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LUCIFER, LUCIFER. WHO IS LUCIFER?

LUCIFER is not Satan. There are no scriptures in the Bible that say he is.

That wrong idea comes from tradition.

When Bible study challenges our tradition we must look more closely at both.

I used to believe that tradition, but now I have changed my mind and I now believe that the word "LUCIFER" refers to ADAM. The purpose of this MONARCH is to try to show you WHY.

THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE SAYS LUCIFER IS NOT SATAN

"Conscientious students agree that the application of the name LUCIFER to Satan, in spite of the long and confident teaching to that effect, is completely erroneous." This quote is from THE AMPLIFIED OLD TESTAMENT, Zondervan Publishing House, 1962, note on Isaiah 14:12, emphasis mine.

That took a lot of nerve for Zondervan to publish that note in 1962. I'm glad that they did, but I'm sorry that it caused such a polarization in present Christian society.

THAT'S A JOKE, SON.

There is a note of humor in the statement published by Zondervan in the AMPLIFIED BIBLE.

"In spite of the long and confident teaching to that (wrong) effect."

If you have had to suffer through a long (often loud) confident preacher like I have, then we both know that those actions are sometimes a cover up for error.

POLARIZATION

Presently, there is an argument going on among preachers concerning the question:

"Is LUCIFER Satan?"

Preachers and church boards are now taking sides. Some churches now require that their speakers give an answer that agrees with their own position before being allowed to speak. That has happened to me as I travel from church to church.

NOT IN THE BIBLE

No Bible student has ever found a scripture that says that LUCIFER is Satan. One would think that if it was important then the Bible would establish the fact.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA SAYS
"LUCIFER-SATAN" IS TRADITION,

"St. Jerome translated as "LUCIFER" the metaphorical reference (Hebrew, shining one") to the fall of the king of Babylon in Isaiah 14:12. The Church Fathers interpreted the words of JESUS in Luke 10:18, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven," as a reference to this passage in Isaiah, so that "LUCIFER" came to be regarded as the name of Satan before his fall." - quote from ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, 1972 LUCIFER. (abbreviated E.B.)

I believe that this quote from E.B. is a little more charitable than the one in the AMPLIFIED OLD TESTAMENT, and I can see why each separate group of authors chose to take their stand.

E.B. definitely traces the Christian tradition from its origin showing that it is tradition, not Bible Study Truth.

JEWES CALL LUCIFER-SATAN, A MYTH

The JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, in the heading LUCIFER, says, "The LUCIFER MYTH was transferred to Satan in the pre-Christian century, as may be learned from Vita Adae et Evae (12) and Slavonic Enoch 29:4, 31:4, where Satan is described as having been one of the archangels. When we see the word "MYTH" in Jewish literature we must recognize that it has no Old Testament ground on which to stand.

Here we find that the Jews traced the tradition back further than the beginning of the Christian era. However, in tracing the MYTH, the Jews expertly show that the idea was never in the Bible.

Shall we believe tradition and MYTH?

TRADITION

Under the heading "DEVIL" - E.B. says, LUCIFER, which occurs in scripture only in Isaiah 14:12, where the meaning is uncertain, is said to have been his (the Devil's) name before the fall." We must notice E.B.'s two distinct disclaimers of the theory, "the meaning is uncertain" and also notice, "is said to have been." Who said? When? Why? Obviously the Bible did not say it because it was not quoted.

WHO IS LUCIFER?

It is logical to ask, "Well, if LUCIFER isn't Satan - who is he?"

I am going to try to show why I have concluded from Bible study that:

LUCIFER IS ADAM!

The word "LUCIFER" in English is HELEL (or HELAL) BEN SHAHAR in Hebrew.

It means: 1. the brilliant one
2. son of the morning
3. day star
4. morning star

In Greek, LUCIFER is the word "PHOSPHOROS." Our word "PHOSPHORUS," the light emitting chemical comes from the Greek.

PHOSPHOROS means: 1. light bearer
2. morning star

TWO LIGHT BEARERS

The Bible describes two "light bearers." They are symbolically referred to as the "FIRST ADAM" and also the "SECOND ADAM" (JESUS CHRIST).

JESUS CHRIST is described as being the "BRIGHT and MORNING STAR" (Rev. 22:16).

JESUS is the "FIRST BORN" among many brethren (Rom. 8:29). How can JESUS be the "FIRST BORN" when Matthew tells us that there were 42 generations from the "FIRST ADAM" to CHRIST? (Matt. 1:17):

The answer is that the "FIRST ADAM" was the first born in the PHYSICAL realm.

And the "SECOND ADAM" whose name was JESUS CHRIST was the first born in the SPIRITUAL realm.

LUCIFER; LUCIFER. WHO IS LUCIFER?

