

# Getting to Know the Enemy

## How the Arch Angel Lucifer Became Satan

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Satan: (Strong's) HEBREW – Satanash sâtan *saw-tawn'* From H7853; "an *opponent*; especially (with the article prefixed) *Satan*, the arch enemy of good: - adversary, Satan, withstand."

Satan (Thayer) GREEK – Adversary (one who opposes another in purpose or act), the name given to

- the prince of evil spirits, the inveterate adversary of God and Christ
- he incites apostasy from God and to sin
- circumventing men by his wiles
- the worshippers of idols are said to be under his control
- with his demons he is able to take possession of men and inflict them with diseases
- by God's assistance he is overcome
- on Christ's return from heaven he will be bound with chains for a thousand years, but when the thousand years are finished he will walk the earth in yet greater power, but shortly after will be given over to eternal punishment.

**1. Isaiah 14:12-17** "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, **son of the morning!** [hêylêl **BDB Definition:** Lucifer = "light-bearer" - shining one, morning star, Lucifer - of the king of Babylon (figuratively) and Satan] *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (16) They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; (17) *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners?"

**2. Ezekiel 28:12-19** "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, **full of**

**wisdom, and perfect in beauty.** (13) **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God;** every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (14) **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;** and I have set thee so: **thou wast upon the holy mountain of God;** thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. (15) **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created,** till iniquity was found in thee. (16) By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: **therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.** (17) **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty,** thou hast corrupted thy wisdom **by reason of thy brightness:** **I will cast thee to the ground,** I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. (18) Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. (19) All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.”

### **3. Dakes Study Notes (Finis Dake Commentary)**

#### **A. The King of Tyre**

All that is said of the king of Tyre here must be understood as having a double reference—to the earthly king of Tyre, a man (Ithobalus II; note, Eze 28:2); and to the supernatural king, Satan or Lucifer, who ruled Tyre through the earthly monarch, and who is mostly referred to in this prophecy (Eze 28:11-19), as proved by many statements that could not possibly apply to an earthly man. Both the earthly and supernatural kings are referred to and addressed in this prophecy. Statements that could refer to the human being must be understood as concerning him; and those that could not be spoken of a man must be recognized as referring to the supernatural being. Then the passage will be clear. See The Law of Double Reference.

#### **Twenty-one References to Lucifer**

1. You seal up the sum (pattern as in Eze 43:10); that is, You are the finished pattern (Eze 28:12).
2. You are full of wisdom and perfect in beauty <sup>1</sup> (Eze 28:12, Eze 28:17).
3. You have been in Eden the garden of God.

4. Every precious stone was your covering when you were in Eden.
5. You were created (not born).
6. You are the anointed cherub (angel) that covers (protects or overshadows, Eze 28:14).
7. I have set you so.
8. You were upon the holy mountain of God.
9. You have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
10. You were perfect in your ways (the laws I required you to walk in) from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you (Eze 28:15).
11. You have sinned by the multitude of your merchandise (traffic). I will cast you out of the mountain of God.
12. I will destroy you, O covering cherub (angel), from the midst of the stones of fire.
13. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty (Eze 28:17).
14. You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness (splendor, beauty).
15. I will cast you to the ground (Eze 28:17; Luk 10:18; Isa 14:12-14).
16. I will lay you before kings (Eze 28:17; Mat 25:41; Rev 20:10).
17. You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic (Eze 28:18).
18. I will bring a fire from the midst of you that will devour you (Eze 28:18; Mat 25:41; Rev 20:10).
19. I will bring you down like ashes (Eze 28:18).
20. All among the people that know you will be astonished (Eze 28:19).
21. You will be a terror and never be loosed anymore to be among men to exalt yourself and oppose God.

It is true that a few of these statements could also refer to the earthly king of Tyre, but most of them (points 3-12, for instance) could never apply to a human being. Recognizing that the law of double reference applies to this passage, we can say that Lucifer is the only person in Scripture who could possibly fulfill all the statements here; so he must be the person referred to and fitting the supernatural elements. In view of this we can then say that we have here another of many scriptures revealing the origin of Satan, his position before his fall as ruler of the pre-Adamite world, the cause of his fall, and other interesting facts about him and the past, before Adam in a Pre-Adamite World.

<sup>1</sup>**[perfect in beauty]** Lucifer was perfect in beauty, which could never be said of any fallen man. It was the cause of his pride and fall (1Ti 3:6).

- 4. Understanding the Law of Double Reference** – The concept of **double reference prophecy** refers to a principle in biblical prophecy where a single prophecy may pertain to two separate events or persons, one typically near the time of the prophecy and the other often far off in the future. This principle suggests that certain scriptures have a primary application to one context but also a more complete fulfillment at a later time<sup>1</sup>.

There are four distinct types of double references identified in Scripture:

- A. **Type:** The prophecy is fully satisfied by an earlier event or person, but scripture indicates a subsequent event or person is also foreshadowed.
- B. **Gap:** The prophecy jumps from one event or person to another later event or person without notice, where the predictive material for the later event does not fit the earlier event.
- C. **Type-Gap:** A combination of type and gap, where the earlier event or person is typical of the later, but the description of the later does not fit the earlier very well.
- D. **Unforeseen Partial:** The prophecy focuses exclusively on a later event, but scripture reveals there is also an earlier event that is a real, though incomplete, fulfillment of the prophecy<sup>1</sup>.

- 5. Dr. David Jeremiah** – (DavidJeremiah.org ) **The Law of Double Reference in Prophecy** –

**An example of this can be seen in the promise of a “son” and a “house” to David, which is initially fulfilled in his son Solomon, but finds its full realization in the “Son of Man” and his kingdom.**

**This principle of double reference helps to understand how prophecies can span across different times and fulfillments, providing a layered and multifaceted perspective on biblical events and figures.**

Perhaps Dwight Pentecost has stated the case in favor of the "double-sense" principle better than any other: Few laws are more important to observe in the interpretation of prophetic Scriptures than the law of double reference. Two events, widely separated as to the time of their fulfillment~ may be brought together into the scope of prophecy. Other men who have agreed with Pentecost as to the legitimacy of this principle are: Berkeley Mickelsen, Bernard Ramm, C. L. Feinberg, Charles Ryrie, and John Walvoord.

- A. What is the Law of Double Reference?**

The following definitions have been given by various authors and theologians: Horne: J. Edwin Hartell defines double reference as: the peculiarity of the writings of the Holy Spirit, by which a passage applying primarily to a person or event near at hand is used by him at a later time as applying to the person of Christ, or the affairs of His kingdom.

- a. H. Strong (Strong's Dictionary) puts it this way: Certain prophecies apparently contain a fulness of meaning which is not exhausted by the event to which they most obviously and literally refer. A prophecy which had a partial fulfillment at a time not remote from its utterance, may find its chief fulfillment in an event far distant. Since the principles of God's administration find ever recurring and enlarging illustration in history, prophecies which have already had a partial fulfillment may have whole cycles of fulfillment yet before them.
- b. Another standard definition is from the pen of Thomas Hartwell The same prophecies frequently have a double meaning, and refer to different events, the one near, the other remote; the one temporal, the other spiritual or perhaps eternal. The prophets thus having several events in view, their expressions may be partly applicable to one and partly to another, and it is not always easy to make the transitions. What has not been fulfilled in the first, we must apply to the second; and what has already been fulfilled, may often be considered as typical of what remains to be accomplished.
- c. Charles Feinberg points out that the law of double reference, may assume anyone of several forms. Two or more events of a like character may be described by a common profile. Future events placed side by side in the prophecy, may have great gaps between them in their fulfillment.

