

## ~SATAN (1498)

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• In many places in the Hebrew Scriptures, the word *sa-tan'* appears without the definite article. Used in this way, it applies in its first appearance to the angel that stood in the road to resist Balaam as he set out with the objective of cursing the Israelites.

• And the anger of God began to blaze because he was going, and Yehowah's angel proceeded to station himself in the road to resist him. And he was riding upon his she-ass, and two attendants of his were with him. ([Numbers 22:22](#))

• Then Yehowah's angel said to him; Why have you beaten your she-ass these three times? Look! I, I have come out to offer **resistance**, because your way has been headlong against my will. ([Numbers 22:32](#))

• In other instances it refers to individuals as **resisters** of other men.

• And the princes of the Philistines became indignant at him, and the princes of the Philistines went on to say to him; Make the man go back, and let him go back to his place where you assigned him, and do not let him go down with us into the battle, that he may not become a resister of us in the battle. And with what should this person put himself in favor with his lord? Is it not with the heads of those our men? ([1 Samuel 29:4](#))

• At once Abishai the son of Zeruah answered and said; In return for this should not Shimei be put to death, in that he called evil down upon the anointed of Yehowah? ([2 Samuel 19:21](#))

- But David said; What do I have to do with you men, you sons of Zeruah, that you should become today a **resister** of me? Will anyone today be put to death in Israel? For do I not well know that today I am king over Israel? (**2 Samuel 19:22**)
- And now Yehowah my God has given me rest all around. There is no **resister**, and there is nothing bad happening. (**1 Kings 5:4**)
- And Yehowah began to raise up a **resister** to Solomon, namely, Hadad the Edomite of the offspring of the king. He was in Edom. (**1 Kings 11:14**)
- And God proceeded to raise up to him another **resister**, namely, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had run away from Hadadezer the king of Zobah his lord. (**1 Kings 11:23**)
- And he came to be a resister of Israel all the days of Solomon, and that along with the injury that Hadad did, and he had an abhorrence of Israel while he continued reigning over Syria. (**1 Kings 11:25**)
- But it is used with the definite article *ha* to refer to **Satan the Devil, the chief Adversary of God.**
- Now it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before Yehowah, and even **Satan** proceeded to enter right among them. (**Job 1:6**) Footnote
- Afterward it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before Yehowah, and **Satan** also proceeded to enter right among them to take his station before Yehowah. (**Job 2:1**)
- Then Yehowah said to **Satan**; Just where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 2:2**)
- And Yehowah went on to say to **Satan**; Have you set your heart upon my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? Even yet he is holding fast his integrity, although you incite me against him to swallow him up without cause. (**Job 2:3**)
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- Accordingly Yehowah said to **Satan**; There he is in your hand! Only watch out for his soul itself! (Job 2:6)
- So **Satan** went out away from the person of Yehowah and struck Job with a malignant boil from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. (Job 2:7)
- And he proceeded to show me Joshua the High Priest standing before the angel of Yehowah, and **Satan** standing at his right hand in order to resist him. (Zechariah 3:1)
- Then the angel of Yehowah said to **Satan**; Yehowah rebuke you, O Satan, yes, Yehowah rebuke you, he who is choosing Jerusalem! Is this one not a log snatched out of the fire? (Zechariah 3:2)
- In the **Greek** Scriptures the word *sa-ta-nas'* applies to **Satan** the Devil in nearly all of its occurrences and is usually accompanied by the definite article *ho*.

## •• Origin

- The Scriptures indicate that the creature known as **Satan** did not always have that name. Rather, this descriptive name was given to him because of his taking a course of opposition and resistance to God. The name he had before this is not given. God is the only Creator, and his activity is perfect, with no injustice or unrighteousness.
- The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- Therefore, the one becoming **Satan** was, when created, a perfect, righteous creature of God. He is a spirit person, for he appeared in heaven in the presence of God. (Job Chapters 1,2)
- So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the

- one called Devil and **Satan**, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)
- **Jesus Christ said of him;**
  - **You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie. (John 8:44)**
  - **He who carries on sin originates with the Devil, because the Devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was made manifest, namely, to break up the works of the Devil. (1 John 3:8)**
  - **Jesus here shows that Satan was once in the truth, but forsook it. Beginning with his first overt act in turning Adam and Eve away from God, he was a manslayer, for he thereby brought about the death of Adam and Eve, which, in turn, brought sin and death to their offspring.**
  - **That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (Romans 5:12)**
  - **Throughout the Scriptures the qualities and actions attributed to him could be attributed only to a person, not to an abstract principle of evil. It is clear that the Jews, and Jesus and his disciples, knew that Satan existed as a person.**
  - **So, from a righteous, perfect start, this spirit person deviated into sin and degradation. The process bringing this about is described by James when he writes;**
  - **But each one is tried by being drawn out and enticed by his own desire. (James 1:14)**
  - **Then the desire, when it has become fertile, gives birth to sin, in turn, sin, when it has been accomplished, brings forth death. (James 1:15)**

