

The Nature of Satan

- **In the Beginning: many unknowns**
 - Was he the serpent? Did he possess it?
Unknown, but God punished the serpent itself – **Gen. 3:1, 14-15 (double prophecy?)**
 - He was a murderer from the beginning...but of whom? – **John 8:44**
 - He has sinned from the beginning...when? – **I Jn. 3:8**
 - Is he a fallen angel? Possibly... – **II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:7-12?**

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- What is his domain?
 - Earth; the world – *“ruler of this world”*, **John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11**; *“walks about”* the earth *“seeking whom he may devour”*, **I Pet. 5:8 (Job 1:7)**; *“prince of the power of the air”*, **Eph. 2:2**
 - Thoughts of Satan as the guardian of the dead or the ruler of Hell are not accurate.

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- **What powers did/does he have? Acts 26:18**
 - Has the ability to oppress physically, either by his own power or via others (as God allows him)
 - **Job 1:16 (“fire from God”), 17 (raiders), 19 (“great wind”) 2:6-7; Acts 10:38; Rev. 2:10;**
 - Can use others to influence – **Matt. 16:23 (Mark 8:33)**
 - Can appear as an “angel of light” – **II Cor. 11:14**
 - Can use “wiles” (trickery) – **Eph. 6:11-12**
 - Once “had” power over death, but no longer – **Heb. 2:14**

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- **Satan's Judgment:**
 - Will share the judgment of sinners and the other sinning angels – hellfire and punishment – **Matt. 25:41; 13:24-30, 37-43; Rev. 20:10**
 - Satan's end (and those who serve him) is coming – we must be obedient – **Rom. 16:19-20**