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Notice this verse is worded as a question and punctuated with an exclamation point, which indicates amazement. No one should be amazed when God casts the devil into hell, but Lucifer was not “the devil” from the beginning. Instead, he was one of three archangels, along with Michael and Gabriel, each of whom had a third part of the angels of God under their charge. Lucifer’s name speaks of “brightness,” and he was known as “the shining one,” or the “angel of light.” The scripture says *“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee”* Ezekiel 28:15. His “iniquity” was discovered while it remained in his heart. Five times he said in his heart, *“I will....”* He said, *“I will ascend..., I will exalt..., I will sit..., I will ascend above...,”* and finally, *“I will be like the most High”* Isaiah 14:13-14. Consider this in the light of Jesus, when faced with the horrible death of the cross. He prayed to His Father in great agony, saying *“Not my will, but thine be done”* Luke 22:42.

The message in this booklet is about the fall of Lucifer. It began in the Garden of Eden, in the same day he tempted and deceived Eve, with the result that Adam disobeyed God and brought about the fall of

humanity. In that same day, Lucifer began his fall, and he has been “falling” for six thousand years. Never at any time has he succeeded in “ascending.” Ultimately, he will continue to fall until a thousand years after the return of Jesus Christ to earth, when he will reach his final destination, which is the everlasting, burning, lake of



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fire. God sent Jesus Christ into the world to save fallen man. The scripture says, *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life”* John 3:16. Lucifer and his fallen angels have no such salvation, but will be cast into the everlasting burning lake of fire to be *“tormented day and night forever and ever”* Revelation 20:10.

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*“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! 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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?”*** Isaiah 14:12-17

Introduction

The fourteenth chapter of Isaiah begins as a prophecy and a proverb against the king of Babylon, which many assume to have been Nebuchadnezzar. In fact, Isaiah was a prophet over a hundred years before Nebuchadnezzar was born. “Babylon,” which means “confusion,” had its beginning when God confused the languages of those who sought to build a tower “*whose top may reach into heaven*” Genesis 11:4. Babylon became an empire which continued until it was conquered in 539 B.C. by the Medes and Persians. The people of Babylon worshiped up to thirty-six hundred gods, but Marduk was their chief god, along with Ishtar,

Tammuz, Bel, and other named gods too numerous to tell. In the prophecies of the last days on earth, “Mystery Babylon” arises to power, which does not indicate any single nation or governmental power. It is in this “mystery Babylon” that we find the “king of Babylon” that Isaiah prophesies against. His name is “Lucifer.” Who is Lucifer, where did he come from, and what will his end be? To answer that question is the purpose of this message.

In the beginning, God did not create evil. At the end of every “day” of creation, God looked upon all He had created and said it was “good.” On the sixth day of creation, after God had created man in His image and likeness, God said it was “very good” Genesis 1:31. There was no “devil,” and no such thing as sin, so how did these come into being?

God’s Anointed Cherub

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” Ezekiel 28:14-15

Lucifer was “*the anointed cherub that covereth.*” His name means “*the shining one,*” and he is called “*son of the morning*” Isaiah 14:12. He was one of three “chief princes” Daniel 10:13 of God, along with Michael and Gabriel. These three were the first among all the angels of God, with a third part of the angels of God under the charge of each. Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer were the closest to God among the angels. It seems, according to the scriptures, that after the rebellion of Lucifer, Michael became the warrior Angel, and Gabriel, the messenger Angel. What were their functions before the rebellion of Lucifer, we do not know. We do know they were created beings, and Christ was their creator. We

know that Lucifer was the “*anointed cherub that covereth;*” that he was “*full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty*” Ezekiel 28:12. Perhaps it was his great “beauty” that became his downfall, because the scripture says, “*Thine heart was lifted up because of thine beauty,*” and his wisdom was corrupted “*by reason of thy brightness*” Ezekiel 28:17. Ezekiel’s prophecy of the anointed cherub, and Isaiah’s prophecy of Lucifer are the same. Isaiah said he would “*fall from heaven,*” and be “*cut down to the ground*” Isaiah 14:12. In the prophecy of Ezekiel God said “*I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire* (the stars in heaven),” and “*I will cast thee to the ground*” Ezekiel 28:16-17. What could have been the source of God’s great wrath against His “*anointed cherub that covereth?*” God said, “*Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee*” Ezekiel 28:15. It is only in Isaiah’s prophecy that we discover exactly what the iniquity in his heart was.

Lucifer’s “iniquity” is the origin of “sin,” and as sin is resident is in the heart of man today, so it was in the heart of Lucifer. His sin was discovered by God even before he acted upon it. Our God knows the thoughts and intents of the heart of man, and nothing is hidden from his eyes Hebrews 4:12-13.

“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

These words are written in the form of a question, but they are punctuated with an exclamation point, which indicates amazement. In this message I will deal first with the amazement, and finally with the “how.” The prophecy expresses amazement because of who Lucifer is. He is the third archangel along with Michael and Gabriel. A third of the angels of heaven are under his charge. How is it possible that he would fall from heaven?

