

Lesson 04

2. CREATION OF THE HEAVENS, THE EARTH AND THE ANGELS

2.1. The creation of the heavens and the earth

- *In the beginning God created ...* ⇒ **Genesis 1:1**
There are no apologies, it's simple, it's clear, there are no theories; it's believe it or don't believe it.
- *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.*
⇒ **Genesis 1:2**
Strange! After ⇒ **Genesis 1:1**, we see a terrible earth, in chaos, with words that have nothing to do with who God is. But thank God that *the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*
 - *God is light, and in him is no darkness at all* ⇒ **I John 1:5**
How could God create a formless and empty earth, in darkness and chaos?
⇒ **Isaiah 45:18**; *God did not create the earth to be a chaos, nor to be empty, but to be inhabited.*
 - What information! What a mess at the beginning of the Bible?
 - There are theological currents that say that there was a creation and then a so-called young earth, but this theory is not entirely sustainable in the Bible.
- There really was something between ⇒ **Gen 1:1** & ⇒ **Gen 1:2**
 - The only explanation in the Bible that matches
⇒ **Genesis 1:2** (earth in chaos, empty and formless), lies in what we call: 'the origin of sin in the universe.'
 - The earth 'became', it was one way and became another. The faithful translation of the Hebrew word can give this connotation in many languages. The earth became formless and empty; there was something in this transformation.

2.2. The angels

a) Double-reference prophecy:

- In the entire Bible, we only have reference to the creation of Eden, God's garden, outside of Genesis, in ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:11~19**.
- Ezekiel begins in **V.11** to speak of the Lord's dealings with the king of Tyre. However, at the beginning of the chapter, ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:1~10**, Ezekiel is speaking to the prince of Tyre.
- In the Bible, we are faced with what we call a double-reference prophecy. It's something that God is saying to the situation in that place, but it's also applicable to the future, as a prophecy of something that is yet to happen.
 - For example, God told David that he would have an eternal kingdom, but God was prophesying about Jesus, about Jesus' eternal kingdom. God speaks of David, Solomon, ..., up to Jesus

- ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:1~10**; here Ezekiel began to talk to the man, the governor of the city of Tyre. However, from **V.11** onwards, he begins to speak to the force that dominated that man, a cherub who was Satan himself.
- The prince of Tyre is a type, a figure, of the antichrist; it is a visible prophecy about the antichrist who will rule the whole earth in the future
- Why can we say that from **V.11** onwards, Ezekiel is no longer talking to the man who ruled Tyre? Because he begins to apply terms that never apply to a man.
 - ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:12**; '*You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty*'.
 - ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:15**; '*You were perfect ...*'
- No man, except Jesus, can be called that, because the fall of man had already taken place. Adam was created perfect, but he fell.
- In **V.14**, it is made clear that it is not a man, *You were the anointed cherub who covers*.
- ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:11~19**, we have the creation, fall and eternal and final destruction of Satan, or rather Lucifer, for God created Lucifer who became Satan (the adversary). Lucifer came from the Latin translation of the Bible, the Vulgate; it came from ⇒ **Isaiah 14:12**, *O Lucifer (Lit. Day Star), son of the morning!* The name Lucifer is not biblical, but didactically Satan is called that before his fall.

b) The mineral Eden:

- '*You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. you were in Eden, the garden of God*'. ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:12~13**. There is only one place to think about, Eden, Paradise. It was a geographical place on earth.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 1:3~31**, we have the creation of the earth as we know it.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 2:1~27**, describes the formation of the garden of Eden, in completely plant form.
 - ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:13~14**, we see a totally mineral Eden.

c) Creation of the cherub Lucifer:

- There are many angels created by God, Revelation says that there are myriads and myriads. ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:14**, says that this was a cherub.
- The Bible shows us the existence of different types of angels (cherubim, seraphim, angels, archangels). Very little is said about angels, but the Bible describes the creation of this cherub, because it has everything to do with man and the earth.
- He was covered with stones and musical instruments, and on the day he was created, the stones and instruments were prepared; *he walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones*.

Here we can see even more of the mineral Eden. We can also understand that in ⇒ **Genesis.1:1** is embedded the creation of the angels together with the earth in its totally mineral form, (*prepared for you on the day you were created*).

- The cherubim have ornaments, musical instruments; they are angelic beings in the area of worship. The Bible, in the revised and corrected translation, which is the most faithful, says that the instruments are in him. Satan exploits the area of music a lot, because he knows how it affects us.
- ‘*You were the anointed cherub who covers*’, or guardian cherubim anointed, or cherubim anointed to protect:
 - **Anointed**; ⇒ shows that Lucifer had a prominent position, a position of leadership; he commanded praise and worship before God.
 - **Anointed**:
 - Translation of **Messiah** (Hebrew **Mashiyach**)
 - Translation of **Christ** (Greek Christos).
 - **Messiah** and **Christ** in English are transliterations of the words in their original languages. (*Transliteration* = doesn't translate the meaning of the word; uses the same sound as the original language.
 - **Anointed** = separate, special.
- In the OT, only prophets, kings and priests were anointed. The anointing came in oil, in a horn, which was poured on the person who was anointed, who was set apart and in the Lord's hands for a specific service. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Separated by God, anointed by God, for that special ministry.
 - **King**; ⇒ in the area of government.
 - **Priest**; ⇒ intermediary, intercession.
 - **Prophet**; ⇒ God's mouth on earth, before the people.
- Today, all the members of the Church of Jesus Christ, all those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, are anointed, set apart, priests.; ⇒ **Revelation 1:6**
- To cover, to guard; every time in the Bible that we see the description of God's throne, we see that the cherubim are there in the throne room to cover, to guard the glory that is on the throne. They are there for the praise and worship of God.
 - Description of the Cherubim and the throne of God
 - ⇒ **Ezekiel 1:3~28**
 - ⇒ **Ezekiel 10:14,15 and 20**
 - ⇒ **Revelation 4**
- Ezekiel had a vision of God's throne, the throne room, with the four living creatures and he knew that they were cherubim. God doesn't need them to guard his throne, but he has established it for his praise and worship.