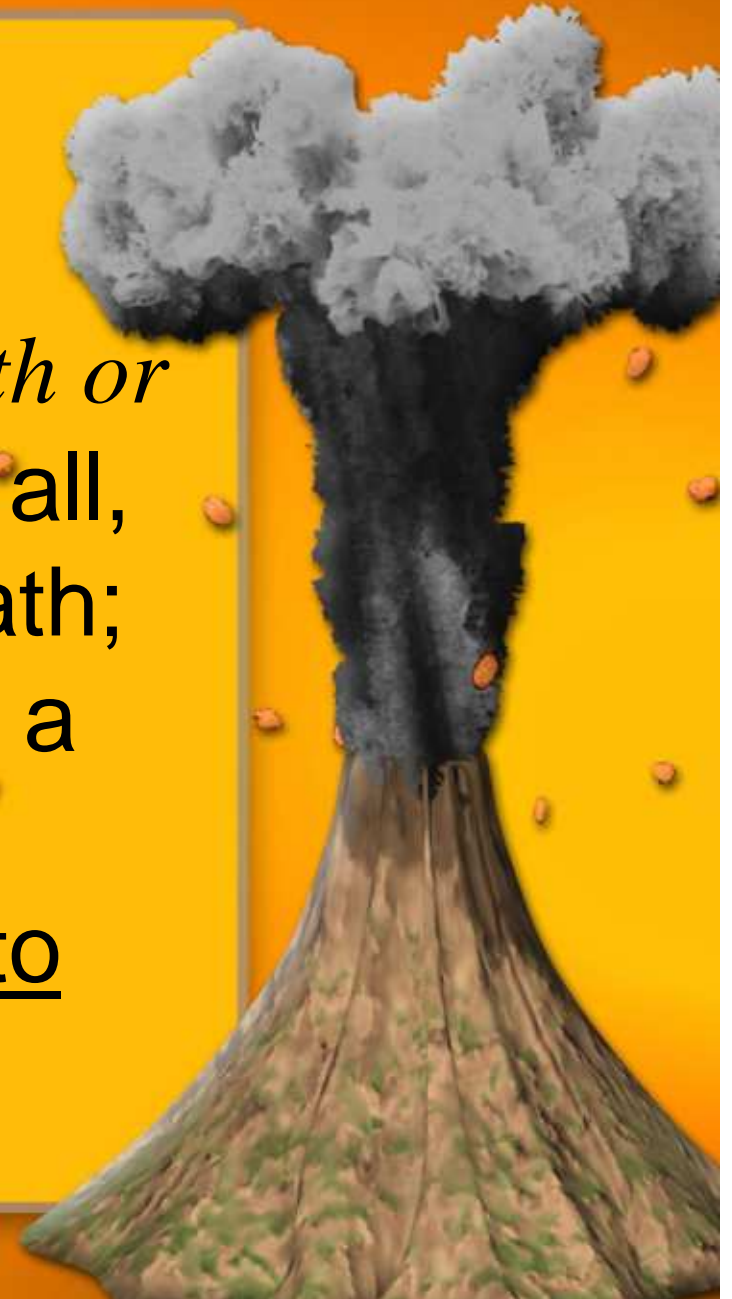




*Evil, Part 2*

# Angelic Observation

**1 Corinthians 4:9:** “For, I think, God has exhibited [ἀποδείκνυμι— *to show forth or display*] us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle [θέατρον] to the world, both to angels and to men.”





# **The Angelic Conflict**

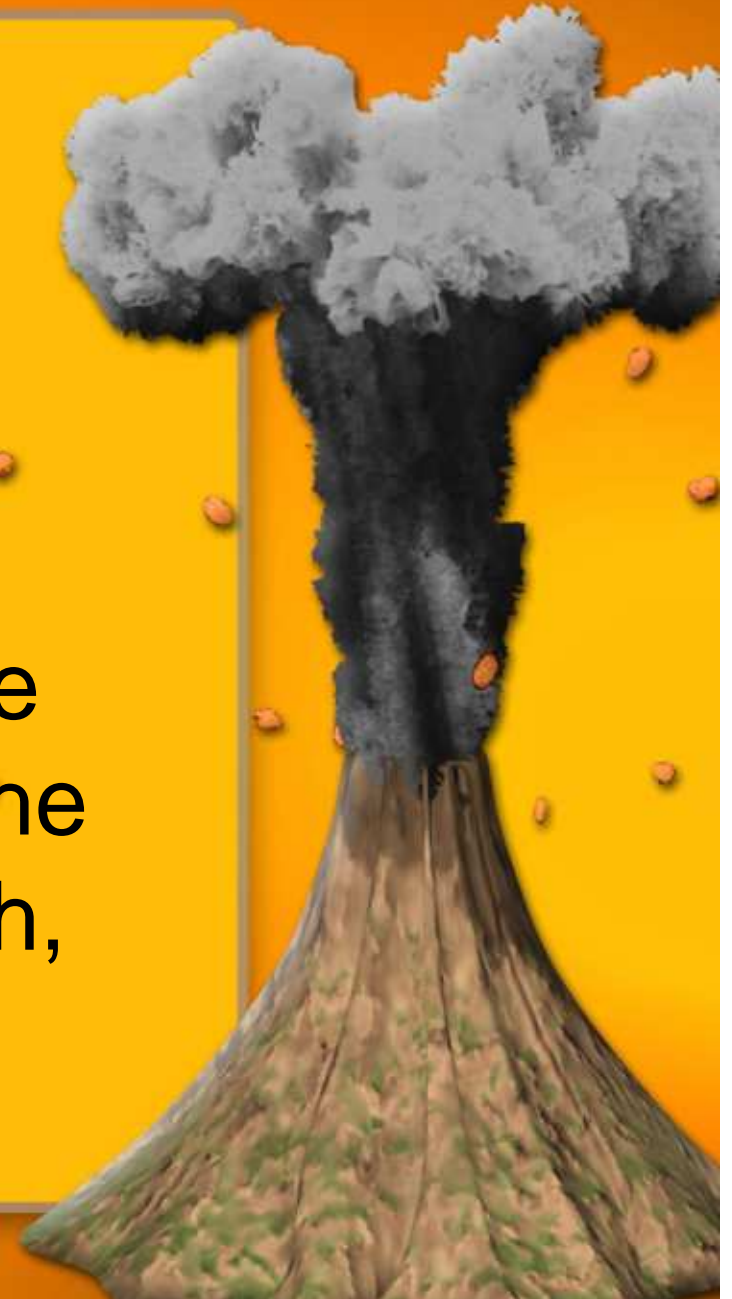
**The Coordinating Link Between Anthropology and Angelology**



# **I. God's Purpose Declared**

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**Genesis 1:26-31:** “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over . . . .’”





# **II. God's Purpose Delayed**

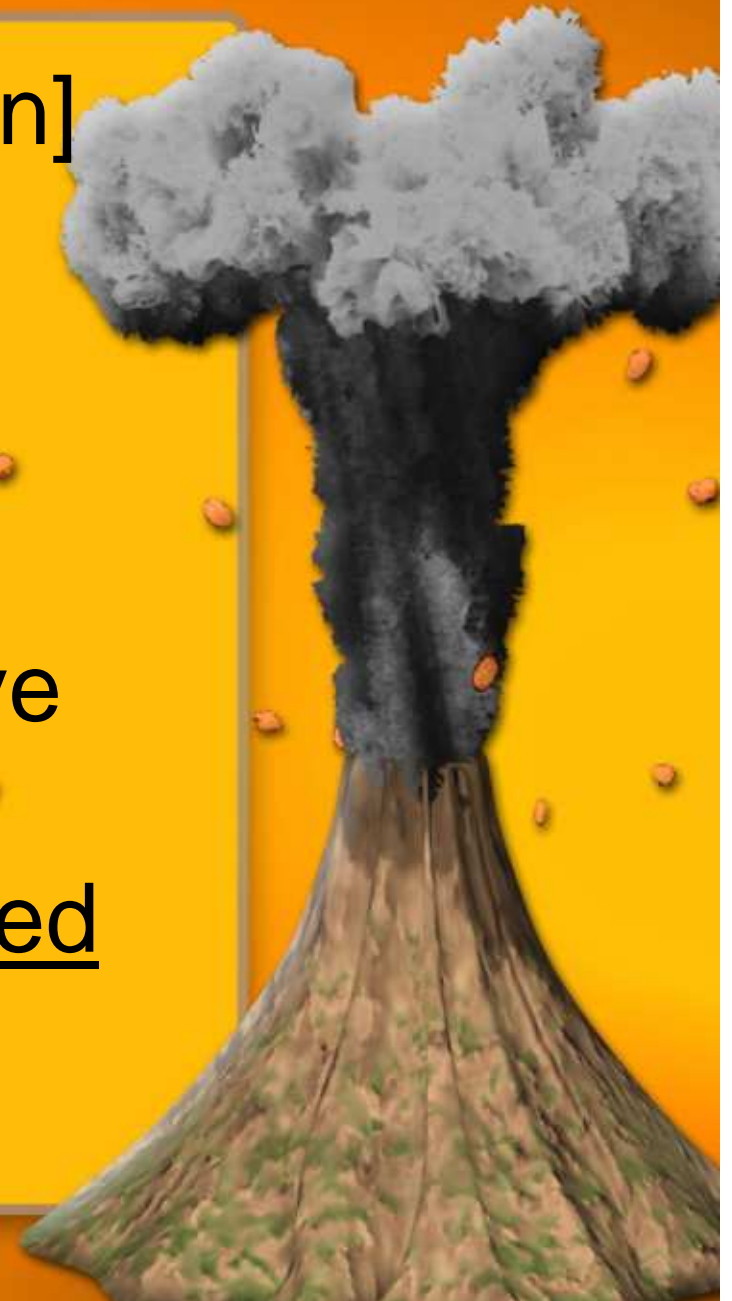
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**Hebrews 2:5-8:** “For in subjecting all things to him [humankind], He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.”



