



# Week 6: Satan & Demons

## Day 1 Reflection

### TRUTH

God has a spiritual enemy. He is referred to in Scripture by various names: Satan, the Devil, the Dragon, the Serpent, Beelzebul to name a few. Who is this adversary of the Most High? Read **Ezekiel 28:11-19** to find out more about him. Use the questions below as a guide. Record your observations.

**Who** is this lament concerning? Why then would many scholars attribute this to Satan? What clues indicate that this lament goes beyond a mere mortal? Is he equal to God? Why or why not? Where did he come from? How does Scripture describe him? What is his covering? All of these stones are used in another covering in Exodus 28:15-21. Read these verses in Exodus to determine whom these stones covered. Explain the significance of this.

**Where** did God place him after he was created? v. 14. We may not be sure of this exact location, but from the title of it, would it seem that being placed there by God was a place of honor? Why? What does this indicate? Where was he in the beginning of the world? v. 13

**What** was found in him? v. 15 & 16. What did he do as a result? What did God do to him then?

**Why** did Satan fall? v. 17

**How** will he end?

In general, what kind of enemy is he? How powerful? How cunning? How mighty? Does his true nature have any significance for the spiritual warfare battle we face? If so, how?

Note other observations/questions that you have concerning this passage.

## Day 2 Reflection

### TRUTH

Scripture gives a fascinating encounter between God and Satan in Job Chapters 1 and 2. Read these chapters. Note your observations about the setting, about God, and about Satan. Also note any implications for your life that can be found in these verses. Then write in your own words a description of this encounter.

### EVIDENCE

Wow are we excited for you to read the article selected for today. It is written by John Piper and titled "Awake and at War". It is jam packed with scripture that speaks to our call to action and best of all, the highlight – the enemy will be defeated! The Bible says so! That means God says so! And that is AMAZING news!

Enjoy this read and let's shout HALLELUJAH together at the end. And how about a loud YES AND AMEN! We serve such a good, good God. Woohoo!!!!

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/awake-and-at-war>

Write your prayer of praise for the victory and for strength in the war.

## Day 3 Reflection

### TRUTH

If the devil is a foe of the Almighty God, what does that mean for us? Yes, he is our enemy, too. Satan hates what God loves most. For today's reflection, read Revelation 12 and answer the following questions.

How is this woman described? What does she have on her head? What happens to her in verses 4-6? What clues would indicate this woman is the nation of Israel? Who is the male child to whom she gives birth? What will he do? What did the dragon attempt to do to the baby?

What clues indicate that the dragon is Satan? What happens to him v. 9? Was he alone in this banishment? See verse 4 and 9. How many did the dragon sweep away with him?

What woe is given to the inhabitants of the earth? v. 12. Why is this woe or warning given? What does the devil know? And how does he act accordingly? What are the tactics he uses against God's people? What does this mean for us in our daily lives?

### TACTICS

Today, let's explore some of Satan's tactics or strategies – the ones he tries to use on us. How do we respond?

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/satans-ten-strategies-against-you>

The article starts as follows:

... that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs. (2 Corinthians 2:11)

One of the most sobering facts about life is that all humans have a supernatural enemy whose aim is to use pain and pleasure to make us blind, stupid, and miserable — forever. The Bible calls him "the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world ...the accuser" (Revelation 12:9-10), "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31),

and “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

What did you learn today? What did you find to be a sobering reminder? How were you encouraged?

### **Day 4 Reflection**

#### **TRUTH**

Satan cannot create. He can only mar what God has created. He also enjoys imitating God. In today’s reflection, we shall see how much. First, remind yourself of where Satan was at the end of Revelation 12.

Then read Revelation 13 and answer the following questions.

What are the two images presented in this chapter? What does the first one look like? What does the second one look like? Describe them in words or draw a quick sketch. (There is a lot of imagery depicted in this passage. It is so interesting, but our time does not allow us to go into too much. Warren Wiersbe’s commentary on the book of Revelation is phenomenal and it would be an amazing resource for you to use to dig deep into Revelation.) From where do each of the beasts come?

What does the dragon have to do with both of these beasts? See verses 4 & 11.

We have said that Satan is a great imitator. He is the counterfeit God the Father. These two beasts are also counterfeits from the Trinity. Which beast is the counterfeit Jesus? Do you know another name for him? See 1 John 2:22. And which one is the counterfeit Holy Spirit?

This chapter foretells of the tribulation. A time near the end of time when Satan is allowed to give rise to an unholy trinity. During this time, what is happening to the people yet alive on earth?

The book of Revelation was written as an encouragement for the persecuted Church. What encouragement for the Church can be found in this chapter? What encouragement can you find in this chapter for your life today?

## CHURCH HISTORY & ALTERNATE WORLDVIEWS

Pastor John is tackling Islam and Hinduism today. What do you understand about these religions? How would you engage in a conversation with someone who holds these beliefs?

Here is the link to the podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/cfdowntown/womens-bible-study-paganism>

Note some of the key points that you want to remember below:

### Day 5 Reflection

#### TRUTH

What is the ending that God has written for the unholy trinity we studied yesterday? For today's reflection, we will Read Revelation 19:19 through 20:3 and Revelation 20:10 to find out. But before we dig into today's Scripture, let's put our passage in context. In Revelation 19, Jesus has come back, and He battles and defeats the nations at Armageddon in verses 1-18.

Now read the Scripture verses for today. Where are the beasts? What was their punishment? Is this their eternal home?

What is the dragon's name in this passage? What happens to him in 20:1-3.? Is this the same place that contains the other beasts? What will happen 1,000 years after the dragon's first imprisonment? See 20:7-10. According to 20:10, where will the devil be thrown as his eternal home?

Now, this may be an easy one, but what encouragement can the persecuted Church glean from this passage? How about you? How can this ending give you a hope for the future, but also for the present?

Dear one, the one who accuses you, deceives you, manipulates you, is a DEFEATED enemy. May that truth inform the battles you face in your journey on earth.

To Him who deserves all your worship - Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Here are some articles that you might find interesting:

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-satan-undoes-a-mom>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-satan-means-for-evil>