

“Lucifer” Isaiah 14:1-17 9/27/15

Today, we'd like to study the title of “Lucifer” in *Isaiah 14:1-17*.

To Online Word's people, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions:

Q1. In verse 1, the 2nd part, “...The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob,” what does it mean?

Q2. In verse 11, “Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, *And* the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, And worms cover you,” who is “You” and what is “You?”

Q3. In verse 12, “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!,” who is Lucifer and what is he?

(Background)

Dual prophecy – (1) prophecy for ancient country of Iraq – immediate future from this Isaiah's saying , about 200 years later, Babylon falls; (2) prophecy for a symbol of Anti-Christ or his followers – far future from this Isaiah's saying, Anti-Christ falls.

Isaiah's prophecy during 745-695 BC

(Isaiah 1:1) “The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.”

Assyria conquered Israel (722 BC); Babylon conquered Judah (586 BC); Persia conquered Babylon (536 BC)

Mercy on Jacob (1-2)

¹For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be

1=Q1 mercy on Jacob... still choose Israel... settle them (Israel's restoration from 70 years captivity by Babylon; during the great tribulation, Jesus' return on earth to establish millennium kingdom); The stranger (foreigners; Gentiles' believers, ¹*Isaiah 56:6-7;60:10;61:5*)

¹ *Isaiah 56:6-7*^Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,

joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob. ²Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

Babylon's Fall (3-11)

³It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, ⁴that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

"How the oppressor has ceased,
The golden city ceased!

⁵The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked,

The scepter of the rulers;

⁶He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke,

He who ruled the nations in anger,
Is persecuted *and* no one hinders.

⁷The whole earth is at rest *and* quiet;
They break forth into singing.

⁸Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you,
And the cedars of Lebanon,

Saying, 'Since you were cut down,
No woodsman has come up against us.'

⁹"Hell from beneath is excited about you,

2=People (Israel) will take them (strangers) and the house of Israel will possess them (the strangers) for servants and maids... rule over their oppressors. (not major power yet but far future rule over Babylonians)

5= has broken the staff of the wicked (Babylon as an instrument to judge Israel the rebel – If God's purpose ends, Babylon ends. All present Nations too)

8= No woodsman (feller, a person to cut down tree) has come up against us (at Jesus' return on earth)

And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— ⁷Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *Will be* accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."; *60:10* "The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.; *61:5* Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner *Shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

To meet *you* at your coming;
 It stirs up the dead for you,
 All the chief ones of the earth;
 It has raised up from their thrones
 All the kings of the nations.
¹⁰They all shall speak and say to you:
 'Have you also become as weak as we?
 Have you become like us?
¹¹Your pomp is brought down to Sheol,
 And the sound of your stringed
 instruments;
 The maggot is spread under you,
 And worms cover you.'

Lucifer's Fall (12-17)

¹²"How you are fallen from heaven,
 O Lucifer, son of the morning!
 How you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!

¹³For you have said in your heart:
 'I will ascend into heaven,

11= Q2 Your pomp... Sheol (grave, hell, hade)... (You: 1. Babylon; 2. Satan, old serpent, dragon, ²Rev 20:2-3; 14-15)

12= Q3 Lucifer, so of the morning! (daystar, Satan, the destroyer, the deceiver, Cherub to try to become God – most beautiful creature of spiritual being as a self-determinate being, most highest rank of angels, close to God ³Ezekiel 10:1; most wise creature ⁴Mat 10:16; Gen 3:4-5) You who weakened the nations! (Satanic power behind this world's power ⁵Dan 10:13 ;Satanic power behind the power of Persia; ⁶Eph 2:2)

13= in your heart (five times "I will")
 I will....the stars of God (angels).

² Rev 20:2-3 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the Devil* and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while; *14-15*. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

³ Ezekiel 10:1 And I looked, and there in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

⁴ Mat 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves; Gen 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁵ Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

⁶ Eph 2:2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

<p><u>I will</u> exalt my throne above <u>the stars of God</u>; <u>I will</u> also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, <u>I will</u> be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵<u>Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol</u>, To the lowest depths of the Pit. ¹⁶“Those who see you will gaze at you, <i>And consider you, saying:</i> ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, <i>Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’</i></p>	<p>14= I will be like the Most High (finally, I will be like God – the most pride) 15= you shall be brought down to Sheol (grave; Rev 20:3, 20:14, above) 16= gaze (squint) 17= not open the house of his prisoners (e.g. imprisoned Christians in Iran – There is Satanic power behind persecuting world authority over a lot of Christians because of their faith in Jesus. But in the day of the Lord to judge the world, i.e., the Great Tribulation to come, all Satan and his followers such as false prophets or unbelievers will be punished.; OUR ATTITUDE ⁷Eph 6:10-12)</p>
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⁷ Eph 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.