

## **Know Your Enemy**

### **A. Where did he come from?**

#### **Genesis 1:1 (AMP)**

**1 In the beginning God created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.**

First, we should see that God was in the beginning, not Satan. Second, we should see that God made everything, not Satan. Third, we should see that God made Satan.

**Which is greater? The Creator or the creation???**

#### **Ezekiel 28:12-19 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**12 “Son of man, take up a dirge (funeral poem to be sung) for the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “You had the full measure of perfection and the finishing touch [of completeness], Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**

**13 “You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and your sockets, was in you. They were prepared on the day that you were created.**

**14 You were the anointed cherub who covers and protects, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire [sparkling jewels].**

**15 “You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness and evil were found in you.**

**16 “Through the abundance of your commerce you were internally filled with lawlessness and violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you out as a profane and unholy thing from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.**

**17 “Your heart was proud and arrogant because of your beauty; you destroyed your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.**

**I cast you to the ground; I lay you before kings, that they might look at you.**

**18 “You profaned your sanctuaries by the great quantity of your sins and the enormity of your guilt, by the unrighteousness of your trade. Therefore I have brought forth a fire from your midst; It has consumed you, And I have reduced you to ashes on the earth In the sight of all who look at you.19 “All the peoples (nations) who knew you Are appalled at you; You have come to a horrible and terrifying end And will forever cease to be.””**

Ezekiel speaks in this passage of the king of Tyrus. However, the passage has a double meaning. It describes the literal king of Tyrus, but also describes Satan.

God, the creator made (literally "set") Satan to be full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. He was complete. God also set him in the garden of Eden. This points back to Satan's origin.

**God covered him with every precious stone.** Actually this list is the same as for the stones on the apparel of the high priest with the exception of three stones.

The gold is specifically representative of kingly apparel. The Mercy Seat in the temple was made of pure gold. The idea of "workmanship" indicates that God made Satan for a specific service. Satan had tabrets (timbrels) and pipes (flute or horn) built into his body.

The idea of "prepared" indicates these were designed by God with a specific purpose. Satan was to use these to lead the heavenly hosts in worship of God. God designed music for the purpose of worship. Satan was Heaven's worship leader.

Satan was the anointed cherub that covered. The concept of "anointed" meant to be set apart for service unto God (see Exodus 30:26).

**This was the place set apart or exalted for God. Satan** was in the presence of God walking up and down in the middle of the stone of fire. What an awesome sight!

Satan was perfect in his ways, his thoughts and actions from his time God created him. Then iniquity was found in him. The word "iniquity" means perverseness.

Then God bluntly says that Satan has sinned. Note God's word, **"I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God."** God is still in control. God said, **"I will destroy thee."** Why? Satan began to look at his beauty and focus his attention on himself. Once he had seen from God's perspective (true wisdom), but now that wisdom has become darkened as he looks at himself.

### **Isaiah 14:12-14 (AMP)**

**12 "How you have fallen from heaven,  
O star of the morning [light-bringer], son of the dawn!  
You have been cut down to the ground,  
You who have weakened the nations [king of Babylon]!  
13 "But you said in your heart,  
'I will ascend to heaven;  
I will raise my throne above the stars of God;  
I will sit on the mount of assembly  
In the remote parts of the north.  
14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.'**

**Lucifer is the original name given to the devil.** The term "Lucifer" means the "shinning one". This is interesting because we can see that God created Lucifer (Satan) to reflect God's glory.

**There are five "I will's" listed.**

**This is the indication of pride, being boastful, and foolish.** Lucifer assumed authority in contrast to receiving God's delegated authority.

- 1. "I will ascend into heaven"** = he assumes to take the abode of God.
- 2. "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God"** = this may indicate taking authority over the angels (Job 38:7).
- 3. "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation"** = this may refer to the temple (Daniel 11:37, II Thessalonians 2:4).

**4. I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds (literally "cloud") = the cloud may be a covering of God (Exodus 13:21).