**6. From the definitions and statements of the above-mentioned theologians, we may make the following observations:**

- a. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment of the prophecy usually is found in a person or event close in time to the prophetic utterance.
- b. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment is usually only a partial fulfillment of the total prophetic message.
- c. In double reference prophecy, the ultimate fulfillment is usually found in the person of Christ or the affairs of His kingdom. Double fulfillment is particularly true of the predictions concerning the Babylonian Captivity,

the event of the day of the Lord, the return from Babylon, the world-wide dispersion of Israel, and their future regathering from all the corners of the earth.

- d. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment is usually temporal, whereas, the ultimate fulfillment may be spiritual or eternal.
- e. In double reference prophecy, part of the prophetic message may be fulfilled close at hand, and that fulfillment in turn becomes another prophecy. A. J. Gordon says, "Prophecy has no sooner become history, than history in turn becomes prophecy."
- f. In double reference prophecy, two or more prophecies may be grouped together in one area of vision, although they are really at different distances in fulfillment.
- g. In double reference prophecy, observations (5) and (6) are usually found to be working in the same passage.

**7. One Remedy for All Harm and Evil, Means There Was Only One Cause of All Harm and Evil –**

Revelation 20:1-3 "THEN I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand. (2) And he gripped *and* overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [*of primeval times*], who is the devil and Satan, and [*securely*] bound him for a thousand years. (3) Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray *and* deceive *and* seduce the nations until the thousand years were at an end. After that he must be liberated for a short time."

Isaiah 11:6-9 "And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatted domestic animal together; and a little child shall lead them. (7) And the cow and the bear shall feed side by side, their young shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (8) And the sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. (9) They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 65:19-25 "And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; and the sound of weeping will no more be heard in it, nor the cry of distress. (20) There shall no more be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who dies prematurely; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner who dies when only a hundred years

old shall be [*thought only a child, cut off because he is*] accursed. (21) They shall build houses and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. (22) They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat [*the fruit*]. For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My chosen *and* elect shall long make use of *and* enjoy the work of their hands. (23) They shall not labor in vain or bring forth [*children*] for sudden terror *or* calamity; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. (24) And it shall be that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear. [[Isa 30:19](#); [Isa 58:9](#); [Mat 6:8](#)] (25) The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy Mount [*Zion*], says the Lord."

### **ADDENDUM**

The following is an excerpt from a novel by Dr. Don G. Pickney titled:

#### **Lucifer The Fallen**

The purpose of sharing is to illustrate the glory and splendor of the primeval Lucifer in his glorified state prior to his rebellion. To understand what was taking place prior to the Genesis 1:2 event, one must come to terms with an eternal God Who was very active in creation prior to the "6 days of creation."

## **Chapter Three**

### **THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF LUCIFER AS EARTH'S ANGELIC COVERING**

As the Captain of each of your ranks have informed you of my plan to expand the realm of my power by establishing a kingdom outside of the royal domain of The Eternal's Heavenly Abode, I wish to make the following announcement.

"Be it known in all the demesnes of the Kingdom of Heaven, that I am appointing my elite Servant-Son, Lucifer, the arch-angel of the Lord of Hosts, to be established under authority to My Heavenly Throne as a special

Anointed Cherub over a new creation that will be established under his dominion.

When I fashioned Lucifer, and made him as one of my elite Servant-Sons, I placed within him gifts and talents enabling him to fulfill a special purpose planned in my heart in eons past, to inaugurate him to rule this new world in my behalf.

I am anointing him at this most auspicious occasion as a ruler over Earth's beginning phase of existence. His kingdom will be established with the utilization of his assigned hosts, with their various divisions and ranks supporting his rule. He will be the divinely held protectorate of all of Earth's resources and inhabitants. While this new habitation, Earth, will forever belong to me, be exclusively mine as Almighty God, the new inhabitants of Earth, created as both man and beast, will be for Lucifer's kingdom; they will be his, exclusively belonging to him. Under his rule, these inhabitants will grow to become populace determinate to fill all the Earth with a new form of life.

My Word has already gone forth, and my Spirit has created a realm for Earth's existence. It is a region far into the emptiness of space surrounding the Heavenly Kingdom, a place on the south edge of the planes of Heaven, where none of my Servant-Sons have been allowed to go since their creation. I have reserved this area of space for what I have already begun, and for that which



continues taking place under the power of my hand – yes - for several eons of eternity it has been underway!

Unbeknown to any of you, my Word went forth out of my mouth, and my Spirit stretched forth my divine power over the vastness of this space region, causing it to evolve at my command with the birthing of a habitation for the propagation of Earth's planetary development.

First, according to my divine wisdom and counsel, I put in motion the gases which will ultimately mix and bring together the formation of all of the compounds necessary for the life which I have envisioned for my creation of Earth.

There in the amalgam of all of that which I have created to be, a work is under construction. I have caused the breath of my Spirit to breathe upon this vastness of emptiness, creating within it great whirlwinds of motion, and in each whirlwind, a synthesis effect causing the exact detail to develop for Earth's substance which I require.

What a marvel has been occurring throughout eons to bring us to this point of Earth's creation. The majesty and glory of my Almighty power is being displayed in a vast array of created space. If only I could have allowed you to watch it as I have been privy to do. As I caused this new realm to be fashioned, I set it apart from the realm of my spiritual Kingdom. Unlike my Servant-Sons and all of my hosts; and unlike the realm making up our

heavenly kingdom; I have added to this new realm another dimension which will complete my plan for it. It is my will that this added element become known as the “physical realm.” It is this “physical” aspect of the space set apart for Earth that will cause it to be totally separate from Heaven’s realm. In fellowship with my great wisdom, we have determined that this separation is necessitated to give the habitation of Earth all that it needs to exist in its own dimension, totally apart from the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven, the one being foreign to the other. All of the same substances precious to me for my Heavenly Abode, I have released in faith to exist within these various gases and substances which will, through the force of my eternal spirit, give to it a physical body in order to complete Earth’s development. I am so pleased that we have reached this point in our creative purpose.

Oh, my dearest Servant-Sons, I have wanted so much to let you in on what has been taking place, but wisdom determined it not to be revealed until now. I am so pleased to show you, as I open up to you a window at the southern edge of Heaven’s planes, so that you can see what is even now underway.”

Immediately, as God’s words were ushered forth, there was lightening and thunder that went out from the Throne of The Eternal. A light stream suddenly shot forth from the brightness of Almighty God’s fiery being to the south of the edge of Heaven’s realm. As if by some magical means a radiant window formed, creating a

great vision of that which was underway. Every eye of Heaven's angelic hosts became wide with amazement as they viewed God's handiwork.

