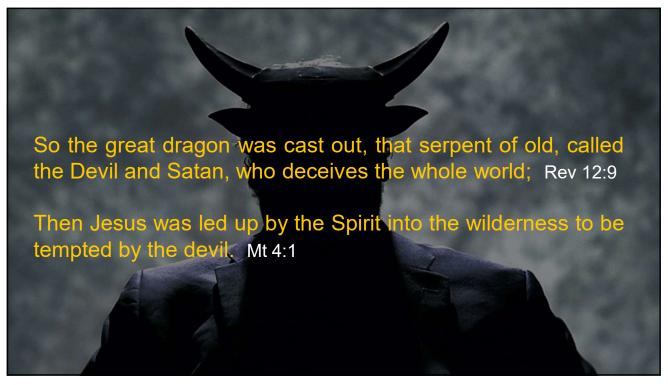




We speak of Devil's food cake, deviled ham, and call football teams the Devils. People like to make the devil laughable, but he is a very real enemy. It has always been the Devil's purpose to pull the veil of darkness over his kingdom and to have his existence denied for a while, but his goal always has been to be worshipped, so sooner or latter he will show himself and demand worship. It is important that we understand who the Devil is because if there is no concept of our enemy then there will be no preparation for the war. How is our enemy described?











He was the top cherub

Ezk 28:12-19 "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 was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

¹⁶ "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. ¹⁷ "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. ¹⁸ "You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. ¹⁹ All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever."



- He was perfect: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."
- He was there in the beginning: "You were in Eden, the garden of God
- He was beautiful: "every precious stone was your covering"
- He was musical: "the workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you"
- He was created: "the day you were created"
- He was the top cherub: "You were the anointed cherub who covers"

- He was initially sinless: "You were perfect in your ways till iniquity was found in you"
- His "trading" filled him with violence: "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned"
- He was cast from heaven: "I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God"
- Pride was his sin: "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor"
- He was cast to the earth: "I cast you to the ground"
- Internal fire devoured him: "therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you"



He rebelled against God

Is 14:12-17 "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! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. ¹⁶ "Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷ Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?'

- His name was Lucifer: "O Lucifer, son of the morning"
- In his pride, he believed he could challenge God: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."
- He will end up in hell: "you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit"
- Someday, everyone will know his smallness: "Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷ Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?"



 Jesus faced off with Satan at the very beginning of His ministry

Mt 4:1-3 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."



Luke 22:43-44 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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Michael fought the devil

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.



