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Isaiah 14:3-22

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¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! ¹³And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to Sheol, to the uttermost parts of the pit. ¹⁶They that see thee shall gaze at thee, they shall consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; ¹⁷that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home? ¹⁸All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, every one in his own house. ¹⁹But thou art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, that are thrust through with the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a dead body trodden under foot. ²⁰Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of evil-doers shall not be named for ever. ²¹Prepare ye slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they rise not up, and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities. ²²And I will rise up against them, saith Jehovah of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son, saith Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

This set of passages contain the end of the Antichrist, who is the King of Babylon and the fall of his master Satan.

THE ANTICHRIST (KING OF BABYLON) IS SENT TO SHEOL

Isaiah 14:3-11

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Among the very first casualties of the final destruction of Babylon will be the King of Babylon who is Antichrist himself. He is the second person of the unholy trinity. The devil, antichrist and false prophet are in this trinity. He ruled the one world government with imperialistic power given to him by Satan and spoke blasphemous words against the true Son of God, the counterfeit son will be powerless before the True Son. Because of the rule in anger and suppression that was unrestrained the earth's remaining saved people will rejoice into singing.

As the Antichrist's spirit arrives in Hell awaiting his final destination of the Lake of Fire the former great government, occultic, and economic leaders of the earth who preceded him will quickly rise up off their thrones in utter shock that he, too, has entered the abode of Hell. It will be that all the pomp of his worldwide reign will now suffer the demise of Hell demonstrating what the Lord Jesus has said.

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (KJV).

Habakkuk described it as follows:

Habakkuk 3:13b

You wounded the head out of the house of the wicked man, Laying bare the foundation even unto the neck (ASV, 1901).

The ease with which Jesus will slay the Antichrist is described in 2 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 2:8:

⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming (KJV).

The one who has claimed to be god, the one who has been able to perform all kinds of miracles, signs and wonders, the one who exercised all the authority of Satan as he ruled the world, will be quickly dispensed with by the Word of the Lord Jesus. For the second time, the Antichrist will die.

Isaiah 14:16–21

¹⁶They that see thee shall gaze at thee, they shall consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; ¹⁷that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home? ¹⁸All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, every one in his own house. ¹⁹But thou art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, that are thrust through with the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a dead body trodden under foot. ²⁰Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of evil-doers shall not be named for ever. ²¹Prepare ye slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they rise not up, and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities. ²²And I will rise up against them, saith Jehovah of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son, saith Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

The world's people who are alive will view his body in astonishment. They will view the body of the Antichrist and will stare in utter disbelief that he died so quickly and easily, considering he had shaken the kingdoms of the world, risen from the dead and had the earth's people trembling in his presence. Normal regional kings are buried in pompous tombs, but the Antichrist' body will be trampled by the fleeing feet of his own armies. His body will never be buried at all because he will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire. The will require his second coming back to life. His entire family will be destroyed so that they cannot try to follow in their father's footsteps and attempt to rule the world.

THE FALL OF THE ANOINTED CHERUB

Ezekiel 28:11-19

¹¹Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, ¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. ¹⁴Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵Thou wast perfect in thy

ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. ¹⁶By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. ¹⁸By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being (ASV, 1901).

THE ORDER OF THE CELESTIAL BEINGS

- Angels are the lowest level. Angels are in front of the Throne of God (Revelation 4, 5). They are without wings and usually appear as a young man when manifested in time and space (Genesis 18:2; 19: 1; etc.). Michael is the head of this group as Archangel.
- Seraphim are next and have three pairs of wings or six wings (Isaiah 6:2, 6). The seraphim surround the Throne of God (Revelation 4, 5).
- Cherubim are the highest order of the angelic or the celestial beings (Genesis 3:24; Exodus 25:18; Numbers 7:89; I Samuel 4:4; Hebrews 9:5; Ezekiel 10:1; Revelation 4:6 etc.). They are mentioned 66 times in 59 verses in the KJV) The Cherubim guard God's throne. They are on the veil of the tabernacle, and in the tapestry on the roof of the tabernacle. They were guarding the Garden of Eden with a flaming sword the entrance after Adam and Eve were expelled so they could not go back.

The highest of the highest order of the Cherubim was Halal, (Hebrew) but commonly called Lucifer (Latin). He was God's most elevated Cherubim, and sin was found in him. What Ezekiel and Isaiah tell us is that he was cast down to earth and he hasn't forgotten it; he has been fighting ever since. His name was changed to Satan the adversary after his fall (Isaiah 14:12). God's word tells of the six successive domains of Satan. They are:

- The Throne of God (Past)
- The Jeweled Garden of Eden (Past)
- The Atmospheric Heavens (Present)
- The Earth (Future)
- The Abyss (Future)
- The Lake of Fire (Future)

The first two domains of Satan which were in the past and are found in Ezekiel 28:11-15.

Ezekiel 28: 11-15

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Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. ¹⁴Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. (ASV, 1901).