# God's Purpose Delayed

**Luke 4:5-8:** “And he [Satan] led Him [Jesus] up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.”





# **III. God's Purpose Fulfilled**

# Christ: the Second Adam

**1 Cor 15:20-22:** “But now Christ [the Second Man] has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.”



# God's Purpose Fulfilled

**Hebrews 2:5-8:** “But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him [Adam]. But we do see Him [Jesus] who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor . . . .”



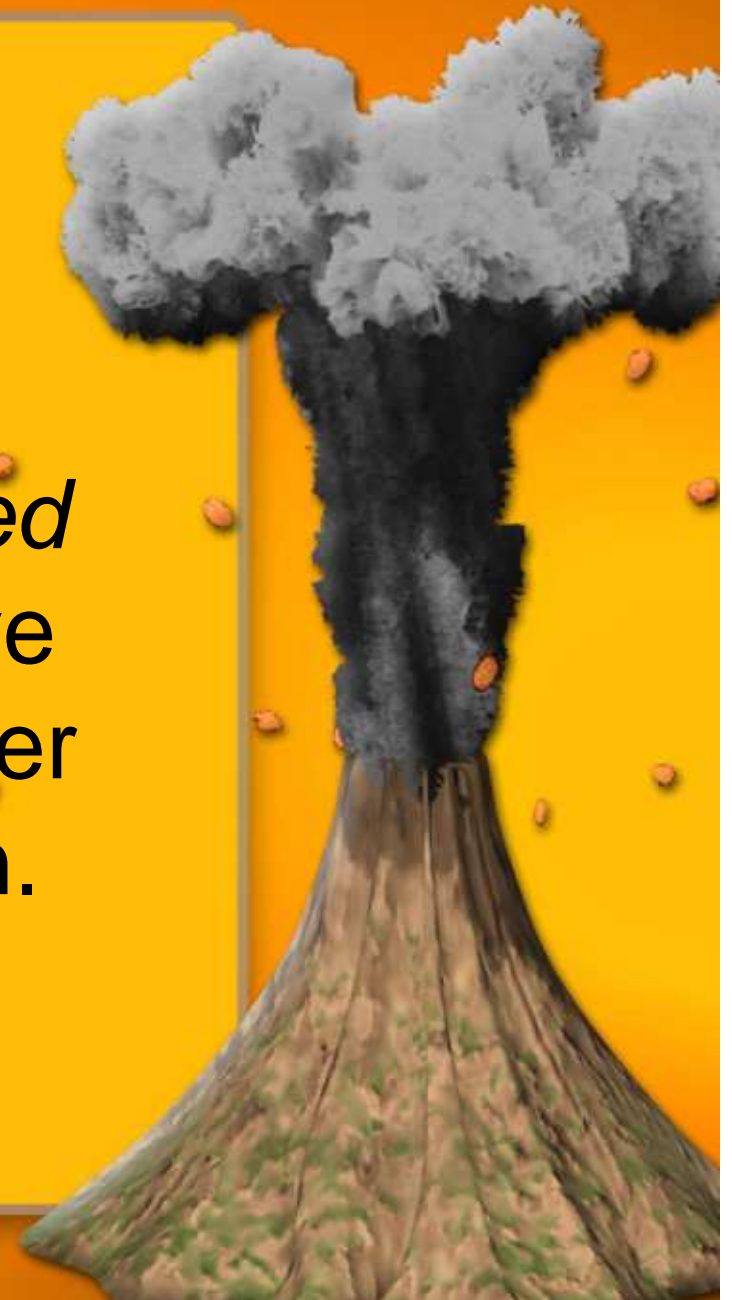


**Recap**

# God's Purpose: Recap

God *declared* that His purpose was for human-kind to rule this planet.

God's purpose was *delayed* by the fall of Adam and Eve and the subsequent transfer of the right to rule to Satan.



# God's Purpose: Recap

God's purpose will ultimately be *fulfilled* by Christ, who will defeat the Devil and reign forever as the *God-man*.



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**Q. How Did All This  
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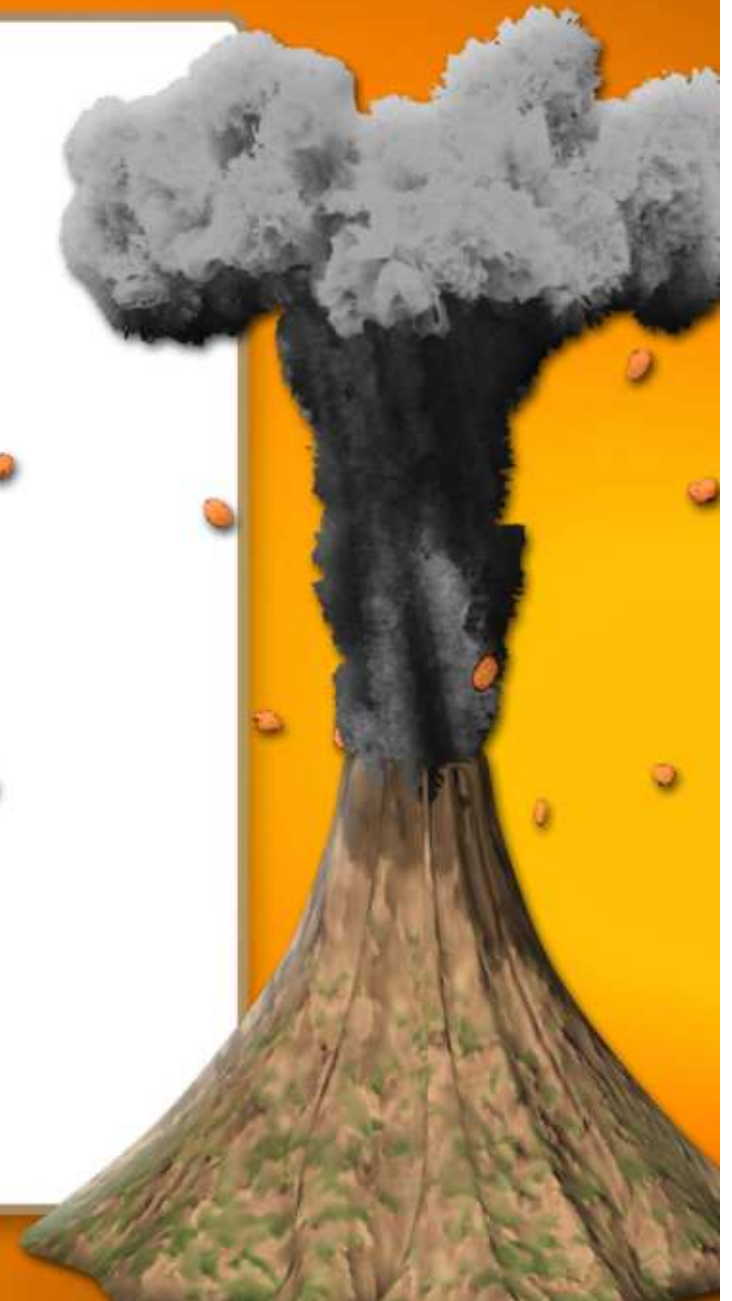
# The Career of Satan

Before the Beginning

# Ezekiel 28:12

Satan:

- Had the “seal of perfection”
- Was “full of wisdom”
- Was “perfect in beauty”



## Ezekiel 28:13

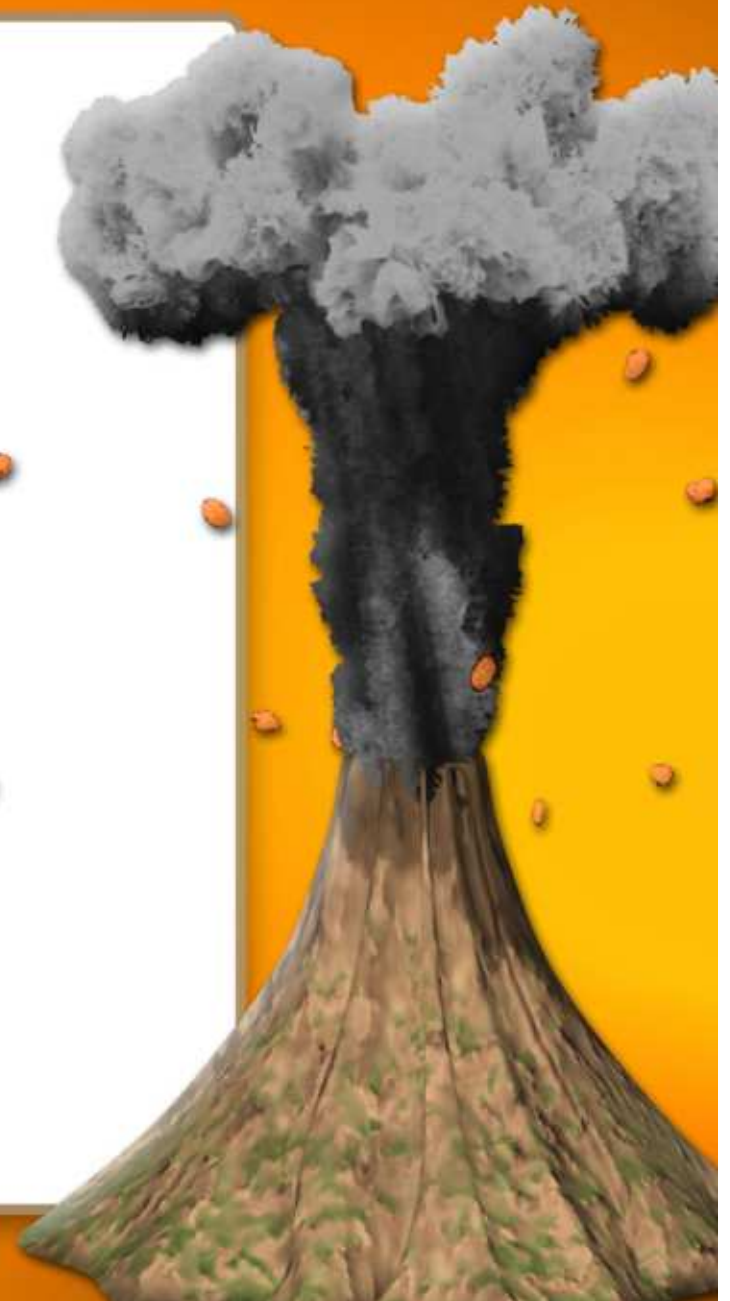
Satan was “in Eden,  
the garden of God”  
before Adam and Eve –  
in fact, LONG before  
Adam and Eve!



