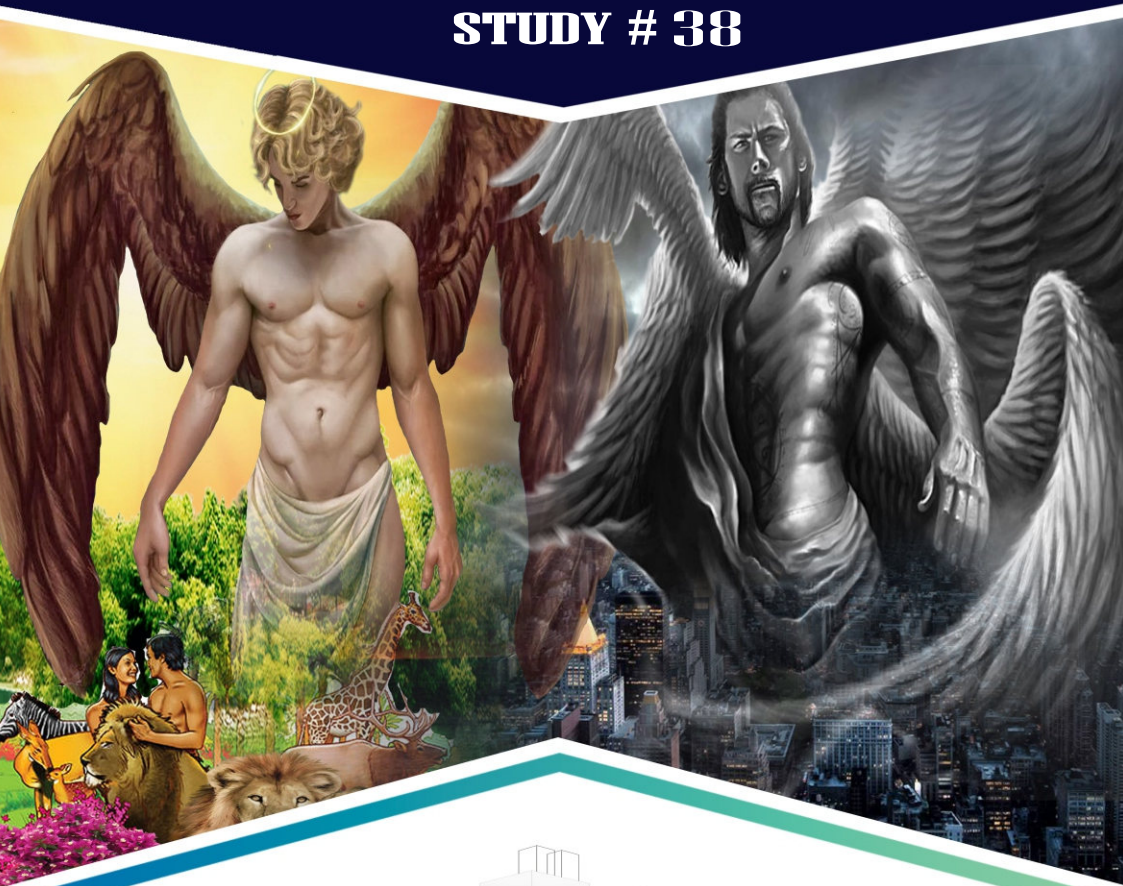


# *Your Adversary* *The Devil*

**STUDY # 38**



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF  
THE BIBLE**

**"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17**



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**PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.**

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Today we will take up the **STUDY OF THE DEVIL !**

Yes ! We read of him in the scriptures in -

**I Peter 5:8**

**"Your adversary, the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour..."**

Here the Apostle Peter describes the Christian's  
**SPIRITUAL ENEMY - THE DEVIL !**

 **WHO is this adversary - the Devil !**

 **HOW is he like and.....WHAT DO WE KNOW about him ?**

 **WHY does God - a God of LOVE and ALMIGHTY IN POWER permit such a being to exist ?**



➡ **MANY CHRISTIANS** (a vast majority) are of the opinion that the Devil is an **IMMORTAL BEING** (who **cannot die**) whose residence is **HELL** and that he is constantly trying to drag as many **SOULS** as possible to his place !

**IS THIS TRUE ?**

Our study of **TRUTH IN THE BIBLE** over the past 37 subjects and especially in **CLASS # 12 -14** about **THE HUMAN SOUL**, and **CLASS # 15** about **HELL** has revealed to us that this is **NOT TRUE** at all !

➡ Then there are some **OTHER CHRISTIANS** (groups) - mainly **TWO** denominations -



**CHRISTADELPHIANS**

And ....

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**



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..... who believe there is **NO BEING** such as the Devil but **only principles** of good and evil and man must thus **CHOOSE** correctly and make the **RIGHT CHOICE** !

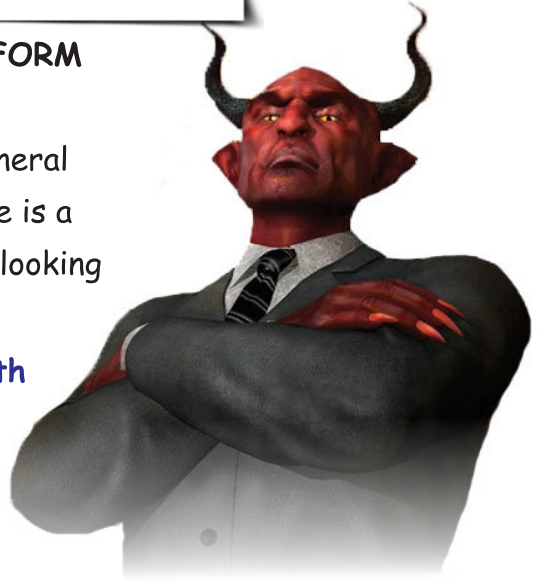
**IS THIS TRUE ?**



Then again regarding the **FORM** and **APPEARANCE** of the Devil there is a general belief and thought that he is a very **HIDEOUS** and **UGLY** looking creature with -

**“two horns and a tail and with protruding canine teeth” !!**

**Example :** The **ONIDA** Television Advertisement in India.



**IS THIS TRUE ?**

**TO ANSWER ALL THESE QUESTIONS AND TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE SUBJECT WE MUST SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES....**

We will divide the study of the Devil into **SEVEN SECTIONS** and thus will study his **“BIO-DATA”** so to speak - **HIS LIFE STORY !**

Let us begin with -



# 1. THE BEGINNING

Let us begin by reading from -

**Isaiah 14:12**

**“How art thou fallen from heaven, O LUCIFER, son of the morning !”**

Yes ! Here the word “fallen” shows a **FALLING FROM A HIGHER PLACE** -

we shall be studying the details of this **FALL** in the next stage of this study



But let us **FIRST NOTE** the reference **TITLES** used -

..... **“O, Lucifer, son of the morning!”**



**“LUCIFER”**

- means “**brightness**” thus representing that he was a glorious creation of God and this **ALSO WAS HIS NAME**.



