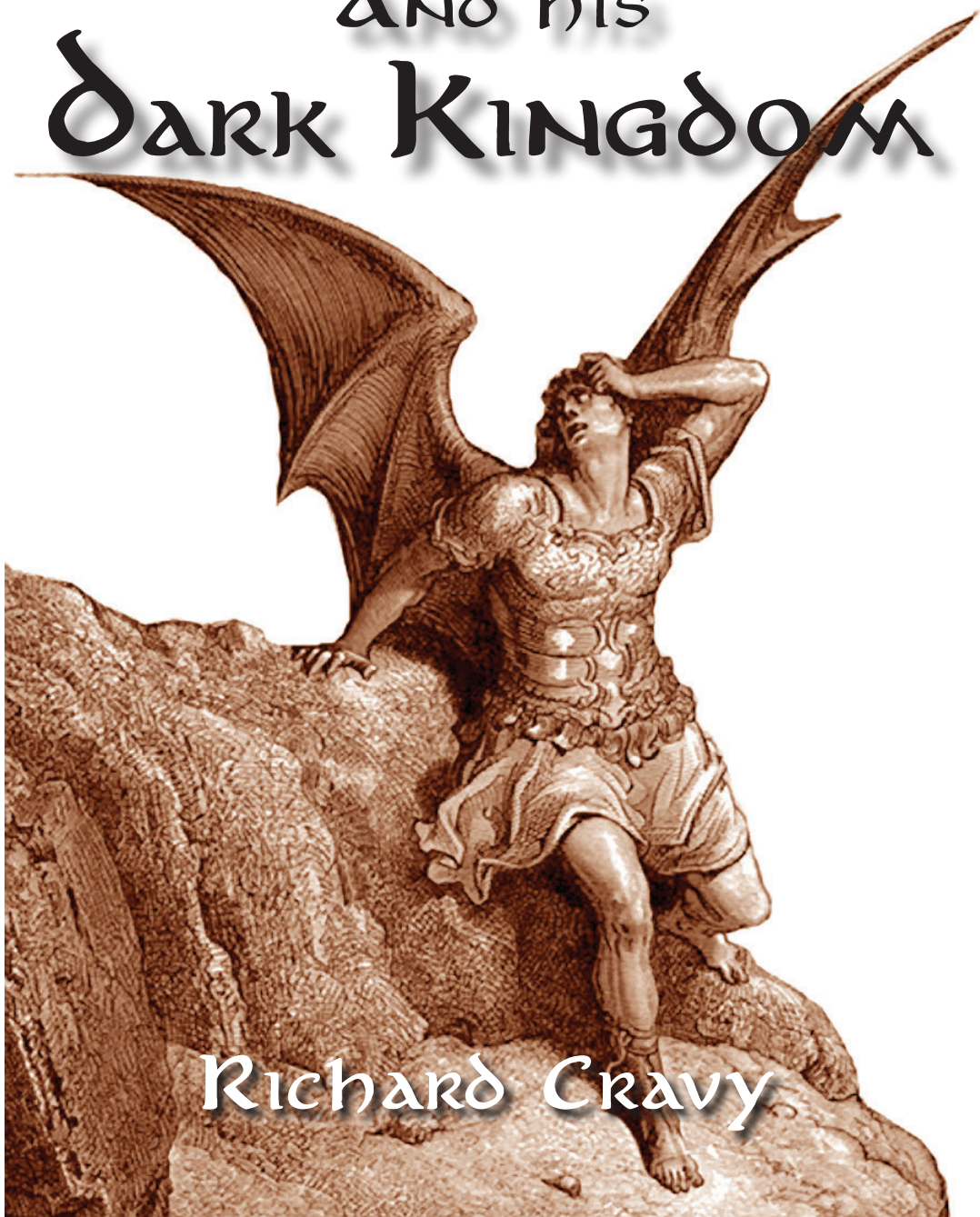


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Preface

SATAN AND HIS DARK KINGDOM

I. INTRODUCTION

“After nearly forty years of ministry, I am still surprised that people know so little about Satan. When he brought evil into the world, it changed the course of human history. Arguably, next to God, Satan is the most important being to learn about.” – Dennis McCallum, *Satan and His Kingdom*

Any in-depth study of Satan and his work has been rare in my experience in the church

II. AN OVERVIEW OF OUR STUDY

The Dark Kingdom — An introduction

Your Enemy the Devil — who he is and where he came from (Part 1)

That Ancient Serpent, the Devil — who he is and where he came from (Part 2)

Satan’s Sin — who he is and where he came from (Part 3)

A Liar and a Murderer — Jesus meets Satan on his turf

Demons from Hell — Jesus’ power and authority over Satan’s world

What the Devil Didn’t Know — Did Satan know why the Son of God came?

Like a Roaring Lion — Satan’s constant effort to destroy God’s people

Satan’s Schemes, Part I — examining his strategies in the Old Testament

Satan’s Schemes, Part II — examining his strategies in the New Testament

Resisting the Devil — how do we win the battle (and war) against Satan

Satan’s End — His final defeat and destruction

III. FOR FURTHER READING

Satan and His Kingdom, by Dennis McCallum, Bethany House, 2009 & Kindle ebook

The Strategy of Satan, by Warren W. Wiersbe, Tyndale House, 1979 & ebook

Unlocking the Mysteries of Satan, by Dennis McCallum, Kindle ebook

What the Bible Says About Angels, by David Jeremiah, Multnomah Publishers, 1996

Standing Strong, by John MacArthur, David C. Cook Publishing, 1992 & ebook

1. SATAN AND HIS DARK KINGDOM

I. INTRODUCTION:

A 2009 survey by the Barna Research Group revealed that only 35% of professed Christians in America believe that Satan is real! It is hard to fear, respect or fight against that which you do not believe in! We are not of that number. Today we begin a study of what the Bible reveals about the "Prince of Darkness" and his reign in this present order. This will not be study of the sensational, fictional, imaginary ideas and concepts of Hollywood and superstition. We want to know the truth about our enemy, his schemes, purposes and power, for we are engaged in a war with consequences far greater than control of land or resources. This is about the Battle of the Ages!

