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A Look at Public Enemy Number One

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Satan

"The spirit that I have seen may be a devil; and the devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape."
- Hamlet
• Angels
• Lucifer and his fall
• Character profile of Satan
• The enemy's ancestry
• The enemy's power
• The enemy's destiny
• Our response to the enemy

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding, who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7)

"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers. And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created…” (Ezekiel 28:12-15)
"You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you. "By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you. "By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries." (Ezekiel 28:15-18)

…now two wills in Creation

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"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'" (Isaiah 14:12-14)

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"Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child."

(Revelation 12:3-4)

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**The Enemy’s Companions**

- Satan: “adversary” (Zech. 3:1, 1 Pet. 5:8, 1 Thess. 2:18, Job 1:6-7). Used 54 times in Scripture
- Devil: “slanderer” (1 Pet. 5:8). 34 times in Bible
- Lucifer: “son of the morning” Or “shining one” or “light bearer” (also what Buddha means)
- Beelzebub (or Beelzebul or Baal-zebub): “lord of the flies” or dung-god (Matt. 12:24); pagan idol supposed to protect from swarms of flies. The prince of demons (Matt. 12:24)
- Belial (2 Cor. 6:16): “lawlessness” personification of lawlessness
- The Evil One (1 John 5:19, Matt. 13:38 – Greek word used for “absolute corruption”)

**Enemy Profile**

- The tempter (1 Thes. 3:5, Matt. 4)
- Prince of this world (John 12:31)
- Accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
- god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- The deceiver (Rev. 20:10)
- Prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Destroyer (Rev. 9:12)
- The dragon (Rev 12:7)
- Murderer and father of lies (John 8:44)
- Father of non-Christians: “You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.” (John 8:44)

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The Enemy’s Persona

• Red, Horns, Hoofs, and a Tail?
• Scary, Horrifying, and Hideous?

“If we were able to see the devil himself in the midst of every sin, we would be much more prudent of sin.
- De Rougemont

What the Enemy is Not

• Not Sovereign
• Not Omnipotent
• Not Omnipresent
• Not Omniscient
• Not Infinite
• Not Self-Existential

The Enemy’s Ancestry

“Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.” (Genesis 3:13-15)
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Genesis 3

- **Persecution**
  - The Old Testament is a narrative on the persecution of and the preservation of the Godly line that would bring the Messiah.

- **Believers adopted from**
  - The New Testament relays that those who come to Christ are adopted into the Godly line (Galatians 4, Ephesians 1).

**Profile of the Enemy’s Power**

- “The Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.’ Then Satan answered the Lord, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ‘But put forth your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face.’” Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not put forth your hand on him.’ So Satan departed from the presence of the Lord.” (Job 1:8-12)
“Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, a messenger came to Job and said, ‘The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.’ While he was still speaking, another also came and said, ‘The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.’ While he was still speaking, another also came and said, ‘The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.’ While he was still speaking, another also came and said, ‘Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you.’” (Job 1:13-19)

The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause.” Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. “However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face.” So the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.” (Job 2:3-7)

Profile of the Enemy’s Power

- Incited an attack on Job’s property using human pawns to steal and murder
- Counterfeited a supernatural event (implicating God) to destroy Job’s property and murder his servants
- Incited a second attack on Job’s property using human pawns to steal and murder
- Utilized what appeared to be natural forces of nature to murder Job’s children
- Caused physical illness and suffering for Job
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"Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission. And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned." (Luke 8:32-33)

"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil," (Hebrews 2:14)
The Enemy's Possessions

"Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9)

"We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." (1 John 5:19)
**Satan’s Destiny**

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.” (Revelation 20:1-3)

**Satan’s Destiny**

“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (Revelation 20:7-10)

**Recognize him**

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
"She is the source of fertility, endless wisdom and loving caresses... She gives birth to abundance... Since the Goddess is nature, all nature... She is omnipresent, changeless, eternal."
- Scott Cunnigham

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For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. (1 Samuel 15:23)

"He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil." (1 Timothy 3:4-6)
Resist him

“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

ἀνθίστημι – anthistemi – “to be in opposition to; set oneself against”

Repel him

“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:13-19)
Defeat Him

*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. *And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.* (Revelation 12:10-11)

Two Fathers, Two Masters

*Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” (Galatians 4:6)

*You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.* (John 8:44)

*Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ* (Titus 1:1)

*and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.* (2 Timothy 2:26)

Who you serve is up to you.

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