

## Question

### Is “Satan” mentioned in the Tanach (Hebrew OT)?

Yes, Satan is mentioned in a number of places in the Tanach (1Chronicles 21:1, Job 1:6-9, 1:12, 2:1-7, Psalms 109:6, Zechariah 3:1-2) Please note the following references:

#### 1Chronicals 21:1

<sup>1</sup>And **Satan** stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel<sup>2</sup>. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it* .



#### Job 1:6-9

<sup>6</sup>Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan** came also among them<sup>7</sup>. And the LORD said unto **Satan**, Whence comest thou? Then **Satan** answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it .

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said unto **Satan**, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil<sup>9</sup> ?Then **Satan** answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

6 וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים לְהִתְיַצֵּב עַל־יְהוָה וַיָּבֹא  
 7 גַּם הַשָּׁטָן בְּתוֹכָם: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־הַשָּׁטָן מֵאֵינן תָּבֹא  
 8 וַיַּעַן הַשָּׁטָן אֶת־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר מִשּׁוֹט בָּאָרֶץ וּמִהַתְהַלֵּךְ  
 9 בָּהֶ: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־הַשָּׁטָן הַשְּׂמֵת לְבָבְךָ עַל־עַבְדִּי  
 אִיּוֹב כִּי אֵין כָּמֹהוּ בָאָרֶץ אִישׁ תָּם וַיִּשָּׁר יֵרָא אֱלֹהִים  
 וְסָר מִרְעֵ: וַיַּעַן הַשָּׁטָן אֶת־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר הֲחִנָּם יֵרָא  
 אִיּוֹב

א. 1 v. 1 כן ברוב ספרים כ"י וד"י, ס"א איש רבוע. 1 v. 1 כן ב"א, ב"ג וְהָיָה גַעֲיָא.

**Job 1:12**

<sup>12</sup>And the LORD said unto **Satan**, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD .

12 עַל־פְּנֵיךָ יִבְרָכְךָ: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־הַשָּׁטָן הֲנֵה כָּל־  
 אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ בְיָדְךָ רַק אֵלָיו אֶל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ וַיֵּצֵא הַשָּׁטָן  
 13 מִעַם פְּנֵי יְהוָה: וַיְהִי הַיּוֹם וּבָנָיו וּבָנֹתָיו אֲכָלִים וְשֹׂתִים

**Job 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan** came also among them to present himself before the LORD<sup>2</sup>. And the LORD said unto **Satan**, From whence comest thou? And **Satan** answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it<sup>3</sup>. And the LORD said unto **Satan**, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause<sup>4</sup>. And **Satan** answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life<sup>5</sup>. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face<sup>6</sup>. And the LORD said unto **Satan**, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; but save his life<sup>7</sup>. So went **Satan** forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown<sup>8</sup>.

ויהי היום ויבאו בני האלהים להתיצב עליהוה ויבוא ב  
 גם השטן בתכם להתיצב עליהוה: ויאמר יהוה אל  
 השטן אי מזה תבא ויען השטן את יהוה ויאמר משט  
 בארץ ומהתהלך בה: ויאמר יהוה אל השטן השמת  
 לבך אל עבדי איוב כי אין כמהו בארץ איש תם וישר  
 ירא אלהים וסר מרע ועדנו מחזיק בתמתו ותסיתני בו  
 לבלעו חנם: ויען השטן את יהוה ויאמר עור בעד עור  
 וכל אשר לאיש יתן בעד נפשו: אולם שלחנא ידך  
 וגע אל עצמו ואל בשרו אם לא אל פניך יברכך:  
 ויאמר יהוה אל השטן הנו בידך אך את נפשו שמר:  
 ויצא השטן מאת פני יהוה ויך את איוב בשחין  
 רע מכה רגלו עד קדקדו: ויקחלו חרש להתגרד

**Psalms 109:6**

<sup>6</sup>Set thou a wicked man over him: and let **Satan** stand at his right hand .

הַפְּקֵד עָלָיו רָשָׁע  
 וְשָׂטָן יַעֲמֵד עַל-יְמִינוֹ:

**Zachariah 3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to resist him<sup>2</sup> .And the LORD said unto **Satan**, The LORD rebuke thee, O **Satan**; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee :*is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire?



**It is pretty evident that Satan is mentioned in the Tanach (Old Testament)! There are some however who would continue to deny this fact, even after it has been so clearly pointed out!**

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