The ENEMY!

"Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride."
..... Job 41:33-34

The first sin that was ever committed was when Lucifer rebelled against God up in heaven. One third of the angels backed him in this attempted takeover (Rev 12:4) so God cast them out of heaven and down to the atmosphere around the earth, and a special place of burning called the lake of fire was created especially for them (Matt. 25:41).

Lucifer's name was changed to satan, or the devil, and he became the prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2). In the Bible he is also called the serpent, the dragon, beelzebub, god of this world, prince of this world, angel of light, the tempter, leviathan, the adversary, and the waster. His demons became an army of spirits capable of taking different shapes and forms. They are cunning and intelligent and they serve their master with blind obedience. They have only one mission in life, and that is to take as many of God's creation with them into the lake of fire where they are destined to go. The devil is pure evil, but we must also realize that he is very smart, cunning, and crafty. How else do you think he has been able to deceive (Job 12:16) so many people, starting with Eve in the Garden of Eden (2 Cor 11:3)?

Humans have fear and even the demons have fear (Matt 8:29, James 2:19) but satan has <u>absolutely none</u>. As previously stated, "he was created without fear". This is the reason he rebelled against God (Is 14:12-14) in the first place and why he resists God at every turn. This is the reason he tried to kill Jesus when he was first born, and why he tempted Jesus in the wilderness after the Lord had fasted for 40 days and was weak. This is the reason he entered into Judas so that he would betray the Lord, and then also incited the mob to call for the Lord's crucifixion. This is the reason he will enter into the antichrist and demand worldwide worship, and this is the reason that he and his demons will fight against Michael and his angels at the midway point of the Great Tribulation. And this is also the reason that after he and his demons lose, he comes down with great anger and attempts to kill all the Jews before the Lord can come back to save them. And finally, this is the reason that after 1,000 years of being bound and thrown into the bottomless pit, as soon as he is loosed, he goes right out and gathers another multi-million man army to march on the Lord in Jerusalem to attempt to kill him one last time. Finally, even the Father has had enough of his disrespect and He sends fire down from heaven to devour this army. After this, satan is finally cast alive into the lake of fire where he was always intended to go.

The following scriptures are given so as to alert you of how great an enemy we all have. The devil wants nothing more than <u>our</u> total destruction. He is the enemy of all of mankind and he must be exposed for what he is. So study these scriptures (2 Tim 2:15) so you will be able to <u>expose</u> him, <u>rebuke</u> him, and <u>resist</u> him, "for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph 6:12). For we wrestle against pure evil.

SATANS HISTORY OF EVIL (Is 54:16b)

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

1Chronicles 21:1, 7 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

Job 1:6-12 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth (flees from) evil? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job 2:1-7 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth (flees from) evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore (great) boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

Psalm 109:5, 6 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Isaiah 14:12b, 17, 20 how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Zechariah 3:1-2 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. 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?

Matthew 4:1-11 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Matthew 13:37-40 He answered and said unto them, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."

Luke 13:16 "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

Luke 22:2-6 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted (mutually agreed or bargained) to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:"

John 8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

1Corinthians 5:1-5 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

1Corinthians 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

2Corinthinans 2:10-11 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 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.

2Corinthians 11:13-14 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Ephesians 4:26-27 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

1Thessalonians 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

1Thessalonians 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 labour be in vain.

2Thessalonians 2:7-10 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the

brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

1Timothy 3:6-7 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

2Timothy 2:25-26 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee."

Revelation 12:12-17 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

SATANS DEMISE - The end of Satan (1John 3:8)

Isaiah 14:12a, 15, 19 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Isaiah 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

John 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out."

John 16:11 "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Revelation 12:7-10 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 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. 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 20:1-3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Revelation 20:7-10 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The worst time in the history of mankind is rapidly approaching. It is called the Great Tribulation (Matt 24:21) but the Church was promised to spared from it (Rev 3:10) by the event called the Rapture (1 Thes 4:16-18), or the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13). This terrible time of destruction, also referred to as the day of the Lord (Is 13:6, 9-13), will last 7 years and during that time, billions of souls will pour into hell (Rev 6:8) because they didn't trust in Jesus and what He did for them on the cross. Hell will literally enlarge herself to take in this vast multitude of souls (Is 5:14-15). Jesus was literally ripped to shreds (John 19:1), crowned with thorns (Matt 27:19), beaten and spit upon (vs. 30), had His beard plucked off (Is 50:6), and finally crucified (Matt 27:35) so He could pay the price for all

of the world's sin (John 3:16). On the cross, just before He died, He said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). He now became the one and only way to get to heaven (John 14:6).

He became our shepherd (John 10:11), our door (John 10:9), our mediator (1 Tim 2:5), and most importantly, our Saviour (Titus 1:4). His holy blood would wash away all of our sins (Rev 1:5) if we repented and called on Him to come into our hearts and receive Him as Lord of our lives (John 1:12), thus becoming "Born Again" (John 3:3).

This Bible Study was in no way, shape, or form designed to give any glory to the devil. But rather, to expose him for what he is, the wickedest and most evil of all of God's creations (Ezek 28:13-15, Is 45:7). The enemy of not only God and all He stands for, but of all mankind as well.

So be alert! He will <u>lie</u> to you, <u>resist</u> you, <u>blind</u> you, <u>tempt</u> you, <u>provoke</u> you, <u>accuse</u> you, <u>sift</u> you, <u>afflict</u> you, and <u>devour</u> you, because he <u>hates</u> you! But, we have a greater than he dwelling in us, if you are truly saved (1 John 4:4). And remember, the Lord Jesus Christ came "so he could destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8b). "So submit yourself to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). For he is a defeated foe and if you look in the back of the Bible, <u>Jesus</u> <u>Wins!</u>

AMEN!