

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF OUR ENEMY

I. SATAN'S PERSON

A. The Existence of Satan

1. The teaching of the Old Testament Scriptures (Gen.3; I Chron.21:1; Job 1,2; Isa.14; Ez.28; Zech.3)
2. The teaching of Christ in the New Testament (Matt.4,12,13,25; Mk.1,3,4; Lk.4,8,10,11,22; Jn.8,12,13,14,16)
3. The teaching of the Apostles in the New Testament (Rom.16; I Cor.2,5,7; II Cor.2,4,11,12; Eph.2,4,6; James 4; I Pet.5:8,9; I John 2; Jude 9; Rev.3, 9,12,20)

B. The Names and Titles of Satan

1. Satan (I Chron.21:1; Job 1:6; Zech.3:1; Matt.4:10; Matt.12:24,26; Mk.3:23; 4:15; Lk.4:8; 10:18; John 13:27; Acts 26:18; Rom.16:20; I Cor.5:5; I Cor.7:5; II Cor.2:11; 11:14; I Thess.2:18; II Thess.2:9; I Tim.3:6; Rev.2:9; 2:13,24; 3:9; 20:2; Matt.16:23, adversary)
2. Lucifer (daystar) son of morning (Isa.14:12)
3. Devil (Matt.4:1,5,11; Lk.8:12; 4:5-7; Jn.8:44; 13:2; Acts 13:10; Eph.4:27; 6:11; I Tim.3:7; II Tim.2:26; Heb.2:14; James 4:7; I Pet.5:8, Jude 9; Rev. 2:10; 12:9; 20:2; 20:10, slanderer)
4. The Tempter (Matt.4:3; I Thess.3:5)
5. Beelzebub -- Prince of Demons (Matt.12:24; Matt.12:27; Lk.11:18 - "Beelzebub")
6. The Wicked One (Matt.13:38; I John 2:13)
7. Prince of this World (Jn.12:31; 14:30; Eph.2:2; Jn.16:11; Eph.6:16; "Prince and Power of the air", 2:2)
8. Spirit of this Age (II Cor.4:4)
9. Spirit of this World (I Cor.2:12)
10. The Old Serpent (Rev.20:2; Rev. 12:9; II Cor.11:3, serpent)
11. Great Red Dragon (Rev.12:3; 12:9, with horns and tail; Rev.13:4, 20:2 - dragon)
12. Beast (Rev.13:5)
13. Belial (II Cor.6:15)
14. Son of Perdition (II Thess.2:3,4)
15. Appollyon (Rev.9:11 - King over the bottomless pit)
16. Wormwood (Rev.8:10)
17. Accuser of the Bretheren (Rev.12:10)
18. Angel of Light (II Cor.11:14)

C. The Personality of Satan

1. Personal pronouns are used of him
 - a. "He" (Matt.4:3; 12:24; John 8:44; Rev.12:9; Rev.12:12; 20:3)
 - b. "I" (Isa.14:13)
 - c. "Himself" (Matt.12:26 - divided against himself"; Lk.11:18; II Cor.11:14)
 - d. "Him" (II Tim.2:26; Rev.12:9; 20:3)
 - e. "His" (II Cor.2:11; 11:3)
 - f. "Whom" (I Pet.5:9)
2. He has attributes of personality
 - a. Intellectual
 1. II Cor.11:3 "the serpent beguiled Eve through craftiness"
 2. Isa.14:13 "I will (he planned an overthrow)
 3. Eph.6:11 "stand against the methods, stradegy of devil"
 - b. Emotional
 1. he expresses wrath, anger (Rev.12:12,17)
 - c. Will
 1. he has a will to exercise (II Tim.2:26)
 2. he is treated as a morally responsible person (Matt.25:41)

- 3. He performs functions of a person
 - a. speaks (Job 1:7; 2:4)
 - b. accuses (Rev.12:10)
 - c. tempts (Matt.4:1; Mk.1:13; I Thess.3:5)
 - d. resists God (Isa.14:13; Zech.3:2)
 - e. makes war (Eph.6:16; Rev.20:8)
 - f. has pride (Isa.14:13 - "I will ascend")
 - g. challenges (Matt.4:3; - "If thou be the Son of God"; Gen.3:1-"Hath God said?")
 - h. looks for trouble (Job 1:7 - "walking to and fro in the earth")
 - i. seeking (I Pet.5:8 - "whom he may devour")

