

## *SATAN*

### 1. Questions.

- a. Does Satan actually exist?
- b. What does Satan look like?
- c. What is Satan doing now?
- d. Can a person be indwelt by Satan?
- e. Can we legitimately say, “The devil made me do it?”
- f. What is Satan’s end game?
- g. How concerned should we be about Satan?

### 2. Popular Culture.

- a. John Milton, *Paradise Lost*.
- b. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *Faust*.
- c. Charles Baudelaire.
- d. Gustave Flaubert, *The Temptation of St. Anthony*.
- e. Honore de Balzac, *The Fatal Skin*.
- f. C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*.
- g. Black Sabbath.
- h. Rolling Stones, “Sympathy to the Devil.”
- i. The Eagles, “Hotel California.”

### 3. Existence.

- a. Claim.
  - (1) Satan is a mere personification of evil.
  - (2) The idea of “Satan” developed among Jews as a result of Persian influence.
  - (3) Jesus was accommodating his first century Jewish audience.
- b. Problem.
  - (1) How can we win a war if we don’t even believe in the adversary?
    - (a) “The Devil’s cleverest wile is to make men believe that he does not exist.”<sup>1</sup>
    - (b) “To deny Satan’s reality is to expose ourselves even more to his attacks.”<sup>2</sup>
  - (2) “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and then feel and excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”<sup>3</sup>
- c. Reality.
  - (1) Satan is not just a personification of evil. He is a real person.
  - (2) Satan did not evolve as a personal being. He exists and acts from Job and Genesis to Revelation.
  - (3) Every New Testament writer affirms Satan’s reality and activity.
  - (4) Jesus speaks of Satan 25 times in the gospels and is not merely accommodating the crowds.

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Baudelaire.

<sup>2</sup> John Stott.

<sup>3</sup> C. S. Lewis.

- (a) **Mt 13:39** 39 ...And the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
- (b) **Lk 10:18** 18 And he said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
- (c) **Lk 11:18** 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.
- (5) If Satan does not exist, Jesus came for no reason.
  - (a) **Heb 2:14-15** 14 Because therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
  - (b) **1 Jn 3:8** 8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

#### 4. Personhood.

- a. Satan is a creature.
  - (1) **Eze 28:13-15** 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle. And crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were *created* they were prepared. 14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you. You were on the holy mountain of God. In the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were *created*, till unrighteousness was found in you.
  - (2) Satan's existence depends solely on God. He is not self-existent, as in dualism.
- b. Satan is a fallen angel, a spirit being.
  - (1) **Eze 28:14** 14 You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you. You were on the holy mountain of God. In the midst of the stones of fire you walked.
  - (2) **2 Co 11:13-14** 13 Such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Messiah. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
  - (3) **Eph 2:2** 1 You were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.
- c. Satan possesses the traits of personality.
  - (1) Intellect.
    - (a) **Ge 3:1** 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that Yahweh God had made.
    - (b) **Mt 4:3** 3 And the tempter came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.
  - (2) Language.
    - (a) **Ge 3:1-5** 1 [The serpent] said to the woman, Did God actually say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden? 2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 But the serpent said to the woman, You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

- (b) **Job 1:7-12** 7 Yahweh said to Satan, From where have you come? Satan answered Yahweh and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it. 8 And Yahweh said to Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? 9 Then Satan answered Yahweh and said, Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face. 12 And Yahweh said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand. So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh.
- (c) **Mt 4:3-11** 3 And the tempter came and said to [Jesus], If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. 4 But he answered, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you, and On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said to him, Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me. 10 Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.
- (3) Emotion.
- (a) **Re 12:12** 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!
- (b) **Re 12:17** 17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.
- (4) Will.
- (a) **Is 14:13-15** 13 You [Satan] said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven. Above the stars of God I will set my throne on high. I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north. 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will make myself like the Most High. 15 But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.
- (b) **Lk 22:31-32** 31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I [Jesus] have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
- (5) Moral responsibility.
- (a) **Mt 25:41** 41 Then [the King] will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

## 5. Abilities.

- a. Satan is very swift, but not omnipresent.
  - (1) **Job 1:6-12** 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them. 7 Yahweh said to Satan, From where have you come? Satan answered Yahweh and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.
- b. Satan is very intelligent, but not omniscient.
  - (1) **Ge 3:1** 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that Yahweh God had made.
- c. Satan is very powerful, but not omnipotent.
  - (1) **1 Jn 5:19** 19 ... The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.
- d. Implications.
  - (1) We must not underestimate Satan.
    - (a) “He is a powerful, intelligent, clever creature, and we must never forget or underestimate the reality of our enemy.”<sup>4</sup>
  - (2) We also must not overestimate him.
    - (a) Satan is powerful, but he’s not as powerful as he wants us to believe.
    - (b) “Even the devil is God’s devil.”<sup>5</sup>
    - (c) “Satan...is the opposite, not of God, but of Michael.”<sup>6</sup>
  - (3) Satan can do nothing outside of God’s permission. He must absolutely hate that!
    - (a) **Job 1:12** 12 And Yahweh said to *Satan*, Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand. So *Satan* went out from the presence of Yahweh.<sup>7</sup>
    - (b) **Lk 22:31-32** 31 Simon, Simon, behold, *Satan* demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
    - (c) Satan’s time is limited. His clock is ticking.
      - 1) **Ro 16:20** 20 The God of peace will soon crush *Satan* under your feet.