**“SON OF THE MORNING” -**

the symbol of “**morning**” means the beginning.

Here the reference is to him being a “**morning star**” - or **SPECIAL CREATION**.





## HOW YOU MAY ASK ?

He was the **FIRST INDIRECT** creation of God made through



.....the **“word”** as we read in -

**John 1:3 - “all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”**

Yes! He was **THE SECOND CREATION OF GOD MADE INDIRECTLY** and....made after the **“only begotten one”** who is -



.....the **FIRST** and **LAST DIRECT** creation of God



.....the one we now know as the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**



..... **“the BRIGHT and morning star”** - Revelation 22:16.

Thus we see **LUCIFER** in the beginning was **ONE** of only



.....**TWO MORNING STARS**

.....And **BOTH** were in perfect harmony when the **EARTH** was being created as we read very clearly in -

**Job 38:7 - “When the morning stars sang together....”**

**How was LUCIFER “in the beginning” when he was created by God ?**

We see that answer explained in -

### **Ezekiel 28:12-15**

**“....Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, thus saith the Lord God; thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, 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 prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 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.”

This seemingly seems to refer to the **KING** of **TYRE** but we read **importantly** in -



Vs -13 - “**thou hast been in Eden the garden of God.**”  
and in Vs- 14 - “**thou art the anointed CHERUB....**”

**How could the KING OF TYRE who was a man be called....“a cherub” and be referred to as.....having been in “the garden of God” - EDEN ?**

Well, the answer is that the reference here is **NOT** to the human and earthly king of Tyre but to the one who **CONTROLLED** the earthly king -



the “**SPIRITUAL**” and **INVISIBLE** ruler of the “**heavens**” - **SATAN**.

Yes ! This is **NOT** unusual - for we see a similar reference in **Daniel 10:13**

.....where the **ANGEL GABRIEL** informs Daniel that he was delayed by **twenty one days** because as he says -

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**“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days....”**

**“...detained with the King of Persia” - (NIV).**

Here too the reference is not to the human king but to



**....THE SPIRITUAL KING - Satan !!**

Having understand this matter let us now study the verses in Ezekiel 28:12-15 and understand some **GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LUCIFER**. Let us begin in -



**“you were the model of PERFECTION full of WISDOM and perfect in BEAUTY”. (Vs - 12)**



**IMAGINE HIS PERFECT BEAUTY !**

Have you beheld any human “perfect in beauty.” ??





Isn't it **BREATH TAKING** and **AWESOME** to behold  
**BEAUTY** in **PERFECTION** ?

Perhaps thus it was that Lucifer was able to **EXERCISE**  
**GREAT INFLUENCE** among the other angels !!

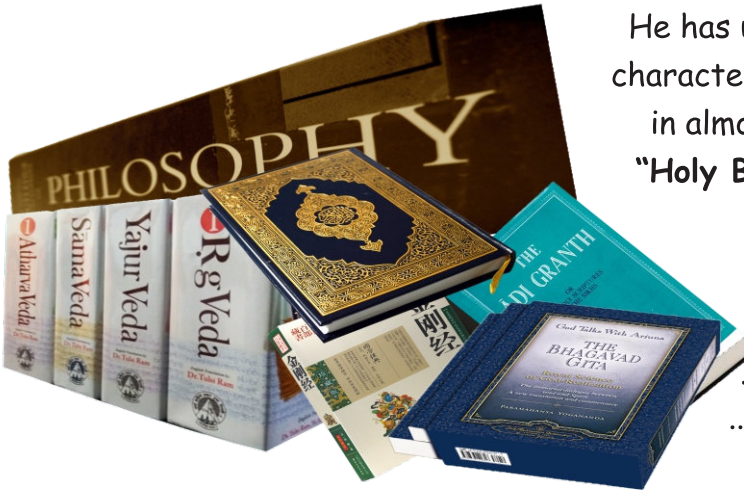
His being **“full of wisdom”** has caused him to write all



.....**THE “HOLY BOOKS” OF ALL RELIGIONS**  
and the various **PHILOSOPHIES** of this world.

He has used matter and  
characters from the Bible  
in almost all of those  
**“Holy Books”** such as -

The **VEDAS**,  
.....the  
**GURUMUKHI**,  
.....the **KORAN**,  
.....the **PURANAS**  
etc.



Thus Christians find mention of Jesus in other “holy books”  
**NOT KNOWING** it is the work of the **CREATOR** of **ALL**  
**RELIGIONS**, who we read is -

**“full of wisdom”**

**“thou has been in Eden the garden of God; every precious  
stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond,  
the beryl, the onyx and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald  
and the carbuncle and gold....” ( Vs-13 )**

Here is the clear EVIDENCE that the **“King of Tyre”**

mentioned here is **NOT** the human King but the **SPIRITUAL KING** - Lucifer himself !

Further, the various "precious stones" symbolize what is seen upon the breastplate of the Jewish High Priest, which in turn signify **VARIOUS CHARACTER QUALITIES**.

Indeed ! Lucifer was **RICH** in many qualities of **CHARACTER**, this scripture tells us !

And further we read of him in -

➔ **"...the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created."**

This is a reference to **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** and **MUSIC**.



This scripture shows Lucifer's **EXCEPTIONAL TALENT** in music.

Indeed ! He is a **MUSICAL GENIUS !!**

This is quite evident in the various branches of music  
seen today -

Disco, Rock and Roll, Rap, Heavy metal, Techno,  
Fusion, etc, etc.