## Ezekiel 28:13b

- He had a *killer* sports coat:

“Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald.”



## Ezekiel 28:13b

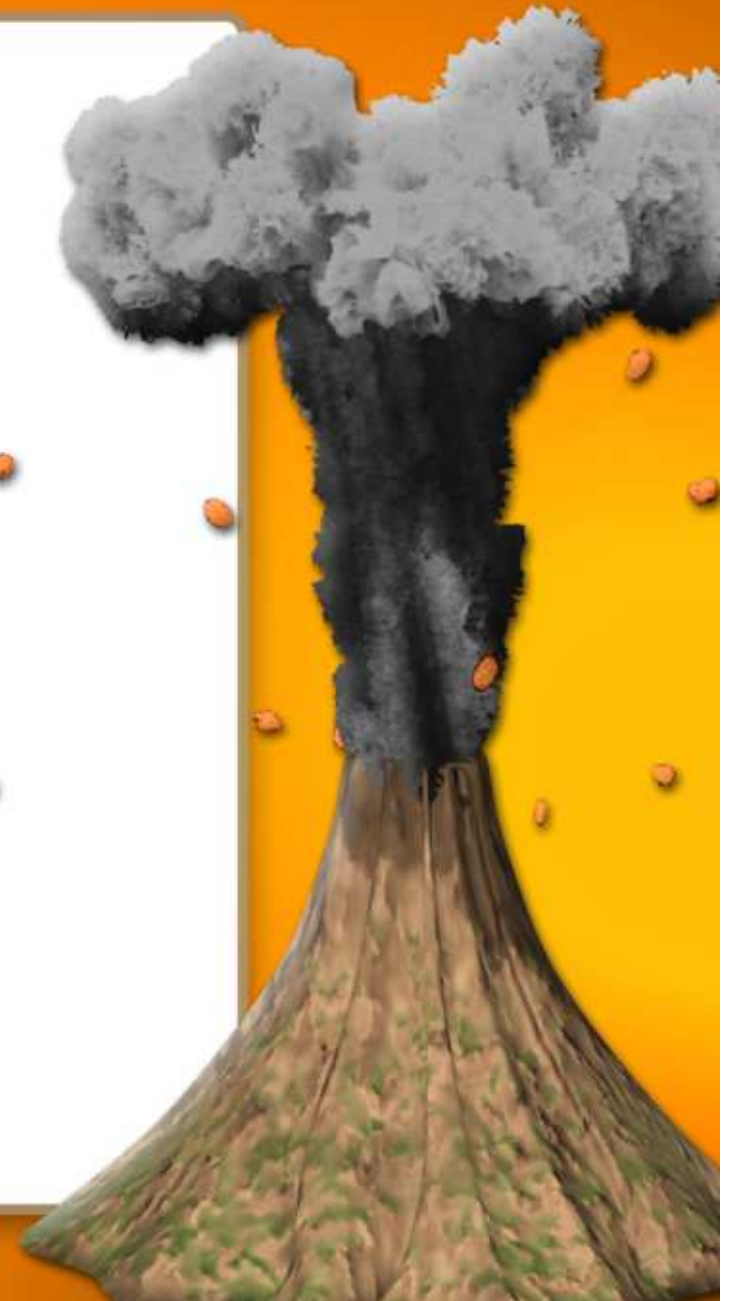
- He was *created* that way; he didn't evolve!

“And the gold, the workman-ship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared.”



## Ezekiel 28:14

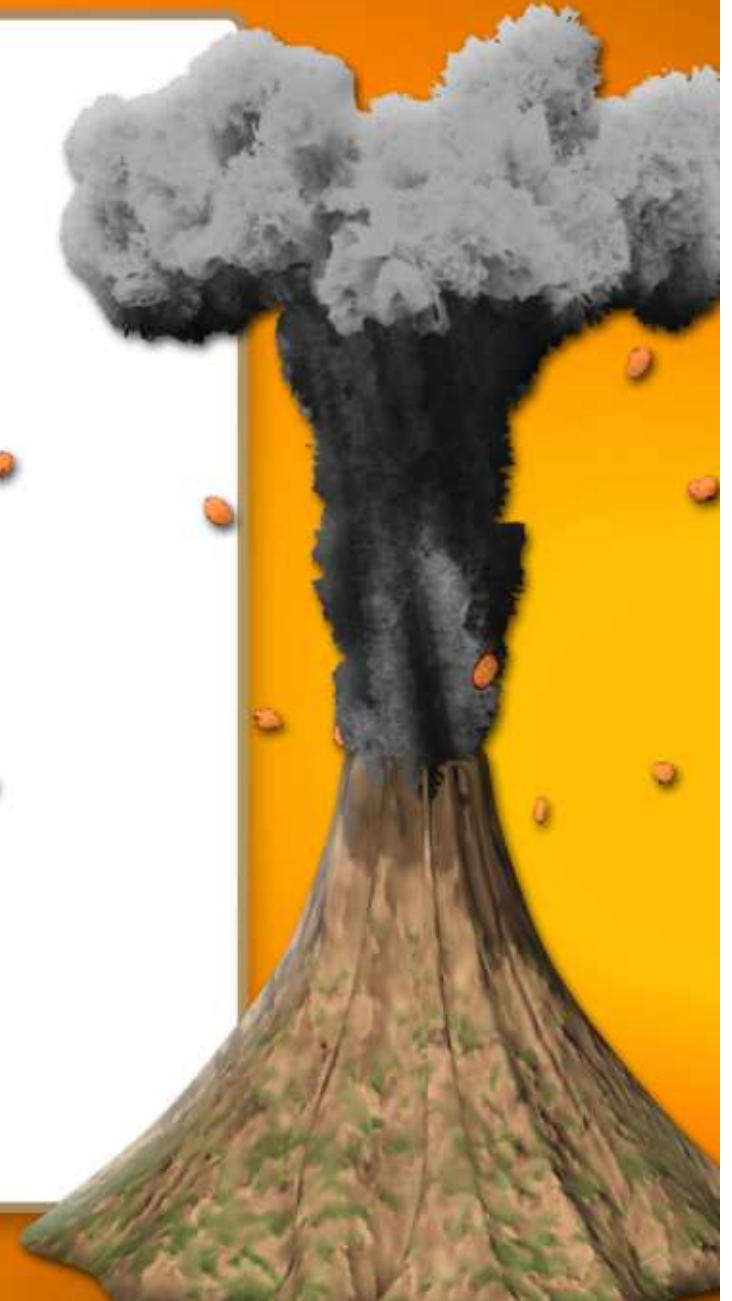
- He is called “the anointed cherub who covers.”
  - “Anointed” = Messianic?
  - “Cherub” = He’s an angel
  - “Covers” = lit. “guards”
- This was a *divine appointment*. God says: “I placed you there.”



## Ezekiel 28:15

- Notice God's evaluation of His super-angel Lucifer:

“You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.”



