

Memory Verse

Genesis 3:1

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Thematic Overview of Genesis 1-12 - Pt 8

**Gen. 3:1-7 - Satan
and His Deception**

Jesus was in the Judean wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights, when *satan tempted Jesus*. He did so through **physical desire** - food; through the **promise of power** - ruling the kingdoms of earth; and through a **visible miracle** by using the Bible - *throw yourself down from the Temple, angels will rescue you and everyone will see You are the Messiah.*

...my goal is to *help you build a Christian or Biblical worldview*. There is **1 God**, who **created** all things in 6 literal days, including **dinosaurs**. He made **2 genders**, and put them to work in the Garden. He created **marriage**, a sacred covenant between 1 man and 1 woman. Everything was **very good**...

Genesis 3:1-7 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither

shall you touch it, lest you die.” 4But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and

she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

A. The Origin of Satan

Isaiah 14:12-21 and *Ezekiel 28:11-19* tell of the origins of the enemy. Ezekiel was the prophet in captivity in Babylon when he received this prophecy. In *Ezekiel 28*, he prophesies against Tyre and Sidon, 2 cities. In the middle of these utterances, God addresses the *King of Tyre*, but goes **behind the curtain**, to *address satan*.

Ezekiel 28:11-17a - Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me: **12**“Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **13**You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald,

and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. 14You were an **anointed guardian cherub**. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. 15You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till **unrighteousness** was found in you. 16In the abundance of

your trade you were **filled** with **violence** in your midst, and you **sinned**; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17Your heart was **proud** because of your beauty; you **corrupted** your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.

A. The Origin of Satan

Satan or Lucifer was a cherub, or **high-ranking angel** and was in *charge of the worship service in heaven...* He became prideful and covetous, and wanted to be in God's place. *Isaiah 14* refers to this. God through Isaiah rebukes Babylon, and states what *Israel will say to them* and the leader or ruler of Babylon.

Isaiah 14:12-14 - “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will make myself like the Most High.**’

A. The Origin of Satan

The king of Babylon and satan wanted to *be like God, be God, and be worshipped as God*. This is why he said to Eve - *you will be like god(s). That was and his desire and was and is his "promise" to those who follow him*. This beautiful cherub became prideful. **Revelation 12:4** refers to him taking 1/3 of the angels with him. These angels became demons.

B. The Character of Satan

We see part of his character in *Genesis 3*. Possessing the serpent, we see his *craftiness*, or his *cunning*, or *shrewdness*. The original word can be used for *good*, but here it is used in the sense of ***knowing how to deceive***. He is a...

B. The Character of Satan

1. **Deceiver** - Genesis 3:1-5

2. **Adversary** - meaning of satan -
Job 1-2, Matthew 4:10, Romans 16:20

3. **Prince and the power of the air** -
Ephesians 2:2a

4. **Spirit** - Ephesians 2:2b

5. **God of this age/world** - 2
Corinthians 4:4

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6. **Accuser of the brethren** -

Revelation 12:10

7. **Slanderer** - meaning of devil -

Ephesians 6:11, 1 Timothy 3:7

8. **Murderer** - John 8:44a

9. **Liar** - John 8:44b

10. **Serpent** - Genesis 3:1,

Revelation 12:9, 20:2

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11. **Dragon** - Revelation 12:3-17,
13:4, 20:2

12. **Angel of light** - 2 Corinthians
11:14

13. **Roaring lion** - 1 Peter 5:8

B. The Character of Satan

The **world system**: *political, economic, relational, media, entertainment, etc.* is run and ruled by the enemy of your soul. He is behind all of the **deception** in the **world**. He is the enemy! He influences leaders. He is the master of false teachers. He created the false religions of the world, along with human imagination.

