

The Realities of Satan in the Light of Scripture

*Scripture
Reading:*

Ezekiel 28:1-
2, 12-19

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ A second spiritual enemy of the Christian is Satan
- ◆ Many fallacies have developed over time as to Satan's identity, abilities, and activities
- ◆ In order to correctly understand this enemy, we must first address these falsehoods

SATAN'S APPEARANCE

False descriptions of physical appearance

- **Example: medieval descriptions designed to teach the illiterate masses Biblical concepts**

Satan is a spirit being

- **The greatest of all created beings - Ezek 28:14-15**
- **Greater than the archangel Michael - Jude 9**
- **Satan's 'appearance' to good angels - II Cor 11:3, 13-15**

The Reality of Satan's Ultimate Defeat

- ◇ His prophesied defeat - Ezek 28:16-18
 - ◇ His removal from his “overshadowing” role in God’s government (vs 16)
 - ◇ Cast out of Heaven; “...cast to the ground...” at mid-Trib (vs 17b)
 - ◇ Incarcerated during the Millennial reign of Christ; “...laid before kings...” (vs 17c)
 - ◇ cf Isa 14:9-11; Rev 20:1-3
 - ◇ His ultimate incarceration
 - ◇ Rev 20:7-10

The Reality of Satan's Ultimate Defeat

- ◇ Satan is extremely active until his temporary, and then final, incarceration
 - ◇ Satan is working to set up the “man of lawlessness”
 - ◇ II Thess 2:3-9
 - ◇ Satan is controlling and directing his sons
 - ◇ Jn 8:44
 - ◇ Satan is controlling the World System and its citizens
 - ◇ I Jn 5:19
- ◇ Satan is working to immobilize believers by means of fear
 - ◇ I Pet 5:8

CONCLUSION

Until his ultimate defeat, this intelligent and powerful foe of God and enemy of believers will attempt to undermine and destroy God program for history.

I Pet 5:9 “...whom resist steadfast in the faith...”