He also uses this music talent to **GAIN CONTROL  
OVER THE YOUTH !**

Then we read further in -



**“thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;  
and I have set thee so...” ( Vs-14 )**

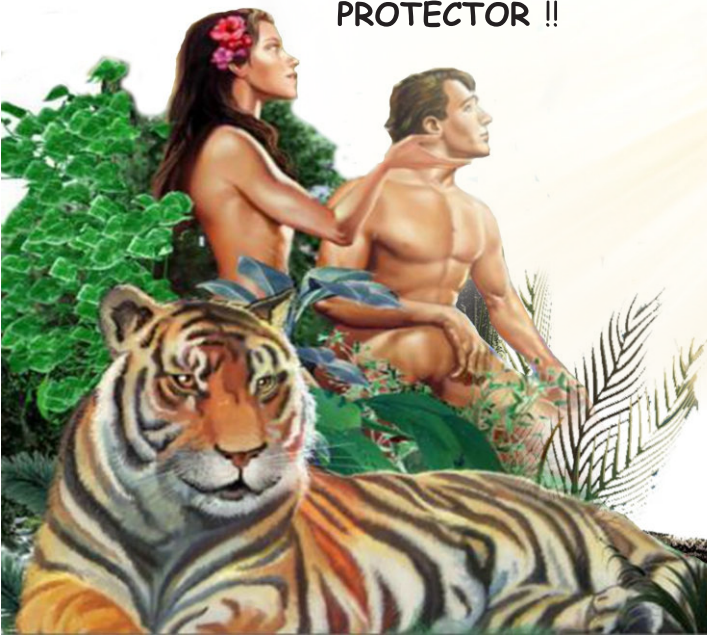
Yes ! God had **APPOINTED** Lucifer  
as the **GUARDIAN ANGEL**  
in Eden for **THE FIRST CREATED  
HUMAN PAIR**  
of Adam and Eve.

He was to be their  
**PROTECTOR !!**



It was a great and  
honorable task  
that Lucifer  
received !!

Then what do we  
read -



 **“...thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”**

As we all know **“mountain”** is a symbol of an **EMPIRE** or **KINGDOM** and in this case the **“holy mountain”** is a reference to

the **KINGDOM OF GOD**

and His rulership of the whole universe, from **HEAVEN**.

Yes ! Lucifer had the great privilege to be in heaven and involved in the **DIVINE GOVERNMENT** of the universe.

Further we read -

**“thou has walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”**

Here the **“stones of fire”** refer to

**THE STARS IN THE SKY**, of which our **SUN** is one !

These are all **“stones of fire”** and the reference here perhaps is to being an honored **“messenger”** of God moving freely in the vast universe !!

And finally we read -

 **“thou was perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” (Vs - 15)**

This scripture clearly **TEACHES** us that Lucifer was **GLORIOUS, RIGHTEOUS** and **BLAMELESS** when God created him in all **PERFECTION** and **HOLINESS**.



**THEN WHAT HAPPENED ?**

We read -

**“....till iniquity was found in thee.”**



Yes ! The **PERFECT, HOLY LUCIFER** fell from the high position of **PERFECTION**.

Let us read the details of his "FALL" in the **SECOND SECTION** of his life story -

## 2. THE FALL

Lucifer "fell" into **INIQUITY** inside the "garden of Eden".



**HOW** and **WHY** did he fall ? We read the answer in -

**Exekiel 28:17**

"Thine **HEART** was lifted up because of thy BEAUTY, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness..."



**WHAT DOES THIS SCRIPTURE MEAN ?**

It gives us the SECRET of **HOW** and **WHY** Lucifer "fell".

Let us now try to reconstruct how these circumstances took place -

**FIRSTLY** we have already seen how God had given the **HONORED** job of

**"guardian angel"**

in the garden of Eden over the newly created beings Adam and Eve to Lucifer !!

**HE WAS TO BE THEIR PROTECTOR !**

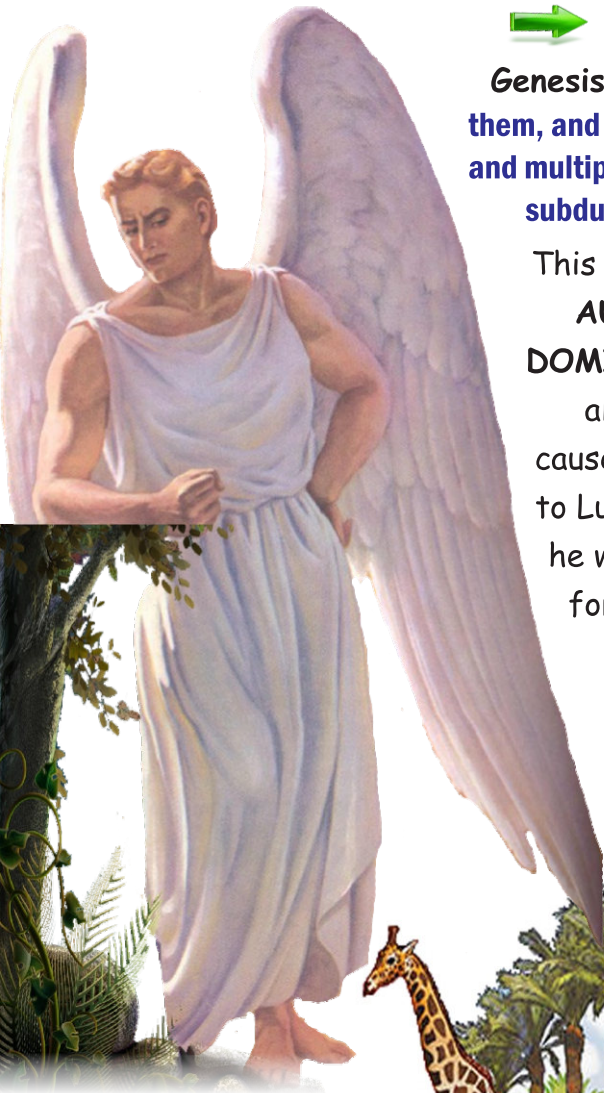
But then **TWO** statements by God caused the great **CHANGE** and transformation in Lucifer.

