

# Lessons from Lucifer

Please turn to  
Isaiah 14:12

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*"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"*

(Isaiah 14:12 KJV)

*"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, who didst weaken the nations!"*

(Isaiah 14:12 KJ21)

*"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!"*

(Isaiah 14:12 NKJV)

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# Who is Lucifer?

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Perhaps you've heard:

- *"The Bible teaches us that back somewhere around the beginning of time, the Devil was once named Lucifer ..."*

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Perhaps you were taught:

- *"Lucifer is merely a fallen angel who led the revolt, thus his wings were torn from him ..."*
- *Or, "He has no connection with the devil. Satan and Lucifer are two different people."*

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## Five Quick Facts About The Context

1. The Book – Isaiah  
Isaiah 1:1-3; 16-17
2. Chapter 10 – God explains how He will raise up Assyria to punish Israel for their sin, and then punish Assyria for their sin and arrogant pride.

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### **Five Quick Facts About The Context**

- 3. Isaiah begins Chapter 13 by pronouncing judgment on the nation of Babylon.  
Isaiah 13:1, 17-20**
- 4. God's people get a blessing.  
Isaiah 14:1-2**

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### **Five Quick Facts About The Context**

- 5. God's people will celebrate the defeat of the Babylonians and their king.  
Isaiah 14:3-7**

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### ***We are forced to Reconsider WHO "Lucifer" is in this context***

- It is NOT SATAN!**
- It is the King of Babylon.  
(Likely Nebuchadnezzar II)  
Isaiah 14:4**

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- Verses 13 and 14 describe the arrogance of Babylonian kings.**
- Note: Daniel 4:28-32; 5:18-23**

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### ***We are forced to Reconsider WHO "Lucifer" is in this context***

- Verse 16 says this is a man who made the earth tremble**
  - Verse 17 says he overthrew cities and did not release captives**
- Note: Jeremiah 4:7-8**

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- Verse 18 notes his dishonor in death, not buried like other kings**
- Verse 22 is clearly talking about Babylon and her evil kings**

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## "Lucifer" English definition (Merriam Webster)

noun

Lu·ci·fer 'lü-sə-fər

**1: used as a name of the devil**

**2: the planet Venus when appearing as the morning star**

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## "Lucifer" Etymology (Merriam Webster)

Old English Lucifer "the morning star, a fallen angel, the Devil," from Latin Lucifer "the morning star, bearer of light," derived from luc-, lux "light" and -fer "bearing"

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## "Lucifer" Word Origin (Merriam Webster)

~~What we sometimes call "the morning star" is really the planet Venus. The Romans called it Lucifer, meaning "bearer of light," because it appeared in the sky just before sunrise. So when, in the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah says, in describing the downfall of the king of Babylon, "How are you fallen from heaven, O Morning Star, son of dawn," the "Morning Star" became Lucifer in the Latin translation. (aka Latin Vulgate – late 4<sup>th</sup> Century)~~

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**Out of 57 English language translations of the Bible, only 14 use the word "Lucifer" in Isaiah 14:12.**

**All others use "day-star," "star of the morning," "morning star," "shining star" or a similar descriptor for the Hebrew word, hêlêl, meaning "Shining One"**

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### **More accurate translations:**

***"How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations!"***  
(Isaiah 14:12 **ASV**)

***"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!"***  
(Isaiah 14:12 **ESV**)

***"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!"*** (Isaiah 14:12 **NASB1995**)

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***Lucifer is  
NOT Another  
Name For  
Satan or  
Some Demon***

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### **Lessons Learned From "Lucifer" About The Bible**

- **1. The number of people who believe something has nothing to do with whether or not it is true.**

**Not many believe baptism necessary for salvation – BUT it is the TRUTH! Mark 16:16**

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### **Lessons Learned From "Lucifer" About The Bible**

**Not many know the New Testament says nothing about using mechanical instruments in worship to God – BUT it is TRUE! Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19**  
**Not many people believe that you can divorce only if the spouse is unfaithful – BUT it is the TRUTH! Matthew 5:32; Matthew 19:9**

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### **Lessons Learned From "Lucifer" About The Bible**

**ONLY the BIBLE  
determines  
TRUTH!**

**Psalm 119:160/John 17:17**

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### **Lessons Learned From "Lucifer" About The Bible**

- **2. We need to study the Bible for ourselves**  
**Acts 17:10-12**
- **3. It is important to study Bible passages in their context, we need to look around, read the whole verse.**

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### **Lessons Learned From "Lucifer" About The Bible**

**Step back & look before & after**  
**Acts 16:30-33**

**Need to consider entire chapter**  
**Acts 2:38; 22:16**

**Think about the entire bible**  
**Luke 12:39-40;**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**

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### **Lessons Learned From "Lucifer" About The Bible**

**I can't take one verse or phrase and make it mean whatever I want.**

- **4. When I discover that something I believe does not agree with the Bible, I need to change what I believe!**

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## People Make Bad Decisions All The Time

- *"I know what the Bible says about divorce, but God wants me to be happy."*
- *"I know what the Bible says about baptism, but that's not what I was taught growing up."*
- *"I know what the Bible says about instrumental music, but every one else uses it."*

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## Could We Be Making Bad Decisions?

*How do we respond when something we believe doesn't agree with the Bible?*

**1 Corinthians 15:33-34**

**Proverbs 14:12/16:25**

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

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***If I am going to be the person God wants me to be, I must carefully study His Word.***

***2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17  
Romans 1:16-17***

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***God's Word Is Always Right***

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## What God says about salvation is RIGHT

- **All are sinners and need to be saved. Romans 3:23**
- **All must believe in Jesus Christ in order to be saved from sin. John 3:16**
- **All must repent of sins. Luke 13:3**

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## What God says about salvation is RIGHT

- **All must confess Jesus as Lord. Romans 10:9**
- **All must be baptized for forgiveness of sins. Acts 2:38**
- **All must remain faithful to be saved. Matthew 7:21-23**

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