

Demons are real...and they're here!

1. The Greek word for “DEMON” is “DAIMON,” which is translated: “*a demon, signified, among pagan Greeks, an inferior deity...In the New Testament it denotes an evil spirit*” (Remember, **Hebrews 1:14** says that angels are “*spirits.*”) *It is used in Matthew 8:31.*”

A. **Matthew 8:31** refers to the story of two demon possessed men that lived in a cemetery, among the tombs, screaming every night, cutting themselves with stones (**Mark 5:5**). Between the two of them, they had at least 2,000 demons in them (**Mark 5:13**), which gave them super-human strength (**Mark 5:3,4**). The spokesman of the two was called “*Legion*” (**Mark 5:9**). In **Matthew 8:29**, when Legion saw Jesus, he fell to his knees and shouted: “*What do you want with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?*” He was shouting this, because, according to **Mark 5:8**: “*Jesus was saying to him, ‘Come out of this man, you evil spirit (demon)!’*” Where did they think Jesus was sending them? **Luke 8:31** says: “*And they begged Him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.*” Why would they be so afraid Jesus was going to “*torture*” them in this “*Abyss?*” And before what “*appointed time?*”

(1) According to **Revelation 12:7-9**, there was a war in Heaven, and Satan and his supporting angels fought against God and His supporting angels. When Satan and his angels lost, they were thrown here to earth. According to the Jews (Book of Enoch), these wicked angels (that now, during Jesus’ day, were called by their Greek name, “*daimon*” or “*demons*”), had sexual relations with mortal women, and produced a race of giants called Nephilim (**Genesis 6:1-5**). These half demon, half human people became so wicked that God destroyed them all with the Flood, and threw these wicked angels or evil spirits or demons (Greek) into a place called **Tartarus (II Peter 2:4 & Jude 6)** to await Judgment. At this “*appointed time*” (according to Legion in **Matthew 8:29**), Christ will throw them “*into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels (demons)*” — **Matthew 25:41**.

2. “**DAIMONION,**” which translates: “*...the neuter of the adjective daimonios, pertaining to a demon...In Acts 17:18, it denotes an inferior pagan deity. Demons are the spiritual agents acting in all idolatry. The idol itself is nothing, but every idol has a demon associated with it who induces idolatry, with its worship and sacrifices, I Cor. 10:20,21; Rev. 9:20; Deut. 32:17; Isa. 13:21; 34:14; 65:3,11.*”

A. According to **Genesis 6:4**, after the Flood, wicked angels or demons, again had relations with mortal women; and they produced more **Nephilim** (half mortal or human and half immortal or demon). Could this be where ancient civilizations (like the Greeks) got their gods from (wicked immortal angels, or demons, or “*pagan deity*”) like Zeus? And how about their Hercules (half mortal and half immortal with super strength like Legion and the Nephilim)? Remember Goliath (**I Samuel 17:4-7**)?

B. Remember, the Greek word DAIMONION translates: “pagan deity,” and “Demons are the spiritual agents acting in all idolatry.”

(1) I Corinthians 10:20,21: “The sacrifices of pagans (like the Greeks) are offered to demons (wicked angels, or “pagan deity”), not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord (Communion) and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord’s table and the table of demons.”

C. DAIMONION demons also “...seek to seduce believers.”

(1) I Timothy 4:1-16: “The Spirit clearly says that in later times (which started on the Day of Pentecost according to **Acts 2:16,17**) some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron...(13) devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching...(16) Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

(2) Revelation 16:14: “...they are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs.”

(a) Remember Jesus’ warning in Matthew 7:21-23: “...many will say to Me on that Day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in your Name, and in your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me you evil doers.’”

(b) Luke 4:33 told of a demon-possessed man in the Church!

(3) Acts 16:16-18: “Once when we (Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke) were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit (demon) by which she predicted the future. She earned a lot of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, ‘These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.’ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit (demon), ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit (demon) left her.”

(a) II Corinthians 11:14 warns us that Satan will masquerade as an angel of light, and his servants as servants of righteousness.

(b) II Corinthians 2:11 warns us that Satan is trying to outwit us.

(c) So, Ephesians 4:27 says don’t give Satan a foothold!

(4) I Peter 5:8 warns us that the Devil is looking for Christians to destroy.

(5) But **James 4:7** tells us that if we submit ourselves to God and resist the Devil, he will flee from us!

(6) **Ephesians 6:11**: “Put on the full armor of God, so you can take your stand against the Devil’s schemes (trickery).”

B. Daimonion (demons) continues in it’s translation: “As seducing spirits they deceive men into the supposition that **through mediums** (those who have ‘familiar spirits,’ **Leviticus 20:6,27**) they can converse with deceased human beings. Hence the destructive deception of Spiritism (seances to contact the dead), is forbidden in Scripture, **Leviticus 19:31; Deuteronomy 18:11; Isaiah 8:19** (mediums were killed).”

