

The Inscrutable Question: Second Fall of Satan: Defiled & Disgraced, Ezk 28:16c; Ezekiel's Review, Ezk 28:17 Intro

- 4- The two words that are used consistently to translate *chalal* are “profane, and” “desecrate.” Here are their definitions from the:

Oxford English Dictionary, s.v. “profane” and “desecrate”:

Profane (adjective). 1. Not pertaining or devoted to what is sacred or biblical. 2. Applied to persons or things regarded as unholy or as desecrating what is holy and sacred; ritually unclean or polluted, especially an alien religion: heathen, pagan. 3. Characterized by disregard or contempt for sacred things, especially, taking God's name in vain, irreverent, blasphemous, wicked.

Profane (verb). 1. To treat what is sacred with irreverence, contempt, or disregard; to desecrate or violate. b. To misuse, abuse (what ought to be held in reverence or respect); to violate, defile, pollute. 2. to blaspheme.

Desecrate (verb). 1. To take away the consecrated or sacred character from anything; to treat as not sacred or hallowed; to profane. b. To divert from a sacred to a profane purpose; to dedicate or devote to something evil.

Desecration. The action of desecrating, deprivation of sacred or hallowed character.

- 5- The synonym that takes into account most of these definitions is “defile” and that’s the way we will translate *chalal*.
- 6- This eviction indicates that Lucifer is no longer allowed access to the Throne Room, the “mountain of God.” In fact, Lucifer has become *persona non grata*: an unacceptable or objectionable person.
- 7- With regard to his priesthood, he has been unfrocked: deprived of the right to exercise the functions of directing angelic worship.
- 8- With regard to his kingship he has been impeached and disbarred. His case was heard before the tribunal of the Supreme Court of Heaven for misconduct in office and found guilty.
- 9- With regard to his authority over the angelic community he has been court-marshaled. This example concerns a military tribunal that had its origin in heraldry. Originally it was called the Court of Chivalry and dealt with questions pertaining to laws of arms.
- 10- It was presided over by the Earl Marshal, the head of the College of Heralds, a title we have assigned to Jesus Christ as the senior-ranking authority over the Angelic College of Heralds.
- 11- Our military uses this term to define its judicial procedure for dealing with breaches of military law. Evidence is reduced to writing and considered by the accused’s commanding officer.
- 12- The preliminary investigation may be compared to the civil procedure that is initiated by a grand jury. Satan’s court-marshal resulted in him being allowed to command the forces of the fallen angels but only during the appeal trial process.
- [NOTE: This is the point where certain elect angels are promoted to seraph rank. Michael is promoted to archangel and given command of the Elect Order of Battle.]
- 13- These are examples of Satan’s loss of privilege and means that at the mid-point of the Tribulation he may no longer enter into the throne room and thus no longer has access to the One who sits upon it. In fact he is said to be “destroyed” from the midst of the stones of fire.

Abad / ah-BAD / -

destruction, ruin

1. This word is a common word in the Hebrew for physical death. However, it is also used figuratively to describe the loss of one's reputation.
2. Taken together it can indicate the eternal disgrace of a person whose fallen reputation has earned for him eternal punishment.
3. This idea may be applied to Lucifer and his fallen angels as is indicated by:

Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament, s.v. אָבָד ('abad):

Ezekiel 28:16 does not bear on the punishment of the wicked but on Satan himself. He who once walked in the holy mountain of God, in the midst of the stones of fire will be disgraced (*chala*) and destroyed (*'abad*) and in the process removed from the mountain of God and the stones of fire, i.e., eternal punishment.

Ezekiel 28:16 - [CTL] "By the proliferation of your egotistic thought and ideas [**the three arrogant skills**] your stream of consciousness was filled with the violence of rebellion and you sinned [**Satan's first fall**]. Therefore I have evicted you as defiled from the throne room, the mountain of God. And I have disgraced you, O covering cherub, from the stones of fire."

Revelation 12:7 - And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war

v 8 - and they were not strong enough and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

v 9 - And the great dragon [**Satan**] was thrown down, the serpent of old [**Genesis 3:1**] who is called the devil [**Matthew 4:1**] and Satan [**Job 1-2**], who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Ezekiel 28:17 - [NASV] "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you."

- 1- It is important to recall that Ezekiel's description of the fall of Satan takes a prospective view. He stands at the creation of the angels and look forward to take into view human history.
- 2- In so doing he views the first fall of Satan in verse 15, the second in the middle of verse 16 and the third in verses 18-19.
- 3- Verse 17 is Ezekiel's review of Lucifer's first two falls. It begins with the egotistic thought and ideas associated with the three arrogant skills circulating in his stream of consciousness. And so we have first, the word for "heart":

leb / labe / - the internal organ for pumping blood; the mentality of the soul.

- 4- Very rarely does the Bible use the word **leb** as a reference to the blood-pumping organ. The overwhelming majority of the time it is used as a vocabulary term to refer to one of the two divisions of the soul's mentality.
- 5- In verse 17 we see reference to Lucifer's heart which refers to his soul. Also mentioned is Lucifer's wisdom, which is a compartment within the soul.
- 6- In order to understand the fall of Lucifer you have to have an understanding of these two vocabulary terms found in Scripture. In other words, to what do "heart" and "wisdom" actually refer?
- 7- For example the verse begins with the statement that Lucifer's "heart was lifted up because of his beauty." Next he is said to have "corrupted his wisdom by reason of his splendor."

8- As we move through the verse we will note two doctrines. Here at the word “heart” we will study the doctrine of the soul. Later at the word “wisdom” we will study the doctrine of the stream of consciousness.

9- **The Doctrine of the Soul**

A. The Essence of the Soul:

1. **Self-consciousness.** Man is aware of his own existence and is able to relate to others. Paul expresses his own self-consciousness when he compares himself to the false apostles in:

2 Corinthians 11:22 - Are they [the false apostles of verses 12-15] Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

v 23a - Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so.