 **THE FIRST WAS -**

**Genesis 1:28 - “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion...”**

This statement of God to Adam **AUTHORIZING** him with **DOMINION** over the earth and all its creatures perhaps caused.....**DISAPPOINTMENT** to Lucifer, who might have felt he was **BETTER QUALIFIED** for that **AUTHORITY** and **DOMINION**.

This then would have led Lucifer to feel some **“bitterness”** towards God for being so overlooked !



Thus when he heard the **second statement** of God sometime later, it caused him to **COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTAND** God and His motives.



The **SECOND STATEMENT** we find in -

**Genesis 2:16,17** - “and the **LORD GOD** commanded the man saying...  
for in the day that thou, eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Yes ! Lucifer's “bitterness” of heart had sown **SEEDS OF DOUBT** in him about God's actions and purposes.

And he could not **COMPREHEND** God's wise purpose in placing Adam and Eve a **TEST** of **OBEDIENCE**.

He thought God was placing **UNFAIR RESTRICTIONS** on them !!

**Yes ! He began to EXALT “self” above his God !!**

This then led to the circumstances we find recorded in **Genesis 3rd Chapter verses 1- 6** where he took the **STEP** to **DECEIVE** and **MISGUIDE** Mother Eve through **LIES** and **DECEPTION** and spoke the first lie -

**Vs -4-** “you shall not surely die !”



**Yes ! This is where he DENIED and CONTRADICTED the words of God and thus became the ADVERSARY OF GOD or “Satan”.**

About this incident Jesus tells us in -

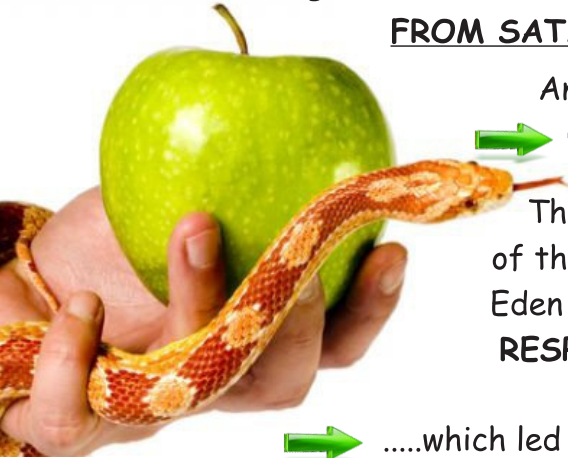
**John 8:44**

**“...He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him...for his a liar, and the father of it.”**

Yes ! Jesus tells us that Satan is -

 **“the father of lies.”**

meaning that the **SOURCE** and **ORIGIN** of lies is  
**FROM SATAN ALONE !**



And further he calls Satan -

 **“a murderer from the beginning.”**

This refers to the **“beginning”** of the human race in the garden of Eden and how it was Satan who was **RESPONSIBLE** for the deception upon Eve

 .....which led to the **“ways of SIN”**



.....and the **CONDEMNATION** of the **“wages of sin”** which is **DEATH.**

Yes ! Jesus tells us Satan was **PERSONALLY** responsible for the death sentence that has come upon the human race.

**THUS IT WAS THAT LUCIFER FELL  
AND....BECAME SATAN !!**

Then we read of his condemnation from God in -

**Genesis 3:14**

**“And the LORD GOD said unto the serpent, because thou has done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every**



beast of the field; Upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.”



Was this the words of God **MERELY ONLY** to the serpent ?



Is it a **LITERAL** statement ?



Is there any serpent that eats 'dust' ?

The answer is **NO !**

As far as we know serpents don't eat dust !

**THEN WHAT DOES THIS SCRIPTURE MEAN ?**

It is a **PROPHECY** in regard to Satan and has been recorded in **SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE**.

Let us now see the meanings of the **SYMBOLS** used -



**“Upon thy belly shalt thou go...”**



Upon the earth man has a glory as he walks upon **TWO LEGS !**

This is **higher** than the animals who walk upon **FOUR LEGS**.

Similarly “having no legs at all ” is a symbol of a **CONDITION** of **GREAT DISHONOUR !**

Thus too Satan after his fall has been reduced to great dishonour and has lost **ALL THE SPIRITUAL** and **HEAVENLY GLORY** he had possessed !

**Yes ! This is symbolic of Satan's "fallen" condition !!**

And further we read -



**"...dust shalt thou eat; all the days of thy life."**

This is a figurative expression speaking of **DEFEAT**  
as in the words -



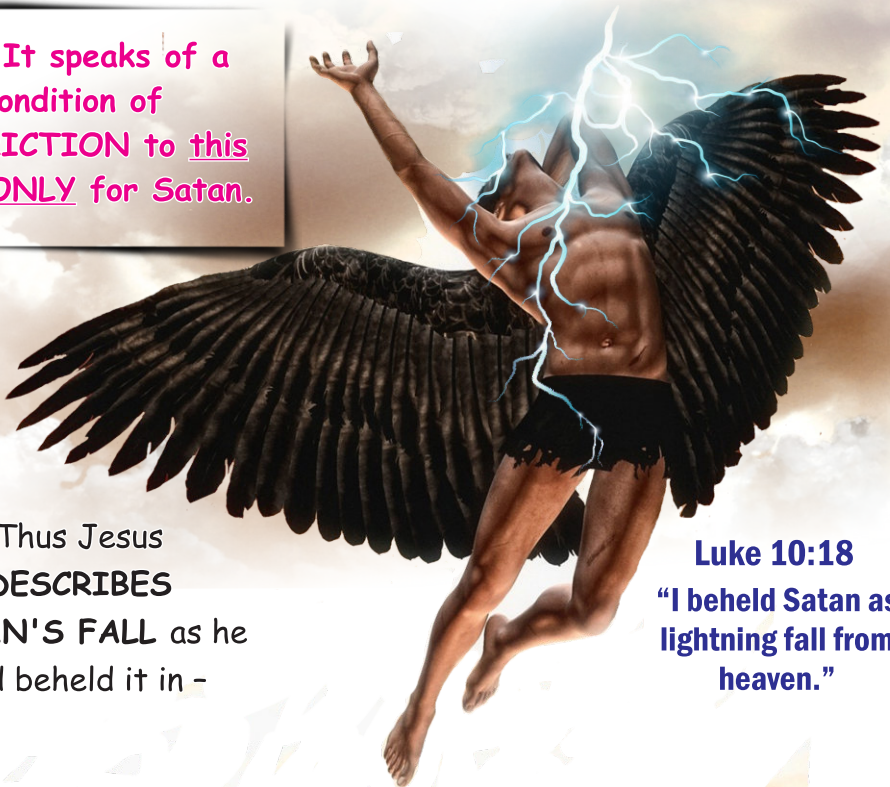
**"lick the dust" or "bite the dust"**

This could also further mean that the rest of Satan's life  
would be spent in this "world of dust" - **THE EARTH**

