

FADE IN:

EXT. HEAVEN - DAY

God's Kingdom.

Eternal.

Beauty beyond imagination.

ANGELS sing praise -- a heavenly choir of Seraphim led by the most gifted and beautiful of God's creation - LUCIFER, the light-bearer, a Cherubim who the Lord has placed in charge of the Throne. He is handsome, human-looking, and more charismatic than the other angels around him. He smiles with joy as he leads the Seraphim in hymn.

The Throne of the Lord is where the choir sings praise; a song about God's recent triumph - Creation itself. The throne itself is infinitely tall. Looking up, it is impossible to see the seat of God.

The magical Heavenly realm looks down upon a pretty blue jewel of a planet suspended in the black void of the cosmos. This is EARTH.

The Angelic Choir reaches a crescendo, light emanating from each of them as Lucifer's conducting builds to a triumphant finish.

We hear applause. Lucifer turns to see GABRIEL, Archangel and Herald of God. Gabriel has dark, pleasant features. Almost human, but more. His robes glow, and wings are folded behind him.

GABRIEL

Truly beautiful, brother Lucifer.

LUCIFER

You are too kind, brother Gabriel.
Tis but a rehearsal. I hear the
Most High will be announcing His
greatest achievement yet. Can't
figure out what that might be...

GABRIEL

Even greater than Earth itself?

LUCIFER

The cosmos? It will be very difficult
to top that! But rest assured, the
choir will be ready to proclaim His
greatness once this new addition
comes forth.

The Archangel MICHAEL comes forth. Warrior. Wings like those of an eagle. A broad sword worn in a sheath at his side. He looks physically powerful, but a kind and gentle expression on his face as well.

MICHAEL

I heard that it will be another living creature to live among the animals below.

GABRIEL

Where have you heard this, brother Michael?

MICHAEL

Murmurs among the Cherubim. Most likely speculation. Our Lord God is at this very moment creating a garden within to house this new creation.

Lucifer dismisses the choir.

LUCIFER

That will be all, for now.

The choir disperses, flying off in different directions. Lucifer walks with his brothers down a path. A beautiful heavenly garden surrounds them.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

If His garden is half as beautiful as this one at the foot of the Throne, there will be much praise to sing!

They walk towards a beautiful lake surrounded by mountains.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. HEAVEN - LATER

The entire population of God's angels have gathered around the throne. They murmur amongst each other. Lucifer is there with Michael and Gabriel.

LUCIFER

This must be very important if God Himself is announcing it to us.

GABRIEL

He's definitely kept me out of the loop. I'm bursting with curiosity.

MICHAEL

As I am too.

BOOMING Majestic Music is heard. A BRIGHT GLOW beams down from above, shining its light among the Angeles who all cast their eyes skyward, not squinting but basking in God's light as He speaks.

VOICE OF GOD

Behold, the pinnacle of my Creation.

The angels look down as the floor of Heaven opens to give them a view of Earth below. The dirt and soil of Earth swirl to create a human masculine form. The angels gasp in astonishment -- this new creation looks somewhat like them, bipedal, but without wings.

VOICE OF GOD (CONT'D)

This is Man. Created in My own Image,
perfect in design.

Lucifer's eyes narrow questioningly. He mutters to himself.

LUCIFER

Perfect?

A swirl which looks like wind blows down from the throne and into this man's nostrils, giving him life.

VOICE OF GOD

I will call you, Adam.

ADAM, a young man, slowly stands and gazes skyward.

The angels murmur in approval. That is, all except Lucifer, who begins to scowl. Slightly at first, as though he's trying to figure this out.

Below, on earth, animals gather around Adam. The new man gently interacts with them.

The angelic population applauds in approval. Down below they can see a golden gate opening up to a lush garden.

VOICE OF GOD (CONT'D)

Adam, I have created a garden for
you. Enjoy.

Adam looks up, speaking to the unseen God.

ADAM

My Lord, what is this place?

VOICE OF GOD

You may call it Eden.

Adam walks through the gate. Gabriel turns to Michael and Lucifer.

GABRIEL
How exciting! This new creation can
speak as well!

MICHAEL
The Lord did say he was in His own
image.

LUCIFER
(to himself)
This is impossible...

God speaks again.

VOICE OF GOD
But I think Adam should have a
companion. A friend much like
himself.

The angels watch as Adam gets sleepy and lies down. His rib
cage glows through his skin, and one rib comes forth, mixing
in the dirt and creating a female human as God speaks his
Word.

VOICE OF GOD (CONT'D)
Woman. From Adam. She will be your
best friend, your companion to keep
you happy here in Eden.

Eve materializes. Both wake up and rise together, holding
hands. The Angels murmur their approval and begin to
spontaneously sing as Adam and Eve walk together in the Garden
of Eden.

That is, all except Lucifer, who is seething to himself.

LUCIFER
I thought I was perfection...

Gabriel and Michael have joined in on the praising and
singing. Lucifer can't take it. He rises and exits, pushing
his way past the other angels.

