



# Questions Often Asked

## *"Who Is Satan?"*

- Introduction:
1. Some of the questions we have are indeed difficult.
  2. Many of them are questions for which we do not have answers.
  3. However, while we may not have all the answers to all the questions on a subject, we do have some of the answers.
  4. Let's examine the question, "Who is Satan?"

### I. The Origin Of Angels

- A. There has been much said about angels recently.
- B. Unfortunately, much of the information people have is based more on fiction than fact.
- C. Angels were created (Psalm 148:1-5; Nehemiah 9:6)
- D. Angels were created prior to the creation week (Job 38:4-7).
- E. Angels are a part of God's family in heaven (Ephesians 3:15).

### II. The Nature Of Angels

- A. They are a higher order than man, but lower than God (Psalm 8:5; Heb. 2:7).
- B. They have super human strength (Psalm 130:20), knowledge (Mark 13:32), speed (Daniel 9:20-23), but are not all powerful, all knowing, and omnipresent.
- C. They are innumerable (Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 5:11).
- D. They do not marry (Matthew 22:30).
- E. They have a special interest in our salvation (Luke 2:13-14; 15:10; 1 Peter 1:10-11).
- F. They assume any form God chooses for them (Exodus 3:2; Hebrews 1:7; Genesis 18:1-2; 2 Kings 6:15-17).
- G. There is rank among the angels (arch-angel, cherubim, seraphim).

### III. Satan Was A Fallen Angel

- A. First, let us establish that some angels did fall.
  1. (Jude 6).
  2. (2 Peter 2:4).
- B. I believe his fall is described in Ezekiel 28:11-19).
- C. Satan appears to have been the leader in this rebellion since the fallen angels are referred to as "his angels (Matthew 25:41).
- D. Since his fall, he continues to fight against God's children (Revelation 12).
- E. Beware of a commonly misused passage (Isaiah 14:12).
  1. Context is speaking of the King of Babylon.
  2. Hebrew term translated "Lucifer" simply means "to shine."
  3. Jerome, in the Latin Vulgate employed the Latin term "Lucifer" which refers to Venus or the morning star.
  4. The KJV translators used the Latin term "Lucifer" rather than translating it into English which would have been "shining light" or "morning star."
  5. Thus, Lucifer is not a proper name for Satan.

- Conclusion:
1. Regardless of his origin, we certainly know his destiny (Mt. 25:41).
  2. Just as the Devil had the choice to obey or disobey God, we too, have the same choice and will share in the same destiny, whether Heaven or Hell.