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## THE RESULT OF ANGELIC CONFLICT

In the eternity past –outside time reference of human history–before the creation of our very own planet earth, the angelic host revolted against God. This rebellion was lead by Lucifer –one of the archangels assigned to protect the throne of God. This great warfare began when Lucifer challenged divine authority and persuaded 1/3 of the angels to revolt against God [Isaiah 14:13-14, Ezekiel 28:12-15].

Human history is both the extension and resolution of the angelic conflict. Humanity was created to duplicate the conditions of the prehistoric revolt of the angels. Like the angelic beings, human beings are endowed with free will volition, and that free will would be tested to see whether man would choose for or against God. Satan himself instigated the events that led to man’s fall. Adam followed the same pattern of arrogance, which initiated the angelic rebellion. Satan was present when God announced Genesis 3:15:

“And I (God) will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman and between your seed (unsaved humanity) and her seed (the virgin born Messiah), He (the Seed-Jesus Christ) shall bruise you on the head (Satan’s final doom) and you (Satan) shall bruise Him (Jesus Christ) on the heel (His spiritual death on the cross).” The arrival of the Savior would settle the angelic conflict in God’s favor. To prevent God’s plan for unfolding, Satan designed a series of counter strategy beginning from murder of Abel ending with the God revolution at the end of the millennial kingdom.

Angelic convocations are held periodically in heaven to consider historical trends [Job 1:6-12, 2:1-7, Zechariah 3:1-7]. Man is the subject for close scrutiny by both elect and fallen angels on earth and in heaven [1 Corinthians 4:5]. There are two major players that greatly influence human history: The Lord Jesus Christ as the One who controls human history and the One having the sovereign power to over-rule the machinations of Satan [Psalm 33:10-19, 135:5-6] and the preservation of mankind.

Satan interferes and intervenes with Christ who controls human history. As the author of evil in the cosmos diabolicus, Satan is ever trying to eradicate the Jews in the most devious manner. Never has one race been the target of such animosity and terrible persecutions. Nevertheless, the Jews have survived their evil tormentors. Every Jew is a reminder of God’s faithfulness. Satan is the assumed ruler and god of this world who can accomplish only what God may permit, therefore any attack against God or His people can never fully succeed apart from God’s permission.

Man is the witness against Satan. Man is not the subject of conflict between God and Satan but the evidence of God’s sovereignty and plan of grace. There is no power struggle between God and Satan because God is omnipotent and Satan is not. God is sovereign – Satan is not. Power struggle is between opposing party with equal strength not between an inferior and superior rivals.

**Man is not in the crossfire between two rival forces but God's exhibit number one –an evidence of God's perfect righteousness and perfect justice against Satan's evil, corrupted and imperfect nature. We are part of the human history inside the God's decree for the human race as God's evidence of perfect plan of grace. God is proving Satan's imperfection –there is no need to prove His perfection**