

• **BODIE HODGE: WHEN WERE THE ANGELS AND SATAN CREATED?**

The Bible doesn't give the exact timing of the creation of Satan and the angels; however, we can make several deductions from Scripture concerning the timing. [In Ezekiel 28:13] we note that Satan was originally perfect (blameless) from the day he was created until he sinned (wickedness was found in him).

- (Ezekiel 28:13 ESV) 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.

Thus, we can deduce that Satan was created during creation week; since he was blameless, he was under God's "very good" proclamation (Genesis 1:31) at the end of day six.

In Job 38:4-7, God spoke to Job:

- (Job 38:4-7 ESV) Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Although a poetic passage, it may tell us that some of God's creative work was eye-witnessed by angels and that morning stars sang. Are morning stars symbolic of heavenly host or other angelic beings? It is possible—recall stars are often equated with angelic or heavenly beings, and most commentators suggest this refers to angels. **If so, the creation of the angels was prior to day three during creation week.** From Genesis 1, God created the foundations of the earth on either day one (earth created) or day three (land and water separated). The logical inference is that the angels were created on either day one or at least by day three. If not, then the physical stars (created on day four) were present while the angels shouted for joy. If this was the case, then morning stars and angels did their singing and shouting after the stars were created. **It seems most likely that morning stars symbolize heavenly host. Satan, a heavenly host, was called a morning star; therefore, Satan and the angels were created sometime prior to day three (or early on day three), possibly on day one.**

• **BODIE HODGE: WHEN DID SATAN FALL?**

Satan sinned when pride overtook him and he fell from perfection (Ezekiel 28:15-17). When was this? The Bible doesn't give an exact answer either, but deductions can again be made from the Scriptures.

- (Isaiah 14:12-14 ESV) How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

When he sinned, he was cast from heaven (Isaiah 14:12). This must have been after day six of creation week because God pronounced everything very good (Genesis 1:31). Otherwise, God would have pronounced Satan's rebellion very good; yet throughout Scripture, God is absolute that sin is detestable in His eyes.

God sanctified the seventh day. It seems unlikely that God would have sanctified a day in which a great rebellion occurred. In Genesis 1:28, God commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. Had they waited very long to have sexual relations, they would have been sinning against God by not being fruitful. So, it couldn't have been long after day seven that Satan tempted the woman through the serpent ... the fall of Satan would likely have been soon after day seven.

--I have abbreviated his notes. The full article may be found here: --<https://answersingenesis.org/angels-and-demons/satan/what-about-satan-and-the-origin-of-evil/>

THE BATTLE FOR EARTH!



(Revelation 12:9 ESV)
And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