.....and he would **NO MORE HAVE ANY ENTRY INTO HEAVEN !**

(Satan visiting God and speaking to Him in **Job Chapter 1** is  
**NOT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY**, for it is **AN ALLEGORY !!**)

**Yes ! It speaks of a  
condition of  
RESTRICTION to this  
earth ONLY for Satan.**



Thus Jesus  
**DESCRIBES**  
**SATAN'S FALL** as he  
had beheld it in -

**Luke 10:18**  
**"I beheld Satan as  
lightning fall from  
heaven."**

Yes ! This is a reference to Jesus **“the bright and morning star”** speaking of the **FALL** of the other **“morning star”** - **LUCIFER.**

This represents Lucifer's fall from **HEAVENLY AUTHORITY** and **GLORY** and **PRIVILEGES** and how he lost it all.

It was **“as lightning”** - here, perhaps referring to the **SUDDENNESS** of the fall of such a great **“being of light”**

Having **“fallen”** to the earth, there began **HIS AMBITIONS** - which now becomes the **THIRD SECTION** of his life story.



### 3. THE AMBITIONS

Let us turn to and read from -  
**Isaiah 14:13, 14**

**“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.”**

These are the **“AMBITIONS”** that formed in Satan's heart.

Let us now take them up **one by one** to understand them better -

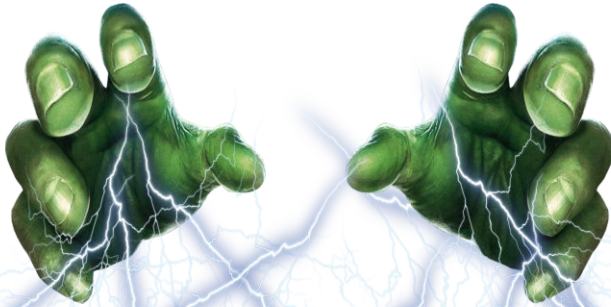


**“...for thou hast said in thine heart I will ascend into heaven...”**

This represents **THE FIRST** “desire” of Satan after

“the fall” in the garden of Eden.

He seeked to “**ascend into heaven**” or in other words to  
 ...**TAKE THE SPIRITUAL and INVISIBLE** control of the  
 earthly affairs of mankind !



Thus he began to exercise his **INFLUENCE** upon mankind and  
**USURPED** the power to rule the earth that God had originally  
 given to Adam.

Then we read of his next ambition in -



**“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.”**

Who are these “**stars of God**”. ?

Notice it is in the **PLURAL** !



We know **THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL** was one of  
 the “stars of God”.





Who are these other “stars” or **SPECIAL ANGELIC CREATIONS** of God ?

We read of them in just a few verses in the Bible !!

Let us turn to -

**Colossians 1:16**

**“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers...”**

Yes ! This is the reference to the other **“stars of God”**.

They are referred to as -

**THRONES, DOMINIONS, PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS.**

These are special angelic creations of God exercising great power within God's universe.

They are - **“the stars of God”** !!

**HOW DO WE SAY THIS ?** Let us see as we read from -

**Ephesians 1:21**

**“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”**



**DID YOU SEE THAT ?**

It says that when **JESUS** was exalted he was raised **ABOVE**.

**.....“all principalities and power and might and dominion”**

Yes ! These angelic beings exercise **AUTHORITY** and are **EXALTED** in God's universe.

**These are the.....- “ stars of God.”**

And how did Satan **PLAN** to exalt his **“throne above the stars of God”** ?

The answer is found in the next ambition -



**“I will sit ALSO upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north.”**

Here is a reference to HEAVEN or the “abode of God” as we read in -



**PSALMS 48:2 - “.....beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.”**

And again we read in -



**PSALMS 75:6,7 - “...for promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south, But God is the judge; he putteth down one....”**

Thus this scripture represents the desire of Satan to be like God and **TO BECOME A GOD** and to thus receive.....  
**WORSHIP.**



Perhaps this was where Satan began to create all the **RELIGIONS** of the world.



This was also how Satan fulfilled his desire to exalt his **throne (authority)**

over those of the "stars of God" in that he not **ONLY EXERCISED POWER and AUTHORITY**, but went a step further and **UNLIKE THEM** began to be a God and....**RECEIVE WORSHIP !!**

Then we continue to read of his next ambition -



**"I will ascend above the height of the clouds"**

This represents how his desires were now **GROWING BEYOND ANY LIMITS - "above the height of the clouds"**.

Yes! He was seeking **SELF EXALTATION and SELF GLORIFICATION BEYOND ALL OTHER LIVING CREATURES OF GOD.**

Who then was left for him to aspire to be **BETTER** than ?

We read of the answer in his next ambition in -



**"I will be LIKE the Most High".**

Oh! This is the very **ZENITH** of his ambitions.

For **above** all God's creatures is found **THE GOD AND CREATOR** of the whole universe.

Even Satan in all his insanity could not **DARE** to think himself **MORE THAN....THE MOST HIGH !**

He now sought to **BE LIKE** the great emperor of the universe - **THE GREAT JEHOVAH**

Yes! He would consider himself an **EQUAL** to God Himself!

At the present point of time we could say that Satan has attained **NOW** to this last point of his ambitions.



### HOW DO WE KNOW ?

Just as God speaks through His Word, Satan speaks through **THE(his) WORLD** !

And lately it might have been noticed that a shoe company called "**REEBOK**" released a advertising campaign using the words -

**i am what i am**



"See ball. Hit shot. Win match.  
See ball. Hit shot. Lose wicket.  
See ball. Will hit."

