

**DEMONOLOGY**



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**Preview of Angelology**

1. Good angels
2. Satanology
3. **Demonology**
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**Existence**

- OT
  - ◆ Deut 32:17
  - ◆ Ps 106:37
- NT
  - ◆ Over 100x
  - ◆ All NT writers (except Hebrews)
  - ◆ Christ (Matt 8:29; 10:1; 12:43-45)



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| Origin                   |                              |                           |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | Demons                       | Fallen Angels             |
| Satan is leader          | Matt 12:24                   | Matt 25:41;<br>Rev 12:7-9 |
| Spirit beings            | Matt 8:16                    | Heb 1:14                  |
| Capacity to enter people | Matt 12:22;<br>Luke 11:14-15 | John 13:27                |

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**Personhood**

- Attributes of personhood
  - ◆ Intellect – Acts 19:15
  - ◆ Emotions – Luke 8:28; Jas 2:19
  - ◆ Will – Luke 8:32
  - ◆ Personal pronouns – Mark 1:24-25



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**Characteristics**

- Spirits-Matt 8:16; Eph 6:12
- Corrupt
  - ◆ Unclean – Matt 10:1
  - ◆ Evil – Luke 7:21
  - ◆ Rulers of darkness in spiritual wickedness – Eph 6:12
  - ◆ Degrees of wickedness – Matt 12:45



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### Powers

- Great strength (Mark 5:3-4; Acts 19:16) but not omnipotent (Dan 10:13)
- Superhuman intelligence (2 Sam. 14:20; Luke 8:28; 20:35-36) but not omniscient (Acts 19:15)
- Not confined by physical space or barriers (Mark 5:9) but not omnipresent (Mark 5:12)



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### Works

- General
  - ◆ Satan's lack of omnipresence (Job 1:7; 2:2) forces him to work through demons (Matt 12:24; 25:41; Rev 12:7; 2 Cor 12:7)
  - ◆ Work in harmony with one another (Eph 6:11-12)
  - ◆ Influence human government (Dan 10:13, 20)
  - ◆ Promote false religion (1 Cor 10:20; 1 Tim 4:1)



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### Works (cont'd)

#### ■ General

- ◆ Afflict the mind (Mark 5:3, 5)
- ◆ Afflict the body (Matt 12:22; Mark 9:22; Luke 13:11, 16)
- ◆ Hinder believers' prayers (Dan 10:12-20)



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### Occult Works

| NAME       | DEFINITION                       | SCRIPTURE              |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Divination | Fortune telling                  | Deut 18:10; Acts 16:16 |
| Spiritism  | Contacting the dead              | Deut 18:11             |
| Magic      | Performance of miraculous powers | Deut 18:11             |
| Pharamkeia | Illicit drug use                 | Rev 9:20-21; 18:2, 23  |

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7. Demon Possession

- A. Definition
- B. Cause
- C. Balance – Human evil is not all attributable to Satan/demons – Jer 17:9; Matt 15:19ff; Rev 20:7-9; Zech 14:16-18
- D. Characteristics
- E. Demon possession & the believer



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E. The Christian & Demon Possession

- **Possession? No!**
  - ◆ 1 Cor 6:19; John 14:16-17; 1 John 4:4
  - ◆ No biblical references to:
    - A Christian being demon possessed
    - How to cast a demon out of a Christian
    - Generation curses?

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E. The Christian & Demon Possession

- **Oppression? Yes!**
  - ◆ 1 Chr 21:1; Luke 13:11, 16; Matt 16:23; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor 12:7; Eph 6:12
  - ◆ Temporary
  - ◆ Not loss of salvation
  - ◆ Sometimes the believer opens the door to oppression (Eph 4:26-27)

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### Job 1:10

<sup>8</sup> The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup> Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land."



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2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

“<sup>6</sup> And you know what **restrains** him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now **restrains** will do so until he is taken out of the way.”



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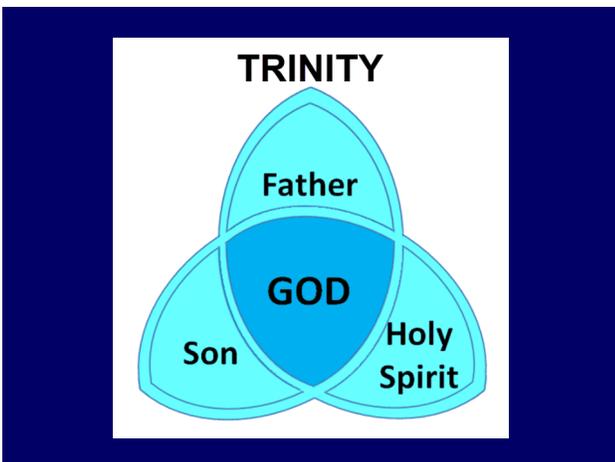
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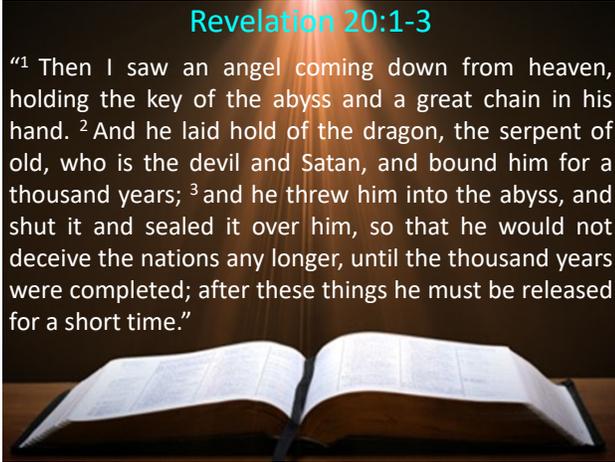
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**Revelation 20:1-3**

“<sup>1</sup> Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup> and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”



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**Revelation 20:10**

“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”



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**Revelation 11:15**

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;** and He will reign forever and ever.”

