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# The Whole Truth About



# THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

**I**t is easy to look around and find a world full of suffering, sickness, pain, and death. It's even easier to blame God for all the suffering going on in the world. But we must ask the question who is really responsible? Is it God? And if not, why does God allow pain and misery to exist? Is He really a loving God? We can find the answer to these and other questions as we study the Bible to find the whole truth about the origin of sin.

## 1. How many supernatural forces are operating in our world today?

### **ANSWER:**

**"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good."**

**Proverbs 15:3**



## 2. Did God create this world with both good and evil in it?

### **ANSWER:**

**"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good . . ."**

**Genesis 1:31**



### 3. How did sin and evil first begin?

#### ANSWER:

**"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."**

**1 John 3:8**

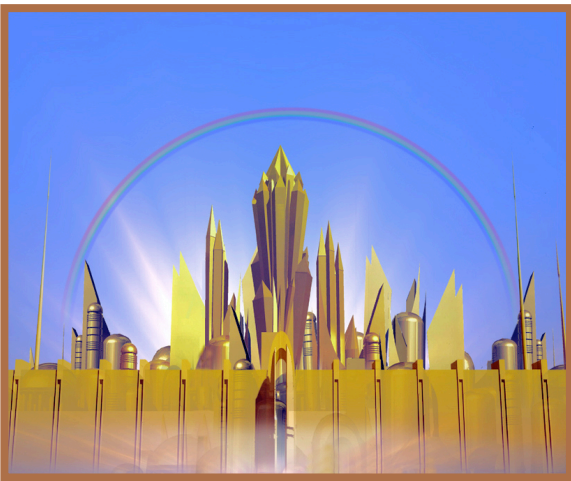


### 4. Who is the devil and where did he come from?

#### ANSWER:

**""You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.**

**Ezekiel 28:14, 15 NAS95S**



**"You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in**



**you. And He said to them, "I was watching  
Satan fall from heaven like lightning."  
Luke 10:18 NAS95S**

## **5. What happened to this mighty angel when he sinned?**

### **ANSWER:**

**"And war broke out in  
heaven: Michael and his  
angels fought with the  
dragon; and the dragon  
and his angels fought, but  
they did not prevail, nor  
was a place found for  
them in heaven any  
longer. So the great  
dragon was cast out, that  
serpent of old, called the  
Devil and Satan, who  
deceives the whole world;  
he was cast to the earth,  
and his angels were cast  
out with him."  
Revelation 12:7-9**



## 6. How did this rebellion against God get started in the first place?

### ANSWER:

**“How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’”**

**Isaiah 14:12-14 NAS95S**



## **7. What effect does Satan's rebellion have on the human race?**

### **A: Produced great wickedness**

**"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.**

**The Ark**

**Prepared**

**(Heb. 11:7; 1**

**Pet. 3:20)**

**And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."**

**Genesis 6:11-13**

### **B: Wickedness on earth keeps increasing**

**"But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."**

**2 Timothy 3:13**







## 8. Why didn't God just destroy Lucifer when he sinned?

### ANSWER:

**". . . God is love"  
1 John 4:8**

**"He is the Rock, His work is perfect;  
For all His ways are justice,  
A God of truth and without injustice;  
Righteous and upright is He."  
Deuteronomy 32:4**

### Note:

Even the world's worst criminal is given an opportunity to prove his innocence or his guilt.

## 9. How is God just in permitting the misery and heartache to continue?

### ANSWER:

**"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."  
Romans 8:28**

**1 Cor. 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted**

**Note:** He is working for our good.

**beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."**

**Note:** He has made a way of escape.



**"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil"**

**Hebrews 2:14**

**"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live"**  
**Deuteronomy 30:19**

**Note:** He wants us to see for ourselves the results of rebellion and make an intelligent choice to serve Him.

## **10. Who is responsible for sickness and death?**

### **ANSWER:**

**"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."**  
**Acts 10:38 NAS95S**





**"And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God. But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him? "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?""**  
**Luke 13:11-16 NAS95S**

## **11. What is the devil's main purpose?**

### **ANSWER:**

**"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."**

**1 Peter 5:8**



**"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world . . . Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."**

**Revelation 12:9, 12**



## 12. How can we overcome our enemy the devil?

### ANSWER:

**"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."**

**Revelation 12:11**

### ANSWER:

**"Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm . . . And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,"**  
**Ephesians 6:11-18 NAS95S**

**Note:** With Jesus in your heart and the Word of God leading your life, the devil doesn't stand a chance.

## 13. What will God do with Satan?



The whole truth about the origin of sin is that it started with the devil. God didn't make the devil. He made an angel called Lucifer who was sinless. Lucifer decided that he wanted to become God. Lucifer then began to undermine the government of God by winning one-third of the angels in heaven to his side. Situated on earth Lucifer, who became Satan and assisted by the fallen angels, now seeks to destroy mankind by trying to steal each individual opportunity for people to make heaven their home. Do not underestimate him; do not ignore him (see 1 Peter 5:8). Our only hope to defeat him is to accept Jesus as our leader and to follow all of God's guidelines (see Matt 4:1-11). Satan is responsible for the sin and suffering in this world. He wants to do as much damage as he can and blame it all on God. Will you allow Satan to take your opportunity to choose Jesus as your Saviour? Will you decide to follow Jesus?

### ANSWER:

**"Your heart was lifted up  
because of your beauty;  
You corrupted your  
wisdom for the sake of  
your splendor;  
I cast you to the ground,  
I laid you before kings,  
That they might gaze at  
you. . . . Therefore I  
brought fire from your  
midst;  
It devoured you,  
And I turned you to ashes  
upon the earth  
In the sight of all who saw  
you.  
All who knew you among  
the peoples are astonished  
at you;  
You have become a  
horror,  
And shall be no more  
forever"**  
**Ezekiel 28:17-19**