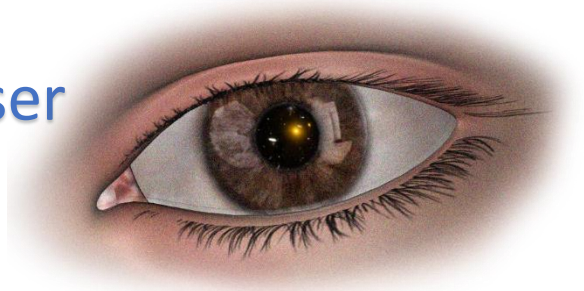


# Who is Satan?

## A brief look at the loser



### **Exodus 20**

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

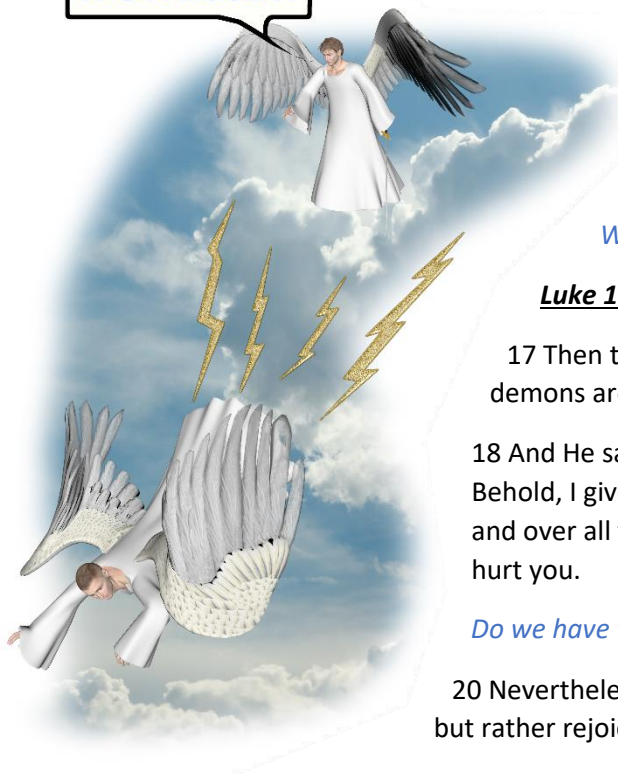
*What existed on the day before this first day?*

### **Isaiah 14**

12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

*Satan said Eve could be like God. If she could replace God would the world be nicer? The world seems to be falling apart. Is God doing a bad job?*

**WATCH THAT  
FIRST STEP.  
IT'S A DOOZY!**



15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 “Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, 17 Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?’

*What would make people say this about Satan?*

### **Luke 10**

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

*Do we have these powers?*

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

*When did Satan fall from Heaven?*

## Revelation 12



3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

*Revelation uses a lion, lamb, eagle, ox, scorpion, horse and then a dragon. Why use a mythical creature to describe Satan?*

5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

*What do you suppose the place in heaven for Satan is like?*

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

*What? Satan is just now coming down!? Hasn't he been down here for ages tormenting and making people do all kinds of evil?*

## Revelation 20

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

*Do you think this angel on angel fight will be a massive battle?*

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

*Why let him go? Why not just throw him into hell?*



## Job 1-2

Some daemons decided to visit heaven one day and they brought Satan along with them.

God asked Satan, "From where do you come?"

Oh! I've just been going here and there on the earth, just walking back and forth on it.

Then the Lord said to Satan, "have you considered my servant Job. There is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

Satan said, "What did you think would happen. You have protected him from everything. I have seldom even been able to step foot in his land. He's got 3000 camels and 500 oxen and donkeys and all that he needs grows for him, He has enough servants to work the fields and keep the animals and he is the most prudish man I've ever met. He prays for his kids whenever they get together without him, because they may have cursed you when he wasn't around. Why do you pick a man that has everything going on and then expect me to be shocked when he worships you? If you took away his stuff. he would curse you to your face."

The lord said, "Behold all that he has is in your power, only to not lay a hand on his person." So Satan headed back to earth.

A servant under job was a highly sought-after position. People came from all over the east to for a shot at working in his house or fields, though no titles had been given he was known as the king of the east. He lived at the edge of the known map, so none attacked from the east and none attacked from any other direction because A. he seemed impenetrable since people saw that God shielded him and B. He was well liked. No-one to the west even had guards to protect against Job because he wasn't greedy. He needed nothing since God gave him his heart's desire. Job had no defenses either because he had never even been threatened

One day Job's servants were working the fields with the Oxen and keeping watch on the donkeys as they did contently every day. A few had their kids with them either being caried around or off watching the donkeys. Those with teenage kids were carefully watching them as they drove the oxen. The hope was that the kids would gain the skills to eventually get jobs of their own from Job.

Micah said to Alva. I think they just have it too good. They haven't been around so they haven't seen that everybody in the world isn't as generous as Job.

"Ya!" Alva Replied, "These kids have never known poverty. They all think they can do better out in the 'real world!' Only a few can get it through their heads that this place is an escape from the real world. Did you know Job gives 80 percent of his profits back to the work force.

No way, who told you that.

Markie, straighten your row! Nobody! he was working the books that last time I went in for pay. I asked if I could see. He said sure. What I thought was amazing is that he pays...

Hey Alva, "He interrupted. What is that thing up on the hill. I think it's a camel.

Let's go see.

