

The Spirit World

The Classification of Angels

Part 1

1. The *Bible* reveals another dimension of time and space called the spirit world, which is obscured by our fleshly bodies with its limitations.
2. The spirit world is occupied by spirit beings that may be classified.

- **Seraphim.** *Isaiah 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly...6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:*

The word seraphim (Hebrew, *burning, fiery*) is of uncertain origin. It resembles the current Hebrew word sarap, "to burn."

The prophet Isaiah beheld in a vision these celestial beings standing above Jehovah as He sat upon His throne. They are described as each of them having three pairs of wings; with one they covered their faces (a token of humility), with the second they covered their feet (a token of respect), while with the third they flew. They seem to have borne a general resemblance to the human figure, for they are represented as having face, voice, feet, and hands.

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The seraphim that Isaiah saw hovered above on both sides of Him that sat upon the throne, forming two opposite choirs and presenting antiphonal worship. After one group of cherubims sang the other group responded.

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The work of the seraphims was to celebrate the praises of Jehovah's holiness and power, and to communicate messages between heaven and earth.

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Since the seraphims are beings expressive of the divine holiness they demand that the saint shall be cleansed before serving.

Isaiah 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

The person who would serve the Lord must be sanctified.

2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

From their antiphonal chant ("one called out to another") we may conceive them to have been ranged in opposite rows on each side of the throne. See Cherubim.

- **Cherubim.** *Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

The word *cher'ub* is in the Hebrew *kerubim* and in the Greek *cheroubim* and can be translated *held fast*.

Cherubim are first mentioned in *Scripture* at the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden (Gen 3:24), when their assignment was "to guard the way to the tree of life." By guarding the Tree of Life the cherubim would make it impossible for man to return to Paradise. In this account there is no mention of their nature or form.

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The next reference to cherubs in *Scripture* is in association with the furnishing of the Tabernacle, where directions are given to place two golden cherubim upon the top of the Ark of the Covenant.

Exodus 25:18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. 20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

The cherubs were to be of "*hammered work*," which means the metal was to be beaten with the hammer and rounded, and not solid. They were fastened to the Mercy Seat or lid of the Ark and, facing each other, stretched out their wings so as to form a screen over the Mercy Seat. They were called the "cherubim of glory".

Hebrews 9:5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy-seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Cherubim were also woven into or embroidered upon the inward curtain of the Tabernacle and the veil (26:31).

Exodus 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

Exodus 36:8 And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

Exodus 26:31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

The two cherubim placed by Solomon in the Holy of Holies (1 Kings 6:23-28; 8:7; 2 Chron 3:7-14) were made of olive wood, overlaid with gold.

1 Kings 6:23 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size. 26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold. Study 1 Kings 8:7; 2 Chronicles 3:7-14.

The statue cherubims had bodies ten cubits high [15 ft], and stood upon their feet, like men. The length of their wings was five cubits [7 ft 6 in]. They stood "*facing the main room*," which means in the Holy Place, the outward wing of each cherub touched the wall and the tip of the other wings touching each other.

The cherubim are mentioned poetically in Scripture.

Psalms 18:10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

They were seen by Ezekiel as four living creatures and later by John on the isle of Patmos.

Ezekiel 1:5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings. 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Revelation 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

From an excavated pair of cherubs supporting the throne of King Hiram of Byblos (c. 1200 BC) a creature with a lion's body, human face, and conspicuous wings is indicated.

The Assyrians and other Semitic peoples used symbolic winged creatures, notably winged lions and bulls, to guard temples and palaces. Egyptians also had winged creatures in some of their temples.

The cherubim of Solomon are said to have "stood on their feet" (2 Chron 3:13).

Ezekiel says they "appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings" (Ezek 10:8).

The representations of the *Bible* stress the human likeness but also indicate the animal characteristics.

Undoubtedly it is not wrong to think of the cherub as at Byblos; that is, as a winged lion with human face.

In any case, they are celestial creatures belonging to the spiritual realm and not at all to be confounded with any natural identification

- **Angels.** *Genesis 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;*

The appearance of most angels does not seem to be as dramatic as the seraphims or cherubims. They are represented as looking much like humans but with extraordinary powers that can suspend or supercede the natural laws of the universe or comply with them.

