

**Last Days Deception:  
What Is Satan Up to  
These Days?**

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**Doomsday Obsession**

- The Day After (1983, Jason Robards)
- Red Dawn (1984, Patrick Swayze)
- The Terminator 1 & 2 (1984, 1991, Arnold Schwarzenegger)
- Independence Day (1996, Bill Pullman)
- Armageddon (1998, Ben Affleck)
- Deep Impact (1998, Robert Duvall)
- The Sum of All Fears (2002, Ben Affleck)
- The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Dennis Quaid)
- Impact (2008, ABC miniseries)
- 2012 (2009, John Cusack)

**Satan: The Biblical Terms**

1. Hebrew: *Satan* (27X)
  - Satan, accuser, adversary (1 Chron 21:1; Job 1 & 2; Zech 3:1-2)
2. Greek: *Diabolos* (37X)
  - Devil, slanderer, deceiver (Matt 4:1; 25:41; John 13:2; Acts 13:10; 1 Tim 3:11; 2 Tim 3:3; Titus 2:3; Heb 2:14; Jas 24:7)

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3. Evil one
  - Intrinsically evil (John 17:15)
4. Great red dragon
  - Destructive powers (Rev 12:3, 7, 9)
5. Serpent
  - Deceiver (Gen 3; Rev 12:9)
6. Abaddon
  - Destruction (Rev 9:11)

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7. Apollyon
  - Destroyer (Rev 9:11)
8. Adversary
  - Opposer (1 Pet 5:8)
9. Beelzebub
  - Ruler of demons; lit. "Lord of the fly" (Matt 12:24)
10. Belial
  - Worthless (2 Cor 6:15)

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11. God of this world
  - Influences world's philosophy (2 Cor 4:4)
12. Ruler of this world
  - Rules current world system (John 12:31)
13. Prince of the power of the air
  - Control of unbelievers (Eph 2:2)
14. Enemy
  - Opponent (Matt 13:28)

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**15. Tempter**

- Tempts people to sin (Matt 4:3; Cf. Jas 1:13-15)

**16. Murderer**

- Seeks to kill (John 8:44; Cf. 10:10)

**17. Liar**

- Perverts the truth (John 8:44)

**18. Accuser**

- Opposes believers before God (Rev 12:10)

**Satan's Nature**

**1. His creation**

- John 1:3; Col 1:16-17; Ezek 28:13
- Present in Eden

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**2. His personality**

- Intellect (2 Cor 11:3; Eph 6:11; Rev 12:9; Matt 4:5-6)
- Emotion (Luke 22:31; 1 Tim 3:6; Rev 12:12)
- Will (Matt 4:3 2 Tim 2:26)
- He is held morally responsible for his actions (Matt 25:41)
- He is referred to with pronouns (Job 1; Matt 4)

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**3. His original state**

- Ezek 28:12-15
  - Exalted position in heaven
  - Anointed cherub
  - Perfect in beauty; dazzling coverings
  - Full of wisdom
  - Perfect in his ways
  - Created by God

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**4. His fall**

- Because of sin, he was cast from heaven (Ezek 28:16).
- The reason for his downfall was pride (Ezek 28:17).
- His wisdom became corrupt (Ezek 28:17).

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**5. His judgment**

- Ultimate judgment announced (Gen 3:15)
- Judgment accomplished (Heb 2:14)
- No more access to heaven (Rev 12:8)
- Bottomless pit for 1,000 years (Rev 20:2-3)
- Final judgment in Lake of Fire (Rev 20:7-10)

**Satan's Deception**

- 1. His names indicate his very deceptive nature.**
- 2. In relation to Christ...**
  - Herod's plot (Matt 2:16)
  - Jesus' temptation (Matt 4:1-11)
  - Gog and Magog (Rev 20:7-10)

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- 3. In relation to God...**
  - Temptation in Garden (Gen 3)
  - Increasing worldwide deception (2 Tim 3:13; 2 Thess 2:9-11; Matt 24-25)
- 4. In relation to unbelievers...**
  - Blind them in unbelief (2 Cor 4:4)
  - Hides the Gospel (Luke 8:12)
  - Counterfeit religion and faulty worldview (Col 1:13; 2:6-10; 1 John 2:15-17)

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- 5. In relation to believers...**
  - Tempts (1 Thess 3:5; 1 Cor 7:5)
  - Accuses (Rev 12:10)
  - Opposes/attacks/kills (1 Pet 5:8; John 8:44)

**The Height of Deception**  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**Five Keys to Overcoming Deception**

- 1. Do not fear.** (vv. 1-3)
- 2. Keep walking in the truth.** (vv. 6-7)
- 3. Always remember we win in the end!** (v. 8)
- 4. Be on guard: Things will get worse.** (vv. 9-10)
- 5. Don't wait!** (vv. 11-12)