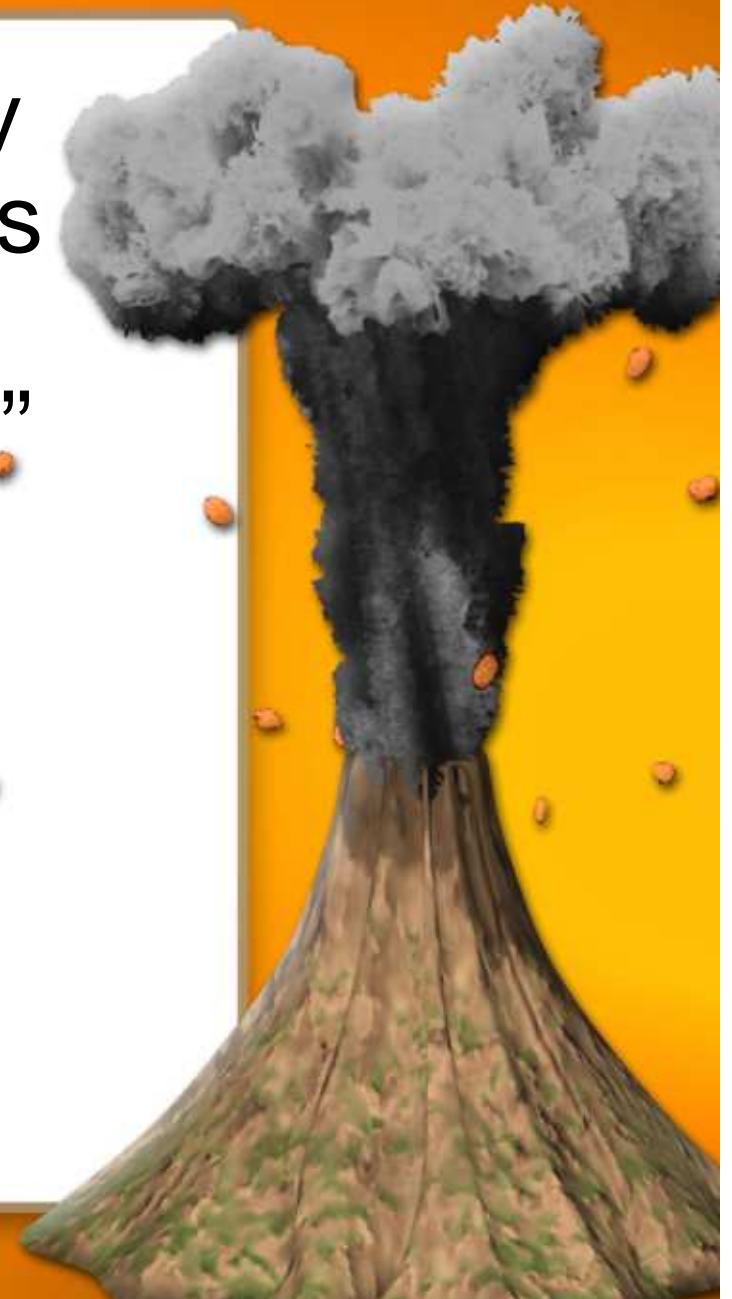
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- **Ezekiel 28:16** is of vital in understanding Lucifer's fall.
- This verse explains how the “shining one” became ὁ διάβολος [“the devil”, literally, “the one who slanders”].



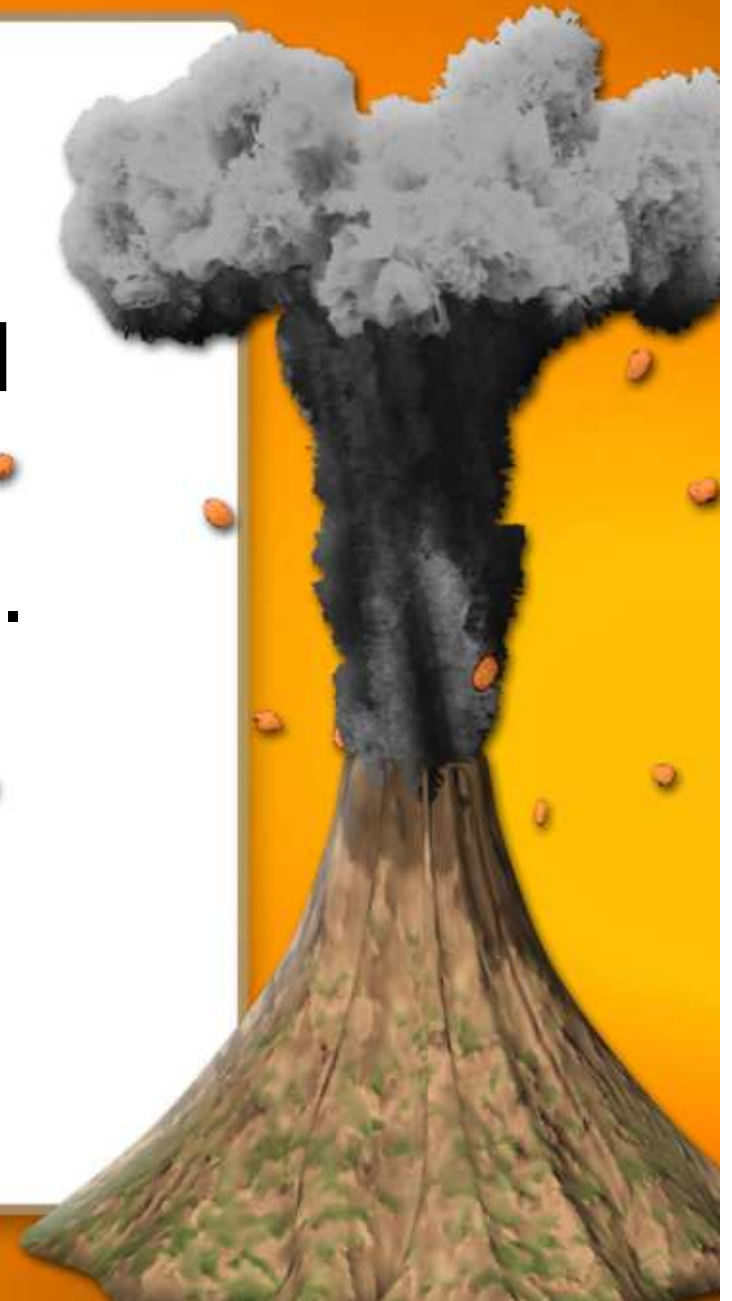
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- Now, let's notice carefully that God says Lucifer was "internally filled with violence, and . . . sinned."
- Why? What filled Lucifer with this internal violence?
- God told him that it was "the abundance of your trade."



## Ezekiel 28:16

- The “trade” of which Lucifer was guilty was slander against God, and he peddled it and trafficked abundantly in it.
- This was the *outward expression* of Lucifer’s *inward sin*.



## Ezekiel 28:16

- This accounts for Lucifer's two new titles:
  - Satan [lit., *the one who accuses*]
  - and
  - the Devil [lit., *the one who slanders*].



## Ezekiel 28:16

- Let's deliberately skip the very important "b" part of verse 16 for now and take a closer look at the internal motive that drove Lucifer to publicly slander YHWH.



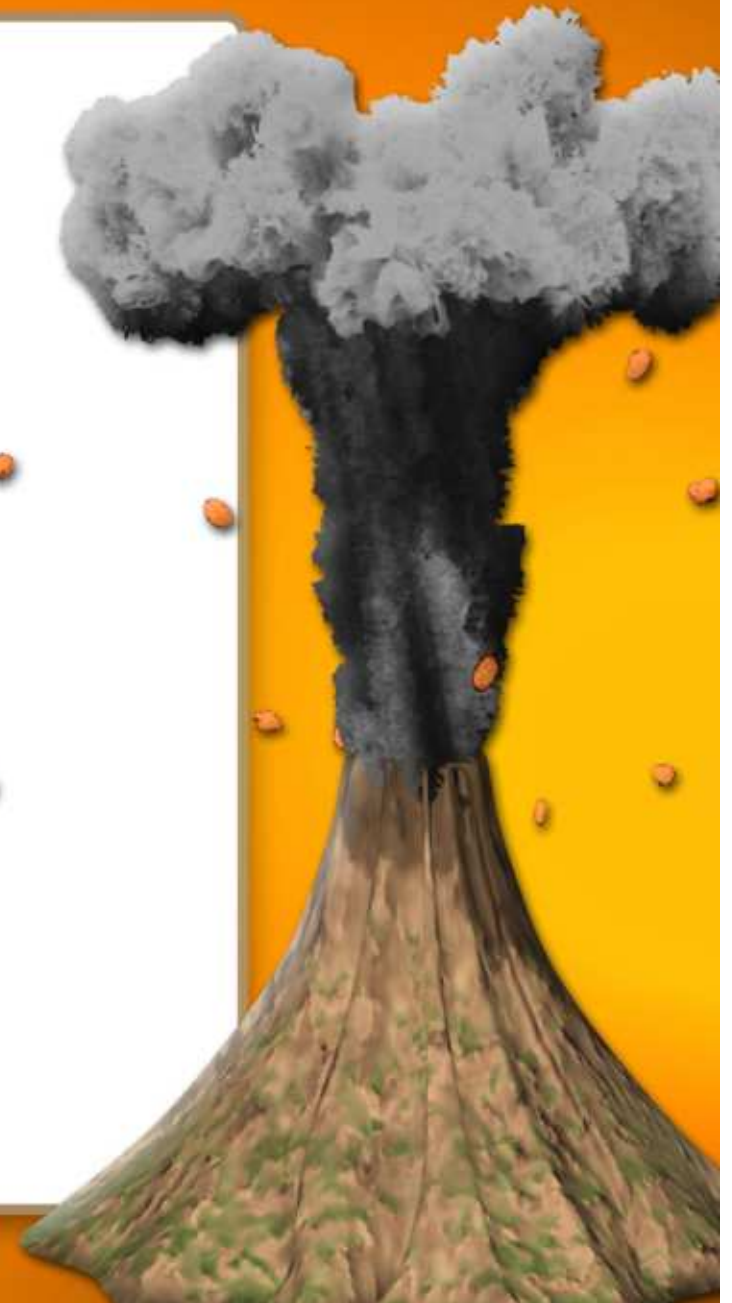
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- What was Lucifer's downfall?
- Verse 17 gives us two causes:
  - “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty.”
  - “You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.”