## 6. 13 Titles.

- a. The ancient serpent (ὁ ὄφις ὁ ἀρχαῖος).
  - (1) **Ge 3:1** 1 Now the *serpent* was more crafty than any other beast of the field that Yahweh God had made.
  - (2) **2 Co 11:3** 3 But I [Paul] am afraid that as the *serpent* deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Messiah.
  - (3) **Re 12:9** 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that *ancient serpent* (ὁ ὄφις ὁ ἀρχαῖος), who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- b. Satan (ἄδης, σατάν) (52x) means “adversary, opponent, enemy.”

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<sup>4</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 160.

<sup>5</sup> Martin Luther.

<sup>6</sup> C. S. Lewis [d. 1963], *Screwtape Letters* (1959).

<sup>7</sup> This passage does not teach the Calvinistic view of God’s sovereignty. Satan is acting as a free will agent, which God permits. God is not controlling Satan’s thoughts.

- (1) **1 Ch 21:1** 1 Then *Satan* stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.
  - (2) **Job 1:6** 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh, and *Satan* also came among them.
  - (3) **Zec 3:1-2** 1 Then [the angel] showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and *Satan* standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And Yahweh said to *Satan*, Yahweh rebuke you, O *Satan*! Yahweh who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this [Joshua] a brand plucked from the fire?
  - (4) **Mt 4:10** 10 Then Jesus said to [the devil], Be gone, *Satan*! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.
  - (5) **Mk 4:15** 15 And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown. When they hear, *Satan* immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.
  - (6) **2 Co 11:14** 14 And no wonder, for even *Satan* disguises himself as an angel of light.
  - (7) **Re 12:7-12** 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and *Satan*, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- c. The devil (ὁ διάβολος) (35x) means “slanderer.”
- (1) **Mt 4:1** 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by *the devil*.
  - (2) **Lk 8:12** 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then *the devil* comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.
  - (3) **Eph 4:27** 27 Give no opportunity to *the devil*.
  - (4) **Re 12:9** 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called *the devil* and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
  - (5) **Re 20:1-3** 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is *the devil* and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years....
- d. The evil one (ὁ πονηρὸς).
- (1) **Mt 6:13** 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from *the evil one* (τοῦ πονηροῦ).
  - (2) **Mt 13:19** 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, *the evil one* (ὁ πονηρὸς) comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.
  - (3) **Jn 17:15** 15 I do not ask that you take [my disciples] out of the world, but that you keep them from *the evil one* (τοῦ πονηροῦ).
  - (4) **2 Th 3:3** 3 The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against *the evil one* (ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ).
  - (5) **1 Jn 5:18-19** 18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and *the evil one* (ὁ πονηρὸς) does not touch him. 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in [the power of] *the evil one* (ἐν τῷ πονηρῷ).
- e. The tempter (ὁ πειράζων).

- (1) **Mt 4:3** 3 And the *tempter* (ὁ πειράζων) came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.
  - (2) **1 Th 3:5** 5 For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow *the tempter* (ὁ πειράζων) had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.
- f. The enemy (ὁ ἐχθρὸς).
- (1) **Mt 13:24-28** 24 He put another parable before them saying, The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his *enemy* came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? 28 He said to them, An *enemy* has done this.
  - (2) **1 Ti 5:14-15** 14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give *the adversary* (τῷ ἀντικειμένῳ) no occasion for slander. 15 For some have already strayed after *Satan*.
- g. The father of lies.
- (1) **Jn 8:44** 44 When [the devil] lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
- h. The ruler of this world (ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου).
- (1) **Jn 12:31-33** 31 Now is the judgment of this world. Now will *the ruler of this world* be cast out. 32 And I [Jesus], when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.
  - (2) **Jn 16:11** 11 ...Concerning judgment, because *the ruler of this world* (ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου) is judged.
  - (3) **2 Co 4:3-4** 3 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case *the god of this age* (ὁ θεὸς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of God.
  - (4) **Eph 2:1-2** 1 You were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following *the prince of the power of the air* (τὸν ἄρχοντα τῆς ἐξουσίας τοῦ ἀέρος), the spirit (τοῦ πνεύματος) that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.
- i. The accuser (ὁ κατήγορ).
- (1) **Re 12:10** 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah have come, for *the accuser* (ὁ κατήγορ) of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.
- j. The great red dragon (δράκων μέγας πυρρὸς).
- (1) **Re 12:3-9** 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a *great red dragon* (δράκων μέγας πυρρὸς), with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. 7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And *the dragon* and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And *the great dragon* was

thrown down, that *ancient serpent*, who is called *the devil* and *Satan*, *the deceiver* of the whole world (ὁ πλανῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην ὅλην)—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- (2) **Re 20:2-3** 2 And he seized *the dragon*, that *ancient serpent*, who is *the devil* and *Satan*, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended.

k. קִי-בֶן-שָׁחַר/Lucifer means “shining one, son of the morning.”

