

## “DEMONS”

(Devils, KJV)

Many have been the times I have been asked: “*Are there **demons** in the world today; or are some folks possessed of a demon – demon possession?*” I shall wait till the article is completed and then, after you have looked at the evidence, I will answer the question.

**Demons are associated with the Devil.** In Rev. 12:7-9, we find the **Devil, Satan, Deceiver, Dragon** and the **Old Serpent**. In Rev. 13 we have an instrument of the devil coming up out of the **sea** and another instrument coming up out of the **earth**. That which came up out of the **sea** is world powers the Devil uses for his purposes and the beast that came up out of the **earth** – after chapter 13 he is referred to as a **false prophet**, or just false religion, Rev. 16:13; Rev. 20:10 etc. Associated with the “**false prophets**,” are **demons**, Rev. 16:13-14. There is described in Rev. 12:7-9 a war engaged by Michael and his angels. **Michael** and his angels warred against the **Devil** and his angels and the Devil and his angels were cast out, Rev. 12:7-9. This is what Peter and Jude refer too: II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6. Here is where the Devil and all of his helpers came from.

In **Zech. 13:3**, I find this statement: “.... and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.” In the New Testament I find prophecy being “**done away**,” I Cor. 13:8. According to Zech. 13:3; when prophecy is done away the “**unclean spirits**” were to “**pass out of the land**.” In the first century **both “prophecy” and “unclean spirits” ceased to exist!**

One is, at this point, confronted with the thought of: “*What was the **purpose** of the “evil spirits” being in the land?*” They were there for the purpose of Jesus **demonstrating his superior power over the Devil**. Do you remember Heb. 2:14? “*that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is the devil.*” “*If I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come unto you,*” Matt. 12:28. When the Lord cast out demons (devils, KJV) he demonstrated his power over the Devil and his helpers, workers, his fallen angels. Needless to say, at the proper time the Lord will cause them to be in the “*lake of fire*,” Rev. 20:10. When the Lord comes on his “white horse,” Rev. 19:11 with all the host of heaven, Rev. 19:14, they will totally win the battle against the Devil and his helpers, and the Lord then will be all in all, I Cor. 15:24-26.

In the battle against the Devil, here upon the earth, **the Lord over and over demonstrated his power over the Devil and his workers – including evil spirits**. All one has to do is begin making a list of the many times there was a casting out of “demons” and thus, Jesus is demonstrating his power was superior to the power of the Devil, Matt. 8:28-34; Matt 10:8; Matt. 15:22; Lk. 4:31-37, etc. These evil spirits knew Jesus and who he was and made the statement: “*art thou come hither to torment us before the time?*” Matt. 8:29.

Jesus is the way: “*I am the **way**, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” Jno. 14:6. Jesus has fully **demonstrated** his power over the Devil and all of his host and that my **trust and confidence in the Lord** will be rewarded by the fact that the Lord is more powerful than the devil and that the devil and his host fully realize their ultimate end, they shall be cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 20:10. When I follow the Lord and the way he has prescribed, I am assured the Lord will reward those who are faithful.

The “demons” have passed out of the land and therein is demonstrated that **Jesus has power over the Devil**.

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