**5. I will** be like the most high = he assumed to take the place of God.

**Isaiah 14:15-17 (AMP)**

**15 "But [in fact] you will be brought down to Sheol,  
To the remote recesses of the pit (the region of the dead).**

**16 "Those who see you will gaze at you,  
They will consider you, saying,  
'Is this the man who made the earth tremble,  
Who shook kingdoms,**

**17 Who made the world like a wilderness  
And overthrew its cities,  
Who did not permit his prisoners to return home?'**

Who is the speaker? Who is still in control? It is God! God will bring judgment upon Satan. When Satan's judgment is revealed people will marvel, not at his power, but the deceptiveness in appearing to have power.

**B. What are his names?**

**Names for the Enemy**

**Abaddon** = so called (Hebrew : Destroyer) = **Revelation 9:11**

**Accuser of the brethren** = **Revelation 12:10**

**Adversary** = (one who stands against) **I Peter 5:8**

**Angel of the bottomless pit** = **Revelation 9:11**

**Antichrist** = (the one against Christ) **I John 4:3**

**Apollyon** = (Greek: Destroyer) = **Revelation 9:11**

**Beelzebul** = (god of the flies, dung god) **Matthew 12:24, Mark 3:22,  
Luke 11:15**

**Belial** = **II Corinthians 6:15**

**Devil** = (false accuser, devil, slanderer) **Matthew 4:1, Luke 4:2, 6,  
Revelation 20:2**

**Enemy** = **Matthew 13:39**

**Evil spirit** = **I Samuel 16:14**

**Father of all liars** (a liar) = **John 8:44**

**God (god) of this world** = **II Corinthians 4:4**

**Great red dragon = Revelation 12:3**  
**Lucifer = (Roman rendering of morning star) = Isaiah 14:12**  
**Man of sin = II Thessalonians 2:3**  
**Murderer = John 8:44**  
**Old serpent = Revelation, 12:9, Revelation 20:2**  
**Power of darkness = Colossians 1:13**  
**Prince of this world = John 12:31, John 14:30, John 16:11**  
**Prince of the power of the air = Ephesians 2:2**  
**Ruler of darkness = (understood as) = Ephesians 6:12**  
**Satan = (Hebrew = adversary, Greek = accuser) I Chronicles 21: 1, Job 1:6, John 13:27, Acts 5:3, Acts 26:18, Romans 16:20**  
**Serpent = Genesis 3:4, 14, II Corinthians 11:3**  
**Son of perdition = (destruction, ruin, waste, loss) = John 17:12**  
**Tempter = Matthew 4:3, I Thessalonians 3:5**  
**Thief = John 10:10**  
**Wicked one = Matthew 13:19, 38**  
**The unholy trinity is the devil, the beast, and the false prophet = Revelation 20:10**

### **C. What is his strategy?**

**"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil" (Ephesians 6:11).**

\*Notes: "**wiles**" = from two words: one meaning "**traveling over**", and the other meaning "**travesty**" = wile, **lie in wait** (to overcome). **He lies in wait to overcome us.**

**"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Corinthians 2:11).**

\*Notes: "**device**" = has to do "**a perception**", "**a purposed disposition**" = device, mind, thoughts. Satan tries to get control of our mind, our thoughts.

**"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy . . . ." (John 10:10).**

\*Notes: This is his purpose.

### **1. He blinds the minds of unbelievers.**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (AMP)**

**3 But even if our gospel is [in some sense] hidden [behind a veil], it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing; 4 among them the god of this world [Satan] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

### **2. He assaults believers to get them to fall from God's grace.**

**Ephesians 6:12 (AMP)**

**12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.**

Satan tries to get people to believe that they must work for their salvation even after they have committed their lives to Jesus and are saved.

**I know people who have come to believe that they must live up to a certain standard in order to keep their salvation. This is a trap. They will fall and when they fall, Satan lays a guilt trip on them, trying to keep them from returning to grace.**

### **3. He tempts men to sin.**

**Genesis 3:1-6**

**Genesis 3:1 (AMP)**

**The Fall of Man**

**3 Now the serpent was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made.**

New Testament word "**tempt**" means = "**to test, to assay, to entice, to temp, to try.**"

When a Believers sins, he destroys his witness. Satan wants to destroy the effectiveness of the Believer's witness.

