

**“Demons”**

**Part 1**

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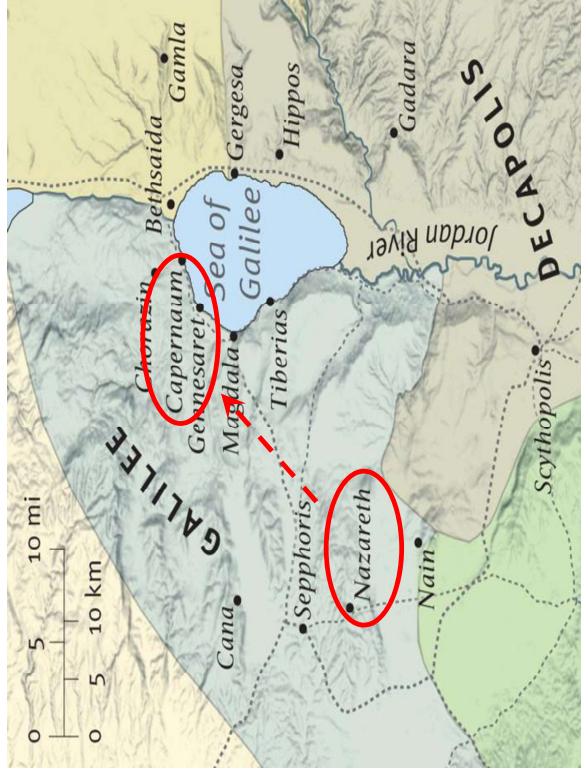
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- Small town. Less than 1,000.
- Mixture of people - fishermen, farmers, artisans, merchants, publicans.
- Jesus, the Bible teacher, was again teaching.

**“Sabbath”** – great place to be on the Sabbath for teaching.

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“**amazed**” – ἐκπλησσω – to be struck with astonishment, amazement to the point of being overwhelmed.

“**with authority**” – His message was with authority because He was teaching and explaining the Bible.

- Those in the synagogue were used to a rabbi or scribe getting up and saying, “rabbi so-and-so says this, but then this other rabbi says that.”
- The rabbis and scribes did not teach on their own authority but on the authority of previous rabbis from some school or academy they attended.
- Jesus did not require, in His teaching, any rabbinic authorization.
- This is what overwhelmed His listeners.
- This is true today as well –
  - “There are many interpretations of this verse so I’ll just lay out all of the interpretations and let you choose.”
  - Long or many stories, illustrations, or jokes.
- The authority of the Word is what convicts and changes the hearts of people.
- Jesus spoke with authority and so should we.

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- What is a demon possessed person doing in a synagogue?
- Since the day Satan, the archenemy of God, fell, there has been a constant war going on throughout the universe.  
Example – Job - 1<sup>st</sup> book of the Bible chronologically.
- That war is being carried out by Satan and his millions and millions of demons.
- So let’s look at the subject of demons . . .

## Demons

- Angels were created on the first day of creation.

## Col 1:16

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

## Job 38:4-7

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

5 Who set its measurements? Since you know,

Or who stretched the line on it?

6 "On what were its bases sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

7 When the **morning stars** sang together

And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

- They were all created simultaneously and immediately. (Matt. 22:30)

- They do not reproduce. (Matt. 22:30)

- There will never be any more of them or any less of them. Their number is fixed. They do not die. (Luke 20:36)

- They are spirit-beings. They are eternal. (Heb, 1:14)

- They are innumerable. (Heb. 12:22; Rev. 5:11)

- One of the angels, Lucifer, who was filled with arrogance and pride, decided to become like the Most High God. He desired the power, authority and glory that only belongs to God. (Ez. 28:12-18; Is. 14:12-14)

“**Satan would rather be king of hell than a servant in heaven.**”

– John Milton

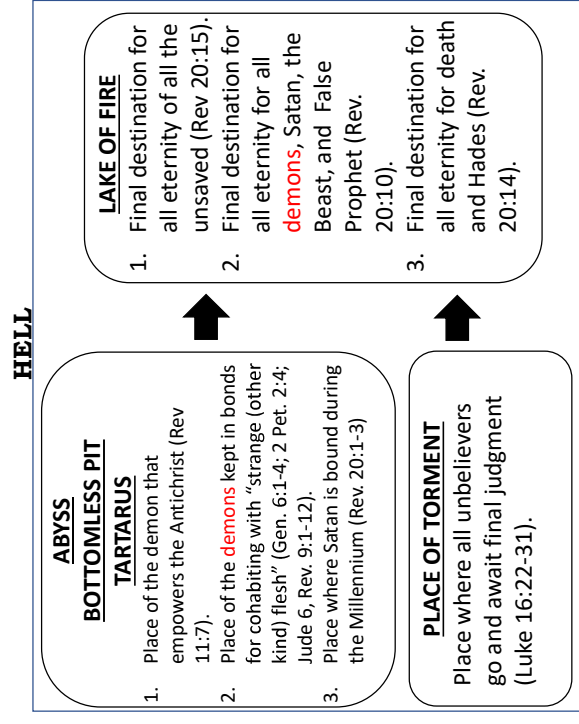
- For that attempt, God cast him out of heaven. (Is. 14:12)
- When he left, he persuaded 1/3 of the angels to come with him. These are the non-elect angels. (Rev. 12:4; I Tim. 5:21)

- The fall happened after the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation. (Gen. 1:31)
- Lucifer now became the Devil or Satan, and his angels became demons.
- Some demons are bound. (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6)
- Some demons are free. Millions and millions. They make Satan appear omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. (Eph. 6:11,12)
- They are powerful, clever, intelligent. (1 Tim. 4:1)
- They produce false signs, wonders, and miracles, they promote idolatry; they disseminate false doctrine, they cause division, hatred, jealousy, pride, immorality. (2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 16:14; 1 Cor. 10:20; 1 Tim. 4:1)

- They use the education system including universities, the media (movies, TV, internet, magazines, books, CD's, DVD's, newspapers, podcasts).
- When we are tempted it is not necessarily Satan or a demon. The flesh is capable producing sin all by itself. (Gal. 5:19-21)
- They traffic mainly among the religious. A demon would rather possess a religious person than a non-religious person - pastors of liberal religious organizations, leaders of liberal denominations, any where there is a person of religious influence. (2 Cor. 11:14,15; Matt. 7:22,23)
- In the future, they will be thrown into a lake of fire where they will be tormented forever. They cannot be redeemed, they cannot be forgiven, nor will they or can they repent. They are forever wicked.

#### **Four levels of demonic activity: (each level is more control)**

- (1) **Demon influence, pressure, and temptation:** (1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 2:2; 6:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 2:26).
  - (2) **Demon Control:** (2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31; 16:11; 1 John 2:15-17; Mark 4:14-19).
  - (3) **Demon Harassment or Oppression:** (2 Corinthians 12:7).
  - (4) **Demon Possession:** Demon possession is the condition where a demon (or demons) actually take up residence within the body of a person and not only controls the person, but uses their central nervous system and vocal cords. The only people in this world that cannot be demon possessed are believers. All others are fair game. (Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22; 17:18; Mark 5:1-20; 7:26-30; **Luke 4:33-36**; Luke 22:3; Acts 16:16-18; 1 Jn. 4:4).
- They live in an underworld. In darkness. They are subtle. They do not want to be detected. They want to fly under the radar.



1 John 4:4

4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them (evil spirits); because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.