D. The Nature of Satan

- 1. What is it
 - a. an angel of covering (Ezek.28:14)
 - b. an annointed cherub (Ezek.28:14)
 - c. prince and power of the air (Eph.2:2-a spirit)
- 2. Origin
 - a. created by God (Ezek.28:13 - "in music and beauty")
- 3. Rank
 - a. highest archangel (Jude 9 - however in subjection to angels their God-given authority)
 - b. prince of the air (Eph.2:2)
 - c. king of demons and of the bottomless pit (Rev.9:11)

II. MORAL CHARACTER OF SATAN

A. Originally

- 1. Full of wisdom (Ezek.28:12)
- 2. Perfect in beauty and his ways (Ezek.28:15)

B. His Desires (Isa.14:13-14)

- 1. To be higher in location - heaven
- 2. To be higher in position - throne above angels
- 3. To be higher in authority - control, gov't.
- 4. To be higher in substance - equality, possession
- 5. To be higher in glory - heights of clouds
- 6. To be worshipped - Matt.4:9
- 7. To be exalted over God - II Thess.2:9
- 8. To cause stumbling - Lk.22:31 - to sift Peter as wheat

C. Since the fall of Satan

- 1. Full of iniquity (Ezek.28:15)
- 2. Proud (Jn.8:44)
- 3. A murderer (Jn.8:44)
- 4. Full of pride (Ezek.28:17)
- 5. A liar (Jn.8:44)

III. WORK OF SATAN

A. Various works he performs

- 1. Enticed David to number the people (I Chron.21:1)
- 2. To destroy without cause (Job 2:3)
- 3. To afflict the righteous (Job 2:7)
- 4. To weaken the nations (Isa.14:12)
- 5. To resist (Zech.3:2)
- 6. To tempt, test (Matt.4:1; I Thess.3:5)
- 7. To snatch away the seed (word) in hearts (Matt.13:19; Mk.4:15)
- 8. To destroy (Lk.22:31)
- 9. To plant thoughts evil in hearts (Judas) (Jn.13:2)

- 10. To enter into people (Jn.13:27)
- 11. To cause people to lie (Acts 5:3)
- 12. To blind the minds of the unsaved (II Cor. 4:4)
- 13. To beguile the minds of believers (II Cor.11:3)
- 14. To buffet the minds of believers (II Cor.12:7)
- 15. To bend the minds of believers (II Cor.2:11)
- 16. To work in the sons of disobedience (Eph.2:2)
- 17. To hurl firey darts (Eph.6:16)
- 18. To chop up, hinder the Lord's work - our ministry (I Thess.2:18)
- 19. To use powers, signs, lying wonders (II Thess.2:9)
- 20. To take Christians captive by his will (II Tim.2:26)
- 21. To devour Christians (I Pet.5:8)
- 22. To dispute, strive, throw railing accusations (Jude 9)
- 23. To cast Christians into prison (Rev. 2:10)
- 24. To deceive the world (Rev.12:9) nations (20:3)
- 25. To accuse the brethren day and night (Rev.12:10)
- 26. To gather deceived nations up for battle (Rev.20:8)

B. His Powers

- 1. Over David - enticed him (I Chron.21:1)
- 2. Over Job - caused suffering (Job 2:7)
- 3. Over Peter - influenced him (Matt.16:23)
- 4. Over the nations (Isa.14:12)
- 5. Over the heart (Jn.13:2; Acts 5:3)
- 6. To tempt (Matt.4:6; Mk.1:13; I Cor.7:5; I Thess.3:5)
- 7. To possess kingdoms (Matt.4:9)
- 8. To command demon forces (Lk.11:15-18)
- 9. To hurt Christians (I Cor.5:5)
- 10. To control, possess key to bottomless pit (Rev.9:1)
- 11. To make signs and wonders - fakes (II Thess.2:9)
- 12. To rule (Rev.13:5)