#### **D. What are evil spirits?**

##### **General outline:**

- 1. They were created by God in that God created everything.**
- 2. They were with God as angels = Job 38:7 ("sons of God") = Angels.**
- 3. Fallen angels became evil spirits.**
  - a. Luke 10:18
  - b. Revelation 12:3-4
  - c. Revelation 12:7-9
- 4. The worse of the worse.**
  - a. Jude 6 = **They left their first estate** (as angels).
  - b. Genesis 6:4 = **They intermarried with women.**

##### **Analogy to flies.**

**BEELZEBUB (Jesus was accused to be possessed by the chief demon which was the "god of the flies).**

- 1. Flies are carriers of various diseases, some of which are deadly.**  
Demons also cause various diseases or infirmities
- 2. Flies fly in the air.**  
Satan is the prince of the powers of the air.
- 3. Flies show up right before a rain or change in the weather.**  
Demons appear to attack right at the point God is making a change.
- 4. Flies distract us and harass us.**  
Demons do the same.
- 5. Flies infect open wounds.**  
Demons do the same with emotional wounds.
- 6. Flies are attracted to that which is spoiled and refuse.**  
Demons are attracted to pornography and the unclean.
- 7. Flies are attracted to and spoil our food.**  
Demons come to kill, steal, and destroy.
- 8. Flies often bring the fear of harm.**  
Demons greatest tool is fear.
- 9. Flies bite us inflicting pain and sometimes causing bodily harm.**  
Demon may also bite and cause physical torment.

**10. Flies sometimes eat and kill plants intended for our food.**

Satan is described as the devourer.

**11. Flies find the smallest of openings and enter into our houses.**

Demons also find the small opening and enter into us.

**12. Flies often just buzz around us.**

Satan is described as a roaring lion.

### **Discerning of evil spirits**

#### **Job 4:12-21 The Message (MSG)**

**12-16 “A word came to me in secret—**

**a mere whisper of a word, but I heard it clearly.**

**It came in a scary dream one night,**

**after I had fallen into a deep, deep sleep.**

**Dread stared me in the face, and Terror.**

**I was scared to death—I shook from head to foot.**

**A spirit glided right in front of me—**

**the hair on my head stood on end.**

**I couldn’t tell what it was that appeared there—**

**a blur . . . and then I heard a muffled voice:**

**17-21 “How can mere mortals be more righteous than God?**

**How can humans be purer than their Creator?**

**Why, God doesn’t even trust his own servants,**

**doesn’t even cheer his angels,**

**So how much less these bodies composed of mud,**

**fragile as moths?**

**These bodies of ours are here today and gone tomorrow,**

**and no one even notices—gone without a trace.**

**When the tent stakes are ripped up, the tent collapses—**

**we die and are never the wiser for having lived.”**

Many people assume that the spirit that attacked Job was from God without testing the spirit. However, we are to test the spirits. Now looking at the spirit that came to the friend of Job, we find

**[1] the spirit appealed to his desire for special revelation (verse12).**

This is what the serpent did with Eve in the Garden when he said, "**You will become as gods, knowing good and evil.**"

**[2] The spirit came in the night, evidently the form of a nightmare (verse 13).**

**[3] The approach of the spirit was intimidation (verses 14-15).**

Fear is not God's approach to Believers. God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Whenever people were fearful of angels, the angels said, "Fear not."

**[4] There is an obscurity of the form (verse 16).**

We do not find obscurity in the appearance of angels in Scripture.

**[5] The message begins with an accusation.** Who is the accuser, but Satan?

**[6] Does God trust His servants (verse 18)?**

God often entrusted his Word to His angels. Why was this spirit so sensitive about God charging some of His angels with folly? This was one of the angels that rebelled with Satan. It is no wonder that this evil spirit was bitter and carried a grudge against God.

