

Title: The Fake Snake
Text: Genesis 3
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Introduction:

- A. The power of temptation.
- B. It is the age-old drama of innocence spoiled.
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Body:

I. Who is this fake snake anyway?

- A. The Old Testament doesn't identify him.
- B. The Book of Revelation tells us exactly who this fake snake is:
Rev. 12:9
- C. Satan is not alone in his fiendish endeavor.

II. So, where did this fake snake and his buddies come from?

- A. The Bible is emphatic that they are not gods.
Isaiah 45:5 (NIV), **Psalm 106:36-38** (NIV), **1 Corinthians 10:18-21** (NIV)
- B. The Old Testament hints that these invisible, evil, supernatural, created cosmic beings are fallen angelic creatures.
Genesis 1:31 (NIV), **James 1:13** (NIV), **Deut. 32:4** (NIV), **Job 4:18-19** [NIV], **John 8:44**
 - 1. Apparently Satan and his demons are angels of God gone bad.

III. What's his game?

- A. Revelation 12:9 tells us in no uncertain terms what his game is. He wants nothing less than to spread his evil like a cancer amongst us so we will spurn the God who made us and loves us and even died for us, and take us from God our Father.

1 John 3:8

Conclusion:

- A. Are you part of the devil's work?
- B. One day Jesus will return to judge the world and of that day He said:
Matthew 25:41
- C. You can come to Jesus today and find hope and life and love in him.