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## Lucifer.

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### INTRODUCTION: Prior to the following words of Isaiah: -

- 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! (Isaiah 14:12).

The LORD told Isaiah to take up a proverb and taunt against the King of Babylon (v4). Isaiah then prophesies: -

- That the LORD will have compassion on Israel and set them once again in their own land.
- After they have finished serving their time (referring to their seventy-years of captivity in Babylon) Israel will take captive those who are their oppressors and rule over them.
- A day will come when the LORD will break the power of Israel's rulers and their oppression will cease (referring to the king of Babylon)
- The whole earth will rejoice and be at rest and quiet when Israel's oppressor is laid low (referring to Israel's great joy when Cyrus set them free and they returned to Jerusalem and their own land).

In this chapter the oppressor in focus is Babylon. Even though this chapter is about Israel's captivity, deliverance and salvation from their seventy-years in captivity to Babylon there is also contained within the language an echo of the deliverance and salvation of those who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ when he returns in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords to establish God's Kingdom of righteousness, justice, joy and peace over the earth.

**Lucifer:** comes from the Hebrew word (heylel) (from halal) and from Strong's Concordance carries the sense of brightness, a light-bearer or shining one, the morning star while Lucifer (halal) carries the idea of commending, boasting praising and glorying (especially about one-self).

It can refer to one who is renowned or who acts foolish, mad or in fury and rage, (Isaiah 14:12) is the only verse that uses the word Lucifer in the entire Bible.

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### How Art thou Fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer?

Isaiah 14:10-12 ----- <sup>10</sup>All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? <sup>11</sup>Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the

worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. <sup>12</sup>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!

These verses are painting a picture of the King of Babylon descending into the grave and are personifying the dead in the grave as rising up to meet him and telling him that his extreme pride has been brought down to the grave where worms will cover his body.

**Fallen from heaven:** does not mean that the King of Babylon actually fell from heaven, but that he has fallen from his highly exalted majestic and royal position on earth (Babylon was one of the Seven Wonders of the World) and the words, "O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations" are not referring to some type of evil spiritual powerful entity called satan as many believe, but to the King of Babylon who defeated the armies of Assyria and the surrounding nations and all the armies of Israel and Judah and became head nation of the known world at that time.

**Keep in mind:** this is a proverb the LORD told Isaiah to take up against the king of Babylon (Isaiah 14:12). It is totally against good scholarship to build a doctrine from a proverb and especially from a single Scripture and for these reasons it is wrong to use this chapter to support the traditional teaching of hell and the traditional understanding of satan as a powerful evil spiritual creature called Lucifer as some people do.

**Hell:** those who are judged unworthy of eternal life do not go to a place of fiery flames called hell where they are not only cruelly and brutally tortured by evil eternal creatures called demons, but their bodies are also burned by fiery flames so that they suffer the worst of all agonies for all eternity. This doctrine is not only a gross misunderstanding of Scripture, but is also a gross misrepresentation of God's character, since it portrays Him as an extremely sadistic God since not even the secular world would inflict such brutal and cruel torture on a human for their entire life let alone for all eternity. Added to this John tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8) (1 John 4:16).

This horrific doctrine of hell was no-doubt perpetuated in the early years of the church by religious leaders to scare the naïve into the church and has been adopted and perpetuated by their followers from generation to generation through tradition and religious institutions and organisations. For further information see the title: "Hell or the Grave (Final destination of Humans)" and the title: "The Lake of Fire" both titles are in, Death (ON WEBSITE MENU).

### **I will Exalt my Throne above the Stars of God.**

Isaiah 14:13-15 ----- <sup>13</sup>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: <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. <sup>15</sup>Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

This is a picture of the extreme pride of the mind and heart of the king of Babylon. The following is a brief overview of the picture Isaiah has presented in this proverb against the king of Babylon. So far the picture presented: -

- Is of the king of Babylon who because of his extreme pride has caused great suffering and oppression throughout the earth (especially in the city of Jerusalem and the land of Israel).
- Is of the king being defeated and no nation coming to his aid and of the grave opening its mouth ready to receive him.
- Is of God removing the king of Babylon's great glory and pride and his power and control over the world.
- Is of the whole earth being at rest and quiet (meaning without wars).
- Is of the people of Israel rejoicing and singing.