- (1) **Is 14:12-15** 12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn (לְיָלֵד קִי-בֶן-שָׁחַר/ὁ ἑωσφόρος ὁ πρωὶ ἀνατέλλων)! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

- (2) “**LUCIFER** (Lat. ‘light-bearer’). This was the Lat. name for the planet Venus, the brightest object in the sky apart from the sun and moon, appearing sometimes as the evening, sometimes as the morning, star. In Is. 14:12 it is the translation of *hēlēl* (‘shining one’: lxx *heōsphoros*, ‘light-bearer’; cf. the Arabic for Venus, *zuhratun*, ‘the bright shining one’), and is applied tauntingly as a title for the king of Babylon, who in his glory and pomp had set himself among the gods. This name is appropriate, as the civilization of Babylon began in the grey dawn of history, and had strong astrological connections. Babylonians and Assyrians personified the morning star as Belit and *Ištar*. Some have considered that the phrase ‘son of the morning’ might refer to the crescent moon; cf. Gray in *ICC*, *ad loc.*; others (e.g. S. H. Langdon, *ExpT* 42, 1930–1, pp. 172ff.) argue for an identification with the planet Jupiter. The similarity of the description here with that of such passages as Lk. 10:18 and Rev. 9:1 (cf. 12:9) has led to the application of the title to Satan. The true claimant to this title is shown in Rev. 22:16 to be the Lord Jesus Christ in his ascended glory.”<sup>8</sup>

- (a) **Lk 10:18** 18 And [Jesus] said to [his disciples], I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
- (b) **Re 9:1** 1 And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.
- (c) **Re 22:16** 16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

l. Beelzebul (Βεελζεβούλ)?

- (1) **Lk 11:15** 15 But some of them said, He [Jesus] casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons (Βεελζεβούλ τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων)....

- (a) “**Beelzebul**, orig. a Philistine deity; the name בְּעַל זְבוּל means *Baal* (lord) of *flies* (4 Km 1:2, 6; Sym. transcribes βεελζεβούβ; Vulgate Beelzebub; TestSol freq. Βεελζεβούλ,-βουέλ). Whether בְּעַל זְבוּל (=lord of filth?) represents an intentional change or merely careless pronunciation cannot be determined w. certainty. For various derivations from Ugaritic and various periods of

<sup>8</sup> D. H. Wheaton, “[Lucifer](#),” ed. D. R. W. Wood et al., *New Bible Dictionary* (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996), 702-703.

Hebrew, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, see IDB s.v. ‘Beelzebul’. In NT B. is prince of hostile spirits....”<sup>9</sup>

m. Beliar (Βελιάρ)?

(1) **2 Co 6:15** 15 What accord has Messiah with Beliar (Βελιάρ)?

(a) “בְּלִיעַל ‘worthlessness’; ...name for the devil (e.g. TestReub 2; 4; 6; TestSol 1:2, 5 D; AscIs; Jubil. 15, 33; CD 4:13 al. and oft. in 1QM and 1QH). The Antichrist, too, is given this name (TestDan 5; SibOr 2, 167; 3, 63; 73; perh. also AscIs 4:2 [not pap]).”<sup>10</sup>

## 7. Origin.

a. Like everything else in the universe, Satan was created.

(1) **Jn 1:3** 3 All things were made through [Jesus], and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(2) **Col 1:16** 16 For by [Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

b. Like all other angels, Satan was created before Ge 1:3.

(1) **Ge 1:1-3** 1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

(a) After Satan’s fall and expulsion from the third heaven, he retreated to earth with one third of the angels and tried to set up a rival kingdom. God judged this earthly kingdom, and it became formless and void. Then God recreated the earth with man as his viceroy.

(2) **Job 38:4-7** 4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the *morning stars* sang together and all the *sons of God* [good angels] shouted for joy?

c. Eze 28:11-19 speaks about both the king of Tyre and Satan.

(1) The historic king of Tyre was a tool of Satan, possibly indwelt by him. In describing this king, Ezekiel also gives us glimpses of the superhuman creature, Satan, who was using him.<sup>11</sup>

d. Characteristics. Satan had unparalleled:

(1) Wisdom and beauty.

(a) **Eze 28:12** 12 Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord Yahweh: You were the signet/seal keeper (חַתָּם) of perfection, full of wisdom (הַכְּמָה) and perfect (תְּמִילִי) in beauty (יָפִי).

(2) Habitation.

<sup>9</sup> William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 173.

<sup>10</sup> William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 173.

<sup>11</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 162.

- (a) **Eze 28:13** 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God.
- (3) Covering.
  - (a) **Eze 28:13** Every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle. And crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.
- (4) Function.
  - (a) **Eze 28:12** 12 ... You were the signet/seal keeper (חתם) of perfection....
  - (b) **Eze 28:14** 14 You were an *anointed guardian cherub*. I placed you. You were on the holy mountain of God. In the midst of the stones of fire you walked.
  - (c) Satan was the chief guardian of God's holiness and majesty.<sup>12</sup>
- (5) Moral Innocence.
  - (a) **Eze 28:15** 15 You were blameless (תָּמִים) in your ways from the day you were created....
- e. Summary.
  - (1) "In every way Satan was the epitome of God's Creation. He awoke in the first moment of his existence in the full-orbed beauty and power of his exalted position; surrounded by all the magnificence which God gave him. He saw himself as above all the hosts in power, wisdom, and beauty. Only at the throne of God itself did he see more than he himself possessed, and it is possible that even that was in some sense not fully visible to the eyes of the creature. ... Before his fall he may be said to have occupied the role of prime minister for God, ruling possibly over the universe but certainly over this world."<sup>13</sup>