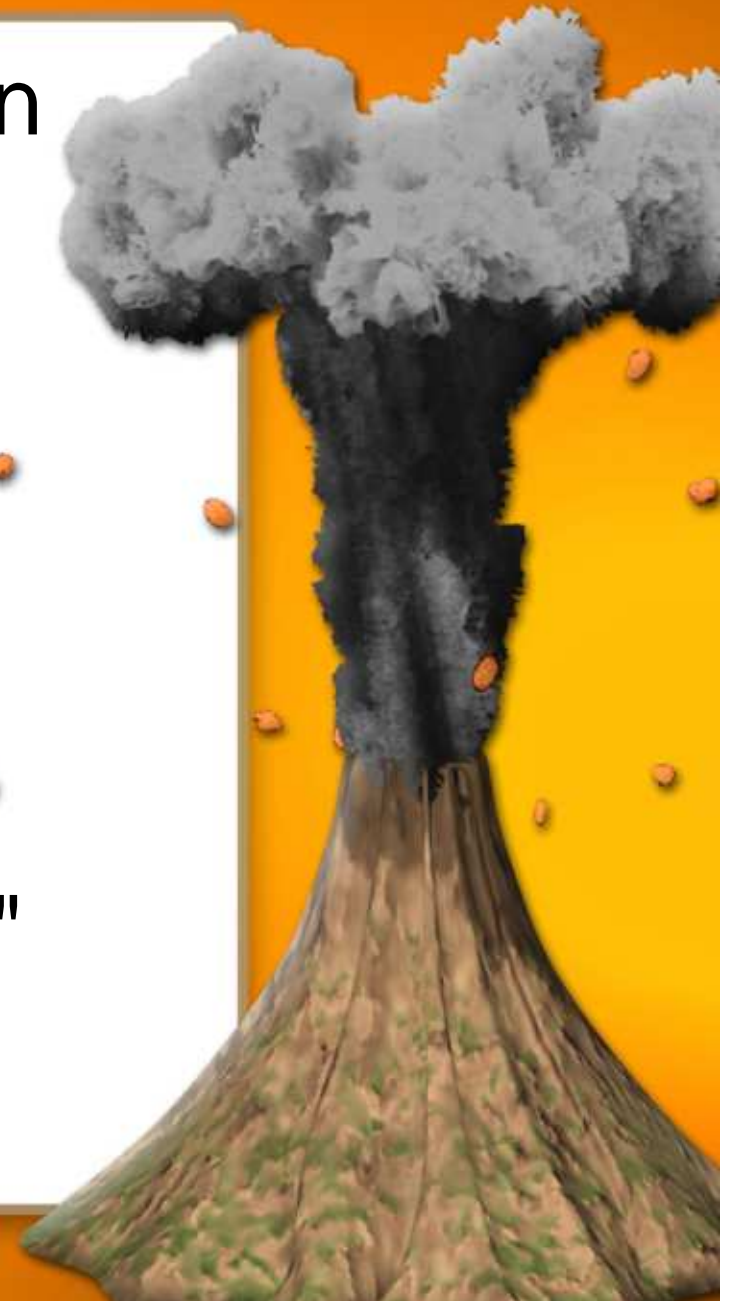
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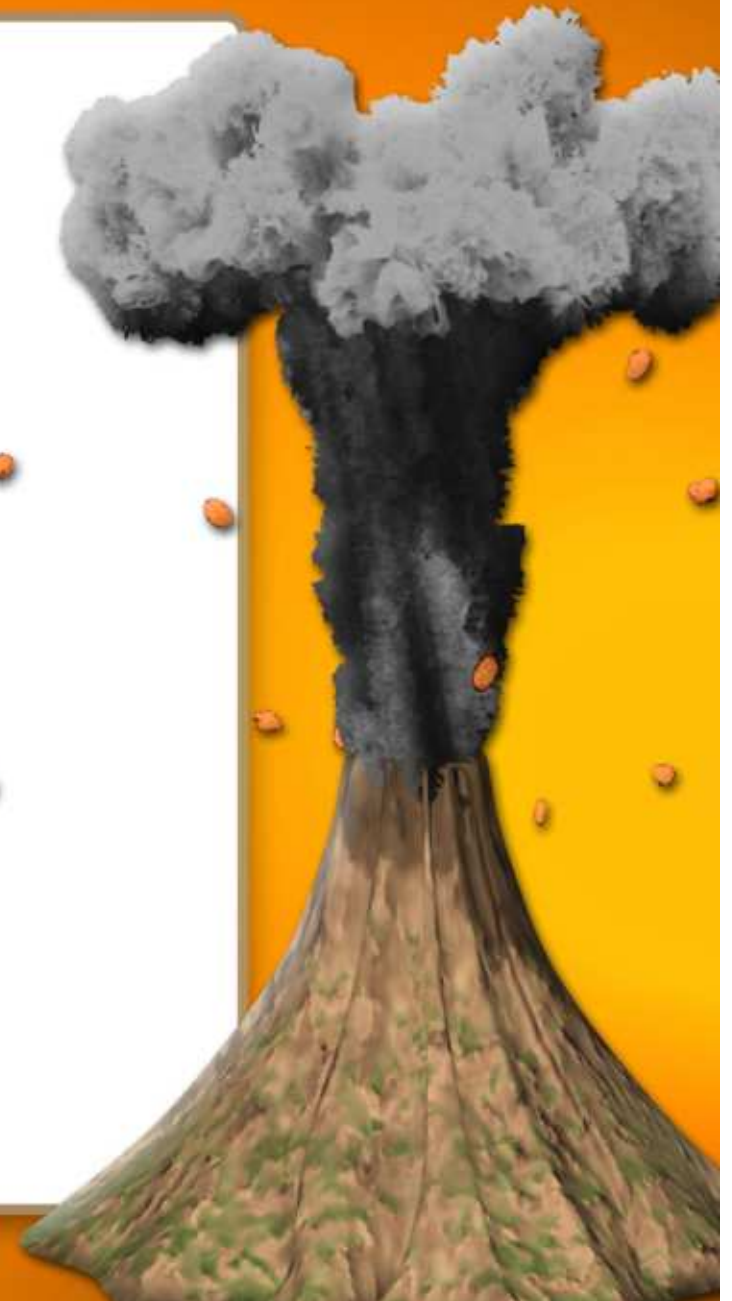
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- The abode of angels is on a lower plane in the second heaven. When the Lord Jesus Christ returned to the third heaven, He is said to have been "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion" (**Ephesians 1:20-21**).



# #1. "I Will Ascend Into Heaven."

- Although Satan has access to the third heaven (**Job 1:6**), his abode is in the second heaven with the rest of the angelic creation (**Revelation 12:7-12**).



# #1. "I Will Ascend Into Heaven."

- In an act of unholy self-promotion, Satan declared that his abode should be higher than that sphere to which he had been appointed by his Creator.



# #1. "I Will Ascend Into Heaven."

- How it must torment Satan to watch unworthy, undeserving sinners like us – created lower than the angels – to be lifted to eternal citizenship in the highest heavenly sphere with Christ – far above all angels! (See **John 14:3, 17:21-24** and **Col. 3:3-4.**)



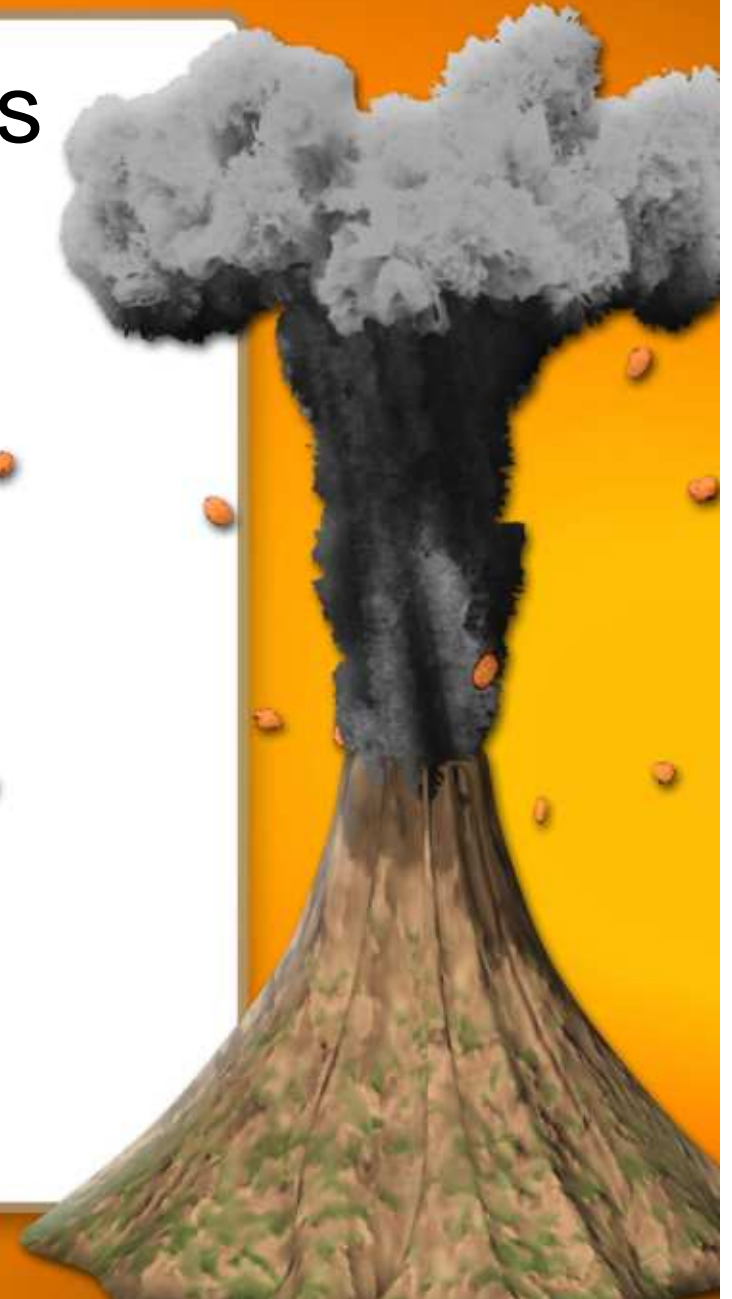
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- Satan desired to ascend above the position of authority that God had given him.
- In contrast to this, Jesus *humbled* Himself. At the end of His earthly life, merely hours before the cross, He prayed to the Father: "I have glorified Thee on the earth."



