

Midweek Bible Study

An Exposition of Revelation

Excursion: A Biblical-Theology of Satan

Introduction

- I. His Nature, Origin, and Fall
 - A. He is a created angelic being
 - B. He is an intelligent being, possessing attributes of personality
 - C. His origin and fall

- II. His names
 - A. Satan (Job 1:6-9; Matt. 4:10)
Adversary, opponent
 - B. The Devil (Matt. 4:1, 5, 9; Eph. 4:27; Rev. 12:9, 20:2)
Slanderer. Defamer. Maligner.
 - C. Serpent (Gen. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9)
Crafty, beguiler, deceiver.
 - D. The Evil One (Matt. 6:13; John 17:15; 1 John 5:19)
Wicked, malevolent, cruel,
 - E. The Dragon (includes Leviathan, Rahab) Rev. 12:7
Cruel, vicious, powerful, hideous, scary.
 - F. The Prince or Ruler (John 12:31)
 - G. The god of this world/age (2 Cor. 4:4)
 - H. The Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph. 2:2)
 - I. Accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10)
 - J. The Tempter (Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5)

- III. His Activities
 - A. A liar and a deceiver
John 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:3; 2 Thess. 2:10
 - 1. He is the father of false doctrine (Eph. 4:14; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 1 Tim. 4:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:13; 1 Jn. 4:1-3)
 - 2. He lies against God's truth (Gen. 3:1f)
 - 3. He deceives people (2 Tim. 2:24-26)

 - B. He is seeking to destroy our faith
Lk. 22:31-32; 1 Thess. 3:5

 - C. He distorts God's good gifts
1 Tim. 4:1-5

 - D. He is a Tempter
 - 1. He tempts us to sin ~ 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 John 2:16



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2. He tempts us to doubt God ~ Gen. 3:1
 3. He shoots fiery darts at us ~ Eph. 6:16
 4. He encourages unforgiveness and bitterness ~ 2 Cor. 2:8-11; Eph. 4:26-27
- E. He seeks to destroy us ~ 1 Pet. 5:8-9
- IV. His Binding
- A. Matt. 12:24-29
 - B. Col. 2:15
Cf. Acts 26:18
 - C. Heb 2:14-15
 - D. 1 Jn 3:8
 - E. Rev. 20:1-10

The binding of Satan

- There is a clear distinction between Satan's power before and after the cross.
- After the Cross his power is more limited, more restricted.
- After the Cross/Resurrection/Ascension Satan has lost his place in the heavenly court and has no more legal grounds.
- After the Cross, those who are in the Triumphant Christ, share in His victory over the powers of darkness.
- The powers of darkness are still powerful, but their power is limited, and the real issue for the believer is resistance against a defeated foe.

- V. His Final Doom
Rev. 20:10

VI. Our Resistance

- A. Be sober, be alert, and resist watchful Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:6; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8
- B. Be discerning (1 John 4:1-4)
- C. Grow strong in faith 1 Pet. 5:9
Rev. 12:11; 14:12
1 John 2:12-14; 5:4