## 8. Fall.

- a. Moment.
  - (1) **Eze 28:15-16** 15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness (עֲוֹנוֹתַי) was found in you. 16 In the abundance of your trade (תְּרֻמָּתֶיךָ) you were filled with violence (חַמָּס) in your midst, and you sinned (אָחַת).
  - (a) Eze 28:15-16 are the only verses in the Bible that exactly state the origin of sin.
  - (2) **Eze 28:17** 17 Your heart (לֵב) was proud (גְּבוּהָ) because of your beauty (יָפִי). You corrupted your wisdom (חֵכְמָה) for the sake of your beaming splendour (יִפְעָה).
  - (a) From beauty, splendour, and wisdom to pride and corruption.
  - (3) **Eze 28:18** 18 By the multitude of your iniquities (עֲוֹנוֹתֶיךָ), in the dishonesty (שֶׁקֶר) of your trade, you profaned your sanctuaries (מִקְדָּשֵׁי).
    - (a) Just as the king of Tyre engaged in dishonest trade, so did Satan.
- b. Result.
  - (1) **Eze 28:16** 16 So I [Yahweh] cast you as a profane thing (חֵלָל) from the mountain of God (מִן־הַר אֱלֹהִים), and I led you to ruin (אֲבָדָה), *guardian cherub*, from the midst of the stones of fire [past].

<sup>12</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 162.

<sup>13</sup> Donald Grey Barnhouse, *The Invisible War* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1965), 26-27.

- (a) **Lk 10:17-18** 17 The seventy-two returned with joy saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name! 18 And he said to them, I saw *Satan* fall like lightning from heaven.
- (b) **Jn 12:31-33** 31 Now is the judgment of this world. Now will *the ruler of this world* be cast out. 32 And I [Jesus], when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.
- (2) **Eze 28:17** 17 I cast you to the earth (רָגַלְתִּי). I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you [future].
  - (a) **Re 12:7-12** 7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And *the dragon* and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And *the great dragon* was thrown down, that *ancient serpent*, who is called *the devil* and *Satan*, *the deceiver* of the whole world (ὁ πλανῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην ὅλην) —he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- (3) **Eze 28:18** So I brought fire (שָׂרַף) out from your midst. It consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you. You have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever [future].
  - (a) **Ro 16:20** 20 The God of peace will soon crush *Satan* under your feet.
  - (b) **Re 20:10** 10 ...And *the devil* who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- c. Theology.
  - (1) Satan's fall/original sin was included in God's eternal plan.
  - (2) However, God is not responsible for Satan's fall/original sin.
    - (a) See *Problem of Evil*.
  - (3) God created the angels, including Satan, as free will creatures.
    - (a) "[S]in originated in an act of free will in which the creature deliberately, responsibly, and with adequate understanding of the issues chose to corrupt the holy character of godliness with which God had endowed His creation."<sup>14</sup>
  - (4) Summary.
    - (a) "Sin was found in Satan; yet he was created perfect. God is not the blameworthy cause of Satan's sin; yet it was included in His plan."<sup>15</sup>

## 9. Character. Satan is:

- a. Proud, ambitious, self-centred, and conceited.
  - (1) **Eze 28:17** 17 Your heart (לֵב) was proud (גָּבַהּ) because of your beauty (יָפִי). You corrupted your wisdom (חָכְמָה) for the sake of your beaming splendour (הִנְחָלִי).
  - (2) **Is 14:12-15** 13 You said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven. Above the stars [angels] of God I will set my throne on high. I will sit on the mount of assembly

<sup>14</sup> J. Oliver Buswell, "The Origin and Nature of Sin," *Basic Christian Doctrines*, Carl F. H. Henry, ed. (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1962), 107-9.

<sup>15</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 164.

in the far reaches of the north. 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will make myself like the Most High (יִלְךְּ־עַל־הַשָּׁמַיִם).

(a) Satan's five "I wills" are key to understanding his character.

- (3) **1 Ti 3:6** 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of *the devil*.
- (4) **Ja 3:14-15** 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, *demonic*.
- (5) "Did you ever notice the devil is just one person, whereas God is three? The devil is one because he is exclusively self-centered. It is his absolute self-centredness that makes him absolutely evil."<sup>16</sup>
- (6) Satan doesn't care about us. He doesn't care about our welfare. He has no interest in our spiritual well-being.

b. Evil.

- (1) Mt 6:13; Jn 17:15; 2 Co 6:15; 1 Jn 3:18; 5:19

c. Cunning.

- (1) **Ge 3:1-5** 1 Now the *serpent* was more crafty than any other beast of the field that Yahweh God had made.
- (2) **2 Co 11:3** 3 But I am afraid that as the *serpent* deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Messiah.
- (3) **2 Co 11:13-15** 13 Such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Messiah. 14 And no wonder, for even *Satan* disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.
- (4) **Eph 6:11-12** 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of *the devil*.

d. Opportunistic.

- (1) **Lk 4:13** 13 And when *the devil* had ended every temptation, he departed from [Jesus] until an opportune time.
- (2) **1 Co 7:5** 5 Do not deprive one another [of sex], except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you [husband and wife] may devote yourselves to prayer. But then come together again, so that *Satan* may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
- (3) **1 Ti 5:14-15** 14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary (τῷ ἀντικειμένῳ) no occasion for slander. 15 For some have already strayed after *Satan*.

(a) "Idle hands are the devil's playground."

- (4) **1 Pe 5:8** 8 Be sober-minded. Be watchful. Your adversary (ὁ ἀντίδικος)<sup>17</sup> *the devil* prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

e. Deceitful.

- (1) Ge 3:1-5, 13-15

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<sup>16</sup> Ellis Potter, *3 Theories of Everything*, 63.

<sup>17</sup> "[O]ne who brings a charge in a lawsuit, *accuser, plaintiff*...; one who is continuously antagonistic to another, *enemy, opponent*" (BDAG, 88).

- (2) **Jn 8:44** 44 You [Jewish leaders] are of your father *the devil*, and your desire is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies
- (3) 2 Co 11:3; 2 Th 2:9-10; Re 12:7-13; Re 20:1-3
- f. Violent, murderous.
- (1) **Jn 8:44** 44 You [Jewish leaders] are of your father *the devil*, and your desire is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning....
- (2) **1 Jn 3:12** 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of *the evil one* and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.
- (3) **Re 12:4** 4 [The dragon's] tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And *the dragon* stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.
- (4) **Re 12:12** 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for *the devil* has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!
- (5) **Re 12:17** 17 Then *the dragon* became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring....

## 10. Strategy.

- a. Satan's original goal was to replace God as ruler of the universe.
- (1) **Is 14:13-14** 13 You [Satan] said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven. Above the stars [angels] of God I will set my throne on high. I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north. 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will make myself like the Most High (יִשְׁׁלֵׁל?).
- b. When that failed, he convinced one third of the angels to set up a rebel kingdom on earth.
- (1) **Re 12:3-4** 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a *great red dragon*, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.
- c. This rebel kingdom was destroyed by God, and the earth became formless and void.
- (1) **Ge 1:2** 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
- d. After God recreated the earth and installed man as his viceroy, Satan successfully tempted the man and woman and became ruler of this world.
- e. Hearing God say the seed of the woman, a Messiah, would bruise his head, his objective now became to stop the seed of the woman.
- (1) **Ge 3:13-15** 13 ...Yahweh God said to the woman, What is this that you have done? The woman said, The *serpent* deceived me, and I ate. 14 Yahweh God said to the *serpent*, Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field. On your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel. 16 To the woman he said, I will greatly increase your sadness in

conception. In sorrow you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your man [Messiah], and he shall rule over you.

- (2) Since Ge 3.15, Satan's concentration has been fixed on the line of Messiah.
  - (3) "Satan doesn't care if we are rich or successful. He wants us to have some other hope other than the Messiah, the Seed of the Woman."<sup>18</sup>
- f. In the past, Satan was behind:
- (1) Cain's murder of Abel ([ ]).
  - (2) The sons of god taking the daughters of men as wives (Ge 6:1-5).
  - (3) The extreme wickedness of man before the flood (Ge 6:[ ]).
  - (4) The tower of Babel ([ ]).
  - (5) The ending of Judah's line (Ge 38).
  - (6) The ending of Israel's line (Ex 1:15).
  - (7) The ending of David and his line.
    - (a) Saul's attempts to kill David ([ ]).
      - 1) When God reveals more specifics on the line of Messiah, Satan's attacks become more focused.
    - (b) David's sins.
      - 1) **1 Ch 21:1** 1 Then *Satan* stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.
    - (c) Trouble in David's own household ([ ]).
    - (d) Solomon's fall ([ ]).
  - (8) The killing of all male children born in Bethlehem ([ ]).
    - (a) **Mt 2:16** 16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.
  - (9) Stopping Jesus by:
    - 1) Note: there is no doubt Satan knew who Jesus was.
    - (b) Tempting him.
      - 1) **Mt 4:1-11** 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the *devil*. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the *tempter* (ὁ πειράζων) came....
      - 2) **Lk 4:13** 13 And when *the devil* had ended every temptation, he departed from [Jesus] until an opportune time.
    - (c) Convincing him to avoid the cross.
      - 1) **Mt 16:21-23** 21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him saying, Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you. 23 But he turned and said to Peter, Get behind me, *Satan!* You [Peter] are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.
    - (d) Killing him.

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<sup>18</sup> Dr. Charles Baylis, Dallas Theological Seminary.

