

Who is Satan?

The Bible defines Satan as an angelic being who fell from his position in heaven due to sin and is now completely opposed to God, doing all in his power to thwart God's purposes. Satan was created as a holy angel. Possibly his pre-fall name was Lucifer

Isaiah 14:12 "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!** (* This name is not used in some translations)

Satan was created as a cherubim, apparently the highest created angel.

Ezekiel 28:12-14¹² "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³ You were in Eden,
the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned you:
carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,
topaz, onyx and jasper,
lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.^[b]

Your settings and mountings^[c] were made of gold;

on the day you were created they were prepared.

¹⁴ You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.

He became arrogant in his beauty and status and decided he wanted to sit on a throne above God

Isaiah 14:13-14 You said in your heart,

"I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne

above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.^[b]

¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High."

Ezekiel 28:15¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways

from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.

1 Timothy 3:6⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

Satan's pride led to his fall. Because of his sin, God removed Satan from his exalted position.

Isaiah 14:12-15¹² How you have fallen from heaven,

morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!

¹³ You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to the heavens;

I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.^[b]

¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High."

¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead,
to the depths of the pit

Satan became the ruler of this world and the prince of the power of the air.

John 12:31³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out

2 Corinthians 4:4⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they

cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 2:2² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

He is an accuser, a tempter, and a deceiver. His very name means “adversary” or “one who opposes.” Another of his titles, the devil, means “slanderer.”

Revelation 12:10¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

**“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and
night,
has been hurled down.**

Matthew 4:3³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

1 Thessalonians 3:5⁵ For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.

Genesis 3 (Read the chapter)

2 Corinthians 4:4 (See above)

Revelation 20:3³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Even though he was cast out of heaven, he still seeks to elevate his throne above God. He

counterfeits all that God does, hoping to gain the worship of the world and encourage opposition to God's kingdom. Satan is the ultimate source behind every false cult and world religion. Satan will do anything and everything in his power to oppose God and those who follow God. However, Satan's destiny is sealed—an eternity in the lake of fire

Revelation 20:10¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever.