





## Unmasking the Angel of Light

### 1. Who is our opponent?

He is called 'Satan' 52 times, a name, which means "to oppose or be an adversary."

He is also called 'The Devil' (the diabolos) some 35 times, a name meaning 'slanderer' (from *diabollo*: "to bring charges with hostile intent, either falsely... or justly).

He is also called 'Beelzebub', who is described as "the ruler of the demons" (Matt. 12:24).

He is also called 'The Deceiver' (Rev. 12:9).



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### 2. Why is he our opponent?

*"There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan." C.S.Lewis*

He is our opponent, because Satan is a fallen being: Jesus described him in *Luke 10:18* - "He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

At one time Satan was "full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." It says that he was once, "In Eden the garden of God" that he was "blameless" in all his ways from the day he was created, until "iniquity" was found in him (*Ezekiel 28:12-15*).



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### 3. What does he do in the world?

His work is essentially non-stop:

- He slanders God and opposes God's plan beginning in the Garden of Eden until now
- He slanders other believers (Rev. 12:10)
- He counterfeits God and God's work, reinventing himself as an angel of light when it suits his purposes (2 Cor. 11:14-15)
- He sows tares among believers (Rev. 2:10)
- He tempts people to sin and to lie (Rev. 3:9)
- He harasses believers (1 Cor 12:7) and tempts them to sin (1 Cor 7:5).
- He will deceive the nations and cause them to gather for the great Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-16).



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4. When will he finally be defeated?

The Bible tells us that his ultimate defeat is coming soon: *"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."* Romans 16:20

Ultimately he will be destroyed in the lake of fire:

*"...And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever."* Revelation 20:10