- 1) **Lk 22:3** 3 *Satan* entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.
- 2) **Jn 13:2** 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to deliver him....
- 3) **Jn 13:27** 27 Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into [Judas]. Jesus said to him, What you are going to do, do quickly.
  - a) Satan wanted Jesus killed, but not in the way Jesus actually died.
  - b) God didn't want to reveal his entire game plan to his adversary. He revealed just enough for us to be able to look back and confirm, but too little for Satan to be able to figure out his plan ahead of time (Is 52:13-53:12; Da 9:24-27).
  - c) Judas' remorse may have to do more with the fact he (and Satan) now realised they had lost.
    - (1) **Mt 27:3-5** 3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4 He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." 5 Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.
- g. Satan now tries to stop the church.
  - (1) See below.
- h. In future, Satan will try to:
  - (1) Take over the world through the antimessiah.
    - (a) **2 Th 2:6-8** 6 And you know what is now restraining him [the Holy Spirit], so that he may be revealed when his time comes. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed....
  - (2) Eliminate Israel and all other believers.
    - (a) **Re 12:4-6** 4 And *the dragon* stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. 5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, 6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.
    - (b) **Re 12:13-17** 13 And when *the dragon* saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. 14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from *the serpent* into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. 15 *The serpent* poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. 16 But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that *the dragon* had poured from his mouth. 17 Then *the dragon* became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.
  - (3) Form a worldwide kingdom.

(a) Re 17-18

## 11. Tactics.

- (1) **Eph 6:11-12** 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of *the devil*. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- (2) Satan doesn't mind if we don't know we're following him. He's happy to lurk in the shadows.
- b. Blind unbelievers.
  - (1) **2 Co 4:3-4** 3 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case *the god of this age* (ὁ θεὸς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Messiah, who is the image of God.
  - (2) Unbelievers have capacity to be prideful or humble at the moment of God-consciousness. But they do not have the capacity to understand the gospel message or to believe in Jesus without the Spirit's illumination.
- c. Enslave through fear.
  - (1) **He 2:14-15** 14 Because therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death (τὸν τὸ κράτος ἔχοντα τοῦ θανάτου), that is, *the devil*, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.
- d. Snatch away the gospel message from peoples' hearts.
  - (1) **Mt 13:19** 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, *the evil one* (ὁ πονηρὸς) comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.
  - (2) **Mk 4:15** 15 And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown. When they hear, *Satan* immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.
  - (3) **Lk 8:12** 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then *the devil* comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.
- e. Deceive.
  - (1) **Re 20:2-3** 2 And [Michael] seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not *deceive* the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended.
  - (2) **Re 20:7-8** 7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will come out to *deceive* the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle.
- f. Counterfeit.
  - (a) "A counterfeit is as like the genuine as possible, only without some vital feature."<sup>19</sup>
  - (2) Counterfeit trinity.

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<sup>19</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 168.

- (a) Satan himself is the counterfeit of Father.
- 1) **Mt 13:38-39** 38 The weeds are the sons of *the evil one*, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is *the devil*.
  - 2) **Re 13:4** 4 And they worshiped *the dragon*, for he had given his authority to the beast....
- (b) The antimessiah is the counterfeit Son.
- 1) **2 Th 2:4** 4 He [the antimessiah] opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.
  - 2) **2 Th 2:9** 9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power, false signs, and wonders....
  - 3) **Re 13:1-4** 1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ...2 And to it *the dragon* gave his power, his throne, and great authority. 3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marvelled as they followed the beast. 4 And they worshiped *the dragon*, for he had given his authority to the beast....
- (c) The false prophet is the counterfeit Holy Spirit.
- (3) Counterfeit doctrine.
- (a) **1 Ti 4:1** 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons....
  - (b) **Re 2:24** 24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of *Satan* (τὰ βαθέα τοῦ σατανᾶ), to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden.
- (4) Counterfeit signs and wonders.
- (a) **Ex 7:10-12** 10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as Yahweh commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. 12 For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.
  - (b) **Ex 7:20-22** 20 Moses and Aaron did as Yahweh commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. 21 And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. 22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts.
  - (c) **Ex 8:6-7** 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. 7 But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.
  - (d) **Ex 8:17-19** 17 Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. 18 The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and

beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God. But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as Yahweh had said.

- (e) **2 Th 2:9** 9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power, false signs, and wonders....

**Revelation 16:13-16** 13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the *dragon*, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ... 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

- (5) Counterfeit religion.  
(6) Counterfeit apostles, prophets, and teachers.  
(a) **2 Co 11:13-15** 13 Such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Messiah. 14 And no wonder, for even *Satan* disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.  
(7) Counterfeit kingdom.  
(a) **Col 1:13** 13 [God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son....  
(b) Satan would form a "good" global government independent of God, if he could. He would love to usher in a golden age without God.

g. Tempt.

- (1) **Ge 3:1-5** 1 Now the *serpent* was more crafty than any other beast of the field that Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, Did God actually say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden? 2 And the woman said to the *serpent*, We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. 4 But the *serpent* said to the woman, You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.  
(2) **Mt 4:1-3** 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the *devil*. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the *tempter* (ὁ πειράζων) came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.  
(3) **Ac 5:3** 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why has *Satan* filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?  
(4) **1 Co 7:5** 5 Do not deprive one another [of sex], except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you [husband and wife] may devote yourselves to prayer. But then come together again, so that *Satan* may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.  
(5) **1 Th 3:5** 5 For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow *the tempter* (ὁ πειράζων) had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.  
(6) Satan finds out our areas of weakness, then tries to exploit it.

## h. Accuse.

- (1) **Job 1:9-11** 9 Then *Satan* answered Yahweh and said, Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.
- (2) **Job 2:4-5** 4 Then *Satan* answered Yahweh and said, Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.
- (3) **Re 12:10** 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah have come, for *the accuser* of our brothers has been thrown down, who *accuses* them day and night before our God.
- (4) **1 Jn 2:1-2** 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Messiah the Righteous one.
- (5) What is Satan saying to God about you?

