

The Dragon, The Serpent, The Devil and Satan

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The first sign of understanding is when some one says "I do not know. I will be the first to admit that there are many verses in the bible that I do not understand."

I know that there are many of us that are unsettled on the topic that I am about to discuss.

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.

Revelation 20:2 – And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

From these verses we understand that the dragon, the serpent, the devil and Satan what ever they are, are all the same thing.

Lets look at some verses that talk about Hell, The Devil, Satan, Lucifer and the Serpent.

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;

Here we have the fallen angels and Satan is the one leading them all and they are all cast into hell in chains of darkness waiting for the judgment day.

I thought Satan was in the garden of Eden tempting Adam and Eve. I thought the devils are on the earth tempting mankind and jumping into their minds and possessing them. I thought Satan was walking to and fro and ending up in Heaven and even talked with God.

Satan is in hell? Satan is on the earth? Sounds like confusion to me!

1 Corinthians 5:5 – To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Question: Why would someone be delivered to Satan to destroy the flesh? Why would Satan cause anyone to be saved?

Confusion:

1 Timothy 1:20 – *Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.*

Question: Why would someone be delivered to Satan to learn how not to blaspheme God? Is Satan teaching these people how to stop blaspheming God?

Confusion:

Jonah 2:2 – *And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.*

Questions: Do you think that Jonah, was in this literal Hell, burning with literal fire with the devil?

Confusion:

John 15:6 – *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

Question: Do you think men are casting people into a literal Hell fire and burning them?

Confusion:

Jude 1:23 – *And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

Question: How are people being pulled out of this literal Hell fire?

Confusion:

Proverbs 15:24 – *The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.*

Questions: Do you think that people are departing from this literal place called Hell?

Confusion:

Revelation 20:14 – *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

Question: If Hell means, being cast into a lake of fire and is called death, does that mean that Hell will also die? I thought Hell was a place of eternal torment and burning?

Confusion:

Psalms 86:13 – For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Question: Was David delivered from the lowest part of Hell?

Confusion:

Amos 9:2 – Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

Question? Are people digging into Hell and climbing into heaven?

Confusion:

Luke 12:5 – But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Question: Are people being cast into hell? Do they kill you then go to a place and throw you in it?

Confusion:

Numbers 21:8 – And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

Numbers 21:9 – And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Question: Why would we look to a Serpent to live?

Confusion:

Job 26:13 – By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Question: What is this crooked spirit that God's hand formed? Did God create Satan to be crooked?

Confusion:

Matthew 16:23 – But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that

be of men.

Why did Jesus call Peter Satan? He did not say you are acting like Satan He called him Satan

Confusion:

Revelation 12:7 – And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Revelation 12:8 – And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

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.

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.

Revelation 12:11 – And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Question: If this war was in literal Heaven way back before man sinned, why, in verse 10, does it say, 'now is come salvation', when man has not even sinned yet and why, in verse 11, do we have people overcoming sin?

Confusion:

Isaiah 14:4 – That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

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!

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:

Isaiah 14:14 – I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isaiah 14:15 – Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isaiah 14:16 – They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Question: If this is a fallen angel, why, in verse 16, does it call him a man and why, in verse 4, does it say that this is a proverb against the king of Babylon?

Confusion:

Numbers 22:22 – *And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary [H7854] against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.*

Satan H7854

BDB Definition: (Brown Driver Briggs)

- 1) adversary, one who withstands
- 1a) adversary (in general - personal or national)
- 2) superhuman adversary
- 2a) Satan (as noun proper)

Question: Why was the angel of the lord being Satan to Balaam?

Numbers 22:32 – *And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, [H7854] because thy way is perverse before me:*

Question: Why did the angel of the Lord go out to be Satan to Balaam?

Confusion:

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:*

Question: If Satan was kicked out of heaven down to the earth, should it not read: by one fallen angel, Satan; sin entered the world?

Confusion:

Mark 5:12 – *And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.*

Mark 5:13 – *And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

I do not understand what was happening here. There are many verses I do not understand.

There was a preacher that told me something many years ago and it is good advise:

When studying a topic you put all of the verses together. If 20 say one thing and 3 say something different, you go with the 20 and ask the Lord for the wisdom to understand the 3 that say something different.'

I do know one thing; God does not think the same way that we think. So, when I read it and do not hear from God, I leave it alone.

If it is not a Revelation, then it is self!!!

Now, I do not know everything that there is to know about Satan, Lucifer, the Serpent and the Dragon. However, I do know one thing!

Something does not smell right about this understanding that we have received from the religious world.

It needs to be studied, considered, talked about and prayed about, to get a clear picture.