

Doctrine of Antisemitism, Part 2

The Judgment of Satan.

Satan has already been judged and is now experiencing his sentence. We know this because he and the rest of the angels were present at the creation of the heavens and the earth, as recorded in Job 38:4-11 and Genesis 1:1. Evidently, this was in his original created condition before the fall, as suggested by their **rejoicing**: “when the **morning stars sang together**, and **all the sons of God** shouted for joy.”

Later in Genesis 3, we see Satan depicted as a serpent who deceived Eve in the Garden. This is Satan in his fallen state, after he rebelled and was judged. We don't know exactly when that judgment occurred, except that it must have been sometime between Genesis 1:1, when the heavens and the earth were created, and Genesis 1:2, when the earth was *tohuw wa bohuw*. Throughout the rest of the Bible, we see Satan acting as an enemy of God in his post-fall, judged status.

One might ask, if Satan has already been judged, why is he allowed to roam the Earth and cause such mischief? Revelation depicts him being cast into the Abyss for 1,000 years, but that is at the Second Advent. He is then released for a little while to lead another rebellion, only for God to put it down. Finally—*finally*—he is cast into the Lake of Fire forever. Again, why has this final sentence not already been executed? The short answer is that Satan appealed his original sentence, and graciously, God has granted him an appeal trial. Yeah, he is getting a do-over.

Satan's Appeal Trial

In eternity past, God created angelic beings and, with them, established a system of angelic authority and organization in which angels could function. God perfectly blended freedom, authority, and responsibility, creating a structured environment in which each angel could exercise his own volition.

God created Lucifer, the anointed cherub, and entrusted him with responsibilities and privileges beyond those of other angels. But in an act of arrogance, Lucifer rejected God and rebelled against His authority. Arrogance is the worst of all sins. It distorts and obscures reality.

Arrogance was the self-deception that led Lucifer to believe he could be like God. Created as a free moral agent, perfect and beautiful, Lucifer decided he wanted God's job. He said, "I will make myself like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:14). This is a rejection of the Creator by the created. It says to God, "I do not need you." Lucifer declared his independence from God, and on this premise hangs the whole appeal trial of Satan.

Satan's position is quite simple; his arrogance is not really arrogance but merely a viable alternative to God's plan. God's counter is that Satan is wrong and that there is no acceptable alternative to His plan.

How do we know this? Quite frankly, direct evidence is scarce; however, there is ample circumstantial evidence supporting an appeal trial. Consider the following: Why else would man have been created? The Scripture is basically silent as far as a statement of intent goes. We are left to look at circumstances, history, and God's revealed plan in Scripture. From that, we are forced to draw some conclusions. Very clearly, we are not just some experiment by God: "Well, I messed up with angels. Let's see if I can get it right with man." Man was created for a purpose, and that purpose concerns angels. We are told in Scripture that angels are observing us. Why is Satan vying so hard against God and His plan for man? Evidence strongly suggests that this is some sort of contest between God and Satan, with mankind at the center.

Consider Lucifer's new name, Satan, which means accuser or adversary, as in a court of law. In Scripture, we see Satan acting as an attorney, especially in Job's case. "The only reason Job is faithful is because of his many blessings. Take those away and see what happens," Satan charged (Job 1:9-11).

But, but, but... We know that Satan still has access to Heaven and to God (Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2). Why is he not in the Lake of Fire? And why did God see fit to restore the *tohuw wa bohuw* earth and repopulate it with mankind? There is no logical reason given for this unless Satan is "out on appeal."

Man was created to settle the angelic conflict once and for all, to prove to Satan and all the fallen angels that they truly need God and that the sentence handed down to them is completely fair. Man was created with capabilities similar to angels but more limited in scope. Man would demonstrate to Satan that his sentence is correct. What is transpiring in

human history looks remarkably like an appeal trial under United States Jurisprudence. In fact, if you take the divine timeline of human history and overlay it with the phases of an appeal trial, a pattern begins to emerge.

Under U.S. jurisprudence, an appellate trial is divided into three major phases. The first phase is the formal trial itself, in which both sides present the basic case: the prosecution (God) goes first, followed by the defense (Satan). The second phase is the rebuttal phase, in which each side presents rebuttal arguments to the evidence and testimony presented during the earlier phase of the trial. Finally, the third phase consists of the closing arguments by each side.

God intends to demonstrate to Satan and to man that the only source of happiness is found in Him. Happiness is not found in self or in self's environment. It is not found in things, possessions, or wealth. God intends to prove that the creature needs the Creator.

