



SUMMARY: Satan fell from Heaven so he knows what God is, but is and represents the evil that opposes God. His activities will be restrained for a figurative 1000 years after which he will lead a rebellion against God again, which he will lose.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF SATAN TO GOD

Why does God allow Satan to have an influence in the world and with His people? It could reasonably be concluded that an all powerful God who loved His people could simply protect His people from any evil.

Consider the following relationships between God and Satan:

* God created Satan But gave him a choice to follow or not

* God can only create good But God's creation was allowed to turn bad.

God threw Satan out
But did not destroy him.

* God allowed Satan to bring sin And sent His Son to offset it by being crucified.

into the world

* God will destroy Satan But has not yet done it.

* God has (or will) chain Satan But will release him again to cause havoc

* God will destroy Satan And told him so, and Satan will still fight

There is certainly a degree to which the question of what is the nature of Satan is in a sense a question of what is the nature of God. To some extent God must receive some worth from having free will individuals acknowledge belief in Him.

WHAT WE ACTUALLY KNOW ABOUT SATAN (IN DATE ORDER?):

- * "An He said to them, I beheld Satan as lightning falling from heaven" Luke 10:18., II Peter 2:4
- * "You were in Eden, the garden of God" Ezekiel 28:12 questionable reference to Satan. (See Gen 3:4,13, 2 Cor 11:3, John 8:44, I Tim 2:14, Rev. 12:9, 15) There is no clear statement that Satan was the serpent in the Garden of Eden. Rev 20:2 says "and he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan", and best ties it together.
- * "And his tail swept away a third of the stars of Heaven, and threw them to the earth" Rev 12:4 a possible reference that 1/3 of the angels rebelled with Satan.
- * Satan discussed the temptation of Job with God. (Job 1:6-9)
- * Satan tempted Jesus after 40 days in the wilderness (Matt. 4:3-6)





- * John 13:2 Satan put it in Judas' heart to betray Jesus reflecting an extremely active and powerful role at least in the first century.
- * At some point Satan was or will be chained for 1000 years, presumably having less influence in people's lives than he had in the first century (Rev. 20:2)
- * "And when the 1000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and come out to deceive the nations..." Rev. 20: 7-8 Satan will lead the last rebellion against God.
- * Satan will then be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone forever and ever. (Rev 20:10).

DOCUMENTATION REGARDING SATAN

- * The devil is mentioned in 7 Old Testament Books: Genesis (as serpent), I Chronicles, Job (12 times) Psalms (as accuser), Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah.
- * The devil is found in nineteen New Testament books, and is referred to by every New Testament writer. (Not in Gal, Philippians, Titus, 2 Peter, 2 John, or 3 John)
- * All information regarding wearing a red suit, having horns, having a tail, etc. are simply myths.

NAMES OF SATAN

There are at least 21 names referring to Satan: "Satan" (52 times), "prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2), "god of this age" (2 Cor 4:4), "king of death" (Heb 2:14), "prince of the world" (John 12:31), "ruler of darkness" (Eph. 6:12), "Lucifer" (Isa. 14:12), "dragon" (Rev 12:7), "deceiver" (Rev 20:10), "apollyon, destroyer" (Rev. 9:11), "beelzebul, prince of demons" (Mt. 12:24), "Belial" (2 Cor. 6:15), "the wicked one" (1 John 5:19), "the tempter" (Matt. 4:3, I Thes 3:5), "the accuser of the brethren" (Rev 12:10), "an angel of light" (2 Cor 11:14-15), "a liar, and the father of lies" (John 8:44), "a murderer" (John 8:44), "the enemy" (Mt. 13:39), & "a roaring lion" (I Peter 5:8)

IS SATAN ALIVE?

"In the 50's a national secular magazine took a poll of some 5000 American clergymen and discovered that a full 73% ridiculed the concept of a personal devil of any sort." Willmington's Guide to the Bible, p. 756. We have had fads asking "Is God alive?". Perhaps we should have been asking people whether Satan was alive.

ALL REFERENCES TO DEVIL IN BIBLE (NONE IN O.T.)

