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THE ORIGIN OF DEMONS

WHAT THE BIBLE TELLS US



BIBLICAL ORIGINS

◆ THE ORIGIN OF DEMONS

Where do demons come from? At first glance, it's a subject the Bible leaves somewhat vague. Let's examine the hints left for us and what they imply. Scripture tells us demons are aligned with the Devil:

**"Beelzebul, (or the Devil) the ruler of the demons."
(Matthew 12:24 ISV)**

The Bible also tells us that fallen angels have given allegiance to the Devil:

"the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41 KJV)

We naturally assume that demons are fallen angels, one and the same. However, this assumption is lacking for several reasons. Let's examine why.

◆ ATTRIBUTES OF ANGELS

Fallen angels are still angels, so our search begins by asking what an angel is. We know many of the attributes of angels because they appear throughout the Bible. For instance, angels can hold items:

"the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes" (Judges 6:21 ESV)

Or weapons:

**"he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand."
(Numbers 22:31 KJV)**

They can appear supernatural or as ordinary humans:

"Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2 WEB)

And they can be seen or unseen:

"Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (2 Kings 6:17 ESV)





◆ ATTRIBUTES OF DEMONS

These are not the same attributes the Bible assigns to demons. The demonic powers are always unseen. They have no ability to manifest as humans or appear as divine creatures. In order to interact with the physical world, demons need embodiment. In other words, they need to possess someone to speak or to move a physical object. Everything a demon does is through someone else acting as a proxy. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are especially filled with demonic encounters involving Jesus or his disciples.

Some are like lightning, others have upper bodies of burnished bronze, and some are like men clothed in brilliant white. They are often described as stars in the Bible, and the term *star* can be interchanged for *angel*. One angel (at least) is of gigantic proportions, clothed in a cloud with a rainbow around his head:

"I saw a mighty angel coming down out of the sky, clothed with a cloud. A rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. He had in his hand a little open book. He set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land. He cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars." (Rev 10:1-3 WEB)

◆ DESCRIPTION OF ANGELS

To help us better understand how angels and demons could be different, let's compare what we know.

What is an angel? The term *angel* is actually a title, not a type of being.


- *Angel* means *messenger*.

The Bible describes many divine beings that have different appearances and functions. Even beings specifically titled as angels often have different looks.

◆ THE DEVIL

To further confuse things, the Devil is described as a type of fallen angel. He can shape-shift to appear as an angel of light, but is also described as a dragon and a burning or shining serpent. He has powers to affect the physical world, such as bringing storms or causing disease. (See Job chapters 1 & 2) We often call the Devil the name Satan, but like *angel*, this is a title.

- A *satan* is an accuser or *one who stands opposed*.



Jesus even calls the apostle Peter by the name Satan when Peter challenges him.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matthew 16:22-23 ESV)

◆ COMPARING ANGELS AND DEMONS

All these terms like *angel*, *demon*, and *satan* make study of the subject somewhat aloof. The Bible was not written as a manual of angels, demons, and divine beings. There is no clear breakdown to neatly study.

However, as we dig into this topic, the Holy Bible gives us fascinating glimpses of what these creatures are and how they came to be. Because the attributes of angels and demons are different, we can draw some basic conclusions:

- **Angels and demons are different creatures.**
- **The Devil is an angel, not a demon.**
- **The Devil is aligned with both fallen angels and demons.**

That gives us an excellent framework to start with. For further insight, we must veer into a subject that can appear unrelated to the topic of demons and their origins: the Nephilim or the giants.

◆ THE NEPHILIM

Giants are mentioned throughout the Bible, but the vast majority of these occurrences are masked through translation. This can be tricky because the terms used for *giant* also have other meanings. However, careful study of the language can give us incredible insights into the origins of demons.

The most obvious example we have is David and Goliath, the one biblical story of a giant that everyone knows. But where did this giant come from? Was he just a really tall guy? In Genesis 6, the Bible states that fallen angels (who can interact with the physical world and can appear as human) came to Earth and took wives, creating the Nephilim.

“The sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose... The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.” (Gen 6:2,4 ESV)

◆ WHAT ARE GIANTS?

If angels can interact with the physical world and can appear as human, then logically they could have children as well.

The idea of angels having kids with women is one of the more outlandish things in the Bible. So much so that Christians often have a hard time accepting it. However, this is exactly what the Bible states for the origin of giants. They are hybrid creatures, the combination of fallen angels (or gods, as the Bible often calls angels) and humans. Giants are fallen angel/human hybrids.

