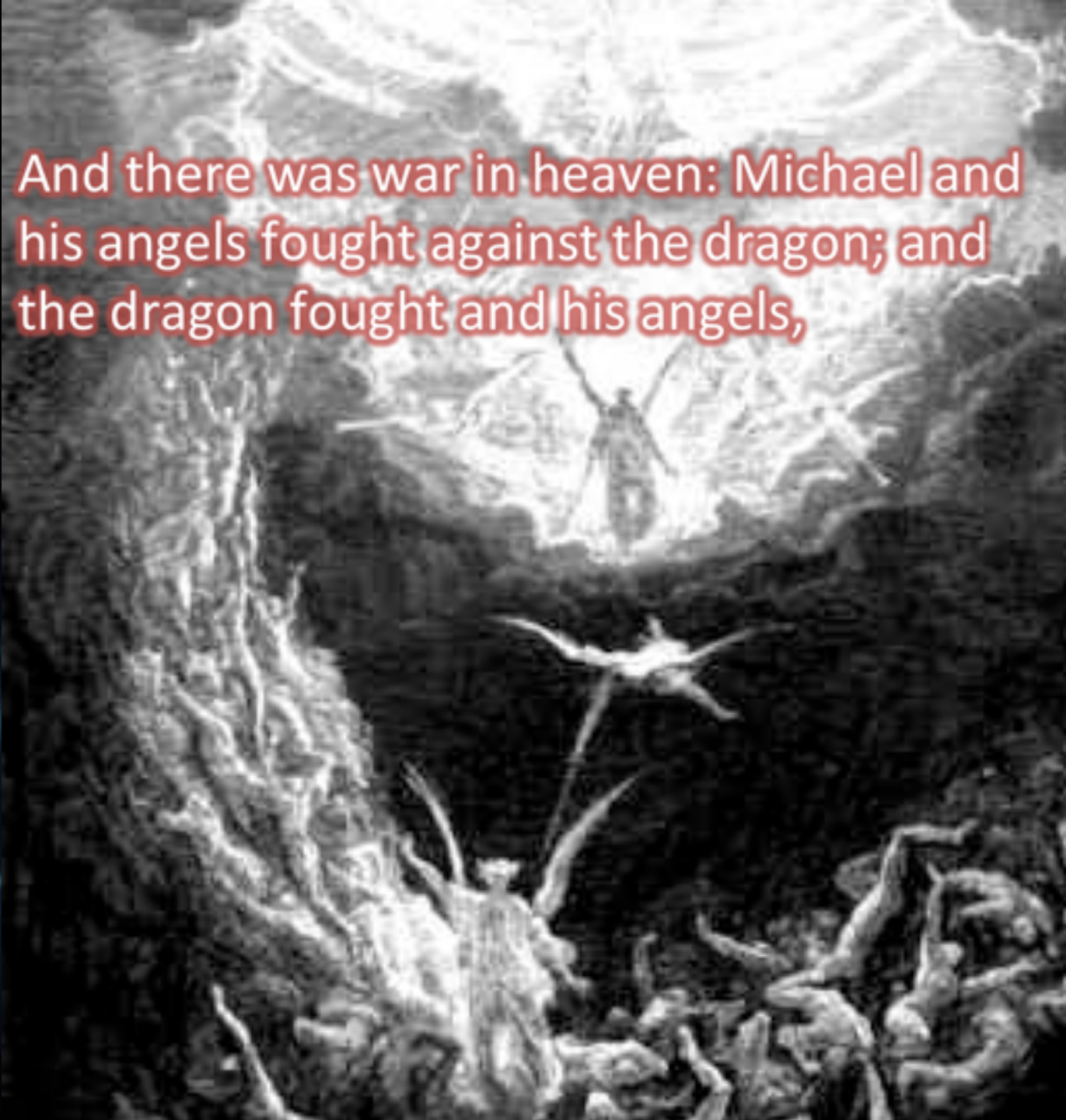


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dancing with the **Fallen** Stars

