

“THE ANATOMY OF A SERPENT”

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The Past, Present, and Future of the Devil, Serpent, and Satan

TEXT: Eph. 6:10-12

1. The Past

- A. **Ezek. 28:11-12** He was full of Wisdom and Beauty
:13 He was created
:14 He was the anointed cherub
:15 He was perfect in all his ways

Note: Satan was in Eden before he fell

B. **Isaiah 14:12-16** The fall of Satan (Lucifer)

1. I will ascend into Heaven
2. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God
3. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north
4. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
5. I will be like the most high

2. The Present (The work of Satan in our world – our time)

A. **Satan’s Goal is to get us to love the world**

1. **Gen. 3:1-7**
2. **1 John 2:15-17**
 - a. Lust of the Eyes ‘Material things’
 - b. Lust of the Flesh ‘Temporal things’
 - c. Pride of Life ‘Fame, Honor, Pride’

B. **Satan desires to sift away your character**

1. **Job 1 and 2** Satan mentioned 13 times
2. **Luke 22:31-32** Jesus warns Peter (Satan was getting into Peter’s mind)

C. **Satan tempts you to sin (God never does)**

Matthew 4 (Satan tempts Jesus)

D. **Satan seeks to make you his prisoner**

11 Tim. 2:26

E. **Satan seeks to keeps the blind lost to the Gospel**

3. The Future

- A. Rev. 12:7-9 War in Heaven
- B. Rev. 12:13 Persecute Israel
- C. **Rev. 20:1-3** Satan bound before the 1000 years
- D. **Rev. 20:7** Satan loosed at the end of the 1000 years
- E. **Rev. 20:10** Satan cast into the Lake of Fire