This text in Isaiah is the only place in the bible where the “anointed cherub’s” name is spoken. In every other place in the scriptures he is identified with derogatory names. In the Garden of Eden he was identified as “*the serpent.*” In the trials of Job, he was first identified as “*Satan*” as he brought accusation against righteous Job Job 1:6. He was identified as “*the devil*” for the first time when Jesus was “*tempted of the devil*” for forty days in the wilderness Matthew 4:1. Only three years later, when Christ died on the cross, and Lucifer was cast out of heaven, the scripture says, “*...the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...*” Revelation 12:9: “*...he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*” This fulfilled the words of Isaiah’s prophecy, “*...fallen from heaven*” and “*cut down to the ground.*”

“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...” Isaiah 14:13

This verse reveals the “iniquity” that was found in the heart of God’s anointed cherub. It conceived in his heart to exalt his position “*above the stars of God.*” It is difficult to comprehend what I say when we see man in his present fallen state, but “*the stars of God*” whom Lucifer sought to exalt himself above were the man and woman whom God had created “*in his own image, after His own likeness*” Genesis 1:26-28. David had never seen man in the image and likeness of God, when he asked the question, “*When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels* (elohiyim; Hebrew for God), *and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet*” Psalms 8:3-6. Man in the image

and likeness of God is the highest order of God's creation. David spoke of God's relationship with Adam "*Thou hast put all things under his feet.*" The apostle Paul said, "*Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, **he left nothing that is not put under him.** But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus...*" Hebrews 2:8-9.

Lucifer, along with Michael and Gabriel were the chief angels (archangels) of God. They were created above and given charge over all the host of angels in heaven. Man was created just a little lower than God to exercise authority over all the works of God's hands. The archangels and all the hosts of heaven were created to serve man while he remained in the image and likeness of God. "*But to which of **the angels** said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*" Hebrews 1:13-14. Lucifer's first ambition was to "*exalt his throne above the stars of God,*" which were the man and the woman in the image of God.

Lucifer; The serpent in God's Garden

"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14:11

This saying of Jesus is an immutable law of the Spirit. No one has ever succeeded in exalting themselves because of the immutable law of "abasement." Those who seek to exalt themselves in reality only succeed in abasing themselves. Lucifer's efforts to exalt himself above the stars of God (Adam and Eve), succeeded only to the extent that man fell from the image and likeness of God to a position lower than the angels and only a little above the beasts of the field. Lucifer, while becoming god over fallen man,

was not “exalted,” but he was “abased” to the level of “the serpent.”

Sins originate in the heart before they are committed. It was the same with Lucifer. The things he said to Eve in the garden were all a part of his plan to exalt himself into the position of God. Notice the subtlety of his words to Eve; how carefully he had chosen what to say. He begins with “*Hath God said...*” Genesis 3:1. He questioned the word of God and the motive of God to speak such a word. “*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*” God had commanded Adam even before He made Eve, “*Of every tree of the garden **thou mayest freely eat:** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die***” Genesis 2:16-17. Lucifer has never changed His methods. He continually plants questions in the minds of those who will listen concerning the truthfulness of God’s word. Eve faithfully related to the serpent (Lucifer) what God had commanded Adam, only to have the serpent accuse God of lying even as he (the serpent) told the original lie; “***Ye shall not surely die***” Genesis 3:4, “*For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be **as gods**, knowing good and evil*” Genesis 3:5. The serpent was successful in planting an evil thought in the mind of Eve. The “evil thought” made Eve to believe God was trying to keep from her something very good. If she ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she would become “*as gods, knowing both good and evil.*” The words “as gods” in this verse was translated from the Hebrew word “*elohiym*,” which is the word used throughout the Old Testament for “*God.*” In other words, if they ate of the tree which God had forbidden to them, they would become “*elohiym*,” no longer “a little lower,” but “equal with God.”

Oh, what a horrible deception this was. Adam and Eve were “*the stars of God*” Isaiah 12:14 which Lucifer desired to exalt himself above. They were the nearest thing to God in all the creation of God, just a little lower than God Himself. Everything God had created was placed under the dominion of Adam. If Lucifer succeeded in exalting himself above Adam and Eve, he would have succeeded in become an equal with God.