Matt 4:1 "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." (NAS)





- Matt 4:5 "Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple," (NAS)
- Matt 4:8 "Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;" (NAS)
- Matt 4:11 "Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and {began} to minister to Him." (NAS)
- Matt 13:39 "and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels."
- Matt 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left,`Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;" (NAS)
- Luke 4:2 "for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry." (NAS)
- Luke 4:3 "And the devil said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." (NAS)
- Luke 4:6 "And the devil said to Him, 'I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." (NAS)
- Luke 4:13 "And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time." (NAS)
- Luke 8:12 "And those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved." (NAS)
- John 6:70 "Jesus answered them, 'Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and {yet} one of you is a devil?'" (NAS)
- John 8:44 "You are of {your} father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own {nature;} for he is a liar, and the father of lies." (NAS)
- John 13:2 "And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, {the son} of Simon, to betray Him," (NAS)
- Acts 10:38 "{You know of} Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and {how} He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him." (NAS)





- Acts 13:10 "and said, 'You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?" (NAS)
- Eph 4:27 "and do not give the devil an opportunity." (NAS)
- Eph 6:11 "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil." (NAS)
- 1 Tim 3:6 "{and} not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil." (NAS)
- 1 Tim 3:7 "And he must have a good reputation with those outside {the church,} so that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." (NAS)
- 2 Tim 2:26 "and they may come to their senses {and escape} from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." (NAS)
- Heb 2:14 "Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil;" (NAS)
- James 4:7 "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (NAS)
- 1 Pet 5:8 "Be of sober {spirit,} be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (NAS)
- 1 John 3:8 "the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (NAS)
- 1 John 3:10 "By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother." (NAS)
- Jude 1:9 "But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you.'" (NAS)
- Rev 2:10 "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (NAS)
- Rev 12:9 "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him." (NAS)





- Rev 12:12 "For this reason, rejoice, heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has {only} a short time."
- Rev 20:2 "And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years," (NAS)
- Rev 20:10 "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (NAS)

ALL REFERENCES TO SATAN IN THE BIBLE

- 1 Chr 21:1 "Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel." (NAS)
- Job 1:6 "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them." (NAS)
- Job 1:7 "And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." (NAS)
- Job 1:8 "And the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.'" (NAS)
- Job 1:9 "Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Does Job fear God for nothing?" (NAS)
- Job 1:12 "Then the LORD said to Satan, 'Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him.' So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD." (NAS)
- Job 2:1 "Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD." (NAS)
- Job 2:2 "And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, 'From roaming about on the earth, and walking around on it." (NAS)
- Job 2:3 "And the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to ruin him without cause." (NAS)
- Job 2:4 "And Satan answered the LORD and said, 'Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life." (NAS)
- Job 2:6 "So the LORD said to Satan, 'Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life." (NAS)





- Job 2:7 "Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head." (NAS)
- Zech 3:1 "Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him". (NAS)
- Zech 3:2 "And the LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?'" (NAS)
- Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" (NAS)
- Matt 12:26 "And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?" (NAS)
- Matt 16:23 "But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." (NAS)
- Mark 1:13 "And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him." (NAS)
- Mark 3:23 "And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan?"
- Mark 3:26 "And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!" (NAS)
- Mark 4:15 "And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them." (NAS)
- Mark 8:33 "But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." (NAS)
- Luke 10:18 "And He said to them, 'I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning." (NAS)
- Luke 11:18 "And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul." (NAS)
- Luke 13:16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?" (NAS)
- Luke 22:3 "And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve." (NAS)





- Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded {permission} to sift you like wheat;" (NAS)
- John 13:27 "And after the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Jesus therefore said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.'"
- Acts 5:3 "But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back {some} of the price of the land?" (NAS)
- Acts 26:18 "to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me." (NAS)
- Romans 16:20 "And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."
- 1 Cor 5:5 "{I have decided} to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." (NAS)
- 1 Cor 7:5 "Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control." (NAS)
- 2 Cor 2:11 "in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes." (NAS)
- 2 Cor 11:14 "And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light." (NAS)
- 2 Cor 12:7 "And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me-- to keep me from exalting myself!" (NAS)
- 1 Thes 2:18 "For we wanted to come to you-- I, Paul, more than once-- and {yet} Satan thwarted us." (NAS)
- 2 Thes 2:9 "{that is,} the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders," (NAS)
- 1 Tim 1:20 "Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered over to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme." (NAS)
- 1 Tim 5:15 "for some have already turned aside to follow Satan." (NAS)
- Rev 2:9 "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan." (NAS)





- Rev 2:13 "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." (NAS)
- Rev 2:24 "But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them-- I place no other burden on you." (NAS)
- Rev 3:9 "Behold, I will cause {those} of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you." (NAS)
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