

## The Deepest Fall

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## The Lucifer Passage

“ Thy pride is brought down to hell, thy carcass is fallen down: under thee shall the moth be strewed, and worms shall be thy covering. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, who didst rise in the morning? how art thou fallen to the earth, that didst wound the nations? And thou saidst in thy heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit in the mountain of the covenant, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the height of the clouds, I will be like the most High. But yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, into the depth of the pit. (Is 14:11–15) ”

## New Testament Angel Sightings

“ And he [Christ] said to them: I saw Satan like lightning falling from heaven. (Lc 10:18) ”

“ And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (Apc 12:9) ”

“ God spared not the angels that sinned, but delivered them, drawn down by infernal ropes to the lower hell, unto torments, to be reserved unto judgment. (2 Pt 2:4) ”

# The Personification of Evil

- ▶ *Lucifer* (Lat.) “light-bearer”
  - < Gr. *heōsphoros* “morning star”
  - < Hebr. *helel* “shining one, morning star”
- ▶ *Satan* Hebr. “adversary”
- ▶ *diabolus* (Lat.)
  - < Gr. *diabolos* “slanderer; enemy”

## Vengeance

“ And I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts: and I will destroy the name of Babylon, and the remains, and the bud, and the offspring, saith the Lord. (Is 14:22) ”

“ And there was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels: And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (Apc 12:7-9) ”

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**Figure:** Gustave Doré: Lucifer Cast Out of Heaven (public domain: source)

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Figure: War in Heaven (source)

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Figure: War in Heaven (source)



## Satan: Prince of this World?

“ Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. (Io 12:31) ”

“ The prince of this world cometh, and in me he hath not any thing. (Io 14:30) ”

“ And power was given him over every tribe, and people, and tongue, and nation. (Apc 13:7) ”

“ 8: Again the devil took him up into a very high mountain, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them,  
9: And said to him: All these will I give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me. (Mt 4) ”

## The Fall (*Genesis B*)

“

Acwæð hine þa fram his hyldo and hine on helle wearp,  
305 on þa deopan dala, þær he to deofle wearð,  
se feond mid his geferum eallum. Feollon þa ufon of heofnum  
þurh lengo swa, **þreo niht and dagas**,  
þa englas of heofnum on helle, and heo ealle forsccep  
drihten to deoflum.

”

# Hell

- ▶ Hebr. *sheol*: grave; temporary abode of the dead
- ▶ Gr. *Hades*: grave; temporary abode of the dead
- ▶ Hebr. *Gehenna*: name of a waste incineration facility; hence, place where the dead are consumed by fire
- ▶ Gr. *Tartarus*: place of judgement and punishment

In the Vulgate, the fallen angels go to

- ▶ *infernum* “lower region; hell” (Is 14:15)
- ▶ *profundum* “the depth, the abyss” (Is 14:15)
- ▶ “Deus [...] rudentibus inferni detractos in tartarum tradidit cruciandos, in iudicium reservari” (“God gave them, drawn down with ropes of *infernum*, into *Tartarus* to be tormented, to be kept there until the judgement”; 2 Pt 2:4)

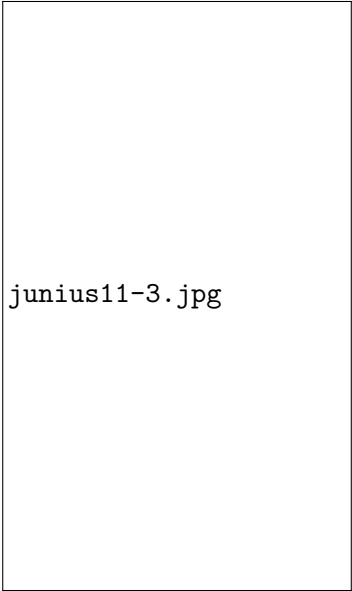
# Cosmological Realms

- ▶ Heaven (occasionally “Paradise”, e.g. Lc 23)
- ▶ Earth
- ▶ Eden (Paradise)
- ▶ Hell

Later incorporated:

- ▶ Limbo
- ▶ Purgatory

NB: **particular judgement** leads to these realms in concurrence with history; **general judgement** leads there at the end of history.