This prophecy starts in verse eleven and is addressing the king of Tyre. Earlier in Ezekiel 28:1 it is addressed to the *prince* of Tyre. This is indicative of a type of prophetic fulfillment called the “double reference.” Some instances refer to a near and far term view such as in Deuteronomy 18 where Moses predicts a prophet who would succeed him. Although Joshua fulfilled the near term fulfillment, Acts 3:22-23 applies it to Jesus, hence, the near and far view interpretation. The same concept applies to this passage of double reference referring to Satan as the king of Tyre and the actual physical earthly king of Tyre as the *prince* of Tyre. So, Ezekiel, following God’s command to address the prince in the first ten verses is then told by God starting in verse eleven to begin addressing a superior being titled *king*.

The earthly human prince of Tyre was able to control sea traffic in Tyre, Phoenicia (Modern day Lebanon). Verses 1-10 refer to the king of Tyre then reigning. According to Josephus his name was Ittiobalus III. Tyre was a great seafaring, naval, and financial power, the “Wall Street” of its time. Its core was on a highly fortified island, which made it practically impervious to attack. Ultimately, Alexander the Great completed the conquest of Tyre (332 B.C.) by taking rubble from the ruins of the mainland construction and using it to build a road to the island so his armies could mount a sustained assault on the fortifications. (This conquest is written of extensively in history courses from the United States Military Academy.)



The king had gained a great deal of wealth, power and authority by the control he exerted over the sea traffic. However, the day came when he was lifted up in pride because of his power and issued a self-declaration of his deity. This is in verse two.

Ezekiel 28: 2

²Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thy heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art man, and not God, though thou didst set thy heart as the heart of God; (ASV, 1901).

God condemned him for this pride which is the central focus of verses 1-10 in Ezekiel's twenty-eighth chapter. The world called Ittiobalus the king of Tyre but God gave him the lesser title of prince. Satan was the invisible king of Tyre and was the person behind the earthly king controlling him. Satan is the *who* referred to verses 11-19. Ezekiel turned his attention away from the visible king (now called prince) to focus on the invisible person behind the throne of Tyre. The descriptions of the king of Tyre in verses 11-19 cannot be of any earthly creature. They are in accord with prophetic double reference of the anointed Cherub Lucifer who became Satan. In verse twelve the prophet is told to take up a lamentation, which is a dirge, declaring certain specific characteristics of his career.

SATAN'S FIRST DOMAIN: THE HOLY THRONE OF GOD (PAST)

Ezekiel 28:14

¹⁴Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (ASV, 1901).

In Ezekiel 28:14 we are told that Satan lived in the Holy Mountain of God. "Mountain" in the Bible's prophetic passages refers to a king, kingdom or throne. Satan's first domain is said to be the Holy Mountain of God. Verse fourteen says he was "over the holy mountain of God." This means that he was upon the Throne of God as a canopy or overshadowing the Throne of God.

Ezekiel 28:12

¹²Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty (ASV, 1901).

Verse 12 says that Satan *sealed up the sum, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty*. The root of the Hebrew word "seal" means "to weigh or measure off". We see this usage in Ezekiel 43:10 where it means "to fill up or complete the pattern". To "seal up a sum" means to "fill up" or "complete" the pattern entirely. This means that Satan was the one who "sealed the measurements" in that he was perfect in the areas of wisdom and beauty. Of all the created beings Satan was the wisest and most beautiful. This obviously differs from the various speculative paintings of him as an ugly creature.

As the highest order of celestial created beings, the cherubim are responsible for carrying the Shekinah Glory and are closest to God's Throne (Ezekiel 10). At some time in eternity past God

elevated Lucifer to be the most anointed cherub. As the anointed cherub that “covers” he had the position of being a canopy or covering over the Throne of God. In Ezekiel chapter one while other cherubs were carrying the Throne, Lucifer was over it. He was the most prominent of all of the cherubs.

One other aspect of his nature was given in verse fifteen as being perfect in all his ways from the day he was created; God created him perfect. That perfection meant that he had the power to make contrary choices, that is, a choice contrary to his nature. In other words, by nature he was holy and perfect and he had the power to make a choice that was unholy and imperfect. Mankind does not have that choice since we must choose according to our fallen nature.

SATAN’S SECOND DOMAIN: THE JEWELLED GARDEN OF EDEN (PAST)

God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1) sometime after the creation of the celestial beings (Job 38: 4-7). Lucifer was given authority over the earth as the passage states: *you were in Eden the garden of God*. This Garden of Eden is not the same as the garden in Genesis. This is a jewel garden. The Genesis Eden is a vegetable garden. This passage describes the original creation being covered in jewels with no oceans or seas. The jewels exuded a light and are so-called as “*the stones of fire*” in verse fourteen. Satan, walking up and down these had dominion over it for some unknown amount of time. This was before any other earthly being was created. The stones also served as a canopy over Satan. Because the jewels and gold mentioned are almost exactly the same as the breastplate to the High Priest in the Tabernacle the text strongly suggests Satan had a priestly role in the first Garden of Eden.

