

SATAN, Part 2
(His Fall, Isaiah 14)

Introduction

I received a little printed form the other day with a rather intriguing title: How to Be Perfectly Miserable. And it goes on to list a few things you can do that will not only make you perfectly miserable but also keep you that way.

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself.
3. Use the personal pronoun "I" as often as possible in your conversation.
4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
6. Insist on consideration and respect.
7. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
8. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
9. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
10. Expect to be appreciated.
11. Be suspicious.
12. Be sensitive to slights.
13. Be jealous and envious.
14. Never forget a criticism.
15. Trust nobody but yourself.

This was Satan=s problem. Pride... (1 Timothy 3:6) *and* not a new convert, lest

he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. Let's take a look at his fall. To do this, we must understand a principle. Let me illustrate.

We have all heard of how presidents, especially Clinton goes to a grammar school and tells a group of 4th graders a major policy. He is really addressing the country but uses the small citizens as a foil to address all of us. This is a type of speech or genre in literature. You address one through another. This was often used in Scripture. Christ was addressed through David. We have in the past called it the <law of double compenitentrism.= We have the same situation is Isaiah 14.

In fact, we have a double foil. We have historic king of Babylon addressed, yet it is the king of the final Babylon or the Antichrist. The passage is primarily prophetic (note the future tenses in vs. 1-3). But in verses 12-15, the language goes beyond this future king of Babylon, and is addressed directly to Satan himself by whose power and authority this King rises and rules.

Look at the future tense of verses 1-4, (Isaiah 14:1-4) When the LORD **will** have compassion on Jacob, and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers **will** join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob. {2}And the peoples **will** take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel **will** possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they **will** take their captors captive, and **will** rule over their oppressors. {3}And it **will** be

in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, {4}that you **will** take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, *And how* fury has ceased!

The Bible teaches there is a Babylon yet to come with the Antichrist as the ruler. (Revelation 17:4-5) And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, {5}and upon her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

(Revelation 17:11-13) "And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction. {12}"And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. {13}"These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast.

This beast, will be supported and energized by Satan himself, (Revelation 13:4) and they worshiped the dragon (Satan), because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

As we come to the third section (verse 12-20) of this poetic foil, Satan himself is

addressed. If we had time, (you can check out the tapes on this section when we went through Isaiah), we=d see a common theme tribulation and post tribulation teaching through out.

It should be noticed that the prophet=s vision of Satan, is from the time of his final judgment, and the prophet is looking backward over Satan=s whole career. Much that is still future is therefore, referred to as though it were past.

THE THREE STEPS OF SATAN=S REVOLT

I. He was lifted up by his beauty, Ezekiel 28:17. It corrupted his wisdom. And now we begin to see his downfall.

II. He had a progression of faulty thinking, Isaiah 14.

III. He kept some of the worship for himself, Ezekiel 28:18.

Remember what we learned: (1) when did Satan sin, between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
(2) Where was Satan when he sinned, on earth.

PRIDE UNCHECKED OR HOW SATAN SINNED

I. A Sigh of Anguish, Isaiah 14:12

A. (Isaiah 14:12) "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning,

son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!

1. **Star of morning** = Lucifer, shining one or morning star. The Hebrew is a form of Ahallel@. It is Aheylel.@
2. **Son of dawn** = at dawn. Maybe one of Christ first creations. That which comes at the break of morning.
3. Cut down to earth will happen at mid-trib. See Revelation 12:9.
4. It has the meaning of total cut off. It is in the perfect state which suggest something that happened at once or will happen at once.

B. THE FIVE AI WILLS@

1. (Isaiah 14:13) "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heavens;=
 - a. Heavens=shamayim {shaw-mah'-yim} dual of a singular shameh {shaw-meh'}
 - b. The only place where there is more than two heavens is on earth.
 - c. He had access to heaven but with the permission of God and in God=s will. Here his desire was to go there obviously without the permission of God. Example: while growing up, I could go into my parents bedroom when I had permission. To go in there without permission was a big blunder. I did that once to sneak a look at Christmas

presents for I had not learned the art of unwrapping yet. I received a whipping. See further Satan=s access, Job 1&2, also Zechariah 3:1-5 possibly.