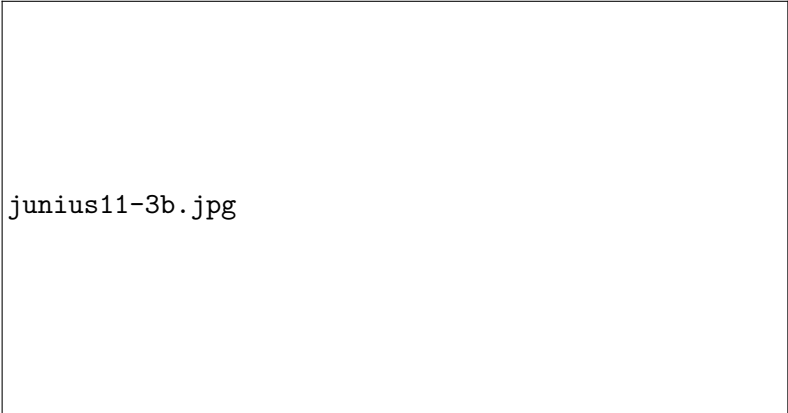


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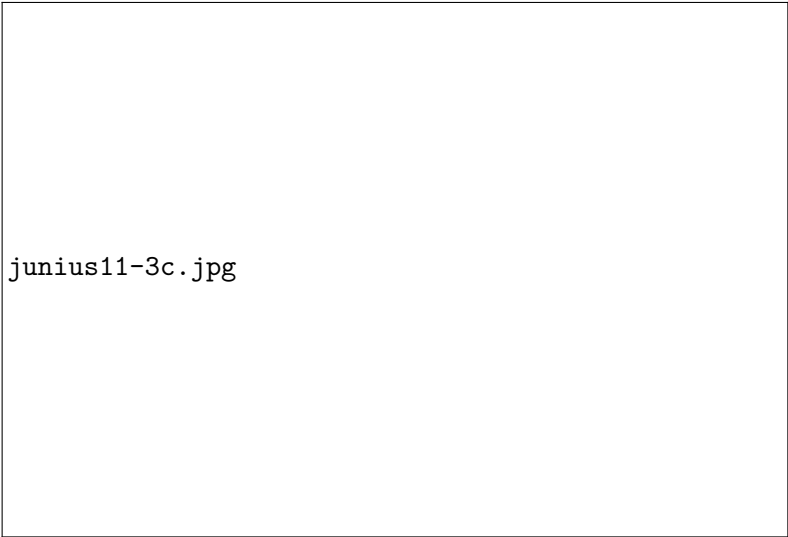
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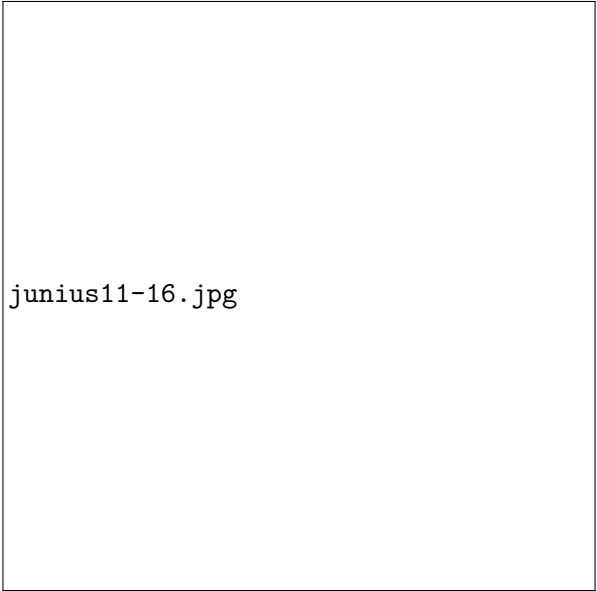
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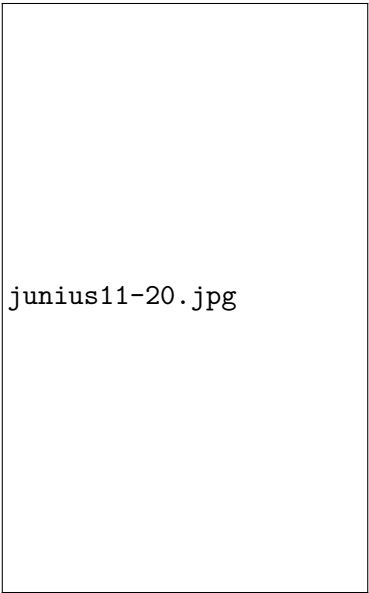


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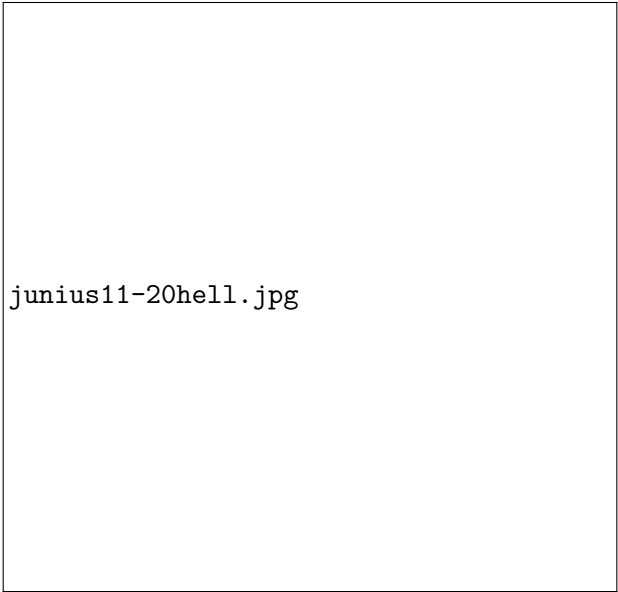
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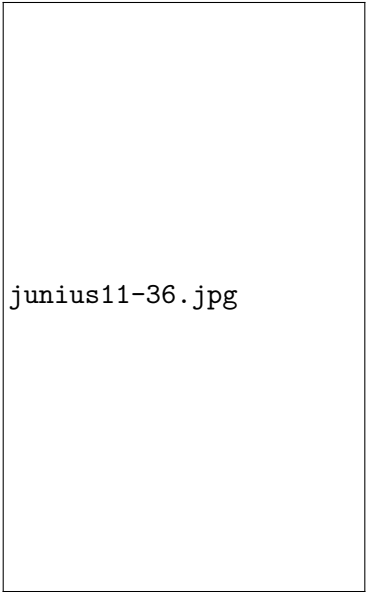
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# Manichaeism

- ▶ Influential religion in Mesopotamia, founded in s. III CE
- ▶ Good (light) and evil (darkness) are rival autonomous forces
- ▶ Light gradually retreats out of the material world
- ▶ Attractive because it avoids explaining the creation of evil

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