

In our last podcast, we discussed how Jesus is the root and descendent of David, the “Branch,” the Nazarene. We covered His genealogy and much of the messianic passages that makes it clear there can be only one. Lucifer is an abhorred and discarded branch; he is not the Branch. There can be only One.

Let’s continue in **Revelation 22**.

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I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I **now** am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Bright Morning Star

Jesus reminded us that He is “*the bright morning star*.” Like the previous **WARNING** to not be fooled by another of a different kind, one who looks like the Messiah, but is entirely different, this statement serves the same purpose. It is another **WARNING** to not be fooled.

We were first introduced to Jesus as “*the bright morning star*” in the letter He wrote to the church of Thyatira. He promised that those who are now overcoming and now keeping His deeds until the end that He will give them the morning star.

This reference to the “bright morning star” is an idiom which refers to the planet Venus, which appears super bright as the darkness of night passes away; it is an indication that that the rays of the sun are soon coming to light up and to warm the earth. This is Jesus promise that no matter how dark the night or how much weeping there is, His joy comes in the morning.¹

In Christ, it is truly possible to have hope about our lives in the now and hope about our future, for He is the sun that arises in our night. We just need to now be overcoming and now keeping His deeds, like now washing our robes, until He *arrives*—it is how we learn to abide in **HOPE**.

He assures us that His words are true and that we can bet our lives upon all that He has said:

2 Peter 1:19

We **now** have the prophetic word steadfast, to which you **now** do well to **now** be paying attention as to a lamp **now** shining in a dark place, until the day may dawn, and the *morning star* may arise in your hearts.

For now, it seems that the darkness prevails over mankind, but the star is out, and it is shining bright; we can have full confidence that the morning of our glory and our release soon approaches. The day of our redemption is nigh. This means that the bondservants of Jesus Christ don’t have to fret, they don’t

¹ **Psalm 30:5**

have to fear, and they don't have to be dismayed, their King, the ruler over all is coming very soon. He is coming to take them away, and when He does, they will be given the morning star, they will be given Jesus as their eternal inheritance.

For now, we are to abide in **HOPE**, which is one of the most powerful attributes that a believer can possess. **HOPE** enables a person to see beyond their current circumstances, to see beyond the impossible, and to see beyond their own limitations to what God, as our **I AM**, can do and will do not only in our now, but when He arrives.

HOPE helps us still our soul and enables us to wait in silence for God only.² Jesus calls Himself the bright morning star because He is our hope of a new day.³ He is our assurance that everything He has promised He will fulfill, it is just a matter of time.

HOPE is so powerful to the soul that it crushes despair and the despondency of suffering, which tempts us to be our own "god" and to take matters into our own hands, to find our own solutions and to fix our own problems.⁴

HOPE overcomes the unfathomable, like Abraham who in hope against hope believed. *"Without becoming weak in faith, he contemplated his own body, caused to being as good as dead since he is **now** being about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he was not caused to waver in unbelief but was caused to grow strong in faith, giving glory to God, and caused to being fully assured that what God had chosen to promise, He **now** is able also to perform. Therefore, it was accredited to him as righteousness."*⁵

HOPE defies that victim mentality which tempts us to blame others for what is happening in our lives (people, demons, the universe, and even ourselves), for it fixes our eyes on the light that shines, on the God of the night and the God of the morning, the God of all creation.⁶

HOPE defies the fear of death, as Job said, *"Though He slay me, I will hope in Him."*⁷

HOPE assures us of His love and care even during great tragedy. *"Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for **Yahweh**; He is our help and our shield."*⁸

HOPE is our confidence, which empowers us to wait on **Yahweh** to act.⁹ David said, *"I wait for **Yahweh**, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waits for **Yahweh** more than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in **Yahweh**; for with **Yahweh** there is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption."*¹⁰

HOPE is developed through our suffering and displays itself in God's *agape* love. *"And not only this,*

² Psalm 62:5

³ 1 Timothy 1:1

⁴ Psalm 42:5-11, 43:5

⁵ Romans 4:19-22

⁶ Ephesian 3:9; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 146:6

⁷ Job 13:15

⁸ Psalms 33:18-20

⁹ Psalms 71:5

¹⁰ Psalms 130:5-7

but we also choose to **now** exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation **now** chooses to bring about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not **now** disappoint, because the love (agape) of God has been caused to be poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was caused to be given to us.”¹¹