My Personal Testimony

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

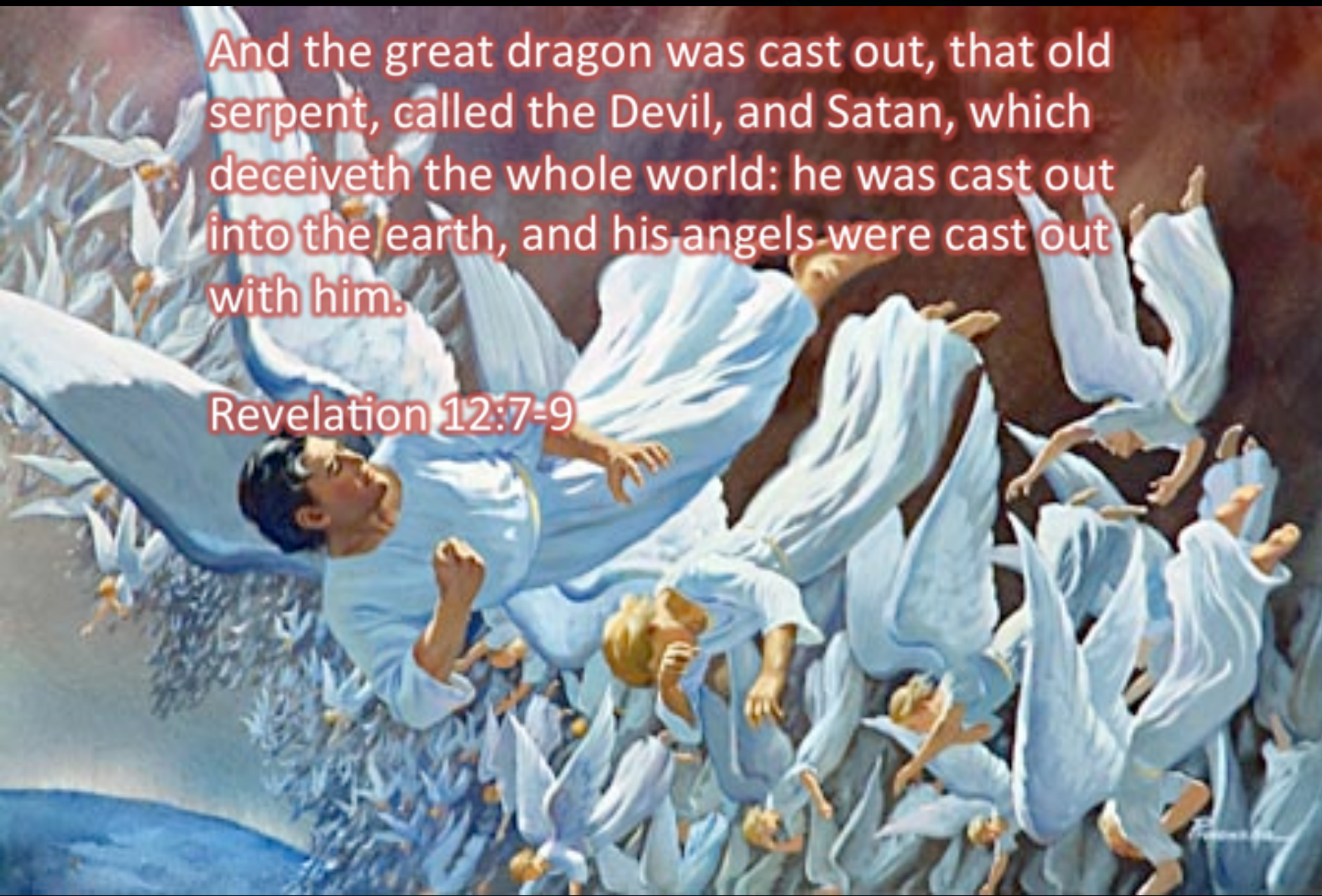


