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# Satanic/Demonic Attacks Before Christ—Part 3

Ephesians 6:10–13



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER



**Eph. 6:10, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**

**Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

**Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”**

**With whom then is the ultimate struggle?**

**1. The Devil**

**2. “Principalities”**

**3. “Powers”**

**4. “Rulers of the darkness of this age”**

**5. “Spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenlies”**

**Who is this “devil,” also known as Satan, the adversary?**





**The Rebellion  
Begins  
Ezekiel 28:11–19  
Isaiah 14:12–14**



# **What the Bible Teaches About**

**Your Adversary,  
the Devil  
1 Peter 5:8**



# Introduction



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**Who are the angels?**

**How many are there?**

**What do they look like?**

**What are their powers?**

**Can we see them?**

**What about people who think angels appeared to them?**

**Are there good and bad angels?**

**When were angels created?**

**When did Satan fall?**

**Who are the fallen angels, the demons, and the evil spirits and what can they do to us?**

**And finally, what does human history have to do with the angels, if anything?**



**How can we KNOW anything about angels?**

**Apart from God's revelation, can we on the basis of reason and logic alone, reason our way to the existence of angels?**

**What about our experiences, or those of others? Can we form an accurate understanding of the existence, nature, and purpose of angels and spirit beings, apart from any input from the Word of God?**



# The Basis of Knowledge

Divine Viewpoint	Autonomous Systems of Perception		
	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
	RATIONALISM (human reason alone)	Innate ideas; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM (human experiences alone)	Sense perceptions; External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM (intuitive insights or inner feelings, impressions alone)	Inner, private experience; intuition; Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
	REVELATION God's Word, the Bible, alone	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason



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## **Satan's Attacks in the Old Testament:**





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#### **4. Satan attacks Job**

**Job 1:7, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’**

**Job 1:8, “Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’**

**Job 1:9, “So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing?’ ”**

**Job 1:12, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.’ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.”**



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**Job 2:4, “So Satan answered the LORD and said, ‘Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.**

**Job 2:5, “ ‘But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!’**

**Job 2:6, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.’ ”**

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**Saul was clearly a believer:**

**1 Sam. 10:6, “Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.” [NKJV]**

**1 Sam. 28:19, “ ‘Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.’ ”**

**1 Sam. 16:14, “But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing [‘evil’] spirit from the LORD troubled him.**

**1 Sam. 16:15, “And Saul’s servants said to him, ‘Surely, a distressing [‘evil’] spirit from God is troubling you.**

**1 Sam. 16:16, “ ‘Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is **upon** you, and you shall be well.’**

**1 Sam. 16:23, “And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was **upon** [external, not internal] Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing [‘evil’] spirit would depart from him.”**



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**2 Sam. 24:1, “Again the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, ‘Go, number Israel and Judah.’ ”**

**1 Chron. 21:1, “Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.”**



**2 Sam. 24:10, “And David’s heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, ‘I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 24:12, “Go and tell David, ‘Thus says the Lord: “I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you.” ’**

**2 Sam. 24:13, “So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, ‘Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.’ ” [NKJV]**

**2 Sam. 24:14, “And David said to Gad, ‘I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.’**

**2 Sam. 24:15, “So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died.**

**2 Sam. 24:16, “And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, ‘It is enough; now restrain your hand.’ And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” [NKJV]**



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**1 Kings 22:19, “Then Micaiah said, ‘Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.**

**1 Kings 22:20, “And the LORD said, ‘Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.**

**1 Kings 22:21, “Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, ‘I will persuade him.’**

**1 Kings 22:22, “The LORD said to him, ‘In what way?’ So he said, ‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And the LORD said, ‘You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’ ”**



**1 Kings 22:23, “ ‘Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you.’**

**1 Kings 22:24, “Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, ‘Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?’ ”**

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**Zech. 3:1, “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.**

**Zech. 3:2, “And the LORD said to Satan, ‘The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?’**

**Zech. 3:3, “Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.”**

**Zech. 3:4, “Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, ‘Take away the filthy garments from him.’ And to him He said, ‘See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.’**

**Zech. 3:5, “And I said, ‘Let them put a clean turban on his head.’ So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.”**

**Rev. 12:7, “And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,**

**Rev. 12:8, “but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.**

**Rev. 12:9, “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.**

**Rev. 12:10, “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.’ ”**



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