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Satanic/Demonic Attacks Before Christ

Ephesians 6:10–13



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK & WARFARE OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 6:10, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

With whom then is the ultimate struggle?

1. The Devil

2. “Principalities”

3. “Powers”

4. “Rulers of the darkness of this age”

5. “Spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenlies”

Who is this “devil,” also known as Satan, the adversary?



**The Rebellion
Begins
Ezekiel 28:11–19
Isaiah 14:12–14**

**Ezek. 28:17, “Your heart was lifted
up because of your beauty;
You corrupted your wisdom for the
sake of your splendor;
I cast you to the ground,
I laid you before kings, that they
might gaze at you.”**

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Literally, to be high;
lifted up, exalted,
also means to be
proud, arrogant,
haughty.**

**Ezek. 28:13, “ ‘ “ ‘You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz,
and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise,
and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels
and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.**

**Ezek. 28:14, “ ‘ “ ‘You were the anointed cherub who covers;
I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.**

**Ezek. 28:15, “ ‘ “ ‘You were perfect in your ways from the day
you were created, till iniquity was found in you.’ ” ’ ”**

Isa. 14:12, “How you are fallen from heaven, O shining one, son of the dawn! [*Helel ben Shachar*] How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!”

- 1. The first statement is that this creature has fallen from Heaven.**
- 2. This taunt is taken up at the time of this creature being sent to the lowest part of Sheol, “the lowest depths of the pit.” (Isa. 14:15)**

What the Bible Teaches About

**Your Adversary,
the Devil
1 Peter 5:8**



Introduction

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Who are the angels?

How many are there?

What do they look like?

What are their powers?

Can we see them?

What about people who think angels appeared to them?

Are there good and bad angels?

When were angels created?

When did Satan fall?

Who are the fallen angels, the demons, and the evil spirits and what can they do to us?

And finally, what does human history have to do with the angels, if anything?

How can we KNOW anything about angels?

Apart from God's revelation, can we on the basis of reason and logic alone, reason our way to the existence of angels?

What about our experiences, or those of others? Can we form an accurate understanding of the existence, nature, and purpose of angels and spirit beings, apart from any input from the Word of God?

The Basis of Knowledge

Divine Viewpoint	Autonomous Systems of Perception		
	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
	RATIONALISM (human reason alone)	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM (human experiences alone)	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM (intuitive insights or inner feelings, impressions alone)	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
	REVELATION God's Word, the Bible, alone	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

What the Bible Teaches About

Satan's Attacks in the Old Testament:



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Satan the Tempter

Matt. 4:1, “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

Matt. 4:2, “And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.”

Matt. 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’ ”

Satan the Serpent of old

2 Cor. 11:3, “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”

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Rev. 12:9, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Rev. 12:14, “But the woman [represents Israel] was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Rev. 12:15, “So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.”

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**Rev. 20:2, “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old,
who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand
years;”**

Gen. 3:1, “Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’”

Gen. 3:2, “And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3, “but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” [NKJV]

Gen. 3:4, “Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.

Gen 3:5, “ ‘For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

Gen. 3:6, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” [NKJV]

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Gen. 6:4, “There were giants [*nephilim*] on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”

Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7, “And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’

Job 2:1, “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

Job 2:2, “And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ ” [NKJV]

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“habitation or dwelling place”

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Jude 7, “just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around **them [feminine plural], since **they** [the cities] in the same way as **these** [masculine plural *angels*] indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.”**

2 Peter 2:4, “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell [tartarus] and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

2 Peter 2:5, “and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

1 Peter 3:19, “in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,

1 Peter 3:20, “who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.”

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

**ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM**

“PARADISE”

**Old Testament
Believers**

**To third
heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4**

**Impassable
Barrier**

TORMENTS

**Unbelievers
from all
dispensations**

TARTARUS

**Spirits in “chains
of darkness”**

ABYSS

HADES/SHEOL

PARADISE

Moved to heaven
2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7

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Lev. 17:7, “They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.”

Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.”

2 Chron. 11:15, “Then he [Jereboam I] appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made.”

Psa. 106:37, “They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,”

This is the roots of antisemitism: the strategy of the devil to destroy the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to prevent God from fulfilling His covenant with them.

- a. 1730–1445 BC: Israel under Egyptian bondage (Ex. 1–14).**
- b. 1445 BC: Amalek at Rephidim (Ex. 17:8–13).**
- c. 1406 BC Amorites at Jahaz (Num. 21:21–30).**
- d. 1406 BC Bashan at Edrei (Num. 21:33–35).**
- e. 1406 BC Balak and Balaam (Num. 22–25).**

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4. Satan attacks Job

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Job 1:8, “Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’

Job 1:9, “So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing?’ ”

Job 1:12, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.’ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.”

What we have learned:

- 1. Satan and the demons have targeted the human race since our creation to use us in a vain attempt to prove Satan's ability to govern God's creation.**
- 2. All of the horrors of crime, war, rebellions, murders, terrorism, famines, natural disasters, etc. demonstrate their inability to rule God's creation.**
- 3. God punishes evil in His own time.**
- 4. Satan and the demons have great powers but can only use them under God's authority.**

What we have learned:

- 5. Satan can influence people through ideas, thoughts, false religions and philosophies, natural disasters, and physical ailments.**
- 6. Whatever the source, the solution is the Word of God and rightly applying the Word of God.**

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