

Satan

Yes, Satan is powerful and scary! in some ways, the world has made him out to be something he is not. The following is a brief study of who Satan really is.

To get start, answer the following True or False questions (with an explanation) that may help reflect

what YOU believe: (The Bible verses listed give some insight into the answer)

- 1) True False - Satan was not created and has always existed. (Ezekiel 28:13)
- 2) True False - Satan can be everywhere at once just like God. (Job 1:7)
- 3) True False - Satan knows our thoughts like God does. (1 Corinthians 2:11-16; Psalm 139:4)
- 4) True False - Satan can put thoughts into our minds. (1 Chronicles 21:1)
- 5) True False - Satan has some powers even God does not have. (1 John 4:1-4)
- 6) True False - Satan has some good in him although he is mostly evil. (John 8:44)
- 7) True False - Satan can come into people who have not given their lives to Jesus Christ. (Luke 22:3)
- 8) True False - Satan has a following of other “fallen” angels (demons). (Revelation 12:4,9)

Some key Bible descriptions of Satan:

Genesis 3:1,4-5

Satan appeared to Adam and Eve as a serpent. He challenged the things God told Adam and Eve. He refuted what God said indicating that Adam and Eve would die if they disobeyed God. He tempted Adam and Eve suggesting they would be like God knowing good and evil.

Isaiah 14:12-15

He fell from heaven and was cast down to the earth. His desire was (is) to ascend to heaven and raise his thrown above the stars of God. He was determined to sit enthroned on the “mount of assembly.” He declared that he would make himself like the Most High. His destiny is to be thrust down to the “pit.”

Ezekiel 28:12-19

He was created as a model of perfection with wisdom and beauty. He was a guardian cherub on the holy mount of God. He was blameless on the day he was created. He became **proud** on account of his beauty and splendor. He became wicked and filled with violence and was driven out of the mount of God. His destruction was foretold.

Luke 10:18

Satan fell like lightning from heaven.

John 8:44

Satan was a murderer from the beginning. There is no truth in him. He is a liar and the father of lies.

John 10:10

He came to kill, steal and destroy.

2 Corinthians 4:4

He blinds the minds of unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

Satan masquerades as an “angel of light” and his servants as “servants of righteousness.” They are deserving of their end.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

The “lawless one” (antichrist) will come in accordance with the work of Satan. Satan will perform counterfeit miracles and wonders. Those who believe the signs will perish for refusing to love the truth and so be saved.

1 John 3:8

Jesus came to destroy the work of Satan

Revelation 12:7-9

Satan was hurled to the earth along with his angels. He leads the whole world astray.

Revelation 20:1-10

Satans ultimate doom!

Discuss the following passages on how we should “resist the devil” as stated in James 4:7:

1) Mark 12:30	5) Romans 12:2	9) Colossians 3:2
2) Ephesians 6:10-18	6) 2 Corinthians 10:3-5	10) Psalm 119:105
3) 1 Thessalonians 5:17	7) Galatians 5:22-26	11) Colossians 3:8-17
4) 1 John 1:9	8) Philippians 4:8	12) Psalm 141:3

Questions:

- 1) Discuss how Satan or his demons may be scheming to keep you from being all that God designed you to be and the plans God has for you.
- 2) What are some strategies for you to consider in response to the first question?