

„Ich sah den Satan wie einen Blitz vom Himmel fallen“ (Lk 10,18)

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Jesus' statement in Luk 10:18, which is to be seen in the context of verse 19f, is not an expression of the fact that Jesus fought against Satan and his demons amidst the apocalyptic battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. The conceptual background of Luk 10:18 is revealed in TestSal 20, in which meteors and thunderbolts are related to a demonological field. In Luk 10:18 it is an eschatological event that has already occurred and – similar to the exorcisms – is a result of the arrival of the kingdom of God and not of Jesus' struggle.