

REBUTTAL #2

POINT BY POINT REBUTTAL TO DR. HEISER (in red lettering)

Dr. Heiser article taken from <http://www.wnd.com/2009/08/105792/>

A recent WND exclusive brought attention to a viral video that attempts to persuade viewers that there is a cryptic reference to President Barack Obama's name in Luke 10:18 and Isaiah 14:12. The creator of the video understands these passages to refer to the antichrist, and so viewers are left to connect the dots between Barack Obama and the great satanic enemy of the biblical end times. Do the arguments of the video have any merit? The short answer is no, and anyone with an interest in handling the biblical text responsibly should dismiss the video's claims without hesitation.

Wow! What a quick dismissal for a verse that has Jesus the speaker, Satan as the direct object, and the pronunciation when translated into the "sacred" language of Hebrew presents the name of the most powerful "ungodly" man in the world, Barack Obama! This is too close for comfort and we need to carefully not be dismissive because of our current cultural biases toward political correctness and fear of powerful men. In fact, you fail to mention that the Anti-Christ will be revealed before the end (2 Thess 2:3); which indicates he is disguised and then revealed. I refer the reader to my website www.satanasbarackobama.com to see how John the Baptist was also disguised and then revealed to be Elijah (the forerunner of the Lord) by the very words of Jesus. Jesus pronounced this fact in answer to his apostles who were wrestling with questions posed by non-believing Pharisees (or the over-educated academic experts who strained at gnats and swallowed camels in their day).

The arguments of this video would be laughed aside by anyone with competence in the ancient biblical languages.

I wonder if those same scribes (i.e., read academic experts) were laughing at the apostles for following this guy named Jesus – see precedent below:

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."

Anyone with a solid grasp of the English Bible would see other logical problems pretty quickly. Because the subject matter is sensitive and my dismissal so categorical, readers need to know where I'm coming from.

Read my book “Satan as Barack Obama” if you want to know where I’m coming from. I would point out that at times God has to use non-religious types to get his message out (Amos, David) because pastors and academics become trapped in their political correctness, concern over career impacts, etc. The apostles were fishermen, tax collectors, political zealots (but not contaminated religious experts!) being led by a carpenter’s son – how refreshing to think of it! As an engineering consultant in the Oil & Gas industry I have “zero” job impact concerns over these theological matters and I am very accustomed to solving complex problems. And I have studied the Greek & Hebrew, too!

I work as the academic editor for [Bible Study Magazine](#) and [Logos Bible Software](#), the leader in producing databases for the study of the Bible in its original languages, as well as digital tools and books for studying the Bible. Before coming to Logos, I devoted nearly 20 years to the formal study of biblical Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic, and a half dozen more ancient languages on the way to my Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible and Semitic studies. I’m therefore sympathetic to people who want to read the Bible with more discernment and comprehension, and for those who are in vocational ministry. I’m also no fan of Barack Obama. While President Obama has made it clear in one of his biographical memoirs, “Dreams of My Father,” that he is an African colonialist Marxist, that doesn’t make him the antichrist. Neither does the Bible.

Oh, but Obama does make for a wonderful Anti-Christ – personally I can’t see how God can pass up such an opportunity to have the most “Christian” nation on earth electing the perfect man of lawlessness to be President!!!!!! In all of the blessings (e.g., America) and covenants (e.g., freedom) God has provided to us mankind has always “completely messed” them up and as always mankind continues to prove that we need a Savior (and that Savior is NOT government and NOT a “Cool Big Daddy” in the Whitehouse. The Bible give us clues/hints that Obama is the Anti-Christ which are too strong to ignore – so I am waiting and hoping for some courageous “Bible expert” to stand forth and warn the people. For myself, I have made an engineering practice of stepping in where others were NOT doing their jobs – it is amazing how much more thorough people will do their job when embarrassed to the point of having to improve their quality.

The first error on the part of the video’s speaker is trivial, but it shows the propensity of the speaker to inject details into the biblical text that are actually not there. The speaker presumes that Jesus originally spoke Luke 10:18 in Aramaic. We don’t actually know that. Yes, Aramaic was the common language among Jews of first century Palestine, but Jesus and the disciples were at least bilingual (speaking Greek as well, the common tongue of the eastern Mediterranean at the time, much like English is today). Jesus was also trilingual (he knew Hebrew well enough to quote the Hebrew Masoretic text on occasion).

