

What does the Bible say about Satan?

The Week of September 17, 2017

Read Genesis 3:1-6. Now the serpent was more crafty...

Is the serpent in Genesis 3 is often associated with Satan. What does verse 1 say about the identity of the serpent?

How does the serpent get Adam to eat of the fruit?

Read Job 2:1-10. Again there was a day when...

Job is the first reference to Satan, a name that means "accuser" or "adversary." What does Satan want Job to do?

What does Satan do? And how is his power limited?

Read Revelation 12:7-13. And I heard a loud voice in heaven...

Revelation, in its picturesque language, identifies the accuser with the great dragon. How does this fit with Genesis 3 and Job 2?

What enable Michael and the angels to overcome the great dragon?

Where does the dragon go?

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit...

Following Jesus' baptism, a voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) How does Satan use this in his temptations? (*Diabolos* is Greek for *Satan*, and where our word *devil* comes from.)

What can be learned about Satan in the first temptation?

What can be learned about Satan in the second temptation?

What can be learned about Satan in the third temptation? (This is more clearly stated in Luke 4:5-7.)

How does Jesus counter Satan in each of the temptations?

Read Matthew 12:24-30. And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem...

Beelzebub here is used interchangeably with Satan. In 2 Kings 1, Baal-Zebub, literally *god of the high place* or *of heaven*, is a god of the Philistines. Beelzebub is a play on words used

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later in Israel as a jest, meaning *lord of the flies*. How does Jesus answer their claim that Jesus is of Satan?

Who is the 'strong man' of verse 29?

Read John 12:28-33. Father, glorify your name....

Who is 'the ruler of this world'?

How is the victory over the ruler to be won? Who is the new ruler?

How does this fit with the parable of the 'strong man' above?

Read John 13:21-27. After saying these things, Jesus was troubled...

Satan had put it into Judas' heart to betray Jesus (John 13:2), and he had accepted a payment of 30 pieces of silver for this act (Matthew 26:15). What does it mean that "Satan entered into him"?

Do the disciples know that Judas is working on Satan's behalf?

Read 1 Peter 5:8-11. Be sober-minded; be watchful...

What does this passage reveal about the nature of Satan?

What response is commended?

Read Revelation 20:7-15. And when the thousand years are ended...

What happens to Satan in the end?

Who else ends up with Satan?

BONUS: What about Lucifer? Isn't that another name for Satan?

In Isaiah 14:12, Lucifer falls from heaven. Lucifer means *light bearer*, and often refers to the Morning Star—the planet Venus. It seems the King of Babylon has claimed this title (Isaiah 14:22). It is also the title that Jesus lays claim to, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright *morning star*." (Revelation 22:16, emphasis added)

It seems that the figurative language of Lucifer being cast down from heaven became associated with Jesus saying, "I saw Satan fall like lightning." (Luke 10:18)