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| Ultimate Exodus<br>(Rev 11:15) |  |  |
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| Sores                          | 6 <sup>th</sup> plague<br>(Ex 9:8-12)    | 1 <sup>st</sup> bowl<br>(Rev 16:1-2)   |
| Rivers to blood                | 1 <sup>st</sup> plague<br>(Ex 7:19-21)   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> bowl<br>(Rev 16:4-7)   |
| Darkness                       | 9 <sup>th</sup> plague<br>(Ex 10:21-23)  | 5 <sup>th</sup> bowl<br>(Rev 16:10-11) |
| Frogs                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> plague<br>(Ex 7:25-8:15) | 6 <sup>th</sup> bowl<br>(Rev 16:13)    |
| Hail                           | 7 <sup>th</sup> plague<br>(Ex 9:22-26)   | 7 <sup>th</sup> bowl<br>(Rev 16:17-21) |

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### Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)



- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

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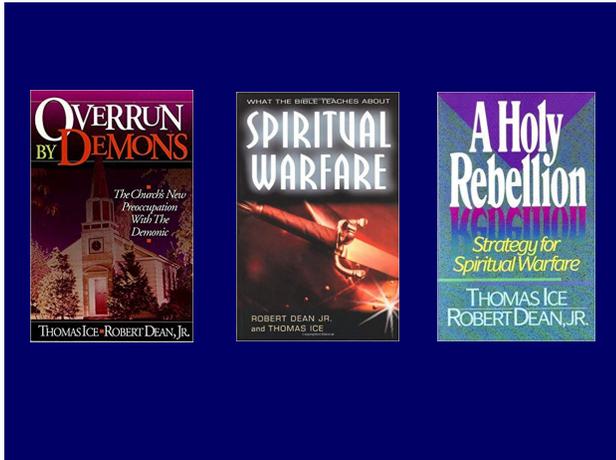
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# Ephesians



Dressed for Success!

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## Observations About the Armor

(Eph 6:14-17)

- Paul's imprisonment (Eph 3:1; 6:20; Philip 1:13)
- Soldier metaphor
- Six pieces of armor described
- Significance of the armor in the ancient world



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## Observations About the Armor

(Eph 6:14-17)

- Paul is reinforcing a prior concept
- Pieces mentioned in the order they are put on
- Command: to put on the armor
- Outline: description, represents, application



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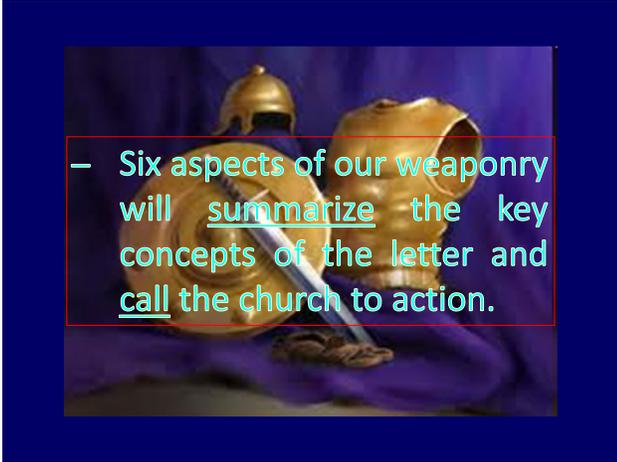
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**6 Pieces of Armor**  
(Eph 6:14-17)

- Belt of truth (14a)
- Breastplate of righteousness (14b)
- Sandals of peace (15)
- Shield of faith (16)
- Helmet of salvation (17a)
- Sword of the Spirit (17b)



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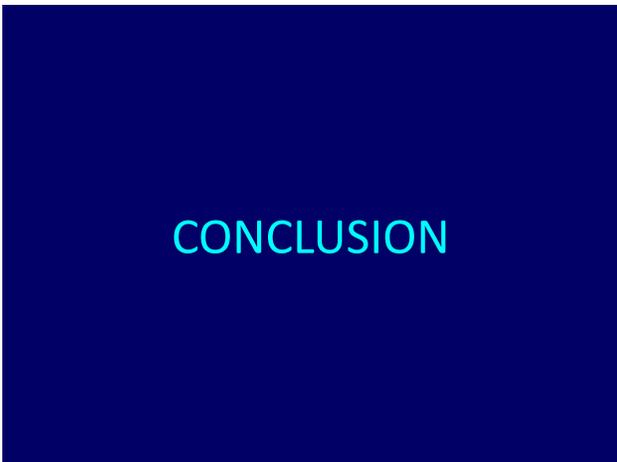
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