

WHY SUFFERING AND DEATH

WHAT WAS THIS EARTH LIKE AFTER CREATION?

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

WHAT ONE THING WAS FORBIDDEN ADAM AND EVE?

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Genesis 3:1-5

DID ADAM AND EVE OBEY GOD?

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:6

WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THEIR DISOBEDIENCE?

So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. Genesis 3:24

WHAT DID JESUS CALL SATAN?

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44

WHAT EVENTUALLY HAPPENED TO ADAM BECAUSE OF SIN?

And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died. Genesis 5:5

WHAT IS SATAN CALLED BECAUSE OF ADAM'S FALL?

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. John 12:3

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. John 14:30

WHAT GATHERING DID HE ATTEND AS EARTH'S PRINCE?

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.

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. Job 2:1, 2

WHAT CHALLENGE DID SATAN PRESENT TO GOD?

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.

And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

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. Job 2:3-7

WHO IS IT THAT CAUSES SICKNESS AND SUFFERING?

And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? Luke 13:16

NOTE: From the beginning Satan has brought sickness, suffering, and death to our planet. He is the one behind all the crime, wars, and destruction that are so prevalent today. Even the violence of nature is his handiwork and one of his greatest deceptions for he has mankind referring to these things as "acts of God." Not only does he bring physical sickness and suffering, but far worse he brings spiritual sickness and suffering.

WHAT DOES HE WORK THROUGH PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE?

And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? Acts 13:6-10

NOTE: Those who are engaged in trying to keep people from finding out what the truth of God's word is, are the children of the devil.

WHAT DOES SATAN SEEK TO TAKE FROM OUR HEARTS?

Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Luke 8:12

WHO ARE THE TWO THAT SOW SEED IN OUR HEARTS?

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also....

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. Matthew 13:24-26, 37-40

WHAT CAUSED JUDAS TO BETRAY JESUS?

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. Luke 22:3, 4

NOTE: When anyone betrays Jesus it is because the devil has entered into them.

WHERE DID SATAN COME FROM?

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Luke 10:18

WHAT CAUSED HIM TO FALL FROM HEAVEN?

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:7-9

NOTE: Heaven is a strange place for war to begin, but Satan was there. He has been in the middle of every war since; whether it's a nation, church board, choir, the home, or a marriage. The only way to get rid of the war is to get rid of Satan.

WHAT LED TO HIS REBELLION IN HEAVEN?

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:12-14

NOTE: Satan weakens the nations and anything in which he is involved has death and destruction in it. He carries with him the seeds of death and destruction for any program, nation, or person that takes him in.

WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY HAPPEN TO SATAN?

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more. Ezekiel 28:14-19

NOTE: Many wonder “why God didn’t destroy Satan during the war in heaven” “If he could speak worlds into existence, couldn't He speak the devil out of existence?” Remember, Satan had made some mighty strong charges. Perhaps he accused God of being unfair or unjust, or that His laws were arbitrary and too restrictive. He may have made the same accusations that many of his disciples make today in trying to get rid of God’s law. He undoubtedly accused God of being a liar (as he did in the Garden of Eden) and said follow me I'll give you something better. His arguments were so convincing that he took a third of the angels with him when he fell. What if God had zapped him out of existence? Can you imagine the impact it would have had on the other angels and the doubts that would have arisen in their minds? “Maybe Satan was right!” “If we are not careful, God will zap us too.” Would they have worshiped God out of love and trust or fear? Of necessity, God had to give Satan time to reveal to the universe the true traits of his character. His true character was revealed at the cross when he put to death the Son of God.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE DID JESUS COME TO THIS WORLD?

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth 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

NOTE: All of Satan’s works of sickness, suffering, death, crime, wars, destruction, etc. will soon be brought to an end.

WHO SHALL BE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF JESUS’ DEATH?

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. Hebrews 2:14

WHY IS SATAN WORKING SO HARD TODAY?

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because

he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Revelation 12:12

WHAT MUST WE DO UNTIL HE IS DESTROYED?

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8

WHAT IS GOD'S PROMISE TO US?

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. Revelation 21:3-5