(1) **Luke 16:19-21** Jesus tells the story of an evil man going to Hades, and while he was *in agony in the fire* (**verse 24**), he asked Abraham (who was on the other side of a “great chasm” that separated them, according to **verse 26**) to send someone from the dead to warn his brothers about “*this place of torment.*” In **verse 31** he was told: “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets (Old Testament), they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead (which Jesus would do).”

C. Daimonion demons “...tremble before God, **James. 2:19**; they recognized Christ as Lord and as their future Judge, **Matthew 8:29; Luke 4:41** (see #1). Christ cast them out of human beings by His own power. His disciples did so in His Name, **Matthew 17:20.**”

D. Daimonion demons, “Acting under Satan (**Revelation 16:13,14**), are permitted to afflict with bodily disease, **Luke 13:16, Matthew 17:14-18, Luke 11:14.**”

E. Daimonion demons “...tempt human beings with unclean thoughts, **Matthew 10:1; Mark 5:2; 7:25; Luke 8:27-29; Revelation 16:13; 18:2.**”

F. Daimonion demons “...differ in degrees of wickedness, **Matthew 12:45.**”

G. Daimonion demons “...will instigate the rulers of the nations at the end of this age to make war against God and His Christ, **Revelation 16:14.**”

3. “DAIMONIZOMAI,” which translates: “signifies to be possessed of a demon, to act under the control of a demon. Those who were thus afflicted expressed the mind and consciousness of the demon or demons indwelling them, **Luke 8:28** (see #1. A.— “Legion”).

A. “...The verb (demon-possessed) is found chiefly in **Matthew 4:24; 8:16,28,33; 9:32; 12:22; 15:22; Mark 1:32; 5:15,16,18; elsewhere in Luke 8:36 and John 10:21.**”

B. Demons are mentioned 71 times in the Bible. Why was demon possession so common?

- (1) Intense wickedness (refusing to keep God's commands in the Bible)
- (2) addiction to magic
- (3) addiction to sorcery (from the Greek word pharmakia, which is where we get our English word pharmacy, or drugs)
- (4) Satan is the god and ruler...and runs this world (*Luke 4:6, John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11, I John 5:19*)

4. Questions commonly asked about demons:

- (1) Are diseases and demons one in the same? Did these ignorant people call diseases they didn't understand "demons," or did they know the difference? *Matthew 10:8; 12:22; 4:24.*
- (2) Can demons cause diseases? *Matthew 17:14-18, Luke 11:14*
- (3) Do demons have desires? *Mark 5:10-17.*
- (4) Are demons violent? *Acts 19:13-16, Luke 8:27-33, Matthew 17:14-18, Luke 9:38-42.*
- (5) Can demons work miracles? *Revelation 16:14, Acts 16:16, Matthew 24:24; 12:39, II Thessalonians 2:9-11)*
- (6) Did demons take control of idols? *I Corinthians 10:20*
- (7) Did demons acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God? *Matthew 8:28,29; Luke 4:41*
- (8) How did demons know who Jesus was? *Isaiah 14:12-22, Revelation 12:7-9, John 1:1-3, Matthew 25:41.*
- (9) How did demons know the Apostles were from God? *Acts 16:17, Matthew 9:34, Acts 19:13-16*
- (10) Who are demons afraid of? *James 2:19*
- (11) Do Christians need to be afraid of demons? *James 4:7, Matthew 16:18*
- (12) Do non-Christians need to be afraid of demons? *Luke 12:5, James 1:15, Hebrews 2:14,15; I Peter 5:8*

- (13) Where are they? *II Kings 6:14-17, Hebrews 1:14, Ephesians 2:2; 6:11,12; Genesis 1:14, I Peter 5:8, Psalm 8:3,4, Jude 6,7; II Peter 2:4*
- (14) When a demon is cast out, can it return? *Matthew 12:43-45, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Luke 8:31, Romans 10:7*
- (15) Can a former Christian become demon possessed? *John 6:70,71; 13:2, Ephesians 4:27; 6:11, I Timothy 4:1; 3:6-7*
- (16) Once a person is demon possessed, can they escape? *II Timothy 2:26*
- (17) Are demons (evil spirits) ghosts? *Hebrews 1:14, Luke 20:35,36, Matthew 22:30, I Corinthians 15:35-54*
- (18) Can mediums talk to good and evil spirits in seances? *Leviticus 19:31; 20:6,7,27; Deuteronomy 18:11, I Samuel 28:5-19, I Chronicles 10:13,14, Luke 16:20-31, Matthew 17:1-9, Matthew 27:51-53*
- (19) Are demon possessed people easy to spot? *II Corinthians 2:11; 11:14-15, Luke 4:33*