## i. Influence or dominate believers.

- (1) **1 Ch 21:1** 1 Then *Satan* stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.
- (2) **Lk 22:31-32** 31 Simon, Simon, behold, *Satan* demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
- (3) **1 Co 5:5** 5 You are to hand over (*παραδίδωμι*, pres.) [for discipline] this man [probably a believer] to *Satan* for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.
- (4) **2 Co 2:10-11** 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Messiah, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by *Satan*, for we are not ignorant of his designs.
- (5) **1 Ti 5:14-15** 14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give *the adversary* (*τῷ ἀντικειμένῳ*) no occasion for slander. 15 For some have already strayed after *Satan*.
  - (a) “Idol hands are the devil’s playground.”

## j. Plant weeds in the church.

- (1) **Mt 13:38-39** 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of *the evil one*, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is *the devil*.

## k. Cause disunity in the church.

- (1) **2 Co 2:10-11** 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Messiah, 11 so that we would not be outwitted by *Satan*, for we are not ignorant of his designs.

## l. Hinder.

- (1) **1 Th 2:17-18** 17 But because we were torn away from you, brothers and sisters, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavoured the more eagerly and

with great desire to see you face to face, 18 because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us.

m. Cause illness and disease.

- (1) **Job 2:6-7** 6 And Yahweh said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand. Only spare his life. 7 So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
- (2) **Lk 13:11-16** 11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ... 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?
- (3) **2 Co 12:7-9** 7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

n. Imprison believers.

- (1) **Re 2:10** 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

o. Kill and destroy.

- (1) **Job 1:11-12** 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face. 12 And Yahweh said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand. So Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh.<sup>20</sup>
- (2) **Jn 10:10** 10 The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.
- (3) **1 Pe 5:8-9** 8 Be sober-minded. Be watchful. Your adversary (ὁ ἀντίδικος)<sup>21</sup> the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- (4) **Re 16:13-16** 13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. 14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ... 16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

p. Summary.

- (1) Satan's activity is not caused or directed by God, but it is allowed by God.
- (2) Satan adapts his tactics to suit the person and the occasion.
- (3) Satan has observed many others in situations in which we may find ourselves, and he can predict with a high degree of accuracy what will best defeat us.<sup>22</sup>
- (4) "[Satan] will do whatever he has to in order to promote his plans and programs successfully. Remember too that he is powerful, he is experienced, and he has a

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<sup>20</sup> This passage does not teach the Calvinistic view of God's sovereignty. Satan is acting as a free will agent, which God permits. God is not controlling Satan's thoughts.

<sup>21</sup> "[O]ne who brings a charge in a lawsuit, *accuser, plaintiff*...; one who is continuously antagonistic to another, *enemy, opponent*" (BDAG, 88).

<sup>22</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 166.

host of demons to help him. Therefore, the believer can successfully fight him only in the strength and power of God who dwells within him.”<sup>23</sup>

- (5) Satan is okay for us to be healthy, wealthy, and wise if we abandon God in the process.

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<sup>23</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, 171.

## 12. Defense Against.

- a. Abide in Jesus.
  - (1) **1 Jn 5:18-19** 18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and *the evil one* (ὁ πονηρὸς) does not touch him. 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in [the power of] *the evil one* (ἐν τῷ πονηρῷ).
- b. Pray regularly for deliverance.
  - (1) **Mt 6:13** 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from *the evil one* (τοῦ πονηροῦ).
- c. Give him no opportunity.
  - (1) **Eph 4:27** 27 Give no opportunity to *the devil*.
  - (2) **1 Ti 5:14-15** 14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give *the adversary* (τῷ ἀντικειμένῳ) no occasion for slander. 15 For some have already strayed after *Satan*.
- d. Resist.
  - (1) **Eph 6:11-12** 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of *the devil*. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
  - (2) **Jas 4:7** 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist *the devil*, and he will flee from you.
  - (3) **1 Pe 5:8-9** 8 Be sober-minded. Be watchful. Your adversary (ὁ ἀντίδικος)<sup>24</sup> *the devil* prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.
- e. Come to your senses.
  - (1) **2 Ti 2:25-26** 25 ...Correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them a change of mind leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of *the devil*, after being captured by him to do his desire.
- f. Ask for prayer from others.
  - (1) **Lk 22:31-32** 31 Simon, Simon, behold, *Satan* demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
- g. Ask God to rebuke Satan.
  - (1) **Zec 3:1-2** 1 Then [the angel] showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and *Satan* standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And Yahweh said to *Satan*, Yahweh rebuke you, *Satan*! Yahweh who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this [Joshua] a brand plucked from the fire?
  - (2) **Jud 8-9** 8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with *the devil*, was disputing about the body of

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<sup>24</sup> “[O]ne who brings a charge in a lawsuit, *accuser, plaintiff*...; one who is continuously antagonistic to another, *enemy, opponent*” (BDAG, 88).

Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke you.

