

SATAN

I. WHO IS HE?

A. **Mark 4:15; Luke 8:12; Mathew 13:19**

He is variously referred to as “Satan”, “the devil”, and “the wicked one”.

B. **Mathew 4:1-3**

Another appropriate monicker for the devil is “the tempter”.

C. **Revelation 20:2; Genesis 3:1-4, 13-15**

He is “the dragon” and “that serpent of old”, referring to man’s first sin.

D. **John 8:44**

The devil is the father of lies and the original murderer.

E. **Luke 11:15-18**

Satan has been called “Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons”.

1. **2nd Kings 1:2-3**

This epithet derives from the Philistines’ idol “Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron”, literally translated as “Lord of the Flies” or “Lord of the Dung”.

By the first century, Jews had co-opted the name of an obscure idol of their long-vanquished enemies to represent Satan himself.

2. **1st Corinthians 10:19-21; Psalm 106:35-38**

Demons are idols.

a. **1st Chronicles 16:25-26**

Idols are gods.

b. **Psalm 115:3-8**

Idols do not exist until men create them.

c. Satan rules over these false gods.

II. WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

A. **Colossians 1:16**

He is not self-existent, but was brought into being by the Creator who is Christ, and he was made for Christ, although he no longer serves Him.

B. Jude 6

Some angels have rebelled against God; perhaps Satan was among them.

C. Revelation 12:7-9

The angels who fight against the archangel do so under the devil's command.

D. Job 1:6; 2:1

Satan presents himself before Jehovah alongside the *"sons of God"*.

1. Romans 8:14

The phrase has differing applications based on context. In some cases, the term *"sons of God"* means those who are led by the Holy Spirit.

2. Luke 20:36

When the righteous dead inherit the resurrection, they are *"sons of God"*, being *"equal to the angels"*.

3. Job 38:4-7

Elsewhere in the book of Job, the *"sons of God"* who rejoiced at Creation could only have been the angels of heaven. Therefore, the *"sons of God"* beside whom Satan stood were angels.

4. Psalm 115:3; Job 1:7; 2:2

Since *"God is in heaven"*, and Satan left earth to present himself before Him, we are further grounded in our conclusion that, in this specific case, the *"sons of God"* are angels.

5. In all likelihood, Satan retains the nature of the angels, being a spirit.

III. WHERE DOES HE FUNCTION?

A. Job 1:7; 2:2

He roams the earth.

B. 1st John 5:18-19; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11

Holding sway over the *"whole world"*, he is called the *"ruler of this world"*.

C. **Revelation 20:10**

He is not lord of hell. Rather, hell was created by God to punish the devil.