



THE ORIGIN OF EVIL –
Lesson 01-02

Did A Good God Create Evil?

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Who Created Evil?

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GEN 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Then, in verse 26, we find that God created man in His image:

GEN 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.



Who Created Evil?

God created man in His (God's) own image.

He created man “good.”

This is confirmed in Genesis 1:31.



God Created Everything Good

GEN 1:31 **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.**

We notice that in God's creation everything was created "good."

Evil was not yet in the universe.

We know this because the heavens as well as the earth (everything) was included as part of the creation in Genesis 1:1 which was pronounced good.



God Gave Man A Choice

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GEN 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.



Free Will

In the **free will** that God gave to man, there was the **possibility of disobedience, or evil.**

Man was created with a **free will to choose to obey, or to disobey God.**

Without free will, there would be no possibility of committing evil, but there would be no freedom.



Without Evil - No Repentance

If someone wrongs you and apologizes, is the repentance good?

Without the evil, repentance (a good) cannot exist.



Without Choice - No Freedom

So there is a good that cannot exist without first the evil.

This is **not** to say that God created **evil**.

God created "**good**."

God did create the **possibility of evil** in that He gave men and angels the **choice** to obey him or disobey him.

Without **choice**, "**freedom**" (a good) does not exist.

Did God Create Evil – Isaiah 45:7 [1, 54, 60]

Some might argue that Isaiah 45:7 indicates that God is the author of evil.

ISA 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

However, Bible scholars argue, based on the context of Isaiah 45, that God is not the author of moral evil.

They say that in the freedom given God's creatures, the possibility of evil existed.

Did God Create Evil – Isaiah 45:7 [1. 54, 60]

Also, God does direct judgments, trials, and wars – inflicting judgment on rebellion.

It is this evil that is referred to by Isaiah 45:7.

So, in the context of this lesson, God is not the author of moral evil.

In this sense He did not create evil, but only the possibility of evil within the freedom (a good) given to His creatures.



Where Did Sin Originate?

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Remember that, following the creation, God said that all was "very good" in Genesis 1:31.

What went wrong?

In Genesis 3:1-7 we saw **the corruption of mankind** by the serpent.



Choice

The serpent (Satan) enticed Eve with **the choice.**

He tempted her.

She had to choose the good of **obedience to God** or to satisfy the **lust of the flesh** to "be as gods."

She and Adam **chose to disobey God.**

The Bible says that Eve was deceived, but **Adam was not deceived.**



Choice

Evil was brought into the world by the sin of Adam.

Eve was "in the transgression" even though **she was deceived**.

1TI 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.



All Have Sinned

Even though Eve was deceived she was guilty as well.

But notice God's provision and goodness toward us:

ROM 5:8 **But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him...

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:



The Answer To Sin

God provided the answer to sin by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 CO 15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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2CO 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

We note that sin originated in this world by the serpent beguiling Eve.

It continues today in other gospels teaching another Jesus.



Modern Serpents

Today we are still faced with the subtlety of that beguiling serpent.

We are warned to watch for that deception.

Satan's purpose is to deceive mankind.

He is still doing that today through those that preach another Jesus and another gospel as we see: 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.



Modern Serpents

2 CO 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.



Modern Serpents

Today we must be careful that **false shepherds preaching "another Jesus"** in these last days don't deceive us.

We know of the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses, but there are others more subtle that **pervert the pure Gospel** of Jesus Christ through their unbelief – these are the **liberal theologians** within orthodox Christianity (see: 1 Timothy 4:1, 2, and 2 Timothy 3:1-8).



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It is obvious from the verses in Genesis chapter 3 that **evil existed prior to Eve being deceived.**

It existed in the heart of Satan.

At some point before Satan deceived Eve he made his free choice.

But when did he make that choice?

We see pride and rebellion welling up in Satan in Isaiah chapter 14:

When Did Satan Rebel?

ISA 14:12 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!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.



When Did Satan Rebel?

The Bible doesn't tell us **exactly when** he made that choice, but **we can speculate.**

Since God declared the entire creation **"good"** in Genesis 1:31, it must have happened sometime **after** that verse and **before** Genesis chapter 3:1.



When Did Satan Rebel?

Gen 1:31 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.

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Hosts of Heaven = Angels as well as stars were still “very good” at the completion of the creation week.



When Did Satan Rebel?

It is my personal opinion that we can place the fall of Satan instantly prior (almost simultaneous) to his deception of Eve beginning in Genesis 3:1.

GEN 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil 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?



A Shining One

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A Shining One

Serpent - Hebrew (Nachash) means: Hiss; mutter; whisper; enchanter. But,

According to E. W. Bullinger, the word used for "serpent" can be translated "a shining one."

That word is "nachash," which has as a possible meaning, "to shine."

