

Demons

**(No picture provided
because they are really scary)**

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What is a Demon?

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Demons as False Gods

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for Demons is sometimes translated into English as “idols” or “false gods.” Thus “demons” were seen as spiritual beings who were “not God”

They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to false gods. (Psalm 106:37)

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Demons as Unclean Spirits

Demons are quite common in the New Testament and are depicted as lesser spiritual beings with malevolent intentions contrary to God. They are sometimes referred to as “unclean spirits” (KJV) or “impure spirits” (NIV).

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

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In the New Testament, Demons Appear to be Much More Active Than in the Old Testament. Why?

- Possible answer: God's control of progressive human-spiritual interaction limits demons' activity such that it was less in the Old Testament era and more in the New Testament era.
- Possible answer: Demons were significantly active in the Old Testament, but for whatever divine reason it was not much recorded.

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- Possible Answer: Who knows??? Don't ask such questions!

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Demons Oppose God's Work on Earth

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

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

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The Power of Demons is Limited

¹⁹ The Jews who heard these words were again divided. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?” ²¹ But others said, “These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?” (John 10:19-21)

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Demons Recognize God’s and Jesus’ Authority

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. (James 2:19)

Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. (Luke 4:41)

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Demons Have Distinct Personalities

⁴³ “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. ⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.” (Matthew 12:43-45)