

Demons

What Does the Bible say about Demons?

The greek word "daimon" means "spirit" (good or evil), although in the New Testament it is only used to designate evil spirits. With the exception of **Hebrews 17, 18** in which it has the generic meaning of "divinities".

In the pagan atmosphere of the classical epoch, the points of reference used concerning the concept of demon are very different, since they considered the existence of phantasms, eons, nature spirits, mediators, souls of the dead, good and evil spirits, etc.

Demons are fallen angels: spiritual, immutable, and immortal. Demons are not omniscient, but each one has a specific knowledge, sometimes on only one subject, sometimes on more than one. Their power is limited to that which Yahuah allows, so they are not omnipotent. No reference has been made about omnipresence, so it is as yet unclear if they can be in different places at the same time.

Demons are disembodied spirits that are at work virtually everywhere in the world today. They are evil in nature, and are obedient to Satan, their ruler. In Scripture they are also known as "evil spirits" or "unclean spirits".

There are a number of theories about their origin, but Scripture doesn't make it absolutely clear. Many believe they are fallen angels who fell when Satan, rebelled against Yahuah in heaven. This theory has the problem that demons seem to be earth-bound spirits that walk and cannot fly unlike angels. There are fallen angels, who presently occupy positions of influence and authority over the earth in a kind of Satanic hierarchy, and are referred to in Scripture as "principalities and powers" **Ephesians 6:12**.

Earth bound demons are the "foot soldiers" in Satan's kingdom, and they are the ones we deal with on a day to day basis, whether we realize it or not.

Some speculate that demons are the spirits of former inhabitants of earth who rebelled against Yahuah, possibly the results of the offspring of fallen angels and women in the days before the flood **Genesis 6**.

Scripture doesn't tell us and we don't have to know. What matters is to know how to

deal with them and overcome them, as they are everywhere and they enjoy making our lives miserable if they can.

It may be that when Yahuah judged the snake in **Genesis 3** and said it would crawl on its belly that this translated into a loss of power for many fallen angels. It's impossible to say with total Scriptural authority.

Characteristics of demons

They are evil, malicious, deceptive and never to be trusted. We can see that demons possess the following:

Mind

"Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Yahusha? Did you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of Yahuah!" **Mark 1:23, 24**

Demons have knowledge and are able to come up with things to say. The knowledge that demons have explains the source of knowledge at work with "psychics" and other occultists. It explains the knowledge of past events and places that supposedly confirms the false doctrine of reincarnation.

Will

Spirits (demons) return where cast out, to see if the Ruach ha Kodesh is present

When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came. **Luke 11:24** Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation **Matthew 12:45**

Evil spirits can speak through a person! In our day, some call this "channeling" the person with the evil spirit is being used to channel the Spirit from the Spirit world to the physical." Spirit guides and those that channel spirits need to ponder what Scripture says about a spirit speaking through a person.

Demons are self-willed beings who seek to impose their will on the will of man.

Emotions

"You believe that there is one Elohim. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!" **James 2:19.**

Demons definitely fear Yahuah and his power. On the other hand, they have pleasure in seeing people suffer. Anyone who is that way is so because they identify with the demons in them.

Legends of demons

"Then He asked him, 'What is your name?' And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." The demons begged Yahusha, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." **Matthew 8:31**

Demons usually operate in groups. They know who they are and they know their names and functions. Sometimes demons change their functions. One spirit said, "I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets." **2 Chronicles 18:21.**

Sudden and major changes of events can cause some demons to change their function or activity. Most of the time, however, they continue with what they have been able to do successfully in the lives of people.

Pagan religions "sacrifice to demons"

They sacrificed to demons, which are not Yahuah, gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, and gods your fathers did not fear. **Deuteronomy 32:17**

They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. **Psalms 106:37**

A believer has authority to drive out demons, just as Yahusha did

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. **Matthew 10:1**

Some people know this as "exorcism." Note: Wooden cross and/or holy water is NEVER used, in Scripture, to drive a demon out of a person.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

Mark 1:27

For Yahusha had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. **Luke 8:29**

But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of Yahuah, then the kingdom of Yahuah has come upon you. **Matthew 12:28**

Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of Yahuah." **Mark 3:11**

Evil spirits in John's vision looked like frogs:

Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Revelations 16:13

Demons are deceivers

They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of Yahuah Almighty.