- In the course that **Satan** took, there seems to be, in some respects, a parallel with that of the king of Tyre as described in;
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; **(Ezekiel 28:11)**
- Son of man, lift up a dirge concerning the king of Tyre, and you must say to him; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; You are sealing up a pattern, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **(Ezekiel 28:12)**
- In Eden, the garden of God, you proved to be. Every precious stone was your covering, ruby, topaz and jasper, chrysolite, onyx and jade, sapphire, turquoise and emerald, and of gold was the workmanship of your settings and your sockets in you. In the day of your being created they were made ready. **(Ezekiel 28:13)**
- You are the anointed cherub that is covering, and I have set you. On the holy mountain of God you proved to be. In the midst of fiery stones you walked about. **(Ezekiel 28:14)**
- You were faultless in your ways from the day of your being created until unrighteousness was found in you. **(Ezekiel 28:15)**
- Because of the abundance of your sales goods they filled the midst of you with violence, and you began to sin. And I shall put you as profane out of the mountain of God, and I shall destroy you, O cherub that is covering, from the midst of the fiery stones. **(Ezekiel 28:16)**
- Your heart became haughty because of your beauty. You brought your wisdom to ruin on account of your beaming splendor. Onto the earth I will throw you. Before kings I will set you, for them to look upon you. **(Ezekiel 28:17)**
- Owing to the abundance of your errors, because of the injustice of your sales goods, you have profaned your sanctuaries. And I shall bring forth a fire from the midst of you. It is what must devour you. And I shall make you ashes upon the earth before the eyes of all those seeing you. **(Ezekiel 28:18)**
- As for all those knowing you among the peoples, they will certainly stare in amazement at you. Sudden terrors are what you must become, and you will be no more to time indefinite.

**(Ezekiel 28:19)**

**See Also PERFECTION (The first sinner and the king of Tyre)**

- **The Scriptural account, therefore, makes it plain that it was Satan who spoke through the medium of a serpent, seducing Eve into disobedience to God's command. In turn, Eve induced Adam to take the same rebellious course.**
  
- **Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that Yehowah God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1)**
  
- **At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (Genesis 3:2)**
  
- **But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (Genesis 3:3)**
  
- **At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not die. (Genesis 3:4)**
  
- **For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (Genesis 3:5)**
  
- **Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (Genesis 3:6)**
  
- **Then the eyes of both of them became opened and they began to realize that they were naked. Hence they sewed fig leaves together and made loin coverings for themselves. (Genesis 3:7)**
  
- **But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent seduced Eve by its cunning, your minds might be corrupted away from the sincerity and the chastity that are due the Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)**

- As a consequence of **Satan's** use of the serpent, the Bible gives **Satan** the title, **Serpent**, which came to signify **deceiver**, he also became, **the Tempter**.
- Also, the **Tempter** came and said to him; If you are a son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread. (**Matthew 4:3**)
- And a liar, the father of the lie.
- You are from your father the **Devil**, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the **father of the lie**. (**John 8:44**)
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- When **Satan** approached Eve, through the speech of the serpent, he actually challenged the rightfulness and righteousness of Yehowah's sovereignty.
- He intimated that God was unrightfully withholding something from the woman, he also declared that God was a liar in saying that she would die if she ate the forbidden fruit.
- Additionally, Satan made her believe she would be free and independent of God, becoming like God. By this means this wicked spirit creature raised himself higher than God in Eves eyes, and Satan became her god, even though Eve, at the time, apparently did not know the identity of the one misleading her.
- By his action he brought man and woman under his leadership and control, standing up as a rival god in opposition to Yehowah.
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- **The Bible, in lifting the veil to give a glimpse into heavenly affairs, reveals that **Satan** later as a rival god appeared before Yehowah in heaven, challenging Yehowah to His face, saying that he could turn God's servant Job, and by implication any servant of God, away from Him.**
- **He charged God, in effect, with unrighteously giving Job everything, along with full protection, so that he, **Satan**, could not test Job and show what was really in his heart, which, **Satan** intimated, was bad. He implied that Job served God primarily for selfish considerations.**
- ****Satan** made this point of his argument clear when he said; Skin in behalf of skin, and everything that a man has he will give in behalf of his soul. For a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch as far as his bone and his flesh and see whether he will not curse you to your very face.**
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  - At that **Satan** answered Yehowah and said; Is it for nothing that Job has feared God? (**Job 1:9**)
  - Have not you yourself put up a hedge about him and about his house and about everything that he has all around? The work of his hands you have blessed, and his livestock itself has spread abroad in the earth. (**Job 1:10**)
  - But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch everything he has and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 1:11**)
  - Accordingly Yehowah said to **Satan**; Look! Everything that he has is in your hand. Only against him himself do not thrust out your hand! So Satan went out away from the person of Yehowah. (**Job 1:12**)
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### See Also SOVEREIGNTY

- In this special case, Yehowah allowed **Satan** to bring calamity upon Job by not interfering when Satan brought about a raid from Sabean marauders as well as destruction of flocks and shepherds by what Job's messenger called the very fire of God from the heavens, whether this was lightning or other fire is not stated.
- **Satan** also brought a raid by three bands of Chaldeans, as well as a windstorm. These things caused the death of all of Job's children and destroyed his property. Finally, **Satan** inflicted a loathsome disease upon Job himself.
- Now it came to be the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (**Job 1:13**)
- And there came a messenger to Job, and he proceeded to say; The cattle themselves happened to be plowing and the she-asses were grazing at the side of them (**Job 1:14**)
- When the Sabeans came making a raid and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:15**)
- While this one was yet speaking that one came and proceeded to say; The very fire of God fell from the heavens and went blazing among the sheep and the attendants and eating them up, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:16**)