-Yuvraj Singh

**i am what i am**

RBK 

Now these are exactly like **THE VERY HOLY WORDS** God spoke to Moses when He revealed His name as -

**"I AM THAT I AM".**

Would this advertising campaign be the work of mere man ?



**Think about it brethren !**

Isn't it more like the words of the one who thinks in his heart, -  
**“I will be like the Most High.”**

**Yes ! All these AMBITIONS of Satan developed GRADUALLY over a PERIOD OF TIME as he took over the ruling of EARTHLY affairs as -  
 .....“The god of this World.”**

Now we come to the **FOURTH SECTION** of the life story of Satan -

## **4. THE REIGN**

Let us now read from -

**Ephesians 2:2**

**“.....according to the PRINCE of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”**

Yes ! This scripture describes Satan as -

**“the PRINCE of the POWER of the AIR”**

or -...**THE INVISIBLE SPIRITUAL RULER** of the earth since the fall.

This fact is further clarified in other scriptures such as-

**II Corinthians 4:4**

**“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds...”**

Yes ! He is known and referred to by the apostle Paul as....**“the god of this world”**.



Even Jesus we see referred to him as....the ruler of this world in -

**John 14:30 - "for the prince of this world cometh..."**

There ! It is very clear !!



**WHO, YOU MAY ASK, GAVE HIM THIS POWER ?**

Satan himself explains this matter clearly in -

**Luke 4:6**

**"...all this power will I give thee and the glory of them for that is DELIVERED UNTO ME and to whomsoever I WILL I GIVE IT."**

Yes ! God **HIMSELF** has **PERMITTED** this power to Satan....for very **WISE** and **BLESSED** reasons we are sure !!



**This rule of evil by Satan and the fallen angels with him has been permitted for the FIRST and SECOND WORLDS and both come to an end.**





## BUT HOW HAS SATAN RULED ?

He has been a ruler BY DECEPTION and let us see how  
 ....as we now come to the **FIFTH SECTION** of his life story -

# 5. THE DECEPTIONS

Satan we read in the scriptures is in

**"TARTARUS" or "HELL"**

which is a reference to the **OUTER ATMOSPHERE  
 OF THE EARTH !**

This is where he and the other fallen angels with him have  
 been kept as we read from -

### II Peter 2:4

**"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to  
 hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness; to be reserved  
 unto judgement..."**

These **"chains of darkness"** represent



the **PLACE**



...and the **CONDITION**

...of these disobedient angels or **"demons"**.

**"darkness"** - refers to the **WORLD** as it is right now as we  
 read in

**ISAIAH 60:2 - "...the darkness shall cover the earth..."**

**"chains"** - refers to **RESTRICTION** in that these angels and  
 Satan are **NOT ALLOWED** to leave earth's atmosphere and  
 travel freely in the universe of God.



Yes ! Satan and these angels have been  
**RESTRICTED TO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE ONLY**  
 as we read in -

**Ephesians 6:12 - "... the rulers of the darkness of this world,  
 against spiritual wickedness in high places."**



**If we had eyes to see spirit beings we would  
 see them flying around everywhere !!**

And it is from that place ("**high places**" or the atmosphere)  
 that they exercise **SPIRITUAL CONTROL** and **RULERSHIP**  
 as described in -

## Ephesians 2:2

“.....according to the PRINCE of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”

This is a reference to the **WHOLE HUMAN RACE** whose wills have so weakened as to **COMPLETELY SUBMIT** to Satan's **WILES** and **TEMPTATIONS** and **ALLUREMENTS** to the ways of sin by -

**SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS,**

An example of this is found in the case of Judas Iscariot in

**JOHN 13:2**

“and supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son to betray Him.....”

And thus it is that Satan and his fallen angels **STIR UP** and **PROVOKE** and **CAUSE**

**ALL OF THE EVIL.....in this world and.....in families and.....in individuals !!**



Jesus on the other hand, being a **PERFECT HUMAN** being, **REJECTED** those same kind of **SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS** put forth by Satan in **Matthew 4:3,4** in regard to the three temptations after his period of 40 days of fasting in the wilderness !!

But as for mankind Satan has been exercising his influence by  
**MORE AND MORE DECEPTIONS.**

Let us now see how as we read from -

## **II Corinthians 4:4**

**“In whom the GOD of this world hath blinded the minds of them  
which believe not....”**

Yes ! He has **BLINDED** the **“minds”** or the eyes of  
understanding **OF ALL PEOPLE.**

Note, a Christian sees **GOD** and **JESUS** now **only** through



**“The eyes of understanding”**

as we read in -

## **Ephesians 1:18**

**“the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that ye may know  
what is the hope of His calling and what the riches of the glory  
of His inheritance in the saints.”**

**Now how does Satan DO THIS BLINDING of “the eyes  
of understanding” ?**

**We read the answer in ??**

## **Isaiah 5:20**

**“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil, that put darkness  
for light and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet  
and sweet for bitter.”**

Yes ! Satan has **SYSTEMATICALLY MISGUIDED** and  
**MISREPRESENTED** the principles of righteousness to the  
people of the world.



➡ Thus what **REALLY** is “**evil**” is taken...to be “**good**” and what is “**good**” is taken...to be “**evil**”.

Thus it is with the habits of **GAMBLING, SMOKING, DRINKING, ADULTERY, LIES** etc.



➡ Further what is “**light**” - **TRUTH** is made...to be “**darkness**” - **UNTRUTH** and vice versa.

Thus the doctrines of the Bible regarding the **SOUL, HELL, RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, GOD'S NATURE, etc**

bring great surprise and astonishment to most Christians who are used to believing the **TRADITIONAL BELIEFS** which are actually -



**“...darkness for light.”**



Thus too with **“bitter”** - the ways of sin !