*“And when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be desired to **make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”*

Genesis 3:6

Adam and Eve had the tree of life in the garden, but they looked away from it to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Had they eaten of the tree of life, they would have lived forever, but when Eve looked to the forbidden tree, she saw three things that fascinated her; first, it was “*good for food*;” second, “*It was pleasant to the eyes*;” and third, it would “*make one wise*.” Meditating on these three things brought the downfall of Eve. She ate of the fruit, and gave it to Adam. He ate of the fruit, and immediately their eyes were opened to both good and evil. The first thing they noticed was, they were both naked, and they were ashamed. They made coverings of leaves, and hid themselves among the leaves of the trees from the presence of God. Before they disobeyed God, they were “*both naked, and were not ashamed*” Genesis 2:25. It was the nakedness of sin that made them ashamed. They had been made in the image and likeness of God, and clothed with the glory of God. Now, both “*the image and likeness of God*,” and “*the glory of God*” were forever lost to them. Adam’s and Eve’s disobedience to God came about through the same “iniquity” that was found in Lucifer; the desire to “*exalt themselves*” to be equal to God Genesis 3:5. The spirit of

self-exaltation is the spirit of the serpent himself. Jesus said, “*For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted*” Luke 14:11. Adam and Eve were abased by God, and Lucifer became “*the god of this world*” II Corinthians 4:4. It should be understood that Lucifer never at any time succeeded in exalting himself. Every effort to exalt himself only brought further abasement to him. It was through the “fall” of Adam and Eve that Lucifer had his success, but through that “success,” he became known as “*the serpent,*” which is hardly an exalted name.

Lucifer: God of this World

“...*the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*” II Corinthians 4:4

The first verse in the bible tells us that God created both heaven and earth. He did not, however, create “*this world*” as we know it. The primary Greek word which was translated “world” is “*kosmos,*” which means “*the orderly arrangement.*” The second most common Greek word for “world” is “*aion,*” which means “*age.*” When the apostle Paul spoke to the Galatians of “*this present evil world*” Galatians 1:4, he was actually speaking of this “*present evil age,*” which is opposite of “*the world (age) to come,*” and speaks of the “*new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness*” II Peter 3:13.

The “world” as both “*the orderly arrangement*” and “*this present evil age*” began with the entrance of sin. There are seven instances in the New Testament scriptures that speak of “*before the world was,*” or “*before the foundation of the world.*” These do not speak of “*before the creation of heaven and earth,*” but rather they speak of the time on earth before the entrance of sin.

In Jesus' prayer the night before He suffered the His death on the cross, He said, "*And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee **before the world was***" John 17:5. Peter spoke of the "*sufferings of Christ and **the glory that followed***" I Peter 1:11. Christ's prayer was answered in the "*new creation in Christ.*" Paul said of Jesus, "*...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God*" Hebrews 12:2. "*Before the world was,*" while man was still in the image and likeness of God, there were two special trees in the midst of the paradise of God; the "*tree of life,*" and "*the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*" We have seen the result when Adam and Eve turned from the "*tree of life*" and looked upon the forbidden tree. Our "*tree of life*" is Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "*As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so **he that eateth me, even he shall live by me***" John 6:57. The "*forbidden tree*" to the children of God is "*the world.*"

*"Love not the world, **neither the things** that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."*

I John 2:15

The next two verses reveal why "*the world*" is our "*forbidden tree.*"

*"For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life,** is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."* I John 2:16-17

These three things are common both to the world and to the tree which God forbid Adam and Eve to eat of. The tree was "*good for food (the lust of the flesh);*" it was "*pleasant to the eyes (the lust of the eyes);*" and it was "*desired to make one wise (the pride of life).*"

God loved the inhabitants of the world, with a view to their salvation John 3:16. We should also love humanity with a view to their salvation, but have no “love” for **the things of this present evil world**.

Lucifer; god in the Temple of God

“...I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:” Isaiah 14:13

When Lucifer said, *“I will sit also...,”* he spoke of a secondary position in his ambition to exalt his throne. To be god over fallen, sinful man, was not his ambition. Lucifer had no desire to be god of the beer joint, the night club, or the house of prostitution; his first desire was to be god in heaven, and his second was to be god in the Temple of God. *“The mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north”* was the physical location of Jerusalem and the Temple of God. David wrote a beautiful Psalm about the *“city of God,”* which was located *“in the mountain of His holiness.”*

*“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, **on the sides of the north,** the city of the great King.”* Psalms 48:1-2

Lucifer succeeded in his ambition to be god in the temple at Jerusalem. The temple was built by King Solomon, who was famous for his wisdom. Perhaps the wisest man on earth, Solomon in his old age became the greatest among the fools of earth. He had married seven hundred wives who were the daughters of kings over the heathen nations. Solomon *“went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites”* 1 Kings 11:5.

“And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did

Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.” 1 Kings 11:6-8

The same great king which built the Temple for God in Jerusalem also filled the land with “*high places*” for idolatrous worship. Regardless of the names given to the heathen gods, whether Astoreth, Milcom, Chemosh, or Molech, it was Lucifer the people worshiped.