- While that one was yet speaking another one came and proceeded to say; The Chaldeans made up three bands and went dashing against the camels and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:17**)
- While this other one was yet speaking, still another one came and proceeded to say; Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (**Job 1:18**)
- And, look! There came a great wind from the region of the wilderness, and it went striking the four corners of the house, so that it fell upon the young people and they died. And I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (**Job 1:19**)
- So **Satan** went out away from the person of Yehowah and struck Job with a malignant boil from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. (**Job 2:7**)
- And he proceeded to take for himself a fragment of earthenware with which to scrape himself, and he was sitting in among the ashes. (**Job 2:8**)
- These things reveal the might and power of the spirit creature **Satan**, as well as his vicious, murderous attitude.
- It is important to note, however, that **Satan** recognized his impotence in the face of God's express command, for he did not challenge God's power and authority when God restricted him from taking Job's life.
- Accordingly Yehowah said to **Satan**; There he is in your hand! Only watch out for his soul itself! (**Job 2:6**)

### •• Continued Opposition To God

- By his challenge of God and his charging God's servants with lack of integrity, **Satan** lived up to his title **Devil**, meaning, **Slanderer**, which title he deserved for having **slandered** Yehowah God in the garden of Eden.

### •• Joined By Other Wicked Demons

- **Before the Flood of Noah's day, it appears that other angels of God left their proper habitation in the heavens, as well as their assigned positions there. Materializing human bodies, they came to dwell on earth, marrying women and producing offspring called Nephilim.**
- **Now it came about that when men started to grow in numbers on the surface of the ground and daughters were born to them. (Genesis 6:1)**
- **Then the sons of the true God began to notice the daughters of men, that they were good-looking, and they went taking wives for themselves, namely, all whom they chose. (Genesis 6:2)**
- **After that Yehowah said; My spirit shall not act toward man indefinitely in that he is also flesh. Accordingly his days shall amount to a hundred and twenty years. (Genesis 6:3)**
- **The Nephilim proved to be in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of the true God continued to have relations with the daughters of men and they bore sons to them, they were the mighty ones who were of old, the men of fame. (Genesis 6:4)**
- **In this state also he went his way and preached to the spirits in prison. (1 Peter 3:19)**
- **Who had once been disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in Noah's days, while the ark was being constructed, in which a few people, that is, eight souls, were carried safely through the water. (1 Peter 3:20)**
- **Certainly if God did not hold back from punishing the angels that sinned, but, by throwing them into Tartarus, delivered them to pits of dense darkness to be reserved for judgment. (2 Peter 2:4)**
- **And the angels that did not keep their original position but forsook their own proper dwelling place he has reserved with eternal bonds under dense darkness for the judgment of the great day. (Jude 1:6)**
- **These angels, having left God's service, came under the control of Satan. Hence Satan is called the ruler of the demons. In one**

instance, when Jesus expelled demons from a man, the Pharisees accused him of doing so by the power of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.

- That they had reference to Satan is shown by Jesus answer; If **Satan** expels **Satan**, he has become divided against himself.
- Then they brought him a demon-possessed man, blind and dumb, and he cured him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw. (**Matthew 12:22**)
- Well, all the crowds were simply carried away and began to say; May this not perhaps be the Son of David? (**Matthew 12:23**)
- At hearing this, the Pharisees said; This fellow does not expel the demons except by means of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons. (**Matthew 12:24**)
- Knowing their thoughts, he said to them; Every kingdom divided against itself comes to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. (**Matthew 12:25**)
- In the same way, if **Satan** expels **Satan**, he has become divided against himself, how, then, will his kingdom stand? (**Matthew 12:26**)
- Moreover, if I expel the demons by means of Beelzebub, by means of whom do your sons expel them? This is why they will be judges of you. (**Matthew 12:27**)

**See Also NEPHILIM**  
**See Also SON[S] OF GOD**

- The apostle Paul associates **Satan** with the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places, and he speaks of them as the world rulers of this darkness.
- Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil. (**Ephesians 6:11**)
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in

- the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)
- **As a governing force in the invisible realm immediately about the earth, Satan is the ruler of the authority of the air.**
  - **In which you at one time walked according to the system of things of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit that now operates in the sons of disobedience. (**Ephesians 2:2**)**
  - **In Revelation he is shown to be the one misleading the entire inhabited earth.**
  - **So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)**
  - **The apostle John said that the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one.**
  - **We know we originate with God, but the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one. (**1 John 5:19**)**
  - **He is therefore the ruler of this world.**
  - **Now there is a judging of this world, now the ruler of this world will be cast out. (**John 12:31**)**
  - **That is why James wrote that the friendship with the world is enmity with God.**
  - **Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (**James 4:4**)**
- **His Fight To Destroy The Seed**
- **Satan made early efforts to block the promise of the seed to come through Abraham.**
  - **Yehowah now appeared to Abram and said; To your seed I am going to give this land. After that he built an altar there to Yehowah, who had appeared to him. (**Genesis 12:7**)**

