Know Your Enemy

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Text: John 8:44 Scripture Reading: John 8:41-47

1. Is Satan “The Morning Star?” (Lucifer)
   1. In Isaiah 14:3-23, the passage is a prophecy against the King of Babylon (14:3-4).
   2. In Ezekiel 28:12-19, the passage speaks of the lamentation against the King of Tyre (28:12) after prophesying doom for the “Leader of Tyre,” also called a “Prince” (NKJV) in 28:2.
2. Who is Satan from the Scriptures?
   1. Leader of angels who sinned (The Scriptures are silent as to if he himself is a fallen angel, but we do know that he is a created being who rebelled against God)
      1. **Matthew 25:41:** Then He will also say to those on His left, “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.” ***He is NOT the ruler of Hell: He is an eternal inmate!***
      2. **II Peter 2:4:** “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.”
   2. Satan’s character:
      1. The Author of Sin – Gen. 3:1-6
      2. Satan, Adversary, Enemy – Rev. 12:9
      3. Devil, Accuser, Slanderer – Rev. 12:9
      4. Beelzebub, Prince of Demons – Mt. 12:24
      5. Prince of the Powers of the Air – Eph. 2:2; 6:12
      6. The Great Dragon – Rev. 12:9
      7. That Old Serpent – Rev. 12:9
      8. The Father of Lies – Jn. 8:44
      9. A Murderer – Jn. 8:44
      10. The Wicked One – Mt. 13:38
      11. Belial: Extremely Wicked, Stubborn, Destined for Ruin – II Cor. 6:15
      12. The god of This World – II Cor. 4:4
      13. Ruler or Prince Over This World’s Sin & Darkness – Jn. 12:31; Eph. 6:12
      14. Deceives the Whole World – Rev. 12:9
      15. The Tempter – I Thess. 3:5
      16. The Enemy – Mt. 13:39
      17. A Roaring Lion – I Pet. 5:8
      18. Disguised as an “angel of light” – II Cor. 11:13-15
   3. These passages, among others, offer clearer and direct references to Satan's existence and character.
   4. Satan wants your soul and your company with him for eternity (Matthew 25:41).
3. There Is a Contrast Between Satan and His Children to God and His Children!

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| **Trait** | **Father Satan** | | **Satan’s Children** | | **Trait** | **Father God** | **God’s Children** |
| **Liar, Deceiver** | Jn. 8:44; Rev. 12:9 | | Jn. 8:44; Rev. 21:8 | | **Honest** | Titus 1:1-2; Heb. 6:18 | Eph. 4:15, 25; Col. 3:9 |
| **Murderer** | Jn. 8:44 | | Jn. 8:44; Rom. 1:29; Mt. 5:21-22 | | **Saves Life** | Jn. 3:16; 10:10; I Pet. 3:9 | II Cor. 5:11; II Tim. 2:24-26; Jude 22-23 |
| **Rebel Against God** | II Pet. 2:4; Gen. 3:1-6 | | Rom. 3:23; Acts 13:7-10; Heb. 3:7-13 | | **Faithful** | II Tim. 2:13; I Jn. 1:9 | Rev. 2:10; II Tim. 4:7-8 |
| **Destroyer** | I Pet. 5:8 | | Mt. 18:6; Jude 8 | | **Edifier (Builds Up)** | Js. 4:8, 10; Eph. 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:5 | Eph. 4:29; I Thess. 5:11, 14 |
| **Thief** | | Mt. 13:19 | | I Cor. 6:9-10; I Pet. 4:15 | **Share** | Jn. 10:10; Col. 1:12 | Rom. 13:9; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28 |
| **Love Darkness & Sin** | | Col. 1:13 | | Jn. 3:19-21; Rom. 1:29-32; Eph. 4:18-19 | **Love Light & Obedience** | Js. 1:17; Phil. 2:8 | Jn. 3:21; Mt. 5:16; Rom. 6:17-18 |
| **Hate, Bitterness** | | Jn. 8:44; I Pet. 5:8 | | Rom. 1:30; Gal. 5:19-21; Col. 3:8 | **Love, Forgiveness** | Jn. 3:16; I Jn. 1:9 | Jn. 13:35; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13 |
| **False Religion** | | II Cor. 11:14 | | II Cor. 11:13-15; Eph. 4:14 | **Sound Doctrine** | Jn. 17:17; I Thess. 1:9-10; II Pet. 1:3-4 | Eph. 4:14-16; I Tim. 4:6; Titus 2:1; Jude 3 |
| **Bound** | | Rev. 1:18; 20:1-2 | | Jn. 8:31-34; Rom. 6:16; Eph. 2:12; II Pet. 2:9, 19 | **Free** | Acts 17:30-31; I Pet. 4:4-6; Job 38:1-7; 40:1-2 | Jn. 8:31; Rom. 6:16-18; Gal. 5:1, 13 |
| **Defeated** | | Rev. 1:18; 20:10 | | Mt. 25:41; Rev. 21:8 | **Exalted** | Ps. 57:5; Is. 57:15; Js. 1:17 | Mt. 25:34; Js. 4:10; I Pet. 5:6; Rev. 21:7 |

**Jesus, the True Light of the world (John 1:1-10) is the Bright Morning Star! (Revelation 22:16)**