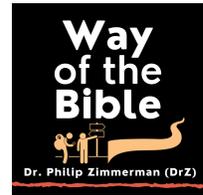


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Welcome to Episode #010
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But as believers, we know the Scriptures are true, tell a unified story with a beginning, where we are now, and an end. And included in that story are accounts of a real heavenly being who at one time held us in slavery and bound to do his will by our fear of death. And we’ve been set free from him through our faith in Jesus Christ. That enemy goes by many names, most common of which are the Devil or Satan. Other common aliases include Lucifer, Beelzebub, Belial, Adversary, Tempter, Dragon, and Serpent. He is mentioned by these names and aliases 174 times in the Bible. I’ve entitled this Episode, Lucifer – Guardian Cherub and you will soon discover why.

So who or what is Satan, the devil?

Isaiah 14:12-15

How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star (hêlêl, Lucifer – “Light Bearer”)
son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!

You said in your heart,
I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.”

But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Ezekiel 28:11-19 The word of the LORD came to me: 12 “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

‘You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and
perfect in beauty.

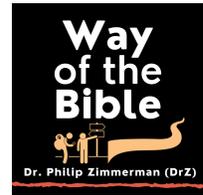
You were in Eden, the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned you:
carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz,
onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.

Your settings and mountings were made of gold;
on the day you were created they were prepared.

You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.

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You were on the holy mount of God;
 you walked among the fiery stones.
You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created
 till wickedness was found in you.
Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence,
 and you sinned.
So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God,
 and I expelled you,
 guardian cherub,
 from among the fiery stones.
Your heart became proud on account of your beauty,
 and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor.
So I threw you to the earth;
 I made a spectacle of you before kings.
 By your many sins and dishonest trade
 you have desecrated your sanctuaries.
So I made a fire come out from you,
 and it consumed you,
and I reduced you to ashes on the ground
 in the sight of all who were watching.
All the nations who knew you are appalled at you;
 you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.’ ”

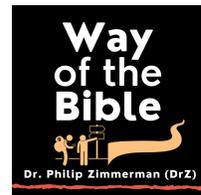
Lucifer – the guardian cherub was given power over death and this world as his kingdom.

We first encounter the serpent in the garden of Eden as he successfully tempts and deceives Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. Eve then hands the fruit to her husband Adam who eats it. Adam sins through disobedience to a command of God, death enters the world through sin, and the story of Jesus’ redemption of mankind begins.

In the book of Job we find Satan in the presence of God on two occasions, in chapters 1 and 2. We’ll look at the Job 1 visit and the Job 2 meeting is very similar. Job 1:6-12 One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. 7 The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” 9 “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. 10 “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” 12 The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

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Matthew 4:1-3 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

In Matthew 13 Jesus tells two parables to the people which he later interpreted for the disciples. In both of these parables he discusses the work of the devil in regard to the work of God and his word in the world. The first parable concerns a farmer who went out to sow his seed, and it fell on four types of soil (the path, rocky places, among thorns, and on good soil. In Jesus’ interpretation of this parable to his disciples he said, Matthew 13:17-19 **17** For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. **18** “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

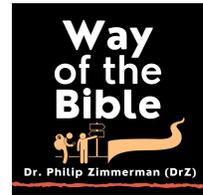
In the second parable in Matthew 13, Jesus tells of man who sowed good seed in his field, but while he was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. He later explains the meaning of the parable to his disciples in Matthew **37-39** He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

In John Chapter 8, Jesus gets into a testy conversation with Jews who had believed him. Jesus told them if they hold to the truth they would be his disciples and knowing the truth they would be set free. Then the dispute broke out as the Jews claimed Abraham was their father and they were not in slavery. We’ll pickup at the end of this ruckus in John 8:41-47 - Jesus said to the Jews, You are doing the works of your own father.” “We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.” **42** Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. **43** Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. **44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **45** Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! **46** Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me? **47** Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

Luke 22:1-6 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, 2 and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. 3 Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. 4 And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. 5 They were delighted and agreed to give him money. 6 He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

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He is a great “Celestial Potentate.”

The Ruler/Prince of the Powers of the Air. (Eph. 2:2)

The God of this World/Age. (2 Cor. 4:4)

Satan is the god of the World Systems of habitable earth including business, society, politics, and religion. Satan is the Ruler of the “Powers of Darkness” of the “Spirit World” (Eph 6:11-12). His position in the heavens is so exalted that even Michael the archangel does not dare insult him (Jude 9).

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, **11** in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.

Next episode (#011) we’ll look at what it means to be human; created in the image and likeness of God. This next episode will complete our initial podcast framework from which to jump into the big picture of the Bible.

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