- **He evidently tried to get Sarah contaminated so that she would be unfit to bear the seed, but God protected her.**
- **Now Abraham moved camp from there to the land of the Negeb and took up dwelling between Kadesh and Shur and residing as an alien at Gerar. (Genesis 20:1)**
- **And Abraham repeated concerning Sarah his wife; She is my sister. With that Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. (Genesis 20:2)**
- **Afterward God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him; Here you are as good as dead because of the woman whom you have taken, since she is owned by another owner as his wife. (Genesis 20:3)**
- **However, Abimelech had not gone near her. Hence he said; Yehowah, will you kill a nation that is really righteous? (Genesis 20:4)**
- **Did not he say to me; She is my sister? And she, did not she too say; He is my brother? In the honesty of my heart and with innocency of my hands I have done this. (Genesis 20:5)**
- **T that the true God said to him in the dream; I too have known that in the honesty of your heart you have done this, and I was also holding you back from sinning against me. That is why I did not allow you to touch her. (Genesis 20:6)**
- **But now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will make supplication for you. So keep living. But if you are not returning her, know that you will positively die, you and all who are yours. (Genesis 20:7)**
- **So Abimelech got up early in the morning and proceeded to call all his servants and to speak of all these things in their ears. And the men got very much afraid. (Genesis 20:8)**
- **Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him; What have you done to us, and what sin have I committed against you, in that you have brought upon me and my kingdom a great sin? Deeds that should not have been done you have done in connection with me. (Genesis 20:9)**

- **And Abimelech went on to say to Abraham; What did you have in view in that you have done this thing? (Genesis 20:10)**
- **To this Abraham said; It was because I said to myself; Doubtless there is no fear of God in this place, and they will certainly kill me because of my wife. (Genesis 20:11)**
- **And, besides, she is truly my sister, the daughter of my father, only not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. (Genesis 20:12)**
- **And it came about that, when God caused me to wander from the house of my father, then I said to her; This is your loving-kindness which you may exercise toward me. At every place where we shall come say of me; He is my brother. (Genesis 20:13)**
- **Following that Abimelech took sheep and cattle and menservants and maidservants and gave them to Abraham and returned to him Sarah his wife. (Genesis 20:14)**
- **Further Abimelech said; Here my land is available to you. Dwell where it is good in your eyes. (Genesis 20:15)**
- **And to Sarah he said; Here I do give a thousand silver pieces of money to your brother. Here it is for you a covering of the eyes to all who are with you, and before everybody, and you are cleared of reproach. (Genesis 20:16)**
- **And Abraham began to make supplication to the true God, and God proceeded to heal Abimelech and his wife and his slave girls, and they began bearing children. (Genesis 20:17)**
- **For Yehowah had tightly shut up every womb of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife. (Genesis 20:18)**
- **He did everything possible to destroy the ones whom God chose as Abraham's seed, the nation of Israel, by inducing them to sin and by bringing other nations against them, as Bible history shows throughout.**
- **A high point in Satan's ambitious attempts in his fight against God, and what appeared to Satan to be success, was reached when the**



king of the Third World Power of Bible history, Babylon, took Jerusalem, overturning the rulership of King Zedekiah of the line of David, and destroyed the temple of Yehowah, desolating Jerusalem and Judah.

- And as for you, O deadly wounded, wicked chieftain of Israel, whose day has come in the time of the error of the end. (**Ezekiel 21:25**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Remove the turban, and lift off the crown. This will not be the same. Put on high even what is low, and bring low even the high one. (**Ezekiel 21:26**)
- A ruin, a ruin, a ruin I shall make it. As for this also, it will certainly become no ones until he comes who has the legal right, and I must give it to him. (**Ezekiel 21:27**)
- As an instrument of **Satan**, the ruling dynasty of Babylon, initially headed by Nebuchadnezzar, held Israel in exile for 68 years, until Babylon's overthrow. Babylon had no intention of ever releasing its captives and so reflected Satan's own boastful, ambitious attempts as a rival god opposed to the Universal Sovereign Yehowah.
- The Babylonian kings, worshiping their idol god Marduk, the goddess Ishtar, and a host of others, were actually worshipers of the demons and, as part of the world alienated from Yehowah, were under **Satan's** domination.
- For all the gods of the peoples are valueless gods, but as for Yehowah, he has made the very heavens. (**Psalms 96:5**)
- No, but I say that the things which the nations sacrifice they sacrifice to demons, and not to God, and I do not want you to become sharers with the demons. (**1 Corinthians 10:20**)
- That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. (**Ephesians 2:12**)
- Indeed, you who were once alienated and enemies because your minds were on the works that were wicked. (**Colossians 1:21**)

- **Satan** filled the king of Babylon with the ambition to have complete domination over the earth, even over Yehowah's throne.
- And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's throne as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (**1 Chronicles 29:23**)
- And the stars of God, the kings of the line of David sitting on the throne at Mount Moriah, by extension, Zion. This king, that is, the dynasty of Babylon, lifted himself up in his own heart and was in his own eyes and in the eyes of his admirers a shining one, a son of the dawn.
- In some translations the **Latin Vulgate** term, **Lucifer** is retained. It is, however, merely the translation of the **Hebrew** word *heh-lel'*, shining one. *Heh-lel'* is not a name or a title but, rather, a term describing the boastful position taken by Babylon's dynasty of kings of the line of Nebuchadnezzar.
- That you must raise up this proverbial saying against the king of Babylon and say; How has the one driving others to work come to a stop, the oppression come to a stop! (**Isaiah 14:4**)
- Yehowah has broken the rod of the wicked ones, the staff of the ruling ones. (**Isaiah 14:5**)
- The one striking peoples in fury with a stroke incessantly, the one subduing nations in sheer anger with a persecution without restraint. (**Isaiah 14:6**)
- The whole earth has come to rest, has become free of disturbance. People have become cheerful with joyful cries. (**Isaiah 14:7**)
- Even the juniper trees have also rejoiced at you, the cedars of Lebanon, saying; Ever since you have lain down, no woodcutter comes up against us. (**Isaiah 14:8**)
- Even Sheol underneath has become agitated at you in order to meet you on coming in. At you it has awakened those impotent in death, all the goatlike leaders of the earth. It has made all the kings of the nations get up from their thrones. (**Isaiah 14:9**)
- All of them speak up and say to you; Have you yourself also been

made weak like us? Is it to us that you have been made comparable? (**Isaiah 14:10**)

