

VERSES ON SATAN

Genesis 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.

Genesis 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.

1 Chronicles 21:1 1 Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.

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. 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.¹

Job 2:1-7 1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them to present himself before Yahweh. 2 And 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.² 3 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? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited³ me against him to destroy him without reason.⁴ 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

¹ 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.

² The repetition of this phrase suggests this is what Satan commonly does.

³ Satan incited Yahweh, not the other way around.

⁴ Job's suffering was without reason and undeserved.

your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face. 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.

Isaiah 14:12-15 12 How you are fallen from heaven, Day Star; son of Dawn (הַלְּכִילָּה קֹדֶשׁ־בָּרָךְ) ὥστεφόρος ὁ πρωὶ ἀνατέλλων! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 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 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 (לָעֵלִים). 15 But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

Isaiah 27:1 1 In that day Yahweh with his hard, great, and strong sword will punish Leviathan⁵ the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea.⁶

Ezekiel 28:12-19 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. 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. 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, guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was proud because of your beauty. You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground. I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. 18 By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade, you profaned your sanctuaries. So I brought fire 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.

Zechariah 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?

⁵ The myth of a struggle between a high god and a sea/chaos monster was widespread in the ancient Near East. In Ugaritic literature reference is made to a seven-headed creature called Leviathan. Isaiah does not believe this ancient Semitic myth. He refers to Leviathan to make a point. When God finally defeats Satan, it will be like the slaying of the chaotic dragon Leviathan (J. A. Martin, *BKC*, 1:1075-1076).

⁶ Satan is at work in the air (fleeing serpent), on the ground (twisting serpent), and in the sea (dragon in the sea) (v. 1), signalling his invasion of all of creation. So in the end times God will totally rid the domains of air, land, and sea of Satan's presence and influence (J. A. Motyer, *Isaiah*, 222).

Matthew 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 and said to him, 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, 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. 11 Then the devil left him,⁷ and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 6:13 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (τὸν πονηρόν).

Matthew 12:26 26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Matthew 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.

Matthew 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.

Matthew 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.

Matthew 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.

Matthew 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.

⁷ Satan must obey Jesus.

Mark 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.

Luke 4:1-2 1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

Luke 4:13 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from [Jesus] until an opportune time.

Luke 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.

Luke 10:17-20 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. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy (τοῦ ἐχθροῦ), and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Luke 11:18 18 If Satan...is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you [Jewish leaders] say that I [Jesus] cast out demons by Beelzebul.

Luke 13:16 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?

Luke 22:3 3 Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.

Luke 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.

John 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.

John 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.

John 13:2 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

John 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.

John 16:11 11 ...Concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world (ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου) is judged.

John 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).

Acts 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?

Romans 16:20 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

1 Corinthians 5:5 5 You are to hand over (παραδίδωμι, pres.) [for discipline] this man [a believer] to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 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.

2 Corinthians 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.

2 Corinthians 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 Corinthians 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.

2 Corinthians 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.

2 Corinthians 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.

Ephesians 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* that is now at work in the sons of disobedience (τοῦ πνεύματος τοῦ νῦν ἐνεργοῦντος (pres.)⁸ ἐν τοῖς υἱοῖς τῆς ἀπειθείας).

Ephesians 4:27 27 Give no opportunity to *the devil*.

Ephesians 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.

1 Thessalonians 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 πειράζον) had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

1 Thessalonians 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.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power, false signs, and wonders....

2 Thessalonians 3:3 3 The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against *the evil one* (ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ).

1 Timothy 1:20 20 ...Among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I [Paul] have handed over to *Satan* [as a discipline] that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 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*.

1 Timothy 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*.

2 Timothy 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.

Hebrews 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.

⁸ “[I]ntr. to put one’s capabilities into operation, work, be at work, be active, operate, be effective” (BDAG, 335).

James 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.

James 4:7 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist *the devil*, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:8-9 8 Be sober-minded. Be watchful. Your adversary (*ὁ ἀντίδικος*)⁹ *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.

1 John 2:13-14 13 I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome *the evil one*. ... 14 I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome *the evil one*.

1 John 3:8-12 8 Whoever keeps doing (pres.) the sin (*τὴν ἁμαρτίαν*) is of *the devil*, for the devil has been sinning (pres.) from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of *the devil*. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of *the devil*. Whoever is not doing (pres.) righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who is not loving (pres.) his brother [or sister]. 11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 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.

1 John 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*).

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

Revelation 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.

Revelation 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.

⁹ “[O]ne who brings a charge in a lawsuit, *accuser, plaintiff...*; one who is continuously antagonistic to another, *enemy, opponent*” (BDAG, 88).

Revelation 12:3-6 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. 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.

Revelation 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 (ο 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* (ο κατήγωρ) 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!

Revelation 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.

Revelation 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....

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.

Revelation 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.

Revelation 20:7-10 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. Their number is like the sand of the sea. 9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, 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.