Revelations 16:14

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. **1 Timothy 4:1**

There are many ways in which demons can deceive people, but the more common ones are through occult involvement, Ouija boards and seances. Dear reader, don't ever dabble with such, even out of curiosity or amusement. If you have already, ask Yahuah to forgive you and renounce all such behavior.

Demonic abilities

Demonic supernatural powers are believed to include fabrication, psychokinesis, levitation, divination, possession, seduction, ESP, telepathy, witchcraft, and curses, as well as binding, making contracts, controlling the classical elements, animal control, and provocation. Demons use variants and combinations of these powers to harass, demoralize, confuse, and disorient the victim, or the willing subject of demonic interest. All of these attacks, as well as their effect or scope, can be ended by Yahuah. Demons are believed to have the power to physically or mentally hurt people, but only within the boundaries of what Yahuah will allow.

Demons can destroy any material on the earth; these supernatural powers are always inferior to the power of Yahuah. Yahuah may use His will to cancel or destroy any effect the demon chooses to invoke. According to the gospels, Yahusha also had full power over demons and they always obeyed his commands.

Demons assumably are granted permission to test, bring about trials and to tempt people through the use of their destructive powers, to make people prove their faith, sometimes as a means to carry out the will of Yahuah. Often Demons are said to create negative emotions, wreaking havoc, ensuing chaos, and disrupting peace

Possession of Demons

The word "unclean spirit" and demon (devil) are used indistinctly. Thus, the syrophoenician woman says that her daughter is possessed by a devil in Matthew, and in Mark it says that she had an unclean spirit.

The different names with which these devils are designated are:

- deaf spirit
- spirit of dumbness
- impure spirit
- evil spirit
- spirit of an unclean devil

In the Gospel, the word "lunatic" appears once **Matthew 17, 14**.

In ancient times, this word could refer to epilepsy and to possession, and it was derived from the belief that the moon had an influence in the critical states of these persons. "Energumen" (madman; demoniac) is a form of referring to the possessed and comes from the word "energy", due to the strength that these people had in their critical moments. The possession of the demons has been a problem to Christian demonology and theology since early times.

A very early form of incarnation of demons was the idea of demonic possession, trying to explain that a demon entered the body of a person with some purpose or simply to punish that one for some allegedly committed sin. But this soon acquired greater proportions, trying to explain how demons could seduce people to have sexual relationships with them or induce them to commit other sins. To Christian scholars, demons didn't always have to manifest themselves in a visible and tangible form. Sometimes it was through possession.

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High Yahuah, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around

and said to the spirit, "In the name of Yahusha the Messiah I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. When the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. **Acts 16:16-19**

You believe that there is one Elohim. Good! Even the demons believe and shudder. **James 2:19**

When Yahusha rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons **Mark 16:9**

And also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out **Luke 8:2**

Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits and all of them were healed. **Acts 5:16**

There are some Scriptural mentions of the possession by demons, similar in result to possession as in invocation, in the New Testament, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke as they could be seen and heard, as well as banished. When the evening had come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and healed all that were sick: **Matthew 8:16**

And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let [us] alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Yahusha? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of Yahuah. And Yahusha rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, what thing is this? What new doctrine [is] this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. **Mark 1:23-27**

And when he Yahusha was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, what have we to do with thee, Yahusha, thou Son of Yahuah? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, if thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

Matthew 8:28-33

Nephilim (Demons)

The purpose of this study is to answer the Question: What are Nephilim, fallen angels, Demons or something else?

Nephilim as derived from the Hebrew word פֶּלֶא Pele which means wondrous. The traditional Hebrew view is that the "rapha," meaning, interchangeably, "irrevocably dead," "evil spirits," "demons," and Giants are the spirits of the half-angelic, half human offspring called the Nephilim.

They are mentioned in **Numbers 13:32–33**, in a description of the inhabitants of Hebron:

So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.

