

Creation of a Strategy

(vv. 1 - 3a)

A Reminder of Reality

(vv. 3b - 5a)

*“This Child is **destined** to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel...”*

Luke 2:34 (NIV)

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An Admission of Fear

(v. 5b)

SATAN

Who is the talking serpent who tempted Adam and Eve to evil in the Garden of Eden? A comprehensive study of the Old and New Testaments reveals a creature with various titles:

- *Satan*, Hebrew for "accuser" (Job 1:6–12)
- "god" of this world (2 Cor. 4:4)
- The devil (Matthew 4:1–11)
- The adversary (1 Peter 5:8 NASB)
- The father of lies (John 8:44)
- Beelzebul (Matthew 12:24)

This spirit opposes God—and everything and everyone that is near and dear to God's heart (John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8). He is described as the ruler of a host of other fallen angels, which are demons (Matthew 25:41), and a powerful force in this world (2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:12). The Bible assures us that Jesus—through his death and resurrection—came to defeat the devil and destroy his works (1 John 3:8).

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into
the wilderness to be tempted by the devil...
And the tempter came and said to Him...*

Matthew 4:1, 3

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(vv. 6 - 8)

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