All of Heaven was witnessing the vastness of Earth's space in its birth pains. The sound of mighty energy storms all swirling in a variable unison of harmony, as if under the direction of an invisible conductor, could be heard as Heaven roared with its vibration. It was as if one had opened up a window in the middle of a great storm of wind.

There in the midst of the black emptiness of space Heaven was beholding great clouds of what appeared to be luminous dust with swarms of its particles being brought together by the winds of God's own Spirit.

Across the wide emptiness of space, phosphorus elements of gaseous light could be seen spinning under the effects of the Spirit's wind, as if it was planned to part of a great light show with every color of imagination interacting with all other colors present.

Magnetospheres, large magnetic polarizations affecting the vast particles of dust clouds, could be seen causing the dust to take shape as it filtered together with the light gases, creating defining movements of developing objects.

God spoke:

“In wisdom's decree, a combination of elements were created and released by the power of my Spirit as I breathed into this vastness. I stretched forth

my hand, and out of this came all of the elements necessary for both the rotation of particles caused by the winds, together with ironized elements to cause the particles to stick together in orchestrated designs. Each were created by me, and released into the emptiness of this area of space, and by my creative power they have been evolving in motion for many eons. This being my greatest work, wisdom has dictated that it go through the process of eons to bring it now to the place where Earth is finally being formed. It is a most magnificent creative work.

Look now with me at this wonder again... over to your right... there in the lower region of space! See that little ball of phosphorescence? There,” the Almighty repeated, “You’ll need to look carefully to see it. It is miniscule, compared to the vastness of space. Notice its difference. By My plan, separate from all of the other objects being formed by this great phenomenon, according to my divine will, the winds have picked up a very unique gathering of the particles created by my word for space development.

The other objects are simply left to themselves to develop in whatever random might be magnetically attracted to them. But this special object I show you is Earth! Although, it still has much development to go, it is forming according to my plan. As it evolves, layer after layer, a carefully devised configuration of elements will be formed, each with an architectural design determining the strength and endurance of its planetary birth process.

Nothing ever done in wisdom's eternal vision has ever been accomplished to compare with what you are now witnessing.

That small ball of creative dust design is being formed for Lucifer's domain.

There he will establish a special kingdom. Out of the elements being placed together in the creation of Earth, he will find all of the same elements of Heaven except they will be clothed with physical properties. He will rule over a habitation, and an order of man which we will create to live on this physical plane that we will call 'Earth.'

It is only fitting, if Lucifer's anointed assignment is to make Earth his home away from Heaven, that he not be denied Heaven's pleasures. Therefore, all that is in Heaven is destined to be also in Earth"

At this, Almighty God ceased speaking as he appeared to be contemplating, even communing, with His wisdom. The energy of His spirit as it began moving could be felt all across the hosts of Heaven. He set Himself to speak again. As He did so there was renewed lightening and thunder, and a smoke and a mist came up together from the interior of His Throne. A sweet aroma of perfume again filled the atmosphere, as if the air was declaring some wonderful thing! The Eternal speaks:

"Lucifer, my dear Servant-Son, You are the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. You are made with a splendor befitting your anointed assignment. My glory is evident in all of your being.

I am giving you as the object of authority over which you will rule with my anointing, Earth, with an adornment of beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald—all beautifully crafted treasures after Heaven's likeness, prepared in the stratus of Earth for you. Even now, as Earth is evolving at the breath of my Spirit, these treasures are forming by means of the mixtures dust and gases being found in the crust layers of Earth, and there you will find my riches along with the finest gold and other precious metals and stones, all of which adorn the beauty of our Heavenly Abode. As in my heart you were being planned, I was already putting in motion the evolution of Earth and the physical space and environment for it to exist, all for your pleasure – yes Lucifer – all of this planned at the moment of your creation. I made you, and ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian for this my creation, Earth.

Although you are always welcomed at my Throne amidst the stone of the fire where dwells the anointing of the Almighty in the congregation of all of Heaven's hosts, and even though you may at any time find your place relaxing here in your native environment of Heaven, yet, Earth shall be your abode, and there you will establish your throne to rule over that which I have created for your covering. My Servant-Son, Lucifer, Are you prepared to make this new creation of mine, Earth, your abode, the place for your throne and habitation forever? And will you promise to serve me throughout eternity in

whatever capacity I choose to place you, as my vision and plan for Earth evolves in ever increasing levels of pleasure to me?”

Lucifer, who, as The Eternal began speaking directly to him, had already knelt in obeisance to the Almighty, now taking the glorious sword of authority from his side, crosses his breast as he deeply bends and bows his head before his Master. Lucifer speaks:

“Your Divine Majesty, my most glorious Master, the only God of all of Heaven, and now of the Earth, and of all dominions and all realms to come, prepared for your glorious hand, I accept your anointing for this assignment, and I pledge my eternal will to be in accordance with your command.”

The Eternal brightened in His glory on the Throne, and again a new and fresh fragrance filled the atmosphere as He begins speaking:

“Already, my dear Servant-Son, the loyalty and faithfulness of your created angelic hosts are beyond compare anywhere in my Kingdom. I have seen how they love you and are taken with the glorious presence which I placed in you. You are only short of being a god to them, each captain, and rank of hosts beneath your authority, willing to follow you without thought or reason at your instant command, and I have set it in you to be thus. Your hosts are

yours, Lucifer, and I have made them and given them to you for all eternity. It is no accident that your angelic servant-sons yield at your command so easily. It is how I have created both you and them to be. You will find it a gift for you in your Earth assignment, to have their complete devotion. It is necessary that your hand may be always wield a ability to lead and rule over all of the dominion over which I have set you.”

The Almighty looked out over the entire spectrum of the Heavenly planes at the glory of his kingdom. His eyes, able to focus at any distance, sparkled as he rejoiced at the meadows and streams, all sparkling with the brightness of pure clarity; and in the hills and valleys with green grass and trees that constantly bring forth their varieties of fruit. He thought to Himself:

“It is so good, my Kingdom, filled with righteousness, peace and joy in the presence of my Spirit and holy ones. My Word dwells, alive in the very essence of all that my hand has created in the heavenlies. Now, I will see my Kingdom expand in fulfillment of my deepest desire for an even still higher creation, one day in eternity forward I will have a Family over which I may be Father God. How my heart yearns to be Abba, with children being born. When all has been prepared and the time is readied for it, I will birth a family, and I will be their Father God, and they will be my little children. Yes, what I am seeing now, is only the beginning of a greater thing that we will do in the



ages to come! My patience will endure as I await when wisdom dictates it to be.”

The Eternal is momentarily sobered again as his thoughts revolve within His mind:

“My dear Servant-Son, Lucifer – Oh how I desire that he get better control of his pleasure of the praise of his hosts. Still, I will be patient with him, and give him the benefit to discover for himself the dangers that lurk with the advent of pride. It is true that he has never seen evil, nor has it been found in him. It is with an innocence of his heart at this moment that he basks in the joys of the admiration of his hosts. Still he is aware that any flaw could prove to be deadly for him if he should allow anything to come between us! He knows his accountability to the Most High, even though I have made him to enjoy that which he is.”

