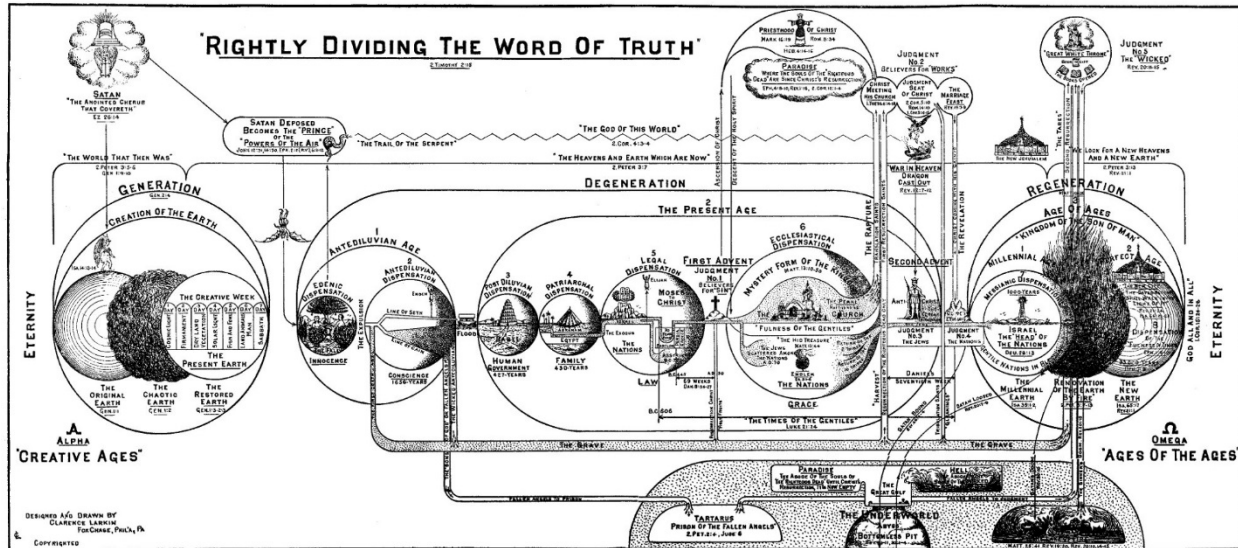


# Overview of the Bible (Lesson #5)

Today's topic: Our Adversary the Devil  
Recommended Reading: Chapters 22 - 25 of Ryrie's *Basic Theology*

1. In today's study of our *Overview of the Bible* series we'll be in Lesson #5:
  - Lesson #1: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible
  - Lesson #2: A study of God and His Defining Attributes
  - Lesson #3: The Bible: Inspired Word of God
  - Lesson #4: Angels
  - **Lesson #5: The Devil**
  - Lesson #6: Demons
  - Lesson #7: Mankind
  - Lesson #8: Sin
  - Lesson #9: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World
  - Lesson #10: Salvation overview (Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification)
  - Lesson #11: The Holy Spirit
  - Lesson #12: The Church
  - Lesson #13: End Time Prophecy
  - Lesson #14: Wrapping it all up and putting it all together...
2. In today's lesson we'll cover topics taken from Chapters 22-25 of *Basic Theology* that discuss *Our Adversary the Devil*. What are some of the common thoughts from the general population on the Devil, or Satan?
3. Ironically, there are few passages in the Bible that identify Satan's origins. Ezekiel 28 is a text that's commonly used to provide some useful background. Let's read Ezekiel 28:1-19 and identify some of the attributes ascribed to Satan (specifically in reading verses 11-19).
4. Also read Isaiah 14:12-17? What other "nuggets" of information do we glean from this passage on the origin of Satan? In particular, list the five (5) "I wills".
5. Read Jesus' words in Luke 10:18. What does this single verse tell us about Jesus?



6. The above chart was drawn by Clarence Larkin and published in his book, *Rightly Dividing the Word* (1920). Although difficult to read, where do you see the fall of Satan occurring?

7. Mankind's first encounter with Satan was in the Garden of Eden. Let's read Genesis 3 and identify the consequences for the serpent (Satan), women, and men.

Satan:

Women:

Men:

8. Unfortunately, for us as Believers Satan is a formidable opponent. He is brilliant, cunning, and experienced. Fortunately for us, he is no match for God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus. Satan hates all followers of Jesus and will do everything in his power to torment and destroy us and our families. Read the following passages and identify the three (3) ways Satan tempts Believers.

- a. I Thessalonians 3:5, Matthew 13:18-23
- b. Acts 5:1-11
- c. I Corinthians 7:5

9. NEXT BIBLE STUDY: **Sunday, October 13.** We'll study Section VI – *Demons: Unclean Spirits* (Chapters 26-28).