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The Beginning and the End of the Rebellion

Ephesians 6:10–13; Ezekiel 28:12–19; Isaiah 14:12–14



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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- 1. Only the Lord's power and might can protect us. (Eph. 6:10)**
- 2. We engage that power by putting on the panoply ("full armor") of God. (Eph. 6:11a)**
- 3. Only the full armor of God enables us to stand our ground. (Eph. 6:11b)**
- 4. Why? Because our enemy is not flesh and blood, but the minions of Satan who seek to defeat us. (Eph. 6:12)**
- 5. Conclusion: Take up the full armor of God in order to resist and stand our ground. (Eph. 6:13)**

What are we to do?

Eph. 6:10, “Finally, my brethren, be strong by means of the Lord, that is by means of the power of His strength.” [RD]

How do we do that?

Eph. 6:11a, “Put on the whole armor of God,”

Why should we put on the whole armor of God?

Eph. 6:11b, “that you may be able to stand against the strategies of the devil.”

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**ἐνδύω *enduō* 2 plur
aorist mid imperative
to wear, put on, clothe
oneself.**

**We are commanded as a
high priority, to clothe
ourselves with the whole
armor of God!**

**μεθοδεία
methodeia
fem plur acc (f)
craftiness,
schemes,
tactics,
strategies**

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Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.”

**שָׂטָן (*s' āṭan*) (H) adversary,
someone who opposes or
stands against, an accuser.**

**Σατανᾶς (G) (*Satanas*), the
Adversary, Satan**

With whom then is the ultimate struggle?

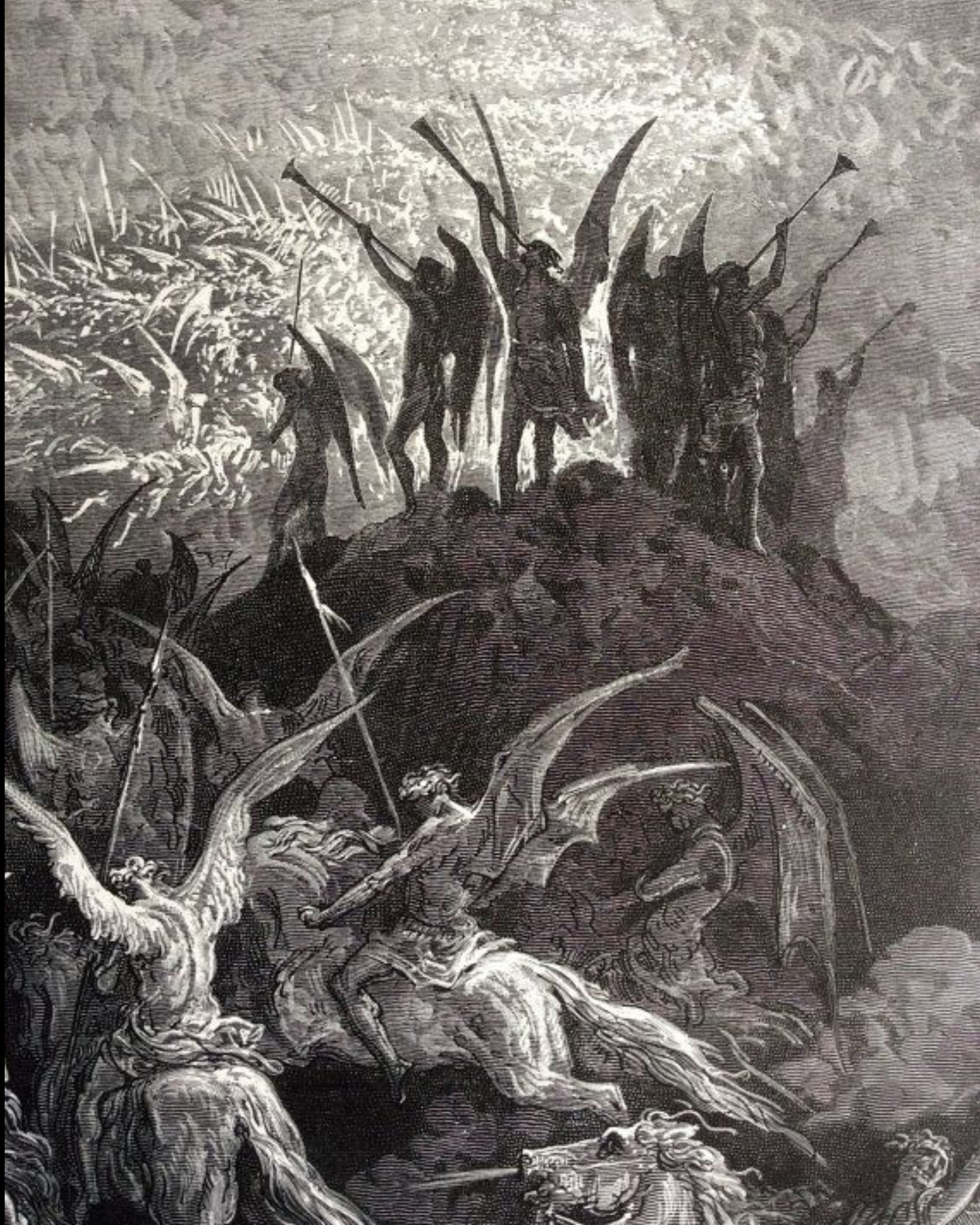
1. “Principalities”