C. Limitation upon his work

- 1. God made a hedge protecting around Job (Job 1:10)
- 2. Satan couldn't bring death (Job 2:6)

D. His Work in relation to ...

- 1. The world (unsaved)
 - a. to deceive (Rev.12:9; 20:3)
 - b. to beguile (II Cor.11:3)
 - c. to work in sons of disobedience (Eph.2:2)
 - d. to blind minds (II Cor.4:4)
 - e. to snatch away the seed (Mk.4:15; Matt.13:19)
 - f. to weaken the nations (Isa.14:12)
 - g. to promote ungodliness (Jn.13:2; Acts 5:3)
 - h. to enter into them (Jn.13:27)
- 2. The antichrist
 - a. to deceive (II Thess.2:9)
 - b. to rule the world (II Thess.2:9)
 - c. to use powers, signs and wonders (II Thess.2:9)
- 3.(a) The Christian - Satan's activity towards us
 - a. to infiltrate the church by sowing tares among them, phony Christians, counterfeiters (Matt.13:39)
 - b. to devour - adversary (I Pet.5:8)
 - c. to capture at his will (II Tim.2:26)
 - d. to cast some into prison (Rev.2:10)
 - e. "to sift Peter like wheat" destructive temptation (Lk.22:31)
 - f. to tempt us to lie (Acts 5:3)
 - g. to tempt us sexually (I Cor.7:5)

- h. to deceive and beguile, lead astray from truth (II Cor.11:3)
- i. to "buffet" believers with problems and afflictions (II Cor.12:7)
- j. to hurl "frey darts" of _____ at us (Eph.6:16)
- k. to hinder our plans (I Thess.2:18)
- l. to tempt believers to be discouraged and give up (I Thess.3:5; I Pet.5:6-10)
- m. to deceive the nations (Rev.20:10)
- n. to create doubt (Gen.3)
- o. to persecute the church (Rev.2:10) and Israel (Rev.12)
- p. to infiltrate the church with false teachers (I Tim.4; II Pet.2)
- q. to tempt us to sin (I Chron.21:1-7)
- r. to tempt us to lose faith in God (Lk.22:31-32; I Pet.5:8; Eph.6:16)
- s. to tempt us to be preoccupied with the world (I Jn.2:15; II Tim.4:10)
- t. to tempt us to be proud (I Tim.3:6)
- u. to sow discord among the church (Rev.12:10)
- 3.(b) The Christian's attitude toward Satan
 - a. don't give him a chance (Eph.4:27)
 - b. resist him (Js.4:7)
 - c. overcome him through Christ (I Jn.2:13; Rev.12:11)
 - d. be sober and vigilant (I Pet.5:9)

IV. HISTORY OF SATAN

A. His Career

- 1. What happened
 - a. he fell from heaven (Isa.14:12; Lk.10:18)
 - b. he was full of violence (Ezek. 28:16)
- 2. In the future
 - a. cast to the ground (Ezek. 28:17)
 - b. brought down to sheol (Isa.14:15)
 - c. bruised by God (Rom.16:20)
 - d. cast out of heaven (Rev.12:9)
- 3. In the Millenium
 - a. bound for 1000 years (Rev.20:2)

B. His Position

- 1. a murderer (Jn.8:44)
- 2. a liar (Jn.8:44)
- 3. the enemy of righteousness (Acts 13:10)
- 4. a king (Rev.9:11)
- 5. the God of this age (II Cor.4:4)
- 6. the prince of this world (Jn.12:31; Jn.14:30; Jn.16:11)
- 7. the prince of demons (Matt.12:24)
- 8. the prince and power of the air (Eph.2:2)

C. His Location

- 1. Original (past)
 - a. he was in heaven (Isa.14:12; Lk.10:18)
 - b. on the Holy Mount (Ezek.28:14)
 - c. in Eden (Ezek.28:13)
- 2. Present (location)
 - a. walks about the Earth (I Pet.5:8; Job 1:7; Rev.12:9,12)
- 3. Future (trib. Millen.)
 - a. bottomless pit (Rev.20:3)
 - b. to the sides of the pit (Isa.14:15)
- 4. Ultimate
 - a. in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone forever (Rev.20:10; Matt. 25:41)