1 Corinthians 10:18-21 - Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? 19What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice **they offer to demons** and **not to God**. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

C. The Deception of Satan

First, it's not a good idea to get in a dialogue with satan, but she *didn't know* what was taking place. She was **deceived**. She admits that in *Genesis 3:13*, and Paul reiterates it in *1 Timothy 2:14*. **Second**, what *satan said sounded good*.

Was what he said completely false?

C. The Deception of Satan

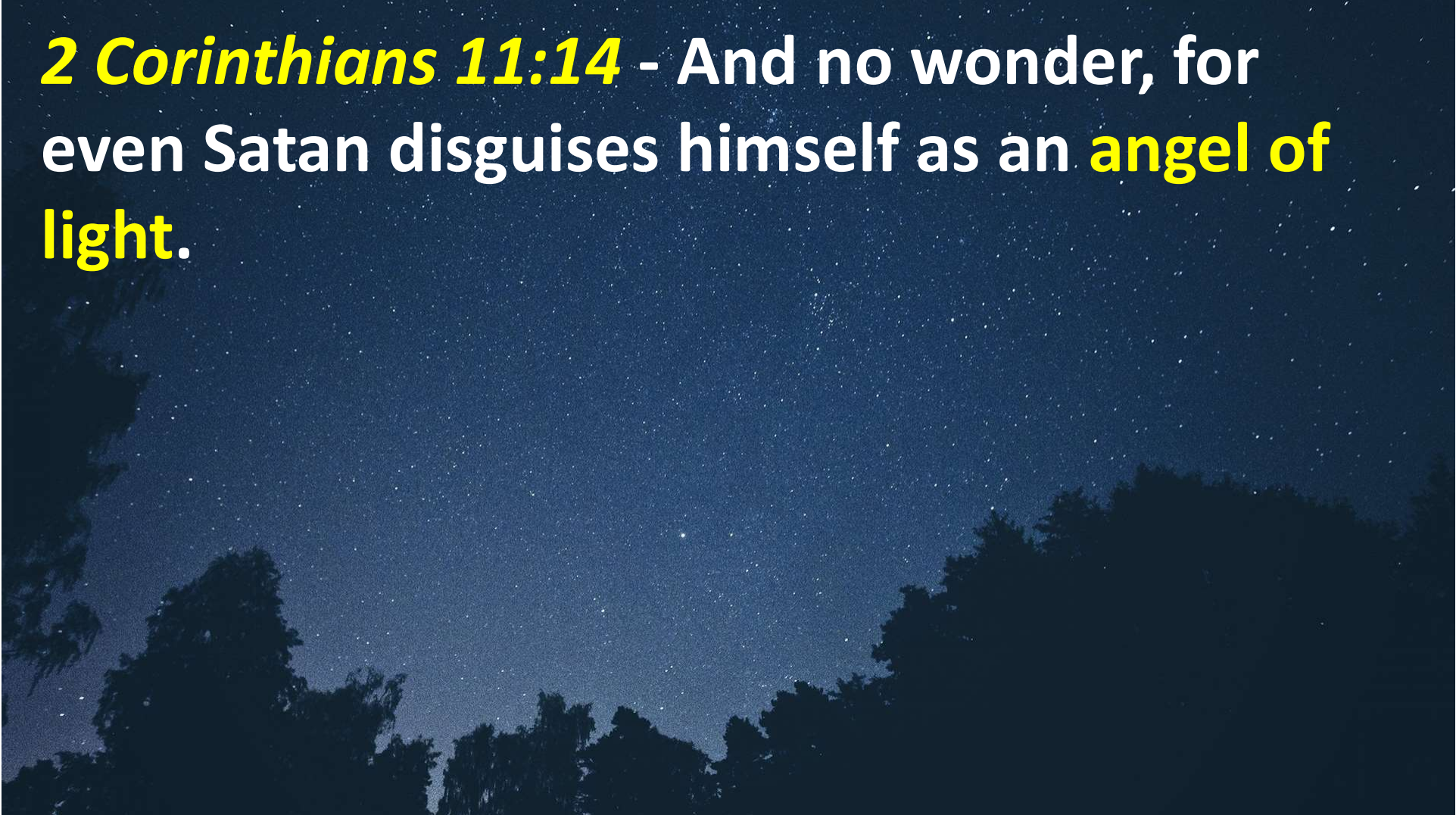
Compare *verses 5 and 7*. He told them their *eyes would be opened*, and the *text says they were*. But, **not** the way they thought or were told. They **learned about the knowledge of good and evil**, by **disobeying God and doing what was evil**. This, in part, is how satan works. He **uses part of the truth**, but **includes lies**. He gives the **skin of the truth, stuffed with a lie**.