2. “Powers”

3. “Rulers of the darkness of this age”

4. “Spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenlies”

Who is this “devil,” also known as Satan, the adversary?



The Anointed Cherub

Ezekiel 28:11–19

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**Ezek. 28:12, “Son of man,
take up a lamentation for
the king of Tyre, and say to
him, ‘Thus says the Lord
GOD: “You *were* the seal of
perfection, full of wisdom
and perfect in beauty.” ’ ”**

**מֶלֶךְ-1 *melekh-1*
king**

Ezek. 28:2, “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the LORD God [*Ywhw Adonaī*]:

**“Because your heart is lifted up,
And you say, ‘I am a god [*’ē*],
I sit in the seat of gods [*’ělōhîm*],
In the midst of the seas,’**

**Yet you are a man,
and not a god [*’ē*],
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Battle of Granicus River

Alexander decisively defeated Darius III (331 B.C.)

Alexander wins major victory over Darius III (333 B.C.)



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over
B.C.)



HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN ISRAEL

- City
- Modern political boundaries
- - - Territories with disputed boundaries
- International zone (November 29, 1947) – UN partition accords
- Territory allotted to Israel (November 29, 1947) – UN partition accords
- Territory conquered by Israel in the 1948 war
- Territory occupied by Israel in the June, 1967 war (6-day war)
- Territory occupied by Israel in the June, 1967 war (returned to Egypt in April, 1982)
- Territory occupied by Israel in March, 1978 (returned to Lebanon in 1983)
- ⛶ Projected crossing-points (November 29, 1947) – UN partition accords

0 20 40 Miles
0 20 40 Kilometers

MEDITERRANEAN
SEA



GAZA
STRIP

Gaza

Beersheba

Hebron

Jerusalem

Ramallah

Nablus

Jenin

Hadera

Haifa

Nazareth

Tiberias

Nahariya

Tyre

Kiryat
Shmona

GOLAN
HEIGHTS

Al Qunaytirah

SYRIA

Damascus

Al Mafraq

Amman

JORDAN

DEAD
SEA

Arnon

River

Jabbok

River

Jordan

Yarmuk

River

Sea of
Galilee

Pharpar

River

Lebanon

LEBANON

Sidon



As a major center of maritime trade, a generally wealthy and well-resourced power to the immediate north of Israel, we find the city of Tyre intersecting repeatedly with the biblical story.