There is only one scripture in the Bible that refers to LUCIFER: Isaiah 14:12 says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O LUCIFER, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did 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 clouds; I will be like the most High (EL ELYON). Yet, thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake the kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof, that opened not the house of his prisoners?"

ASSOCIATED SCRIPTURE

One other Bible passage is usually studied in connection with the one in Isaiah 14. It is Ezekiel 28:12-19 which says,

"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 was 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. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned; therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast de-

filed thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic;

OTHER NAMES FOR SATAN?

Revelation uses four names to describe the same evil one.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan" (Rev. 12:9).

The four names for the same evil one are:

1. Great Dragon
2. Old Serpent
3. Devil
4. Satan

It seems almost redundant to note that one favorite (but mistaken) name is left out of the list, LUCIFER. We believe that there is a real good reason for not including LUCIFER in the list. No where does the Bible call Satan by the name LUCIFER, especially when it is listing all the synonymous names.

ADAM

Here are five main reasons that I believe show that LUCIFER is ADAM, not Satan.

1. Adam was in the Garden of Eden (Heaven) and he was cast out.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O LUCIFER, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations" (Isaiah 14). This could be ADAM or Satan. Alone it is not conclusive.

"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God" (Ezek. 28). Could be ADAM or Satan. Not conclusive alone.

Tradition connects fallen from heaven with JESUS' description of Satan in Luke 10:18, but tradition is wrong because Satan was not the only one who "fell from heaven." The context of scriptures around this passage show that in this reference it was ADAM who was cast out of the presence of GOD (fell from heaven).

2. ADAM (and Eve) fell for the trap, "Your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as Gods."

The same thing was said of LUCIFER in Isaiah. "I will ascend unto heaven. ... I will be like the most High (EL ELYON).

There is no place in the Bible that says Satan tried to be like GOD, that I know of. That idea came from tradition.

3. ADAM was perfect from the day that he was created - until he later committed sin.

"And God saw everything that he had made (including ADAM), and behold it was very good." (Gen. 1:31).

Remember that Ezekiel 28 says, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

I believe that this section refers to ADAM and not LUCIFER for the following reason.

4. The DEVIL was NEVER perfect, according to JESUS.

JESUS said, "He (the DEVIL) was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

It is impossible to be a "murderer from the beginning" and at the same time be "perfect from the day that thou wast created."

The only one who was perfect and then went bad was ADAM.

Yes, tradition says that the DEVIL was perfect at first, but there are no Bible passages that make it so. In fact, a person has to wonder how such a tradition got started in direct opposition to the plain statement of JESUS, to the contrary.

5. ADAM was charged with iniquity in the realm of making merchandise, "Multitude of thy merchandise" and "iniquity of thy traffic" (Ezekiel 28). Remember, "the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy 6:10).

At the end of the age, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH - shall be destroyed (Rev. 17:1, 18:2,7-19) "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. The merchandise of gold, silver, etc. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, etc" (Rev. 18). While it is true that many teachers claim that the original sin of ADAM was in the realm of wrongful sex, I believe that the predominance of scripture connects the original sin with wrongful traffic in merchandise motivated by the love of money, the root of all evil.

6. LUCIFER is called a MAN in scripture. But Satan is not a MAN, he is a created being (Unclean Spirit).

"Is this the MAN that made the earth to tremble"(Isa. 14).

WHO IS BOSS?

Many Christians have heard that Satan was a choir director in heaven. Success went to his head and he rebelled against GOD and he has been in a fight with GOD ever since.

Don't you believe it, unless you can find a scripture to prove it.

My GOD is so powerful that Satan had to ask my GOD for permission for every attack on Job. (Job 1:6, 2:1).

Satan is not in a fight with my GOD. He does what my GOD says. Can you find any scripture that says, Satan is God's enemy? I can't. Yes, Satan is our adversary, not GOD'S. (I Pet. 5:8).

My GOD is the God of everything. David said, "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there" (Psalm 139:8). My GOD is not only God of heaven, He is also the God of hell. My GOD said, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things." (Isa. 45:7) My GOD created evil, darkness, and Satan for His purpose. My GOD said, "See now that I, even I, am he and there is no GOD with me: I kill,

and I make alive; I wound, and I heal" (Deut. 32:39).

Amos said, "Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely the LORD GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets: (Amos 3:6-7). Concerning my GOD, Isaiah said, "Behold I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for His own work (purpose)." My GOD created Satan for my GOD'S purpose.

Let me say it this way. Every event that has ever happened in heaven or on earth was with the full knowledge and consent of my GOD.

OTHER WITNESS

My attention was first directed to the LUCIFER question by some writings several years ago by: Rev. BILL BRITTON, Box 707, Springfield, MO. 65801.

If you feel led to write to him for his literature on the subject, please show your proper Christian regard for his well being by exercising your mature responsibility.