

# **ALERT LEVEL.....RED!**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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A. TEXT: *“Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom withstand steadfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren, who are in the world.”* vs. 8, 9.

1. We are used to seeing the level of danger being posted in our country by color.
2. Terrorist Alert; Elevated, Yellow, Orange; etc.
3. Peter would have us to see that our danger level from Satan is **RED!**

B. SETTING:

1. Peter, to those of the Dispersion. v. 1.
2. Be aware of the suffering you will have, because you are Christians.
3. Look to the reward that God will give. v. 10.

C. HOW MANY TIMES AND WAYS ARE WE WARNED ABOUT SATAN?

1. We know his goal....Defeat God and Destroy Man.
2. He will use what ever means necessary to accomplish his purpose.
3. God would have us to be aware that the danger level to our soul is always

**RED!!!**

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## **SATAN IS THE**

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A. THE ADVERSARY:

1. Garden of Eden; The Book of Job; Our Text.
2. Word means “enemy”.

B. THE DRAGON - THE SERPENT!

1. *“And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world”* (Rev. 12:9).
2. This imagery, to give us an idea of the terribleness of or enemy.

C. THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD.

1. John 12:31; 14:30.
2. The one, the world and worldliness serve.

D. THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR.

1. Eph. 2:2.
  2. The one who controls *“sons of disobedience.”* (Eph. 2:2)
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## **SATAN IS...**

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- A. THE god of this world”.
    - 1. 2 Cor. 4:4.....Tells us what he does.
    - 2. “....*hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is in the image of God, should not dawn upon them.*”
  - B. BEELZEBUB...THE PRINCE OF THE DEMONS.
    - 1. Matt. 12:24.
    - 2. The charge against Jesus.
  - C. SATAN CAN APPEAR AS:
    - 1. A Roaring Lion. I Pet. 5:8.
    - 2. An Angel of Light. “*And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light.*” (II Cor. 11:14).
  - D. WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER....
    - 1. Satan Never Quits....
    - 2. Rev. 12. The story of Satan’s effort to defeat God from the beginning.
    - 3. Now he makes war with the individual Christians.
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## **WHAT WE NEED**

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- A. LEADERSHIP:....Leaders are to: (Insert: Christ Is Our Leader)
    - 1. “*Tend the flock of God which is among you.*” v.2.
    - 2. “*Exercising the oversight*” v. 2b. Elsewhere we learn they are to rule, and “rule well” (I Tim. 5:17).
    - 3. Are to be ever mindful of need for good example. v. 3b.
  - B. FOLLOW: To Follow We Must....
    - 1. “Be subject unto the elder” (Heb. 13:17).
    - 2. Serve one another in humility. v. 5.
    - 3. Other duties of followers to leaders:
      - a. “Know them that rule” over us. (I Thess. 5:12).
      - b. “Esteem them highly in love” (I Thess. 5:13).
      - c. Be at peace among ourselves as we serve. (I Thess. 5:13).
      - d. Be cautious about receiving accusation against them (I Tim. 5:1).
      - e. Remember them and imitate them. (Heb. 13:7).
      - f. Call on them when we are in need. (James 5:14).
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## **HOW TO SURVIVE**

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### A. RECOGNIZE HIM.

1. *"That no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices."* (II Cor. 2:11)
2. We can have victory by knowing and recognizing our adversary.

### B. RESIST:

1. *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* (James 4:7).
2. What if Eve had said NO!

### C. FLEE....FOLLOW.

1. *"But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* (II Tim. 2:22).
2. Follow Christ. (Mark 8:34) *"Come and follow me"*.

### D. WAKE UP: BE ALERT:

1. *"So then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober."* (I Thess. 5:6).
2. *"For ye are sons of light, and sons of the day".*

### E. **"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING:"** (I Thess. 5:17).

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## **CONCLUSION**

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### A. GOD HAS PROVIDED US WITH:

1. Full Armor for our Defense: *"Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation,..."*
2. For Offence: *"...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, with all prayer and supplication..."* (Eph. 6:13-18).

### B. WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IF:

1. II Pet.1:5-7; *"The Christian Graces"*.
  2. We need to emphasize *"on your part all diligence,..."*
  3. ***"Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble:"***  
v.10.
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