**R877\_Rumination for November 14, 2021**

The **T**heme: **satan cast Down; sinner Sent Forth** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *I will* ***cast*** *thee to the ground…* Eze. 28:17

 *The LORD God* ***sent him forth*** *from the garden of Eden.* Gen. 3:23

The **T**hots:

1. **When Satan Sinned, God Cast him Down:** *I will* ***cast*** *thee to the ground…* **Eze. 28:17**
2. The **C**onnotation of “**C**ast”
3. “**C**ast” (Heb. *shālak)* in Old Testament.Strong

From a **P**rimitive root = to *throw* out, down or away (literal or figurative): -

cast (away, down, forth, off, out), hurl, pluck, throw.

1. “**C**ast” (Gk. *ballō*) in New Testament. Strong

From a **P**rimary verb = to *throw* (in **V**arious applications, more or less **V**iolent or intense): -

…send, strike, throw (down), thrust.

1. **C**arries with it the idea of **C**asting out with no intention of retrieving or bringing back.
2. The **C**ases of God “**C**asting” Satan **D**own in Scripture.
3. God Cast Satan **out of Heaven**… Eze. 28:17

*Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast* ***C****orrupted 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*.

* He becomes the ***P****rince of the* ***P****ower of the air.* Ephesians 2:2

*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the* ***C****ourse of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the* ***C****hildren of disobedience:*

1. GodCast Satan **D**own **to Earth**, Rev. 12:10

*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come* ***S****alvation, and* ***S****trength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is* ***cast down****, which accused them before our God day and night.*

* As the **D**ragon to **P**ersecute Israel: Rev. 12:12, 13

*Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the* ***D****evil is come* ***D****own unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the* ***D****ragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*

1. God Cast Satan **D**own **into the Bottomless Pit**. Rev. 20:3

*And* ***cast*** *him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him,*

* He is im**P**risoned there for 1000 years. *that he should deceive the nations no more,*

*till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

1. God Cast Satan **into the Lake of Fire**. Rev. 20:10*And the* ***D****evil that* ***D****eceived them was* ***cast*** *into the lake of fire and brimstone,*

*where the beast and the false prophet are,*

* *and shall be tormented* ***D****ay and night for ever and ever.*
1. **When Man Sinned, God Sent Him Forth. Gen. 3:23, 24**

***Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden…So he drove out the man;***

***and he placed at the East of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way,***

***to keep the way of the tree of life.***

1. God ***Cast*** Satan down but ***Sent*** Adam *forth* by way of the **E**ast,…

For Satan, there was no **P**rospect of a **R**eturn; thus, Satan was *Cast Down*.

On the other hand, God ***Sent*** Adam ***forth*** by way of the East with a **P**ossible return in view.

1. God *Sent Forth* Adam by way of the East (to **P**ermit him to return by the East!)
2. He **P**rovided a way of Return by way of the **E**ast –

The **E**ntrance of the Tabernacle must Face the **E**ast to **W**elcome **W**ayward Sinners back! Exo. 27:13-16
*And the breadth of the court on the* ***east*** *side eastward shall be fifty cubits…for the gate of the court*

1. The Atoning Blood must be sprinkled on the mercy seat once **E**astward. Lev. 16:14

*He shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat* ***eastward****…*

1. The Glory of the Lord will one day return to the Temple by way of the **E**ast! Eze. 43:4

*The glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the* ***east****.*

* The Lord will **R**eturn one day as the **R**ising Sun from the East: Mal 4:2
*But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings.*

 May we ever be **R**eady to **R**eceive Him. In the meanwhile, let us **R**emember and **R**evere Him this Day!

*Lo, in the east appears a star, In eastern skies unseen before;*

*And ancient sages from afar Hasten the mystery to explore.*

*They came, they saw, and they adored; Each costly treasure they unfold,*

 *And offer to their infant Lord, Their myrrh, their frankincense and gold* T. Cotterill

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 877**

1. The East is the direction of the rising Sun. It is the point where darkness turns into Light. As Light dawns, Darkness recedes and the hues of the rising sun transform the whole sky into gorgeous colours that artists can only depict and copy but can never produce.

Such is the expectation of the sinner for his Lord, as he first treads the way back by way of the east through the ever-welcoming entrance of Jesus, the Door, and the Way, the Truth and the Life into the very courtrooms of a waiting, welcoming Father with open arms to receive back His prodigal son, as Jesus Himself narrated in His parable:

**Luke 15:20-24 –** *And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:
And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:****For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.***

*And they began to be merry.*

Have you been away from the Lord? **Remember**…

* He can **cast** your sins into the depths of the sea – Mic. 7:19

*He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities;*

*and thou wilt* ***cast***[Heb. *shālak*] *all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

Just as the Lord had **cast** [Heb. *shālak*]Satan down, so will He cast your sins down into the depth of the sea, to remember them no more!

* Cf. Heb. 10:17; 8:12 – *And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*
* And Psalm 103:12 – *As far as the* ***east*** *is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.*

Our God is a Wonderful, Loving and Gracious God. If we have gone astray, we just need to come back by the Way He has set for us to follow. The Lord has promised us:

John 6:37 – *All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise* ***cast*** *out.* **Will you come? REFLECT**

1. There is an annual religious ritual known as “Stoning of the Devil”, when pilgrims **cast** seven stones at a wall representing Satan to remind them of the devil's persistent efforts to lead the faithful astray. This term is also used for a prescribed punishment in cases of adultery committed by a married man or woman wherein an organized group throws stones at a convicted individual until that person dies.

This was indeed the intended case in the days of Jesus. Certain *scribes and Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest Thou?*

*This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not.*

*So when they continued asking him, He lifted up Himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first* ***cast*** *a stone at her…*

*And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one… and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

*When Jesus had lifted up Himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her,* ***Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more****.*

Casting stones at an adulterous sinner cannot free us from sin.

Nor casting stones at the Devil. The sinner’s stone has no effect on Satan.

Only Jesus can forgive the Sinner of his/her Sin and Set him/her free! **REFLECT**.

**POINTS TO PONDER: *Casting*** *all your* ***C****are upon Him; for He careth for you.* I Pet. 1:7