



# Spiritual Warfare – Who is Satan?

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1. The invisible war started in Heaven with an **angel named Lucifer** who was originally a beautiful angel created by God and was part of the Kingdom of God. (**Lucifer** is a Latin name for the planet [Venus](#) in its morning appearances)
2. **Lucifer** decided he wanted to take over God's Kingdom.
3. A group of angels joined Lucifer (now called Satan) in this rebellion. Lucifer and the rebellious angels were cast out of Heaven by God. They formed their own kingdom on earth.
4. Lucifer became known as Satan and the angels which followed him in rebellion as demons. Demon spirits can enter, torment, control, and use humans who belong to Satan's Kingdom. They motivate evil acts done by people.
5. Although Jesus defeated Satan, Satan is trying to keep Christians captive in sin through deceptive methods by convincing Christians they are still under his control, even though they are not. It's critical we "reckon" this fact (Rom 6).
6. The battle will continue until the great final conflict on the Return of Christ.

# Satan Before Being Cast Out

## Ezekiel 28:12-17

- 12 “... the **king of Tyre**... ‘Thus says the Lord God:  
• “*You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*  
13 *You were in Eden*, the garden of God; Every precious stone *was your covering*:...  
**The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes**  
Was prepared for you on the day you were created.
- 14 “*You were the anointed cherub*... **I established you**;...
- 15 *You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created*, Till iniquity was found in you.
- 16 “By the abundance of your trading **You became filled with violence** within, And **you sinned**; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you...
- 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,.

• Satan was created by God Perfect

• Satan’s Primary Gift is **MUSICAL !!**

• Satan’s Primary Sin was **PRIDE**

# Satan Wanted to Be God

## Isaiah 14:12-14

• <sup>12</sup> “How you have fallen from heaven,  
O star of the morning (LUCIFER in KJV),  
son of the dawn! You have been cut down  
to the earth, You who have weakened the  
nations!

<sup>13</sup> “**But you said in your heart,  
‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my  
throne above the stars of God,**  
And I will sit on the mount of assembly  
In the recesses of the north.

<sup>14</sup> ‘I will ascend above the heights of the  
clouds; **I will make myself like (equal  
to)the Most High.’**

• Satan Has Always  
Wanted to be Like  
God and Rule the  
Heavens.

• Biggest Lie Satan  
tells is that You  
can be Like God,  
or that you  
already are  
divine.

• Satan was motivated by **PERSONAL AMBITION & PRIDE**  
– Christians should be motivated by a Passion for Souls

# Satan Was Cast Out of Heaven

## • Revelation 12:7-10

- <sup>7</sup> And **war broke out in heaven**: Michael and his **angels fought with the dragon**; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for **the accuser of our brethren**, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

• Satan is a Fallen Angel, called:

- **Dragon**
- **Serpent of Old**
- **Devil**

• Satan is called:

- **DECEIVER**
- **ACCUSER** of Brethren

# Parable of Wheat & Tares

- **Matthew 13:24-30, 37-39**

- <sup>37</sup> He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> **The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.** <sup>39</sup> **The enemy who sowed them is the devil,** the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

- Satan is the **Enemy!**

- Satan **Sabotages** the farmers crop by sowing unbelievers who claim to know God, but don't.

- We should still “be separate” from False believers and false prophets but not to work to destroy them, since it's difficult to tell the wheat from the tares, and we may injure new believers (wheat) in the process.

# In Context of the Great Commission

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1. **The Parable of the Wheat & Tares** picture the warfare between the two kingdoms with the battle centering on the **redemptive purposes of God**.
2. Learning spiritual warfare prepares you to not only fight individual battles, but to fight for the souls of men and women by proclaiming the Gospel.
3. This is why authority over Satan was given to the disciples before they were sent out to share the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20)
4. Satan and his hosts of demons will war against you as you seek to win people to Christ and bring them under the Kingdom of God.
5. Employing Scriptural strategies of spiritual warfare helps you challenge the principalities and powers who rule over individual human lives, societies, and areas of the world.

# Satan Summary

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1. **Satan** is mentioned **54 times** in the Bible, the **Devil** is mentioned **35 times** in NT only.
2. **Satan means ADVERSARY, ENEMY who seeks our destruction. He is also called:**
  - Devil means ACCUSER, SLANDERER
  - Serpent (Serpent of Old)
  - Dragon
3. **Characteristics of the Devil so far:**
  - Cunning & Deceptive
  - Liar
  - Casts doubt on God's Word
  - Appeals to the Lust of the Flesh, Eyes and Pride
  - Offers the promise of Knowledge
  - Offers the promise to be like God
  - Works his deception through MUSIC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ns8827y06ug> – Th Unseen Spiritual World Summary – 5 Min.