Fewer and fewer Americans profess a belief in the reality of Satan, yet are increasingly fascinated with movies, books, television shows, and even computer games focusing on supernatural beings and powers, demon possession, angels, unknown worlds, extra-terrestrial beings, etc. In effect, they are exchanging the real for the imaginary, since the imaginary seems less frightening.

Our study will be based unapologetically on the teachings of the Bible concerning Satan and his work. We will rely on its plain statements and its examples and stories, plus what can be reasonably deduced or concluded from them.

II. WHAT WE WILL DISCOVER

Satan Is Real

He Has a Kingdom Over Which He Rules and Exercises Supernatural Power

We Are Engaged in the War of the Ages Between Satan's Forces and Believers

Satan's Goal Is to Devour and Destroy as Many as Possible

He Has a Mighty Arsenal of Weapons at His Command

He Is No Match for the Son of God

His End, and That of All Who Serve Him, Has Already Been Ordained

2. YOUR ENEMY THE DEVIL

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Do we really accept that we are at war? Ephesians 6:11-12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4. People who have lived all their lives in a war zone believe that death, destruction, horrific atrocities, etc. are normal! This is not God's plan for our world, but Satan's.
- B. Imperatives of war:
 - 1. Intelligence - accurate information about the enemy as well as our own forces
 - 2. Morale and commitment
 - 3. Equipping and training
 - 4. Weapons and defenses
 - 5. Battle plan and strategy

II. KNOWING SATAN BY HIS NAMES

- A. **"SATAN"** - transliteration of Hebrew word meaning "adversary, opposer, accuser, slanderer" - used 24 times in Old Testament
 - 1. Generic use: enemies (Psalm 38:20; 109:4,6); angel of the LORD (Numbers 22:22)
 - 2. "A Satan": 1 Chronicles 21:1
 - 3. "The Satan" (as a proper name or title): Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Zechariah 3:1
 - 4. *Septuagint* (ancient Hebrew to Greek translation) often rendered it as "*diabolos*"
 - 5. "Satan" (*satanas*) found 36 times in New Testament, and is always a proper name for the enemy and opposer of God
- B. **"DEVIL"** - from Greek "*diabolos*," meaning "an accuser, a slanderer, one who maligns," appears 40 times in the New Testament and almost always refers directly to Satan - Revelation 12:9; 20:2; 1 Peter 5:8; Luke 4:2-13; Ephesians 6:11
- C. **"SERPENT"** - derived from the events in Eden in Genesis 3 - see 2 Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 12:9; 20:2
- D. **"THE EVIL ONE"** - Matthew 6:13; John 17:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 5:18
- E. **"THE DRAGON"** - transliteration of Greek *drakon*, found only in Revelation 12:3; 12:7-9; 13:4; 20:2. The word was used in classical Greek mythology to describe various gigantic serpents (Hydra, Python, etc.), often with many heads and great powers.
- F. **"THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD,"** and **"THE GOD OF THIS WORLD"** - The ruler and authority of this world system. The emphasis is more on the actions, attitudes and mo-

tives of this world's inhabitants rather than on the physical globe itself. John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Corinthians 4:4

- G. **"THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR"** - Air is invisibly all around us - but very real - so is the spiritual realm or world. Satan is the "prince" or "ruler" (*archon*) over the invisible, spiritual power(s) of evil - Ephesians 2:2; 6:12; Colossians 1:13
- H. **"THE ACCUSER"** - Revelation 12:10; Job 1 & 2; Zechariah 3:1-2
- I. **"THE TEMPTER"** - Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 Corinthians 7:5; consider Matthew 16:22-23
- J. **"BELIAL"** - originally Hebrew word for "worthlessness, extreme wickedness, destruction," so the Devil is identified with idols, idol worship and idol temples. In NT only in 2 Corinthians 6:15; compare with 1 Corinthians 10:20-21 & Revelation 9:20
- K. **"BEELZEBUL (NASB) or "BEELZEBUB" (KJV, NIV)** - a very derogatory name meaning "lord of the dung" or "master of the flies" (i.e., the flies flying around the dung). The ruler of the demons (Matthew 12:24; Luke 11:15). The Pharisees and Scribes accused Jesus of using Beelzebul's power to cast out demons (Matthew 12:24; Mark 3:22), and even of being possessed by him (see also John 8:48, 52).
- L. **"RULER OF THE DEMONS"** - as we saw in Matthew 12:24 and Luke 11:15. This is synonymous to "the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:9).
- M. **"ABADDON, APOLLYON"** - Greek and Hebrew words respectively for "destroyer, destruction" (Revelation 9:11). This seems most likely to be Satan, described as "a star that had fallen from the sky (9:1), "king" of the locusts and "the angel of the Abyss" (9:11); however, some commentators do not identify all these terms with Satan.

III. CONCLUSION

1. A summation of these various descriptive names reveal the most powerful and evil individual ever to have existed.
2. But there is still more!