Nachash is from several common roots and may mean copper, and another root (to shine) that means a shining one. [11, 13, 42]

Polished copper was once used for mirrors.

A Shining One [11, 13, 42]

The Chaldean word means bright; brass; glorious appearance; fascinate; enchant; or copper. [13]

All words give the idea of “shining.”

We see also that the serpent (Satan) that deceived Eve, as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 11:3 and 14, is “an angel of light.”

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A Shining One

Harris, Archer, and Waltke state that "nachash" is the most common word for "snake," but admit that the word "nachash" may not necessarily mean "snake," since there are several identical roots. [42]

Bullinger also makes the point that the structure of Genesis chapter 3 demands a spirit being in verses 1 through 5 similar to the Cherubim of Genesis 3:24. [13]

3. 1-24 (J², p. 5). THE FALL.

(Introversion and Alternation.)

J² E | 1-5. The Nachash: procuring man's death, in Adam.

F | 6. The Tree of knowledge. Eating of it.

G | f | 7-. Effect on both: the man and the woman.

g | 7. Human provision: man-made aprons.

H | 8-12. God's enquiry of the man.

I | 13. God's enquiry of the woman.

K | 14. Sentence on the Nachash.

K | 15. Promise of the Seed.

I | 16. God's sentence on the woman.

H | 17-19. God's sentence on the man.

G | f | 20. Effect on both: the man and the woman.

g | 21. Divine provision: God-made coats.

F | 22-24-. The Tree of Life. Expulsion from it.

E | -24. The Cherubim: preserving man's life, in Christ.



Genesis 3:1-24 THE FALL (Introversion & Alternation)

A 1-5 The Nachash – Procuring man’s death in Adam.

B 6 The Tree of Knowledge – Eating of It.

C 7 Effect on Both – The Man and the Woman.

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E 17-19 God’s Sentence on the Man.

C 20 Effect on Both – The Man and the Woman.

D 21 Divine Provision – God Made Coats.

B 22-24 The Tree of Life – Expulsion from It.

A 24 The Cherubim – Preserving Man’s Life in Christ.





A Shining One

Now look at Isaiah chapter 6 for appearance of angelic beings.

ISA 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the **seraphims**: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly...

6 Then flew one of the **seraphims** unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

A Shining One

In Isaiah 6, the word used for the angelic beings, "Seraphim," is from "saraph," "the burning one."

Satan is an angelic being.

The word, "saraph," is used in Numbers 21:8 to describe a fiery serpent.

NUM 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent [saraph], and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

A Shining One

The word used in Numbers 21:8 for **serpent** is "**saraph**" (burning), or "**a fiery serpent.**"

However, we see in the very next verse the following:

NUM 21:9 And Moses made a serpent [nachash] of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent [nachash] had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent [nachash] of brass, he lived.

A Shining One

In Numbers 21:8-9 Moses made a "Nachash," "a serpent" or "a shining one."

- Two different Hebrew words, **saraph** and **nachash**, were used in these two verses, and both were translated in English as **serpent**.
- "**Nachash**" is the same word translated "**serpent**" in Genesis 3:1. [13]
- In these verses of Numbers chapter 21, the words "**seraph**" and "**nachash**" are used interchangeably to refer to Moses' serpent of brass.

A Shining One

Bullinger makes the point, that “if saraph is used of a serpent because its bite was burning, and is also used of a celestial or spirit-being (a burning one), why should not nachash be used of a serpent because its appearance was shining, and be also used of a celestial or spirit-being (a shining one)?” [13]



**What Exactly Did
Eve See?**



What Exactly Did Eve See?

What Exactly Did Eve See that caused her to be deceived?

Satan **used** the serpent, but did Eve see more than just the serpent?

Listen now as Ezekiel describes a cherub that was in the Garden of Eden.

What Exactly Did Eve See?

EZE 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 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.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.²⁹



What Exactly Did Eve See?

Ezekiel 28:11-15 is a description of Satan.

He was in the Garden of Eden.

He must have shown brightly with his covering of precious stones.

He was indeed "a shining one."



Satan's Rebellion



Satan & Devil

"Satan" (Hebrew) means **"adversary"** or **"opposer."**

The word **"Satan"** is used about 52 times in the Scriptures.

"Devil" (Greek) means **"slanderer."**

The word **Devil** is used about 35 times. [97]

Satan

In Ezekiel 28:15, it says that Satan was created “perfect.”

EZE 28:15 Thou [Satan] wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

- Remember that in Genesis 1:31 God said his creation was “very good.”

It also says in Ezekiel 28:15, that he was perfect “till iniquity was found” in him.

Ezekiel 28:16-17 - Wicked Heart

Now notice the following in Ezekiel 28:16-17:

EZE 28:16 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.

17 Thine heart was lifted up [pride] 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.

The main idea we are looking for here is that evil began in the heart of Satan.

