

Isaiah 14:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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!

Analysis

This verse addresses the fall of Lucifer (Satan): 'How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!' While the immediate context describes Babylon's king, the language transcends human kingship, revealing Satan's primordial rebellion. Jesus references this in Luke 10:18: 'I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.' The taunt 'how art thou cut down to the ground' emphasizes the reversal from exalted position to complete humiliation, demonstrating pride's ultimate outcome.

Historical Context

Though delivered against Babylon's literal king (586 BC), early church fathers and Reformed interpreters recognize this passage's dual reference to Satan's fall. The 'king of Babylon' typologically represents Satan, history's ultimate prideful rebel.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Satan's fall warn against pride and self-exaltation in your own life?
2. What does Satan's defeat assure you about Christ's ultimate victory over all evil?

Interlinear Text

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How art thou fallen from heaven O Lucifer son of the morning

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the nations which didst weaken to the ground how art thou cut down

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Additional Cross-References

Luke 10:18 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Revelation 8:10 (Parallel theme): And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

Revelation 22:16 (Parallel theme): 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.

Isaiah 34:4 (Parallel theme): And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

2 Peter 1:19 (Parallel theme): 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:

Revelation 2:28 (Parallel theme): And I will give him the morning star.

2 Peter 2:4 (Parallel theme): 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 judgment;

Revelation 9:1 (Parallel theme): 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.

Jeremiah 50:23 (Parallel theme): How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

Isaiah 13:10 (Parallel theme): For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

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