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*"Will There Really Be A Judgment Day?"*

We are living in an age in which many people reject the idea of absolute standards of any kind to govern the lives of men and women. The popular opinion today is that each person can decide for themselves what truth is and live accordingly. The one rule that they believe should be universally applied is that everyone must tolerate everyone else's truth, whatever it might be. In other words, they do not believe that there is any such thing as absolute truth and so each person should be allowed "to do that which is right in their own eyes." Those who disagree, believing that truth is absolute and therefore some things are absolutely right and some things are absolutely wrong, are seen as being mean-spirited and intolerant. They hurt the feelings of others, making them "feel bad" about their beliefs and consequent behavior.

The mindset described above is grounded in the deceptive lie that Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden that led to mankind's fall into sin and alienation from his Creator, "you shall not surely die....your eyes shall be opened and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5; see Gen. 3:1-24 for the full account of Adam's fall and the resulting curse). What the Devil was saying was, "There won't be any negative consequences, do what you want, you can be your own god, deciding for yourself what is right and wrong." Satan is still propagating this lie today and the world is blindly following it

into destruction. In the end, there really will be a final Judgment Day for Satan and mankind (see Rev. 20:10-15). The only escape from the everlasting fires of Hell for any man or woman is through the sin-cleansing blood of redemption that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross. He died for our sins and rose on the third day and is the One and only Mediator between God and men. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved today" (Acts 16:31). We have two choices. The first is that we can face the reality of our sinful and lost condition and trust in Jesus Christ to receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of Eternal Life. Or, second, we can live in denial of the reality of our sinfulness and the condemnation we deserve only to have unbelief added to our list of sins we will be judged for in the end. Will you choose truth and Everlasting Life? Or will you choose to believe Satan's lie and the way of everlasting torment? Believe it or not, a Day of Judgment is coming.

Because Christ is Alive!

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*"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."*

*Romans 5:9*

*(All questions answered by the Editor unless otherwise noted)*

*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16*



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**QUESTION: I have heard it said that the original name of Satan is only found in the King James Version Bible. Is this true?**

**ANSWER:** I assume that you have the name "Lucifer" from Isaiah 14:12 in mind in asking this question. The verse reads; "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." Lucifer is a Latin word that means "light-bearer." It was used in reference to the planet Venus, which is the brightest light in the sky other than the sun and moon and is called by some the "morning star." The Hebrew word it is used in place of is "heylel," which literally means "shining one." The word "Lucifer" found its way into our English Bibles through the Vulgate, a Latin translation of the Bible produced by Jerome around A.D. 385. This version gained general acceptance between A.D. 500 and A.D. 600 and became the most commonly used Bible. In 1546 the Council of Trent decreed that it be used exclusively, and from that time on it has been the official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church. The translators of the KJV simply continued to use "Lucifer" in the place of "heylel" in Isaiah 14:12. Because the passage it is found in is generally understood to speak of Satan's fall (see Isa. 14:12-17), "Lucifer" eventually came to be understood and used as a name for Satan.

Lucifer can hardly be considered to be Satan's original name as the word was not in the Bible at all until it was used in the Latin Vulgate by Jerome. If Satan's original name is given in Isaiah 14:12, it would be found in the original Hebrew word *heylel*, which was revealed to the Prophet Isaiah by God 1,100 years before Jerome made his translation using the Latin word *lucifer*. A literal English translation of either of these words would be "shining one" or "light bearer."

An even bigger problem exists for the idea that Satan's original name is in view here. The same personage that is referred to as "the shining one" (Lucifer) is also called the "son of the morning" in the same verse, which reads;

"How art Thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning...." (Isa. 14:12). The trouble is that the title "son of the morning" rightly belongs to no other than Jesus Christ, who claims for Himself the title "The Bright and Morning Star" (Rev. 2:28; 22:28). He is also the "Day Star" (II Pet. 1:19) and the "Star of Jacob" (Num. 24:17). Malachi speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ figuratively as "the Sun of Righteousness" who will rise "with healing in His wings" (Mal. 4:2) in regards to His Second Coming. References to Christ as the Morning Star are not about Him being the brightest star to be seen at night time or the last to be seen in the morning. He is pictured as the brightest star of all that dispels darkness; that is, the sun that appears in the morning and brings the brightness of day. Hence, Christ, who is truly the "Light of the World," is the Daystar, the Morning Star, and the true Shining One and the Son of the Morning, the One who will one day dispel the darkness of the Tribulation with the "brightness of His coming" (II Tim. 2:8).

The terms *shining one* (Lucifer) and *son of the morning* in Isaiah 14:12 most likely are referring prophetically to anti-Christ in a sarcastic manner. The one who will one day assume those names for himself and seat himself in the Temple claiming to be God (II Thess. 2:3-4), who will be brought down and destroyed (Isa. 14:15; II Thess. 2:8). The picture is one of a once powerful, but now fallen, would-be king of the world being interrogated by the very God he thought he could depose. It is the putting of a pompous one in his place by reminding him of his false claims to the title of "God's Anointed" and his failed bid to take the throne that is reserved for God's own Son who will in the end defeat and destroy this pretender. It is somewhat similar to the phrase that was popular awhile back; "Who's your daddy now?" that the winner of some competition, or the one who got the best

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over another in some way, would say to the loser, meaning “who owns who?” The passage this verse is found in, Isaiah 14:3-23, is about the future destruction of Babylon and defeat of anti-Christ that will take place at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (see Rev. 18:1-19:21). While the language seems to refer to anti-Christ, the man who will for a short time rule the world from a rebuilt Babylon during this Tribulation, in Isaiah 14:12-15, it seems that Satan himself is being addressed as the one who tried to take over the Throne of Heaven. Regardless of which one, or if both are in view, it is important to remember that anti-Christ will be satanically empowered during his temporary reign of politico-economic, military, and religious tyranny.

