offers to protect us from these evil forces and has instructed His devoted good angels to protect us.

## BIBLE ANSWERS

### 1. What position did Lucifer once have in heaven?

**Ezekiel 28:14.** “You were the \_\_\_\_\_ cherub [angel] . . . on the holy mountain of God.”

*(All quotations from the Bible in these lessons are taken from the New King James Version (NKJV) unless otherwise noted.)*



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**NOTE:** Lucifer held a high position close to God in heaven, though he was only a created angel. Lucifer, this fallen angel, became the Devil. As a created being, he doesn't have the power to heal, create, or bring things into existence. The evil doings of the Devil—also called Satan—and his angels are only tricks or illusions of creating, restoring, or bringing healing to us.

**2. Was Satan created sinful? Ezekiel 28:15.** Circle one:  
(1) Yes. (2) No.

**NOTE:** God created Lucifer as a “perfect” being, but Lucifer made a devil out of himself. He had the right to choose to do evil. God also created us with the power to choose which way we want to think and live. Like Lucifer, all of us can deliberately decide to go the wrong way by keeping jealousies and evil thinking in our minds. This evil thinking influences us to do evil acts.

**3. How did this perfect being become evil? What word is used several times in describing Lucifer’s desires? Isaiah 14:13-14.** “For you have said in your heart: ‘\_\_\_\_\_ will ascend into heaven, \_\_\_\_\_ will exalt my throne above the stars of God; . . . \_\_\_\_\_ will be like the Most High.’”

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**NOTE:** Many say Satan had “I” trouble. Because of his pride he selfishly rebelled against God and would not listen to God’s counsel. Many folk today have the same problem. They think they are better than others, or more deserving, because of their good looks or because of their intelligence. Pride does strange things to people. When we become proud we do not listen to counsel or instruction, because we think we have all the answers. As a result we become ignorant of truth and reality.

**4. Through Satan's influence how many other angels in heaven followed him and turned against Michael (Jesus) as a result? Revelation 12:4.** "His tail [influence] drew a \_\_\_\_\_ of the stars [angels] of heaven."

**NOTE:** Though one-third of the angels in heaven became evil angels who work against us, it is comforting to know that two-thirds of the angels remained faithful to God. Therefore, the good angels minister to us today with greater force than the evil spirits or fallen angels can. (Hebrews 1:14).

**5. What will eventually happen to the Devil and his angels? Matthew 25:41.** "Then He [God] will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the \_\_\_\_\_ prepared for the devil and his angels.'" (See also Revelation 20:10; Ezekiel 28:18-19.)

**NOTE:** When everyone sees and understands that Satan's ways only lead to destruction and death, God will destroy him and his angels. These angels, often called evil spirits/angels, will not exist to harass us anymore. Heaven will be eternally secure because all will have learned that following Satan's ideas and thinking only leads to a dead end. Without sin and its

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results, heaven and the new earth will be a beautiful and safe place to live.

**6. What are Satan and his angels seeking to do to us today? 1 Peter 5:8.** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may \_\_\_\_\_.”

**NOTE:** As we move closer to the time when Jesus will come, Satan and his angels will work more feverishly and deceitfully to prevent us from choosing to allow God to lead our lives. These evil forces will do whatever they can to keep us out of the heaven they once enjoyed. We are to be on guard against and resist the Devil and his angels, because following them will lead to our destruction and eternal death.

**7. How can we be protected from the Devil and his evil angels today? James 4:7.** “Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

**NOTE:** The way we resist the Devil is to choose to continually trust Jesus and the holy angels for protection, because our strength and intellect are no match for the Devil. Without the protection of God we would all be destroyed immediately. Whenever we are tempted or harassed by evil spirits, we are told to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We need always to be in “an attitude of prayer,” meaning always to be ready to turn to our heavenly Father when we are tempted.

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door. When Jesus answers the door, we can feel secure in God's promises that He will deliver us from the powers of darkness and save us in His eternal kingdom (Matthew 13:41-43; 2 Timothy 4:18).

**Closing Thought.** We need to always remember that there are evil forces today that are working to destroy us spiritually. As surely as the sun rises each morning and the stars come out each night, we can have confidence that God's protection is continually over us. If we place ourselves in an attitude of trusting dependence upon our heavenly Father, just as Jesus did when He was on this earth, God will put His hedge of protection around us.

**Next Lesson.** Our next lesson will talk about God's plan to rescue us from Satan, from our sins, and from this sinful world.



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## The Fallen Star

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*Place an X before each TRUE statement.*

**1. Lucifer, who became the Devil, or Satan, and now works powerfully in evil ways to destroy us today, was:**

- once in a high position in heaven.
- full of sin from the very beginning.

**2. What can we learn from Lucifer's fall?**

- The results of sin.
- That we, like Lucifer, can deliberately decide to sin.

**3. What is the key to understanding Lucifer's rebellion and fall from heaven?**

- God's laws in heaven were too strict.
- His own pride and rebellion came between him and God.

**4. Angels are important in our lives because:**

- they control our spiritual destinies.
- they are used by God to assist His people.

**5. What is the final destiny of Satan and his angels?**

- They will be locked up in a spirit prison forever.
- They will be completely destroyed by fire and never exist again.

**6. What will happen if we follow Satan and his angels?**

- We will be kept out of heaven and not have eternal life.
- We will have eternal life.

**7. What does resisting the Devil mean?**

- Continually trusting Jesus and His holy angels for protection from the Devil and his angels.
- Refusing to believe that the Devil can harm us.

*Answer to a question often asked about Satan and his angels.*

**Are angels, good or evil, real, live, and tangible beings?**

- We find that angels appeared to Abraham and Lot as real beings (Genesis 18:1-

8; 19:1-3). Bible descriptions show that angels can take on the general appearance of human beings (Luke 24:4; John 20:12; Acts 1:9-11). However, they have powers superior to those of humans (Revelation 18:21; Ezekiel 1:14; Isaiah 37:36).

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