Lucifer, a created free moral agent, perfect and dependent on God, used his God-given free will to reject God's authority and deny any need for God. This rebellion occurred sometime in eternity past, before human history. One-third of all angelic creatures fell for Lucifer's premise that they did not need God and rejected His authority. The rebellion was put down. Lucifer, now called Satan, was sentenced to the Lake of Fire forever.

We assume Satan's complaint was that he was unfairly judged, and any thinking creature with free will would agree with him. So God created mankind, a creature lower than the angels, to prove Satan wrong. Satan must have scoffed, believing this new creature would indeed choose what he offered. He probably already had a mental picture of man's failure and was busy chalking it up as a win for his side. But what Satan may not have understood was that God would offer redemption to fallen mankind, a very clear choice between what they already had with Satan and what God offered.

Satan, in his perfection, had all that God offered but rejected it. God proposes that fallen mankind will reject what Satan offers and choose what God offers instead. Satan thought he had won when Eve took the bait and convinced her husband to join her outside the Garden.

But that was a miscalculation on Satan's part. Though man took the bait, he sought redemption and reconciliation with God, as evidenced by the sin offerings he made, as recorded in the Cain and Abel incident. Though that needed ultimate fulfillment in the promised redeemer, technically, Satan has lost his appeal trial at this point. As a result, he is reduced to two main avenues of attack to defeat God and win his appeal trial on a technicality.

- Plan A was that he must somehow prevent Genesis 3:15 from being fulfilled because he understood that "bruising his head" meant he had lost.

Genesis 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ **I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.**" (Emphasis added)

- Plan B – When Plan A failed, Satan had to prevent the fulfillment of the covenants promised to Israel. Plan B would eventually require the complete elimination of all Jews. If he succeeded, it would make God a liar and disqualify Him as the perfect judge. And Satan would win on a technicality.

According to the doctrine of dispensations, human history can be divided into seven periods, eras, or dispensations. The word "dispensation" derives from a Greek term meaning stewardship or administration, from which we get our modern English word "economy." The idea is that there are seven periods, or dispensations, in human history during which God establishes distinct administrations. We developed this in detail in our previous study of dispensations, so we will only review it here.

- The seven dispensations begin with the **Age of Innocence**, spanning from the creation of man to Adam's fall.
- That is followed by the **Age of Conscience**, from Adam's fall to the flood and the story of Noah.
- That is followed by the **Age of Human Government**, from the flood to the Tower of Babel.

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 Arguments for the Prosecution (God)  Arguments for the Defense (Satan)

Phases of the Appeal Trial of Satan

Formal Trial					Rebuttal		Closing Arguments			
Creation of Man	Fall of Man	Flood/Noah	Tower of Babel	Abraham	Moses	First Advent of Christ - Cross	Rapture	Second Advent of Christ	Satan's Release from Abyss	Last Judgment
Age of Innocence	Age of Conscience	Age of Human Gov	Age of Promise	Age of Israel	Church Age	Tribulation (Cont. Age of Israel)	Kingdom Age (Millennium)			

Dispensations

- And then we have the **Age of Promise, also called the Age of the Patriarchs**, from after the Tower of Babel to Moses and the giving of the Law.
- Then comes the **Age of Israel, also called the Age of the Law**, from Moses and the giving of the Law to the First Advent of Christ. The rejection of the Messiah by Israel at the First Advent interrupted the Age of Israel, which still had seven years left to run, and the sixth dispensation was inserted.
- And that is the dispensation we are currently in: the **Church Age, or the Age of Grace**, which will run until the rapture (resurrection of the Church).

- After which the last seven years of the **Age of Israel**, the **Tribulation**, will continue, culminating in the Second Advent.
- Lastly, we have the dispensation of the **Kingdom, or Millennium**, 1,000 years long, beginning with the Second Advent and culminating in the Gog revolution and the last judgment.
- After which comes eternity.

Though Israel rejected the King and thus the promised Kingdom, the Church Age was inserted to fulfill the promise to deliver the Kingdom. All the spiritual aspects of the Kingdom were offered to the Gentiles, and believers experience them during this dispensation.

Israel will one day receive the physical Kingdom exactly as promised, but not before a final period of judgment and testing: the remaining seven years of the Age of Israel, as promised in Daniel. Those seven years are the Tribulation, which will follow the Church Age as the emphasis shifts *from the Church back to Israel*.