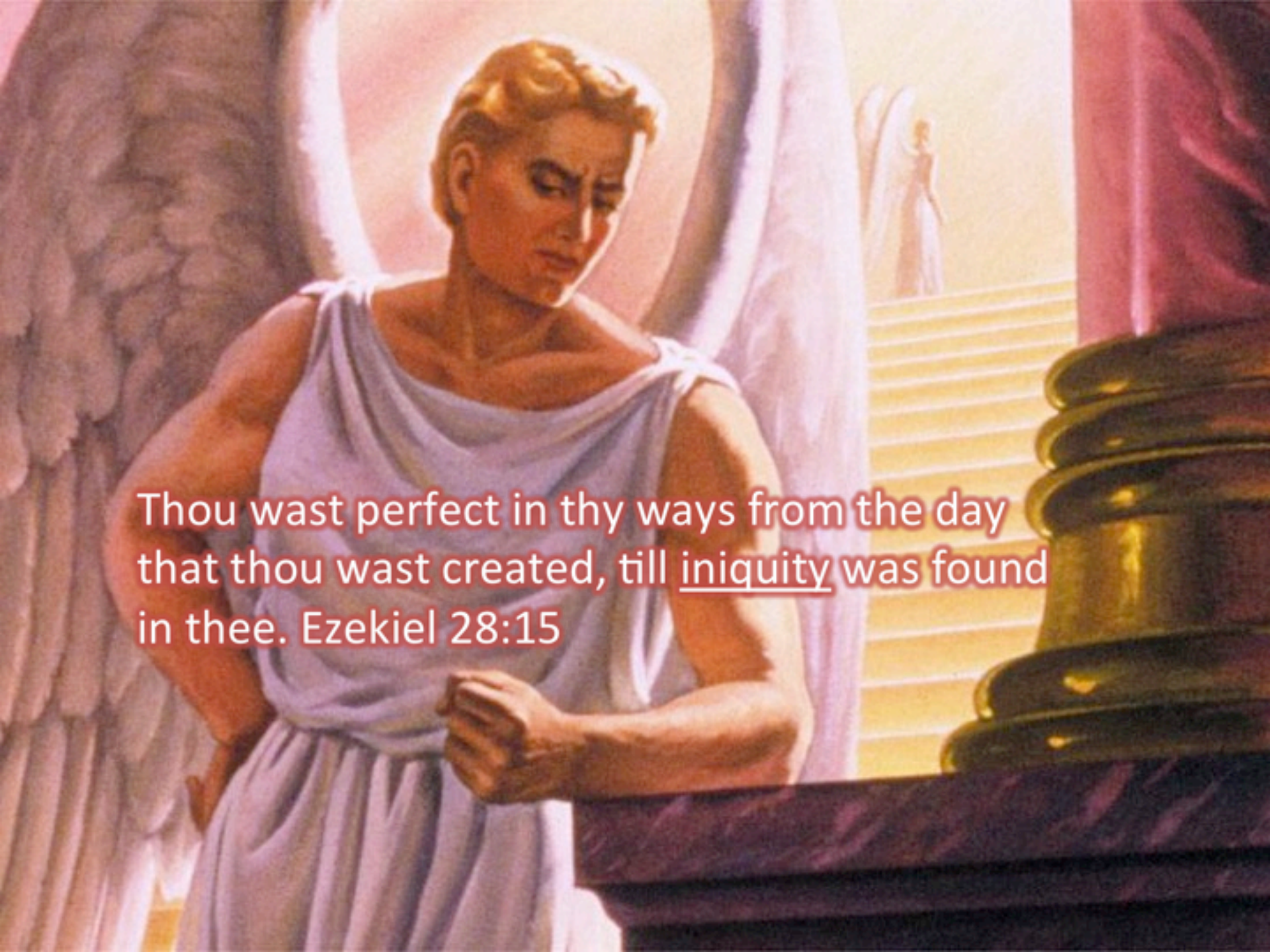
And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.