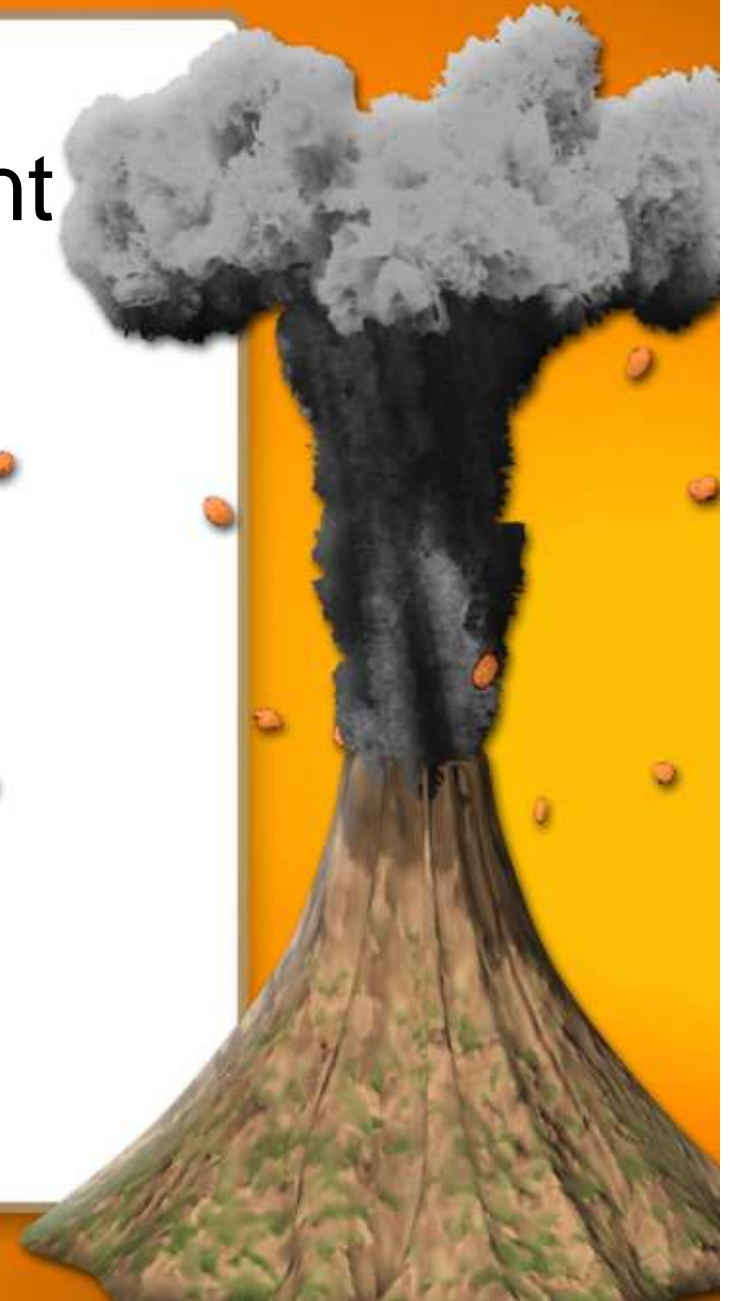
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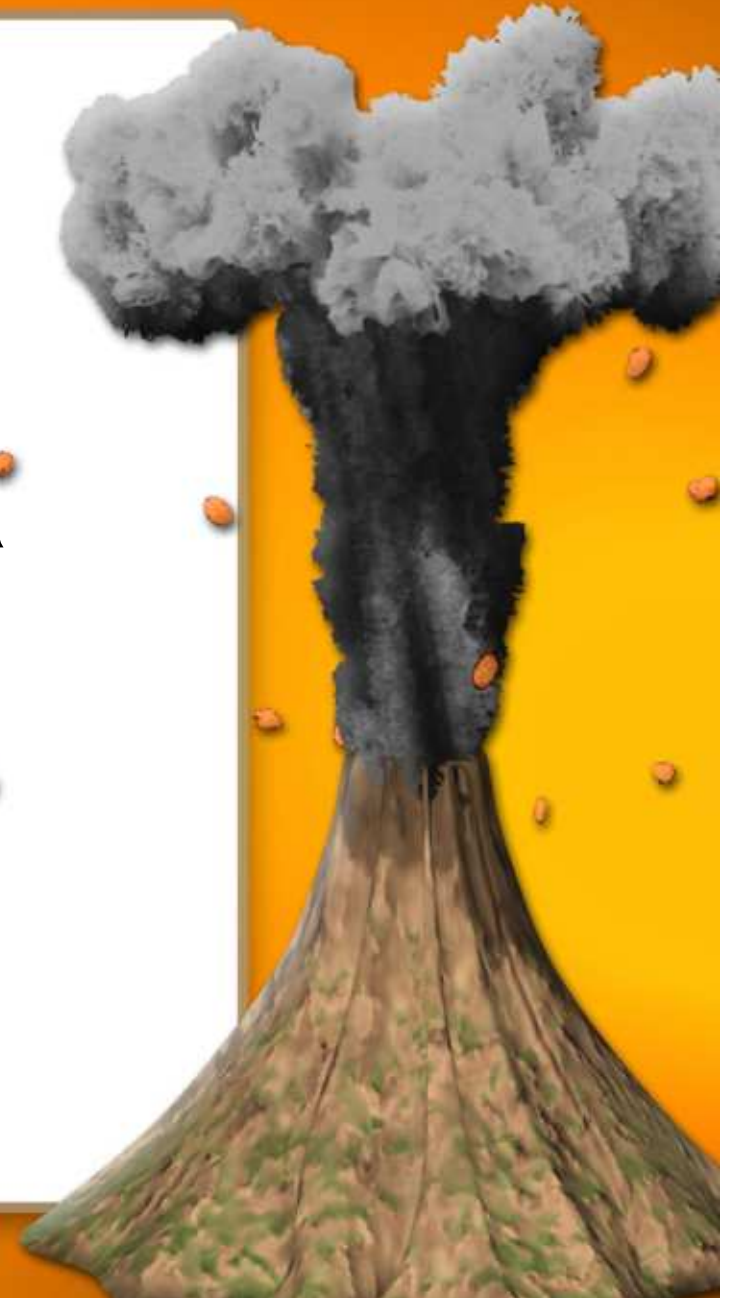
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- What are the “stars of God”? The Old Testament uses this phrase to describe angelic beings, not the stellar system.
- We see this in **Job 38:7**:  
When God created the universe, “the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.”



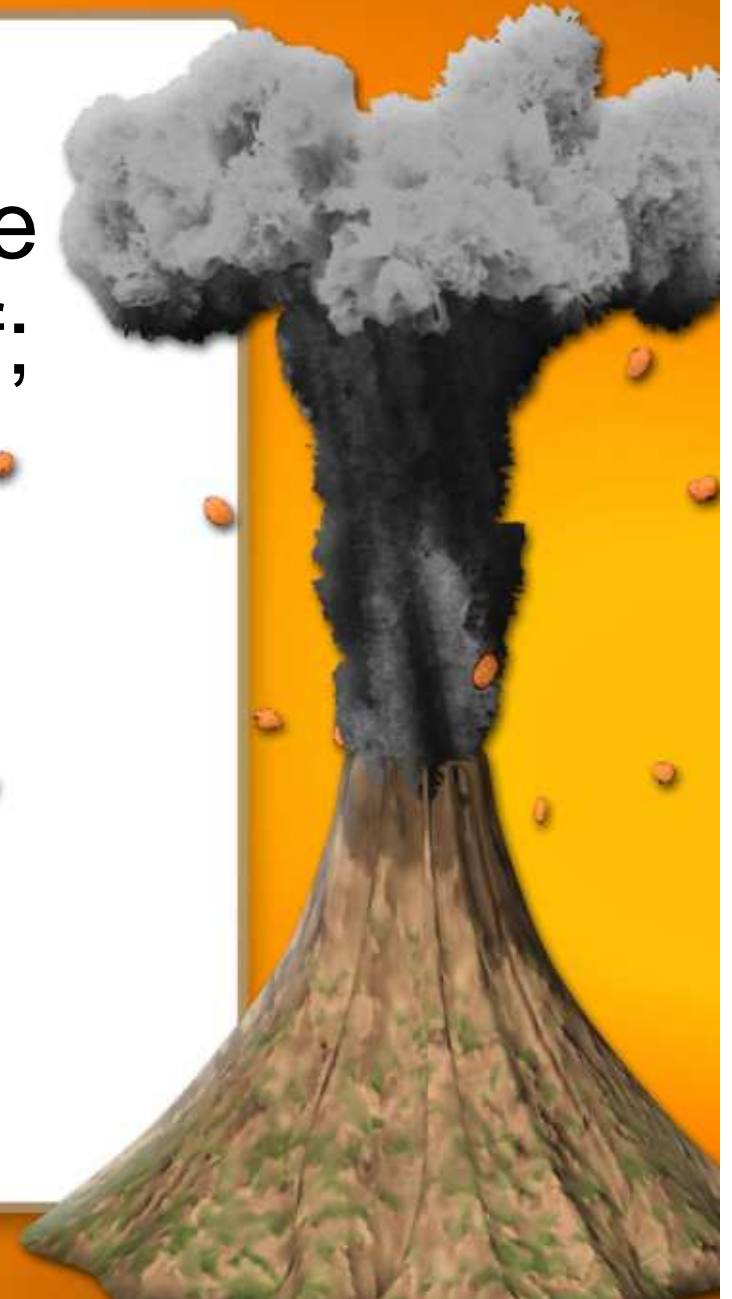
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- Evidently very much of Satan's unholy ambition to possess a throne has been permitted, for it is revealed that he is now a recognized, though judged, king with throne-authority both in:
  - The heavenly realm
  - The earthly realm