God momentarily turns his attention away from Lucifer. He gestures with his right hand:

“Gabriel, my most treasured Servant-Son, bring Michael, also my most favored elite one, and come join Lucifer and me that we may celebrate together with all of the hosts of Heaven!”

Gabriel and Michael were both standing in rank and file with their equal one-third of Heaven's hosts. There was an excitement blowing through all of the planes of Heaven as if a wind was circulating an emotion of excitement throughout the atmosphere.

As God speaks to them, Gabriel and Michael elevate themselves suddenly, their chariot-like fiery wheels lifting them into the air as they speed across the planes separating them from God's Throne. Landing next to where Lucifer had just raised himself up from a kneeled position, they congratulated him, and threw their arms around him. Taking his hands, they created a circle, as they began shouting,

“Glory to God in the Highest, Glory to God in all of His glorious habitation,  
and Glory to God throughout all of his works in all of the eons to come, Glory  
to His Great Majesty!”

Suddenly, all the heavenly hosts were singing, and dancing, and creating music to fill the heavenly realm. Heaven had never seen such a day of rejoicing as it continued for a most lengthy event of praise and worship to the Most High.

Over all of the sound of praise, God now speaks to his two most favored Servant-Sons:

“Gabriel and Michael, take one of your greatest Captains, each with Ten Thousand of your hosts, and accompany Lucifer, along with his top Captain, and Ten Thousand of his hosts. Go visit Earth, and accompany Lucifer as he watches my plan evolve.

If you will listen while there, you will be able to hear the voice of my word, sent forth eons ago, as its sound continues to echo throughout space, and you will see the power of my creative might in manifestation. Prepare yourself, the three of you, because you have never seen my Hand as you will on this adventurous journey. I have prepared this moment for you to see the glory of my creation in motion. You will see an entire universe in birth.

You will watch it give up its richest gases and chemical compounds as the breath of my spirit moves in divine gesticulation. You will be amazed as you see fresh new layers of Earth forming right before your eyes. The universe, in created motion, is being forced to give up its newest resources for Earth’s formative process.

Many objects in space will be left void and empty, and others will be left with no particular function, because the voice of my Word, and the wind of my Spirit caused their most productive resources to be carried away to the

magnetic field of Earth forming the layers of the planet, readying it for my future plans.

## **ADDENDUM # 2**

### **Origin of Demon Spirits and the “Spiritual World”**

#### **1. Why Are Demons Intelligent and Territorial?**

Mark 5:1-17 “And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. (2) And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs **a man with an unclean spirit**, (3) Who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: (4) Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him. (5) And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. (6) But **when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, (7) And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not**. (8) For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit. (9) And **he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many. (10) And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.** (11) Now

there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. (12) And all the devils **besought him, saying, Send us into the swine**, that we may enter into them. (13) And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. (14) And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. (15) And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. (16) And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine. (17) And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.”

## 2. **Demon Spirits are “disembodied” Pre-Adamic Primordial men-like creatures.**

### **The Evidence Hidden in Scripture – Why the Bible does not openly reveal a pre-existing race before the adamic creation:**

“The realm of the spirit” does not belong to us as physical human beings at this time (until the day of redemption when we will be brought physically into immortality) and our human spirits will be made manifest into that of “the sons of God.”

Romans 8:19-23 “For [*even the whole*] creation (all nature) waits expectantly *and* longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [*waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship*]. (20) For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it-- [*yet*] with the hope [Ecc 1:2] (21) That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay *and* corruption [*and gain an entrance*] into the glorious freedom of God's children. (22) We know that the whole creation [*of irrational creatures*] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now. [Jer 12:4, Jer 12:11] (23) And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have *and* enjoy the firstfruits of the [*Holy*] Spirit [*a foretaste of the blissful things to come*] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies [*from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal*] our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons).”

For the present time, therefore, we are not allowed into the realm of the spirit (the spirit world where spirits [angels and demons] reside.) This is the flaw of “spiritualism,” the practice of delving into the spirit-world. We know where angels come from as they were created “spiritual agents or beings.” Demons, on the other hand, remain in the realm of “mystery.” But the realm of mystery does

not preclude the Church from being able to discern or receive revelation of that realm of the “spirit-world,” for the purpose of taking authority in the Name of Jesus over “principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness, and wicked spirits in high places.”

**A. God’s mysteries were designed to be discerned by the Church through revelation but remain hidden from the World (the society of the lost) –**

Luke 8:10 “He said to them, To you it has been given to [*come progressively to*] know (to recognize and understand more strongly and clearly) the mysteries *and* secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that, [*though*] looking, they may not see; and hearing, they may not comprehend. “

1Corinthians 4:1 SO THEN, let us [*apostles*] be looked upon as ministering servants of Christ and stewards (trustees) of the mysteries (the secret purposes) of God.

1Corinthians 2:7-12 “But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [*from the human understanding*] and now revealed to us by God--[*that wisdom*] which God devised *and* decreed before the ages for our glorification [*to lift us into the glory of His presence*]. (8) None of the rulers of this age *or* world perceived *and* recognized *and* understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory. (9) But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [*all that*] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [*who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed*]. [*Isa 64:4; Isa 65:17*] (10) Yet to us God has unveiled *and* revealed them by *and* through His Spirit, for the [*Holy*] Spirit searches diligently, exploring *and* examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [*the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny*]. (11) For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have not received the spirit [*that belongs to*] the world, but the [*Holy*] Spirit Who is from God, [*given to us*] that we might realize *and* comprehend *and* appreciate the gifts [*of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly*] bestowed on us by God.”

**B. How Lucifer was Corrupted –**

a. **What Caused Lucifer to Fall:**

How did it happen that this mighty archangel, Lucifer, son of the morning, fell from his exalted position into the depths of depravity to become the “prince of darkness?” The scriptures are not silent.

Lucifer was NOT perfect! That’s the most important point to be established. The scripture never established perfection to him.

Ezekiel 28:12-15 “Thus says the Lord God: You are the full measure *and* pattern of exactness [*giving the finishing touch to all that constitutes completeness*], full of wisdom and **perfect in beauty**. (13) You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the carnelian, topaz, jasper, chrysolite, beryl, onyx, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald; and your settings and your sockets *and* engravings were wrought in gold. On the day that you were created they were prepared. (14) You were the anointed cherub that covers with overshadowing [*wings*], and I set you so. You were upon the holy mountain of God; you walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire [*like the paved work of gleaming sapphire stone upon which the God of Israel walked on Mount Sinai*]. [*Exo 24:10*] (15) **You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created** until iniquity *and* guilt were found in you.

Lucifer was perfect in beauty. He possessed a personality and charm that commanded the admiration of the hosts of heaven. It is not uncommon for those who are endowed with unusual beauty or talent to acquire an inordinate desire for the admiration of others. Lucifer was no exception to this weakness.

Ezekiel 28:17 “Your heart was proud *and* lifted up because of your beauty...”

