

Supernatural

#1: How Can Intelligent People Believe In A Devil

What You Need To Know About Our Enemy

How can we know he is real?

John 8:44 *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires.*

Where did he come from?

Isaiah 14:12-15 *How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth...For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'*

Luke 10:18 *He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."*

What does he want to do?

2 Corinthians 2:11 *This is so that we won't be taken advantage of by Satan, because we are well aware of his schemes.*

a) *Stop God's work*

b) *Destroy the Church*

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 *These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ...Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.*

c) *Destroy Christians*

1 Peter 5:8 *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

Why doesn't he do what he did in the Bible?

Luke 22:3 *Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples...*

Daniel 10:12-13 *Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.*

Matthew 4:1 *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil...*

Ephesians 6:12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

Matthew 13:19 *The hard path where some of the seeds fell represents the heart of a person who hears the Good News about the Kingdom and doesn't understand it; then Satan comes and snatches away the seeds from his heart.*

Matthew 25:41 *Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'*

James 4:7 *So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Luke 11:20-22 *For when Satan, strong and fully armed, guards his palace, it is safe— until someone stronger and better armed attacks and overcomes him and strips him of his weapons and carries off his belongings.*