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## **A Fallen Star | Isaiah 14:3-23**

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How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!  
— Isaiah 14:12

Big Idea: Jesus the Messiah defeats God’s enemies and sets his people free.

### **A Taunt Directed at the King of Babylon | v. 3-4**

1. Only for a while will you have power, you will face defeat | v. 5-11
2. You think you’re exalted, you will be brought low | v. 12-15
3. You are honored but the people’s will laugh at you | v. 16-21

“When the Lord gives you rest from your pain, torment, and the hard labor you were forced to do, you will sing this song of contempt about the king of Babylon and say...”

14:3-4 The following song (vv. 4b-21) has its setting after Israel’s return to the land. The song is a song of contempt or a taunt song (Hb mashal). It was directed toward the king of Babylon. The song speaks as if the king is a definite individual, but the lack of a specific name may mean that the king is depicted as the apex of the imperialistic machine that oppressed the people of God.

**Big Idea: God Judges the Oppressors of His People.**

### **God judges Babylon | Isaiah 14:22-23**

22 “I will rise up against them”—this is the declaration of the Lord of Armies—“and I will cut off from Babylon her reputation, remnant, offspring, and posterity”—this is the Lord’s declaration. 23 “I will make her a swampland and a region for herons,[e] and I will sweep her away with the broom of destruction.” This is the declaration of the Lord of Armies.



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### A comparison of 3 Beings | v. 12-15

1. Using a parody of their god-myths
2. Using names of the stars/gods referring to king of Babylon
3. New Testament - Satan compared to this defeated/humiliated “morning star”

### **Who is the “shining morning star”?**

1. The King of Babylon

brilliant star, a title given to the king of Babylon (Isa. 14:12) to denote his glory.

2. Lucifer/Satan

**Lucifer** (loo’ si-fuhr), the English translation in the KJV (Isa. 14:12) of the Hebrew word meaning “light bringer” or “shining one,” sometimes designating the morning (or day) star, i.e, Venus (cf. NRSV: “Day Star”). The English word “Lucifer” comes from the Latin for “light bearer.” In Isa. 14:12, the king of Babylon, in an apparent reference to Canaanite mythology, is tauntingly called “Day Star, son of Dawn,” because he has fallen from his lofty but temporary position of power. In the Christian church, this passage from Isaiah came to be connected with Jesus’s saying in Luke 10:18: “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” Thus a connection was made between Lucifer and Satan, and Lucifer came to be understood as another name for Satan.

This was the Lat.name for the planet Venus, the brightest object in the sky apart from the sun and moon, appearing sometimes as the evening, sometimes as the morning, star. In Is. 14:12 it is the translation of hēlēl (‘shining one’: LXX heōsphoros, ‘light-bearer’; cf. the Arabic for Venus, zuhratun, ‘the bright shining one’), and is applied tauntingly as a title for the king of Babylon, who in his glory and pomp had set himself among the gods. This name is appropriate, as the civilization of Babylon began in the grey dawn of history, and had strong astrological connections.

The early church fathers began to apply the term to Satan, possibly due to the belief that he had fallen from heaven (Luke 10:18). **18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning.**

**17** The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

**18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 Look, I have given you the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; nothing at all will harm you. 20 However, don’t rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

Luke 10:18 (CSB)

**44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires.** He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 (CSB)



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7 Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, 8 but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer. 9 So **the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.** Revelation 12:7-9 (CSB)

And **the angels** who did not stay within their own position of authority, but **left their proper dwelling**, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day Jude 6 (ESV)

God didn't spare **the angels who sinned but cast them** into hell and delivered them in chains of utter darkness **to be kept for judgment;** 2 Peter 2:6 (CSB)

### **Our God Who Acts | v. 23b**

God Judges: Fallen Beings = Judah, Babylon, Spirits, Us

God Reveals: Spiritual Enemies, Conquering Messiah

God Restores: Judah, Creation, Us

God Protects: Us from defeat, despair, destruction

### **God Acts | v. 23b**

"This is the declaration of the Lord of Armies."

### **God Judges**

1. It's not only humans who have rebelled against God, but spiritual forces in high places.

### **God Reveals | Hebrews 1:1-2**

"Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son."

1. God's Enemies
2. God's Son, the Messiah

### **God Restores**

1. God's People have only Hope

"When the Lord gives you rest from your pain, torment, and the hard labor..."



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### 2. All Things | Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

3 Then I heard a loud voice from the throne:[a] Look, God's dwelling[b] is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples,[c] and God himself will be with them and will be their God.[d] 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things[e] have passed away.

### God Protects

#### 1. Keep the Spiritual Realm in the proper perspective | Romans 8:37-39

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 2. Spiritual warfare | Ephesians 6:11-13

11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. 13 For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

### Now What

1. Have hope and take courage that God is judging his enemies and rescuing his people.
2. Put on the Armor of God and stand against the attacks of the enemy.

### Scripture Reading | Isaiah 14:12-19 (CSB)

12 Shining morning star,  
how you have fallen from the heavens!  
You destroyer of nations,  
you have been cut down to the ground.  
13 You said to yourself,



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"I will ascend to the heavens;  
I will set up my throne  
above the stars of God.  
I will sit on the mount of the gods' assembly,  
in the remotest parts of the North.,  
14 I will ascend above the highest clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High."  
15 But you will be brought down to Sheol  
into the deepest regions of the Pit.

16 Those who see you will stare at you;  
they will look closely at you:  
"Is this the man who caused the earth to tremble,  
who shook the kingdoms,  
17 who turned the world into a wilderness,  
who destroyed its cities  
and would not release the prisoners to return home?"  
18 All the kings of the nations  
lie in splendor, each in his own tomb.  
19 But you are thrown out without a grave,  
like a worthless branch,  
covered by those slain with the sword  
and dumped into a rocky pit like a trampled corpse.