

# Where Did *The Devil* Come From?

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(Written in basic story form, without scripture references included, but based solely on the information found throughout the Bible.)

People often ask, “Who is the Devil? Where did he come from?” We will not find a book in the Bible that tells his story from beginning to end, but from many different places in the Bible, we do have his story. When we put it all together, here is what we know:

The Devil was actually created by God as a cherub, or an angel, who lived in the Garden of Eden. His name was Lucifer, meaning “Light bearer,” or “Morning Star.” He was very beautiful and full of wisdom. He was created as a master of music and instruments. He was apparently an archangel, because he was in charge of one third of the angels.

An archangel is a chief of angels or a prince of angels. Michael is also an archangel. The only other angel mentioned by name is Gabriel. These

three angels are mentioned in the Bible by name, as prominent, important angels. We know Lucifer was in charge of one third of the angels. We can assume that there were likely three archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer, each being in charge of one third of the angels.

Lucifer had a high position in God's creation, and was given much honour, but somehow this was not enough for him. Though God created all His creatures perfect and without sin, He gave each one the ability of a free will. In Lucifer, his will turned into the first sin. He said in his heart, "I will ascend into Heaven, and exalt my throne above the stars of God." He said, "I will be like the Most High." He was followed in this rebellion by his angels. In this rebellion, a great battle broke out in Heaven between Lucifer and Michael the archangel. Lucifer was cast out of Heaven as lightning to the earth along with his third of the angels. God prepared a place called Hell to be their final destination. Now Lucifer has become known as Beelzebub the prince of devils. Devils are fallen angels. These fallen angels are bound under chains of darkness, meaning they are forever cast out of the presence of God, with their final doom being sealed. Only Lucifer is allowed to even communicate with God, and this is obviously on a very limited basis.

We find the first demon possession when Lucifer

himself possessed the serpent in the Garden of Eden to tempt Eve. He did this out of his hatred for God, who had cast him out of Heaven. He knew mankind, who was created in the very image of God, was the crown of God's creation. He wanted to introduce sin to God's prize creation, knowing this would cause grief in the heart of God, alienating man from God with a death sentence upon man.

Because God's love for man was so strong, He had a plan to redeem man. God cursed the serpent with crawling on his belly and told Lucifer, through the serpent, that there would be enmity between Lucifer and the seed of woman. Referring to Christ who would be born of God from the seed of woman, God said thou shalt bruise His heel, but He shall bruise thy head. This meant Lucifer's efforts would wound Christ on the cross, but this sacrifice would forever defeat Lucifer, giving him that mortal blow to the head.

Lucifer, now Beelzebub prince of devils, is now known as Satan, meaning "Adversary." He and his devils are hard at work fighting with limited powers, for a limited period of time, against God, the people of God, and all that is righteous. They are able to win over many for their cause and are even able to possess many, taking full control of them. Some are so overtaken by them, that they will knowingly worship Satan and devils, while others

think they can play with them for self gain using witchcraft, sorcery and enchantments. Many are deceived into thinking they can communicate with the spirits of dead people such as family members when they are really communicating with devils. Since these people become familiar with these devils, these are called familiar spirits.

Anyone who claims to have any sort of spiritual powers that does not come from God according to the Bible, is either not real, or it is from devils. This includes psychics, sorcerers, wizards, warlocks, witches, wiccans, and many more. This is forbidden in the Bible. It is considered a very wicked sin. It is not to be played with or made light of, nor is it appropriate (especially for the child of God) to make or participate in games or intriguing stories which glorify such things.

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