

BOOK OF ISAIAH

Outline

Chapter 14

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Verses 1-8 Although Isaiah had seen the nation of Babylon (100 years into the future) as the nation that would destroy Jerusalem and take the people captive, God also gives him astonishing clarity that Babylon would eventually be destroyed; God's people would once again return to Jerusalem and be at **REST**. This REST is prophesied and emphasized repeatedly in the Bible. IT'S MUCH MORE THAN TAKING A NAP! WAY, WAY BETTER! It begins even in the 2nd chapter of Genesis where God FINISHED creation and RESTED on the SEVENTH DAY. NOTE THE COMPARISON: Jesus WORKED upon Calvary's cross. He was making a NEW CREATION--His redeemed people. The Bible calls us NEW CREATURES in Christ--all made possible through Jesus' FINISHED WORK. HE SAID, "IT IS FINISHED." Jesus told us of this **Rest** when He walked this Earth: "I will give you **REST**." The book of Hebrews, Chapters 3-4 contrast the people under Moses (the LETTER of the Law, i.e., UNBELIEF) with the people under Jesus (the SPIRIT of the Law, i.e., BELIEF or Faith). It states that under the Law, "that they should **not** enter into his REST." But for those who have BELIEVED, "**do enter** into REST, as He said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were FINISHED from the foundation of the world. For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works." Hebrews 4:3-4 Verses 9-10 fully explain THIS REST we have in God: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he ALSO HAS CEASED FROM HIS OWN WORKS, AS GOD DID FROM HIS." All the SABBATH DAYS, and SABBATH MONTHS, and SABBATH YEARS, of the Old Testament festivals pointed to a **rest** that is **NOT** just the ETERNAL REST of Heaven when we die, BUT the REST we have **here and now**--RESTING in Jesus' completed work of redemption and righteousness FOR US!

Verse 4 The "**King of Babylon**" reference here is an example of scripture having a physical example, yet also rising to another level of interpretation--some entity that is spiritual and supernatural. There was a fierce King of Babylon, but as the scriptures beginning in verse 12 clearly show, the **earthly** example of this King is used to also represent **another** King of Darkness, Satan, the Old Dragon.

Verses 9-10 Not just referencing the Earthly King of Babylon as he enters Hell upon his death, but a being who shares the traits of the Earthly King but is a supernatural King. "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming...all they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?" This is a picture of Almighty God ultimately DETHRONING Satan and making him WEAK. (Note: This scripture proves that HELL IS NOT THE GRAVE, as is taught by some cults.)

Verse 12 Isaiah is given insight into the **origin of EVIL** as no other prophet had seen: **LUCIFER**, formerly in the Heavenly Court of the Most High God, the LIGHT-BEARER, or BRIGHTNESS (remember, Paul warns us that Satan still has this gift of LIGHT or "Enlightenment" as that which he offered Eve in the Garden). Paul says Satan can come as an "ANGEL OF LIGHT." A hallmark characteristic of cults is the notion that they have received some sort of special "enlightenment" that others have not been granted. Think about Jim Jones, David Koresh and Waco, Jehovah's Witnesses' 144,000, Mormonism, etc. This caters to the fallen flesh nature in man. Man's vanity wants to be part of a "SELECT FEW," yet the GOSPEL is God declaring with outstretched arms on a wooden cross, "I WANT ALL OF YOU! NONE WHO COME TO ME WILL BE DENIED." While Isaiah lets us know that Satan was once **Lucifer, the Light-Bearer**, it behooves us to recognize that the **FIRST ADJECTIVE GOD SOVEREIGNLY CHOSE TO DESCRIBE SATAN IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS IS SUBTLE.**

This verse states that Lucifer FELL FROM HEAVEN and that he was a "son of the morning," a term for angels.

Verse 13-14 NOTICE HOW MANY TIMES THE WORD "I" IS USED BY SATAN. He is the INFAMOUS **MOI** of the universe, NOT MISS PIGGY of The Muppets! Satan says, "I will ascend...I will exalt...I will sit...I will ascend...I will be like the **MOST HIGH.**" A Bible teacher once said that we should all take note of the fact that the word "SIN" has "I" right in the middle of it! (Sounds like country singer Toby Keith's song, "I wanna talk about me, wanna talk about I, wanna talk about number one...")

