

The lights in the theatre fade down. Whispering can be heard from everywhere. Suddenly we hear the smooth metallic sound of a synthetic female voice.

COMPUVOICE

2998 AD Jerusalem.

The whispering voices continue. Soon the underlying sound of a city is heard. A city, awakening with the sounds of people, children, machines. The lights fade up slowly to reveal a crowd of students in an arena-like setting. They speak among themselves in anticipation of MELCHIZEDEK.

Quickly the noise of the crowd decreases to a whisper as a screen lowers from the ceiling of the arena. It snaps on with electrical power. From out of the floor rises MELCHIZEDEK, book in hand. His image, transposed to the screen before their eyes. His face is strong and gentle. He is clean shaven, trim and tall. His looks tell us he is in his late fifties, but his eyes tell us he is ancient. There is silence. MELCHIZEDEK opens the book.

MELCHIZEDEK

He had begun with a small whisper, feeding on the evil within those who remained. He purchased their souls with every deal made and every transaction approved.

(Beat)

The redemption was complete and the souls took flight!  
All that remained were grapes ripe for the harvest.

(Beat)

How can I tell you of a time more terrible than any age, past or yet to be? All within me screams to forget, but I can't. As a teacher it is my place to remember, to tell the story.

(Music begins, strange and other worldly.)

MELCHIZEDEK CON'T

I am a teacher and a priest after the order of Melchizedek. So listen closely, as I tell a story of darkness and light, love and sacrifice. Behold, this now, from The Second Book of the Chronicles of "This Time and Age."

(Music swells momentarily, then continues.)

MELCHIZEDEK

A long time ago, before your awakening, the seeds of a rebellion were planted. An evil consciousness arose from out of the order of angels, having turned away with the order that was under him, conceived an impossible thought; to place his throne in equal rank and power with the Creator. He began to plan the end of an era, and eventually the fall of one of the Creator Fathers greatest and finest creations - Man.

(beat)

For you see, it had begun as all evil begins, with a small whisper.

(Without warning the screen goes dead and the lights go out. The stage then begins to rotate the arena-like structure and the stage transforms from an arena to a magnificent court. MELCHIZEDEK never moves as this is taking place.)

MELCHIZEDEK (CONT'D) (cont'd)

And I stood on the foundations of the world, and behold, I heard the Creators say: (1) "My people are foolish, they have no understanding. They are quick to do evil, but to do good, they have no knowledge." And behold I turned and looked upon the face of the earth and beheld cities and a great fruitful place. And there was no man present. For there was a brilliant one and many who seemed as luminaries in heaven. The brilliant one was called Lucifer, Son of the Morning. But there was confusion in heaven and earth. Many stars fell to earth to quench the light of the luminaries. Each star falling on each

luminary. Then I beheld, and the fruitful place was a wilderness and all the cities thereof were destroyed in the presence of the Creators by their anger! The mountains and hills moved lightly. Then I beheld the earth, and it was without form and void and the heavens had no more light. And the Creator Father spoke and said: "The whole earth shall be desolate, yet I will not make a full end." Then I saw the Creator move across the face of the waters and they began a new creation.

(BEAT)

After all earthly things were done the (2) Creator spoke and said: "Let us make a man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion over all earthly things." And from the man He created female, and the man called Adam called the female, Eve. Then the Creator blessed them and said: "Be fruitful and multiply and refill the earth." The Creator also restored Eden, the great fruitful place.

(The stage goes dark. MELCHIZEDEK vanishes. A shaft of light shoots down on a lowly figure. The Prince of Darkness addresses the fallen.)

SATAN

Behold, there is a new creation among us in the universe. More favored, but less brilliant in strength and knowledge than us. But he who has created the never ending worlds, holds them in the righteous seat of power.

(There is a dark and evil rambling of voices.)

SATAN (cont'd)

Small in greatness and again great in smallness.

(Low dark laughter.)

SATAN (cont'd)

They hold the power within their souls to overcome us. But they are too weak in spirit, mind and body to understand this.

(More dark laughter.)

SATAN (cont'd)

Therefore, let us look deeply at this wonder called Man! What is he that God himself denounces mercy and forgiveness unto us, but relays it to this mankind alone?!

(BEAT)

Let us therefore, seek to break this covenant of Man and God by revealing more secret mysteries unto them. Let the common things be hidden and the uncommon things known. Let us confound and disorient their spirits and minds with the fruit of darkness. By that act, we shall cause confusion to reign on the happy seat of Mankind.

(BEAT)

Thus the joy of the Creator shall be stripped and His wrath darkened greatly against this new creation. In that moment we will rejoice in his sorrow.

(There is a great commotion and loud cheering. The lights begins to fade out on Satan.)

MELCHIZEDEK

Now after the fall of Adam and Eve, many men and women did come forth, and they did multiply and daughters were born unto them. Then the Sons of God saw the daughters of men and knew they were beautiful. They then took wives of these mortal women and cohabited. Then the daughters of Man conceiving brought forth giants on the earth, and evil increased. And in that time the first the second and the third fallen and their prefects took with them each, six legions of angels. One legion equaling six thousand luminaries. The fourth, Belial and Akibeel his Prefect, four legions. They taught the understanding of signs in heaven and earth. The fifth, Agaherap and Tamiel his Prefect, eight legions. They taught the understanding of astrology in the heavens according to the birth of men and celestial home of each. The sixth, Asredel taught the motion of the moon as Prefect beneath Samyaza his leader. Beneath them twelve legions of angels transgressed. The seventh, Asmodeus and Zavebee his Prefect, eight legions. They taught the lustful nature of the flesh and fornication pleasure. The eighth, Sargatanos and Azazel his Prefect, seven legions. Their transgressions were most grievous and destructive. They taught man to make swords, knives, shields and breast plates. They made them see that which was behind them, gave them the workmanship of bracelets and ornaments. Impiety increased, fornication multiplied and the fallen transgressed and

corrupted all Man's ways. And Man being destroyed cried out, and their voices reached to Heaven.

(BEAT)

Then Michael and Gabriel, Raphael, Suryal and Uriel looked down from Heaven, hearing and seeing the evil sought after the Creators and said:

(Harmonic voices are heard throughout, strong and fearless.)

VOICES

What shall we do with the fallen and what shall we do to them?

MELCHIZEDEK

And it came to pass in that time the counsels of Heaven were to decide what outcome should prevail upon those who chose the path of unrighteousness. Of these it was written by Enoch who was sought after to write a petition on their behalf to the Most High in order to obtain mercy and forgiveness, to wit none was given and a mighty sentence was passed. And all the fallen became terrified, and trembled.

(BEAT)

Behold the judgment of the Fallen Angeles, past Sons of Heaven who conspired together at the urging of Satan to corrupt Mankind and seek their own way.