Lastly, we have the Kingdom (Age) or Millennium. This is the physical fulfillment of Israel's promised Kingdom, when Israel will once again become the center of human history, and Messiah will reign from Jerusalem. Christians call it the Millennium because it will last 1,000 years. It begins with the Second Advent of Christ's return to establish His earthly reign at the end of the Tribulation, continues for 1,000 years, and ends with the Gog revolution and the final judgment of mankind.

Each of these dispensations focused on specific conditions established by God to prove His case that His creation needs Him. Each dispensation established a test for man, and each time man failed the test, with the dispensation ending in judgment.

God "closes" His case with the Millennium and the Kingdom Reign of the Messiah, in which He demonstrates that even in a utopian environment such as the Kingdom, there is no success without a right relationship with Him. At the end of the Millennium, this is revealed through Satan's closing arguments, namely the Gog revolution he leads after he is released from the Abyss.

The Millennium will prove that the environment is neither the solution to man's problems nor the source of his happiness. The solution lies in man's

thoughts and his willingness to submit (humility) to God's plan for his life. God gives grace to the humble but makes war against the arrogant (James 4:6). Satan has failed to prove his case.

Satan's sentence will be carried out, and he will then be cast into the Lake of Fire. All who followed his plan and rejected the free gift of salvation through faith in Christ will be resurrected and judged at the Last Judgment, often called the "Judgment of the Wicked Dead" or "White Throne Judgment." They will not be judged for their sins; sin was judged at the Cross, and Jesus the Christ took the place of all mankind. They will be judged on the basis of their human good, which, having rejected God's grace, is what they chose to be judged for. Human good will not measure up to God's perfect righteousness, which was given or credited to our account when we accepted Christ (Philippians 3:9; Romans 3:26). They will be cast into the Lake of Fire with Satan.

Rulership of the Devil.

Satan, with greater power than any human, rules over all fallen angels and the world through his cosmic systems. Since Adam's fall, Satan has been the ruler of this world,

Luke 4:5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; **for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.**

⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." (Emphasis added)

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

(also John 14:30, 16:11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2)

Satan is called the god of this world, and rules either through demon possession or demon influence. Though Satan cannot possess (indwell) a believer because of the indwelling Holy Spirit, he can influence believers through deception.

In this Church Age, we believers have the power to resist Satan by the divine power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, but only if we make a free-will decision to do so.

1 John 4:4 ... for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Originally, Satan was called Lucifer, the Son of Light. After his fall in prehistoric times, he became known as *Satan*. He has greater power than we do. All angels are superior to us. However, Satan's power is not greater than God's. As humans, we are an inferior, rational creation, but God has made His power available to us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. This matters because we are in the middle of a spiritual war.

The Angelic Conflict

The Bible clearly shows that there is a contest between God and Satan. We have called this contest Satan's Appeal Trial, but it is, in effect, a war, a spiritual war, with man at the center of this war.

Satan won a tactical victory in the Garden when Adam fell and rejected God's plan in favor of Satan's. You will recall that Satan did not go directly after Adam; rather, he attacked through the woman by deception. Satan convinced her that God was withholding something from her, namely the knowledge of good and evil, which would make her just as smart as God. With that knowledge, she would "be like God." This likely appealed to her desire to be closer to God. What she should have realized is that disobedience to God's command would *not* bring her closer to God; it would separate her from Him. She was deceived (1 Timothy 2:14), and even though her sin was a sin of ignorance (she was deceived), she was still held accountable. Ignorance is no defense!

Adam, on the other hand, knew exactly what he was doing. He took one look at the woman outside the Garden (figuratively speaking) and decided he wanted her more than God.

Obviously, none of this caught God off guard. God knew all about it in eternity past, long before Adam was even created. The real issue in the angelic conflict is not the fall of man but his recovery from it. Satan, created perfect, rejected God. Man was also created perfect and fell just as Satan did. God allowed man to fall, thereby giving him knowledge of good and evil. With that knowledge, what will man choose? Will he make a

free-will decision to choose Satan's plan (evil), or will he choose what God has to offer? Will man want the relationship with God that Adam lost in the Garden? It only takes one to want that restoration for God to win His case. Once man fully understands what God offers and what Satan offers, he will choose God and His plan.

Once Adam's relationship with God in the Garden was severed, he wanted it restored. But in their fallen state, now possessing a sinful nature, it would be impossible for man to regain on his own what was lost. He would need help. Man realized he needed God. Satan, having lost, must now prevent that redeemer from ever coming as God promised.

