



SATAN

Our Adversary

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Early in the Bible, an indication of some influence in opposition to God and all that God loves.

The Garden – Gen. 3

- **Questioned God's law – vs. 1.**
- **Questioned God's veracity – vs. 4.**
- **Questioned God's goodness – vs. 5.**

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The Earth – Gen. 6:5

- **Wickedness was great.**
- **Men's hearts on evil continually.**



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After the flood

- **Tower of Babel.**
- **Descent into idolatry.**
- **Israel's difficulty in remaining faithful.**



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Job 1 and 2

First indication that this influence against God was actually a spiritual being.

Satan

- Capable of presence at a particular place and time, but not omnipresent.
- Capable of being seen, in his person, by God.
- Capable of rational thought.

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Important Points:

- Satan is a *relentless* adversary.
- Satan is a *fallible* adversary.
- Satan is a *limited* adversary.



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Other Mentions of Satan in OT:

- **1 Chron. 21:1 – Moved David to number Israel.**
- **Zech. 3:1-2 – Rebuked by the Lord for opposing the high priest Joshua.**



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In NT:

First introduction is thru his behind-the-scenes influence on a physical being.

King Herod – Mat. 2

- **Counterpart to the serpent in Gen. 3.**
- **Working stealthily to ruin God's plan.**
- **Pretending an interest in good.**



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Then, identification of Satan as the influence behind evil

The Devil – Mat.4

- **Counterpart to Job 1 and 2.**
- **Capable of being seen by Jesus.**
- **Rational being, capable of conversation.**



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Then, identification of Satan as the influence behind evil

The Devil – Mat.4

- *A relentless adversary.*
- *A fallible adversary.*
- *A limited adversary.*

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Remainder of NT

- **“Satan” – 37 times in 34 verses, 12 books.**
- **“Devil” – 34 times in 32 verses, 14 books.**

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Remainder of NT

- **NATURE:** Beelzebub – “lord of filth.”
- **CHARACTER:** “the evil one.”
- **DOMAIN:** “the god of this world (age)”; “ruler of this world”; “prince of the power of the air.”

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Remainder of NT

- **MINIONS:** “ruler of demons.”
- **INFLUENCE:** blinded the minds of those who do not believe.
- **WORK:** “the tempter”; “walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”



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Bad and Scary?

The Bible's Assurances:

- Satan is not God.
- Satan is not irresistible – 1 Pet. 5:9; Jas. 4:7.
- Satan is not a winner – Rev. 12;
His future – Mat. 25:41; Rev. 20:10.

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**Be afraid
of Satan?**

Trust Jesus!

**“But thanks be to God, who gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

1 Cor. 15:57