Satan's Sin Is Pride

Paul, in 1 Timothy 3:6, reaffirms the reason for Satan's fall, **pride!**

1 TIM 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up **with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

This confirms the details of Satan's sin that we saw in Isaiah 14:12-17.

Satan "corrupted his wisdom by reason of his **brightness."**

So, Satan by his free choice brought evil into **God's creation and corrupted it.**



God Casts Satan From Heaven

Ezekiel 28:16-17 says that God will cast Satan from heaven.

(The timing of Satan's judgment gives weight to his fall corresponding to the tempting of Eve.)

Notice how Genesis 3:14 and 15 describe God's judgment of the serpent.

GEN 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, **Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:**

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God Casts Satan From Heaven

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

Notice in Genesis 3:14, that God is cursing Satan, the serpent.

We know that Satan is intended in this curse because of verse 15, the prophecy of the Redeemer with the enmity between Satan's seed and the Seed of the woman.

Verse 15 indicates that evil will be dealt with.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

Without building any doctrine, we can speculate a little at this point, that **Satan's initial fall from heaven occurred in Genesis 3:14.**

The question to be considered is, if Satan sinned before Genesis 3:1, why does God say that everything He has made in the Universe is “very good,” and why is Satan only cursed in Genesis 3:14 after he tempted Eve, and not before.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

Jesus said that He saw Satan fall from heaven.

LUK 10:18 And he [Jesus] said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

In Genesis 3:14 we see that the serpent is **cast upon his belly to eat the dust of the earth.**

In Revelation chapter 12 we find a parallel to Genesis 3:14, in that he, Satan, was **cast to the earth.**

REV 12:1 **And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman [Israel] clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:**

(Continued)



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon [Satan], having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

That Satan is depicted as a red dragon indicates that he is ferocious in his attacks against believers. [97]

We continue now in verse 4:



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

REV 12:4 **And his tail drew** the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: **and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.**

The third part of the stars of heaven signifies that a third of the angels were with Satan in the rebellion.

This verse also indicates the enmity between the Seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent as the focus of Satan's attention throughout the history of the world.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

Satan was trying to prevent the birth of the promised Messiah.

Then, in verse 5 we see Satan's failure:

REV 12:5 **And** she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: **and** her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

Revelation chapter 12, so far, parallels Genesis 3:15 in regards to the enmity predicted between the seed of Satan and the Seed of the woman.

However, in Revelation chapter 12, we find that this explanation leaps forward by the reference to the 3-1/2 years alluding to the end times.

This chapter must encompass the history of this spiritual battle from the beginning to the time of the end.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

It should be noted that from other Scriptures we know that Satan had access to the throne of God after his fall from grace, as the accuser of mankind.

See Revelation 12:10, Job 1:6-7, and Job 2:1-7 for support of this.

See also Zechariah 3:1, where Satan stands before the Angel of the Lord to resist Joshua, the High Priest.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

In Revelation chapter 12, the "war in heaven" is not necessarily identical with the serpent being made to go on its belly, and made to eat the dust of the earth – but, there are **undeniable similarities in Revelation chapter 12 to Genesis 3:14 and 15.**

- Admittedly, the context of Revelation chapter 12 has implications future to Satan's initial fall.
- John Phillips says that Revelation chapter 12 speaks of the time when Satan finally loses his grip on being "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2).



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

- In Revelation 12:7-9, and 13 it is clear that Satan is **cast to the earth**, where he persecutes Israel (the woman).
- As we can see from Revelation chapter 13, Satan will embody the slain and resurrected Antichrist and the revived Roman system.
- After the Great Tribulation, Satan will then be cast into “the abyss,” and finally into “the lake of fire.” [92]

REV 12:7 **And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,** (Continued)



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

8 **and prevailed not;** neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 **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.

- **Given the timeless dimension of eternity, is Revelation 12 what Jesus was referring to in Luke 10:18?**
- **Here we see a parallel with Genesis 3:14 in that both **the serpent and Satan** are cast to the earth.**



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

REV 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 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. **(Continued)**



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

13 **And when** the dragon **saw that he** was cast unto the earth, **he** persecuted the woman **which brought forth the man child.**

Again we find that these verses have a parallel with Genesis 3:15 to this point in regards to the enmity between Satan's seed and the Seed of the woman.



Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

REV 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

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Satan's Initial Fall From Heaven

17 **And** the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

- **Revelation chapter 12 parallels Genesis 3:14 and 15 in that Satan, like the serpent is cast to the earth.**
- **Revelation chapter 12 represents the curse on Satan and the enmity between the seed of Satan and the Seed of the woman.**
- **The destruction of all born again believers is Satan's plan throughout all ages.**



End of THE ORIGIN OF EVIL - Lesson 01



Closing Prayer

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God is in the details

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Psalm 119:160

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