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[Divine Judgments upon the World]

DIVINE JUDGMENT UPON SATAN

Five divine judgments were pronounced **in addition to the sin-death judgment** of (Gen.2:17)

“Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned -.” (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22; Gen.2:17)

Two of these five divine judgments were a result of the indirect participation in fall of Adam:

1. Satan
2. Ground/ Earth (Gen.3:14-15 and 17-19)

Notice that Satan is not mentioned by name in the (arar) curse of Gen.3:14-15. A question to be asked would be “Then why do we believe that Gen.3:15 is referring to satan and the not the serpent retille?”

According to (Rev.12:9-17; 20:2), the Apostle John believed that Satan participated in the fall of Adam.

Five titles are given to Satan:

(Rev.12:9) “And the **great dragon** was thrown down, the **serpent of old** who is called the **devil** and **Satan, who deceives** the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”

This lesson will study <u>three aspects</u> of Divine Judgment upon Satan recorded in Gen.3:15.
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1. Paul declared in (2 Cor.11:13-15) that Satan could disguise himself as an angel of light.

He did it in the garden and was doing it in the church (Isa.14:12) [Lucifer / helel] (Luke 10:17-20).

Disguising or transforming himself as an angel of light (enlightenment but darkness) to deceive the believer is an old strategy of Satan in angelic conflict (**Acts 26:18**; 2 Cor.2:11; 4:3-4; 1 Tim.2:14; 2 Cor.11:3-4).

(2 Cor.11:15) “Therefore it is **not surprising** if (1cc/ true) his servants **also disguise** (metaschematizo/ p.m.ind.3pl) themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.”

2. Satan’s message is righteousness by a works faith in opposition to grace faith (Eph.2:8-9) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Acts 15:1, 5).

Remember the **devil is the father of lies**.

(John 8:44) “And does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a **liar and the father of lies**.”

(Rom.5:17) “For if (1cc/ true) by the transgression of the one, **death reigned** through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will **reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.”

Wearing the breastplate of righteousness (application of Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) is important when standing firm against the lies of devil in angelic conflict (**Eph.6:14**; Matt.4:1-11) (2 Cor.5:21; Rom.1:16-17; 3:20-26).

3. Notice that the hostility (enmity) clause of the ‘arar’ curse upon the serpent extended to Satan in (Gen.3:14-15). Remember this is a legal document of Divine Judgment.

(Gen.3:15) “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and between her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

There are three clauses to this legal document of divine judgment upon Satan. We will identify them by three key words:

1st – **Enmity** (shith / kal impf) [historical impf of human history]

2nd – **Between** (ben) Used 3 times:

- You (satan) and the woman (ha ishah) (Gen.2:23)
- Your seed (zera) (Matt.13:37-39; John 8:44)
- And her seed (Christ) (Matt.1:1-17; Luke 1:35; Gal.3:16; 4:4)

3rd – **Bruise** (shuph / kal impf) [**historical impf** - used twice]

- He (Christ) shall **brui**se you on the head (Rom.16:20; Matt.25:41 and Rev.20:10)
- You (Satan) shall **brui**se Him (Christ) on the heel (strike from behind from the cross until crown) (Lk.4:28-29; 22:3; Acts 2:23-24, 31-33; Eph.2:1-2 and 1 John 3:8).

The angelic conflict is intensified during the Church Age because of the final demise of Satan and fallen angels (Lk.4:31-37; Matt.25:41; Rev.19-20 and **Eph.6:10-17**).

Satan still strikes from behind, especially those wearing the shoes of the gospel peace:

(Eph.6:15) “And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” (2 Cor.5:17-21)

(Gen.3:15) is called the **PROTOEVANGELISM** (first gospel) and promises complete victory over Satan in Christ (Acts 26:18; Col.1:13-14; Gal.3:13; 1 John 4:4; 5:4, 19-20).