- **Down to Sheol your pride has been brought, the din of your stringed instruments. Beneath you, maggots are spread out as a couch, and worms are your covering. (**Isaiah 14:11**)**
- **O how you have fallen from heaven, you shining one, son of the dawn! How you have been cut down to the earth, you who were disabling the nations! (**Isaiah 14:12**)**
- **As for you, you have said in your heart; To the heavens I shall go up. Above the stars of God I shall lift up my throne, and I shall sit down upon the mountain of meeting, in the remotest parts of the north. (**Isaiah 14:13**)**
- **I shall go up above the high places of the clouds, I shall make myself resemble the Most High. (**Isaiah 14:14**)**
- **However, down to Sheol you will be brought, to the remotest parts of the pit. (**Isaiah 14:15**)**
- **Those seeing you will gaze even at you, they will give close examination even to you, saying; Is this the man that was agitating the earth, that was making kingdoms rock. (**Isaiah 14:16**)**
- **That made the productive land like the wilderness and that overthrew its very cities, that did not open the way homeward even for his prisoners? (**Isaiah 14:17**)**
- **All other kings of the nations, yes, all of them, have lain down in glory, each one in his own house. (**Isaiah 14:18**)**
- **But as for you, you have been thrown away without a burial place for you, like a detested sprout, clothed with killed men stabbed with the sword that are going down to the stones of a pit, like a carcass trodden down. (**Isaiah 14:19**)**
- **You will not become united with them in a grave, because you brought your own land to ruin, you killed your own people. To time indefinite the offspring of evildoers will not be named. (**Isaiah 14:20**)**

- **Make ready, you men, a slaughtering block for his own sons because of the error of their forefathers, that they may not rise up and actually take possession of the earth and fill the face of the productive land with cities. (Isaiah 14:21)**
- **Since Babylon was a tool of Satan, its king reflected Satan's own ambitious desire. Again, Yehowah came to the salvation of his people by restoring them to their land, until the real Seed of promise should come.**
- **And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, that Yehowah's word from the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Yehowah roused the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia so that he caused a cry to pass through all his realm, and also in writing, saying; (Ezra 1:1)**
- **This is what Cyrus the king of Persia has said; All the kingdoms of the earth Yehowah the God of the heavens has given me, and he himself has commissioned me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. (Ezra 1:2)**
- **Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God prove to be with him. So let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of Yehowah the God of Israel, he is the true God, which was in Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:3)**
- **As for anyone that is left from all the places where he is residing as an alien, let the men of his place assist him with silver and with gold and with goods and with domestic animals along with the voluntary offering for the house of the true God, which was in Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:4)**
- **Then the heads of the fathers of Judah and of Benjamin and the priests and the Levites rose up, even everyone whose spirit the true God had roused, to go up and rebuild the house of Yehowah, which was in Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:5)**
- **As for all those round about them, they strengthened their hands with utensils of silver, with gold, with goods and with domestic animals and with choice things, besides all that which was voluntarily offered. (Ezra 1:6)**

## ·· **Efforts To Cause Jesus To Stumble**

- **Satan**, no doubt identifying Jesus as the Son of God and the one who was prophesied to bruise him in the head.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- Did everything he could to destroy Jesus. But, when announcing the conception of Jesus to Mary, the angel Gabriel told her,
- In answer the angel said to her; Holy spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. (**Luke 1:35**)
- Yehowah safeguarded his Son. The efforts to destroy Jesus when an infant were unsuccessful.
- After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look! Astrologers from eastern parts came to Jerusalem. (**Matthew 2:1**)
- Saying; Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when we were in the east, and we have come to do him obeisance. (**Matthew 2:2**)
- At hearing this King Herod was agitated, and all Jerusalem along with him. (**Matthew 2:3**)
- And on gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. (**Matthew 2:4**)
- They said to him; In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is how it has been written through the prophet. (**Matthew 2:5**)
- And you, O Bethlehem of the land of Judah, are by no means the most insignificant city among the governor's of Judah, for out of you will come forth a governing one, who will shepherd my people, Israel. (**Matthew 2:6**)
- Then Herod secretly summoned the astrologers and carefully ascertained from them the time of the stars appearing. (**Matthew 2:7**)