- ❖ **Angels can eat a meal.** *Genesis 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.*
- ❖ **Angels can unlock prison doors that are secure.** *Acts 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.*
- ❖ **Angels can communicate a divine message.** *Luke 1:11-13 And there appeared unto him [Zacharias] an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*
- ❖ **Angels can administer judgment that produces death.** *2 Sam 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.*
- ❖ **Angels have unusual physical strength.** *Matthew 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.*
- ❖ **Angels can administer a gentle rebuke.** *Matthew 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*

- **Principalities.** *Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities [demons], nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. The word for principalities is arche (ar-khay') and speaks of the government or rank of angels. Apparently even the fallen angels they have a hierarchy of order.*
- **Powers.** *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers. The word is dunamis (doo'-nam-is) and speaks of miraculous power and usually by implication, a miracle itself. Fallen angels have the ability to work miracles and to energize individuals to perform lying wonders. Paul spoke of a person "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9).*
- **Rulers of Darkness.** *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- **Wicked spirits.** *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
- **Thrones.** *Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*
- **Dominions.** *Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*
- **Spirits in prison.** *1 Peter 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;*
- **Demons.** *Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.*
- **Seducing Spirits.** *1 Timothy 4:1 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

3. The angels are many in number.
 - *Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.*
4. Angels do not possess the attribute of omnipotence though they are mighty in power. One angel alone destroyed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in a single night. Another angel rolled away the stone from the tomb of Christ.
 - *2 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,*
5. Some angels are glorious beings because they are holy.
 - *Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*
6. Angels have great knowledge but are does not possess the divine attribute of omniscience.
 - *Daniel 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*
7. Elect angels are sent to be ministering spirits to those who are the heirs of salvation.
 - *Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*
8. Holy angels will one day take vengeance on the wicked.
 - *2 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
9. The elect angels are responsible for gathering the elect of Israel throughout the earth.
 - *Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*
10. Angels minister to the physical needs of God's people including Christ during the days of His humanity.

- *1 Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.*
- *Matthew 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him [Jesus], and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

11. Among the Principalities and Powers of the spirit world there are three distinguished leaders: Michael, Gabriel and Lucifer.

12. Michael is mentioned three times in the book of Daniel as he ministers to the nation of Israel.

- *Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*
- *Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.*
- *Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*
- Michael is called the Archangel. *Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*
- Michael is placed in command of the army of heaven. *Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*
- It was Michael who cast Satan out of heaven. *Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

- On the last day of human history it is the voice of Michael that the earth will hear announcing the return of Jesus Christ. *1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*
- Long ago Michael contested the devil for the body of Moses. *Jude 1: 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

13. Gabriel is mentioned by name four times in association with the redemptive work of God.

- *Daniel 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*
- *Daniel 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*
- *Luke 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.*
- *Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

14. Gabriel holds a prominent position in heaven for he said to Zacharias “*I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God*” (Luke 1:18).

15. Satan is called by a variety of names in the *Bible*, few of which are flattering.

- Satan is referred to as Lucifer [lit. *brightness, morning star*]. *Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*
- Satan is referred to as the Anointed Cherub that Covereth. *Ezekiel 28:15 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*
- Satan is called “*the Devil*” [lit. *adversary, opponent*]. *1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*
- Satan is called Beelzebub [lit. *lord of the flies*]. *Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow [Jesus] doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devil?*
- Satan is called Belial [lit. *worthless*]. *2 Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*
- Satan is called Adversary. *1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*
- Satan is called Dragon. *Revelation 20:2 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.*
- Satan is called an Old Serpent. *Revelation 20:2 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.*
- Satan is called the Prince of the Powers of the Air. *Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*
- Satan is called the God of this World (Age). *2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