During God's judgment on Satan, Adam, and the woman, He promised a deliverer (Genesis 3:15), and Adam and Eve demonstrated faith in that promise through sacrifices and offerings. Though Scripture is silent on how this happened, it is clear that God had revealed to them the need for a blood sacrifice to ultimately restore their relationship. They wanted to regain what they had lost and performed the rituals God had initiated to symbolize the real blood sacrifice that would take place at the Cross. This must have greatly angered Satan.

When Eve bore Cain, she at first believed he was the fulfillment of that promise.

Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, **"I have acquired a man from the LORD."**
(Emphasis added)

Cain was not the promised redeemer. The line to the Messiah was to pass through Abel. Abel was the believer; Cain was not. Abel followed the instructions for a proper sin sacrifice. Cain was a farmer and offered sacrifice from his fields—works. "Works" is Satan's system. Abel's offering came from his flocks—grace. Grace is God's system. Abel's offering was a blood sacrifice acceptable to God; Cain's was not (Genesis 4:4-5). Abel was obedient to God and His plan. Cain, upset by his rejection, killed his brother in an act of bitterness and revenge. Satan's objective was to sever the bloodline to the Messiah by murdering Abel, whom he assumed was the promised redeemer. He was not. The line to the promised redeemer was to be through Seth.

Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For **God has appointed another seed** for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” (Emphasis added)

Seth was in the Messianic lineage (Luke 3:23-38). What followed was a long history of spiritual warfare as Satan sought to defeat God and prevent the coming of the promised redeemer. Meanwhile, God had cleverly devised a system to protect mankind from the devil's wiles, allowing mankind to enjoy some measure of safety. We will call this system “Divine Establishment.”

Divine Establishment / Divine Institutions

The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect human freedom, privacy, property, and life, for both the saved *and the lost*. They are regarded as “Divine Institutions.” We needed this protection because without them, life would soon descend into violence and chaos.

The protection of the divine institutions.

Throughout all dispensations, even during the Tribulation, man continues to live on the earth because he enjoys some level of protection under the laws of divine establishment. God has ordained four divine institutions by which the human race is preserved and perpetuated as an extension of the angelic conflict:

1. Mankind/Volition
2. Marriage
3. Family
4. Nationalism

Satan attacks these institutions by attempting to distort them.

Divine Institution Number One—Mankind/Volition.

The first divine institution is the creation of mankind. This one man, Adam, who was then the ruler of the world, was given a soul life approximating that of angelic creatures. Both man and angels have mentality and volition. In Genesis 2:7, Adam is described as "a living soul." This living soul was under God's authority, but within the divine institution he carried the authority of the soul—the mentality to understand divine mandates and the volition to accept or reject them.

Adam had the mental authority to gather facts and understand divine mandates. He had authority over the woman, and she willingly submitted to it; both were perfectly happy. God gave the man a command before the woman was created:

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Since nothing had been denied him before, this command awakened the man's conscience. God did not create in Adam the knowledge of right and wrong. The soul does not have a conscience. Conscience must be taught. This was knowledge Adam had to learn, just as children must learn the difference between right and wrong. A conscience is created by training and then functions under volition.

The death mentioned in verse 17 as "surely die" should be translated as "dying you shall surely die" and refers to the immediate onset of spiritual death, followed by ultimate physical death. Adam's sin introduced both spiritual and physical death into the world, and both were passed down to his progeny.

Romans 5:12 "For as by one man sin entered into the world and spiritual death by sin, for all sinned when Adam sinned."

1 Corinthians 15:22 "In Adam all die..."

Procreation perpetuated the human race in a state of spiritual death at birth.

Volition was the issue in the fall of mankind and remains the issue in the redemption solution offered to fallen mankind. God created an authority in our soul, and that authority is called volition. The choices you make determine the life you lead. The soul had the capacity to understand the divine mandate and the authority to obey or disobey. The fallen angels also had this same authority system, and they made the wrong decision to follow Satan and were condemned to the eternal Lake of Fire. Adam and the woman made the wrong decision and became spiritually dead instantly.

Divine Institution Number Two--Marriage.

God took Adam from divine institution number one to divine institution number two, marriage, by creating his perfect counterpart. Monogamy, a permanent relationship between one man and one woman, is ordained by God to remind mankind that He has, from the beginning, a design we call “right man/right woman.”