What as dismissal/understatement by Dr. Heiser to the knowledge of the Son of God who said,

Mat 5:17 Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Mat 5:18 For truly I say to you, Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law until all is fulfilled.

But this mistaken assumption is the least of the speaker's problems. The arguments that follow demonstrate that the speaker has no knowledge of the biblical languages at even a beginner's level.

Let get some perspective from others on Jesus understanding of Hebrew:

“In the synagogues the targums (or *Aramaic* translations) were always oral, while the honored Hebrew text was always read from a scroll. This was a strict rule, lest the paraphrase be confused with the authoritative text.”

- Neil R. Lightfoot in “How We Got the Bible”

Obviously, as Jesus began his ministry he knew how to read and speak Hebrew

Luk 4:17 And *the* book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And unrolling the book, He found the place where it was written,

Luk 4:18 "The Spirit of *the* Lord *is* on Me; because of this He has anointed Me to proclaim the Gospel to *the* poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and new sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those having been crushed,

Luk 4:19 to proclaim the acceptable year of *the* Lord."

Luk 4:20 And rolling up the book, returning *it* to the attendant, He sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on Him.

Luk 4:21 And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears.

Amazingly, the speaker doesn't realize that Hebrew and Aramaic are not the same language. In a textbook example of why YouTube enthusiasts should never assume it to be a source of academically reliable content, the speaker says Aramaic is “the most ancient form of Hebrew.” Aramaic is not Hebrew. It's, well, *Aramaic*. Perhaps the speaker was thinking of the fact that Aramaic and Hebrew use the same script (letter style). If so, it should be self-evident that just because two (or more) languages might use the same script (font, in our modern parlance) does not mean they are the same language! For example, Spanish and English use the same letters or script, but they are not the same language. Hebrew adopted the Aramaic script (the so-called “block” letter script still used today) after it went into exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC (after Aramaic had earlier displaced Akkadian/Assyrian as the dominant language of Mesopotamia). Aramaic and Hebrew are part of the same language class and sub-class. A quick use of Wikipedia (no graduate degree is required for this sort of fact checking) would have informed the speaker of that.

In the paragraph above Dr. Heiser is creating a strawman to knockdown, but as pointed out above by scriptural examples of Jesus's Hebrew expertise – we can avoid this waste of strawman drama and just recognize that Jesus was fully capable of and reasonably assumed to speak Hebrew for this critical announcement contained in Luke 10:18.

Some readers might be thinking that this oversight is forgivable, and that perhaps the speaker still knows his Hebrew well enough to support his claims. That isn't the case. In what follows he shows that he doesn't have a capable grasp of even the Hebrew alphabet.

Using Strong's Concordance and its dictionary, familiar tools for many readers, the speaker asserts that Jesus would have uttered the words of Luke 10:18 "in Hebrew" and then goes on to focus on the words for "lightning" and "heights"/"heavens." The word for "lightning" in Hebrew, we are told, is "barawk," sounding suspiciously like the president's name, Barack. Here's where knowledge of the alphabet and what Strong's English letter spelling is for would have kept the speaker from embarrassment. The English spelling of Barack Obama's first name ends with "ck." This is the way English letters account for the foreign Semitic letter "k" (*kaph* in Hebrew; *kaf* in Arabic). This means that the consonants in "Barack" are b-r-k. Unfortunately, the word for "lightning" in Hebrew isn't spelled with the consonants b-r-k (Hebrew originally had no vowels, so it's the consonants that matter here). Rather, it is spelled b-r-q. In Hebrew (and Arabic) "k" and "q" are two entirely different letters, though they sort of sound the same, just as in English. The root consonants b-r-k mean "blessing" as a noun, "blessed" as an adjective, and "to bless" when a verb form is in view. "Barack" in Arabic (or Hebrew) means "blessing," not "lightning." This alone severs the connection the speaker in the video seeks to make.

Dr. Heiser has forgotten to note that Jesus was speaking the announcement of Luke 10:18; therefore, it was the burden of the apostles to convey to Luke at some future point in time "what Jesus said". Dr. Heiser also fails to give the full context (or scene) during which this statement of Jesus was uttered. What is "interesting" is how Jesus is exulting (or greatly rejoicing) after making this statement and Jesus calls his disciples babes (as if they were clueless about what he was announcing). Jesus also says that what these disciples heard was so desirable that kings and prophets desired to "hear what they heard".