16. Originally, Satan was created to reflect the glory of God. He was appointed to be the guardian or protector of the throne of God and to rejoice at the creative works of God such as creation.
- *Job 38:7 [And God asked Job, Where were you] when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*
17. Lucifer was perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him.
- *Ezekiel 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*
18. How iniquity found its way into a moral universe is a great mystery but it might be related to free moral agency.
19. To be a free moral agent implies the ability to make a choice.
20. When God created the angels and the glorious beings of heaven, He created them as free moral agents but there was no evil in them for a good tree cannot bring forth corrupt fruit.
- *Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*
21. However, evil could enter the universe and did when the free moral agents chose – not between good and evil – but between the will of God and their own will.
22. As long as the decision was made to do the will of God there was no sin and no evil in the universe nor was overcoming evil necessary for the perfection of righteousness.
23. However, the moment Lucifer became selfish and self centered and acted upon that decision then evil came into existence and sin or iniquity was found in his heart.
24. Another point of origin for sin's entrance into the universe was the beauty of Lucifer, which led him to inordinate pride.
- *Ezek 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*
25. The pride of Lucifer caused a continuing moral downward spiral, which produced a decision to revolt against the Most High God and replace Him.

- *Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*
26. Lucifer became Satan or God's Adversary and in that role as an adversary or opponent he accused God and thus became the Devil for such is the meaning of the word devil (lit. *accuser*).
27. For his revolt against divine authority, for becoming an opponent of God and for making a false accusation Lucifer and his follower of angels were judged. A special place of divine wrath was prepared for the devil and his angels.
- *Isaiah 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*
 - *Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
 - *Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*
28. Though all fallen angels will be judged some have already been sent to a place of darkness.
- *2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*
 - *Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*
29. The specific accusation Lucifer initially made against God might be discerned by noting the accusation against God made to Eve in the Garden of Eden.
30. Basically Lucifer said that God does not mean what He says and so cannot be trusted. Also God is trying to protect Himself and not let others be like him.
- *Genesis 3:4 And the serpent [Lucifer] said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*
31. The sins of inordinate pride leading to self-centeredness and then to a revolt against divine authority are not the only sins of Satan. Lying and murder are also associated with him.

- *John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*
32. Of the many lies Satan tells perhaps the greatest is the one whereby he asserts that the kingdoms of this world belong to him and he can give them to whomsoever he chooses. This lie Satan boldly told the incarnate Christ.
- *Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*
33. The Bible declares the earth is the Lords. *Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.* God has never surrendered His sovereignty to Satan nor will He.
34. What is true is that Satan has much freedom to work havoc in the hearts and lives of individuals and nations but always under divine constraint.
- *Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*
 - *Job 2:6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. 7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*
 - *Daniel 10:12 Then said he [Gabriel] unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.*
35. What is also true is that Satan has a rival kingdom to the kingdom of heaven. He is the ruler of the kingdom of darkness.
- *Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?*

36. Satan's kingdom is well organized.

- *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

37. Satan's kingdom is characterized by a system of thought or a philosophy of life and doctrine of which the Christian is not to love.

- *1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world [i.e., Satanic system] lieth in wickedness.*
- *1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

38. The means by which Satan gets and keeps the subjects in his kingdom may be noted.

- Satan gets new subjects initially by the natural act of procreation. *Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*
- Satan keeps subjects in his kingdom by acts of deception.

For those with a licentious lust pattern Satan promises to satisfy their inner cravings and for a while he does. *Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

For those with a religious inclination Satan deceives and satisfied in that area as well with money, promotion and new ideas which stimulates the ego. *Speaking to the Pharisees in John 8:44 Jesus said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. "*

- Satan keeps his subjects by blinding the eyes to spiritual realities. *2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*
- Satan keeps his subjects by distracting them from the Word of Truth. *Matthew 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*

- Satan keeps his subjects by offering a false doctrine. *2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

The major false doctrine Satan offers is that of a salvation based upon good works. Those who embrace this doctrine will be judged by the same.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

39. While Satan is an effective enemy of the faith his powers are limited and his time is short.

- *Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time*

40. Satan is declared to be a bound enemy.

- *Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

41. The binding of Satan does not mean his cessation of activity only his limitation. Specifically he is bound that he should deceive the nations no more.

42. This binding can happen because of the first advent of Christ. The Stronger Man [Jesus] has come to bind the strong man [Satan].

- *Matthew 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.*