Many who dispute this assertion will note that Jesus tells us that angels do not marry in heaven.

“For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.” (Mat 22:30 KJV)

But our same Bible also tells us that angels did marry:

“They took as their wives any they chose.” (Gen 6:2 ESV)



◆ DID ANGELS MARRY OR NOT?

So, how do we resolve this apparent contradiction? The books of Peter and Jude both discuss these fallen angels who sinned, and they both make it clear that the angels were doing things they were not supposed to be doing. Jude also connects these angels to the subject of sexual perversion. Thus, Jesus tells us that angels do not marry in heaven, and Peter and Jude tell us that these angels left heaven and took wives, sinning and facing eternal punishment for doing what they were not supposed to. Both ideas resolve perfectly.

“Angels who didn’t keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having, in the same way as these, given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are shown as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.” (Jude 1:6-7 WEB)

As Jesus stated, Angels do not marry, so it was a great sin for them to do so. They corrupted their wives with false teaching and sexual immorality, using them to create the giants.

For this sin, the fallen angels face eternal punishment without hope of forgiveness or reprieve.

God despises it when anyone gives up their birthright. These angels lived in heaven with God, the ultimate goal of believers, yet they rejected that blessing.

When Esau in Genesis sold his birthright for a bowl of stew, the book of Hebrews tells us he could not get his birthright back from God, though he sought it diligently with tears.

And the ‘unforgivable sin’ of blaspheming the Holy Spirit is a warning against rejecting God and his salvation after he has given you forgiveness and eternal life.

The book of Philippians tells you to **“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Phil 2:12 ESV)**



NEPHILIM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 6 tells us that these Nephilim, sons of the angels, show up after the flood as well.

**“The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward.”
(Gen 6:4 ESV)**

And sure enough, Moses fights against giants in the wilderness. Later, Joshua takes over for Moses and fights several wars against giant clans in the Promised Land. These wars against the giants are declared finished when the last of the giant clans are driven out.

“Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.” (Amos 2:9 ESV)

As an aside: those who balk at the wanton slaughter in the Old Testament don't realize that this violence was against clans that included giants, not just ordinary people. These clans were monstrous cannibals that ate their own people.

“The land that we’ve explored is one that devours its inhabitants. All the people whom we observed were giants.” (Num 13:32 ISV)

These chimera cannibals were also connected with the occult worship of demons and fallen angels. They were worshipers of the false god Baal, which reflects many horrific pagan practices in the Old Testament, including burning their children alive.

**Aaron and Moses battle
a clan of giants.**





GIANT COSMOLOGY

Let's take this 'giant' theme a step further.

We have now established that giants are not human. They are hybrid beings, a chimera of angelic spirits and human DNA. This leads to other questions that will help us on our quest to know more. Does a giant have a spirit? They are only partly human, and angels themselves are spirits. Where does that leave the giants?

One biblical term for *giant* is *rapha*. While *rapha* can mean *healer* and is also a name for God, we don't have space to cover that here. The *giant* use of *rapha* is derived from Rephaim, which is a clan of giants in the Bible. Here's where things get interesting. *Rapha* is also a term for the dead. It means a *shade* or a *ghostly spirit*. Sounds kind of like a demon, right? The Bible frequently makes a linguistic connection between the dead, shades, spirits, and the giants.

GIANTS IN THE AFTERLIFE

If a giant isn't human, can its spirit go to heaven? Theologically, the answer is no. Giants are not made after the image of God. Fallen angels, in an attempt to **"be like the Most High"** (Isa 14:14 KJV) created offspring of their own. The fallen angels who made these giants are trapped under the earth, as described in Jude.

"the angels who... left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness." (Jud 1:6 ESV)

It can thus be assumed that the giants that came from them would follow the same fate. Giants were created as an affront to God's order, and this is demonstrated by their cannibalism. Goliath **"cursed David by his gods"** in 1 Samuel 17. The giants never embraced God or sought him out.

The giant clans were cannibals that sacrificed their own children.



◆ A CORRUPTED ORDER

Surely such creatures would not be welcomed into heaven with God, especially since giants were not part of God's original creation. They are a sort of rival creation that the fallen angels (gods) tried out for themselves. They were a blight against the created order of God.

◆ GOD'S CREATION

It's important to note here that everything created is done so by the power of God through Jesus Christ.

