

## **Why Were Animals Cursed at the Time of Adam's Fall?**

**The Lord God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you will go,  
And dust you will eat  
All the days of your life; (Gen 3:14)**

### **Why was the serpent itself cursed as opposed to just Satan being cursed?**

The snake was cursed because it had volitionally allowed itself to be indwelt by Satan. Just as the curse upon Adam was passed on to all future generations,, so the curse upon the snake in the Garden was passed along to all future generations of snakes. Ever since all snakes have traveled on their bellies.

### **When Satan fell, according to Revelation 12:3-4, one-third of the angels fell with him to earth and are what we know as demons. When they came to earth, where did they go?**

One solid piece of evidence is that Satan indwelt a snake. Regarding the other demons, they do not fly around in space; they indwell living beings. Since they did not initially indwell Adam and Eve, the only alternative they would have had would have been to indwell beings not created in the image of God. In the account of the Gadarebe demoniac, we see that the demons requested to enter pigs and when Jesus gave them permission to do so and they promptly drowned the pigs (Luke 8:31-33). In the case of the fall of Satan and his angels, the only choice they had was to indwell creatures not created in the image of God.

### **Why then were other animals cursed?**

Just as snakes were cursed because the one snake had allowed itself to be indwelt by Satan, so the other animals were cursed because some of them had allowed themselves to be indwelt by demons.