There are four common views regarding the identity of the Nephilim.

They were the hybrid offspring of fallen angels and human women.

They were the offspring of descendants of Seth with those of Cain.

Webster's 1913 Dictionary defines the word simply as "Giant." Thus, any especially tall, powerful, large, or mighty man would be described in ancient times as Nephilim. Nephilim may simply mean "giant," champion, or strong man.

They are not historical figures and are ancient imagery with questionable meaning.

The Targum Jonathan was read as a verse-by-verse translation alternatively with the Hebrew verses in the synagogue, states that the Nephilim were given this name because they were descended from fallen angels (Watchers).

The New American Bible commentary draws a parallel to the Epistle of Jude and the statements set forth in Genesis, suggesting that the Epistle refers implicitly to the paternity of Nephilim as heavenly beings that came to earth and had sexual intercourse with women.

The footnotes of the Jerusalem Bible suggest that the Biblical author intended the Nephilim to be an "anecdote of a superhuman race".

Genesis 6:4 implies that the Nephilim have inhabited the earth in at least two different time periods, in antediluvian times "and afterward." If the Nephilim were supernatural beings themselves, or at least the progeny of supernatural beings, it is possible that the "giants of Canaan" in Book of **Numbers 13:33** were the direct descendants of the antediluvian Nephilim, or were fathered by the same supernatural parents.

In Aramaic culture, the term Nephila specifically referred to the constellation of Orion, and thus Nephilim to Orion's semi-divine descendants (Anakim from Anak); the implication being that this also is the origin of the Biblical Nephilim.

and one third of the angelic host joined his rebellion and dissention from Heaven with him. So, Yahuah prepared Hell for the devil and his angels, according to **Matthew 25:41**

"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'" Yahusha, by using the possessive word his makes it clear that these angels belong to Satan.

Revelation 12:7-9 describes an end times angelic battle between Michael and "his angels" and the devil and "his angels."

When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of Yahuah (Watchers) saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then Yahuah said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." **Genesis 6:1-4**

The first verses of **Genesis 6** are transition verses. On the one hand, they wrap up the

pre-Flood history of the earlier chapters, showing the state of degeneration that the human race had fallen. On the other hand, they prepare for the story of Noah and the Flood that follows; it was because of this degeneration that the Flood came.

The passage tells us that "When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of Yahuah saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose" **Genesis 6:1-2**.

The thing that makes these verses so interesting is that three New Testament passages seem to refer to them: **1 Peter 3:18-22; 2 Peter 2:4, 5; and Jude 6, 7**.

These passages say in part: "Yahusha died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to Yahuah. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when Yahuah waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built" **1 Peter 3:18-20**; "For if Yahuah did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others" **2 Peter 2:4, 5**; and "the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day" **Jude 6**.

Some reject the idea that the demons are the fallen angels due to the fact that **Jude 6** declares the angels who sinned to be "bound with everlasting chains." However, it is clear that not all of the angels who sinned are "bound," as Satan is still free **1 Peter 5:8**.

Why would Yahuah imprison the rest of the fallen angels, but allow the leader of the rebellion to remain free? It seems that **Jude 6** is referring to Yahuah confining the fallen angels (The Watchers) who rebelled in an additional way, likely the "sons of Yahuah" incident in **Genesis 6**.

The most common alternate explanation for the origin of the demons is that when the Nephilim of **Genesis 6** were destroyed in the Flood, their disembodied souls became the demons. While Scripture as we know it today does not specifically say what happened to the souls of the Nephilim when they were killed, so some conclude that it is unlikely that Yahuah would destroy the Nephilim in the Flood only to allow their souls to cause even greater evil as the demons. So they feel the best explanation for the origin of the demons is that they are the fallen angels, the angels who rebelled against

Yahuah with Satan.

So, the question is who were the Nephilim? The heart of the matter lies in the ancient accounts of the Nephilim and their offspring, who and what they really were, what they did, where they are now, what their agenda is, and so on.

