



4 - Evil Spiritual Entities

Evil spiritual entities described in the bible include Satan, demons, unclean spirits, Abaddon, spirits in prison, bound angels, "locusts", and Satan's angels. I believe that demons are not fallen angels but the corrupted souls that came from the abominations referred to as "Nephilim" or "Giants" that resulted when the "sons of God" (angels) procreated with the "daughters of men" in the days of Noah.



Name	Description	Supporting Scripture
Satan (Lucifer)	Satan was apparently the highest ranking angel (cherubim) until his pride caused him to sin and fall from his position. He is now the ruler of this world and the prince of the power of the air. He is also known as the serpent, the devil, the dragon, and the father of lies.	Genesis (3:1-5, 13-15); Ezekiel (28:14-16); 2nd Corinthians (11:14); Revelation (12:9)
Fallen Angels (Sons of God)	In the Old Testament, the sons of God refers to angelic beings. In the time of Noah, a group of angels, referred to as the sons of God, saw that human women (daughters of men) were beautiful so they shed their heavenly bodies, took the form of men, and sinned grievously by procreating with human women.	Genesis (6:1-4), Also See 2nd Peter (2:4-5) and Jude (1:6-7)
Angels who Sinned	Peter reminds us of "the angels who sinned" (sons of God) during the times of Noah. They are chained in darkness in a place called Tartarus until God judges them.	2nd Peter (2:4-5)
Angels who Left Their First Estate	Jude reminds us of "the angels which kept not their first estate". These are the "sons of God" who procreated with women during the time of Noah.	Jude (1:6-7)
Abaddon (Apollyon)	Abaddon is only mentioned once in the bible and he is described as the king of the bottomless pit. He is ruler over all evil spiritual entities that are within the bottomless pit.	Revelation (9:11)
Locusts from Bottomless Pit	In Revelation, when the 5th trumpet judgement is executed, the bottomless pit is opened and "locusts" are released. These locusts are apparently some sort of demonic entity that is released to torment the unrepentant people on earth for five months.	Revelation (9:1-10)
Bound Angels	Not much is known about these four angels that are bound at the river Euphrates. When the sixth trumpet is sounded during the tribulation period, these angels will be release and given authority to kill one-third of mankind.	Revelation (9:13-15)
Evil Princes	We are told of both the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece who are apparently high ranking fallen angels that work for Satan and are in charge of these particular territories.	Daniel (10:13, 20-21)
Evil Spirit from the Lord	After Samuel annointed David, God removed the Holy Spirit from Saul and sent an evil spirit to terrorize him instead.	1st Samuel (16:14)
Unclean Spirits	These seem to be a general class of evil spiritual entities that includes both demons and fallen angels. These unclean spirits are used to wreak havok on both individuals and groups of people as God wills. Many times these spirits indwell individuals like demons and other times they seem to act on or influence groups of people to worship idols and commit sin.	Zechariah (13:2); Matthew (10:1, 12:43); Mark (1:23-27, 3:11-30, 5:2-13, 6:7, 7:25); Luke (4:33-36, 6:18, 8:29, 9:42, 11:24); Acts (5:16, 8:7); Revelation (16:13, 18:2)
Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, and Powers	Many people consider these to be "types" or "classes" of angels. I believe they are just "ranks" or "job titles" but it is definitely not clear.	Ephesians (1:20-21, 6:12, 3:8-12); Colossians (1:16)
Demons (Devils)	In the Old Testament, the word "Sair" is used to describe demons which means a devil god or hairy goat. In the New Testament, the word "Daimonion" which means a demon or a devil god. Apparently, demons can indwell people, animals, and inanimate objects (idols). They seem to have different types of powers and/or attributes depending on circumstance.	Leviticus (17:7); Deuteronomy (32:17); 2nd Chronicles (11:15); Psalms (106:37)



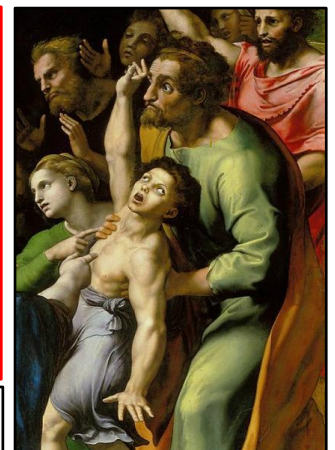
Depiction of Satan Tempting Jesus in the Wilderness

Examples of Demonic Powers*

- Making people deaf and dumb (**Mark 9:17-29**).
- Making people blind (**Matthew 12:22**).
- Making people extremely strong (**Mark 5:1-15**).
- Making people lose control of themselves (**Matthew 17:14-21**).
- Making people abuse themselves physically (**Mark 5:5**).
- Deceiving and manipulating people to do sinful things (**Psalms 106:37**).
- Making people believe false doctrine (**1st Timothy 4:1**).
- Making people worship false idols (**1st Corinthians 10:20, Rev 9:20**).
- Harrassing, oppressing, and terrorizing people (**1st Samuel 6:14**).
- Enabling people to tell the future (divination) (**Acts 16:16**).

** Several of these issues can also be attributed to medical reasons.*

NOTE: The story of the man possessed by many demons (legion) at Gadarenes tells us that demons can instantly identify Jesus, they are afraid of being sent to the abyss, and they can indwell animals. Christians will help to judge the evil (fallen) angels (**1st Corinthians 6:2-3**). The demons are extremely afraid of Jesus Christ (**James 2:19**).



Man with Demon Possessed Son