### 13. Defeat.

- a. Jesus came to destroy Satan's works (1 Jn 3:8).
- b. Jesus' death and resurrection began Satan's defeat (Ge 3:15; 1 Co 15:23-28; Col 2:14-15; He 2:14).
- c. Jesus' second coming will further Satan's defeat (Re 16:13-14).
- d. The lake of fire will complete Satan's defeat.
  - (1) **Re 20:10** 10 and *the devil* who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### 14. Six Abodes.<sup>25</sup>

- a. Third heaven.
  - (1) **Eze 28:12-14** 12 Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord Yahweh: You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. ...14 You were an *anointed guardian cherub*. I placed you. You were on the holy mountain of God. In the midst of the stones of fire you walked.
    - (a) Here, Eden is probably heavenly Eden, of which the earthly Eden was a copy and shadow.
      - 1) **Heb 8:1-5** 1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ...5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God saying, See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.
- b. Second heaven.
  - (1) **Eze 28:16** 16 In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned. So I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
    - (a) As a result of Satan's rebellion, Yahweh cast him out of the third heaven.
    - (2) **Job 1:6-7** 6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them. 7 Yahweh said to Satan, From where have you come? Satan answered Yahweh and said, From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.
      - (a) After being expelled from the third heaven, the second heaven became Satan's primary abode. He also could access the first heaven and earth.
      - (b) There must be an interface between the second and third heavens where the angels assemble before God's throne, similar to earthly Zion.

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<sup>25</sup> See Arnold Fruchtenbaum, "The Six Abodes of Satan," <https://ariel.org.nz/mbs001-the-six-abodes-of-satan>.

- 1) **Heb 12:22** 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering....
- (3) **Eph 6:12** 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies (ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις).
  - (a) **Eph 3:10** 10 ...So that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenlies (ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις).
  - (b) Until Revelation 12, Satan and the demons are allowed access to both the first and second heavens.
- c. First heaven.
  - (1) **Eph 2:2** 2 ...Following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air....
    - (a) As ruler of this world, Satan spends much of his time in the first heaven.
- d. Earth.
  - (1) **Re 12:7-12** 7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And *the dragon* and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And *the great dragon* was thrown down, that *ancient serpent*, who is called *the devil* and *Satan, the deceiver* of the whole world (ὁ πλανῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην ὅλην)—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah have come, for *the accuser* (ὁ κατήγορ) of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for *the devil* has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!
    - (2) Satan's being thrown down to earth in the tribulation is prefigured earlier.
      - (a) **Is 14:12** 12 How you are fallen from heaven, *Day Star, son of Dawn* (לְיָהוּוֹה אֲשֶׁר-כָּרַעְתָּ אֶת-הַמַּלְאָכִים/ὁ ἑωσφόρος ὁ πρῶτὸ ἀνατέλλων)! How you are cut down to the earth, you who laid the nations low!
      - (b) **Mk 13:24-26** 24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.
      - (c) **Lk 10:18** 18 And he said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
    - (3) At the cross, Satan was defeated and condemned, but the execution of his sentence awaits.
      - (a) **Jn 12:31-33** 31 Now is the judgment of this world. Now will *the ruler of this world* be cast out. 32 And I [Jesus], when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

- (b) **Jn 16:11** 11 ...Concerning judgment, because *the ruler of this world* (ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου) is judged.
- (4) God's defeat of Satan is a phased defeat.
- e. Bottomless pit.
  - (1) **Re 20:1-3** 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2 And he seized *the dragon*, that *ancient serpent*, who is *the devil* and *Satan*, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.
  - (2) Satan's being thrown into the pit is prefigured earlier.
    - (a) **Is 14:15** 15 But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.
- f. Lake of fire.
  - (1) **Re 20:10** 10 ...And *the devil* who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
  - (2) Satan's being thrown in the lake of fire is prefigured earlier.
    - (a) **Eze 28:18** 18 So I brought fire (שֹׁר) out from your midst. It consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you. You have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever [active in the new heavens and earth].
    - (b) **Mt 25:41** 41 Then [the King] will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for *the devil* and his angels.
  - (3) Satan is going to hell, and we're not! Satan can go to hell.

## 15. Summary.

- a. "The unbelieving world or domination system is under Satan's sway, being held captive to his schemes. He blinds those in the domination system (2 Co 4:4). They are dead in their trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-3) and are slaves to his tactics and nature (Ga 4:3,9). For a season Satan and his hosts are allowed to continue to exert authority here on earth in his domain of darkness (Col 1:13; Eph 2:1-3). The reality underlying the limitations on Satan's activity is framed by the fact that Jesus is successful in his mission to destroy the works of Satan (1 Jn 3:8) and set people free from fear of the power of death (Heb 2:14-15). Though it is true that Jesus completely defeated Satan and his forces at the cross (Col 2:15-22), that total defeat has not yet been fully manifested (Heb 2:8), although it will be in God's timing (1 Co 15:24-26). Christians, having been declared a new creation (2 Co 5:17), are God's children (Ro 8:15-17; Eph 1: 4-5), are given Christ's authority (Col 2:10), and are called to engage in the kingdom conflict (Eph 6:12) in the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Co 10:3-5). They do this by submitting to God and resisting Satan (Jas 4:4-9; 1 Pe 5:5-9)."<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> A. Scott Moreau, Gary R. Corwin, and Gary B. McGee, *Introducing World Missions: A Biblical, Historical, and Practical Survey* (Baker Book Group, 2004), [].

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