The lost books of Enoch explain that demons as disembodied Evil spirits and are not fallen angels (angels who rebelled against Yahuah and were kicked out of heaven). Demons (Evil spirits) are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim/Raphaim/Anunnaki, hybrids of the fallen angels (Watchers) mixed with the seed of men

In the Books of Enoch he discusses fallen angels and demons.

ENOCK CHAPTER XV

1. And He (Yahuah) answered and said to me, and I heard His voice: 'Fear not, Enoch, thou righteous man and scribe of righteousness: approach hither and hear my voice.
2. And go, say to the Watchers of heaven, who have sent thee to intercede for them: "You should intercede" for men, and not men for you:
3. Wherefore have ye left the high, holy, and eternal heaven, and lain with women, and defiled yourselves with the daughters of men and taken to yourselves wives, and done like the children of earth, and begotten giants (as your) sons?
4. And though ye were holy, spiritual, living the eternal life, you have defiled yourselves with the blood of women, and have begotten (children) with the blood of flesh, and, as the children of men, have lusted after flesh and blood as those also do who die and perish.
5. Therefore have I given them wives also that they might impregnate them, and beget children by them, that thus nothing might be wanting to them on earth.
6. But you were formerly spiritual, living the eternal life and immortal for all generations of the world.
7. And therefore I have not appointed wives for you; for as for the spiritual ones of the heaven, in heaven is their dwelling.
8. And now, the giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, and on the earth shall be their dwelling.
9. Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from men, and from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth, and evil spirits shall they be called.
10. As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of

the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.

11. And the spirits of the giants afflict, oppress, destroy, attack, do battle, and work destruction on the earth, and cause trouble: they take no food, but nevertheless hunger and thirst, and cause offences. And these spirits shall rise up against the children of men and against the women, because they have proceeded from them.

ENOCH CHAPTER XVI

1. From the days of the slaughter and destruction and death of the giants, from the souls of whose flesh the spirits, having gone forth, shall destroy without incurring judgment thus shall they destroy until the day of the consummation, the great judgment in which the age shall be consummated, over the Watchers and the godless, yea, shall be wholly consummated."

2. And now as to the Watchers who have sent thee to intercede for them, who had been before time in heaven, (say to them): "You have been in heaven, but all the mysteries had not yet been revealed to you, and you knew worthless ones, and these in the hardness of your hearts you have made known to the women, and through these mysteries women and men work much evil on earth."

Why did the early church (Catholic) suppress the Book of Enoch? After all, there are various references to Enoch throughout the Old and New Testament, in fact, Enoch never died but was carried up to heaven in a Chariot and will return as one of the two witnesses of **Revelation 11** during the tribulation period.

The book of Enoch used in conjunction with the Book of Jude and Revelation bear witness to the conclusion that Demons are actually the Evil Spirit of the Nephilims, as do the original Old Testament actual mention the Nephilim, Anakim (Anunna/Anunnaki), Rephaim, and Rapha, along with others descended from Nephilim. In fact, the traditional Hebrew view is that the "rapha," meaning, interchangeably, "irrevocably dead," "evil spirits," "demons," and GIANTS, are the spirits of the halfangelic Nephilim offspring that were killed in the great cataclysm we remember as the Flood.

This is not a tall tale, but a truth of which Yahusha and his disciples were aware. This is why they quoted from the book of Enoch.

The story can also be found in the books of Jasher, Jubilees, and the recently-found Dead Sea Scroll, the Book of Giants. Angels have bodies as they can take a variety of forms, as well ("for Satan can appear even as an angel of light," etc.).

There were two angelic rebellions, the first being the Satan rebellion that most are familiar with; this is the source of what Paul calls, in the sixth chapter of Ephesians, "Spirit wickedness in high places." This is why Yahusha calls Satan "the prince of the powers of the air."

The second rebellion came much, much later, and is well known in Hebrew esoteric tradition. In fact, much of this knowledge is still intact in the Hebrew tradition. Many books which were originally in Scripture, the books of Enoch, Jasher, Jubilees, and so on contain the whole story of the fallen angels who rebelled in order to mate with human women. These beings were called the Nephilim, literally "those who came/fell down."

