

Bruising Satan

Rom. 16:17-20

Where Did Satan Come From?

- No specific passage that tells us, this is the origin of Satan. Some implications we can draw from scripture.
 - All things were created by God through Christ – including spiritual entities. (Col. 1:15-16; Jn. 1:3)
 - Satan is a created being, not eternal, created to be good.
 - The nature of all God's creation (reflective of His goodness). (Gen. 1:31)

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- At some point Satan chose to rebel.
 - I Tim. 3:6 → “...lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.”
 - Scriptures tell us of angels who sinned and fell.
 - “And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation...” (Jude 6)
 - “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell...” (II Pet. 2:4)
 - Inference: Satan and his angels (Matt. 25:41) were originally good spiritual beings who rebelled against God.

What Does “Satan” Mean?

- “Satan” a common Hebrew word, meaning adversary/opponent, which takes on special significance with this character.
- Other occurrences of this word:
 - Num. 22:22,32 → Angel of the Lord withstands Balaam.
 - I Sam. 29:4 → Philistines concerned with David as their adversary.
 - II Sam. 19:22 → David addresses sons of Zeruah as adversaries.
 - I Kings 11:14 → Hadad the Edomite – Solomon’s adversary.
- Becomes one particular adversary:
 - “The adversary” in all but one reference (the article)
 - I Chron. 21:1 → “And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.”
 - Emphasizes the singular nature of this constant adversary against God and human beings.
 - Adversary to all that is good, God’s purpose and people.

Satan In The Old Testament

- A progression of the story throughout the Bible:
 - Begins in Genesis 3 with the fall in Eden. Adam and Eve rebel against God.
 - Gen. 3:15 → And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
 - Fulfilled in Jesus death on the cross thousands of years later. Death is overcome and a remedy for sin is provided.
 - This judgment is not till a later time, and in the meantime God is working out His purposes to bring the Savior into the world and to have a people for himself, tried in the crucible of trials and temptations.
 - In the Old Testament:
 - We see Satan in the heavenly realm: (Job 1:6ff; 2:1ff)
 - In the presence of God with the High Priest. (Zech. 3:1)
 - A lying spirit in the heavenly host. (I Ki. 22:19-22)

Satan In The New Testament

- Confrontation with Jesus Christ:
 - Temptation in the wilderness. (Matt. 4:1-11)
 - Jesus casting out demons. (Matt. 12:22-28)
 - Jesus to the 70. (Lk. 10:17-20)
 - Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. (Jn. 12:31-33)...

Satan Cast Down – Bruised...

- Revelation 12:1-6 → the birth, ascension and coronation of Jesus Christ.
- Revelation 12:7-17 → Corresponding to this is “war in heaven” and Satan is “cast out”.
 - Is defeated by the death, burial, resurrection and enthronement of Jesus Christ.
 - Here is the fulfillment of Gen. 3:15. (cf. Heb. 2:14-15)
 - Results:
 - The kingdom of Christ is come. (v-10)
 - God’s people overcome. (v-11)
 - Satan is angry and pursues and persecutes the people of God. (vv. 12,17)

Bruising Satan Under Our Feet

- Genesis 3:15 → And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
- Rom. 16:20 → And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.
 - When we seek and make peace. (17,20)
 - When false teachers are exposed. (17-19)
 - When we overcome temptation by the power of God. (Js. 4:7-8))
 - When we are baptized into the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and begin to walk in a new life. (Rom. 6:3-5)