

Genesis 3:1

1, Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

For the first time in this miraculous and perfect creation we see something that is evil. Out of nowhere comes a creature who is trying to deceive mankind; who is seeking to turn man from God and unto himself. But where did this serpent come from, and who is he? **Revelation 12** tells us the answers to these and other questions. **And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, 8. And they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9, and the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.**

So here we learn that the serpent in the Garden of Eden is Satan, and that there was at an earlier time, a battle in heaven where Satan and his angels were trying to overthrow God. But, Michael the arch-angel and his angels conquered Satan and his followers; and threw them from heaven down to earth. A thought I have to all of this, isn't it interesting to observe how Satan was thrown out of heaven to earth, knowing that he'll never return to that place of peace, beauty and perfection. Earth is now the best that he'll ever know, until he is thrown once and for all into the lake of fire. No wonder that he tries to take all of mankind with him. But if Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, then no longer is earth the best that you will experience for all of eternity, but rather a stepping stone to something much grander.

In chapter **28** of **Ezekiel**, we learn about the identity of Satan, of his creation, purpose and finally the reason for his fall from heaven, where he was once the number one arch-angel of all time. Verse **14**. **“You were anointed the cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of god; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. 15. “You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. 16. “By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17. “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you. 18. “By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade, you profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; it has consumed you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the eyes of all who see you. 19. “All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have become terrified, and you will be no more.”**

Twice in these verses we read the word profane; which means *to violate anything sacred, or treat it with abuse; as to profane the name of God*. Sin definitely takes the most beautiful things and warps them into the most hideous. If you believe that there is no penalty to sin and choices; then you needn't look any further than the fall of Lucifer, to discover that our choices will bear lasting consequences. What we must understand about Satan is that his purpose to tempt Adam and Eve was a renewed plan at overtaking God. Since he had failed in conquering God in heaven, now he saw mankind as the tool, for accomplishing this on earth.