

DEMONS

Demons — Demons were once *angels* of light. But they followed Satan the Devil in his rebellion against God and became evil (Revelation 12:7-10).

Demons are also called devils, fallen angels, angels of darkness, and fallen stars. The Bible indicates that 1/3 of the angels became demons (Revelation 12:3-4). And demons work closely with Satan to deceive and pervert mankind.

Revelation 12:7-10 — And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and *the dragon and his angels [demons]* fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, *and his angels [demons] were cast out with him*. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.”

Revelation 12:3-4 — And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a *third* of the stars [angels/demons] of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Mark 5:1-13 — Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an *unclean spirit*, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even

with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.” For He said to him, “Come out of the man, *unclean spirit!*” Then He asked him, “What is your name?” And he answered, saying, “*My name is Legion; for we are many.*” Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the *demons* begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the *unclean spirits* went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

Mark 16:17 — “And these signs will follow those who believe: *In My name they will cast out demons...*”