

oppressor ceased; the golden city ceased." The Hebrew word which the Authorized Version translates "golden city" is a word which occurs nowhere else in the Bible. In order to derive it from a root for "gold" one has to assume that it is taken not from Hebrew but from Aramaic. The word for "city" does not occur at all. It has a prefix which suggests a place, but which also is sometimes ^{used} ~~used~~ for an instrumentality. None of the ancient versions translates it "golden city". The Authorized Version has a margin which says "or exacters of gold". Here the idea of gold is still retained which probably is not contained in the word at all. It is probably better to follow the Septuagint.

The very vivid picture contained in these verses describes the entry of Satan into the pit when he is cast down as ~~xxx~~ portrayed in Revelation 20. "Hell from beneath is moved to meet thee at thy coming. All thy pomp is brought down to the grave. How art thou fallen from heaven, oh Lucifer, son of the morning." The overreigning pride of Satan who thought that he would ascend above the clouds and would sit upon the mountains of the congregation in the ~~extreme~~ ^{extreme} places in the north is described in vivid language and then we see those smaller followers of his, leaders of nations who have tried to establish supreme power in the earth by wicked means as they welcome him into the pit at his fall.

From verses 21 to 22 we see the destruction of the family of the evil one who has been described. He is to have no successors. This certainly would not be a description of Nebuchadne~~zar~~^{saar}, the king of Babylon, for he was succeeded for two or three generations. This is a picture of the overthrow of all the forces of wickedness and the fact that none of them are to have a lasting progeny but especially ~~that~~ that Satan's power is to come to a complete end. ~~Again~~ Again in verse 23 we see the places of his dominion are doomed to utter nothingness.

Verses 24 to 27 present another note. Here we find ~~that~~ the Lord declaring that He is going to bring deliverance. Here He specifically speaks of Assyria. He is going to bring the Assyrian in His land. He declares that this is to be