

Who Is Lucifer?

Is it Satan or someone else?

Isaiah 14.12

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I. Isaiah 14.12–15 uses the term Lucifer to speak of someone and his downfall.

II. Who do men say Lucifer is?

A. Some say he is Satan, and

B. that Ezekiel 28.13–19 also allegedly speaks of Lucifer or Satan also.

1. Why do people say these passages speak of Satan?

a) They seem to speak of him, because

(1) he was in the Garden of Eden as the serpent, and

(2) he was exalted at one time based on these passages:

(a) 1Ti 3.6

(b) Jude 8–9

b) Isolated from the context, Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 might seem to be about Satan.

2. I have sat down with people and

3. showed them the context of both Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, and

a) as you will see the prophets identified of whom they spoke.

b) Yet, with the words of Scripture right before their eyes,

(1) people have denied what Isaiah and Ezekiel said, and

(2) refused to budge from their preconceived idea

(a) that both passages speak of Satan and his fall.

(b) The Bible does address the fall of Satan, but

i) not in these passages.

III. Who do you say Lucifer is?

IV. Who does the Bible say Lucifer is?

A. Remember the most important rule of hermeneutics or interpretation:

1. The context,
2. what does the context say?
 - a) Do not go to other passages first, but
 - b) see what Isaiah wrote in the context.

B. Isaiah 13 begins a message against whom?

C. Isaiah 14.1-2 directs a short message to whom?

D. Isaiah 14.3-23 again addresses whom?

1. Isaiah 14.16 identifies Lucifer as a what?
2. Isaiah 14.23 identifies what entity?

V. Whom does the Bible denounce in Ezekiel 28?

VI. Why does the Bible use such high sounding terminology for these two kings?

A. Isaiah 14 revealed what the king of Babylon thought,

1. whether the king meant it literally or figuratively.

B. Ezekiel 28 reveals both how

1. the king thought and
2. what God thought.
 - a) The Spirit used figurative language to show
 - b) how exalted the king had become.

C. This is not unusual.

1. Genesis 13.10
2. Joel 2.3

VII. Use Ezekiel 31