**"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."
(John 1:3 KJV)**

Without God, the Devil would have no power. God allows the Devil free will to act and use power. That doesn't make God responsible for the Devil's abusive choices, and God will eventually punish the Devil for his actions. In the same way, fallen angels made the Nephilim outside the will of God.

As *physical* chimera, we can also understand that giants are *spiritual* chimera—the mixture of a human spirit and an angelic one—especially since their origin is from spiritual beings. Now we better understand how dead giants can be shades or restless spirits. When they die, giants have nowhere to go. They were not in the original order of creation.

Demons are thus the spirits of dead giants: the rapha dead, or shades.

◆ DEMONS ARE DEAD GIANTS

It's a strange concept, but it's precisely what the text of the Bible suggests. Giants could have been numerous before the flood of Noah, and we know that the Promised Land was filled with them in the times of Moses and Joshua.

That leaves several thousand years' worth of dead giants to become the demonic forces that torment humanity.

As further evidence to support this claim: these rapha spirits are described as residing in the underworld in the book of Isaiah.

"Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it rouses the shades to greet you, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations."
(Isaiah 14:9 ESV)

The book of Job puts them in the sea, as many would have been after the great flood.

"The ghosts of the dead writhe under the waters along with those who live there with them." (Job 26:5 ISV)

The Bible describes demons as restless spirits that wander, looking for embodiment. These beings are thus found everywhere. Basically, they are portrayed as what we classically think of as ghosts, occupying whatever space they can find.

After David defeated Goliath, he cut off the giant's head with his own sword.





JESUS DESCRIBES GHOSTS

Ghosts are mentioned by Jesus in the Bible.

They were startled and terrified, thinking they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus told them,... 'a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'" (Luke 24:37-39 ISV)

If ghosts didn't exist, Jesus would have simply told the disciples that they were not real instead of describing their attributes. The word for *ghost* is *pneuma*, which means spirit, a breath, or a superhuman (like a giant).



CAN HUMANS BECOME GHOSTS?

The Bible makes it clear that dead people don't hang around as ghosts. Scripture tells us that the spirits of the dead, sinner or saint, all have a holding place they go to while awaiting the final judgment. Dead humans don't haunt their homes or wander the world. We all leave this world behind.

As we picture the concept of dead giants continuing on as restless spirits, this image helps us to reconcile that the human spirits of the dead are all absent from the Earth while still allowing for the presence of ghosts (or demons) in our world. Ghosts and demons one and the same.



IN SUMMARY:

- Demons are the spirits of dead giants.
- Demons are half angel/half human.
- Fallen angels (or gods) are different from demons.



AND SO MUCH MORE

The information we've covered here could easily fill volumes of material. However, this only begins to delve into the many passages of scripture concerning angels and demons. In the Bible, God frequently talks about angels, demons, and the supernatural.

Because this subject is so prevalent in scripture, it is prudent to recognize how important the topic is to God.

Let's Go Deeper...



A BIBLICAL REFERENCE

THE BOOK OF

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THE BOOK OF ENOCH

We find further evidence of these ideas outside the Bible. The Book of Enoch is directly quoted in the Bible and is alluded to some 70+ times. This work has much to say on the subject of fallen angels, giants, and demons. Its information is in perfect harmony with the ideas we've just laid out from the biblical text.

Enoch chapter 7 and other chapters further describe the angels descending from heaven sinfully and taking wives.

"They and all the others with them took for themselves wives, each choosing for himself one." (Enoch 7:1 MSV)

Other verses tell us that these angels fathered sons, the giants. Just as in the Bible, these giants were cannibals and drinkers of blood.

**"the giants turned against them,
devouring mankind...
devoured each other's flesh,
and drank their blood."
(Enoch 7:4-5 MSV)**

The spirits of the giants are described as counterfeit spirits, bastard spirits, or chimera spirits. The Book of Enoch then details how these spirits will haunt humanity as demons, free of further judgment until the end times.

**"From the days of slaughter, destruction,
and death of the giants,
the demons, having left their flesh,
will destroy without incurring judgment —
so will they destroy until the day of the
fulfillment.
The great judgment."
(Enoch 16:1 MSV)**

◆ DELAYED JUDGMENT ON DEMONS

This is supported by the Bible when Jesus has mercy on the demons known as Legion, whom he allows to go into the pigs, as per the request of the demons.