In the course of events, Lucifer developed a self-infatuation. As this occurred, he allowed the center of the universe to shift solely to himself. A change in his character was taking place of sinister and frightening portent.

b. **Corrupted by Personal Ambition:**

Lucifer possessed rare gifts. He had been endowed at his creation with an exception capacity of wisdom and knowledge, and he was entrusted with many of the secrets of the universe in order to carry out his

purpose. God had exalted him to the “vice-regent” (covering) over His creation. In this key position, Lucifer with His superior intelligence was enabled to have deep insight into the mysteries of God’s created universe.

Keep in mind that God alone knows the end from the beginning of all that He has purposed. Lucifer, blinded by ambition, chose to question the wisdom of God’s Divine will, and in so doing, he committed his fateful and tragic error.

c. **What in the will of God Became so distasteful to Lucifer that Would Cause Him to Rebel?**

Long before the 6 days of creation, God was in counsel with His wisdom. We find revealed in Genesis that God was forming a plan in His mind that, in Lucifer’s mind felt threatening to his throne and kingdom given to him:

Genesis 1:26 “God said, Let Us [*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [*tame*] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.”

The idea that this was some out of left field sudden idea of God, instituted in a moment of thought is far from the truth. God began rehearsing this idea of an Adamic creation eons before the Genesis, One creation.”

As God began His conception of Adam and the adamic race, He instituted many details of His plan, even before the foundations of the earth:

1Peter 1:19-20 “But [*you were purchased*] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [*sacrificial*] lamb without blemish or spot. (20) It is true that **He was chosen and foreordained (destined and foreknown for it) before the foundation of the world**, but He was brought out to public view (made manifest) in these last days (at the end of the times) for the sake of you.

Lucifer had been installed by God to be over the early period of the earth, and given a throne to rule with one-third of the angelic hosts over this primordial order.

This is evidence of a pre-adamic man and animal kingdom, otherwise, there would be nothing for Lucifer to rule over (have a “throne”



instituted for him).

To be the “cherub that covers,” there would need to be a creation needing a “covering.”

Lucifer was included in God’s divine counsels along with Michael and Gabriel the other of His archangels. It was this which resulted in his rebellion.

Lucifer up till this time had discharged his duties blamelessly and without fault. There had been no reason for him to do otherwise. Yet the time had come when rebellion was born in his heart. God had given him over everything but His own Throne of sovereignty. But Lucifer was not satisfied. He conceived in his pride of wielding supreme power. The seed of pride, having taken root, began growing. We see all of this expressed in our earlier scripture of Isaiah 14:12-14.

**d. How could Lucifer Hope for Success in His Rebellion?**

Even a wicked person does not commit a crime unless he sees some hope for success. How could this archangel expect to be successful in an adventure which challenged the very Throne of Almighty God? Although the wicked of this world make such determinations as atheists and infidels, yet it is better understood as they are in ignorance and foolishness without any real knowledge of God. But Lucifer shared in the Divine counsels and possessed much knowledge of many of the Eternal’s secrets. He clearly knew what he was doing, was not a whim of the moment, but was a coldly calculated plan that carried some merit.

The concept that his plan was strategically sound is evidenced by the fact that to some degree it produced results to an amazing degree. Far from being quickly subdued, the terrible rebellion has continue down to this present time – although now his days are assuredly numbered:

1Corinthians 15:24-28 “After that comes the end (the completion), when He delivers over the kingdom to God the Father after rendering inoperative *and* abolishing every [other] rule and every authority and power. (25) For [Christ] must be King *and* reign until He has put all [His] enemies under His feet. [Psa 110:1] (26) The last enemy to be subdued *and* abolished is death. (27) For He [the Father] has put all things in subjection under His [Christ’s] feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection [under Him], it is evident that He [Himself] is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. (28) However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject Himself to [the Father] Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [*be everything to everyone, supreme, the*

*indwelling and controlling factor of life].”*

- e. **God Forsaw the Evil Developing in Lucifer and Prepared a Plan in Advance Which He Kept Secret Even from Any of the Angels – a Mystery Kept Until the Advent of the Church Age. God Allowed Things to Play Out But Always Within His Divine Will Kept Secret Until the Time to Be Revealed:**

Colossians 1:26 “The mystery of which was hidden for ages and generations [*from angels and men*], but is now revealed to His holy people (the saints).”

- f. **Satan Miscalculated His Strength Although He Has Proven His Power to Be Greater Than All Other of God’s Creation of Angels and Men:**

The biblical record shows us that it took the strength of all the other two-thirds of the angelic creation to overcome that of Lucifer and his hosts. We see, for instance, in the case of the Prophet, Daniel, just one “prince” of Lucifer’s was able to withstand for 21 days the archangel, Gabriel, and it took both Gabriel’s hosts, plus those of Michael, to overcome the “prince over Persia.” Also, after delivering his message to Daniel, Gabriel announced that he and his angelic hosts would need to join Michael and his hosts (that’s two-thirds of the heavenly hosts) in order to wage war against one of Lucifer’s prince rulers, “the prince of Greece.”

Daniel 10:11-21 “And [*the angel*] Gabriel said to me, O Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for to you I am now sent. And while he was saying this word to me, I stood up trembling. (12) Then he said to me, Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind *and* heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come as a consequence of [*and in response to*] your words. (13) But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief [*of the celestial*] princes, came to help me, for I remained there with the kings of Persia. (14) Now I have come to make you understand what is to befall your people in the latter days, for the vision is for [*many*] days yet to come. (15) When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was dumb. (16) And behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision sorrows *and* pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. (17) For how can my lord's servant [*who is so feeble*] talk with this my lord? For

now no strength remains in me, nor is there any breath left in me. (18) Then there touched me again one whose appearance was like that of a man, and he strengthened me. (19) And he said, O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you! Be strong, yes, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened and said, Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me. (20) Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the [*hostile*] prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [*hostile*] prince of Greece will come. (21) But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth *or* the Book of Truth. There is no one who holds with me *and* strengthens himself against these [*hostile spirit forces*] except Michael, your prince [*national guardian angel*].”

This information is an amazing revelation of the power that was originally ordained for Lucifer in his original angelic state.

This truth helps to understand how Lucifer was able to be deluded and come to believe in his capacity to eventually overcome God and His sovereign Throne.

This fact is also borne out in the fact that Michael, when contending for the body of Moses, show respect for Lucifer (Satan) as stated in Jude:

Jude 1:9 “Yet Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, when he was arguing with Satan about Moses’ body, did not dare to accuse even Satan, or jeer at him, but simply said, “The Lord rebuke you.”

**g. In Our Humanity, We Are No Match for Satan – The More a Believer Moves into the “spirit realm,” the Closer to the Word of God He Must Live.”**

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 “But [*now*] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted *and* seduced from wholehearted *and* sincere *and* pure devotion to Christ. [Gen 3:4] (4) For [*you seem readily to endure it*] if a man comes and preaches another Jesus than the One we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the [*Spirit*] you [*once*] received or a different gospel from the one you [*then*] received *and* welcomed; you tolerate [*all that*] well enough!”

