

Satan: Adversary (II)

I. Questions

1. Is Satan Lucifer? (Is.14:12)

- No.
 - Context (Isaiah 13-14): Babylon.
 - Isaiah 14:4, proverb against king of Babylon
 - Isaiah 14:14-16, ‘...is this the man...?’

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 - Reveal God's word, Hb.2:2
 - Minister to believers, Hb.1:13-14 (Mt.18:10)
 - Rejoice (with God) over salvation, Lk.15:10
 - Take God's people to paradise, Lk.16:22
 - Protect God's people, 2 K.6:17 (Ac.12:11)

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You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

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For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment ... 2 Pt.2:4

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And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day ... Jd.6

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Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

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⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 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 – Rv.12

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¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it – Col.2

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⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure – 2 Cor.12

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Satan rules his angels, Mt.25:41

- Lk.10:17-20, links satan with demons (if they fall, he falls). (Rv.12:9)
- Lk.11:15, Pharisees charge: 'by Beelzebub'
 - 18: consequence of charge; satan divided
 - 20: Jesus offers very different kingdom
- Lk.13:10-16, demoniacs were satan's servants. Ac.10:38

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- 1 Tim.4:1-3
 - Deceiving spirits: opposite of Holy Spirit (1 Jn.4:1,6; 1 K.22:22)
 - Teaching of demons (Ja.3:15)

3. Why did God create satan, knowing he would turn evil?

- Those who blame God for satan are the same ones who DEMAND the right to use their own free will to sin against God even when it hurts other people
 - God: expelled from public schools
 - People demand right to do what they wish with their body... (1 Co.6)

3. Why did God create satan, knowing he would turn evil?

- If God is wrong for giving us free will, then quit using yours
- If you insist on using yours, quit criticizing God for giving us free will
- It is inconsistent to demand free will for self but deny it to others

4. Why does satan want others lost? (Even the rich man did better)

- Satan is pure evil
- Rich man was not totally depraved
- Rich man loved his brothers enough to spare them from his chosen destiny

5. Why does God allow satan to continue his destructive ways?

- Our free will allows us to resist / defeat satan, Ja.4:7
- Question: why does God allow you to continue in your sin?
- Satan will get what is coming to him...along with his followers. Hb.2:14; Rv.20.

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II. Some Find Fault
With God

In tragedies, people blame God

1. This is not strange.

a. Num.21:5...

b. Mt.27:39-40

2. This is not safe. Mk.3:28-30.

3. This is not sound. Ro.11:33-36

Romans 11:33-36, infinite greatness

33, depth of riches / wisdom / knowledge of God / unsearchable . . .

34, < Isa.40:13 – how could we counsel God?

35, < Job 41:11 – how could we put God in our debt?

36, study in prepositions –

- Of Him – source.
- Through Him – means, instrument.
- To Him – goal, purpose.

To reject God is a sin of infinite magnitude

- Every good thing is because of His goodness.
- How to evaluate His greatest gift (Jn.3:16)?

‘I cannot grasp thy mind, but with my whole heart I trust thy love. Thy will be done!’