The eighth chapter of Ezekiel exposes the “*abominations*” that were in the Temple of God in Jerusalem just before God sent Nebuchadnezzar to destroy it. In a vision, God took the prophet Ezekiel to Jerusalem to see why God had rejected Jerusalem and the Temple. The first abomination was in the entry of the Temple at the gate of the altar. Next to the altar of God stood an idol, which God called “*an image of jealousy.*” The second commandment which God gave to the children of Israel at Sinai says, said “*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God...*” Exodus 20:4-5. An image of a heathen god stood next to the altar of God, and God was “*jealous.*”

At the door of the court of the Temple, Ezekiel found a hole in the wall. When God told him to dig in the wall, he found a secret chamber. The seventy elders of Israel were gathered inside the chamber to burn incense. Portrayed on the walls of the secret chamber were “*every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel*” Ezekiel 8:10-12. The

seventy elders of Israel were worshiping devils, as the Hebrew text says, “*in the chambers of their imagination*” Ezekiel 8:12.

Going further into the Temple, “*at the gate of the LORD'S house,*” Ezekiel found the women of Israel sitting and “*weeping for Tammuz*” Ezekiel 8:14. They were worshiping the demon god of the Phoenicians. In the inner court of the LORD'S house, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, Ezekiel saw “*about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east*” Ezekiel 8:16. God had shown all these abominations to Ezekiel for the prophet to understand why it had to be destroyed. It was no longer the “*Temple of God,*” but Lucifer, in his attempt to take the place of God, had succeeded in becoming “*god in the Temple of God*” Isaiah 14:13.

War in Heaven

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.” Revelation 12:3

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels...”
Revelation 12:7

Lucifer was not satisfied to be only “*the god of this world,*” or “*god in the temple of God,*” because His great ambition was to take the place of God in heaven. He had said *in his heart,* “*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High*” Isaiah 14:14. This resulted in a war in heaven between Lucifer and Michael, both of them being one of three archangels of God. Each of them had a third part of all the angels of God under their charge, and the forces were so equal, neither of them could prevail over the other. The war in heaven continued for thousands

of years, from the time iniquity was first found in Lucifer, who was God's "*anointed cherub that covereth*" Ezekiel 28:14, until the time Jesus Christ suffered and died on the cross at Calvary. The book of Jude confirms the longevity of the warfare and the equality of the forces; "*Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil (Lucifer) he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee*" Jude 1:9.

As in every war, there are casualties of this war in heaven. In a war, there are many battles fought, and victory over the aggressor comes at a great price. It is even possible to win the battles, but lose the war. When Lucifer declared the war in heaven to take the place of God, the first battle was in the Garden of Eden, where man, whom God had created in His image and likeness, was the casualty. By the disobedience of that one man, Adam, "*sin entered into the world, and death by sin...*" Romans 5:12. God had created the heaven and earth to last for eternity, but now, in this first conflict with Lucifer, they were cursed by sin and must come to an end II Peter 3:10. Perhaps as many as fifteen billion souls have been born since the fall of Adam, and every one of them, with the exception of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, have been born with sin, the nature of the serpent (Lucifer) in them. All these are casualties of the war in heaven. It seems that Lucifer won every battle until the day that Jesus Christ died on the cross, and that is the day he lost the war. He was forever cast out of heaven. This is the record of that day as seen by John in his visions on the Isle of Patmos.

*“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And **the great dragon** was cast out, **that old serpent,***

called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Revelation 12:7-12

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb” Revelation 12:11. Neither side could prevail in the war in heaven until the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God was poured out on the cross at Calvary. Michael, the archangel of God, was the first to “*overcome*” by the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. When Christ came into the world, he said to the Father who sent Him, “*Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me...I come to do thy will O God*” Hebrews 10:5-7. We know it was the will of God that Christ would suffer and die on the cross, because verse ten says, “*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*” Hebrews 10:10. It was the will of God that everyone who would believe and trust in Christ would be “*sanctified,*” which means “*made holy.*” The nature of sin which came in through Adam would be taken away by Jesus Christ. When the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus at John’s baptism, and John knew who He was, John introduced Jesus to the people, saying, “*Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*” John 1:29. The entire Jewish world was expecting their “*messiah*” to come that same year Luke 3:15, because it was the year designated by

prophecy for His appearing. According to the prophecy, He would “*make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness*” Daniel 9:24-25.

The will of God which was accomplished at Calvary, however, went much further than “sanctifying the people.” Christ’s mission to earth was to “*destroy the devil (Lucifer).*” The same day sin entered through the transgression of Adam, God promised a “*seed of the woman*” would come to “*bruise the head of the serpent (Lucifer)*” Genesis 3:15. Christ was the only one who could do the will of God and destroy the devil (Lucifer), because Christ was the creator of all things. He is the eternal Word of God. “*All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made*” John 1:3. In the beginning, God “said” Genesis 1:3, and Christ “created.” Lucifer was a created being, and Christ was his creator. Lucifer was the highest order of angels, along with Michael and Gabriel; there was no power in the universe that could destroy him, other than Christ, his creator. It is amazing, however, that God did not say to Lucifer “*I will bruise your head,*” but He said “*a seed of the women will bruise your head*” Genesis 3:15. This saying alone was sufficient to require the incarnation of Christ, that “*the Word (Christ the creator)*” would be “*made flesh to dwell among us*” John 1:14. He had to be “*born of a woman*” in order to “*destroy the devil (Lucifer).*”