The term “*the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was in you*” is a reference to musical instruments, which would add credence to the thought that he was a High Priest in heaven leading worship of God. It can also refer to the sockets, which hold the jewels mentioned. The Hebrew context accommodates both meanings. Finally, the verse says: *in the day that you were created they were prepared*. This means that from the moment he was created he was assigned certain responsibilities:

- He was the epitome of wisdom and beauty.
- He had musical instruments to use in worship.
- He was probably High Priest in the heavenly Tabernacle.

This is the domain from which he had his fall.

Ezekiel 28: 15-17a

¹⁵Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. ¹⁶By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness (ASV, 1901):

Dwelling on his authority, wisdom, beauty and other aspects, he became prideful and sinned. The first sin ever was the sin of pride. Other examples of the sin of pride include the fall of the city of Sodom (Ezekiel 16:49), and we are warned not to appoint novices as elders in the church because of the same issue:

1 Timothy 3:6

Not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the devil (KJV).

Clearly Lucifer fell due to pride and after his fall his name was changed to Satan (Isaiah 14:12). In Hebrew Satan means “adversary”. Isaiah gives us the content of Satan’s pride in the five wills.

Isaiah 14: 13-14

¹³And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High (ASV, 1901).

- *I will ascend up to heaven.* He was not satisfied with the domain God gave him. He wanted a higher position than God had assigned him. The only higher position was that of God Himself.
- *I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.* He desired to be sole authority over the angels (stars) of heaven. This would have deposed Michael as Archangel over the angels. This will lead to Michael battling with Satan in various disputes (Daniel 10: 13; 12: 1; Jude 1: 9; Revelation 12: 7)
- *I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north.* Sitting on the *mount of the congregation* refers to the Messianic Throne in the Millennial Kingdom.
- *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.* Ascending above the *heights of the clouds* means to usurp the Shekinah Glory.
- *I will make myself like the Most High.* He wanted to make himself *like the Most High*. God, when referred to as Most High (Genesis 14: 18-20), means that God possesses the heavens and the earth. Therefore, he wanted to be the sole owner of all of God’s creation.

The result of Satan’s pride was his leading a revolt in heaven against God. He was followed by one-third of the angelic host (Revelation 12: 3-4). In this way Lucifer or day-star, son of the morning became Satan the adversary. Judgment then came upon him.

Ezekiel 28: 15 states: *Till unrighteousness was found in you.* This is the only verse in the entire Bible that describes the origin of sin. The Hebrew word for unrighteousness is “wrongdoings.” Ezekiel 28: 16-19 describes the content of his corruption.

Ezekiel 28:16-19

¹⁶By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. ¹⁸By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being (ASV, 1901).

The abundance of thy traffic is a reference to Satan trafficking, or peddling, about to gain support for his wrongdoings among the heavenly host, the angels. He slandered God to win their allegiance. Eventually he convinced one-third of them to follow him (Revelation 12:4). In this manner Satan became “the father of lies” (John 8:44) because he originated lying. *They filled you with violence* (Ezekiel 28:16) refers to the net result of trafficking from angel to angel to lie about God. This led to violence in the revolt between bad angels and good angels. It will finally end in the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 12: 7-12).

Verse 16b casts him out of the Mountain of God and destroyed him (positionally) from the midst of the stones of fire. He lost his first two domains. He further corrupted Heaven (sanctuaries) with his iniquity resulting in the necessity for The Messiah to provide the cleansing blood.

Hebrews 9: 23-26

²³ *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of *things* in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly *things* themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy *places* made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: ²⁵ nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy *place* every year with blood of others; ²⁶ for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself (KJV).

Jesus had to ascend to God the Father with His cleansing blood to clean the heavenly sanctuary and tabernacle. This is why Mary Magdalene could not touch Him (John 20:17).

Satan was cast to the ground meaning he lost his first two domains. In the prophetic interpretive schema known as “prophetic perfect” it also refers to his being cast out of his third domain. Verse nineteen states the astonishment of those that see him in his punished state. Those who knew him someday will be astonished at his demise. They thought he would be their savior and leader. He has proven to be a failure. In this fall he has become a terror to the earth and the fallen angels who see their end in the Lake of Fire with him. Someday he will finally be finished and not have any more ability to terrorize.

When God judged Lucifer, He judged all the original earth and the condition of Genesis 1: 2 came in to being. God created a perfect earth and Lucifer corrupted it. The *waste and without form*” (Genesis 1:2) are the result of Satan’s corruption. Sometime after this came the creation account in Genesis one. The oceans are the result of the corruption and have been allowed to be partially removed, but will be fully removed in the New Jerusalem when the earth is restored and sin is finally removed (Revelation 21: 1). The new earth will look like the old earth with jewels and gold.

NEXT MESSAGE: THE FALL OF THE ANOINTED CHERUB PART II

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