- 1. Description of the anointed cherub from his creation, Ezek. 28:12–15a.**
- 2. The cause of the cherub's sin, Ezek. 28:17–18.**
- 3. The punishment for the cherub's sin, Ezek. 28:19.**

Ezek. 28:11, “Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Ezek. 28:12, “ ‘Son of man, take up a lamentation [funeral dirge] for the king of Tyre, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.’ ” ’ ”

**Ezek. 28:13, “ ‘ “ ‘You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz,
and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise,
and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels
and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.**

**Ezek. 28:14, “ ‘ “ ‘You were the anointed cherub who covers;
I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.**

**Ezek. 28:15, “ ‘ “ ‘You were perfect in your ways from the day
you were created, till iniquity was found in you.’ ” ’ ”**

- 1. Description of the anointed cherub from his creation, Ezek. 28:12–15a.**
 - a. The seal of perfection,**
 - b. Located in Eden, the garden of God,**
 - c. Adorned with jewels similar to Israel's high priest,**
 - d. The *anointed* cherub who covers,**
 - e. Created by God, not born, *bara*, designates a direct divine creation.**

2. The cause of the cherub's sin, Ezek. 28:17–18

a. Abundance of trade, Ezek. 28:16a

**b. Mental attitude sins of arrogance, violence, sin,
Ezek. 28:16b–17**

Ezek. 28:17, “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you.

Ezek. 28:18, “You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.”

3. The punishment for the cherub's sin, Ezek. 28:19

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Ezek. 28:19, “ ‘ “All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.” ’ ”



**The Rebellion
Begins
Ezekiel 28:11–19
Isaiah 14:12–14**

- 1. God is bringing an army against Babylon, Isa. 13:2–5**
- 2. This battle is described three times as “The Day of the Lord,” Isa. 13:5–16 (vs. 9 “the wrath of the Lord ... in the day of His anger.”)**
- 3. One enemy is the Medes, which causes some to think this is historical. The modern group that lives in their territory is the Kurds, Isa. 13:17–18**
- 4. The destruction is total, compared to Sodom and Gomorrah, Isa. 13:19–22**

Heaven rejoices at the final destruction of Babylon.

Jer. 51:48, “ ‘Then the heavens and the earth and all that is in them shall sing joyously over Babylon; for the plunderers shall come to her from the north,’ says the LORD.”

Rev. 18:20, “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

Following the destruction, Israel is united and obedient to the Lord.

Isa. 14:1, “For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob.

Isa. 14:2, “Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the LORD; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.”

Following the destruction of Babylon there is peace on the whole earth.

Isa. 14:7, “The whole earth is at rest and quiet [at peace]; they break forth into singing.”

Following the destruction of Babylon there is peace for Israel:

Isa. 14:3, “It shall come to pass in the day the LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve,

Isa. 14:4, “that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: ‘How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased’!”

Have the prophecies of Isa. 13:1–14:7 been fulfilled?

1. Babylon will be destroyed suddenly and unexpectedly.

Isa. 13:1, “The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.”

Isa. 13:3, “ ‘I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger—those who rejoice in My exaltation.’

Isa. 13:4, “The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters the army for battle.

Isa. 13:5, “They come from a far country, from the end of heaven—the LORD and His weapons of indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Isa. 13:6, “Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.”

1. Babylon will be destroyed suddenly and unexpectedly.

Jer. 51:8, “Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain; perhaps she may be healed.”

2. Babylon to be destroyed completely.

Isa. 13:9, “Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.”

Isa. 13:10, “For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.”

Isa. 13:11, “I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”

2. Babylon to be destroyed completely.

Jer. 50:3, “For out of the north a nation comes up against her, which shall make her land desolate, and no one shall dwell therein. They shall move, they shall depart, both man and beast.”

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Isa. 13:17, “Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it.

Isa. 13:18, “Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children.

Isa. 13:19, “And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.”

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Isa. 13:20, “It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.

Isa. 13:21, “But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will caper there.

Isa. 13:22, “The hyenas will howl in their citadels, and jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.”

Jer. 50:39, “Therefore the wild desert beasts shall dwell there with the jackals, and the ostriches shall dwell in it. It shall be inhabited no more forever, nor shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

Jer. 50:40, “ ‘As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors,’ says the LORD, ‘So no one shall reside there, nor son of man dwell in it’.”