**[7] Does God trust man with anything (verse 19)?**

Yes! He has trusted His Church to carry His precious Gospel into all the world.

**[8] Is man destroyed without God caring about him (verse 20)?**

Look at the hopeless implications. God, however, keeps record of the sparrows that falls and the deaths of His saints are precious in His sight.

**[9] Is life upon this earth futile and without purpose as this spirit would have us believe (verse 21)?** The obvious answer is, "No!" We

have a purpose to serve the Lord. Furthermore, God works all things together for our good.

**Evil Spirits Listed In Scripture**

\* spirit of jealousy (Numbers 5:14), \* familiar spirit (I Samuel 28:7), \* a spirit (Job 4:15), \* spirit of deep sleep (Isaiah 29:10), \* spirit of whoredoms (Hosea 4:12), \* unclean spirit (Luke 8:29), \* spirit of infirmity (Luke 13:11), \* spirit of divination (Acts 16:16), \* spirit of bondage (Romans 8:15), \* enticing spirit (II Chronicles 18:20), \* spirit of devils (Revelation 16:14), \* spirits of false the prophets (I John 4:1), \* seducing spirits (I Timothy 4:1), \* evil spirits (Acts 19:13), \* angel of light (disguised as) (II Corinthians 11:14), \* the tormentors (Matthew 18:34), \* a devil (Ephesians 4:27, Luke 9:42), \* devils (Luke 11:20), \* god of forces (Daniel 11:38), \* prince of Persia (Daniel 10:13), \* spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7), \* spirit of antichrist (I John 4:3), \* spirit of error (I John 4:6), \* foul spirit (Revelation 18:2), \* prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2), \* another spirit (II Corinthians 11:4), \* spirit of the world (I Corinthians 2:12), \* unclean devil (Luke 4:33), \* dumb spirit (Mark 9:17), \* spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3), \* perverse spirit (Isaiah 19:14), \* spirit of travail and vexation (Ecclesiastes 4:6), \* a haughty spirit (Proverbs 16:18), \* hasty spirit (Proverbs 14:29), \* a lying spirit (II Chronicles 18:22).

## **E. What are his methods of attack?**

General Methods:

### **1. Enticement (curious arts)**

Acts 19:19, Leviticus 19:31, Deuteronomy 18:10-11

### **2. Oppression (outside attack) (to press against, down, under)**

Acts 10:38, Isaiah 52:4

### **3. Possession** (The term "demonized" is a proper N.T. translation) (mainly internal).

a. Unbelievers (II Corinthians 4:4) (ownership) Luke 8:26-40.

b. Believers (II Timothy 2:26) (degree of control) Acts 5:1-11, 8:13, 23.

(For Believers an evil spirit would only have access to the body and the soul = mind, will, and emotions, and not the spirit of man which is the new creation.)

## **Specific Methods:**

1. He uses surprise. Exodus 17:8 (descendants of Esau)
2. He attacks at the point of our weakness. I John 2:16
3. He attacks at the point of our strengths. I Chronicles. 21:1.
4. He uses aggression. I Peter 5:8 (Isaiah 5:29), Matthew 11:12.
5. He steals the good seed of the Word. Matthew 13:19.
6. He sows tares (the children of evil). Matthew 13:38-39.
7. He inflicts disease. Job 2:7, Luke 13:16.
8. He initiates death and destruction. Job 1:12-19.
9. He brings accusations against believers. Revelation 12:10
10. He induces mental and emotional disorders. Mark 5:1-6

F. What is his armor?

### **The Enemy's Armor:**

II Corinthians 11:14 (**appearance** = an angel of light).