A recent dead-sea scroll find and translation, "the Book of Giants," also contains this story in great detail. Before you question the validity of the non-canonical books I mention, keep in mind that not only were they part of the original Old Testament, but many of them particularly Enoch were quoted from by the Apostles in the New Testament. Quotes from the book of Enoch can be found in the books of Jude, Revelation, and several other places. The book of Enoch pre-dated the time of Yahusha by around 300 years. In the Old Testament, Genesis tells us that "the sons of Yahuah looked upon the daughters of men and found them fair, and took of them wives as they chose." The actual translation of this passage reads something like this: "The Watchers came and took human wives for themselves, as many as they wanted. Their children were the Nephilim of old, the giants."

The books of Jasher, Jubilees, Enoch, and others contain the complete story of what happened in the antediluvian (pre-flood) world. The Watchers set themselves up as pagan "gods" to be worshiped, and their hybrid, genetically monstrous sons as "demigod" kings over the rest of humanity. These offspring were also called Nephilim, and they were brutal, cruel, occultic and cannibalistic giants who treated ordinary human beings with contempt. There were 300 original "Watchers" above the Earth who rebelled and their leader was named Semyaza. Through corrupt angelic knowledge, the pre-flood world was corrupted.

The book of Enoch says that the Watchers and the daughter of men "sinned against all flesh," creating hybrid creatures which were part human, part beast, part fowl (or bird). Sound familiar? The 300 fallen "watchers," whose original job had been to protect humanity and the Earth, were utterly depraved. They taught mankind the arts of witchcraft, sorcery, drug abuse, and war. The gene-pool of the human race was tainted as well, almost beyond recovery. When you read the story of Noah and his family, it should be understood that he was not only selected to survive because of the quality of

his character; Genesis states that, unlike the majority of the rest of humanity, Noah was "found perfect in all his generations."

In other words, he and his family were untainted by the fallen Watcher and Nephilim bloodline, which Yahuah had cursed to eternal damnation (in the Hebrew Old Testament, the word "rapha" means "the damned," the "eternally dead," "demon," "ghost," and giant, i.e., the spirit of one of the Nephilim.

After the flood, when the Nephilim offspring and hybrid mutations were physically destroyed not spiritually, the 300 former "watchers" were confined inside the Earth, in a prison from which they can not escape. These are those who are referred to by Paul in **Ephesians 6** as "the rulers of the spiritual darkness of this world." Although imprisoned, they are still very powerful and can influence world events, particularly through their offspring's evil spirits formally known as the Nephilim. Jude refers to the Watchers, quoting directly from the book of Enoch, when he says "the angels (Watchers) who are chained in eternal darkness, awaiting the judgment of the great day." This is not a reference to Satan and his angels, who still "wage war in heaven." The more one learns about the ancient knowledge and traditions, the more it is seen that a spiritual yet physical and galactic war is behind all the myths, legends, religions and traditions of our world.

Summary

Demons are real. Their activity accounts for many of the things that are happening today. Demons are spirit beings with the characteristics of personality. Some are stronger than others, but all of them are totally corrupt and evil in nature. They never do any good. Any apparent benefit obtained through them via occultism is always just something to gain trust so they can do you and others far greater harm in the future. They are unsatisfied beings who desire to use and abuse you. They don't feel satisfied without a body to inhabit and through which to express their evil natures. Yahuah, on the other hand, is the source of goodness and life and who desires to give of Himself to you, and see you grow up to become like Yahusha Himself.

Don't allow demons to get the upper hand in your life. Let us do all we can to destroy their influence by drawing near to Yahuah and letting Yahuah fill us and show us the way It is also believed that demons torment people during their life, like the case of Job or through possession, or simply showing themselves before persons to frighten them, or by provoking visions that could induce people to sin or to be afraid. (**Matthew 17:15-16**)

Demons are also believed to try to make people abandon the faith, commit heresy or apostasy, remain or turn themselves Pagan or venerate "idols", and gain the highest number of "Satan's" or adversaries of Yahuah. (**Ephesians 6:12**)

In the Book of Luke, it is stated that demons walk "waterless places", and finding no rest return to their previous home.

It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." **Revelations 9:14**