He word Lucifer is a graphic picture of extreme pride working through the king of Babylon. The heights of pride dwelling in the minds and hearts of world rulers and kings, is such a powerful and fearful monster that only God can bring it to nothing. In the book of Job pride is personified as an evil powerful monster called leviathan and pictures God playing with it as a toy to achieve His eternal plans and purposes.

### **The Man who Made the Earth Tremble, who Shook Kingdoms.**

Isaiah 14:16-17 ----- <sup>16</sup>Those who see you (the king of Babylon) will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, <sup>17</sup>That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Those in the grave are personified as being alive and being almost in shock that the king of Babylon who had such royal majestic glory and made the world to tremble and a wilderness is now just a corpse decaying on the ground surrounded by worms.

### **God will cast the King of Babylon out of His Grave.**

Isaiah 14:18-20 ----- <sup>18</sup>All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house. <sup>19</sup>But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. <sup>20</sup>Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

The words, "All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house," means they all have their own graves. The pit refers to a mass grave much like the graves that were dug on a battle field or after a major disaster where there are thousands of dead bodies. In certain circumstances and some countries because of the lack of manpower and to prevent the spread of disease the bodies were all buried together in a pit (a massive hole dug in the ground). Isaiah's statement, "Thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch," could refer to either of the following two things: -

1. The king of Babylon being cast into a pit (a mass grave) and buried in it.
2. The king of Babylon being left to die on the battle field and rot and decay on the surface of the earth.

Not to be buried was considered a great abomination even for the common people let alone a King, they normally had lavish tombs to be buried in, but here we see one of the worlds most powerful and glorified kings not only humbled in defeat of battle, but also humble in death and burial (or lack of it).

The King of Babylon said in his heart: -

- I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High (v13).

And God through Isaiah the prophet said: -

- The King of Babylon would be brought down to the sides of the pit (v14).

Isaiah in this proverb is saying that the king of Babylon will be like those who are thrust through with a sword, trodden under foot, killed and whose carcase goes down to the pit. Verse twenty clearly tells us that the reason the King of Babylon will not be given a respectful burial is because he destroyed the land (primarily referring to the city of Jerusalem and the land of Israel) and because he had killed God's people. Notice God gives the King of Babylon the title, "The seed of evildoers" (v20) and says, "They shall never be renowned," meaning though they may have had fame in this world God will never exalt them in death.

**The fall of the king of Babylon:** was manifested in the destruction of his great position of authority, the fall of his kingdom and the loss of his power and glory over the earth. His fall was a result of his self-exaltation, his over inflated ego and his extreme pride.

Isaiah in this proverb against the the King of Babylon is saying that God is about to remove the great glory and pride of the king and his power and control. The king of Babylon will be defeated and no nation will come to his aid. The grave will open its mouth to receive him (meaning he's about to die) and when the authority and power of the the King of Babylon is destroyed the whole earth well be at rest and quiet, meaning without wars and people will break into singing.

### **God will Rise up against Babylon.**

Isaiah 14:21-24 ----- <sup>21</sup>Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. <sup>22</sup>For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD. <sup>23</sup>I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>24</sup>The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

The LORD through the prophet Isaiah warns Babylon to prepare for slaughter because God is about to destroy Babylon so that the future generations of Babylon will not continue their oppressive rule over the world and establish their own cities throughout the earth.

Notice the words of the LORD: -

- Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass and as I have purposed, so shall it stand (v24).

This shines a glorious spotlight on the majestic royal awe-inspiring wisdom power and foreknowledge of God. For God to bring this to pass He used Cyrus the King of Media Persia as his shepherd to set the people of Israel free from their captivity in Babylon and to bring to ruin the kingdom of Babylon. Without this prophecy and proverb of Isaiah's anyone watching the battles between Babylon and Media Persia would simply think the stronger and smarter nation triumphed over the weaker nation, but all the while God was using these nations as toys (as it were) to bring about his eternal plans and purposes.

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### **SUMMARY: Lucifer (the bright and morning Star).**

The focus of this chapter is upon one of the world's most powerful leaders, the the King of Babylon. This is because his extreme pride and ego affected and influenced multitudes of people languages and nations across the earth. The spotlight of Isaiah's proverb against the the King of Babylon is upon the heights of extreme pride and its destructive power. Pride from man's viewpoint is seen as a great light and shining star, but pride from God's viewpoint is spoken of as a great evil.