### **QUESTION: What do the terms Amillennialism, Postmillennialism, and Premillennialism mean?**

**ANSWER:** Amillennialists believe that the “thousand years” of Jesus Christ’s reign on earth that is mentioned in Revelation 20:1-7 is to be interpreted symbolically rather than literally. Those who hold to this view believe that Christ will literally return, but do not believe that He will actually reign over the earth for one-thousand years. According to them, the Kingdom of God on earth is the present spiritual reign of Christ over the Church. At the end of the Church Age, they say, Christ will return to earth to judge the world and inaugurate the eternal state. They believe the book of Revelation should be interpreted as an allegorical description of the events of the Church Age. To make Scripture fit their position, Amillennialists are forced to allegorize much of the Bible and deny the many prophecies that foretell Jesus Christ’s future rule over the world from Jerusalem. They explain them away by spiritualizing them.

Postmillennialism is the view that Jesus Christ will return at the end of the Millennium. They teach that Christ founded the Kingdom during His earthly ministry and that the Church has taken Israel’s place and all of Messiah’s promises have been transferred to the Church. Their belief is that the Kingdom is “now” and eventually, through efforts of the Church, the whole earth will be “Christianized.” This will bring in the Millennial Kingdom in which the Church will prepare the whole earth as a place of righteousness and peace where both material and spiritual prosperity will abound. It is at the end of this golden age of spiritual growth and victory in the hearts of men and women that Christ will return to receive His Kingdom. He will then carry out a general judgment, bring history to a close, and usher in an eternal form of the Kingdom. Like the Amillennialists, Postmillennialists must spiritualize large segments of Scripture through allegorical interpretation in order to make their views line up with what the Bible actually teaches.

Premillennialism takes a literal approach to Bible interpretation. Premillennialists believe that the Scriptures say what they mean and mean what they say. In other words, they take God’s Word at face value and accept as truth that Christ will literally return to earth someday to rule in righteousness over the world from Jerusalem for one thousand years. Afterwards He will carry out the final judgment of Satan and the unsaved and bring about the eternal state (Rev. 19:11-21:1 ff). Numerous prophetic passages found throughout the Bible confirm this view.

Those who take a literal approach to Bible interpretation are often accused of misinterpreting Scripture because they fail to recognize figurative language. This is not true however, as literalists do recognize figurative language and seek to understand its meaning. Any figure of speech must have a literal meaning or it would mean nothing at all. There is nothing in the Word of God that is meaningless.



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## QUESTION FOR THE READER: WHO AM I?

I killed a man in a land, then ran, and was sent back to that land to deliver many men, to a land I never saw. Who am I?

*Answer to the February Question for the Reader: Who Am I?*  
**LABAN** (See Gen. 25:24,34; 29:16). (I deceived a twin, who deceived his twin, and I'm his father in law twice. Who am I?)

## COMMON SAYINGS FROM THE BIBLE

*"Little by Little"*

As part of his final instructions to Israel before Joshua led them across the Jordan River into the Promised Land, Moses told the people that the Lord would drive out the Canaanite nations *"by little and little."* The reason that the Lord would not give them a complete victory all at once was so that the land would not be left depopulated and overrun by wild animals (Deut. 7:22). The Lord would leave the Canaanites in the land to tend the fields and vineyards until Israel was ready to take them over and properly care for them.

The Israelites were assured the final victory and total control of the Promised Land if first they were faithful to invade the land of Canaan and begin the battle to expel the idolatrous peoples living there, and second; if they were persistent in their efforts to drive out or exterminate the Canaanites. The phrase has become *"little by little"* over time and remains in common use today in reference to doing something that requires patience and diligence to complete one step at a time over the long term.

## INTERESTING BIBLE FACTS

*"Red-Letter Bibles"*

Red-letter Bibles have the words spoken by Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry printed in red ink. This is done because some think that these words are of special importance. While a red-letter Bible is helpful in reading the Gospel Records of Christ's life in that they help us know when Jesus was speaking, His words in the Gospels are no more important than any other words found in the Holy Scriptures. Every word in the Bible *"is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"* (II Tim. 3:16). The first red-letter Bible was published in 1928 and they are still popular today. Because red is hard to read, one Bible publisher produced a *"green-letter Bible"* but it doesn't seem to have ever become popular.

*"The Vinegar Bible"*

Bible misprints can be amusing at times. In 1716, a Bible edition was published in England that mislabeled *"The Parable of the Vineyard"* as *"The Parable of the Vinegar"* in Luke 20. Existing copies of the *"Vinegar Bible"* are rare and expensive.

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