Let's put this in today's video scene so that we can see what is going on here as follows:

1. The disciples return full of joy at their ministry success to heal and cast out demons, etc.
2. Jesus, who has been praying, awakes from a vision of the future.
3. Jesus has been provided by the spirit of God a vision of the man of perdition, the Anti-Christ, a person fully controlled by Satan, Barack Obama, as this Anti-Christ is cast, falling downward into the Lake of Fire.
4. This is of course the final event signaling the conquering of evil and the time for the marriage supper of the Lamb (i.e., the happy ending where the good guy gets the Bride, His Church)
5. Jesus, stands with hands out calling for attention and joyfully announces, "I beheld Satan as Barack Obama falling" in Hebrew which of course sounds like "I beheld Satan as lightning and high place falling". (NOTE: This is the same word arrangement in the Greek text of Luke)
6. The apostles are somewhat confused in trying to understand what "lightning and high place" mean, since it is an odd expression to them. Yet, this moment of announcement was significant enough that it was recorded by Luke in scripture.
7. Jesus, still full of joy, at his vision of the coming final victory, gets full of laughter and joy and goes on to say:

Luk 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the sophisticated and cunning*, and have revealed them to babes. Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing before You.

And then

Luk 10:23 And He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that you see.

Luk 10:24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desire to see what you see, and do not see, and to hear what you hear, and do not hear.

Jesus knew that they did not understand the name Barack Obama which sounds like “lightning and high place” to them in Hebrew. What is sad is that many people today as Biblical language experts will also hear it, but then not “really hear” it. The clue is hidden in plain sight when translated to the original tongue!

For example, they will strain at a gnat (two Hebrew consonants listed below which are unperceptively difficult to differentiate when they are voiced (without being written down) as Jesus did). Yet, they will “swallow a camel” by completely ignoring the follow-on verses to Luke 10:18, will ignore the illogicality of Satan being cast down **again** from heaven, will ignore the dramatic pause for attention that Jesus uses to break the disciples rejoicing before His announcement, will not ask themselves “why are the disciples called babes here?”, will not ask themselves “what is so significant here that at this moment Jesus says prophets and kings desire to hear”.

I hope I have made my point that we have religious experts so confident in their past learning’s that they can’t see when a new message is revealed via the name “Barack Obama” arriving on the scene. This “Barack Obama” is a “historically **key** person to **unlock** the end times stage” and he is named by Jesus.

כּ, final ךּ *Kaph k (kh)*

ק *Qôf q, a strong k*

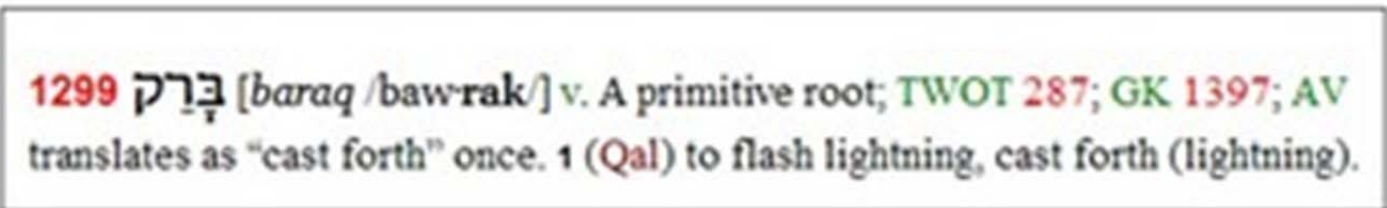
By way of illustration, here are the two words and their respective dictionary entries from J. Halladay’s “Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon”: It is crucial to take note that these words have different final letters (Hebrew is read right-to-left). I’ve noted the confused letters in respective colors, along with the meanings of the words to show that the speaker is giving his listeners misinformed nonsense. “Lightning” in Hebrew is b-r-q. The letter “q” is not the letter “k,” in English or Hebrew. They must not be treated as though they are.

