

YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL**Introduction**

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible provides insight concerning Satan. The serpent was present in the garden of Eden. He knew what God said but twisted it to deceive Eve to sin. During his temptation of Jesus, the adversary also quoted the Word of God. Satan knows God's Word better than many believers; however, he misapplies and perverts it to cause people to sin. The devil was also present in heaven and allowed before the throne of God. Satan was created by God and permitted to have limited power and authority.

Memory Verse: I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Biblical Application

Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 explicitly mention the king of Babylon and the king of Tyrus. However, portions of both chapters are commonly understood to refer to Satan. Isaiah 14 speaks of Lucifer as falling from heaven and seeking to ascend into heaven. Lucifer sought to exalt his throne above the stars of God and be like the most High. Ezekiel 28 refers to Satan as being seen in Eden, the garden of God, and every precious stone was his covering. The devil is described as the anointed cherub that covereth upon the holy mountain of God. He was perfect in his ways from the day he was created, till iniquity was found in him. Jesus said, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven (Luke 10:18). Satan had access to the throne of God in the book of Job. The devil walks to and fro in the earth, walking up and down in it; as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (Job 1:7, I Peter 5:8). Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light and his ministers are transformed as the ministers of righteousness (II Corinthians 11:14-15). Satan and his angels often use principalities, powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world to engage in spiritual warfare. This includes some politicians, as well as some governmental, corporate, and institutional leaders. Let us pray for spiritual discernment to recognize and resist the efforts of the adversary. Through the power of the Holy Ghost and obedience to God's Word, we can remain victorious in this spiritual war!

- The anointed cherub. Ezekiel 28:11-19.
- Rebellion in heaven. Isaiah 14:4-18; Revelation 12:1-17; Luke 10:18.
- Deceiver of the nations. Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10; Ephesians 6:10-17.

Everyday Life Application

How is the adversary using principalities and powers today? What can you do to resist the work of the adversary while remaining compliant with Romans 13:1-7?