

ISAIAH – Lesson 21

Learn: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Ephesians 6:10-12

Read: Isaiah 14:1-23

1. What are verses 1-3 speaking of regarding Israel? also see Zechariah 1:17; 2:12
2. Who are the strangers? See Esther 8:17 for help.
3. How will the stranger's relationship with the people of Israel be different than it was before? v 1
4. Who will make a parable, this taunting speech against the king of Babylon? v 1, v 4
5. What does the proverb or speech convey to the king of Babylon? vv 4-6
6. What response does the whole earth have when the king of Babylon is brought down?
v 7
7. When verses 9-11 speak of the dead, what can we learn about the state of those who are dead?

8. Who was behind the king of Babylon? v 12; Revelation 12:9; Luke 10:18

NOTE: Lucifer means properly “shining one,” and no doubt here designates a star.

-From Eerdman’s Isaiah Commentary-

Hebrew : helel- “morning star” – Helel & Ishtar in Canaanite religion attempted a heavenly coup that failed (according to Canaanite mythology).

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9. How did and does Lucifer, Satan affect the nations? v 12

How might this be seen in a nation?

Give scripture that applies to your answer.

10. What is the reason for Satan’s fall? v 13 See also Proverbs 16:18

11. In Ezekiel 28:12-19 we have an amazing word from the Lord God.

Though this passage is directed to the king of Tyrus, we see that it is not possible for any earthly king to be what is described in this passage. Here God speaks to the earthly king, but it is actually Satan who is being addressed.

How is Satan described before his fall?

12. What is the reason for Satan’s fall is given in these verses in Ezekiel 28?

What can we learn from what happened to Satan that will help us to stay true to the Lord?

13. How does Genesis 11:1-9 show Satan at work in the people of Babel? Especially note verse 4.

14. What do we see once again in Genesis 3:1-7 regarding Satan's desire, and how he tempts us? Use verse 14 as starting point to explain Satan's actions in Genesis.

15. What do we learn about the rulers of this world in Psalm 2:1-3?

16. Often we look at those who rule the world and see all the wickedness that they do. Each one of them is responsible for what they do, but what must we always remember?

Remember our Isaiah 14 passage and the Ezekiel 28 passage; Ephesians 2:2; 6:12

17. It is so easy to get overwhelmed by what governments of the world do, including ours. On the other hand, we may think that by something we do, or that many who think like us do, that we can change the evil of governments. Many Christians spend a lot of energy, money, and will even compromise the gospel in order to effect government rulers.

What does the word of God tell us is the way to fight evil?

II Corinthians 10:3-5

Ephesians 6:10-18

18. What is the practical application of these verses, along with understanding God's program in the world for Christians?

NOTE: The phrase in v.13 –“in the sides of the north” is translated in the Jewish Tanakh – “on the summit of Zaphon” (abode of the gods)- or “on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain”- also the same in Psalm 48:2 where the phrase “sides of the north” is literally “summit of Zaphon.”

Mount Zaphon in north Philistia was considered to be the seat of Canaanite gods.

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19. Instead of ruling above the gods in the sides of the north, where did God say Satan would be brought to? v 15

20. Verse 15 ends the interlude concerning Satan. Verses 16-23 are the people of the earth speaking to the king of Babylon. How do they speak to the fallen king?

21. What is God’s judgment against the king of Babylon and his nation? vv22-23