They certainly sound the same – how would someone pronounce “conquering” and how would one pronounce a word spelled “conkering” (i.e., My name is Joe Conkering) – when these two words are voiced they are indistinguishable to the ear, but obviously different in written form.

Use your common sense and realize the scene/situation as described with Jesus above which is no different than the word pronunciation for a Hebrew “Kaph” or “Qof”.



That Barack Obama’s first name means “blessing” (and not “lightning”) in Arabic has been noted many times. Here’s [one example](#). But why, then, is the Hebrew word for “lightning” spelled out in Strong’s dictionary as “barawk” with a “k” at the end? The reason is that Strong’s dictionary was not aiming to give users a correct *transliteration* of the word. Transliteration is the practice of matching letter-for-letter equivalents between a language that uses English letters and a language that uses characters, like Hebrew, Arabic, Sanskrit or Chinese. Strong was not giving a transliteration, but was instead aiming to give a rough approximation of what a Hebrew word sounds like, regardless of whether it reproduces the letter characters with precise accuracy (note that in “barawk” there is no “w” consonant; it’s just there for pronunciation help). Unfortunately, the speaker was using an old, outdated online version of Strong’s. In the new revised edition, the editors added correct transliteration of all the consonants alongside the older pronunciation help. Below is an image of the entry for b-r-q (“lightning”; Strong’s number 1299 as in the video) from the digital version of Strong’s we produce at Logos.



Some readers may still wonder if it is permissible to take the letters b-r-k from “Barack” and treat them as though they can still match b-r-q (“lightning”). After all, “k” and “q” do sound alike. They may sound alike to us, but native speakers of Hebrew and Arabic distinguish them with ease, mainly because they know their own vocabulary.

I have shown the pronunciation of the Hebrew Qof and Kaph above which are virtually indistinguishable as basically a “k”. Dr. Heiser is continuing to strain gnats here, I just hope he does not delve down into Yankee and Southern accents next.

For those who don't have this kind of native facility in Hebrew or Arabic, there are lexicons, specialized dictionaries of a given collection of literature. The industry-standard tool for all biblical Hebrew scholarship is the multi-volume “Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament,” or HALOT. Resources like HALOT, unlike English-based resources like Strong's dictionary, typically provide the user with the equivalent term in a range of Semitic languages. HALOT gives us the Arabic word that corresponds to Hebrew b-r-q (“lightning”), along with other languages like Old South Arabian, Egyptian Aramaic, Ugaritic, Jewish Aramaic, etc. Below are images from my [electronic version of HALOT](#) to show that the “q” and “k” distinction is secure and unimpeachable. There are entries for both the Hebrew word b-r-q (“lightning”) and b-r-k (“blessing”/“bless”). Arabic and Hebrew are consistent here.

I guess he continues to forget that Jesus only pronounced it and that he was literally laughing because they did not understand the name “Barack Obama”, but we today at the end times have the promise that the Anti-Christ will be revealed (2 Thess 2:3). What better demonstration of God's providence and promises than for Him to skillfully hide & then reveal the Anti-Christ's name so that more souls will be saved in these end times (if today's scribes and Pharisees will get out of the way and do their job to train people in the word of God).

Dr. Heiser also completely fails to mention the potential for scribal smoothing where a scribe will chose words in the translation in an attempt to “correct” what he thinks is an error or poor choice of words. Thus, given the subject of lightning falling the Obama pronunciation which equates to “and height” in English becomes “from heaven”, heights and heavens are conceptual synonyms. The scribal smoothing between “and” and “from” is within the sphere of other scribal smoothing evidenced in scripture as discussed further in the book “Satan as Barack Obama”.

I בְּרָקָה: ברק; MHb., 1QM 6:2 *ברקה fem.; Ug. OSArb. brq; EgArm. JArm. Syr. CPArm.

בְּרָקָא, Mnd. (MdD 63a) בְּרָקָא, Arb. barq; Akk. berqu; > Copt. ebrēce: cs. בְּרָק, pl. בְּרָקִים, sffx. בְּרָקִי: lightning; thunder and lightning Ex 19:16; בְּרָקִים to cause rain Jr 10:13 51:16 Ps 135:7; light up the world Ps 77:19 97:4; God causes lightnings to flash Ps 144:6, cj. 2S 22:15 / Ps 18:15, God sends forth flashes of lightning Jb 38:35, flashes of lightning darting everywhere Nah 2:3; lightnings come from fire Ezk 1:13; like lightning Da 10:6, cj. Ezk 1:14; 32:41 Ezk 21:15,20, Nah 3:3 Hab 3:11 Zech 9:14 Jb 20:25; —Ezk 21:33 rd.