- And, when sending them to Bethlehem, he said; Go make a careful search for the young child, and when you have found it report back to me, that I too may go and do it obeisance. **(Matthew 2:8)**
- When they had heard the king, they went their way, and, look! The star they had seen when they were in the east went ahead of them, until it came to a stop above where the young child was. **(Matthew 2:9)**
- On seeing the star they rejoiced very much indeed. **(Matthew 2:10)**
- And when they went into the house they saw the young child with Mary its mother, and, falling down, they did obeisance to it. They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **(Matthew 2:11)**
- However, because they were given divine warning in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their country by another way. **(Matthew 2:12)**
- After they had withdrawn, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying; Get up, take the young child and its mother and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I give you word, for Herod is about to search for the young child to destroy it. **(Matthew 2:13)**
- So he got up and took along the young child and its mother by night and withdrew into Egypt. **(Matthew 2:14)**
- And he stayed there until the decease of Herod, for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; Out of Egypt I called my son. **(Matthew 2:15)**
- God continued to protect Jesus during his youth. After his baptism, **Satan** approached Jesus in the wilderness with three different strong temptations, thoroughly testing him on the issue of devotion to Yehowah.
- In one of his appeals **Satan** showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, claiming them to be his own. Jesus did not contradict this claim.

- **Nonetheless, Jesus refused to contemplate even for the briefest instant of time any shortcut to kingship, nor did he consider for an instant the doing of anything merely to please himself.**
- **His immediate reply to **Satan** was, Go away, **Satan!** For it is written, It is Yehowah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. At this, the **Devil** retired from him until another convenient time.**
- **Then Jesus was led by the spirit up into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. (**Matthew 4:1**)**
- **After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he felt hungry. (**Matthew 4:2**)**
- **Also, the Tempter came and said to him; If you are a son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread. (**Matthew 4:3**)**
- **But in reply he said; It is written: Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through Yehowah's mouth. (**Matthew 4:4**)**
- **Then the Devil took him along into the holy city, and he stationed him upon the battlement of the temple (**Matthew 4:5**)**
- **And said to him; If you are a son of God, hurl yourself down, for it is written: He will give his angels a charge concerning you, and they will carry you on their hands, that you may at no time strike your foot against a stone. (**Matthew 4:6**)**
- **Jesus said to him; Again it is written: You must not put Yehowah your God to the test. (**Matthew 4:7**)**
- **Again the Devil took him along to an unusually high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. (**Matthew 4:8**)**
- **And he said to him; All these things I will give you if you fall down and do an act of worship to me. (**Matthew 4:9**)**
- **Then Jesus said to him; Go away, **Satan!** For it is written: It is Yehowah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service. (**Matthew 4:10**)**

- Then the Devil left him, and, look! Angels came and began to minister to him. (**Matthew 4:11**)
- So the Devil, having concluded all the temptation, retired from him until another convenient time. (**Luke 4:13**)
- This illustrates the truth of James words later written; **Oppose the Devil, and he will flee from you.**
- Subject yourselves, therefore, to God, but oppose the Devil, and he will flee from you. (**James 4:7**)
- Jesus was ever alert to the danger of **Satan's** machinations and to the fact that Satan desired to cause his destruction by getting him to entertain a thought contrary to Yehowah's will. This was demonstrated when Peter, on one occasion, though with good intentions, was actually throwing temptation in his way. Jesus had spoken of the suffering and death he was to undergo.
- From that time forward Jesus Christ commenced showing his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the older men and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised up. (**Matthew 16:21**)
- At this Peter took him aside and commenced rebuking him, saying; Be kind to yourself, Lord; You will not have this destiny at all. (**Matthew 16:22**)
- But, turning his back, he said to Peter; Get behind me, **Satan!** You are a stumbling block to me, because you think, not God's thoughts, but those of men. (**Matthew 16:23**)
- Throughout Jesus ministry he was in danger, **Satan** used human agents to oppose Jesus, trying either to cause him to stumble or to kill him. At one time the people were about to seize Jesus to make him king. But he would not consider such a thing, he would accept kingship only in God's time and way.
- Therefore Jesus, knowing they were about to come and seize him to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain all alone. (**John 6:15**)
- On another occasion those of his own hometown attempted to kill him.



- **And they all began to give favorable witness about him and to marvel at the winsome words proceeding out of his mouth, and they were saying; This is a son of Joseph, is it not? (Luke 4:22)**
- **At this he said to them; No doubt you will apply this illustration to me, Physician, cure yourself. The things we heard as having happened in Capernaum do also here in your home territory. (Luke 4:23)**
- **But he said; Truly I tell you that no prophet is accepted in his home territory. (Luke 4:24)**
- **For instance, I tell you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, so that a great famine fell upon all the land. (Luke 4:25)**
- **Yet Elijah was sent to none of those women, but only to Zarephath in the land of Sidon to a widow. (Luke 4:26)**
- **Also, there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, but Naaman the man of Syria. (Luke 4:27)**
- **Now all those hearing these things in the synagogue became filled with anger. (Luke 4:28)**
- **And they rose up and hurried him outside the city, and they led him to the brow of the mountain upon which their city had been built, in order to throw him down headlong. (Luke 4:29)**
- **But he went through the midst of them and continued on his way. (Luke 4:30)**
- **He was constantly harassed by those whom Satan used to try to trap him.**
- **Then the Pharisees went their way and took counsel together in order to trap him in his speech. (Matthew 22:15)**
- **But in all of Satan's efforts, he failed to cause Jesus to sin in the slightest thought or deed. Satan was thoroughly proved to be a liar,**

and he failed in his challenge of God's sovereignty and the integrity of God's servants.