**3. Pre-Adamic Creation Now Disembodied Demon Spirits Under the Rule of the Prince of Darkness, Satan:**

**A. Demon Spirits Belong to Certain Territories of Earth –**

In Paragraph #1 we showed that the evil spirits in the demoniac of the Gadarenes, wanted to remain in their own physical “country.” Although they were spirit being, they manifested a prior familiarity the part of the country, known as “the Gadarenes.” As there is no spiritual kingdom known by such a name, they must have a prior kinship with the physical realm. This fact is borne out throughout scripture. Since they are not of the angelic order of creation, and are “earth bound” as they cannot at this time be removed from Earth’s environment (as they angels that disobeyed in the pre-Noah period were cast into chains of darkness for their rebellion), it stands that they were originally created as “earth beings.” This is undoubtedly the “men that disappeared” from the earth in the Jeremiah 4 vision.

**ADDENDUM #3**  
THE PRINCIPLE  
OF DOUBLE FULFILLMENT  
IN INTERPRETING PROPHECY

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The controversy over the principle of double- fulfillment in the interpretation of prophecy is not a new theological development. As far back as Theodore of Mopsuestia, there were conflicting opinions as to the validity of applying one prophetic passage to more than one situation. Theodore (350-428 A. D. ), who was labeled "The Exegete" by his contemporaries, refused to accept any prophetic interpretation that approached duplicity.

In Frederick Farrar's History of Interpretation, Theodore of Mopsuestia is mentioned in connection with Zechariah 9:8-10. Farrar says :

In the ninth chapter of Zechariah, Theodore thought it an instance of frigid and foolish interpretation to apply one clause historically and another allegorically, to refer one to Zerubbabel, the next to Christ, and then to go back again to Zerubbabel. He refuses to read the latest revelations into the earliest utterances

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Time has not solved the problem. Today there are good men on both sides of the debate. Perhaps Dwight Pentecost has stated the case in favor of the "double-sense" principle better than any other:

Few laws are more important to observe in the interpretation of prophetic Scriptures than the law of double

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reference. Two events, widely separated as to the time of their fulfillment may be brought together into the scope of prophecy.

Other men who have agreed with Pentecost as to the legitimacy of this principle are: Berkeley Mickelsen, Bernard Ramm, C. L. Feinberg, Charles Ryrie, and John Walvoord.

The other side of the issue is championed by Milton S. Terry. He has devoted several pages in his book on Hermeneutics to the objections which he has to the "law of double reference." Some of these objections will be answered later, but perhaps this statement by Terry will open the door to debate:

... the moment we admit the principle that portions Of Scripture contain an occult or double sense, we introduce an element of uncertainty in the Sacred Volume, and unsettle all scientific interpretation.

Terry also quotes Owen and Ryle, in that order: 'If Scripture has more than one meaning, it has 710 meaning at all. "I hold that the words of Scripture were intended to have one definite sense and that our first objective should be to discover that sense, and adhere rigidly to it.'

Obviously this article will not settle a question that has been the source of heated battle for many years. It is the writer's objective to clarify the terminology used and the issues involved. For some this may add fuel to the fire of disagreement. If we can understand the basis of our agreement or disagreement, we will have accomplished our objective. For this reason, the first part of the study will be taken up with the setting forth of some definitions and distinctions.

The second part will try to answer the question, "Why the double reference principle?" By this time we hope to have answered some of the objections to this principle of interpretation, and to have prepared the way for an examination of the passages of Scripture which contain the double references.

This is an important question because: (1) It involves a great number of Old Testament passages. (2) It is one of the bones of contention between Premillennialists and Amillennialists. (3) It is misunderstood by many who would fight for its validity. (4) It is an often mentioned, but little-defined principle. (5) It involves, if carefully understood, a proof for, not against, the literal interpretation of the Scriptures.

THE PRINCIPLE

WHAT IS THE LAW OF DOUBLE REFERENCE?

# Definitions

The following definitions have been given by various authors and theologians :

J. Edwin Hartell defines double reference as:

. . . the peculiarity of the writings of the Holy Spirit, by which a passage applying primarily to a person or event near at hand is used by him at a later time as applying to the person of Christ, or the affairs of His kingdom.

A. H. Strong puts it this way:

Certain prophecies apparently contain a fulness of meaning which is not exhausted by the event to which they most obviously and literally refer. A prophecy which had a partial fulfillment at a time not remote from its utterance, may find its chief fulfillment in an event far distant. Since the principles of God's administration find ever recurring and enlarging illustration in history, prophecies which have already had a partial fulfillment may have whole cycles of fulfillment yet before them.

Another standard definition is from the pen of Thomas Hartwell Horne :

The same prophecies frequently have a double meaning , and refer to different events, the one near, the other remote; the one temporal, the other spiritual or perhaps eternal. The prophets thus having several events in view, their expressions may be partly applicable to one and partly to another, and it is not always easy to make the transitions. What has not been fulfilled in the first, we must apply to the second; and what has already been fulfilled, may often be considered as typical of what remains to be accomplished.

Charles Feinberg points out that the law of double reference,

. . . may assume any one of several forms. Two or more events of a like character may be described by a common profile. Future events placed side by side in the prophecy, may have great gaps between them in their fulfillment.<sup>8</sup>

Charles Ryrie has taken the liberty of separating the two aspects of this one law into two distinct laws. The one he calls The Law of Double Reference, and the other he has named The Law of Time Reference.

It is much easier to separate these two laws in a theology book than it is in the Scripture. Whenever one finds the first part in operation, he is almost sure to find the second. For that reason it seems best to consider them together.

From the definitions and statements of the above-mentioned theologians, we may make the following observations :

1. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment of the prophecy usually is found in a person or event close in time to the prophetic utterance.
2. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment is usually only a partial fulfillment of the total prophetic message.

3. In double reference prophecy, the ultimate fulfillment is usually found in the person of Christ or the affairs of His kingdom.

Double fulfillment is particularly true of the predictions . . . concerning the Babylonian Captivity, the event of the day of the Lord, the return from Babylon, the world-wide dispersion of Israel, and their future regathering from all the corners of the earth . . . 10

4. In double reference prophecy, the first fulfillment is usually temporal, whereas, the ultimate fulfillment may be spiritual or eternal.

5. In double reference prophecy, part of the prophetic message may be fulfilled close at hand, and that fulfillment in turn becomes another prophecy. A. J. Gordon says, "Prophecy has no sooner become history, than history in turn becomes prophecy. .

6. [In double reference prophecy, two or more prophecies may be grouped together in one area of vision, although they are really at different distances in fulfillment.

7. In double reference prophecy, observations 5 and 6 are usually found to be working in the same passage.



There are many other terms beside "double reference" which are used by various writers and theologians to describe what has been set forth in the seven observations we have just discussed. In most cases, the following terms are used interchangeably with "double reference" and may be understood to stand for any or all of the parts of the law: Near and Far View, Double Sense, Multiple Fulfillment, Gap Prophecy, Foreshortening, and several others.

There are two terms which need special mention here. 'Compenetration' is a term used by Catholic writers to define what they understand by this law of double reference. "In an Old Testament passage, the near meaning and the remote meaning for the New Testament so compenetrates that the passage at the same time and in the same word refers to the near and the remote New Testament meaning.