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When Lucifer allowed INIQUITY to find a place in his heart, this "ANOINTED CHERUB THAT COVERETH" became SATAN THE ADVERSARY, DIABOLOS, THE EVIL ONE, THE SERPENT, THE DRAGON whose **TAIL** drew a third of the stars (rebel angels) in the Book of Revelation. **(Side bar and question: Ever wondered why God told Moses to throw down his rod which became a SERPENT, then told Moses to PICK IT UP BY THE TAIL? Typically, that's NOT GOOD SNAKE HANDLING PROCEDURE!)** SATAN PASSIONATELY wanted the **TITLE OF MOST HIGH GOD**, but like a lot of folks down here on Earth, particularly in political office in our FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 😊😊, Satan thought the TITLE would make him FIT FOR THE OFFICE. Not so! Satan should have filled out the **JOB APPLICATION for MOST HIGH GOD BEFORE** his COUP D'ETAT and compared it to the **RIGHT ANSWERS FOR THE POSITION:**

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OFFICIAL JOB APPLICATION FOR MOST HIGH GOD

(Applicant must answer **truthfully** and check \surd the answer that best describes him/her.)

1. I have INFINITE LOVE in my heart.

- ALWAYS
- VERY OFTEN
- NOT VERY OFTEN
- SELDOM
- NEVER

2. I am OMNISCIENT.

- ALWAYS
- VERY OFTEN
- NOT VERY OFTEN
- SELDOM
- NEVER

3. I am OMNIPRESENT.

- ALWAYS
- VERY OFTEN
- NOT VERY OFTEN
- SELDOM
- NEVER

4. I am OMNIPOTENT.

- ALWAYS
- VERY OFTEN
- NOT VERY OFTEN
- SELDOM
- NEVER

5. I am the SELF - EXISTENT, ETERNAL ONE WITH NO BEGINNING AND NO ENDING.

- ALWAYS
- VERY OFTEN
- NOT VERY OFTEN
- SELDOM
- NEVER

6. I am SINLESS.

- ALWAYS
- VERY OFTEN
- NOT VERY OFTEN
- SELDOM
- NEVER

The fallen nature in each of us, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, is all about SELF. (Again, in a group photo, don't you look for your picture first?) The great and tragic consequence of the original transgression in the Garden is the LOSS OF GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS and the subsequent pitiful replacement of SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS. Humanity's nature became like that of THE ADVERSARY.

Verse 15 For all of Lucifer's pomposity and selfish PRIDE, God declares he will be **"brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."** NOTE: The book of Revelation tells us of this event prior to the millennial reign of Christ. SATAN IS NOT IN HELL NOW! He is not omnipresent nor omniscient nor omnipotent as those are exclusive characteristics of The Most High God, but he is allowed to rule (as did the earthly King of Babylon rule over his court) over other fallen angels (demons) who influence the actions of millions of unsaved people on a daily basis.

Verse 16 When, in the end of the age, God consigns Satan to his eternal residence of the Lake of Fire, the innumerable company of people throughout the ages who suffered due to his influence/schemes will be shocked and appalled at his final state. He will be COMPLETELY WEAKENED and the MULTITUDES will **"narrowly look upon thee...saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble..."** As the saved individuals throughout the ages wonder in amazement at the 'bringing down' of so great a foe, our ACCUSER before the Throne of God, our ADVERSARY, the once mighty enemy responsible for the first drop of human blood to ever be shed and for the first tear of grief to ever fall, you and I, together in that multitude will incredulously say, **"Is this him? God has DEBASED him. This is the one who caused so much trouble? This is the one who caused the earth to shake because of his evil?"** We will say, "Our God has made him as nothing at all, to never be feared again!" That moment would be a perfect time for all the multitude to start singing **Jean Knight's 1971 hit, "Mr. Big Stuff, who do you think you are, Mr. Big Stuff!"** (Recorded at Malaco Studios in Jackson, MS--just a little music trivia to add to the Bible Study!)

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