

Rebuttal #1

The Hidden Names of God's Advent Theatre

Certain seminary professors have granted that Jesus could have phonetically uttered the phrase:

“I beheld Satan as Barack falling”.

However, these same professors are reluctant to accept that the “Obama” is the appropriate words after Barack.

In these conversations with seminary professors regarding the book “Satan as Barack Obama” they have commented that the Greek word for heaven (ourano) in Luke 10:18 would properly be translated as “shamayim” if translated backwards into the Hebrew language of Jesus. This is in contrast to the book where I have proposed that the Greek word for heaven could have been translated from the conceptual synonym for heaven of “bamah” which is the Hebrew term for high place. An example of this conceptual synonym use for both “shamayim” and “bamah” is clearly shown by Isaiah 14:13-14 in the book itself (pg. 16-17). The Luke 10:18 verse most directly translated to English from the Greek is:

And he said to them, “I beheld Satan as lightning from heaven falling”.

The view that the use of “shamayim” instead of “bamah” is more appropriate is from the Biblical tradition of giving a high view to scripture (which is a tradition I likewise warmly agree with).

However, when it comes to those scriptures that introduce key individuals who will by their simple presence signal the Lord God's coming then that is a tricky enterprise. As a precedent and example of this issue we have Matt 11:14 which simply states:

If you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is about to come.

This verse is of course about John the Baptist who is being described in the immediately preceding verses. Now the line of questioning about Elijah stems from the “eschatology paradigms” that the Jews of Jesus day were clued into such as Malachi 4:5 which states:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Similarly in Mark 9:11-14 Jesus recognizes John as Elijah:

**And they asked Him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”
12 Then He answered and told them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And**

how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him.”

And of course John was noted by the rhema word at his birth as being in the spirit of Elijah per Luke 1:17:

He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’

However, the Baptizer as a baby was specifically named John in Luke 1:63:

And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote as follows, “His name is John” So they all marveled.

Therefore, this chronology of scripture verses around the very significant and “time critical” person of John the Baptist, who in the red-letter words of Jesus was the “Elijah before the coming of the Lord”, seems to indicate that the Lord has to very carefully name and then hide such future history critical individuals from his world stage in order to accomplish His purposes. Of course, then God must provide a means for His people to then uncover such individuals all without giving away the mystery until the time is right. Otherwise the life of a John the Baptist born under the miraculous conditions due to his parents age, the encounter in the Temple by his father with an angel, the process of his naming, etc. could have been quite upsetting if he had also been named Elijah from the start. I leave the complications and effects of “childhood stardom” with the media of his day to your imagination.

The rhetorical question then becomes, “Are we to assume that Jesus did not have a high view of scripture because “His Elijah” was actually named “John the Baptist”? ----- I think not! Even John himself did not recognize himself as Elijah per John 1:20-23:

20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?”

He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

And he answered, “No.”

22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

23 He said: “I am

‘ The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“ Make straight the way of the LORD,”

Does this not show a precedent that for the “man of lawlessness” who will be revealed before the end per 2nd Thess 2:3 that God likewise must skillfully divert attention from the name until His time is right:

Let no one deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition.

Yet, God promises that these end times “identifications” can be figured out per Revelation 13:18:

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of man. His number is 666.

If we as Christians who have the understanding of God’s word in three languages (our mother tongue, Greek, and Hebrew) cannot find these answers and warn the public --- then who can? Even the number “666” which links to the “number of mankind”, shows us how sadly socialism via Barack Obama is attempting to “save” the world in place of God!

The book “Satan as Barack Obama” is thus intended to warn the public given the astounding coincidence of Barack Obama’s name being linked to Satan in Luke 10:18. The additional context of this Luke 10:18 scripture is highly coincidental in that Jesus’s immediately following actions indicated that He had seen a miraculous vision of the end times. This vision corresponds to the casting of Satan into hell just before the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, not just “Satan falling like lightning from heaven”. Here we have Jesus seeing the final act of the movie where the “bad guy” is cast over the cliff to his death and Jesus, the hero, is able to finally marry His long awaited bride – the Church. Nowhere else in scripture when a demon is cast out do we see Jesus “exulting and greatly rejoicing” over what he has seen – but in Luke chapter 10 Jesus most certainly does!