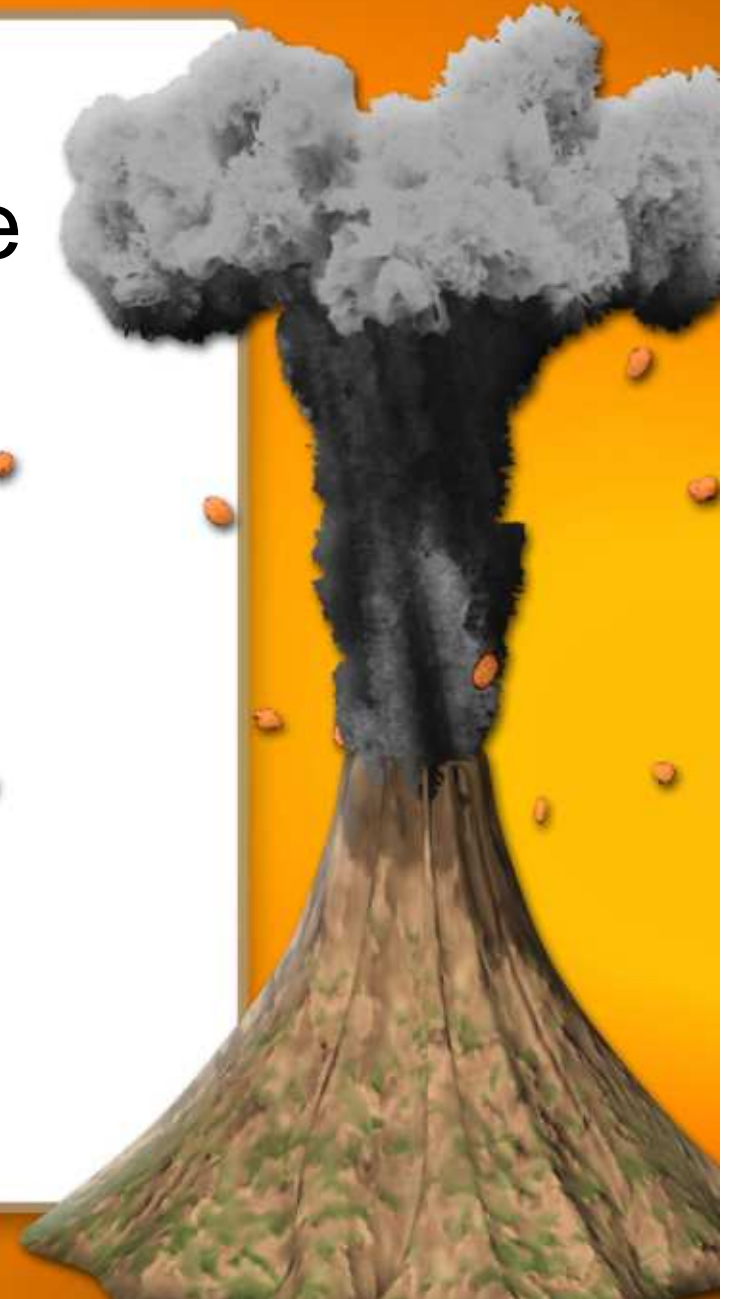
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- **Matthew 12:26:** “And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?”



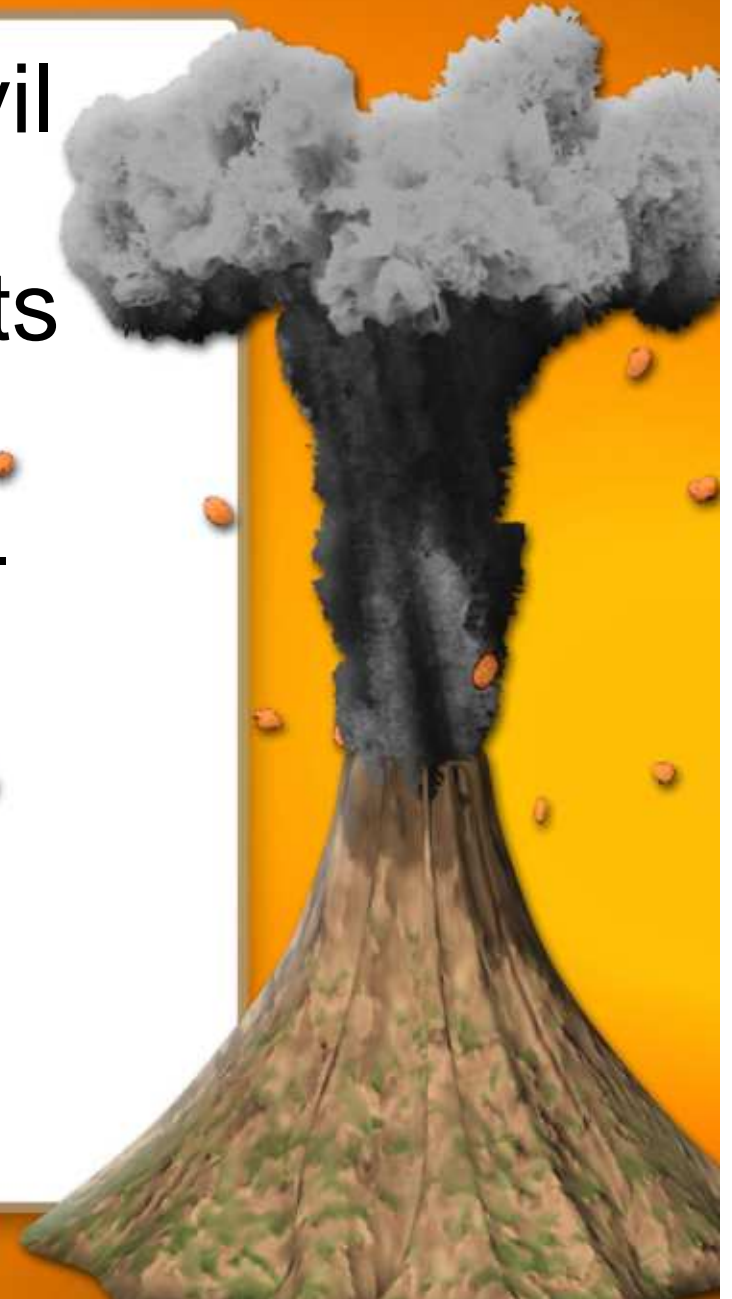
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- **Ephesians 2:2:** “the prince of the power of the air.”
- **Mark 3:22:** “ruler of the demons.”
- **John 12:31:** “the ruler of this world.”



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- **Luke 4:5-6:** “And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.”
- **2 Corinthians 4:4:** “the god of this world [**αἰῶνος**].”



# Satan's Authority in the Earthly Realm

- **Revelation 2:13** says that Satan has a “seat” on the earth (KJV).
- The words translated “Satan’s seat” are “ὁ θρόνος τοῦ σατανᾶ” – literally, “the throne of Satan.” The NASB and NIV render it correctly.



### #3. “I Will Sit Upon the Mt. Of the Congregation”

- The third “I will” reads: “I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.”
- The term “mount” is a phrase which often used in the OT to describe the seat of divine government on earth (**Isaiah 2:1-4**).



### #3. “I Will Sit Upon the Mt. Of the Congregation”

- The “congregation” is a reference to the glorious company of heaven (**Psalm 82:1, 89:5-7**).
- The location of this governmental authority is said to be the “sides of the north,” easily understood as heaven in many passages such as...



