

THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

Where did the devil originate from? How did he come to be called the devil? These and many other questions arise when he is mentioned. Let us turn to the Bible to learn the truth about Satan.

1. With whom did sin originate?

Bible Text – 1 John 3:8

2. How is Satan described before he sinned?

Bible Text – Ezekiel 28:12-13, 15

3. What exalted position did Satan once occupy in the courts of heaven?

Bible Text – Ezekiel 28:14; Psalm 80:1

4. What higher position did this exalted being covet?

Bible Text – Isaiah 14:12-14

Note: Another motive behind his rebellion was pride in his beauty.
Eze 28:17

5. What did God do when Satan's rebellion led to war in heaven?

Bible Text – Revelation 12:7-9

6. When Satan was cast out of heaven, who did he then seek to deceive?

Bible Text – Genesis 3:1-6

7. What does Satan now claim as his?

Bible Text – Luke 4:5-6

8. Who brings sickness and trouble upon mankind?

Bible Text – Luke 13:16; Job 2:7

9. How will this evil one finally be destroyed by God?

Bible Text – Ezekiel 28:16-19

10. Why does the devil work so viciously now?

Bible Text – Revelation 12:10-12

11. How does Satan work to disguise himself and his activities?

Bible Text – 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

12. What is man's only defense against the devil's deceptions?

Bible Text – Ephesians 6:11-18

13. How can we gain the victory over this arch-enemy?

Bible Text – Revelation 12:11

Peter warns us, "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," 1 Peter 5: 8. Satan will soon be destroyed with all those who have yielded to his temptations to sin. The Bible assures us that his end will be complete. Therefore he seeks to bring mankind with him. But God has given us a solution in Jesus Christ. Will you trust Him to help defend you against the devil?