

IV. OF THE DEVIL OR SATAN

We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's great tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy; the lord of the anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness--destined however to final defeat at the hands of God's own Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell (which will be cast into the lake of fire), a place prepared for him and his angels.

WE BELIEVE THAT SATAN WAS ONCE HOLY, AND ENJOYED HEAVENLY HONORS; Ezekiel 28: 12-15;(Other instances of Satan being addressed through another-Genesis 3:14-15; (the serpent), Revelation 12:9, Matthew 16:23; (Peter) (Covering Cherubims=Ex. 25:17-22;)

BUT THROUGH PRIDE AND AMBITION TO BE AS THE ALMIGHTY, FELL; Isaiah 14:12-15; ("Lucifer, "day star" can be none other than Satan."-C. 1. Scofield. What is the day star? Our sun is one of the stars of the Milky Way Galaxy-Book of Knowledge. It is no wonder that Satan tries to get people to worship the sun!) When Satan said "I will" sin entered into the world!

AND DREW AFTER HIM A HOST OF ANGELS; Revelation 12:9; "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." (Matthew 25:41;)

THAT HE IS NOW THE MALIGNANT PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, AND THE UNHOLY god OF THIS WORLD. Revelation 12:9; "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." 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." John 14:30; "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." II 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."

WE HOLD HIM TO BE MAN'S GREAT TEMPTER, I Thessalonians 3:5 "For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain." Matthew 4:1-3; (Luke 4:1-2;) I Peter 5:8; "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

THE ENEMY OF GOD AND HIS CHRIST, Zechariah 3:2; "And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan: even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" I John 3:8; "He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." Matthew 13:25,37-39; Luke 22:3-4;

THE ACCUSER OF THE SAINTS, Revelation 12:10; "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." (Job 1:9-11;)

THE AUTHOR OF ALL FALSE RELIGIONS, II Corinthians 11:13-15; Mark 13:21-22

THE CHIEF POWER BACK OF THE PRESENT APOSTASY;

II Thessalonians 2:3; "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away (apostasy) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

THE LORD OF THE ANTICHRIST, I John 4:3; "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come and even now already is it in the world." II John 7; "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." I John 2:22; "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

AND THE AUTHOR OF ALL THE POWERS OF DARKNESS--DESTINED HOWEVER TO FINAL DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF GOD'S OWN SON, 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."

II Thessalonians 2:8-11; Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 13:4, 13-14; Revelation 19:11, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 16, "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." 20; "And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

AND TO THE JUDGMENT OF AN ETERNAL JUSTICE IN THE LAKE OF FIRE, A PLACE PREPARED FOR HIM AND HIS ANGELS. Matthew 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;" Revelation 20:1-3; 10; [end of topic]