

Episode #618 The Why Question 3: The Guardian Cherub

I. One of the most difficult questions we must ask ourselves regarding God, life, and the world is the “why” question. We who believe that there is a God Who is all-good and all-loving and Who made the world must answer why then this world is such a terrible place and in such a mess.

II. If Satan causes many of our problems, why did God make Satan in the first place?

- A. Luke 10:17-20. Satan fell like lightning from heaven, meaning from God. This tells us Satan was created upright and fell! But how did this happen?
- B. Ezekiel 28:1-10. God speaks of the human ruler of Tyre as the “prince of Tyre.”
- C. Verses 11-12. The LORD speaks of some other being called “the king of Tyre.” This one was perfect, wise and beautiful. Who is He talking about?
- D. Verse 13. This one was in Eden, the garden of God! We know of only four who were there: Jehovah, Adam, Eve, and the Serpent. Thus, we are talking about Satan!
 1. Daniel 10:12-13, 20-21. Supernatural beings are in charge of various nations.
 2. Ephesians 6:11-13. Our real struggle is against supernatural powers of wickedness. This is Satan and his forces.
 3. He was decorated highly decorated, and was a master of music.
- E. Verse 14. Satan is called a cherub, not an angel.
 1. Ezekiel 1:4-21. This describes the cherubs, Ezekiel 10:8-15.
 2. Exodus 25:19. Cherubs were on one end and the other of the ark, on the mercy seat.
 3. I Kings 6:23-27. Cherubs were in the Holy of Holies in the temple.
 4. Who covers. One meaning of covering is protection. I believe Satan was appointed as a “bodyguard,” not to protect God from physical danger, but to protect His glory from any who would dare speak against it.
 5. Stones of fire. Isaiah 6:1-4. Seraphs are described much like cherubs. “Seraph” means “burning one.” When in God’s presence, the cherubs burn like fire (but are not consumed). Satan was one of these originally.
- F. Verse 15. Satan was created perfect, but he did not stay that way. Why not?
 1. Isaiah 14:12. Lucifer means “morning star.” Some think this was Satan’s name originally, others that it is a description.
 2. Verses 13-14. This is what he said to himself. He did not want to guard God’s glory: he wanted people to look to him instead of God.
 3. Verses 15-20. This is what will actually happen to Satan, unlike his empty thoughts. Did he truly destroy his people, the cherubs?
- G. Verses 16. Satan’s economy led to violence and sin. As defiled he was cast out from among the stones of fire, the Seraphs.
- H. Verse 17. His own beauty lifted him up; his own wisdom corrupted his brightness.
- I. Verse 18. Satan’s own works, it seems, will start the fire that destroys him.
- J. Verse 19. His end shall be terrifying and he will never be again.

V. Conclusion: Satan was created for a great and superlative purpose: to guard the reputation of God. However, he corrupted himself into an agent to destroy the reputation of God. Look how many believe that God is the One Who causes death and disaster! Look how many make Him out to be churlish, vengeful, petty, selfish, and so forth! The greatest PR agent ever created is using all his talents against God. Yet the slanders he brings against God are really trying to make God out to look like what Satan himself is like. We need to see through the lies by knowing God.