The other term comes from the writing of Beecher. It seems to stand for the second aspect of double reference prophecy, the "time reference" application. Beecher used the term "Generic Prophecy" in this way:

A generic prophecy is one which regards an event as occurring in a series of parts separated by intervals, and expresses itself in language that may apply indifferently to the nearest part, or to the remoter parts, or to the whole--in other words, a prediction which, in applying to the whole of a complex event, also applies to some of the parts.

The one fact that is obvious as one studies the material available on this subject is that each writer seems to have his own idea as to the meaning of this law of interpretation. It is because of this wide variety of understandings that so many have rejected the right and legitimate use of a principle which is necessary to the proper exposition of prophetic Scripture.

# Distinctions

## Distinguish Between the Early and Later Meaning of "Double Reference"

The law of double reference seems to have undergone somewhat of an evolution since its early mention. Early expositors seemed to have held that "double fulfillment" was one literal fulfillment in the immediate context of the prophecy, and a second or multiple fulfillments which were not literal, but were referred to as allegorical or mystical fulfillments.

T. H. Horne's comment on Hosea 11:1 will serve to illustrate:

This passage in its literal sense, was meant of God's delivering the children of Israel out of Egypt; but in its secondary and mystical sense, there can be no doubt that an allusion was intended by the Holy Spirit to the call of the infant Christ out of the same country.

Today's writers would not express themselves this way. A double fulfillment prophecy loses not one bit of its literalness when it is fulfilled the second or third time. This would violate our basic system of hermeneutics. "Double fulfillment is literal fulfillment and therefore consistent with basic rules of interpretation.

Distinguish Between Interpretation and Application

The law of double reference is not the Pandora's Box of Biblical Hermeneutics as some opponents would claim. It is the failure of many to distinguish application from interpretation that has caused such an accusation to be leveled at the principle. To accept the law of double reference as a legitimate tool for interpretation of prophecy is not to open the door to all kinds of fanciful notions as to the hidden and allegorical meanings that might be alluded to in a prophetic passage.

To speak of the law of double reference is to speak of interpretation, not application. Double reference is not one interpretation and manifold applications. It is one message for two audiences separated in time.

Ryrie's example is sufficient to show why we must be careful to make this difference:

Psalm 122 may well be used as an example of the proper distinction between interpretation and application. The verse reads: 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.' The literal interpreter understands this verse in a twofold sense: (1) The primary reference is to the city of Jerusalem, and that for which it, as the capital, stands representative, that is, the nation Israel and the land. (2) There is also a secondary application, but not an interpretation. Allowed, that is, an expression of the general truth that in all generations divine blessing has rested upon all who forwarded the work of those identified with the Lord. The application, however,

does not in any way take the place of the interpreta-

tion . 17

If the above example would have had reference secondarily to a specific event or person, it would have been within the boundaries of the double reference principle. It does not, however, so it is one statement with unlimited applications, not one prophecy with two literal fulfillments.

### Distinguish between Reference and Fulfillment

Some writers are very careful to make it known that double reference is unacceptable to them, but that double fulfillment is a valid principle. This seems to be more a matter of semantics than anything else, but a word of explanation might help. The reason that some enemies of this law reject its use is that they just cannot accept the idea that the Holy Spirit had more than one intention when the prophetic message was given. They will concede however, that once the message was given, it could have found fulfillments outside the

original scope of the prophecy. It is for this reason that they prefer fulfillment over reference or sense.

This distinction has not been followed in writing this paper. It seems to this writer that if the difference is made for the reason given above, we are left with the horrid thought that the Holy Spirit Himself is surprised with the ultimate fulfillment of His original prophecy.

#### WHY DOUBLE REFERENCE IN PROPHECY?

Why, in studying the Scriptures, should we expect to find some prophecies that are fulfilled more than once? Is it the purpose of the Almighty to confuse His people by making the understanding of His Revelation difficult? Certainly not! It is His desire that all who read might understand. It is also true, however, that there were humans involved in the writing of the Scripture, and our doctrine of inspiration holds that God used their personalities so that they were not simply secretaries taking down dictation. If we are to understand the writings of these men, we must understand not only the

men themselves, but also the circumstances that surrounded their predictive statements, and the nature of Old Testament prophecy as well. In other words, we must be careful not to read into prophecy, especially Old Testament prophecy, all of the characteristics of prophetic revelation which we now understand because of the fuller message of the New Testament.

Why is the double reference principle part of the Word of God? These reasons seem to stand out:

## Because of the Unchronological Character of the Old Testament Prophecy

Not a few writers have observed this phenomenon. Raud says:

God uses spiritual order in writing prophecy. . .



For example, the second chapter of Isaiah may be divided into three sections.

(1) The vision of the Gentile nations flocking to Jerusalem when Christ reigns there, to worship Him and learn His laws. (vv 2-4) (2) A rebuke to idolatrous Israel. (5-11) (3) A warning of judgment upon all pride and idolatry in the Day of the Lord. (12-22)

[If we should arrange this chapter to suit the time order of its fulfillment we should have (2), (3), and But then we would lose the force of the rebuke which the Lord administered to His wayward nation by, (1) Pointing to the future submission of the Gentiles to Him ,

(2) Denouncing the Jews idolatry, and (3) Warning the Jews that His judgment is certain and final. 18

Feinberg quotes Kellogg:

. . .because two events are spoken of together or in close sequence, is no proof that these events will take place simultaneously or even in immediate succession,<sup>19</sup> unless the Scripture specifically affirms so.

Stanley Leathes agrees:

... needless to say, it is contrary to the analysis of the prophetic Scriptures to suppose that because events are mentioned in immediate juxtaposition that they must certainly come to pass in immediate chronological order.<sup>20</sup>

The fact that the prophet was both a foreteller and a forthteller is significant here. Unlike many of our ideas of prophecy, the most important aspect of the prophecy to the prophet was the immediate not the future. He was interested in his generation and hoped, by the prediction of things to come, to cause them to repent and return to the God who was able to do such tremendous things as the prophet foretold. One should not be surprised to

find two widely separated events referred to in the same chapter or verse, for the Holy Spirit enabled the prophet to bring these events together because they had a special meaning to his own situation.

This is much like the character of the New Testament Gospels. As the predictive history of the Old Testament is often given according to moral or spiritual order, so the actual history of the Gospels:

We have every reason to believe that where there is a difference of order in the presentation of events in the Gospels, it is because moral and spiritual considerations are given precedence over the chronological.<sup>21</sup>

One illustration of this is the Sermon on the Mount, which is given by Matthew as one connected discourse, but in Luke is found in about twenty different places.

## Because of the Limited Perspective of the Prophet

"In dealing with the predictive aspect of prophecy, we must remember that when God spoke to and through His servants, He did not give them unlimited vision. Instead they were confined within a divinely limited perspective.

A. H. Strong has given several illustrations of this principle from various avenues of life. Perhaps he goes a little overboard with his word pictures, but all have helped in the explanation of this rule to others. They are simply listed here without his replete explanations:

- \* As in Japanese pictures, the near and the far appear equally distant.
- \* As in dissolving views, the ultimate and immediate future melts into a future immeasurably far away.

