

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally please by both errors, and hail a materialist or magician with the same delight."

-*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

INTRO

Our world's understanding of Satan ranges from ridiculously silly to abstract symbolism. While some view him as a little red guy with horns who sits on your shoulder urging you to sin, others just see him as the personification of evil. But what does the Bible teach us about Satan?

QUESTION #1 WHO IS SATAN?

- Satan is a created being, an angel of the highest rank who rebelled against God.
"Created good, he is the archetypal instance of good gone wrong." J.I. Packer

The "Fall" of Satan: Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:12-18

- While these two passages are referring specifically to the kings of Babylon and Tyre, they also refer to the spiritual power behind those kings, specifically Satan. These passages describe WHY Satan fell but they do not tell us WHEN he fall occurred.

Jesus: "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" Lk 10:18

Satan is the personal name of the head of the d_____.

- He was first called _____, (Is 14:12) a word translated as "shining one", "morning star" (NIV) or "day star." (ESV).
- Ezekiel 28:14 appears to reference him as well, calling him the "anointed guardian cherub."

QUESTION #2 WHAT ARE THE NAMES OR TITLES GIVEN TO SATAN IN THE BIBLE AND WHAT DO THEY TEACH US?

In 2 Corinthians 4:4, Satan is called the "god of this world." He works to hide the Gospel of Christ from the minds of the unbelieving. He will do anything he can to keep people from knowing God. The various other names assigned to him reveal both his c_____ and his m_____.

TEN SIGNIFICANT NAMES FOR SATAN

1. _____ (Jn 8:44) is the Greek word diabolos meaning "the accuser, the slanderer." He makes false accusations against others, aiming to harm God, and lie to achieve his end.
2. _____ (Mt. 12:26) is a Hebrew word meaning "the adversary." He reigns over a kingdom of darkness organized in opposition to God. The fact that he is invisible and powerful greatly serves him in the pursuit of his cause. The idea that Satan is a

term for a “force” or generalized influence of evil—instead of a name of a specific living personality—is an unscriptural idea.

3. _____ (**Mt. 4:3**) describes the enemy’s manner of acting. He seeks to lead us into sin because he himself is a sinner. He tempts us by promising delights, earthly power, or a knowledge like that of God as rewards for disobeying God.
4. **Father of** _____ (**Jn. 8:44**) describes one of his many tactics. To accomplish his task of tempting us by promising us things, he lies. And he is not just a liar—he is father of lies.
5. **Lord of** _____ (**Heb. 2:14**) The enemy has the power of death because he can accuse sinful humans of their sins. Ultimately, God has authority over both death and life.
6. _____ (**Mk. 3:22,23**) ascribes to the enemy a name meaning “lord of the dunghill” or “lord of the flies” or “lord of the house” (house of demons)
7. _____ (**2 Cor. 6:15**) is a name which originally could be applied to any wicked person. The word itself means “worthlessness” or “worthless one.”
8. _____ **One** (**1 Jn. 2:13**) presents the picture of an enemy as one who is supreme doer of evil.
9. _____ **of This World** (**Jn 14:30**) Since the evil world system-according to the Bible—is in opposition to God, the enemy who is the leader of that opposition is given this title.
10. _____ **of the** _____ **of the** _____ (**Eph. 2:1-10**)
The enemy’s power, in our age, is operative in *all spheres*, i.e. everywhere.

QUESTION #3 WHAT ARE SOME PORTRAITS OR PICTURES OF THE DEVIL

- A. **S** _____: 2 Cor 11:3; Genesis 3; ancient serpent (Rev 20:2 > He deceives.
- B. **D** _____: Revelation 12: 3-4; 20:2 > He intimidates.
- C. Angel of L _____: 2 Cor. 11:4 > He deceives.
- D. Roaring Lion: 1 Peter 5: 8-9 > He intimidates.

QUESTION #4 WHAT ARE SATAN’S MOST IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS?

- A. **M** _____ and Liar: John 8:44 (the words of Jesus)
- B. **S** _____ from the beginning! 1 John 3:8
- C. **A** _____ of the saints! Revelation 12:10
- D. **P** _____! 1 Timothy 3:6

