

THE DEVIL IS DISPENSATIONAL

A CHART LESSON ABOUT THE DEVIL'S WORK

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils..."

~ 1 Timothy 4:1

1. Setting the Stage

- a. Satan is an obstacle for many in taking the Bible seriously
 - i. The Bible is filled with strange things, but they exist 1) real 2) requires belief
- b. The gospel of Christ and him crucified – 1 Cor 2:2-5 – it is considered foolish – 1:18
- c. 1 Cor 2:6-8 – wisdom 1) before the world began, 2) hidden/mystery, 3) cross.
- d. Grace, faith, cross, Christ - was all a secret, hid in God – Rom 16:25, Eph 3:9
- e. Ezekiel 28:3 – There is no secret that they can hide from thee... 28:13-15

2. The Devil's Dilemma

- a. God creates the heaven and earth (no mention of cherub/angels) – Ps 8:4-6
- b. God walks in the garden / so does the serpent – Gen 3:8
- c. God plants a tree in the garden – not for the Adam/Eve, but for the devil – Gen 3:4-5
- d. If he does not tempt Eve, man maintains dominion; if he does ... is he being played?
- e. His lie → there is another way, there is more than one way, priority of #1

3. The Course of the World

- a. The Devil is dispensational like a rebellious child knows what their parents want.
- b. God is one (mono) – Rom 1:20 – The devil talks about gods (poly) – Rom 1:23
- c. God takes one man and a family – Devil corrupts the family (Lot/Ishmael/Esau/Moab)
- d. God grows a nation – Devil enslaves a nation (kills its children) – Exo 1
- e. God delivers a nation – Devil's children want to go back to bondage – Exo 16:3
- f. God chooses Moses – Devil undermines authority (Gilgamesh) – Num 11:29, 12:2
- g. God instructs laws/covenant/worship – Devil corrupts religion/blessing w/o laws
- h. God is a king in heaven – Devil says an earthly king is better – 1 Sam 8:5-8
- i. God sends prophets and kings – Devil has his own in number – 1 Kings 18:19
- j. God sent his Son to fulfill times – Gal 4:4 – Devil corrupts timing – Matt 4:8
- k. Jesus claims to be God's son – devils claim to be Abraham/Moses sons – John 8:39
- l. Jesus calls his sheep – Devil is a wolf in sheep's clothing – John 10:12
- m. When Jesus claims to be king – The devil makes him a criminal.
- n. God reveals his wisdom – devil wants to keep it hidden – 2 Cor 4:3-4, 1 Tim 6:20
- o. When God ministers right by faith – he ministers right by works – 2 Cor 11:14-15
- p. When God ministers grace through faith – he ministers faith and law – 1 Tim 4:1-3
- q. When they wait for the lion of the tribe of Judah – he romans as a lion – 1 Pet 5:8
- r. When the Lord returns in judgment, the Devil will reign in peace – 1 Thess 5:3
- s. The mystery of Christ ruins Devil's strategy– but he continues to take captive, ensnares, deceives, believing the lie that there is more than one way.