**1. Darkness** = Ephesians 6:12, Luke 22:53

**2. Deception** = II Thessalonians 2:10, Psalm 10:7, Romans 3:13,  
(In psychology, some list as many as forty Defense Mechanisms which we use to keep from facing the truth)

**3. Intimidation** = I Samuel 17:4-11 (Goliath), Nehemiah 4:1-3

**4. Ignorance** = Hosea 4:6, Romans 10:3

**5. Confusion** = Acts 19:23-29 (I don't understand) (being confounded)

**6. Doubt** (questioning) = Genesis 3:1, Acts 12:14-15 (Don't you think ....)

**G. What are his weapons?**

### **The Enemy's Weapons:**

(in contrast to ours)

- 1. Lies (deception and confusion)** = Genesis 3:4, I Kings 13:18  
.....truth
- 2. Unrighteousness** (wrong thoughts) = II Thessalonians 2:10  
.....righteousness
- 3. Condemnation** (accusation) = Job 4:17-18, Nehemiah 6:6  
.....Gospel of peace
- 4. Fear** (worry, anxiety) = Job 4:14-15 .....faith
- 5. Destruction** = John 10:10, I Corinthians  
5:5.....salvation
- 6. Another word** (traditions, opinions, doctrines) Galatians 1:6-8  
.....Word of God
- 7. Detractions** (entertainment, addictions, laziness) = Judges 14:1-3  
.....Prayer

## **H. Where are the Open doors?**

### **Doors Leading To Strongholds**

- 1. The soul of man** (mind, will, and emotions) is like a house.  
Matthew 12:43-45.
- 2. The enemy is like a wild animal, crouched, ready to spring into an opening.**  
Genesis 4:7
- 3. A couple examples of the open doors are "anger" and "occult involvement".**

Unforgiveness, Witchcraft, Addictions, Selfishness, Bitterness, Idolatry, Greed, Hate, False religions, Pride, Revenge, Strife, Sexual sins, Rebellion, Cursing, Vanity, Generational Curses, Mental / emotional hurts.

### **Ephesians 4:26-27 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**26 Be angry [at sin—at immorality, at injustice, at ungodly behavior], yet do not sin; do not let your anger [cause you shame, nor allow it to] last until the sun goes down. 27 And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness].**

## **1. Anger is a God-given emotion.**

### **Matthew 18:34-35 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**34 And in wrath his master turned him over to the torturers (jailers) until he paid all that he owed. 35 My heavenly Father will also do the same to [every one of] you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."**

1. Unforgiveness opens the door to evil spirits.
2. Evil spirits are described here as the "tormentors".
3. God is described as "the king" (Matthew 18:21-35) who is willing to forgive us.
4. However, when we don't fully accept the grace of forgiveness, we hold unforgiveness toward others.
5. When we hold unforgiveness toward our fellow man, God turns us over to the tormentors (evil spirits) to harass, control, and hurt us.
6. Unforgiveness may lead to bitterness, rage, revenge, guilt, depression, and even to suicide. (misery loves company).

## **Any kind of occult involvement opens the door**

### **Leviticus 19:31 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**31 'Do not turn to mediums [who pretend to consult the dead] or to spiritists [who have spirits of divination]; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.**

## **I. What is his power?**

### **Satan's Power and Destination**

#### **1. Satan's power is limited. (example of praying the hedge).**

- a. He is limited in his power of destruction. Job 1:9-12
- b. He is limited in his ability to bring temptations. I Corinthians 10:13

#### **2. Satan's power is real.**

- a. He beguiled Eve. II Corinthians 11:3
- b. He uses magical powers. Exodus 7:11-12
- c. He empowered a witch to bring forth a spirit. I Samuel 28:12-20
- d. He wars against the angels of God. Daniel 10:13

## **J. What is his destination?**

1. He is restrained until the removal of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

**II Thessalonians 2:7-11.**

2. He is to enter a man and deceive the world. **II Thessalonians 2:3-6.**

3. He comes to the earth with fury as he knows his time is short.

**Revelation 12:9-12.**

4. He is given power to war with the tribulation saints.

**Revelation 13:7.**

5. He has power to cause people to worship the beast.

**Revelation 13:12-15.**

6. He is bound for a thousand years, then loosed for a season.

**Revelation 20:1-9.**

7. He is cast into the lake of fire.

**a. Matthew 25:41**

**b. Revelation 20:10**