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; **I will make him a helper** comparable to him.”... ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (Emphasis added)

1 Corinthians 7:2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.
³ Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

Marriage is the most fundamental social institution in human society. Even the unbeliever can experience great temporary happiness by marrying the right mate.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

Under the authority of the laws of divine establishment, the right man/right woman relationship becomes the normal, legitimate expression of human personal love.

1 Corinthians 7:9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1 Timothy 5:14 Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Ephesians 5:28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Marriage is the basis for stability in society and for the formation of civilization. It is the protection for the home, where the parents exercise authority over the children.

Divine Institution Number Three—Family.

Physical birth, the imputation of human life, and the imputation of Adam's original sin leave the human baby helpless and hopeless. Condemnation from God occurs immediately. When we believe in Christ, God's perfect righteousness is imputed to us, and we now have a purpose in life—to glorify God. The laws of divine establishment grant freedom to exercise our positive volition toward doctrine, enabling us to develop the capacity for God's blessings.

God has provided certain divine laws, such as parental authority, to protect, care for, nourish, provide for, train, and discipline children, preparing them for life. There must be recognition of authority and orientation to certain principles in life. Children must be trained to respect others' privacy, property, and rights, to avoid abusing their freedom, and to respect authority. Parents must teach poise, objectivity, respect for the police, patriotism, and a willingness to serve and protect freedom. Christian parents must also evangelize and provide doctrinal training for their children.

Deuteronomy 6:6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

It is the responsibility of parents to instill respect for the Word of God, teach Bible doctrine, and recognize the authority of the pastor-teacher.

Divine Institution Number Four—Nationalism.

To perpetuate the human race and bring history to its divine conclusion, God has designed the nation to protect the freedom and rights of X number of people on this planet. This is what we call nationalism.

Following the divine judgment on the original “united nations” at the Tower of Babel, the human race was divided into nations. This division was originally based on racial, geographic, and linguistic norms. The formation of the Jewish nation established the ideal standard for a national entity. The Biblical proof that nationalism is authorized by God is found in:

Genesis 10:5 From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.

Deuteronomy 32:8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.

Acts 17:26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings...

All nations that adhere to the norms and standards of divine establishment possess the following characteristics:

- Interior protection of freedom is provided through a proper system of law enforcement and jurisprudence, and through a system of law in which a person is innocent until proved guilty, only proper testimony is allowed, hearsay is not permitted, and double jeopardy does not exist.
- Exterior protection of freedom comes through a strong, well-prepared military.

- A government of any kind must protect the freedoms and rights of its Citizens must be protected without infringing on those rights through the illegal use of power.
- There must be a common-law system that prohibits crime and thereby protects individuals' freedom, rights, life, and property.
- Law must always be objective.
- There must be a common culture that reflects a nation's spiritual life, morality, esprit de corps, nobility, patriotism, and integrity through its literature, art, music, and drama.
- There should be a system of government that functions under its authority without abusing it to destroy freedom and the establishment.
- There should be an administrative body to oversee taxation, law enforcement, honorable jurisprudence, the maintenance of the military, and the enforcement of law and order, without destroying human freedom.
- All of this is designed by God so He can always have a client nation.

Our founding fathers captured this idea in the Declaration of Independence. Witness this excerpt: **“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”**

Conclusion.

Every divine institution relates to the human race as a whole. *It is not for believers only.* The believer is always given higher standards. For people in general, to preserve the human race, we have these four divine institutions.

- God created the perfect woman and ordained marriage, in which one man and one woman are joined together in holy matrimony. The divine institution is monogamous.
- The family is composed of parents and children. The ultimate authority is the man, but the woman shares authority as a parent.
- The national entity consists of people living within a common boundary and sharing a common language, distinguishing one group from another.

- Each divine institution has authority.
- The authority in the first divine institution is volition.
- The authority in the divine institution of marriage is the husband.
- The authority in the divine institution of the family lies with the parents.
- The authority in the divine institution of the nation is government. Protecting citizens' freedom and privacy demands freedom.
- To protect human freedom in the national entity, there must be law enforcement.
- To protect human freedom from external enemies, there must be a military establishment.
- There must be freedom to communicate the gospel to people within the national entity.
- There must be freedom to communicate post-salvation spiritual-life information, so that the believer's volition can choose for or against the unique spiritual life.
- Post-salvation volition remains the issue in the believer's spiritual life.
- The believer who executes the unique spiritual life under the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit glorifies God to the maximum.