

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE NATIONS 1

Have you ever wondered why there are rulers of nations in every generation that seek to take over the world, that persecute and kill those who don't agree with them, and that only understand military force not reason? I'm going to break all of this down for you, and then reveal why your role in the marketplace isn't just crucial but actually required. Some of this I might have already shared in previous teachings, but I felt it was important to bring all those fragments together into a seamless picture.

Note: Some of this might challenge your current beliefs and even offend. I'd encourage you to be like the Bereans and listen to this message then study it out on your own to see if what I say is true in the Word.

THE THREE REBELLIONS

Many of us mainstream believers focus the majority of our attention on Adam and Eve's fall, its impact on the world and us, and how to resist the effects of their rebellion. The reality is that there is so much more to what's going on than Adam and Eve's rebellion. In fact, focusing solely on that event will cause you to miss your role in the "big picture." You are so much more important than you realize!

THE FIRST REBELLION

The first rebellion was the fall of Lucifer, and I believe scripture reveals that his rebellion wasn't some pre-historic fall with a third of the angels falling with him (and these became demons) as many teach. Let's dive in to what the scriptures say about this fall.

Ezekiel 28:11–19 ESV

¹¹ Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: ¹² "Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴ You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast

you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. ¹⁸ By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. ¹⁹ All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever.”

This scripture has a dual application—the King of Tyre and Lucifer, which is quite common in the Bible and reveals that in God’s mind, the King of Tyre is being influenced by the Evil One. But we know that parts of it are definitely NOT the King of Tyre because he wasn’t in the garden of Eden, he wasn’t a cherub, he didn’t walk in the midst of fiery stones, etc.; therefore, this section is definitely to Lucifer.

Verse 13 reveals the timing of Lucifer’s fall. It says that he was “in Eden, the garden of God.” According to the original language this word is “the place where God placed Adam and Eve to live and where they rebelled against the Lord’s words.” It goes on to say that Satan was permitted in the garden and fostered the rebellion of the first humans. But I don’t believe that’s the case because of WHY Lucifer rebelled.

If Lucifer was in Eden in a pre-fallen state then his fall was post creation of Adam and Eve not pre. And it appears from verses 13 and 14 he was somehow tied and possibly in charge of worship between heaven and earth (in the KJV, we see that he was made of musical instruments; something other translations remove for some reason). Ezekiel called him the “anointed cherub.” Cherubim guard the presence of God. I can just imagine the colors and sounds that came from his body during worship! I’m sure it was stunning.

Verse 15 tells us that Lucifer was blameless in his ways until unrighteousness was found in him. What exactly sparked this unrighteousness? Let’s read verses 16-17 again.

Ezekiel 28:16–17 ESV

¹⁶ In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

Again, we know this is referring to Lucifer because a man can’t be cast out of the mountain of God. And from some of my studies, especially Dr. Michael Heiser’s work, the mountain of God might be referring to the Heavenly Council, which we’ve discussed quite a bit already. But here’s the main point: **what corrupted Lucifer was the abundance of trade**. Trade, here, is “referring to merchandise,

trading. It refers to the material wares traded or to the process of merchandising and trading itself." I.e. commerce, marketplace, business.

Lucifer's heart was filled with violence, and when this word (hamas btw) refers to a person, it can "mean an oppressor or a violent man." His heart became proud because of his beauty, and he "corrupted his wisdom for the sake of his splendor." Get this: splendor is "used of the glamour and glitter of a city or nation." Lucifer began to covet the splendor of cities and nations. Remember that we don't know how long Adam and Eve procreated before the fall. We do know there were others people groups because when Cain left after killing Abel, he found some people in Nod. Different languages came in after Babel, but people being born and going out subduing the earth from the Garden of Eden occurred for who knows how long!

Ezekiel confirms this again in verse 18:

Ezekiel 28:18 ESV

¹⁸ By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you.

Unrighteousness means "injustice" and trade is the same as in verse 16. By injustice in trading, he profaned his sanctuaries, which are sacred and holy places set aside for use during worship. Personally, I believe that Lucifer was in some type of financial advising role or worked with Adam and Eve in that role as well as led worship. I could be totally wrong, of course. But what we can for sure take away is that Lucifer was somehow involved in trade and that he coveted what wasn't his and he used violence and injustice entered to take what wasn't his.

I don't want to proof text. Are there other scriptures that support this. I'd say the entire Bible is a picture of the battle between the seed of the enemy and the seed of God. If you look at the activities of the seed of the enemy, it's always world domination through military might, religion, and wealth. But before I get into that, let me give you a few New Testament scriptures.

2 Peter 1:4 ESV

⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Sinful desire is "to strongly desire to have what belongs to someone else...to covet." Corruption entered the world through "sinful desire," but it's sourced in Lucifer.

1 Timothy 6:10 ESV

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Many misquote this saying that money is the root of all evil. As you can see, the LOVE of money is the root of ALL KINDS of evil. The word craving is translated covet in other Bibles. It means literally “to stretch out especially with the hands, to snatch...to reach after something, and hence metaphorically meaning to covet, long after, desire, try to gain, be ambitious.” This is obviously related to the word for “sinful desire.” And the phrase “love of money” is actually one word, “philarguria” and is regarded as a type of covetousness. It’s an AFFECTION FOR MONEY that drives one to do whatever is necessary to get it including using injustice and violence. Sound familiar?

The main thing I want you to notice is that the “love of money” is tied to covetousness and it’s through covetousness that corruption entered the world. And the source of that corruption is the devil. But let’s read his own words.

Luke 4:5–8 ESV

⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

First note how glory and worship are tied together in the enemy’s mind. Could it be because those were his main areas of focus and expertise in Eden? But where is the wealth aspect in this passage that I’m referring to so far?

The enemy showed the Lord the kingdoms of the world and said that he’d give Him the authority and their glory. In the Greek, glory is “splendor.” But since the NT was written by Jews who knew the OT, let me take you to the first place glory is used.

Genesis 31:1 ESV

¹ Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, “Jacob has taken all that was our father’s, and from what was our father’s he has gained all this wealth.”

Genesis 31:1 KJV 1900

¹ And he heard the words of Laban’s sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father’s; and of *that* which *was* our father’s hath he gotten all this glory.

As you can see, in the ESV and many other translations, the word wealth is used but in the KJV, glory is used. Why? Because the word for glory is “kabod,” the exact word used over and over of God’s glory in the OT. It means “honor, glory, majesty, WEALTH.” So the VERY FIRST PLACE KABOD IS USED IS REFERRING TO MATERIAL WEALTH! And just as important within the glory of God is the wealth

of God, which He gives us the ability to gain here on earth. **Not only is wealth warfare but wealth is also a reflection of His glory IF your heart is free from the spiritual influence of mammon meaning your love for God keeps you pure from an unholy affection for money.**

Going back to [Luke 4](#), we can see that the glory of the kingdoms of this world include the wealth of those kingdoms a.k.a. nations. And that in order to gain them from the enemy, Jesus simply had to worship him. That's been the deal since the fall. In order to take over the world, you must worship the devil. We'll dive into that in depth in a bit.

So when Lucifer fell, he knew that he had to take over the world in order to perpetuate his evil plan of taking all of the splendor, the wealth, the glory, and even the worship of all peoples. But God always has His remnant.