

## The Fall of Satan and the Origin of Demons

Where do demons come from? The Bible does not give us a direct answer. There are some clues to follow and educated guesses to be made.

4 Main theories. -

1). The disembodied spirits of a pre-Adamic race.

1. Some believe that demons are disembodied spirits of evil men and women. This is in direct contradiction to Jesus' teaching we see in Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man does not wander the earth but instead descends into a horrible place of torment.
2. Fallen Angels. Ezekiel 28:12-19 and Isaiah 14:12 and following are considered to be talking about Satan.
3. The disembodied spirits of the offspring of the Sons of God and the daughters of men from Genesis 6.

First there is no indication in the Bible that there was a pre-Adamic race. At best there is a vague innuendo that this present state of creation is only a subsequent creation not the original. (Isaiah 45:18)

Second, it seems to be contradictory to other passages that human spirits would wander the earth while scriptures describe a place of torment or Abraham's bosom. Favor or torment!

Third, that demons are fallen angels has been probably the most popular view in most of the 20th century. However, fallen angels are able to take on different forms in the scriptures without inhabiting a human.

Fourth, the offspring of Sons of God and daughters of men was the consensus view of the Christian writers in the first 3 centuries.

We'll look more closely at the scriptural references and the early church writings regarding this theory.

Genesis 6:4. Sons of God mentioned in Job 1:6; 38:7

As an example of an early church writer's interpretation of this passage Commodianus who wrote around 240 A.D. said that God decided to beautify the nature of the world and sent down angels who contaminated themselves with women. From their seed giants were born.... He goes on, "But the Almighty, because they were of an evil seed, did not approve that, when dead, they should be brought back from death. Whence wandering they now subvert many bodies, and it is such as these especially that ye this day worship and pray to as gods."

So the idea is not that demons are fallen angels but rather the disembodied spirits of the offspring of fallen angels and women.

Athenagoras around 177 A.D. also believed giants were the offspring of fallen angels and women as does the author of the Clementine Homilies.

Likewise, Tertullian, a well-known early church leader, believed that "there sprang a more wicked demon-brood from certain fallen angels."

These wandering spirits (demons) were associated with the gods that people worshipped in those days.

A relationship between Roman and Greek mythological gods and the episode from Genesis 6. Heavenly beings having relationship with women creating gods, which the Bible calls men of renown. (Genesis 6:4).

There are two New Testament references that are tied into this scenario by those who hold this view.

I Peter 3:18-20. There is reference to the spirits who were disobedient in the days of Noah. Spirits not souls are mentioned here and the time period is very specific, the days of Noah.

Related to this we read in Jude 6. Here it mentions angels who left their proper abode and are already held in bonds awaiting the judgment. They are already under restrictions because of their egregious offense of leaving their proper abode.

So early church fathers believed that demons were the disembodied spirits of the sons of God and the daughters of men or fallen angels and women. Sometimes truth can be stranger than fiction.