HOPE is revived through remembering the truth about God. “The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words. I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of **Yahweh** never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, ‘**Yahweh** is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!’ **Yahweh** is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. So, it is good to wait quietly for salvation from **Yahweh**. And it is good for people to submit at an early age to the yoke of his discipline: Let them sit alone in silence beneath **Yahweh's** demands. Let them lie face down in the dust, for there may be hope at last.”¹²

HOPE flows from the joy and peace which only God can provide. “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in **now** belief, so that you may **now** abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”¹³

HOPE is an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast and one which enters into God’s most holy place.¹⁴

“How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose **HOPE** is in **Yahweh** his God.”¹⁵

Well, that was super encouraging. How then does Jesus being likened to the bright morning star serve as a **WARNING**?

The False Morning Light

There is a passage deep in the **Codex** where God talks to a man named Job and questions Job about his (Job’s) “vast” knowledge (God is being quite sarcastic). **Yahweh** said,

Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the **morning stars** sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

In what is understood to be the oldest book in the Bible, we have this first mention of morning stars. According to the **Code**, “stars” are often used as metaphors for angelic beings. In this passage, God is communicating that certain angelic beings are bearers of **HOPE**, and their job is to bring the morning light or a sense of **HOPE** to a darkened world. At the creation, these angels sang together and shouted for joy,

¹¹ **Romans 5:3-5**

¹² **Lamentations 3:19-29**

¹³ **Romans 15:13**

¹⁴ **Hebrews 6:17-20**

¹⁵ **Psalms 146:5**

along with all the “sons of God,” which also a reference to the angelic.

Perhaps some of these “*morning stars*” were swept by Satan’s tail and they joined the ranks of the fallen angels. And now they still do their job of bringing **HOPE** to a dark world, but this time it is a false hope for a false Messiah. They may be “*morning stars*” but they are not **the morning star**. They will bear witness through deception and prepare the world for the coming of a savior who will unite all peoples under his rule.

As we get closer and closer to the **End Times**, the world will be in a bad way, as everything that people once thought was stable will be shaken and loosened. Many will be filled with despair and become hopeless, but it is more than likely that these *morning stars* will keep mankind looking for its savior.

The Other

According to the **Codex**, various aspects of God’s creation function as imagers of His personality, His nature, His purpose, and His power and authority. Mankind is one such imager, for we reflect the eternal nature and His authority:

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man *in Our image, according to Our likeness*; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Mankind, however, is not the only imager **Yahweh** created; he also created another majestic being who bears the mantle of the morning star.

Isaiah 14:12

How you have fallen from heaven, *O star of the morning, son of the dawn!* You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!

This quote comes from a prophetic revelation that at one level addresses the king of Babylon (perhaps the earthly king or the spiritual king who rules over Mystery Babylon, the Woman who Rides the Beast), but it definitely contains a layered subject matter, and that is to the one we call Lucifer, who is also known as Satan, the Dragon, the devil of old, the Serpent, the Twisted Serpent.

The Hebrew word translated as “star of the morning” or “morning star” is “*helel*,” which literally means “light bearer,” but coupled with the phrase “*ben sahar*” or “*son of the dawn*” it is understood to be a reference to the planet Venus – the bright morning light.

As a side note, it is from this passage that we get the name “*Lucifer*,” which is a Latin translation of “*helel*,” again, meaning light bearer. Whenever the devil is referred to as Lucifer, he is being called the bright morning star.

Apparently, this angelic creature was created as an imager of Jesus, the true bright morning star. The

follow-on verses, **Isaiah 14:13-23** speak of Helel's plans to ascend into heaven and raise his throne above the stars of God (over all the angels) in an ill-fated attempt to supplant the role of **Yahweh Sabaoth**, the Lord of heaven's armies. Helel proclaimed, "*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.*" Oops, big mistake. There is no recovery from that arrogant boast.

