

THE BRIEF

Satan Rebelled Against the Law

When Satan rebelled against the law and commandments of Almighty God, he was expelled from heaven and sentenced to remain on the Earth pending his future judgment. However, he did not go quietly, and the resulting battle caused a tremendous amount of chaos and destruction to the original creation,

And war broke out in heaven: Michael (an archangel) and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸but they did not prevail (were not strong enough), nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:7-9; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This state of chaos and destruction is described in Genesis 1:2,

The earth was (Heb. haya; became) without form (Heb. tou; confusion, empty space, wasteland, nothingness), and void (Heb. bou; indistinguishable ruin) and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the



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*For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, **Who did not create it in vain** (empty, a waste), **Who formed it to be inhabited...** (Isaiah 45:18a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

*I (God) beheld the earth, and indeed **it was without form, and void; and the heavens they had no light.** ²⁴I beheld the mountains and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. ²⁵I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. ²⁶I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down... (Jeremiah 4:23-26a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

So, at this time in ancient history, Satan's rebellion resulted in the destruction of God's original creation.

And the civilization that Satan was responsible for "managing," ended up under water and in complete darkness. In God's figurative language, "darkness" is associated with sinful conduct,

***The way of the wicked is like darkness....** (Proverbs 4:19a; cf. Mt. 6:23; Jn. 3:19; Ac. 26:18; Eph. 6:12; 1Thes. 5:5; 1Pet. 2:19).*

At this juncture in time, Christ had to act and deal with the serious issue of "sin", which is defined as breaking the law of Almighty God,

*Whoever commits sins also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness** (1John 3:4; emphasis added).*

face of the waters (Genesis 1:2; Ed. notes in parentheses).

This state of ruin, with its associated “*darkness*,” was not part of God’s original or intended creation,

As he was responsible for “*the creation of all things*,” Christ had to be willing to do whatever was necessary to restore this fallen creation,

...whose names have not been written in the **Book of Life of the Lamb (Christ) slain from the foundation** (Gr. *katabole*; *throwing down; casting down*) **of the world** (Rev. 13:8b; Ed. notes in parentheses).

So, Christ was willing, as we will see in “*The Brief #104*,” to lay down his life as a ransom in order to restore every repentant sinner’s relationship with God the Father, including Satan and the fallen angels.

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