

Demonology Part 2 (Aug 6, 2014)

The Serpent

-- How he first appeared to mankind in Genesis 3:1.

2Corinthians 11:3 – But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

Revelation 12:9 -- And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

-- this name indicates his craftiness.

Rev. 20:1-3 -- Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

(He is also the deceiver of the whole world)

The Great Red Dragon

Revelation 12:1-3 – A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the

woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

Rev. 12:7-12 -- And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brethren** has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”

(He is also the accuser of the brethren)

The Tempter

Matthew 4:3 – And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

1Thessalonians 3:5 – For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain.

1Corinthians 7:5 -- Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Ruler of this World

John 12:31 -- "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

John 14:30 -- "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;

John 16:8-11 -- "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

The God of this World

2Corinthians 4:3-4 -- And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Prince of the power of the air

Ephesians 2:1-2 -- And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, [2](#)in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of **the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience**.

(The spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience)

Beelzebub - Lord of the flies, the chief of demons

Luke 11:15 -- But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

Matt 10:25 -- "It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household!

Belial – worthlessness or wickedness

2Corinthians 6:15 -- Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

Father of lies

John 8:44 - "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Your enemy (adversary)

1Peter 5:8 -- Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Satan is a created being and therefore is not eternal or self-existent. He serves God's purpose. In Revelation 20 we read that he is cast into the lake of fire, which means that God could judge him whenever He wanted to. The fact that he is still around is evidence that he serves God's purpose.