

The Dark Side

The Truth about Satan & Demons

- ### Origins
- 2 Pet. 2:4 - if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.
 - Jude 6 - Angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day
 - Satan
 - Ezek. 28:11-19
 - Is. 14:12-17

NAMES OF SATAN		
NAME	MEANING	CITATION
Satan	Adversary	Matthew 4:10
Devil	Slanderer	Matthew 4:10
Evil one	Intrinsically evil	John 17:15
Great red dragon	Destructive creature	Revelation 12:3, 7, 9
Serpent of old	Deceiver in Eden	Revelation 12:9
Abaddon	Destruction	Revelation 9:11
Apollyon	Destroyer	Revelation 9:11
Adversary	Opponent	1 Peter 5:8
Beelzebub	Lord of the fly (Baalzebub)	Matthew 12:24
Belial	Worthless (Belliar)	2 Corinthians 6:15
God of this world	Controls philosophy of world	2 Corinthians 4:4
Prince of the power of the air	Rules in world system	John 12:31
Enemy	Opponent	Matthew 13:28
Tempter	Solicits people to sin	Matthew 4:3
Murderer	Leads people to eternal death	John 8:44
Liar	Perverts the truth	John 8:44
Accuser	Opposes believers before God	Revelation 12:10

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- Spirits of evil, deceased people
 - Spirits of a Pre-Adamic race of people
 - Offspring of a sexual union between sinning angels and women (Gen. 6:1-4).
 - Fallen angels

- ### Their Activity
- To encourage every being in the universe to sin, of which he is the originator and father.
 - John 8:44 - "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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- To build a counterfeit kingdom which reflects his character and priorities and over which he rules.
 - "the prince of *this* world" (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
 - "the god of *this* world" (2 Cor. 4:4)
 - *Kosmos* = this evil world system; "the present condition of human affairs" (Vine).
 - *Aion* = "All that floating mass of thoughts, opinions, maxims, speculations, hopes, impulses, aims, aspirations, at any time current in the world, which it may be impossible to seize and accurately define, but which constitute a most real and effective power, being the moral, or immoral, atmosphere which at every moment of our lives we inhale." (Trench, R. C.)

Their Activity

- To promote damning, false religion.
 - Deut. 32:16-17
 - Ps. 106:35-37
 - 1 Cor. 10:20

Their Activity

- To pervert the true worship of God.
 - To present another Jesus
 - 1 John 4:2-3 - By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.
 - 1 Cor. 12:3 - Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Their Activity

- To pervert the true worship of God.
 - To present a different gospel
 - 1 Tim. 4:1 - But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons
 - To promote antinomianism
 - Rev. 2:20-24 – demons attempt to convince professing Christians that what the Bible forbids is acceptable.

Their Activity

- To prevent the spread and comprehension of the gospel.
 - Matt. 13:19 – the evil one snatches the word
 - Matt. 13:39 – the devil sows tares or false believers
 - 1 Th. 2:18 – we wanted to come to you-- I, Paul, more than once-- and yet Satan hindered us.
 - Rev. 2:10 – "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life

Their Activity

- To undermine the faith of true Christians.
 - Job 1:6-11
 - Luke 22:31 - "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat"
 - 2 Tim. 2:24-26 - The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will

Their Defeat

- Prophesied in Eden (Gen. 3:15)
- Accomplished at the Cross
 - Col. 2:15 - When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.
- Will Be Executed in the Future
 - Matt. 25:41 - "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;'
 - Rom. 16:20 – The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
 - Rev. 20:10 - the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Application

- Our God is in complete control of the forces of Satan
 - 1 Kings 22:19-23
 - Job 1:12, 21; 2:3, 5-6
- Tolerating sin exposes us to some kind of influence from the devil (Eph. 4:26).
- Our real enemy is never people (Eph. 6:11-12)
- We must put on the armor of God (Eph. 6:11ff).