

C & C: Lucifer, son of the morning

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Job 38:4-7

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Here we see at verse 7 an interesting statement being made. We see that Angels were here referred to as morning stars as well as the sons of God. How do we know? First we can see from the line of questions taking place that these morning stars and sons of God shouted for joy and were all singing together when the Lord laid the foundations of the earth. Earlier in the first chapter of Job we learn that the sons of God were Angels from this verse of scripture, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.” (Job 1:6) We also know that Angels are referred to as stars “And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.” (Rev 9:1-2) We also know that the line of questions were concerning the third day of creation which is speaking of the foundation of the Earth whereas it wasn’t until the fourth day that the stars were placed in the firmament of heaven.

In the book of Isaiah we see a reference to the fall of the king of Babylon which is indicative of both the fall of Nebuchadnezzar historically as well as serving a yet futuristic event when Satan is also brought down low to the bottomless pit. “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.” (Isaiah 14:12-15) “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”. (Revelation 20:1-2)

The NIV renders this same verse of scripture as, “How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! (Isaiah 14:12) Notice anything missing? Where is the word Lucifer? Is the NIV trying to take away the name of Satan as being Lucifer? Though I do not advocate any other version of the Bible at this point in English but the King James Version, because of the many problems with both the Sinaiticus codex and the Vaticanus codex, as well as not recommending the New Kings

James Version for other reasons, the question here is, is the rendering of the NIV incorrect in this instance?

First let us remember that Angels were called both morning stars and sons of God in Job 38:7. This does away with the flawed logic that there is no comparison being made here to both the king of Babylon and to that of Satan. So the question remains, did the NIV deliberately try to remove the name of Satan from the Bible with their translation? Let us first look to the Strong's concordance for the meaning behind the Hebrew words that are being used in this verse.

The Hebrew word translated for "O Lucifer":
from <H1984> (halal) (in the sense of brightness); the morning-star :- lucifer.

The Hebrew word translated for "of the morning":
from <H7836> (shachar); dawn (literal, figurative or adverb) :- day (-spring), early, light, morning, whence riseth.

Now let us compare:

Isaiah 14:12 (KJV)

12 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 (NIV)

12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

The answer is no. Take a moment to reflect and you will see it. "O Lucifer" from the KJV means (in the sense of brightness); the morning-star and "of the morning" means dawn (literal, figurative or adverb). So the NIV can correctly translate this verse to read "morning star, son of the dawn!" without trying to deliberately remove the name of Satan as Lucifer. The question really becomes is Lucifer actually the name of Satan?

I know that this is highly shocking when one first becomes aware of it, but that does not change or take away the question. Remember that all the Angels were called morning stars. So it is no shock to see Satan called morning star here in this verse. As morning star is speaking in the sense of brightness. Such as the planet Venus or Saturn.

Consider the following, "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; whose end shall be according to their works." (2 Corinthians 11:14-15) "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." (Revelation 18:1-2) "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire". (Revelation 10:1) "And, behold, there was

a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow". (Matthew 28:2-3)

The Greek word translated for "of light" from 2 Corinthians 11:14 above:
from an obsolete phao (to shine or make manifest, especially by rays; compare <G5316> (phaino), <G5346> (phemi)); luminousness (in the widest application, natural or artificial, abstract or concrete, literal or figurative) :- fire light.

The problem becomes when a Bible commentator or your reference notes in your Bible cross reference Isaiah 14:12 with 2 Peter 1:19 or Revelation 22:16. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts". (2 Peter 1:19) "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22:16)

The Greek word translated for "the day star":
from <G5457> (phos) and <G5342> (phero); light-bearing ("phosphorus"), i.e. (special) the morning-star (figurative) :- day star.

We know that this verse of scripture from 2 Peter 1:19 when speaking of "the day star arise in your hearts", is referring to the Holy Ghost which is the Spirit of Jesus Christ. How do we know? "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Romans 5:5) "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Galatians 4:6) "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27) "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22:16)

Based off of the information we have from the scriptures, it appears that Lucifer is not the name of Satan but rather is a reference to "morning star" according to the meaning of the Hebrew word in use that was translated Lucifer. Remember what we learned from the book of Job that all the Angels were morning stars and they were also the sons of God. With this being the case it really isn't very surprising to see Satan referred to as morning star, son of the dawn. However, if one then tries to say that if this be the case, then the entire passage has no relevance to a fallen Angel of any kind but rather a comparison of the king of Babylon only being compared to the brightness of the morning star such as Venus or Saturn, we must remember what Jesus said, "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18) "How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!" (Isaiah 14:12 NIV)

Therefore since knowing that from the book of Job that Angels were referred to as morning stars, and we see Jesus tell us that he beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven, and in Isaiah we see how you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn... yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit, (Isaiah 14:12, 15) we can then conclude that this is still

making a reference to not only the fall of the king of Babylon historically but also is serving a yet futuristic event when Satan is also brought down low to the bottomless pit.

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 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. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.” (Revelation 12:1-6)

The woman being spoken of here in Revelation chapter 12 is that of Israel. The 12 stars representing the 12 tribes of Israel. This can't be speaking of the Church and the 12 Apostles as this was speaking of the bringing forth of the Messiah. It was Israel who was with child of which Satan desired to destroy, but nevertheless she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Joseph dreamed a dream, “And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?” (Genesis 37:9-10) “And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. “ (Genesis 32:28) Thus the children of Israel were brought forth. It is this woman, Israel, being spoken of in Revelation chapter 12.

“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. ” (Revelation 12:7-11)

At what point was Satan cast out of heaven? The answer lies in verses 6 & 14 of which both speak of Israel being protected for 3 and 1/2 years from Satan who was cast out of heaven knowing he has but a short time, who could no longer accuse the brethren before our God. So since he was unable to devour her man child that she brought forth he then made war against her for 3 and 1/2 years. “How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!” (Isaiah 14:12 NIV) “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. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.” (Revelation 12:12-14)

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” (Daniel 9:27)

“Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.” (Daniel 12:5-7)

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.” (Daniel 12:10-13)

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house”. (Matthew 24:15-17)

“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 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. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.” (Revelation 11:1-7)

“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? 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.” (Revelation 13:4-5)

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.” (Daniel 7:21-26)

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