Instead of ascending, he will be thrust down to the recesses of the pit and will be cast out like an *abhorred branch* because he is not the branch, he is not the "*natsar*," the righteous branch, the root of the tribe of Judah (the one called the "*Nazarene*"). Helel is an abhorred branch. **Isaiah 14:19** reveals a truth that is devastating to Lucifer: Helel is an abhorred branch, He is not and never will be the "Branch."

God created Helel with grandiose glory and exuberant magnificence, which led to his downfall. Instead of understanding he was only an imager meant to display the grandiose glory and exuberant magnificence of the Creator, he convinced himself that he could be like God, and declared "*I will make myself like the Most High.*" By the **works of his hands**, by his own means ("I will make"), he intended to ascend on high and establish his throne above the angelic realm, and become like God, like **Yahweh Sabaoth**.

This declaration gives us our understanding as to why God hates the "**works of our hands**" and calls them demonic and idolatrous.¹⁶ When we are trying so very hard to be good for God, when we are trying to master our sin, when we are putting so much effort into being good Christians and good witnesses to the world, we are in effect saying: "*I will make myself like the Most High. I will ascend.*"

Every time we function with such heretical and apostate beliefs, we are imagers of not just Helel but the Beast, for just like Him we are the *Abomination of Desolation* now standing where it not ought to be, in the Sanctuary of God, declaring that we are God, or that we can be like God.¹⁷

As to Helel's glory and majesty, let's look at another layered passage, addressed to the king of Tyre, but it is really an expose on Helel, the serpent who was in the garden of God.

Ezekiel 28:12-18

Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says **Adonai Yahweh** (the Lord GOD),

"*You seal of perfection* [the signet ring], full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you [there.] You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁶ **Revelation 9:20**

¹⁷ **Mark 13:14**

*You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your trade, you were internally filled with *violence*, and you sinned; therefore, I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.*

*Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you. By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore, **I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you**, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the eyes of all who see you.*

That is a pretty amazing picture. He was given beauty, wisdom, he was the signet ring of God, he bore the authority of God, he was the anointed cherub, an oiled one, whose job was to cover, surround, or literally protect. Helel was blameless in his ways, and as for beauty, every precious stone was prepared as his covering.

His heart however became lifted up or filled with pride, because of his beauty and by reason of his splendor he became internally filled with “*hamas*” or violence. So, God judged him. He was cast as profane down to the ground, to the earth, before the Kings of the Earth.

The last statement is fascinating: “***I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you...***”

To know what God is talking about, we must turn to yet another book in the **Codex**, to the oldest book, where we are given an image of what is called “*Leviathan*” and what we would call a dragon. It is where Helel, the Satan, the devil, the twisted serpent, is also pictured as a “*tannin*,” the dragon imaged in much of our ancient works of antiquity, and called out specifically in **Revelation 12** as the one deceives the whole inhabited earth (inhabited by the seen and unseen beings), who swept away a third of the stars of heaven (the angels), attempted to devour Christ, the who is now the accuser of the brethren, the persecutor of Israel, and the one who makes war with the bondservants of Jesus Christ—those who are now keeping the commandments of God and now holding to the testimony of Jesus.

Job 41:18-21

His sneezes flash forth light, *and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning*. Out of his mouth go burning torches; sparks of fire leap forth. Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth as a boiling pot and [burning] rushes. His breath kindles coals, and a flame goes forth from his mouth.

The rest of **Job 41** speaks all about the majesty and glory of this creature, specifically how it was designed perfectly for the “*hamas*” or the violence in his heart. We are told that his heart is as hard as stone, and that when he raises himself up, the gods fear. Many translations say that the “mighty” fear, but that is a distortion of the Hebrew which utilize a shortened but plural form of “Elohim,” “El,” or gods.

Though unable to ascend the mountain and ascend into heaven and raise his throne above the stars of God (over all the angels), he has raised himself above the fallen angels, the gods, and they are terrified

of him.¹⁸

Job 14:33-34 says that *“Nothing on the dust is like him, one made without fear. He looks on everything that is high, he is king over all the sons of pride.”*

And despite what he has become in judgment, essentially a fire-breathing dragon, did you pick up the little detail that his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning? This provides us a picture or euphemism for *“the morning star.”* Though cast down as profane, though judged, though fire comes forth from within, he is still an imager, he still bears the indices of his original purpose. His eyes still shine bright as the morning star. It is how he can pull off the deception that he is an angel of light.¹⁹

DO NOT BE FOOLED: THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE

There may be many *morning stars*, and Helel may be an imager of the *“Bright Morning Star.”* But Jesus is the one and He will endure, not Helel.

