

YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL — PART 1

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1 PETER 5:8-9

English Standard Version (ESV)

8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

REVIEW & CONTEXT:

- 1) The Apostle Peter writes to churches scattered across the Mediterranean world who are being _____ for their faith in Jesus.
- 2) Peter calls Christians to _____ in their suffering.
1 Peter 1:6–7; 2:19–25; 3:13–17; 4:12–19; 5:10
- 3) Peter calls Christians to _____ in their daily lives.
1 Peter 1:13–16; 2:9–12; 2:13–3:7; 4:1–5
- 4) Peter calls Christians to remember _____ and His redemptive sacrifice.
1 Peter 1:3; 1:18–21; 2:21–25; 3:18–22
- 5) Peter is wrapping up his letter with final exhortations.
 - _____ — before God and others.
 - _____ because the devil is real and terrible.

THE REALITY OF THE ADVERSARY (THE DEVIL):

- 1) The Devil is _____. vs 8

Various NAMES of the Devil in Holy Scripture:

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| _____ | Job 1–2; Zech. 3:1–2; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 12:9 |
| The _____ | Matt. 4:1; John 8:44; Eph. 6:11; Rev. 20:2 |
| The _____ | Gen. 3:1–15; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9 |
| The _____ | Rev. 12:3–17; 13:2; 20:2 |
| The _____ | Matt. 6:13; 13:19; John 17:15; 1 John 5:19 |
| The _____ | Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5 |
| The Accuser | Zech. 3:1–2; Rev. 12:10 |
| The Father of _____ | John 8:44 |
| Murderer from the Beginning | John 8:44; Gen. 3 |
| _____ of This World | John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11 |
| God of This _____ | 2 Cor. 4:4 |
| _____ of the Power of the Air | Eph. 2:2 |
| Beelzebub | Matt. 12:24–27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15 |
| Belial | 2 Cor. 6:15 |
| _____ | Rev. 9:11 |

Realities about the Devil's Origin from Scripture:

- 1) Satan is a _____, **not eternal.**
Only God is eternal, uncreated, sovereign Creator. Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16
- 2) Satan was originally _____, **because God's creation was good.** Genesis 1:31
God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.
- 3) Satan fell through _____ / _____.
1 Timothy 3:6; Isaiah 14
- 4) Satan sinned _____ **human sin entered the world.**
The serpent is already evil and deceptive in Genesis 3
- 5) Some angels _____ **and are under judgment.**
2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6,
- 6) Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 appears to refer to two **earthly** _____ **AND to** _____.
Isaiah 14 directly addresses the king of Babylon.
Ezekiel 28 directly addresses the king of Tyre.

MAJOR ACTIONS of the Devil in the OLD TESTAMENT:

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| Genesis 3 | <u>Deceives</u> _____, contradicts God's word, introduces suspicion toward God |
| Job 1–2 | <u>Accuses</u> _____, challenges Job's integrity, receives limited permission to afflict |
| 1 Chronicles 21:1 | <u>Incites</u> _____ to number Israel |
| Zechariah 3:1–2 | <u>Accuses Joshua</u> the high priest; the Lord rebukes Satan |
| Isaiah 14; Ezk 28 | _____, <u>attempted exaltation, fall from high position</u> — double prophecy... earthly kings but grander meaning pointing to _____. |

Major OT themes: deception, accusation, affliction, pride, opposition to God's people, and attempts to corrupt _____ and _____.

MAJOR ACTIONS of the Devil in the NEW TESTAMENT:

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| Matthew 4; Luke 4 | _____ <u>Jesus</u> in the wilderness |
| Matt. 13:19, 38–39 | Snatches the _____; sows weeds among the wheat |
| Luke 22:3; Jn 13 | Enters _____ |
| Luke 22:31–32 | Demands to sift _____ like wheat |
| John 8:44 | _____, murderer, father of lies |
| Acts 5:3 | Fills Ananias's heart to _____ |
| 2 Corinthians 2:11 | Has schemes/designs |
| 2 Corinthians 4:4 | Blinds _____ to the gospel |
| 2 Cor 11:3, 14 | Deceives; disguises himself as an _____ |
| Eph 2:2 | Works in the sons of disobedience |
| Eph 6:11–12 | Leads spiritual forces of evil |
| 1 Thess. 2:18 | Hinders <u>gospel</u> _____ |
| 1 Peter 5:8 | Prowls like a roaring lion |
| Revelation 12 | <u>Accuses</u> _____ and persecutes the church |
| Revelation 20 | Ultimately bound, judged, and thrown into _____ |

The Devil's Opposition to God Himself: *How does Satan oppose God?*

1) Satan _____ what God has said (His Word).

Genesis 3:1-5

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

*2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"*

***4** "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

2) Satan _____ God's character.

Genesis 3:5

3) Satan seeks _____ for himself .

Matthew 4:8-10 (When Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness.)

4) Satan opposes Christ's _____ to rescue God's people from their sin.

Matthew 4; Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 22:3

5) Satan _____ people to God's glory in Christ .

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

6) Satan _____ truth and righteousness.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

7) Satan _____ against God's people.

Revelation 12:17 [the heart of Revelation: conflict between God and Satan]

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

- Thru Christ, God calls us not to be a casualty of this _____ war.
- The _____ in this conflict is Christ Jesus.
- Our Rescue, our Fortress, our Deliverer is the Lamb **slain** by the will of God and **raised** by the power of God **ALL** for the _____ of God and the _____ of God.

1 JOHN 3:8

The reason the Son of God appeared was to _____ the works of the devil.

