

# **SATAN THE DEVIL**

***“...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:8***



***“Someone in the trench said, “THE DEVIL’S COMING!””***

– German soldier, September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916, the battle of the Somme

## **Introduction – “The Devil’s Coming!”**

Tanks were first used in action at the battle of the Somme<sup>1</sup> on September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916, by the British against the Germans. A German soldier spoke of his shock at the sight of the metal monsters.

*“One stared and stared as if one had lost the power of one’s limbs. The monsters approached, slowly, hobbling, rolling and swaying but they approached. Nothing impeded them. A supernatural force seemed to impel them on. Someone in the trench said, “The Devil’s coming!” and the word was passed along the line like wildfire.”*

Only Satan the Devil was terrible enough for these men to voice their fear. They were not wrong. God says of the Devil in Job 41:9 ***“shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?”*** Yes, one would be. So the Christian should know about the Devil as Paul warns in 2 Corinthians 2:11 ***“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*** The answers to some key questions should help believers not to be ignorant of Satan and his devices.

## **The Devil – Who is He?**

Satan the Devil is the Christian’s main enemy as 1 Peter 5:8 calls him ***“your adversary the devil:”*** Satan is the Devil as Revelation 12:9 says ***“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan.”*** Those terms reveal the Devil as he is now<sup>2</sup>. He is ***“the great dragon,” “a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”*** Revelation 12:3. He is ***“that old serpent”*** of Genesis 3:1 and ***“leviathan”*** of Job 41:1-34 ***“a king over all the children of pride”*** and so he has ***“seven crowns upon his heads.”*** That’s why ‘gay pride’ [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gay\\_pride](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gay_pride) is among ***“the works of the devil”*** 1 John 3:8. Isaiah 27:1 says he is ***“leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent...the dragon that is in the sea,” “the sea”*** being ***“the waters...above the firmament”*** Genesis 1:7. ***“The sea”*** is Satan’s main domain now, though he isn’t confined there. Satan was ***“Lucifer, son of the morning”*** Isaiah 14:12 and ***“the anointed cherub...perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God”*** God said in Ezekiel 28:14-16 and He did.

The Devil is a *created* being but *not* a fallen angel, he's a cast-out cherub, so only four cherubs are around the throne in Ezekiel 1:10, Revelation 4:6-7. The fifth cherub representing the aquatic and reptile creatures is missing. That's Lucifer. Ezekiel 1:10, 10:14 show that the essential face of a cherub is that of an ox, so the Devil is shown with split hooves, horns and a serpentine tail.

2 Corinthians 11:14 warns however that **"Satan...is transformed into an angel of light"**, having been Lucifer, *Lux-fero* or light bearer. Eve was not **"cast down...at the sight of him"** in Genesis 3:2 because she didn't see him as he really is. Only **"the holy scriptures"** 2 Timothy 3:15 do.

### **The Devil – What Does He Do?**

**"The devil...deceiveth the whole world"** Revelation 12:9. He does so by *questioning* what God said, subtly *changing* what God said and luring the deceived **"taken captive by him at his will"** 2 Timothy 2:26 to *doubt* and then *depart* from what God said so that **"they that are unlearned and unstable wrest...the...scriptures, unto their own destruction"** 2 Peter 3:16.

Genesis 3:1 states **"the serpent...said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"** The question is pitched with a positive **"Yea"** contrary to God's ten-fold negative **"Thou shalt not"** Exodus 20:4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 in the Ten Commandments against **"wicked ways"** and **"corrupt doings"** Ezekiel 20:44 and as though doubting God is itself **"to be desired to make one wise"** Genesis 3:6 instead of damnable because doubt **"is not of faith"** Romans 14:23. The Devil then says **"Ye"** plural instead of **"thou"** singular which is what God *actually* said because **"the man and his wife...shall be one flesh"** Genesis 2:24-25. Genesis 3:2-3 show that **"the woman being deceived was in the transgression"** 1 Timothy 2:14. She used the plural **"We"** and **"Ye"** showing the Devil had driven a wedge between her and her husband that ends in a separation between man and God Who **"drove out the man...from the garden of Eden"** Genesis 3:23-24. The modern feminist<sup>3</sup> movement, **"sin in the flesh"** Romans 8:3 and the **"many, which corrupt the word of God"** 2 Corinthians 2:17 all start in Genesis 3:1-3 and all are satanic. The purpose of the Devil's deceit is death. He achieved it in Eden.

That is why Paul states **"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"** Romans 5:12.

### **The Devil – What is His Fate?**

**"...the devil...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever"** Revelation 20:10. **"Amen; Alleluia"** Revelation 19:4.

### **The Devil – What Can Defeat Him?**

James 4:7 states **"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** Submission to God means submission to all that God said. *Refusal* to submit to God led to defeat in Eden but *willingness* to submit to God gained the Lord *victory over the Devil in the wilderness*. **"And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God"** Luke 4:4. Luke 4:13 warns **"And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season"** but the Lord drove him off that time and He did each time. So can the Christian. The reason is that the Devil must do what God tells him.

Note Job 1:12, 2:7 **"So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD"** and the contexts where Satan is permitted to afflict Job. He does exactly what God tells him and no more. Noting that the Devil is **"a king over all the children of pride"** Job 41:34, note Psalm 105:14-15 **"He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."** Every Christian is God's anointed. **"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God"** 2 Corinthians 1:21. *The Devil must still obey the command "Touch not mine anointed."* Use it, and defeat the Devil.

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