Lucifer is not and evil powerful creature named satan, but is a name that could refer to any man or woman who is in a position of power and is full of pride and self-exaltation and self-glory. In the context of this chapter this type of pride is manifested in the the King of Babylon. By extension it can apply to any leader (secular or religious) that is full of pride and ruled and controlled by their own ego and self-glory.

**The dwelling place of satan:** the Bible tells us that God's dwelling place is heaven, but where in the Bible does it tell us where satan dwells? As we travel through the book of Matthew, Mark and Galatians and many other books of the Bible we discover that all the following evils come from the human heart: -

- Evil thoughts, murders, adulteries fornication's, thefts, lies and deceit.
- Blasphemies, covetousness, wickedness, lasciviousness and an evil eye.
- Pride, foolishness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred and conflicts and divisions.

- Rivalry, wrath, strife, treason, troublemaking, heresies and drunkenness.
- Envy and reveling (riotous and disorderly parties and lawless and rebellious celebrations) and such like things. (Matt. 15:19) (Mark 7:21-23) (Gal. 5:19-21).

All of these evils dwell in the human heart and we know that they are also the outward works of satan. James the brother of Jesus said, "Everyone is tempted, not by satan, but by their own lust (James 1:14-15). This shows us that the word satan is a personification of man's own lust and all the evil that dwells in the mind, the heart and the flesh. If satan is the evil power in the world and all of his works proceed from the heart of man, then satan's dwelling place must be in the human heart. The title satan is simply the personification of self, pride and ego and all the corruptions dwelling in the darkness of the bottomless pit of the human heart that rebels against God, against His will and against His plans and against His purposes and brings all sorts of corruption and sin upon the face of the earth.

In the Hebrew language satan does not have a capital 'S' and means to act as an adversary, to oppose or withstand. It can apply to individuals, organizations (religious or secular) governments and nations. In its original Hebrew language satan is not some kind of evil powerful entity, but simply a word that applies to anyone who acts as an adversary, especially toward God, the Lord Jesus Christ and those who faithfully follow him. Any individual man or woman, group of people (secular or religious), government or leaders of nations that are opposed to God and act as adversaries to His will can rightfully be called satans.

Satan in most instances is a word that is used as a symbol for the human world of evil and opposition to God while the word devil is a highly appropriate word for the power of sin in human life. The words dragon and serpent generally symbolizes the power of universal sin or the collective mind of a group or of the world or of governments and nations that are opposed to God the Lord Jesus Christ and those who faithfully follow him.

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**For further information see the titles: -**

- Satan.
- Devil.
- Dragon.
- Serpent.

In Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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#### **FOOTNOTE.**

**Not all pride is destructive:** pride means self-importance, egotistical a braggart (i.e., one who boasts in himself). In science there are molecules called leptons, they are even smaller than atoms, it has been said that, "Some people's pride is so high they only see people as leptons." But not all pride is necessarily bad it can be put into two different categories healthy pride and destructive pride.

**Destructive pride:** is manifested in a haughty attitude shown by somebody who believes, often unjustifiably, that he or she is better than others. A person who has this kind of pride will often not mix with those they consider their social inferiors.

This pride is arrogant it exalts oneself above others and even God. It treats those it looks down to and believes are inferior to them with disdain and at its peak with cruelty and destruction. It causes quarrels, strife, arguments, fights and even wars. Wisdom regarding this kind of arrogant and self-exalting pride is, knowing it can only lead to strife and destruction, this is why the person with wisdom chooses to be humble rather than arrogant and prideful.

**Healthy pride:** healthy pride is that happy satisfied feeling somebody experiences when having or achieving something special that other people admire (i.e., a person taking great pride in their work). It is having the correct level of respect for the importance and value of one's own personal character, life, efforts, or achievements as opposed to having no confidence and no sense of worth. Healthy pride gives personal satisfaction such as an achievement or possession that somebody feels especially pleased and satisfied with (i.e., their grandchildren were their pride and joy). It is having a personal satisfaction and pleasure from a particular source, especially something accomplished or a quality possessed.

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