

Satan—a Person

- Traditional caricatures of Satan from the Dark Ages.
 - Pictured as the dark force in the struggle between good and evil, not an individual person.
 - Blamed for the works of the sin nature.
 - Thought of as being in charge of hell, tormenting the dead (Rev. 2:13 *cf.* Mt. 16:18).
 - There is no demonic possession of Christians (1 Jn. 5:18).
- A.** Satan is a spirit being (*cf.* Lu. 24:39); a cherub higher in the creative scale than the top angel (Jude 9; Duet. 34:5-6; 2 Pet. 2:11; Rev. 12:8).
- B.** Satan is seen in Scripture through a third party that he is influencing.
- a. As a snake (Gen. 3:14-15; 2 Cor. 11:3, Rev. 12:9, 14-15; 20:2).
 - b. With Peter (Mt. 16:21-23).
- C.** The power behind the King of Tyre (Ez. 28:11-19).
- a. Lucifer's anointing by the Holy Spirit (1 Sam. 10:1, 6; 9-10; 16:12-14; 1 Jn. 2:20, 27 *cf.* Gen. 1:2).
 - b. The Rock Garden designed for Lucifer.
 - a) It preexisted the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8-10 *cf.* Gen. 1:11-12).
 - b) The luminescence of Lucifer is the "setting" for the fiery stones.
 - c. Lucifer's rule of the created universe.
 - a) Overshadowing all created beings.
 - b) The mountain of God (Is. 2:2; Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45).
 - c) Lucifer's rule depended on remaining on earth and under God's authority.
- D.** The power behind a nation (Is. 14:12-15).
- a. Lucifer's *lust* was to be independent of God's authority (*cf.* Job 1:6; 2:1).
 - b. Lucifer's *temptation* was to be like God.
 - c. Lucifer's *trespass* was when he determined to carry out his plan.
 - d. Lucifer's *sin* was when he acted upon his plan (Ez. 28:16).