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Wörterbuch; WKAS

II בָּרַךְ: MHb., Ug. brk, Ph. Karat. 1:1; 3:2, Pun. pf. sffx. βαραχω (qal) besides impf. ybarku

(pi.) (Friedrich, ZDMG 107:288); Arm. (→ BArm.) pa., Syr. also pe., DISO 44; Arb. II and III, OSArb. (NSem. loan ? ZAW 75:111), Eth. bāraka; Eg. brk (lw.) to pray; Akk. karābu MAOG 4:294ff (AHw. 445) to bless, to greet; OSArb. krb to consecrate, mkrb (*mukarrib or makrūb) priestly ruler; Eth. mek^wrāb temple; with בְּרָךְ to make fertile, Murtonen VT 9:176f; for formulae constructed with בָּרַךְ → C 213ff; Fschr. Hempel 68, 177.

qal: pt. pass. only בְּרוּךְ (VG 1:578c; BL 472w: denom. fr בְּרוּכָה, בְּרוּכִי/מְבִי (1QIs^b 65:23 ברכי): —1. blessed, filled

(Pedersen Isr. I-II 199; Blank HUCA 32:75ff): a) בְּרוּךְ may he be (he is) blessed Gn 27:29

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Lisān; Tāj 'Ar.; Wehr
Wörterbuch; WKAS

According to the video, the antichrist's last name can be derived from Isaiah 14:12-19. Isaiah 14 is a mocking taunt against the king of Babylon. The prophet uses an ancient story of cosmic rebellion to cast the king as unspeakably proud. The villain in that ancient story is considered by many to be Satan (though the word "satan" does not appear in Isaiah 14). This rebel sought to attain a status higher than God, desiring to ascend above the "heights" of the clouds and be like the Most High. The speaker on the video informs us that the word for "heights" here is *bamah*. The hearer is naturally supposed to think "Obama" at the sound of that word.

The speaker's ignorance of Hebrew is again apparent in Isaiah 14 with respect to the Hebrew word *bamah*. He anticipates that viewers will want to know what happened to the "O" in "Obama" if *bamah* is part of the antichrist's name. The speaker tells us that the conjunction "w" (the Hebrew consonant *waw*) is sometimes pronounced like our letter "o." There are two problems here. First, the conjunction *waw* never gets the "o" sound at the beginning of a noun in Hebrew – not even once in the 23,213 verses of the Hebrew Bible. Second, when the "w" consonant in Hebrew serves to mark the vowel sound "o" it is never a conjunction and only marks the "o" sound the end or in the middle of a word. Therefore the sound combination "O-*bamah*" never occurs in the Hebrew Bible. The same is true for the "o" sound following *baraq*. The "u" sound is possible at the beginning of a word. There is one occurrence in the entire Hebrew Bible of this conjunction before *bamah* in the Hebrew Bible, Ezekiel 36:2, but that verse has nothing to do with the devil or antichrist.

Dr. Heiser is misleading here.

The "u" sound is universally before **all words** beginning with "bet" (the Hebrew B), "mem" (the Hebrew M), and "pe" (the Hebrew P). Therefore, the Hebrew conjunctive "and" is pronounced as "u" or "oo" before "bamah" (Refer to Genesis 13:2 as one example).

See Gesenius Hebrew grammar reference below

the *Wāw* becomes the vowel *û* (cf. § 26 a), e.g. וְכָל and to all, so also (except in the case under g) before the cognate labials ב, מ, פ, hence וְנָלְךָ

This kind of thinking is a textbook example of a notorious language fallacy: If a combination of sounds is the same between two languages, the words created by those sounds must mean the same thing. A couple of examples will show how ridiculous this is. Is the Greek word *gune* (pronounced "goonay") the same as English "goony"? You'd better not say that around your wife or girlfriend, since *gune* means "woman"! Or maybe the Hebrew word *kar* ("pasture"; Isa 30:23) is equivalent to English "car"! I wonder what make and model was the most popular in David's time. There are literally hundreds of these sorts of false equivalences between any two languages. A sound or group of sounds in Hebrew (or any other language) does not have the same meaning as the same combination of sounds in English. This ought to be self-evident, but I guess it's not.