- As Jesus said, shortly before his death; Now there is a judging of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out, completely discredited.
- Now there is a judging of this world, now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ([John 12:31](#))
- **Satan** had a grip on all mankind through sin. But, knowing that **Satan** would soon bring about his death, Jesus, after celebrating his last Passover with his disciples, could say;
- I shall not speak much with you anymore, for the ruler of the world is coming. And he has no hold on me. ([John 14:30](#))
- A few hours later, **Satan** succeeded in having Jesus put to death, first getting control of one of Jesus apostles, then using the Jewish leaders and the Roman World Power to execute Jesus in a painful and ignominious manner.
- But **Satan** entered into Judas, the one called Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ([Luke 22:3](#))
- Therefore Jesus answered; It is that one to whom I shall give the morsel that I dip. And so, having dipped the morsel, he took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ([John 13:26](#))
- And after the morsel then **Satan** entered into the latter. Jesus, therefore, said to him; What you are doing get done more quickly. ([John 13:27](#))
- ([John Chapters 18,19](#)) Here Satan acted as the one having the means to cause death, that is, the **Devil**.
- Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the **Devil**. ([Hebrews 2:14](#))
- While I was with you in the temple day after day you did not stretch out your hands against me. But this is your hour and the authority of darkness. ([Luke 22:53](#))

- But in this **Satan** failed to promote his cause, he only unwillingly fulfilled prophecy, which required that Jesus die as a sacrifice. The death of Jesus in blamelessness provided the ransom price for humankind, and by his death, and subsequent resurrection by God, Jesus could now help sinful humankind to escape from the grip of Satan, for, as it is written, Jesus became blood and flesh that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the **Devil**, and that he might emancipate all those who for fear of death were subject to slavery all through their lives.
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- And that he might emancipate all those who for fear of death were subject to slavery all through their lives. (**Hebrews 2:15**)

#### •• **Continues To Fight Christians**

- After Jesus death and resurrection, **Satan** continued to wage a bitter fight against Christ's followers. The accounts in the book of Acts and in the letters of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** furnish numerous proofs of this. Paul said that he had been given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of **Satan**, to keep slapping him.
- Just because of the excess of the revelations. Therefore, that I might not feel overly exalted, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, **an angel of Satan**, to keep slapping me, that I might not be overly exalted. (**2 Corinthians 12:7**)
- And as in the case with Eve, **Satan** disguised his real nature and purposes **by transforming himself into an angel of light**, and he had agents, ministers who **also keep transforming themselves into ministers of righteousness**.
- And no wonder, for **Satan** himself **keeps transforming himself into an angel of light**. (**2 Corinthians 11:14**)
- It is therefore nothing great if his ministers also keep **transforming themselves into ministers of righteousness**. But their end shall be according to their works. (**2 Corinthians 11:15**)

- **Examples of these were the false apostles who fought against Paul.**
- **For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:13)**
- **And those in Ephesus who said they themselves were Jews, and yet they were not but were a synagogue of Satan.**
- **I know your tribulation and poverty, but you are rich, and the blasphemy by those who say they themselves are Jews, and yet they are not but are a synagogue of Satan. (Revelation 2:9)**
- **Satan never ceased in making accusations day and night against Christians, challenging their integrity, as he did Job's.**
- **And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our God! (Revelation 12:10)**
- **Simon, Simon, look! Satan has demanded to have you men to sift you as wheat. (Luke 22:31)**
- **But Christians have a helper with the Father, Jesus Christ, a righteous one, who appears before the person of God in their behalf.**
- **My little children, I am writing you these things that you may not commit a sin. And yet, if anyone does commit a sin, we have a helper with the Father, Jesus Christ, a righteous one. (1 John 2:1)**

### · His Abyssing And Final Destruction

- **At the time of Satan's act in causing Eve and then Adam to rebel against God, God said to the serpent, actually speaking to Satan, since a mere beast could not understand the issues involved;**
- **And Yehowah God proceeded to say to the serpent; Because you have done this thing, you are the cursed one out of all the domestic animals and out of all the wild beasts of the field. Upon your belly you will go and dust is what you will eat all the days of your life. (Genesis 3:14)**

- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (**Genesis 3:15**)
- Here God made it known that **Satan**, cast outside God's holy organization, would have no life-sustaining hope but would eat dust, as it were, until he died. The **seed** eventually was to bruise him in the head, which would signify a death wound.
- When Christ was on earth, the demons identified him as the One who was to hurl them into the abyss, evidently a condition of restraint that in the parallel account is spoken of as torment.
- And, look! they screamed, saying; What have we to do with you, Son of God? Did you come here to torment us before the appointed time? (**Matthew 8:29**)
- Jesus asked him; What is your name? He said; Legion, because many demons had entered into him. (**Luke 8:30**)
- And they kept entreating him not to order them to go away into the abyss. (**Luke 8:31**)

### **See Also TORMENT**

- In the book of Revelation, we find described the last days of **Satan** and his end. Revelation reports that at the time of Christ's taking Kingdom power, **Satan** is hurled down out of heaven to the earth, no longer having access to the heavens, as he did in the days of Job and for centuries thereafter.
- And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled with the **dragon**, and the **dragon** and its angels battled (**Revelation 12:7**)
- But it did not prevail, neither was a place found for them any longer in heaven. (**Revelation 12:8**)
- So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called **Devil and Satan**, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (**Revelation 12:9**)