- d. **In summary, Satan wanted the highest heavenly position - to be in the 3rd heaven. Satan has no right to claim this as his abode or sphere of influence. No one is there until after Christ was resurrected.**

2. **AI will raise my throne above the stars of God,@**

- a. Throne (thronas in LXX) is realm of rule or kingdom of rule. His sovereign rule would no longer be just over earth and those spirit beings under his authority but now all spirit beings.
- b. Stars of God = spirit beings. Of the numerous times this term is used, often times refers to spirit beings according to Chafer. (Job 38:7; Jude 1:13, Revelation 12:3-4).
- c. Satan wanted to rule from heaven and rule as a totalitarian dictator over all of the spirit beings that God created.
- d. An example of this: Warren Christopher, secretary of state, decides he will be over all the branches of government.
- e. **In summation, Satan wants regal right=s in heaven and on earth over God=s entire creation.**

3. **And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.**

- a. To sit on the mount of assembly means to govern from where the divine authority takes place. Mount is poetic always for government. (Isaiah 2:1-4).
- b. Recesses of the north is an Hebrew idiom for the very presence of God in His glory. It also indicated the abode of gods in heathen literature. This is true for Jewish literature as well as Canaanite literature. (Job 37:22) "Out of the north comes golden *splendor*; Around God is awesome majesty. (Ezek 44:4) Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I fell on my face.
- c. As an example this would be Warren Christopher wants to now rule from the Oval Office with all its=
- d. Satan in his thinking decides to go into heaven and rule over all angels. He decides he will rule from the throne of God and in his splendor.
- e. **In Summation, Satan wants to rule in the presence of God and the glory of God. This is a messianic promise.**

4. **(Isaiah 14:14) 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;@**
 - a. Clouds is used of glory or presence of God over 100 times out of 150 uses. As an example: (Exodus. 16:10) And it came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.
 - b. An example of this now wants to speak at the podium with the presidential seal, and fly in airforce one. He wants the press core to honor him as the president.
 - c. **In summation, Satan wanted the glory that belonged to God alone.**

5. **AI will make myself like the Most High@**
 - a. In authority only. He can not be omnipresent, eternal, etc.
 - b. Most High= Aelyon@, this emphasizes strength and sovereign of God.
 - c. Satan never wanted to be unlike God. He wants to be like Him. He is unwilling to abide in the precise position in which he had been place.
 - d. An example of this would be Warren Christopher now wanting to be the president in place of Clinton.

e. **In summation, Satan wanted to be the possessor of heaven and earth.**

C. A Summation: Satan wanted to secure (1) the highest heavenly position, (2) regal rights in heaven and on earth, (3) Messianic recognition, (4) glory which belongs to God alone, (5) a likeness to the Most High, the Apossessor of heaven and earth.@

D. There can be no adequate estimation of the immediate effect of Satan=s initial sin, first upon himself, and then upon that vast host of spirit beings who, in were in allegiance to Satan or of the final effect of that sin upon the entire human race whose federal head adopted the same satanic repudiation of God.

Conclusion:

One afternoon on the Merv Griffin Show, I saw Merv interview some body builders. Merv was standing there, looking at those guys who had muscles on their muscles, and he asked the obvious question, "What do you use all these muscles for?"

One guy answered by flexing his muscles in a typical body-building pose. Merv, taken back by the response, replied "You don't understand me. I asked, What do you use all those muscles for?"

The same guy said, "Here, I'll show you." And he posed again for the camera.

For the third time Merv asked the question again. He was obviously growing

irritated. "No, No. You still don't understand my question. Read my lips. What do you use those muscles for."

And for a third time the guy posed again.

To insulting pride of trying to be like God. It is what Satan uses in his man of sin the Antichrist. (2 Th 2:4) who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called God or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

It was this very attack that Satan used against Eve. He offered her to be like God. He offers that to you today.