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil...” Hebrews 2:14

Lucifer was utterly destroyed in heaven when Christ died on the cross and poured out His precious blood. The words of Isaiah’s prophecy were fulfilled that same day; “*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. A loud voice in heaven was heard to say, *“Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ”* Revelation 12:10. Hallelujah! This was the day of the *“New Creation.”* The Kingdom of God was come; the sons of God were born. The accuser of the brethren (Lucifer) was cast out; *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil (Lucifer) is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time”* Revelation 12:12. The war in heaven was over, and the victory was won, but the war on earth was just beginning.

Lucifer: god in the church

*“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**”* II Thessalonians 2:1-4.

The *“falling away”* speaks of the apostasy of the church. These words were fulfilled to perfection in the Roman Catholic Church of the dark ages. Within four centuries after the Day of Pentecost, the church, which been born in persecution, became the persecutor. A long series of men were given the title of *“Pope,”* and exalted to dictatorial power over the church. Each of these were esteemed to be the sole representative of Jesus Christ on earth, and held the people in bondage through *“fear*

of death” Hebrews 2:14-15. During several hundred years of the inquisition, which Pope Gregory IX instituted 1231 A.D. for the apprehension and trial of heretics, between thirty to fifty thousand people were burned at the stake at the discretion of the Catholic hierarchy. Certainly, for over a thousand years which were called “the dark ages,” Lucifer succeeded in his ambition to become “god in the church.” This “church” in the dark ages, however, was only one of the heads of a great beast with seven heads

The Dragon and the Beast

Lucifer utterly failed in his quest to take the place of God in heaven. He is cast down to earth, and knows he has but a short time. On earth, however, he is in his realm, because he has been the god of this present evil world since the day sin entered into the world through the disobedience of Adam. He rules the world by his nature in the people, which is called “the sin nature.” He is the one who has “*made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof*” Isaiah 14:17. For four thousand years before his fall, Lucifer had access to both heaven and earth. He came continually before God to “accuse the brethren” as is recorded in the book of Job. When the heavens rejoiced over Lucifer’s fall they said, “...*for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night*” Revelation 12:10. Being “*cast down,*” he came to earth “*in great wrath...*” The thirteenth chapter of Revelation is a record of what Lucifer has accomplished as “*the god of this world.*” Exactly as Adam and Eve were created in the image and likeness of God, when Lucifer became god of this world through the fall of Adam, he remade the world into his image and likeness. That image and likeness is seen in the beast, which is first spoken of in chapter thirteen.

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”

Revelation 13:1

Notice the beast is in the same form as the dragon, with “*seven heads and ten horns.*” Those who believe and teach this is a literal sea monster, are mistaken. The “*beast,*” which is in the same form as the “*dragon,*” represents the kingdoms of this present evil world, from the time sin entered until the time in which we live. In this thirteenth chapter of Revelation, the entire form of the beast is seen, but only one head of the beast is revealed for what it is.

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.” Revelation 13:3

The “*head,*” which received the deadly wound, was the apostate church of the dark ages. The “*deadly wound*” was dealt by the reformation of the sixteenth century. The reformation did not make an end to the Roman Catholic Church, but it stripped it of its power over the nations.

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” Revelation 13:4

This continues to speak of the apostate church of the dark ages, before it received its deadly wound. The dragon (Lucifer) gave the power of life or death to the apostate church. The kings of the earth were forced to pay homage to the pope, which means they were forced to bow before and even kiss his feet. Martin Luther published a page with two pictures. One depicted Jesus washing the disciple’s feet; the second depicted an Emperor kissing the toe

of a pope. Thus, they “*worshipped the dragon which gave power to the beast, and they worshipped the beast.*”

*“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and **power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.** And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And **it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**”*

Revelation 13:5-7

These verses give an overall view of the almost thirteen centuries the apostate church exercised absolute dominion over the nations. It began in the fourth century, when the emperor Constantine chose to do war under the banner of the cross. The “church,” which had been persecuted from its birth, suddenly became the persecutor when Constantine, the emperor of Rome, forced the citizens of heathen nation into “Christian baptism” at the point of a sword. The beastly power of the Roman church increased until millions of innocent people were tortured and tens of thousands burned at the stake during the inquisitions which began in the thirteenth century and continued until abolished by the queen of Spain early in the nineteenth century. This is the “*head*” which received a deadly wound in the reformation, but was “*healed*” to continue in another form. As we will see in another chapter of this book, Lucifer was the god over that apostate church. In order to understand the beast, however we must understand what each of the heads of the beast represent.

The Mystery of the Seven Heads

“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.” Revelation 17:9

The city of Rome was built on seven hills (mountains). The angel of God explained to John in the vision, that Rome was the manifestation of the sixth head of the beast in his present day.

