

Isaiah 14:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

Lucifer's fivefold 'I will' reveals the essence of satanic rebellion: 'I will ascend into heaven...exalt my throne above the stars of God...sit also upon the mount of the congregation...ascend above the heights of the clouds...be like the most High.' Each declaration asserts autonomous will against divine authority. The desire to 'be like the most High' echoes the serpent's temptation in Eden (Genesis 3:5). All sin ultimately traces to this prideful autonomy—desiring equality with or independence from God.

Historical Context

This passage influenced Milton's *Paradise Lost* and Christian demonology. Understanding Satan's fall as pride-driven rebellion illuminates why humility and submission to God's will are central Christian virtues.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. In what areas of your life do you assert 'I will' against God's revealed will?
2. How does Christ's opposite pattern—'not my will, but thine' (Luke 22:42)—provide the remedy for satanic pride?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת הַ	אֲמַרְתָּ	בְּלִבְבְּךָ	הַשָּׁמַיִם	אֶעֱלֶה	מִמֶּנִּי עַל
H859	For thou hast said	in thine heart	into heaven	I will ascend	above
	H559	H3824	H8064	H5927	H4605
לְכוֹכְבֵּי	אֵל ל	אֶרֶץ יִם	כִּסֵּאִי	וְאִשְׁבֵּן	בְּהָר
the stars	of God	I will exalt	my throne	I will sit	also upon the mount
H3556	H410	H7311	H3678	H3427	H2022
מִזֶּדֶד	בְּיָרְכֵי	צָפוֹן:			
of the congregation	in the sides	of the north			
H4150	H3411	H6828			

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 28:2 (References God): Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

Ezekiel 29:3 (References God): Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (References God): Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.