I assume Dr. Heiser is setting up a strawman artifact as if trying to correct 5 year olds with the above paragraph on the obvious, but wholly irrelevant diatribe.

I could list a number of other flaws in the argumentation, but the discussion would quickly morph into a conclave of language nerds. Consequently I'll mention only that the speaker fundamentally misunderstands Luke 10:18.

Fundamentally, Dr Heiser has focused too narrowly on the text alone and missed the message. I am a chemical engineering consultant, volunteer apologist for a para-church ministry, and have completed all the Greek and Hebrew necessary to receive a Master in Divinity at a major denomination seminary. Often as Christian apologists we see "experts" miss the obvious, because they are focused too narrowly on their field of specialty. I believe that expertise and

academic studies are marvelous gifts that are to be wisely used and that we are to be humble enough to realize that we do not know everything. God is truth and we need not fear truth. However, these are very serious times!

Luke 10:18 actually points to an event in Jesus' own lifetime, not an event in the distant future. When Jesus says that he saw Satan expelled from heaven like lightning,

Satan was cast out from heaven before man was created, so this is a past event (Revelations 12:7-9). To see this event would have been a direct claim of divinity (of which Jesus was careful to choose His times and places to make such claims for obvious political correctness!) It can get you put on a cross!

he is announcing that the kingdom of God has been inaugurated on Earth now that his own ministry has begun; he is announcing Satan's defeat, not the coming of the antichrist. Parallel passages in the gospels show this is the case (John 12:31; 16:11).

These are not parallel passages, rather they are announcing that Satan can now be judged and the keys to death and hades snatched from him, because Jesus has paid our sin debt.

This telegraphs the speaker's most obvious blunder. It is difficult to see the coherence of linking a passage where Satan is cast down to the rise of the antichrist.

This describes the finality of the Anti-Christ (specifically named as Barack Obama for our future revelation) when he is cast into the Lake of Fire.

The Bible clearly has the antichrist and Satan as distinct personalities. Revelation 20:10 makes this explicitly clear: "And the **devil** who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the **beast** and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Satan will indwell and control the Anti-Christ (after he is wounded to near death) just like Satan entered the heart (i.e, self-image) of Judas Iscariot. (Rev 13:11-14)

The beast, of course, is the antichrist in the Bible, the one whose number is 666 (cf. Rev. 13:18). In Rev. 10:10 Satan and the antichrist are *separate figures* thrown into the lake of fire. This means that Luke 10:18 (and Isaiah 14 for that matter) have nothing to do with the antichrist. It is nonsense to have Jesus meaning something like "I saw the devil cast out like the antichrist (lightning/*baraq*)" in Luke 10:18. The result is simply incoherent.

Dr. Heiser you have made it incoherent intentionally?!?!

The text is "And He answered them, "I beheld Satan as Barack Obama falling".

Similarly we say things from the pulpit like, "God was crucified on that cross."

Of course, we know God and Jesus are separate beings of the Trinity and of course Jesus was submitted to the will/control of God.

Lest I be misunderstood, the last thing in the world I want to do is to discourage Bible study. It's not just for scholars! In fact, my career is directed toward enabling the non-specialist to dig into the Bible in ways that, to this point in time, only scholars could. But that goal is no excuse for such a poor handling of the biblical text and its original languages.

To you Dr. Heiser - I have faithfully studied the Greek and Hebrew at a major seminary. I have written a book "Satan as Barack Obama" with dutiful documentation of the Hebrew and Greek text for scholarly review. I have rigorously critiqued your commentary on this subject. Yes – I have "teased" you as you teased your audience hoping the entertainment factor will help us all remember.

Now the coming of the Anti-Christ is a VERY IMPORTANT subject which deserves the highest of our professional attention. I trust that having noted the depth of my seriousness that you, a person who has committed himself immediately above to championing serious Biblical studies, will directly contact me (stephenkirk777@gmail.com) as one professional to another to "compare notes" and hopefully provided the best of our research to an awaiting public in need of warning.

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