

Questions About A Bible Text that Says God Creating Evil & Lucifer

Lucifer created Satan within himself and God created everything perfect, in other words, God did not create evil. So explain “I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things.”
Isaiah 45:7 NKJV

Answer:

That is an excellent and deeply thoughtful question — and one that gets to the heart of how a good and perfect God relates to evil in a fallen world. Let’s walk through it step by step, using Scripture and context to see what God meant in Isaiah 45:7.

1. The context of Isaiah 45:7

This verse comes from a passage where God is speaking to **Cyrus, king of Persia**. God is revealing that He is the one true God who controls history, nations, and nature itself — unlike the powerless idols of Babylon.

“I am the Lord, and there is no other;
I form the light and create darkness,
I make peace and create calamity;
I, the Lord, do all these things.” — *Isaiah 45:6–7*

The goal of this statement isn’t to say God *creates moral evil*, but to declare that **He sovereignly governs all events** — both the blessings of peace and the judgments of disaster.

2. The Hebrew meaning of “create calamity”

The word translated “*calamity*” here is the Hebrew word **ra’** (רע), which can mean **evil**, **trouble**, or **disaster**, depending on the context.

In moral contexts, *ra’* means *sin or wickedness*.

But in this verse, the context clearly refers to **natural or national calamity**, not moral evil.

In other words:

God *allows* or *brings* disaster (judgment, war, famine) as a **response to human sin**, but He does not *create sin* or *evil desire* itself.

This is consistent throughout the Old Testament.

For example:

- Amos 3:6 — “If there is calamity in a city, will not the Lord have done it?”
- Lamentations 3:38 — “Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that woe and well-being proceed?”

These verses show that **God permits or causes judgment** as part of His justice, but He never authors sin.

3. The distinction between moral evil and judicial calamity

Here’s the key distinction:

Type of Evil	Description	Source
Moral evil	Sin, rebellion, selfishness, hatred	Originated in Lucifer’s heart (Isaiah 14:12–14, Ezekiel 28:15)
Judicial or natural calamity	Judgment, war, or disaster used to correct or awaken	Allowed or caused by God for a higher purpose

So, when God says “I create calamity,” He is saying that **He governs justice and consequence**, not that He manufactures sin or evil thoughts.

He is declaring His *sovereignty* over *all outcomes* — even those we see as painful — and assuring Israel that **no event happens outside His control**.

4. God’s perfect creation and Lucifer’s fall

You’re exactly right:

“You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.” — *Ezekiel 28:15*

Lucifer *created Satan within himself* through pride and rebellion.
Evil was not something God *made*; it was something a created being *chose*.

Evil is not a *thing* God created — it's the **absence of good**, just as darkness is the absence of light.

When a creature turns away from God (the source of light), darkness naturally follows.

5. How Isaiah 45:7 fits into the big picture

So, what is God saying?

“I form light and darkness” — I am sovereign over day and night, over knowledge and mystery.

“I make peace and create calamity” — I bless nations with peace, and I also allow or send judgment when necessary.

This is not God saying, “*I created moral evil*,” but rather:

“I rule over all — blessings, judgments, light, and darkness — nothing is outside My control.”

This is meant to **comfort believers** and **humble rulers** — reminding them that even when the world seems chaotic, **God's hand is still on the throne**.

6. In summary

- God **created all things good** (Genesis 1:31).
- Evil originated in the **free choice** of Lucifer, not in God's design.
- Isaiah 45:7 refers to **God's control over consequences and history**, not His creation of sin.

- God uses both peace and calamity to fulfill His righteous purposes and lead His people back to Himself.

Reflection

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” — *Genesis 18:25*

Even when He allows calamity, His goal is not destruction but **redemption**.

God doesn't create evil — He overrules it, restrains it, and ultimately will **destroy** it **forever** so that only love remains. ❤️

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