“Two people possessed by demons met him (Jesus) there, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that nobody could pass that way. Behold, they cried out, saying, ‘What do we have to do with you, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?’ Now there was a herd of many pigs feeding far away from them. The demons begged him, saying, ‘If you cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of pigs.’ He said to them, ‘Go!’ They came out, and went into the herd of pigs.” (Matthew 8:28-32 WEB)

Notice how the demons know it is not yet time for their torment. Jesus is merciful to them, despite the wickedness of their actions. If we read only the Bible, these points are difficult to address adequately. But the Book of Enoch tells us plainly that the demons will not have judgment against them until the great day of judgment.

◆ CONSISTENCY

Nothing in the Book of Enoch contradicts what we find in the Bible, and the two works complement each other. What we do find is a wealth of details on the origin of demons that the Bible omits. Many of the 108 chapters in the Book of Enoch have some kind of insight into this topic.

◆ IMPORTANCE

Why should we care what the Book of Enoch says? After all, this information is found in the Bible.

At the very least, it's clear from scripture that the writers of the New Testament were well acquainted with the contents of the Book of Enoch. Many of the early church fathers (the church immediately after the time of Jesus) felt the Book of Enoch was a valid source of information, some even considering it scripture. This work only fell out of favor when the ideas of giants and demons became taboo subjects, largely hidden in the biblical translations. Enoch prophesied that his words would be preserved in the last days, and they are now returning to prominence.





◆ THE MISSION OF JESUS

The Bible mentions angels and demons frequently. Very frequently. We don't hear about them much in sermons, but the text makes it clear that angels, demons, and spiritual warfare are critical topics in the eyes of God.

With these insights, many passages of the Bible that seem strange or irrelevant come alive with deeper meaning. Much of the mission of Jesus Christ involved thwarting the work of the fallen angels and demons.

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8 ESV)

Jesus frequently said and did things that challenged these demonic forces, but without this background knowledge, those details become invisible to the reader.

◆ RESEARCH

We've only just begun to scratch the surface. To find out more, you'll want to do some research.

A Strong's Concordance can be very useful in studying the words of the Bible. You can dig for yourself into the meaning of the words for giants, demons, shades, stars, gods, angels, and many more. It's a long thread that you can pull and pull without ever reaching the end.

If you're interested in looking into the topic of angels and demons further, many public domain versions of the Book of Enoch are readily available for free on the Internet. It's a great, free way to dig into this background information. Just be warned that these sources are often mixed in with the Slavonic Enoch and The Revelation of Metatron (sometimes called 2 Enoch and 3 Enoch). These hoaxes were written long after the time of Jesus and do not align with the ideas of the Bible, instead following the mysticism of Babylon.

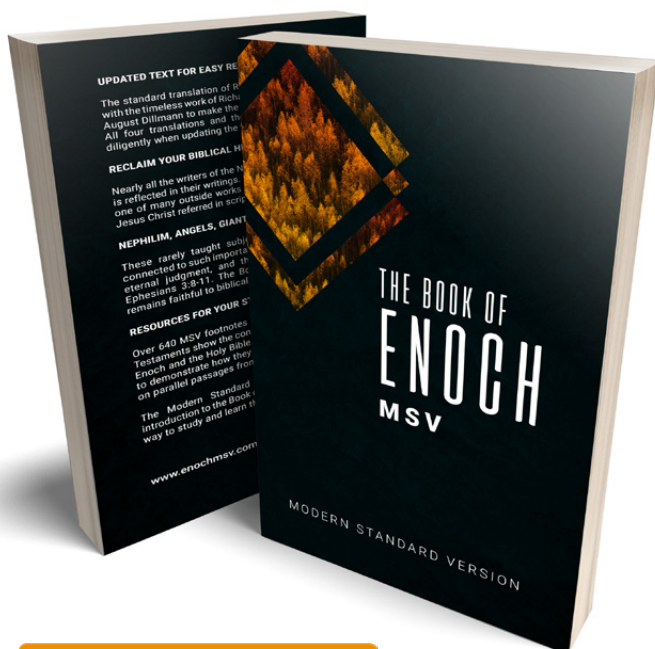
If you go hunting for a free online version of the Book of Enoch, I would recommend the R. H. Charles translation of 1 Enoch.



◆ A MODERN VERSION

If you're looking for a version that is far easier to read and understand, The Book of Enoch MSV, Modern Standard Version is available for purchase online. It culls out the Slavonic and Metatron versions of Enoch, so you don't need to worry about what you're reading. It cleans up the archaic language and sentence structure and has over six hundred footnotes with cross references into the Holy Bible.

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