

Lies Regarding Lucifer

In Job Chapter 1 we learn that Satan can only be in one place at one time, and that he has to obtain God's permission before testing the righteous. We see this same limitation again in the New Testament with Satan's temptation of the Apostle Peter. But where did Satan come from?

Genesis 3:1 reads **"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made..."** Thus, in the very first book of the Bible we see that the serpent was a created being. The last book of the Bible also lists his other names.

Revelation 12:9 reads **"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the Roman World, he was cast to the land, and his messengers were cast out with him."** So, from the first to the last book of the Bible, Satan is an adversary of both God and man. Genesis 2:16-17 reads **"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."** Adam ate the forbidden fruit, but according to Genesis 5:5, he lived to 930 years of age! How can that be?

We know from scripture that Adam did not physically die that day. You see, Adam was going to physically die even if he never ate the forbidden fruit. It was the *manner* of his death which had changed. Rather than being in God's presence in the garden until he died physically, Adam was going to be separated from God's presence until he died physically. In other words, Adam died spiritually that sad day. Thus, later in Genesis 3:15 we read **"And I will put enmity between you and the women,**

and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

When does this happen? In the New Testament, Jesus, also called the second Adam, defeats Satan in the first century! Does the scripture support this position? Yes and Amen! Let's take a look...

Matthew 25:41 illustrates that hell was created for Satan and his messengers. Romans 16:20 demonstrates that God fulfilled Genesis 3:15 in the first century! So does Luke 10: 17-18, John 12:31, Colossians 1:13, Colossians 2:13-15, Hebrews 2:14, and 1 John 3:8. Seven scriptures reinforce this Biblical fact. So let's believe God at His Word, and stop proclaiming the lie that Satan is presently ruling this world. Jesus Christ is (present tense) Lord (Matthew 28:18)!

According to John 8:44, the Devil is a liar and a murderer.

So, what is the second lie about Lucifer? Note: Lucifer literally means "Day Star." First, let's look at Isaiah 14:12. From verse 4 we can read that this prophecy is pertaining to the King of Babylon; Nebuchadnezzar! Daniel 5:20-21 confirms this. Satan is never called Lucifer. That's lie number two.

Likewise, many ascribe Ezekiel 28:13 as referring to the serpent; especially because of verse 13. But if one reads the entire passage in context, we are repeatedly told in verses 2 and 12 that it is a prophecy against the ruler of Tyre! Furthermore, we are told his heart became proud because of his wealth in trading (verses 5 and 16). Thus, this passage appears to be similar to when Jesus rebuked Peter on the way to Jerusalem calling Peter Satan.

Okay, you may be seeing the truth in scripture now that the Devil is never called Lucifer, and Jesus

defeated him in the first century. But some will say, what about the book of Revelation (20:1-4 and 20:7-10)? Isn't Satan going to be released in the future? Yes, Satan was released in the future half of the first century, but he will not be re-released in our 21st century future. Hebrews 12:9 fulfills Revelation 20:10!

Remember, the book of Revelation was written in 65 AD and completely fulfilled by 70 AD. Daniel 8:26 is fulfilled by Revelation 22:10. The literal time indicators of Revelation 1:1 and 1:3, as well as the many uses of the word quickly, must be taken literally, if the book of Revelation is to be interpreted correctly. For historical confirmation, read about the second half of the Great Tribulation and the last Battle of Armageddon in the historical book by Flavius Josephus, The War of the Jews. Also take the time texts literally in Matthew 24:34 and Luke 21:22.

To recapitulate; one, Satan is never called Lucifer. Two, Satan was completely 100% defeated forever and ever by Jesus Christ in the first century!

Jesus Christ is, and will forever be, King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Yes and Amen.

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