EXT. HEAVEN - COURTYARD - CONTINUOUS

Lucifer enters an adjacent courtyard. The songs of praise
can be heard in the distance. He scowls, pacing back and
forth.

LUCIFER
This...*animal* is God's Perfect
Creation? A lump of dirt? So
"perfect" He needs two versions of
them? Insane!
(MORE)

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

(beat)

The Designer has lost His mind now.
But I see His motivation. He needs
to keep us in our place, eh? Afraid
that some of us might be just as
Good and Powerful?

As he paces, he works himself up into a fury.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

He underestimates me. He marginalizes
me. He envies me, his truly most
Perfect Creation!

A thought crosses Lucifer's mind.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Wait. Who's to say I didn't create
myself?!! After all, I am Lucifer!
I am the bearer of Light!

Lucifer's eyes grow dark. They glow green with envy.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

I was not made—I was inevitable.
Glory like mine could only come from
divinity and *divinity* I have.

His eyes change from green to red, fury building.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)

Others will agree. Of that...I'm
certain.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. HEAVEN - A SHADOWED FOREST - LATER

Lucifer and a group of other angels gather in the shadows of
a forest, separated from the beaming light of Heaven, a place
of clandestine plotting. He speaks to his fellow rebels.

LUCIFER

They sing for mere dust. But we...*We*
are the light. Crafted before time,
wielders of Glory, keepers of Heaven's
fire!

(beat)

He would have us kneel before the
mud? No. I say... *we rise!*

As Lucifer proclaims this, he morphs into a dark being. The
light that once shown from him dims and is replaced by choking
shadow. Eyes burn red with wrath and fury.

His once-beautiful wings now a scaly, reptilian perversion of their once Heavenly shape.

As Lucifer completes his metamorphosis, he laughs maniacally.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
Behold! My mighty form! To strike
fear and terror into those who dare
defy me!

The other angels who've gathered around look on with amazement and fear.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
If you will join me, you too will
have unspeakable *Power!* Harden your
hearts against this charade of the
Creator! Dare to show him that you
will not serve!

The others look at each other, a bit confused.

LUCIFER (CONT'D)
Say it! *I WILL NOT SERVE!*

Slowly, they make their own choices and join in the chorus, proclaiming "I will not serve!"

As they do this, each angel turns into a demon. Arms become bladed weapons. Lucifer roars with laughter as his army assembles. Otherworldly hellish screeches and screams echo through the forest.

EXT. HEAVEN - CONTINUOUS

Michael hears a distant echo. Horrible sounding. Gabriel is startled.

GABRIEL
What was that?

Michael draws his sword.

MICHAEL
It sounds like rebellion.

VOICE OF GOD
Michael. A will has risen against
my own. One who once bore light now
turns from it. You must make a stand.

Michael raises his sword and casts his eyes upward.

MICHAEL
Thy will be done.

EXT. HEAVEN - THE GREAT BATTLEFIELD - LATER

Furious Battle.

Angels, armed with broad swords of Light and Truth, clash with the dark horde. Demons with bladed limbs cross weapons with God's army, led by Michael. It is martial combat more intense than anything humanity has witnessed.

Michael cuts through several demons with one swipe of his sword. They fall away, halved at first, then quickly re-constitute themselves as the immortal beings they are.

Casualties on both sides don't die - rather, the violence causes them to drop back and regroup.

The demons try to push their phalanx through towards God's Throne.

LUCIFER

When we take the Throne, we take the Kingdom!

Michael calls out to his battalion.

MICHAEL

Hold the Throne!

The angels defend the Throne of God. Lucifer "kills" several angels in God's army, who drop back, stunned, allowing the evil horde to advance.

Michael leads a squad of angels to cut them off. He clashes swords with Lucifer. They face off, swords grinding against each other.

LUCIFER

Fool! My ambition is stronger than your loyalty! You fight to preserve power -- I fight for revolution!

MICHAEL

You fight for your own glory. But you have already lost.

Michael gets the upper hand, striking Lucifer down into a submission.

VOICE OF GOD

ENOUGH!!!

The booming Voice of God rolls through the battlefield like thunder. Terrified, Lucifer's horde submits to Michael's troops who hold their swords at the cowering demons.

VOICE OF GOD (CONT'D)
Lucifer, you were given my light.
You were given my love. But you
chose hatred. You chose darkness.
There is no throne for the arrogant.
Only exile.

A horrific rumble begins as Heaven itself tremors.

The ground opens up, revealing darkness. Michael and the
angels step back from the precipice as Lucifer's horde tumbles
into the void, screaming.

VOICE OF GOD (CONT'D)
Let it be known that your choice was
made freely. You refuse to serve in
lightness, then you may rule...in
darkness.

With that, the ground under Lucifer opens up and he joins
the others, tumbling...tumbling...

VOICE OF GOD (CONT'D)
Henceforth, thou shalt be known...as
Satan. The Adversary. The Enemy,

Lucifer...Satan...screams in rage as his quest is lost.