“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.” Revelation 17:10

From John’s perspective, the seven heads of the beast represented the seven kingdoms of this world which had ruled or would yet rule over the chosen people of God, whether the children of Israel or the church. We must understand this vision is based upon things as they were in the time frame of the apostle John who received the vision. Some of what John saw in his future is in our past, yet John also saw the present time in which we live. We will examine this powerful verse a bit at a time.

“And there are seven kings...” This speaks of seven world kingdoms of all time. There would be seven that would rule over the known world in their time. One would receive a deadly wound, but would survive as an eighth kingdom.

“...five are fallen...” The five world kingdoms which were fallen in John’s day were, **1.** Egypt; **2.** Assyria; **3.** Babylon; **4.** Persian; and **5.** Greek

“...and one is...” Rome was the sixth world kingdom, which ruled over the known world in the day of John’s vision.

“...and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.” The seventh head of the beast did not exist in the days of John’s vision. The seventh head of the beast was the “holy Roman empire,” which was the apostate church of the dark ages. The verse says, *“...when he cometh, he must continue for a time.”* The apostate church continued for almost thirteen centuries, much longer than any of the other world

kingdoms. This seventh head of the beast, the “holy Roman empire,” is the one which received a deadly wound in the reformation of the sixteenth century.

“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven (seventh), and goeth into perdition.” Revelation 17:11

“...the beast that was, and is not...” This speaks of the head of the beast which received the deadly wound that was healed Revelation 13:3. The head that was healed became the eighth world power, *“and is of the seventh.”* This is the second “beast” of the thirteenth Chapter of Revelation. John wrote, *“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon”* Revelation 13:11.

Lucifer, having been cast down from heaven when Christ *“bruised his head”* Genesis 3:15 on the cross, and having received a “deadly wound” in the reformation, changed his tactics, but not his purpose. He came into the reformed church as a “Trojan horse;” he looked good, he had the appearance of a lamb, but he *“spake as a dragon.”* He didn’t look like a dragon, and he didn’t sound like a dragon. He came again as the serpent came to Eve in the Garden of Eden. He was sweet and loving, and very flattering. Only those who understood, and loved the truth would know who he was. It was what he spoke that gave him away. He came into the churches with false teachers and false prophets, bringing false doctrines, which Paul called *“doctrines of devils”* I Timothy 4:1. This “beast,” having the appearance of a “lamb,” arose shortly after the reformation, and continues even unto our present day, having his place in many churches of our generation. It has been true for most of my ministry that when I look at the modern church world, I see both a “bride” and a “harlot.” These are so mingled, there is no distinct line between the two. The call of the Spirit, however, is *“Come out of her (the harlot), my people (the bride of Christ)...”* Revelation 18:4, *“...that ye be not partakers of her sins, and*

that ye receive not of her plagues.” It is a “call to separation,” as God said to the Corinthian church;

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” II Corinthians 6:17-18

The ten horns of the beast

*“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. **These shall make war with the Lamb**, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”* Revelation 17:12-14

The beast in Revelation 13:1 had *“seven heads and ten horns.”* While the “heads” represented the world powers of all time, the “ten horns” represent the nations of the world. Fifty to a hundred years ago many teachers of prophecy believed these *“ten horns”* would be ten nations in the European common market, which presently has twenty-seven member nations. Others have taught these ten horns would be fulfilled by ten nations in a Muslim caliphate which would surround Israel. The second of these two theories is more plausible than the first, however neither of these satisfy the scripture. These *“ten horns”* actually represent the nations of the world. When Jesus Christ returns to earth to reign over the kingdoms of the world, the scripture says, *“...and the nations were angry”* Revelation 11:18. *“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them...”* Revelation 17:14. *“...and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”* These are the bride of Christ.

*“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. **For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.**”* Revelation 17:16-17

This verse, as much as any in the scriptures, shows that God is in control regardless of the circumstances around us. Even the nations of the world, which the scripture says are “*angry*” when Christ returns, will do the will of God. First, they will make war with the lamb (Christ) and His bride, and the lamb will overcome them, “*for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings*” Revelation 17:14. Next they will “*hate the whore,*” and utterly destroy her in the most torturous way; they shall “*...make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. **For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will...***” Revelation 17:16-17. It is in the same time frame that the nations make war against the “*church,*” both the “*bride*” and the “*harlot.*” How is it that they cannot harm the “*bride,*” but they utterly destroy “*the harlot?*” God has always preserved the righteous when he judges the wicked. Before He destroyed Jerusalem by the armies of Babylon, God sent an angel to place a “*mark*” on the righteous people in the city. When He sent the destroying angels, He said, “*Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house***” Ezekiel 9:6-7. When the fifth trumpet of judgment sounds, and the locust swarm out of the bottomless pit, God “*commanded them*” that they could hurt “*only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads*” Revelations 9:4.

