

"GREAT BIBLE THEMES"

LESSON VII - SATAN

I. IDENTIFICATION OF SATAN

A. An individual

1. Pronoun "his" II Cor. 2:11; pronoun "he" James 4:7
2. Not a symbol of evil, with evil existing only in the heart.

B. Names: (Satan - John 13:27; Acts 5:3)

1. Adversary, Psm. 109:6; Belial, II Cor. 6:15.
2. Beelzebub, or, prince of demons, Matt. 12:24.
3. Abaddon (Hebrew), or Apollyon (Greek) - destroyer, Rev. 9:11.
4. The devil (Greek - diabolos, Matt. 4:1).
5. Serpent, Gen. 3:1,4; Rev. 12:9; tempter, Matt. 4:3.
6. Prince of this world, John 12:31; 14:30.
7. Father of lies, John 8:44; murderer, John 8:44.

II. TRAITS

A. Powerful

1. Power of (Col. 1:13, and ruler of darkness (Eph. 6:12).
2. Power of air (unseen realm) Eph. 2:2.
3. God of this world, II Cor. 4:4; power of death, Heb. 2:14.
4. Full of power, signs, lying wonders, II Thess. 2:9.

B. Aggressive

1. As a roaring lion, I Peter 5:8; a sower of evil, Mt. 13:36-39.
2. Words in children of disobedience, Eph. 2:2.

C. Subtle (Gen. 3:1)

1. Lays snares, II Tim. 2:26; practices wiles, Eph. 4:11.
2. Employs devices, II Cor. 2:11; transforms himself, II Cor. 11:14.

III. GOALS AND AIMS

A. Furtherance of his kingdom

1. His kingdom does exist, Mt. 12:26; of this world, Mt. 4:8-9.

B. Destruction of kingdom of Christ.

1. Antagonistic to Christ, Acts 26:18.
2. Words against the word, Matt. 13:19.
3. Deceives until unbelief results, II Cor. 4:4.
4. However, cannot be ultimately victorious, Mt. 16:18.

IV. ULTIMATE DEFEAT AND END

A. His defeat is sure, Mt. 25:41; John 12:31; 16:11.

B. Christ, the victor, is to be triumphant, Col. 2:15.

1. Through his power over death, Heb. 2:14.
2. He will at last exercise that power completely, I Cor. 15:25-26.

C. The devil and his works will be destroyed, I John 3:8.

D. Final end: Rev. 20:10.

V. SOURCE OF SATAN (Common conservative view)

- ##### A. A created angelic being who sinned and was cast out of heaven.
- John 8:44; Luke 10:18; Jude 6; II Peter 2:4; Rev. 12:7-9.

VI. THE NATURE OF SIN IN MAN: (Transgression of divine order)

- ##### A. Gen 3; Rom 5:12-14; I Cor. 15:45; Rom. 2:12; I John 3:4,8.

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VII. THE GREAT CONFLICT

- A. On human level
 - 1. James 1:13-15; Rom. 7:5-25.
- B. On divine level
 - 1. I John 3:8b; Matt. 4; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 4:8-10.
- C. The end of evil
 - 1. Rev. 20:11-15.

VIII. RESULTS OF THIS COSMIC CONFLICT.

- A. Sin: Rom. 3:23
- B. Suffering and hardship and death.
 - 1. Gen. 3:16-18
 - 2. The clash of the conflict
- C. The end of results of evil, Rev. 21:1-5.