DEVIL

Devil — The Devil was at one time a magnificent and brilliant *angel*. His name at that time was Lucifer ("light bringer"). He was one of the three most powerful angels in the universe. He was a cherub/archangel—along with Michael and Gabriel. But he rebelled against God and became evil (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17). God then changed his name to Satan ("Adversary"). He is also called the Devil, the dragon, and the serpent (Revelation 12:9).

The Devil is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:3) and greatly deceives mankind (Revelation 12:7-10).

Gen 3:13 — And the Lord God said to the woman (Eve), "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The *serpent* deceived me, and I ate."

Job 1:6-12 — Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" So the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." (See also **Job 2:1-7**.)

Isa 14:12-15 — "How you are fallen from heaven, O *Lucifer*, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the

ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."

Ezek 28:12-19 — Son of man [Ezekiel], take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre [Satan], and say to him, "Thus says the Lord God: 'You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering; the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the ANOINTED CHERUB WHO COVERS; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day YOU WERE CREATED, TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN YOU. BY the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence, within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; vou have become a horror, and shall be no more forever."

Mat 4:1-11 — [Satan = Devil = Tempter; Satan tempts

Christ while Christ fasts 40 days and 40 nights.]

- Mat 8:29 And suddenly they [demons from two demonpossessed men] cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? *Have You come here to torment us before the time*?"
- Mat 25:41 [When Christ returns He will separate the sheep from the goats]. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand [the goats], 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels [demons]."
- **2 Cor 4:3** But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds *the god of this age [Satan]* has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
- **2 Cor 11:3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the *serpent* deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- **2 Cor 11:13-15** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For *Satan* himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.
- **Eph 2:2** [Satan is] the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.
- **Eph 6:11-12** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the *devil*. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the *rulers of the darkness*

- of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- 1 Thes 3:5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means *the tempter [Satan]* had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain
- **2 Tim 2:26** And that they [those in the world] may come to their senses and escape the snare of the *devil*, having been taken captive by him to do his will.
- **James 4:7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the *devil* and he will flee from you.
- **2 Pet 2:4** God did not spare the *angels who sinned*, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.
- **1 John 5:19** ...the whole world lies under the sway of *the wicked one*.
- **Jude 1:6** And the *angels* who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own habitation, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.
- **Rev 9:11** ...the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is ABADDON [DESTRUCTION], but in Greek he has the name APOLLYON [DESTROYER].
- **Rev 12:3-4** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, *a great, fiery red dragon* having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.
- **Rev 12:7-10** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and

his angels fought against the *dragon*; and the *dragon and his angels* fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So THE GREAT DRAGON WAS CAST OUT, THAT SERPENT OF OLD, CALLED THE DEVIL AND SATAN, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.... Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! [But] Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has [but] a short time [left]."

Rev 20:1-3 — Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the *dragon*, *that serpent of old*, *who is the Devil and Satan*, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should DECEIVE the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Rev 20:7-10 — Now when the thousand years have expired, *Satan* will be released from his prison and will go out to DECEIVE the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And the *devil*, who DECEIVED them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be

tormented day and night forever and ever.

See also: Angels; Demons