C. The Deception of Satan

Satan deceives *covertly* or *overtly*. We see both in *Genesis 3*. Satan *subtly* asks – *if God said... then blatantly* contradicts God – *you won't surely die*.

Covertly...

2 Corinthians 11:14 - And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an **angel of light**.

A night sky filled with stars, with the silhouettes of trees visible at the bottom.

C. The Deception of Satan

Third, one of the ways satan deceives people, non-Christian and Christian, is to get them to ***doubt the reliability and validity of the Bible.***

We all have doubts, and faith that is not tested is not true faith. We bring our doubts and struggles to God and we pray, study, and talk to people to find answers to *our questions...*

C. The Deception of Satan

Overtly...

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil **prowls** around like a **roaring lion**, seeking someone to devour.

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He is loud, ferocious, hungry, and looks for prey. He will *use everything* and *everyone* to destroy the church, families, society and the Bible...

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Both the **covert** and **overt** are in *the world system in which we live*. **1 John 2:15-16** - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life - is not from the Father but is from the world.

C. The Deception of Satan

Fourth, satan uses the *desires or lusts* of the *flesh*, of the *eyes* and the *pride of life*. These are the 3 areas where he *tried to get Jesus*, and *tries to get us*. **Flesh**: uses what we *need*, encouraging indulgence. **Eyes**: uses what we *see* to entice us. **Pride of life**: uses our *minds* against us, our desire for wisdom, power, purpose and value.

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Fifth, the lie of satan is **you will be like God**. This is the *lie in the end times* and the *lie of today!* The *promise of man-made religion* is you will be like God. You will be in **control**. You **determine** what is **right and wrong**. You **determine good and evil**. You have the **authority** in your life – **not God**.

C. The Deception of Satan

Knowing these things helps us build discernment, wisdom and compassion.

Discernment: we recognize the way things appear, is **not always** the way things are.

Wisdom: we learn there is something **underlying** the relational challenges we face...

Compassion: we recognize people are **not** the enemy.

D. The Victory Over Satan

While satan and demons cannot possess a Christian, they can influence, and use Christians. *Christians can be deceived.* In Christ, *we have the victory.*

Colossians 2:13-15 - And you [*Gentiles*], who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by **triumphing over them** in him.

D. The Victory Over Satan

How do we overcome satan and his deception? **Prepare for battle!** **First**, *understand your enemy...*

2 Corinthians 2:11 talks about not being ignorant of *satan's schemes, purposes or design*. **Second**, put on the *full armor of God* - **Ephesians 6:10-18**.

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***Vs. 14a* - Belt of truth**

***Vs. 14b* - Breastplate of
righteousness**

***Vs. 15* - Shoes/boots of the Gospel
of peace**

***Vs. 16* - Shield of faith**

***Vs. 17a* - Helmet of salvation**

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***Vs. 17b* - Sword of the Spirit - the
Word of God**

***Vs. 18a* - Prayer**

***Vs. 18b* - Keep alert**

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Third, put in place **practical steps** to help you. Find an *accountability partner* with whom you can be honest about your struggles and battle. *Know your weaknesses, and don't do things that will cause you to stumble.* *Strengthen what is strong. Be involved in a local church. Don't isolate yourselves.*