- \* The candle that shines through a narrow aperture sends out its light through an ever-increasing area.
- \* Sections of a triangle correspond to one another, but the more distant are far greater than the near.
- \* fie chalet on the mountainside may turn out to be only a black cat on the woodpile, or a speck upon the window pane.
- \* A hill which is seen to rise close behind another is found on nearer approach to have receded a great way from it.
- \* The painter by foreshortening, brings together things or parts that are relatively distant from each other. <sup>23</sup> Alva J. McClain refers to the limited perspective of the prophet Daniel as he prophesied the seventy weeks determined upon the nation of

Israel:

. . .he saw events together on the screen of prophecy which in their fulfillment were separated by centuries of time. This curious characteristic, so strange to Western minds, was in complete harmony with the Oriental mind, which was little concerned with a continuous chronology . . . the Oriental was interested in the next important event, not in the time that might intervene . 24

*The Bible is an Oriental book, humanly speaking.*

There is an interesting verse of Scripture in I Peter which seems to shed light on this from the prophets' viewpoint. Peter tells us that after the prophets had written, they actually sat down and tried to figure out the time element involved in their own prophecies:

Searching what, or what manner, of time the Spirit of Christ who was in them did signify, when he testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. (I Peter 1 : 11)

If the prophets could not understand the time element in their prophetic messages, it is proper and true to say that their perspective was limited. -This does not in any way detract from the truth of their statements, since no one would insist that a statement be understood in order that it be true, literally true.

## Because of the Christological Orientation of the Scriptures

Another reason for expecting double reference in prophecy concerns the Christological orientation of the entire Word of God. When Christ was speaking to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, He instructed them concerning Himself, and His text was the writings of Moses, and all the prophets.<sup>25</sup> Later on in the same chapter we read;

These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which, were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, 26 and in the psalms concerning me.

According to Christ's own words, the message of the Old Testament was the coming Messiah. We should not be surprised then to discover that the prophets looked first at their own situation, but ultimately at the coming Messiah. (We have already observed that double reference prophecy is usually fulfilled ultimately in the person of Christ or the affairs of His kingdom.)

## Because of the Necessity of Future Assurance

Yet another provision was made to confirm men's faith in utterances which had regard to the far future. It frequently happened that prophets who had to speak of such things were also commissioned to predict other things which would shortly come to pass; and the verification of these latter predictions in their own day and generation justified men in believing the other utterances which



pointed to a more distant time. The one practically a 'sign' of the other, and if the one proved true, the other might be trusted. <sup>27</sup>

Perhaps one of the best illustrations of this dimension in double reference prophecy is found in Gabriel's words to Mary recorded in Luke I :30-33. Gabriel told Mary the following things:

1. She was to conceive in her womb and bring forth a son.
2. She was to call his name Jesus.
3. He was to be great.
4. He was to be called the Son of the Highest.
5. The Lord was to rise unto him the throne of his father David.
6. He was to reign over the house of Jacob forever.
7. And of his kingdom there was to be no end. <sup>28</sup>

The first four parts of this prophecy were fulfilled literally in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. There is no way, however, that the last three parts can be said to have been fulfilled. They are yet future. They will yet be fulfilled in Christ. Feinberg's words are pertinent:

According to the angel's words, Mary literally conceived in her womb; literally brought forth a son; His name was literally called Jesus; He was literally great; and He was literally called the Son of the Highest. Will it not be as literally fulfilled that God will yet give to Christ the throne of His father David, that he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and that of His glorious kingdom there shall be no end? <sup>29</sup>

WHERE IS DOUBLE\*FULFILLMENT FOUND?

Not one passage was examined under this title that did not have a dispute connected with it. To examine every passage that might possibly contain double reference prophecy would exceed the limitations of space imposed upon this paper. The passages of Scripture that have been listed on the charts which follow have been used because they represent the different aspects of this principle, and also because they represent the different types of prophecy.

Certain general rules seem to suggest themselves to one who has studied the literature available on this subject. How can you tell if a prophetic statement has more than one fulfillment? These suggestions may help:

I. Determine if the prophecy has been fulfilled in its literal and complete meaning. Elsa Raud makes the following comment:

We can know whether or not the law of double reference applies to the prophecy we are reading by ascertaining whether it has been fulfilled

completely and literally. Genesis 12:3 says that "in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. All the families of the earth have not yet experienced the blessing in Christ which the promise declares. Only a comparatively few Jews and Gentiles have thus been blessed in Him. The prophecy in Genesis 12:3 will be fulfilled for all the families of the earth in the Day of the Lord.<sup>30</sup>

2. If the prophecy seems to have a double or wider meaning, examine that meaning only after you have carefully worked out the primary interpretation of the prophecy. What you understand by the first fulfillment will color your understanding of the second or ultimate fulfillment.

3. Look for some interpretive comment from the New Testament writers to aid your interpretation of the secondary or ultimate meaning.

4. If the understanding you get from the ultimate fulfillment is not completely in accord with that which is directly revealed concerning the person or event, reject it. Start over! In no

case does our knowledge of a future event or person depend solely on the information contained in a double reference prophecy.

Isaiah 61:1-2. Here both  
advents

of Christ are seen in one view,  
They are found in the two state-

Luke 4 : 16-20. When  
our Lord

read from Isaiah the prophet

in Nazareth, He read the to this earth.  
en-

The day of vengeance will  
be fulfilled

when the Lord returns the second time

ments, "The acceptable year of tire prophecy up to the end of the Lord, " and, "The day of  
ven- that which dealt with his first geance of our God. ' coming, v. 19 "To  
preach the acceptable year of the Lord. . . And he closed the book." This part was  
being fulfilled before their eyes.

isaiah 10:17 34 - Prophecy Fulfilled partially in the Fulfil led ultimately, especially from relating to the king of Assyria. historical king of Assyria. verse 20 on, in the eschatological king of Assyria.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER PASSAGES WHICH SOME SCHOLARS WOULD PLACE IN THIS CATEGORY. THOUGH ALL OF THE ABOVE CITED PASSAGES, COULD BE DISPUTED BY SOME, THE OTHER REFER- c ENCES LISTED BELOW, SEEM MUCH TOO DOUBTFUL TO PLACE ARBITRARILY IN THAT CATEGORY.

Isaiah 7:14 Christ & Mahershalalhashbaz  
Isaiah 14 King of Babylon & Satan

David & Christ      z

II Samuel 7:12-16

Isaiah 9:6      Historical & Eschatological

Micah      Historical & Eschatological

Many of the Messianic Psalms would have to be proven to have had an historical fulfillment before they could be considered in the double reference category.

## Conclusion

The Bible does contain some prophecies that are fulfilled in more than one situation. Eventually every Bible student says that, though he may not say it in those words. When we understand the reasons for our discovery of double reference prophecies, we will not be so concerned about what to call them, as we are about how to apply them. Since the Bible is a miraculous book, we may expect to find some miraculous things in it. Double reference prophecy is one of God's miracles.

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