They didn't need to go see. Soon there were seven more definitely camels

Alva said, "I don't think those are Job's"

Those are Sabeans' marks on their necks, he's a raider. Run everybody run. Micah left his plow and headed for the camps. Yelling all the way for the servants to flee. They were workers. They could be fighters too, but all they had on them were skinning blades for cutting line and removing rock clods from the oxen's feet. Micah far outstripped the rest because he had ran off soonest but he had taken his son's hand. The Sabeans had reached the oxen but they were passing them up now. Some of the camels didn't even have riders but they were trailed in a glowing red smoke. As if being chased down by camel riders with seven foot simitars wasn't scary enough!

"Dad I can't run with you holding my hand. Let go and we can go faster." It was logical, so he let go and they both picked up speed. It didn't take long to realize that Markie was not going to keep up. And as he began to slow to keep pace, he put his foot in a gopher hole and went tumbling down. Micah turned to go back but when he did he saw the Sabean raider right behind him, bend low like he was playing cricket from a horse and lop his son's head cleanly from his shoulders. The wind was completely taken out of him when he saw the carnage behind him and rage entered his heart. Off in the distance, certain raiders were taking the oxen and donkeys but more interestingly, the riderless camels lined up in a row behind him, like there was an invisible line they could not cross. A grotesque evil looking being, clothed in black, concealing a bony skeleton that glowed red as if on fire, appeared on the back of the one in the middle. It stepped across that invisible line and pointed its sword at his head and said in the deepest evil voice he had ever heard. "RUN!" He forgot his vengeance in a second. He could tell this would never have been a fair fight and he fled in abject terror to find Job.

When he reached Job, he told him what had happened to his cattle and servants and how he was the only one who escaped. As he finished his speech another man ran up and he had a terribly awful story of his own to tell. "I was out in the field with the shepherds and the sheep and it began to rain. The rain was warm and as the drops fell, they turned blood red in moments it had turned to fire." He began to cry as he relayed the tale. "The fire burned the sheep and servants and by the time it was the size of boulders falling all were dead. I was kept alive in some kind of bubble. I am convinced that it was to torture me. I have never seen rain like that and whatever caused it wanted me to see all of my family and friends burn to death. If only I could have died with them. Please pray to God for me Job".

Job was taken aback. These were his friends too! He was shocked that his animals were dead but the people were his neighbors. He had built a community with them. As he was about to answer, another man ran up. "The Chaldeans raided our stables. They came in like thunder from three sides. There were about thirty of them and they were monstrous. They must have been thirty feet tall. The ones from the east attacked the camel herders and killed every one but me. I hid behind a tree and ran back as soon as I saw a chance. Before I left I saw one pick up two camels and carry them out beyond the southern hill in about five steps. Even if we had been prepared and had weapons, we would have been no match for them. One of them kicked The Longstone Stable until it fell in. The stables are destroyed, the servants are dead, and all the camels were loaded onto a massive cart pulled by four Chaldeans and hauled away.

He hadn't even finished saying this when another man ran to him and fell to his knees. "Master, I was helping at a party at your oldest son's house and your three daughters were there. I was out in the grove bringing in fresh fruit when a terrible wind blew over me. It blew down from the grove and hit the house from the north. It was full of little green lights and I could see it as it dashed against the side of the house. It hit with great force and though it did nothing to the house it was immediately followed by a gust from the east, then the south and the west. And another gust blew past and the cycle continued until there was a roiling mess of a hurricane that twisted the house. Then it collapsed down on those inside. All of your sons and daughters are dead and I alone escaped to come and tell you.

With this Job collapsed on the ground and wept, In the agony and torment of all he had heard he cried out. "I came out naked from my mother's womb and naked I will return. The Lord gave and he has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." He neither sinned nor said any foolish insults to God.

At some later point Satan joined the demons as they presented themselves before God. God asked Satan, "From Where do you come?"

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Then the Lord said to Satan, "have you considered my servant Job. There is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? He even holds his integrity when you have worked against him without a cause."

Satan said, "He's still as health as a horse. He lost nothing that would affect him. Take away his health and he will curse you to your face."

Then God said. "He is in your hands, but you must spare his life."

So Satan went straight away down and infected Job with hideous boils from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head. Then Job went and sat in an ash pile with a piece of a broken pot and scraped the boils off as they grew on him. The ashes soaked up much of the puss that ran down him but new boils formed as soon as the old ones were scraped. His wife looked out the window and saw him scraping boils off of the top of his cheek so he could see. She came out to him frustrated and proclaimed, "You still think God is good. You have lost everything and you can't taste smell or see anymore. You should just curse him and die.

He said, "You are acting like a foolish woman. What do you think? Should we only receive good from the hand of God and not receive evil?" Even in this Job did not sin.

For weeks Job sat this way and friends came from distant lands to comfort him but the only comfort they gave was by sitting with him in his mourning for what he had lost. Wouldn't it have been wonderful if they could have just kept their mouths shut. But they couldn't. they each had to interpret why God had abandoned Job. He had sinned, he had treated people poorly, he had cursed God in his heart. All accused him of stuff and their comfort was turned into an additional to misery.

Next God himself came to Job in a mighty whirlwind and instead of offering comfort he plied him with many impossible questions and crushed his spirit under the weight of his awesome power. Job had no comfort even from God himself. And even in this Job humbled himself before God and would not sin.

So God released him from his boils. His brothers and sisters came to him and offered him comfort and presents of gold and money. He restarted his settlement and gained double of all the oxen and camels and donkeys that he had before. He had seven new sons and three daughters who's names were Jemima, Kezia, and Kerenhappuch, but no one ever made fun of them for that because they were the most stunningly beautiful women in the east. Plus, He lived another hundred and forty years and met his great, great, grandchildren.