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” II Peter 2:9

The Secret Place of the Most High

*“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the **terror by night**; nor for **the arrow that flieth by day**; Nor for **the pestilence that walketh in darkness**; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. **A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.** Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see **the reward of the wicked.**”* Psalms 91:1-8

This Psalm was written by Moses at some time during his forty years wandering in the wilderness with the rebellious children of Israel. The entire multitude who were above twenty years of age at the beginning, died in the wilderness. They perished in every way imaginable, some by snake bite, some by the plague, some by the sword, and some died when the ground opened up and swallowed them. There were six hundred thousand men, plus the women and children who left the land of Egypt. Biblical scholars estimate from two million to over three million people left Egypt in the exodus. It is probable that over two million died in the wilderness, leaving a trail of mass graves behind them. In the midst of this, Moses tells of a “secret place of the Most High. A “refuge,” and a “fortress” where the people are safe in every situation. He explains in the next verse;

“Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation.” Psalms 91:9

The next verse says, *“There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling”* Psalms 91:10. This is only true if the LORD is our *“dwelling.”* Our *“dwelling”* is our *“habitation,”* and it must be in God. *“For ye are dead, and your life is hid **with Christ in God**”* Colossians 3:3. Bad things often happen to good people, and in times of persecution, it is the godly who suffer, but when God *“rewards the wicked”* or *“pours out His wrath”* there is the *“secret place of the Most High”* for the righteous.

The Harlot Church

The seventeenth chapter of Revelation begins with the revelation of the *“great whore”* which is *“sitting on many waters”* Revelation 17:1. Verse fifteen says, *“The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”* This *“great whore,”* which I will refer to as the *“harlot”* in this message, comes to power riding on the beast with seven heads and ten horns. The prophet Isaiah was amazed at the fallen state of Jerusalem when he cried, *“How is the faithful city become an harlot!”* Isaiah 1:21. These words, written as a question, are punctuated with an exclamation point. It seemed impossible, but it happened. It could be said in the dark ages, *“How is the glorious church of the first century become the harlot church of the dark ages!”* or *“How is the church of the reformation become the church of the twenty-first century, filled with false teachers and false prophets!”* Jerusalem became a harlot; the glorious church of the eyewitness apostles became a harlot; and the church of the reformation has taken the same course. If Jesus Christ does not return in this generation, which began when Jerusalem returned to Jewish control on June 6, 1967, we will plunge into another *“thousand years”* of spiritual darkness. It is at His return

that the “harlot” is destroyed, and Lucifer is bound and cast into hell for a thousand years Revelation 20:1-3.

Lucifer; brought down to hell

“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”

Isaiah 14:15

Let’s look again at the things Lucifer “said in his heart” when he sought to take the place of God in heaven;

“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: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” Isaiah 14:13-14

These were five areas where Lucifer sought to “exalt himself.” But what did Jesus say?

“For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” Luke 14:11

This is a spiritual law which operates as surely as the law of gravity. No one, not even God’s “*anointed cherub that covereth*” Ezekiel 28:14-15, could seek to exalt himself and not be abased. Adam in his first estate was created in the image and likeness of God, and just a little lower than God. All the works of God’s hands were given under Adam. The Apostle Paul said “*there is nothing that was not put under him* (Adam).” Adam and Eve were the highest order of God’s creation, with even the angels of God subject to them. Paul confirms this Hebrews 1:13-14. These were “*the stars of God,*” the first of those which Lucifer said he would exalt himself above Isaiah 14:13.

When seeking to exalt himself above the stars of God, Lucifer succeeded only in bringing Adam and Eve down. Strangely, he did so by showing Eve a way to exalt herself and her husband, Adam. “*Ye shall be as gods, knowing both good and evil*” Genesis

3:5. They had only to disobey God and eat of the forbidden tree. They sought to exalt themselves, but were only abased. Adam lost everything! He was driven out of the paradise of God to earn his bread through the sweat of his brow. He who was above all others in the creation of God became the prisoner of sin and subject to the serpent. As for Lucifer, in seeking to exalt himself above the stars of God, he was abased to the level of the lowly serpent, and so he would be known.

When Lucifer came before God to accuse Job, he received the name “Satan,” which is properly defined as “the accuser.” The first time he is called “the devil” was in the wilderness of temptation with Jesus Matthew 4:1. In Revelation 12:3, he is identified as a “*great red dragon*.”

Notice that when Christ died on the cross and shed His holy blood, only then was Michael and his angels able to cast Lucifer out of heaven to the earth. The scripture says, “*And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him*” Revelation 12:9. Notice the scripture includes all the deplorable names of Lucifer when he is, at the return of Christ, cast into the bottomless pit.

