

**What's On Your Mind?
Questions You Always Wanted to Ask
What about Satan?**

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Where did Satan come from?

Did he fall before or after the fall of man?

**Why did God with everywhere in the universe available
banish Satan to the earth?**

Satan:

His n a m e s:

- Satan = "a d v e r s a r y or o p p o s e r"
(Job 1:-2; Zech 3:1; Matt 4:10; Rev 12:9; 20:2)
- The Devil = "s l a n d e r e r"
(Matt 4:1; Eph 4:27; 1 Pet 5:8; Rev 12:9; 20:2)

His character:

- The "*Serpent*" (Gen 3:1; Rev 12:9);
- "*great, red, dragon*" (Rev 12:3,7,9);
- the "*evil one*" (John 17:15; 1 John 5:18-19);
- the "*accuser of our brothers*" (Rev 12:10);
- the "*tempter*" (Matt 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5);
- "*Beelzebul*" (Luke 11:15);
- "*Belial*" (2 Cor 6:15);
- "*prince / ruler of this world*" (John 12:31);
- the "*god of this world*" (2 Cor 4:4);
- the "*prince of the power of the air*" (Eph 2:2)

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His creation:

- The time (John 1:1-3; Col 1:16-17; Ezek 28:13; Gen 2:8)
- He is a spirit being and he is a creature (Ezek 28:12,14-15)
- His characteristics before he sinned (Ezek 28:11-19)
- His sin (Isaiah 14:12-17; Luke 10:18; 1 Tim 3:6; Ezek 28:16; Rev 12:4)

The activities and aim of Satan:

- Relative to God: in order to attack God's program and purposes, Satan offers a counterfeit kingdom (Gen 1:27-28; 3:1-5; John 12:31; 1 John 5:19; 2 Cor 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Luke 4:5-7)

- Relative to Christ: he opposes in every way Christ's mission to fulfill God's purposes (Gen 3:15)
 - by preventing His arrival (Ex 1:15 / Matt 2:16; Gen 4:25; Gen 6:1-8; 1 Sam 18:25; 19:9-10; etc)
 - by tempting Christ personally (Matt 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13)

- Relative to the Nations: he deceives them to believe that they can govern righteously and bring peace in the world apart from Christ (Rev 13:2-4; 16:13-16)

- Relative to unbelievers: he uses any aspect of the world system he rules over to keep people from thinking about or responding to what will bring them into the kingdom of God (2 Cor 4:4; 1 Tim 4:1-5; Col 2:8, 23)

- Relative to believers he tempts us to:
 - conform to the pressures and philosophy of this world (1 Thess 3:5; Rom 12:1-2;
 - cover up our selfishness (Josh 7:1, 19-22; 2 Sam 11; Acts 5:1-11)
 - engage in immorality (Gen 39:5-11; 1 Cor 5:1-2; 7:1-5)
 - He accuses and opposes us continually (Rev 12:10; 1 Pet 5:8)

His Destiny:

- Satan's power (sin and death) has been conquered by the Cross and resurrection and he and his angels are eternally condemned to hell (John 12:30-32; Col 2:13-15; Heb 14:17; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Matt 25:41; Rev 20:7-10)