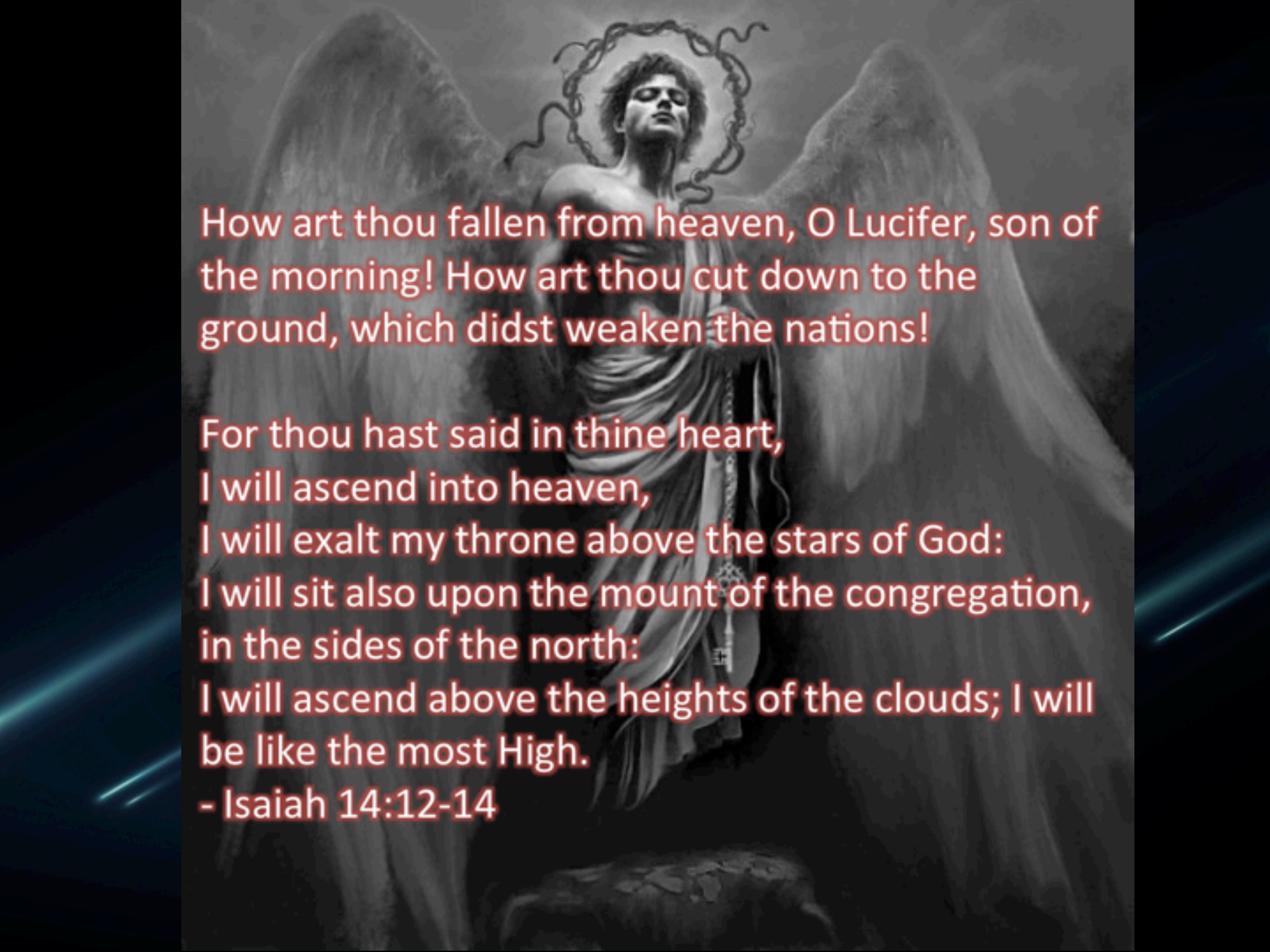
And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:7-9





Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day
that thou wast created, till iniquity was found
in thee. Ezekiel 28:15



How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart,
I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation,
in the sides of the north:
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will
be like the most High.
- Isaiah 14:12-14

What pride does

Do not the same evils still exist that lay at the foundation of Korah's ruin? Pride and ambition are widespread; and when these are cherished, they **open the door to envy**, and a **striving for supremacy**; **the soul is alienated from God**, and **unconsciously drawn into the ranks of Satan**. Like Korah and his companions, many, even of the professed followers of Christ, are thinking, planning, and working so eagerly for **self-exaltation** that in order to **gain the sympathy and support of the people** they are ready to **pervert the truth, falsifying and misrepresenting the Lord's servants, and even charging them with the base and selfish motives that inspire their own hearts**. By persistently reiterating falsehood, and that against all evidence, they at last come to believe it to be truth. While endeavoring to destroy the confidence of the people in the men of God's appointment, they really believe that they are engaged in a good work, verily doing God service. {PP 403.4}

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE



Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, **thought it not robbery to be equal with God**: But made himself of **no reputation**, and took upon him the form of a **servant**, and was made in the **likeness of men**:



And being found in fashion as a man, he **humbled** himself, and became **obedient unto death**, even the **death of the cross**.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Do you know what is in your heart?

Here they have opportunity to see what is in their hearts that shuts out Jesus. They prize something higher than the truth, and **their hearts are not prepared to receive Jesus**. Individuals are tested and proved a length of time to see if they will sacrifice their idols and heed the counsel of the True Witness. **If any will not be purified through obeying the truth, and overcome their selfishness, their pride, and evil passions, the angels of God have the charge: “They are joined to their idols, let them alone,” and they pass on to their work, leaving these with their sinful traits unsubdued, to the control of evil angels.** Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation. {1T 187.1}







The Most Offensive Sins

God does not regard all sins as of equal magnitude; there are degrees of guilt in His estimation, as well as in that of man; but however trifling this or that wrong act may seem in the eyes of men, no sin is small in the sight of God. Man's judgment is partial, imperfect; but God estimates all things as they really are. The drunkard is despised and is told that his sin will exclude him from heaven; while **pride, selfishness, and covetousness** too often go unrebuked. **But these are sins that are especially offensive to God**; for they are contrary to the benevolence of His character, to that unselfish love which is the very atmosphere of the unfallen universe. He who falls into some of the grosser sins may feel a sense of his shame and poverty and his need of the grace of Christ; but **pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ** and the infinite blessings He came to give. {SC 30.1}