*“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on **the dragon**, that **old serpent**, which is **the Devil**, and **Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the **bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, **till the thousand years should be fulfilled**.”* Revelation 20:1-3

The Thousand years

Lucifer, better known as “*the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,*” will be bound in the bottomless pit for a thousand years. During that thousand years, Christ will reign, along with those saints who have overcome, and are caught up with Him in the first resurrection. Jesus spoke of this to the overcomers in the church in Thyatira;

*“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: **even as I received of my Father.**”* Revelation 2:26-27

The record of what Jesus received of His Father is given in the second Psalm;

*“Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**”* Psalms 2:8-9

This is spoken of the thousand years of Christ’s reign on earth while Lucifer is bound in the bottomless pit. Most people have been taught this will be a wonderful thousand years of paradise restored on earth. The scripture says the opposite; Satan will be bound, but sin will still reign in the hearts of the people. The nations will be angry when Jesus returns to earth Revelation 11:18. They will be filled with people who hate Jesus Christ, which is the reason He and His saints must rule “*with a rod of iron.*” The second Psalm tells more detail of that millennial reign of Christ;

“Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from

the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” Psalms 2:10-12

Some believe the “*rod of iron*” will be the restoration of the Law of Moses and the animal sacrifices. This is foolishness to believe such a thing when it cost the life blood of the Son of God on the cross to abolish these things. The environment is much more likely to be the “*rod of iron.*” Remember, the two witnesses will have power over the environment;

“These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” Revelation 11:6.

The prophet Zechariah describes the millennial reign;

“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.” Zechariah 14:9

*“And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even **upon them shall be no rain.** And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; **there shall be the plague,** wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”* Zechariah 14:17-18

The “*rod of iron*” which will force the nations to worship “*Jesus Christ the King*” will be famines, pestilence, and plagues. The inhabitants of the nations will hate Jesus, but God said “*Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.*” On the other hand, “*Blessed are all they that put their trust in him*” Psalms 2:12.

Lucifer; Loosed for a season

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.” Revelation 20:7-8

After Satan (Lucifer) has been bound for a thousand years, while Jesus Christ has reigned, the people of all nations which hate Jesus and serve Satan will be “as the sand of the sea” for number. After falling so far from being God’s “*anointed cherub that covereth*” Ezekiel 28:14-15, to being bound a thousand years in the bottomless pit, Lucifer takes one last effort to “exalt himself.” Being “loosed” from his prison, he gathers all the Jesus haters to make war against Christ. Biblical scholars cannot agree as to who “God and Magog” are, but most believe they are from Russia. It is interesting that Islamic scholars believe Gog and Magog are the Christians which cover the earth, and Jesus will destroy them when He returns. God and Magog cannot be Russia, because they are gathered from the four quarters of the earth. They cannot be the Christians, because they love Jesus Christ, and know Him to be “*the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” Islam will accept Jesus as a prophet, but never as the Son of God. The locust that are released out of the bottomless pit, which will ultimately bring the death of a third part of all living on earth, are the same ones who hate Christians and Jews, and seek the destruction of Israel. The scripture says “*And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon (a destroying angel), but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon (a destroyer)*” Revelation 9:11. Their “king” is Lucifer, “*the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan.*”

“And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

Revelation 20:9

At this time the “*camp of the saints*” will be in the “*beloved city*,” Jerusalem. Untold millions of Jesus haters from every nation of the world are gathered against them. Certainly, Lucifer must think “at last, I will exalt my throne.” It seems like the end for the saints and the city of Jerusalem, but suddenly “*fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*” This will not be nuclear, but it will be devastating. Millions of those who hate Jesus will die in a moment without any harm to the saints or the city. The prophet Zechariah described the judgment of God against those who fight against Jerusalem.

*“And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; **Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.**”* Zechariah 14:12

Such will be the final wrath of God against those who reject His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Lucifer’s final destination

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” Revelation 20:10

The words of Jesus have never failed; “*For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted*” Luke 14:11. There are no exceptions. Lucifer was God’s “*anointed cherub that covereth*,” one of three archangels along with Michael and Gabriel. Yet he “exalted himself” when he said

five times “*I will...*” Isaiah 14:13-14. Notice the contrast when Christ, the creator prayed in Gethsemane, “*thy will...*” Matthew 26:42. Jesus taught us to pray, “*Thy will be done...*” Matthew 6:9-10. It was not Lucifer’s “will” to be tormented day and night in the lake of fire, but it was “his will” that took him there.

*“Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, **Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?** 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.”*

Isaiah 14:9-11

*“**They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?**”* Isaiah 14:16-17

The lake of fire will be inhabited by billions of souls who have never “believed God,” or “trusted in Christ.” All whose names are not found written in the “book of life” Revelation 20:15 will be cast into the lake of fire. These are those who will “*narrowly look upon thee* (Lucifer),” saying “*Is this the one who destroyed our cities and made the world a wilderness?*” He will be as nothing, brought down by Jesus Christ, his creator, to a place lower than the basest of men. The souls of those whom he deceived will torment him day and night. His bed will be worms, and worms will be his “covering,” which means Lucifer’s final estate will be less than that of a maggot.

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