

*When did sin begin? Eve ate from the tree. How was Satan there to tempt Eve if he was cast out of heaven which hadn't happened yet? How was Satan there in the garden to tempt?*

All that God created was very good (Ge 1:31). Sin was found in Lucifer (Is 14:12) and he fell due to pride (Is 14:12–15; Jud 6). Satan tempted Adam to sin, as well (Ge 3:1–5). Adam had had dominion; but, he lost it (Ge 3:24). In Adam men die; but, in the Second Adam, Jesus, men can live (1 Co 15:20–24, 45).

The prophet Ezekiel gave an account of what happened to Lucifer:

You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,

Till iniquity was found in you.

“By the abundance of your trading

You became filled with violence within,

And you sinned;

Therefore I cast you as a profane thing

Out of the mountain of God;

And I destroyed you, O covering cherub,

From the midst of the fiery stones. Eze 28:15–16

Lucifer's fall occurred *before* Adam's fall. There was an angelic world already in existence prior to the creation of man (Jb 38:7). Whereas fallen angels cannot be saved; men who put their trust in Jesus Christ can be saved (2 Pe 2:4).

Angels are concerned about human affairs (1 Pe 1:12). They have been witness to God's long-suffering waiting for men to turn to him (2 Pe 3:9).