It is considered to be **“sweet”** - or **RIGHT !!**

And **REAL “sweet”** ( the way of righteousness) is considered to be **“bitter”** and



**.....NOT TO BE DESIRED AT ALL !**

**Example** : Bad language, which is considered to be **STYLISH** today !!

Further, we read of **MORE DECEPTIONS OF SATAN** in -

**Psalms 96:5**

**“for all the gods of the nations are idols...”**

Yes ! Satan knowing man has what is called



**“an organ of veneration”**

in his brain, and thus seeks after God; sought to further deceive mankind by

**.....CREATING ALL THE VARIOUS RELIGIONS** in the world

**.....and their “holy books” and the TEACHINGS !!!**

And then when God sent His **“only begotten Son”** into this world to be its **SAVIOUR** and **REDEEMER** and when He sent out a “call” for His Church, Satan sought to bring forth his.....**MASTER DECEPTION.**

Let us now read about that from -

## II Corinthians 11:14,15

**“And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness...”**

### WHAT DOES THIS SCRIPTURE MEAN ?

In the scriptures **THE REAL** “angel of light” is **JESUS** as we read in -

**John 1:9 - “that was the True light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”**

And agin we read the same in the words of Jesus Himself in -  
**John 12:36 - “while ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.”**

Thus this scripture means that Satan is **SOMEHOW** transformed into a “angel of Jesus” or a “messenger of truth.”



### HOW, YOU MAY ASK ?

Satan, during this **GOSPEL AGE** has set up a **SYSTEM** which **MASQUERADES**

(meaning presenting itself **FALSELY** to be )

as being of Jesus but **ACTUALLY** having **DOCTRINES** and **TEACHINGS** completely **DEVOID** of the Bible truth -

**.....AND THE MOST HOLY FAITH !**


**This SYSTEM of churches or “CHURCHIANITY” today completely DECEIVES ALL Christians alike !**


We read of how this "system" would DEVELOP in the words of the Apostle Paul in -


**II Corinthians 11:4**

**"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."**

Yes ! This "system" would be based on -

 **"Another Jesus"** - NOT the **ONLY BEGOTTEN** Son of the Father  
- the **FIRST** direct creation of God  
- the one known in Heaven as **"the Word"** and the great **Archangel Michael**.

 **"Another (Holy) Spirit"** - **NOT** the **HOLY SPIRIT** of God and of Christ which **"....guides.... into all truth.... and.... shew you things to come."** (John 16:13).

 **"Another gospel"** - NOT the **"gospel of the kingdom"** which speaks of Jesus giving his life as a **RANSOM** for all and how the death of Jesus brings forth **TWO SALVATIONS** as seen clearly in -

**II Timothy 1:10**

**".....our saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."**

**Yes ! This is the SPECTACULARLY DECEPTIVE  
....."ANTICHRIST" SYSTEM OF SATAN.**

Ah! It is a great **SHOCK** and **SURPRISE** to many.....when

they learn of the **TRUE IDENTITY** of the “**ANTICHRIST**”  
from the Bible !

But let us hear what Jesus spoke of these **SYSTEMS OF  
ANTICHRIST** prophetically in -

**Matthew 7:22,23 / 24:24,25**

**“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name... and in thy name done many wonderful works ? And then will I confess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”**

**“For then shall arise false Christs and false prophets,....behold, I have told you before.”**

Here the words “**Lord , Lord**” represents the **TWO PARTS** of the **ANTICHRIST** system -

**“beast”** → the **PAPACY** system and its **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**“the false prophet”** → The **PROTESTANT CHURCHES FEDERATION.**

Here the **Lord** says “**many**” - meaning large numbers of these two “**systems**” will use his “**name**” in casting out devils, doing miracles etc. But the **Lord** will say to them -






**“I never knew you....ye that work iniquity.”**

Now someone might ask **WHAT** is the **“INIQUITY”** or the **evil** in doing good works of healing, miracles etc ?

Let us read of that answer from -  
**II Thessalonians 2:9**

**“Whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.”**

What is the **“lie”** in the **“wonder”** or **MIRACLE** ?  
We see them regularly on **TV** in the various **“Christian”** channels.

 The **“lie”** is **IN THE NAME USED** and...  
the **REAL SOURCE** of the healing power.

Yes ! It is done in the **“name”** of Jesus with **NOT** the power of or from Jesus but....the **POWER OF SATAN !!**

 **AND SATAN DOES HAVE POWER TO HEAL !**

Just ask a **Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist** etc.



**Thus Satan has deceived 99% of all Christians who find themselves part of these ANTICHRIST systems and exercising BELIEF ON FALSE DOCTRINES AND TEACHINGS based on these signs and wonders !**

What about the **TRUE FOLLOWERS** of the Master ?

We read about them in -

**II Corinthians 2:11**

**“.....lest Satan should get an advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices.”**

Yes ! The **“devices”** are his **DECEPTIONS** !



**SO HOW** is it that one can **“resist him”** or **ESCAPE** the **DECEPTIONS** ?

It is **ONLY** through the knowledge of **THE WORD** which **CLEARLY REVEALS** Satan **AND HIS DECEPTIONS**.

Thus the Word is symbolized as a **“sword”** for spiritual warfare (**Ephesians 6:17**).

But of **THE VAST MAJORITY** of **ALL** Christians we read prophetically in -

**Hosea 4:6**

**“My people are DESTROYED for lack of knowledge...”**

Yes ! Because of not giving importance to **BIBLE STUDY** the great majority of Christians are “destroyed” in Satan's deceptive **ANTICHRIST** system of....**CHURCHIANITY** !



Now we come to **A FUTURE ASPECT** of Satan in the **SIXTH SECTION** of his life story -



**6.THE BINDING**

Yes ! Satan and **ALL HIS DECEIVING WORKS** and **POWERS** are to be completely bound.

We read of his binding in -

**Revelation 20:2,3**

**“And he laid hold on the dragon...which is the devil and Satan and bound him a thousand years.”**

Yes! Satan is **TO BE “BOUND”** or restricted of his permitted powers till **THE MILLENNIUM** of 1000years is ended.