Jer. 51:29, “And the land will tremble and sorrow; for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant.”

At the bend of the Euphrates, between Babil and Kasr lie the ruins of the former village of Kweiresh, whose population migrated elsewhere a hundred years ago. The walls of mud brick still overtop the heaps of debris. The modern village of Kweiresh lies close to the Kasr, to which we must now turn our attention. The most northerly house of Kweiresh is the headquarters of our expedition ... called by the Arabs “Kasr abid.”

~Koldewey, 1911

3. The stones and bricks of destroyed Babylon will not ever be reused.

Jer. 51:26, “ ‘They shall not take from you a stone for a corner nor a stone for a foundation, but you shall be desolate forever,’ says the LORD.”

To this day there are men who have no other trade than that of gathering bricks from this vast heap and taking them for sale to the neighbouring towns and villages, and even to Baghdad. There is scarcely a house in Hillah which is not almost entirely built with them; and as the traveller passes through the narrow streets, he sees in the walls of every hovel a record of the glory and power of Nebuchadnezzar.

~Austen Layard, 1875

4. Jeremiah warns all Jews and believers to flee from Babylon prior to the destruction.

Jer. 50:8, “Move from the midst of Babylon, go out of the land of the Chaldeans; and be like the rams before the flocks.”

Jer. 51:6, “Flee from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance; He shall recompense her.”

Jer. 51:45, “My people, go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD.”

5. Israel and Judah are to be reunited in a time of spiritual revival.

Jer. 50:4, “ ‘In those days and in that time,’ says the LORD, ‘The children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; with continual weeping they shall come, and seek the LORD their God’.

Jer. 50:5, “They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces toward it, saying, ‘Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that will not be forgotten’.”

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Isa. 14:5, “The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers;

Isa. 14:6, “He who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke, He who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted and no one hinders.

Isa. 14:7, “The whole earth is at rest and quiet; They break forth into singing.

Isa. 14:8, “Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were cut down, no woodsman has come up against us.’ ”

Isa. 14:9, “Hell [Sheol] from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

Isa. 14:10, “They all shall speak and say to you: ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?

Isa. 14:11, “ ‘Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; The maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.’ ”

Isa. 14:12, “How you are fallen from heaven, O shining one, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!”

- 1. The first statement is that this creature has fallen from Heaven.**
- 2. This taunt is taken up at the time of this creature being sent to the lowest part of Sheol, “the lowest depths of the pit.” (Isa. 14:15)**

Isa. 14:13, “For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;

Isa. 14:14, “ ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

Isa. 14:15, “Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.”

ISAIAH'S PREDICTION OF ISA. 14:12-14



Satan

"The anointed cherub who covers"
Ezk 28:14

What the
Prophets Saw



Calvary
Isa 53:1-12



Rapture

Destruction
of Babylon
in one hour



TRIB

The
Kingdom
Dan 7:13-14
Isa 2:1-3
Mic 4:1-2
Hag 2:5-9



Isa. 14:12-14
Ca. 720 BC

Church
Age

SATAN BOUND
Rev 20:1-4

Kings in
Sheol
Taunt him



Mt 25:41; Rev 19:20;
20:10,14-15

**BOTTOMLESS
PIT**



Mt 25:41; Rev 19:20;
20:10,14-15

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Ezk 28:12-19
Satan Job 16; Lk 10:16
Devil Mt 4:1-11
Principalities
& Powers Eph 6:12
Accuser-Slanderer
Beelzebub-Serpent
Tempter-Wicked One
Prince of This World
Isa 14:12-17

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

**ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM**

“PARADISE”

**Old Testament
Believers**

**To third
heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4**

**Impassable
Barrier**

TORMENTS

Unbelievers
from all
dispensations

TARTARUS

“Chains of darkness”

ABYSS

HADES/SHEOL

PARADISE

Moved to heaven
2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7

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TORMENTS

TARTARUS

ABYSS
“PIT”

1 Tim. 3:6, “not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

1 Tim. 3:7, “Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”