

THE
OCTAGON

2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”



KNOWING THE ENEMY: SATAN/LUCIFER/DEVIL: WHO IS HE?

I. His Reality:

He is a real being:

How Satan came to be is not quite as clear a fact as that he exists.

In all probability he was once a good angel. It is claimed by scholarly and reliable interpreters that his fall is portrayed in Ezekiel 28:12–19; cf. Isa. 14:12–14.

That he was once in the truth but fell from it is evident from John 8:44.

His fall (Luke 10:18) was probably in connection with the fall of angels as set forth in such passages as 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6. Pride was one of the causes (1 Tim. 3:6; Ezek. 28:15, 17). This fact may account for the expression “Satan and his angels” (Matt. 25:41).

Paul doubtless refers to the fact that Satan was once an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14).



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Was created by God as the most beautiful of all creation

Musically gifted

He is a fallen angel but he is not fallen diety.

Not omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent

Rebelled against God because he wanted to be God

He was named Lucifer before his fall. Isa. 14:12

He was in Eden. Ezek. 28:13

He was the anointed cherub of God. Ezek. 28:14

He was adorned with precious stones. Ezek. 28:13

He possessed great musical ability. Ezek. 28:13



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He was the perfection of wisdom and beauty. Ezek. 28:12

He fell through pride. Ezek. 28:17

He attempted to steal God's throne. Isa. 14:13

He wanted to be like God. Isa. 14:14

He possesses intelligence. 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3

He possesses memory. Matt. 4:6

He possesses a will. 2 Tim. 2:26

He possesses desire. Luke 22:31

He possesses pride. 1 Tim. 3:6

He possesses wrath. Rev. 12:12

He possesses great organizational ability. 1 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 2:9, 24



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II. His Identity:

Satan, 1 Chr. 21:1; Job 1:6; John 13:27; Acts 5:3; 26:18; Rom. 16:20

Theif, John 10:10

Abaddon, Rev. 9:11;

Accuser of our brethren, Rev. 12:10;

Adversary, 1 Pet. 5:8;

Angel of the bottomless pit, Rev. 9:11

Apollyon, Rev. 9:11

Beelzebub, Matt. 12:24, Mark 3:22_; Luke 11:15

Belial, 2 Cor. 6:15

The devil, Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:2, 6; Rev. 20:2

Enemy, Matt. 13:39

Evil spirit, 1 Sam. 16:14

Father of lies, John 8:44;

Gates of hell, Matt. 16:18;

Great red dragon, Rev. 12:3

Liar, John 8:44



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Lying spirit, 1 Kin. 22:22

Murderer, John 8:44

Old serpent, Rev. 12:9; 20:2

Power of darkness, Col. 1:13

Prince of this world, John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11;

Prince of devils, Matt. 12:24

Prince of the power of the air, Eph. 2:2

Ruler of the darkness of this world, Eph. 6:12;

Serpent, Gen. 3:4, 14; 2 Cor. 11:3

Spirit that works in the children of disobedience, Eph. 2:2

Tempter, Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5

The god of this world, 2 Cor. 4:4

Unclean spirit, Matt. 12:43

Wicked one, Matt. 13:19, 38

Kingdom of Satan, to be destroyed, 2 Sam. 23:6, 7, with context; Matt. 12:29; 13:30; Luke 11:21, 22; 1John 3:8.

Synagogue of Satan, Rev. 2:9; 3:9.



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III. His Specialty:

One who specially governs all who are not Christians (Mk 4:15; Jn 8:44; Acts 13:10; Col 1:13).

Has power in Realm of Death.

Heb. 2:14-“That ... he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.” It would seem as if the souls of the unregenerate dead are (or were) to some extent under Satan’s dominion.

Prince of Demons- (Matt. 12:22–28), ruling them through an evil hierarchy (Eph. 6:12). They are thought to be angels who fell with Satan (Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:7, 9), not to be confused with the fallen angels who are now bound (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6).

Demons are evil, unclean, vicious spirits who seek to possess the bodies of men (Matt. 10:1; Mark 5:1–13). Demon possession is clearly distinguished from disease in Scripture (Matt. 8:16; 10:1).

These wicked spirits can be cast out in Christ’s name (Acts 16:18).



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They oppose God's purposes (Dan. 10:10–14); afflict God's people (Luke 13:16; Matt. 17:15–18);

Execute Satan's purposes (Matt. 25:41; 12:26, 27);

Hinder the spiritual life of God's people (Eph. 6:12);

Try to deceive God's people (1 Sam. 28:7–20).

They know He will some day judge and condemn them (Matt. 8:29).

In the last days they will delude men into holding false doctrine (1 Tim. 4:1), and they will have a part in Armageddon (Rev. 16:13–16).



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He steals, kills, and destroys-John 10:10

He is opposed to God and seeks to alienate all men from God therefore he is a specially dangerous foe of Christians (Lk 8:33; 1 Cor 7:5; 1 Pt 5:8) who must steadfastly resist him and see through his cunning (2 Cor 2:11; Eph 6:11; Jas 4:7).

Satan works his evil will by tempting persons (Jn 13:2; Acts 5:3),

Tries to hinder God's workers (1 Thes 2:18),
by accusing Christians before God (Rv 12:10),
and by controlling the evil persons who resist the gospel, (Rv 2:9, 13 esp. the anti-Christ, 2 Thes 2:9; Rv 13:2).

Most importantly, however, the NT teaches us that this being who has been evil from the beginning (1 Jn 3:8) has now been bound and cast out of heaven through the ministry of Jesus (Lk 10:18; Rv 12).

While Satan is still a dangerous enemy, Jesus himself prays for us and has given us the powerful weapons of prayer, faith, and His blood.



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Satan can still cause physical illness when allowed by God (2 Cor 12:7)

People can be delivered over to him for chastening (1 Cor 5:5; 1 Tm 1:20), but that can be for our good in God's providence.

Satan's end is sure (Rom 16:20; Rv 20:10).



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IV. His Trickery:

SATAN IMITATES THE WORK of THE HOLY SPIRIT

He has many pseudo matches in Christianity:

False Teachers-2 Peter 2:1 (psudodidaskalos)

False Prophets-Matthew 24:11 (psudoprohatas)

False Christians-2 Cor. 11:26 (psudadelphos)

False Christ-Matthew 24:24 (pseudochristos)

False Church-Rev. 2:9;3:9

False Gospel-Gal. 1:6-9

False Angels-2 Cor. 11:14



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V. His Destiny

He is a Conquered Enemy.

That is, so far as the believer is concerned; John 12:31; 16:9, 10; 1 John 3:8; Col. 2:15.

He is Under a Perpetual Curse.

Gen. 3:14, cf. Isa. 65:25. There is no removal of the curse from Satan.

He is Finally to Be Cast Alive into the Lake of Fire, There to Be Tormented for Ever and Ever.

Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10-“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