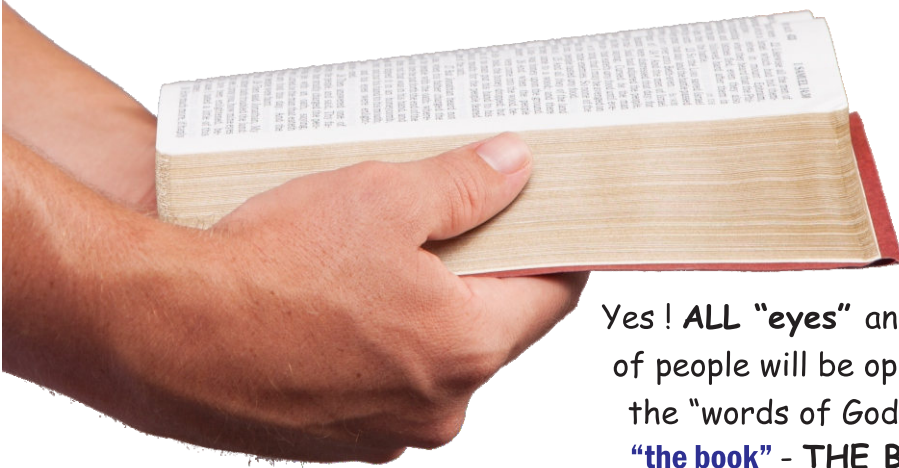
This is so that **ALL** can receive and understand the truth of *God* and be healed from **SIN**.

And they **ALL SHALL** as we read very clearly in -

**Isaiah 29:18-20**

**“And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book,**

and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off.”



Yes ! **ALL** “eyes” and “ears” of people will be opened to the “words of God” from “**the book**” - **THE BIBLE**.

And we read very clearly that ...

**“.....the terrible one is brought to nought ,” (zero)**

Thus when Satan is **BOUND COMPLETELY** we read that the earth will be filled with **THE TRUTH OF GOD** as we read in -

### **Habbakuk 2:14**

**“The earth shall be FILLED with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD.....”**

Indeed ! All mankind will **RECEIVE** the **TRUTH** of God's Word in that period for their **HEALING** from **SIN** !!

But we now come to the **SEVENTH** and **LAST SECTION** of the life story of Satan -

## 7. THE RELEASE FINAL DESTRUCTION.

Finally after his 1000 year "binding" PERIOD, Satan is to  
BE RELEASED AGAIN ! -

This we read about very clearly in -

**Revelation 20:3**

**"....And after that he must  
be loosed A LITTLE  
SEASON..."**



Yes ! There will be a period AT THE END OF  
the thousand years -

 ....WHEN IT IS COMPLETED

....that Satan is to be "loosed" or PERMITTED  
powers to deceive again !

**This is called "a little season."**

At that time Satan will **AGAIN** seek  
to deceive a now

 **FULLY ENLIGHTENED** and **PERFECT**  
race of mankind !





The manner and details of his deception we will not be discussing here.

But suffice it to say that in this period called in the Bible as  
"a little season"

Satan will bring forth a very **SUBTLE DECEPTION** to lure mankind from the "ways of righteousness" and to **DISOBEDIENCE** of the "ways of God."



This is to be the **FINAL TEST** upon the then **PERFECTED RACE** of humanity to test their



"**LOVE** for **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **HATRED** for **EVIL.**"

After this comes **THE END** when Satan is **DESTROYED** and not just him but all **ANGELS** and **MEN** who display his character



...of **UNREPENTANT (WILFUL)** love of **INIQUITY** and **EVIL.**

This we read very clearly in -

### **Revelation 20:9**

"....And **FIRE** came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."

Yes ! This same matter is similarly described in .....

### **Matthew 25:41**

"....depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Here the "**fire**" is parabolic language and signifies the **JUDGEMENTS OF GOD** and the punishment is described in -

Vs - 46 - “....go away into everlasting punishment.”

Here the PUNISHMENT of “everlasting punishment” is CONTRASTED with the REWARD of “life eternal”.

Thus this “everlasting punishment” is a reference to “DEATH ETERNAL” which is the final punishment of God towards ALL SINNERS

who commit WILFUL SIN -



“The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23)

Thus Satan and all in sympathy with him and IN OPPOSITION TO GOD and righteousness will receive the sentence of DEATH FOREVER.



FINALLY, HOW WILL SATAN DIE ?



DOES THE BIBLE TELL US HOW ?

Let us read the answer from -

**Ezekiel 28:18,19**

“....Therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.....”

Yes ! The reference is to perhaps DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION as seen for example in -

**LEVITICUS 10:1 & 2**

“and Nadab and Abihu the sons of Aaron took either of them his censer, and put fire therein and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.

**And there went out fire from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.”**

Yes ! All mankind **WILL BEHOLD THIS SCENE** as Satan would then have **MANIFESTED IN FLESH AS A MAN !**

This we read in -

**EZEKIEL 28:18,19**

**“ ...I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee, all they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.”**

**Yes ! Satan will be COMPLETELY and PERMANENTLY DESTROYED !**

This we read again and finally in -

**Isaiah 14:15**

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

Yes ! The clear witness of the **FINAL DEATH** of Satan in

 **“hell” - the CONDITION OF DEATH !**

This is the **SECOND DEATH** or complete and total **EXTINCTION OF LIFE** and **EXISTENCE !!**

**“...and never shalt thou be anymore”**

**Thus ends the STORY of the life of the one who became - THE ADVERSARY OF GOD.**

Indeed ! What lessons of **WARNING** we have learnt today of **PRIDE AND ITS RESULTS** and the ways of

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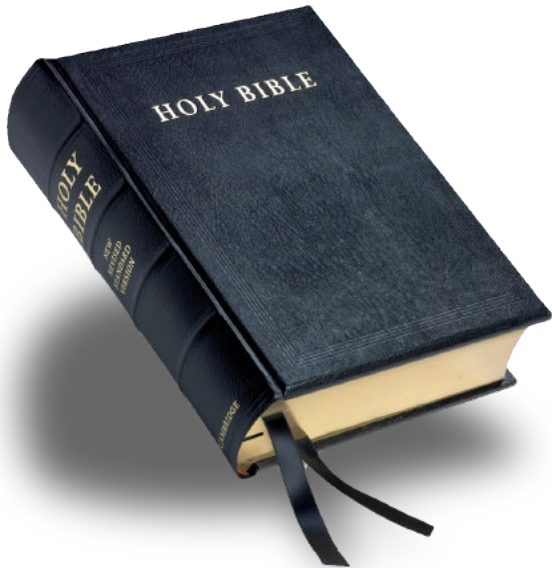
**OPPOSITION** to the righteousness of God !



**MAY THE LORD BLESS AND HELP US TO  
BE FAITHFUL !!**

**— Amen — — — —**





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