Isaiah 27:1

In that day **Yahweh** will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, with His fierce and great and mighty sword, even Leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will kill the dragon that is in the sea.

The WARNING

What seemed like a nice little trite phrase, *“I **now** am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star,”* turns out to be quite the warning to all those in the churches who should be imagers of Jesus, the “Branch,” but are in fact imagers of the poser, the abhorred branch, the one cast down as profane, the one whose eyes are like the eyelids of the morning, the one who is a mere facsimile of the real thing.

This warning communicates that we are never more like Helel, the Satan, the dragon, the devil, the serpent, the twisted serpent, the fleeing serpent, the dragon of the sea, the Leviathan, than when we believe we can be good for God, when we believe that through the **work of our hands**, *“I will make myself like the Most High.”*

In the realm of Christianity, the **work of our hands** is expressed with all manner of religious terminology, yet it always seems to be centered on sin and our overcoming sin, conquering sin, setting aside our sin, and fundamentally being good Christians: being promise keepers, good witnesses by sticking to our holy habits, reading, praying, serving, giving, sharing, and so on.

IGNORING THE TRUTH THAT ONLY GOD IS GOOD, FAR TOO MANY IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD DECLARE, “I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH.”

¹⁸ **Psalm 82:6**

¹⁹ **2 Corinthians 11:14**

There is a fundamental difference between those who are trying very hard to be good for God and those who stand only on the goodness of God. This is the difference between life and death, eternity with Jesus or eternity in the outer darkness in that place where there will in the future choose to be wailing and gnashing of teeth.²⁰ This just so happens to be the entire thrust, or the main message, of the books of *Jude* and *Revelation*.

All of this brings us back to what the Spirit of God has been warning us about.

Revelation 9:20

The rest of mankind, who were not caused to be killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to, in the future, worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can **now**, by choice, neither **now** see nor **now** hear nor **now** walk...

Revelation 22:11

He that is **now** doing wrong {or acting unjustly}, is commanded to do wrong still; and the one who is **now** being filthy, is commanded to be filthy still; and the righteous, is commanded to be caused to be righteous still; and the holy one, is commanded to be caused to be holy still. Behold, I choose to **now** come quickly, and My reward with Me, to render to every man according to what he **now** does.

Revelation 22:15

Outside the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the *idolaters*, and everyone who is **now** loving and **now** practicing the lie.

Because Helel was treated as profane and cast down due to his unbridled arrogance and pride, so too will those who, in his image, declare *"I will make myself like the Most High."* They may declare, "God will help me where I am weak and needy, but in the exercise of my free will, I will honor Him, and I will be good for Him. I will worship Him. It is all about my free will, and in the exercise of my personal sovereignty, I will do whatever it takes to not fail Him." I will prophesy in His name, and in His name, I will cast out demons, and in His name perform many miracles or works of power.²¹ Afterall, I love practicing the lie!

There are so many ways to say this or to express this worldview, but by now all of us should understand the desire of **Yahweh**.

²⁰ **Matthew 25:30**

²¹ See **Matthew 7:21-23**

John 4:23-24

But an hour chooses to **now** come, and **now** is, when the true worshipers will in the **future** worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father **now** seeks to **now** be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who are **now** worshipping Him **now** must **now** worship in spirit and truth.

The truth is that since **Only God is Good**, then only God can be good and only God can do good. We cannot. We need to heed this **WARNING** and simply be willing to let the only one who is good be our goodness in everything, all the time. We start with zero “0” and He comes to us with one hundred “100,” and that is the nature of God’s grace to us, and it is to be the very eternal fabric of our relationship: 0% us, 100% God.

Let’s stop here and in our next podcast we will pick up with a series of commands to now come. It is very surprising what the Spirit penned when compared to what most translations say. Thank goodness we are sticking to the **Code**.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”