- **And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our God! (Revelation 12:10)**
- **And they conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witnessing, and they did not love their souls even in the face of death. (Revelation 12:11)**
- **On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing he has a short period of time. (Revelation 12:12)**
- **After this defeat Satan has only a short period of time, during which he makes war with the remaining ones of the woman's seed, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness to Jesus. In his efforts to devour the remaining ones of the woman's seed, he is called, the dragon, a swallower or crusher.**
- **But the earth came to the woman's help, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river that the dragon disgorged from its mouth. (Revelation 12:16)**
- **And the dragon grew wrathful at the woman, and went off to wage war with the remaining ones of her seed, who observe the commandments of God and have the work of bearing witness to Jesus. (Revelation 12:17)**
- **Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has eaten me up, he has thrown me into confusion. He has set me as an empty vessel. He has swallowed me down like a big snake, he has filled his abdomen with my pleasant things. He has rinsed me away. (Jeremiah 51:34)**
- **Where Jeremiah speaks for Jerusalem and Judah, saying; Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon has swallowed me down like a big snake, or, a dragon.**
- **In the earlier description of his fight against the woman and his efforts to devour her man child, he is pictured as, a great fiery-colored dragon.**

- And another sign was seen in heaven, and, look! A great fiery-colored **dragon**, with seven heads and ten horns and upon its heads seven diadems. (**Revelation 12:3**)
- (**Revelation Chapter 20**) Describes **Satan's** being bound and abysed for a thousand years, at the hands of a great angel doubtless Jesus Christ, who has the key of the abyss and who is the **seed** to bruise Satan's head.
- And the living one, and I became dead, but, look! I am living forever and ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (**Revelation 1:18**)

### **See Also ABYSS**

- **Satan's** final effort culminates in permanent defeat. The prophecy says that he is to be let loose for a little while as soon as Christ's Thousand Year Reign is ended and that he will lead rebellious persons in another attack upon God's sovereignty, but he is hurled, along with his demons, into the lake of fire and sulfur, everlasting destruction.
- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (**Revelation 20:1**)
- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:2**)
- And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (**Revelation 20:3**)
- Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (**Revelation 20:7**)
- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (**Revelation 20:8**)
- And they advanced over the breadth of the earth and encircled the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. But fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. (**Revelation 20:9**)

- **And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)**
- **Then he will say, in turn, to those on his left; Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)**

### **See Also LAKE OF FIRE**

#### **•• Handing A Person Over To Satan For Destruction Of The Flesh**

- **In instructing the congregation at Corinth as to the action to take toward a member of the congregation who had wickedly been committing incest with the wife of his father, the apostle Paul wrote: Hand such a man over to **Satan for the destruction of the flesh**.**
- **You hand such a man over to **Satan for the destruction of the flesh**, in order, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 5:5)**
- **This was a command to expel the man from the congregation, cutting off all fellowship with him.**
- **While God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves. (1 Corinthians 5:13)**
- **Turning him over to **Satan** would put him out of the congregation and into the world over which Satan is the god and ruler. Like a little leaven in the whole lump of dough, this man was the flesh, or fleshly element inside the congregation, and by removing this incestuous man, the spiritually minded congregation would destroy the flesh from the midst of it.**
- **Your cause for boasting is not fine. Do you not know that a little leaven ferments the whole lump? (1 Corinthians 5:6)**
- **Clear away the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, according as you are free from ferment. For, indeed, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)**



- Similarly, Paul handed Hymenaeus and Alexander over to **Satan**, because they had thrust aside faith and a good conscience and had experienced shipwreck concerning their faith.
- Hymenaeus and Alexander belong to these, and I have handed them over to **Satan** that they may be taught by discipline not to blaspheme. (**1 Timothy 1:20**)
- Later, the incestuous man in Corinth apparently repented from his wrongdoing and cleaned up, prompting the apostle Paul to recommend his being received back into the congregation.
- In exhorting them to forgiveness, he gave as one of the reasons; that we may not be overreached by **Satan**, for we are not ignorant of his designs.
- That we may not be overreached by **Satan**, for we are not ignorant of his designs. (**2 Corinthians 2:11**)
- In the first instance, **Satan** had brought the congregation into a bad condition in which they had to be reproved by the apostle, for they were too lenient, in fact, were letting the wicked man carry on his practice without regard for the reproach it brought, being puffed up in allowing it.
- And are you puffed up, and did you not rather mourn, in order, that the man that committed this deed should be taken away from your midst? (**1 Corinthians 5:2**)
- But on the other hand, if they now swung to the other extreme and refused forgiveness to the repentant one, **Satan** would be overreaching them in another direction, namely, that he could take advantage of their becoming hard and unforgiving.
- Through God's Word, Christians are enlightened to realize **Satan's** existence, his power, his designs and purposes, and his manner of operation, so that they can fight this spiritual foe with the spiritual weapons God provides.
- On this account take up the complete suit of armor from God, that you may be able to resist in the wicked day and, after you have done all things thoroughly, to stand firm. (**Ephesians 6:13**)
- Stand firm, therefore, with your loins girded about with truth,

- and having on the breastplate of righteousness. (**Ephesians 6:14**)
- **And with your feet shod with the equipment of the Good News of peace. (Ephesians 6:15)**
  - **Above all things, take up the large shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the wicked ones burning missiles. (Ephesians 6:16)**
  - **Also, accept the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, that is, God's word. (Ephesians 6:17)**