



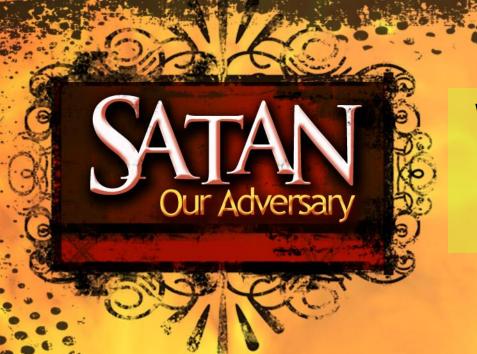


- Very rare in biblical history.
- > Always under special circumstances for a special reason.



### In The Old Testament:

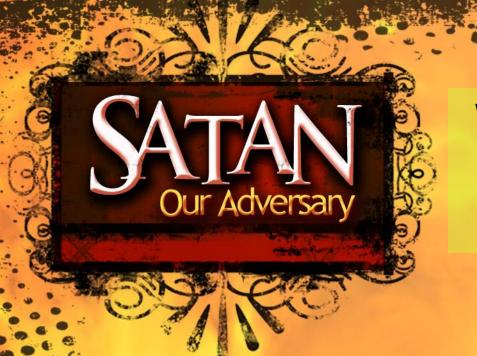
- Job God's answer to Satan's challenge.
- Whatever Satan did, because God allowed him to do.
- Job's message: Handle suffering with abiding faith.



### In The Old Testament:

- Judg. 9:23 "spirit of ill will"
- > 1 Kings 22:20-23 "lying spirit"
- ➤ 1 Sam. 16:15; etc "distressing spirit"

  Sent from God; punishment for rebellion.



- Numerous demon possessions, brought all kinds of misery on ones possessed.
- Luke 8:26-33 real beings who brought harm, but only as allowed by God.



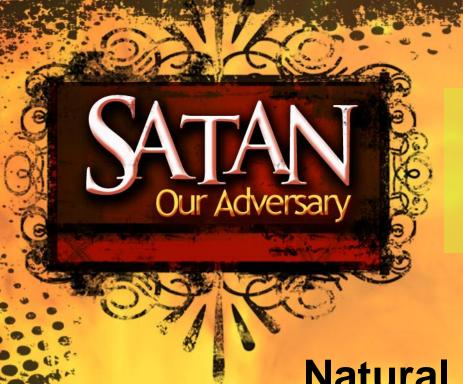
- Why demon possession allowed? So that Jesus and apostles could cast them out.
- Proved Jesus' power over the devil.
- Mat. 12:28-29 God's kingdom (rule) was come. Satan bound, house plundered.



- Once proven, God's power over Satan was established fact. No need for continued proofs.
- ➤ 1 Cor. 13:8-10 Supernatural possession ceased when supernatural gifts ceased.



- Demon possessions limited to 1<sup>st</sup> century
- Beware "urban legends."



Satan is still roaming!
1 Pet. 5:8

Natural Influence 1 John 1:16

- > Thru fleshly lusts.
- > Thru what we see.
- > Thru pride of life.



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Natural Influence 2 Cor. 11:3, 13-15

- Gen. 3:1 "The Bible is too strict, unfair!"
  - > Gen. 3:4 "What the Bible says is not so!"
  - ➢ Gen. 3:5 "Ignore the Bible, be your own God."



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Resist! - 1 Pet. 5:6-9

- With humility accept being below God.
- With sobriety know what to be serious about.
- With vigilance be cautions with your life.
- With steadfast faith Hold on, don't let go!



# Wonderful Promises:

- ➤ 1 Cor. 10:13 Resisting Satan is possible!
- James 4:7 Submit to God. Resist Satan and he will flee!
- James 4:8 Draw near to God; He will draw near to you.
- James 4:10 Humble yourself before God;
  He will lift you up.