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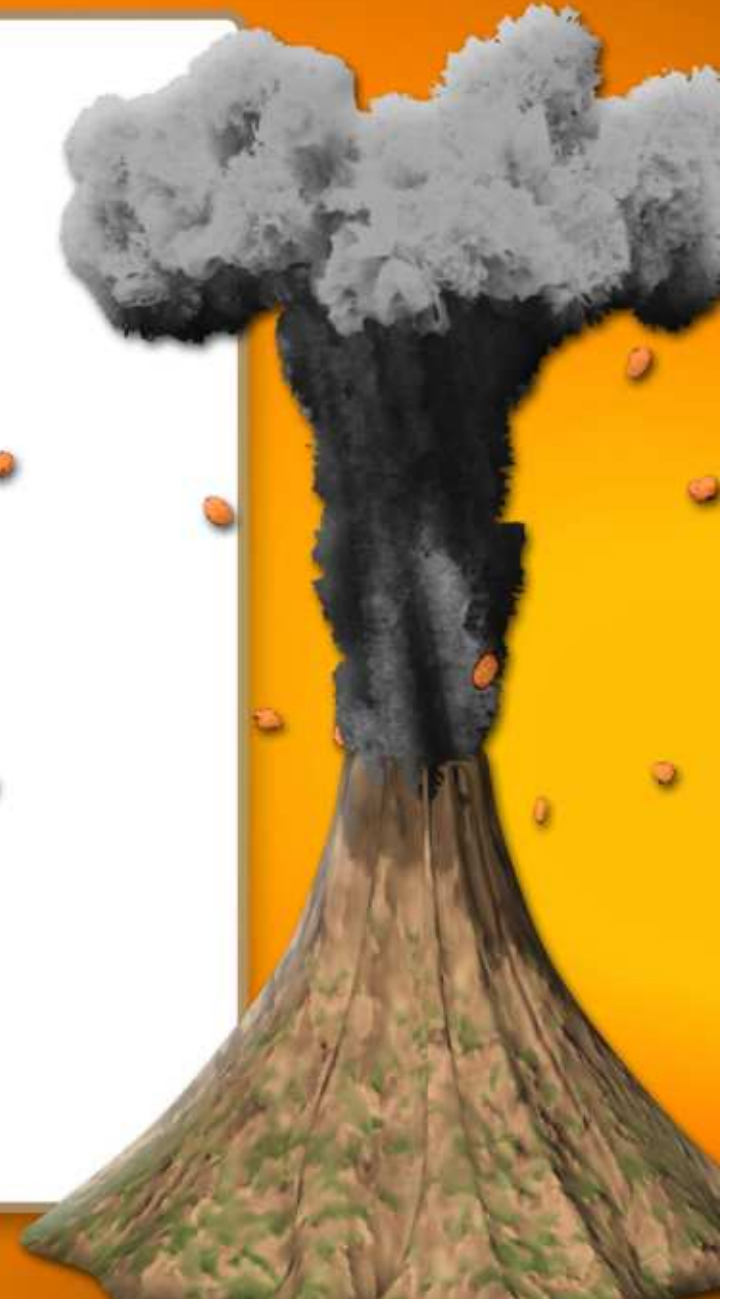
"Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south, but God is the judge."

**Psalm 75:6-7**



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- We conclude, then, that the point of Satan’s third “I will” was his desire to have the position of governmental authority over the angelic hosts that were administering heaven.



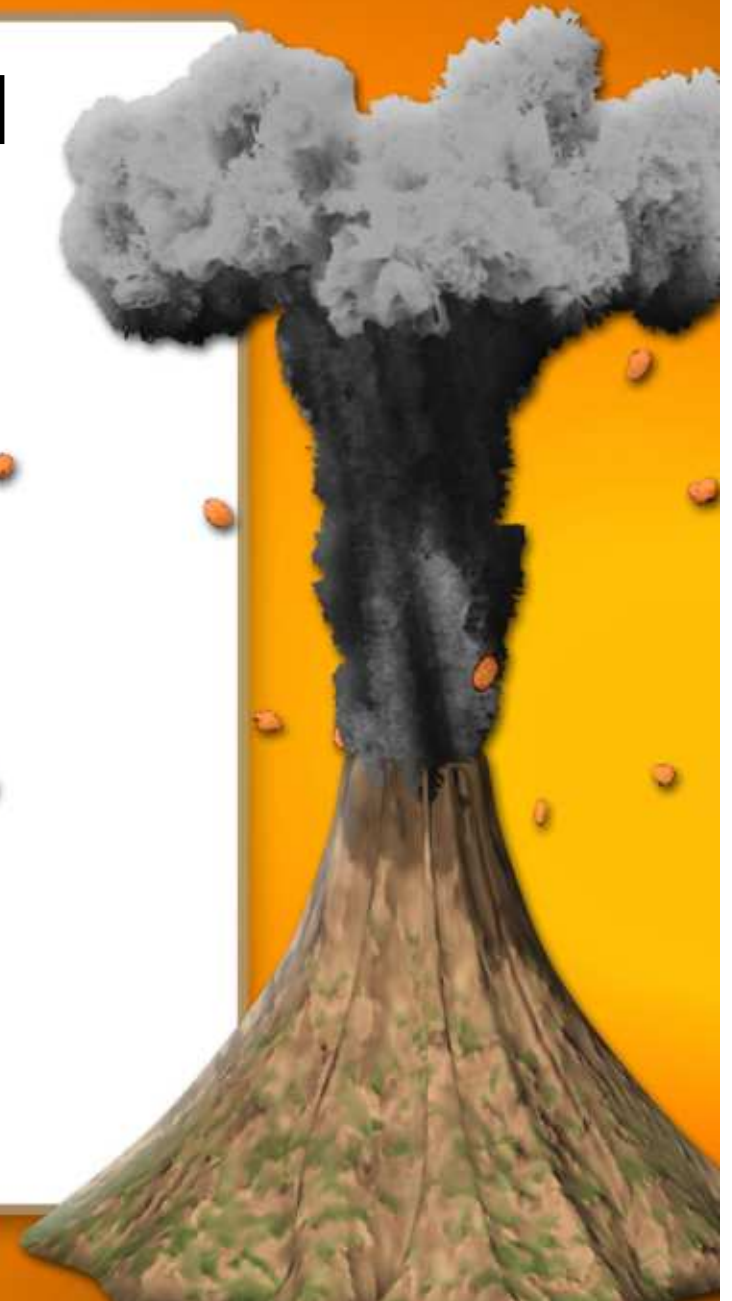
## #4. “I Will Ascend Above/the Clouds.”

- What does Satan mean by “the “clouds”?”
- With upwards of 150 biblical references to “clouds,” at least 100 hundred of them are related to divine presence and glory.



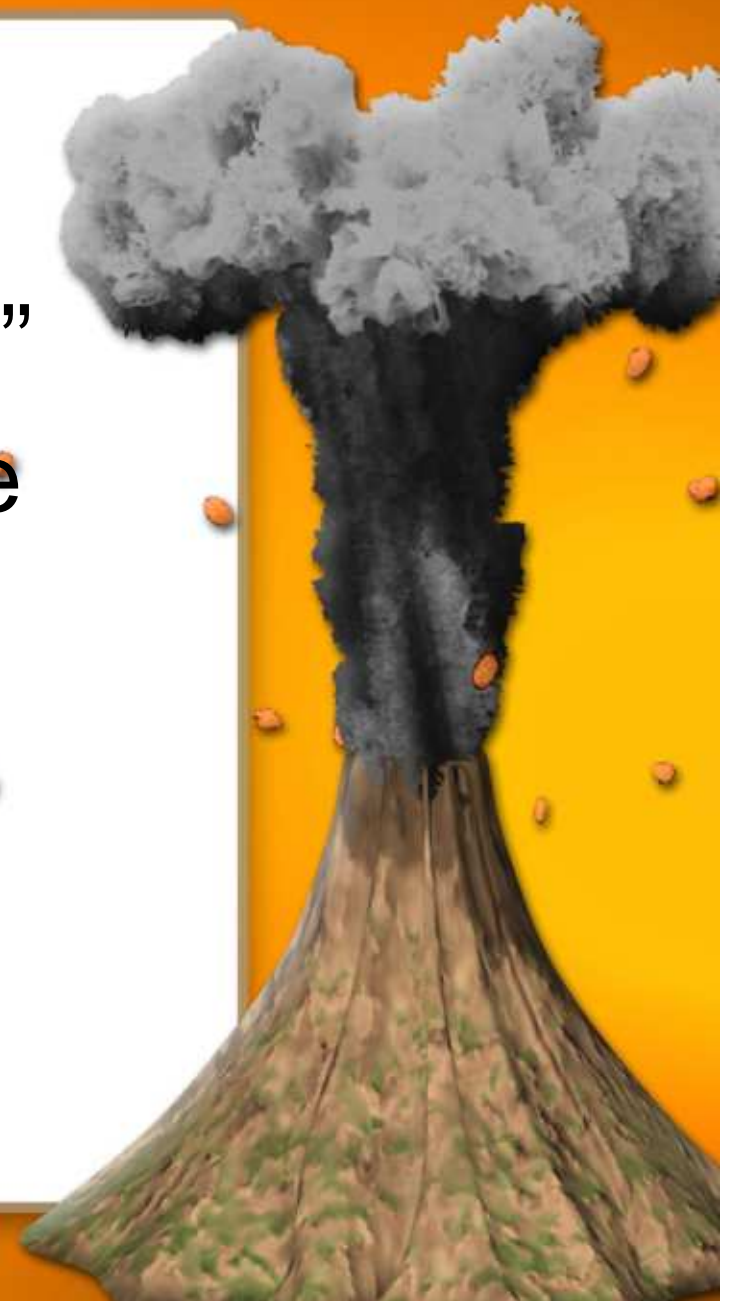
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- In **Exodus 16:10**, YHWH appeared in a cloud.
- **Exodus 40:38** calls this cloud "the cloud of YHWH."
- When YHWH was present the cloud filled the house (**1 Kings 8:10**).



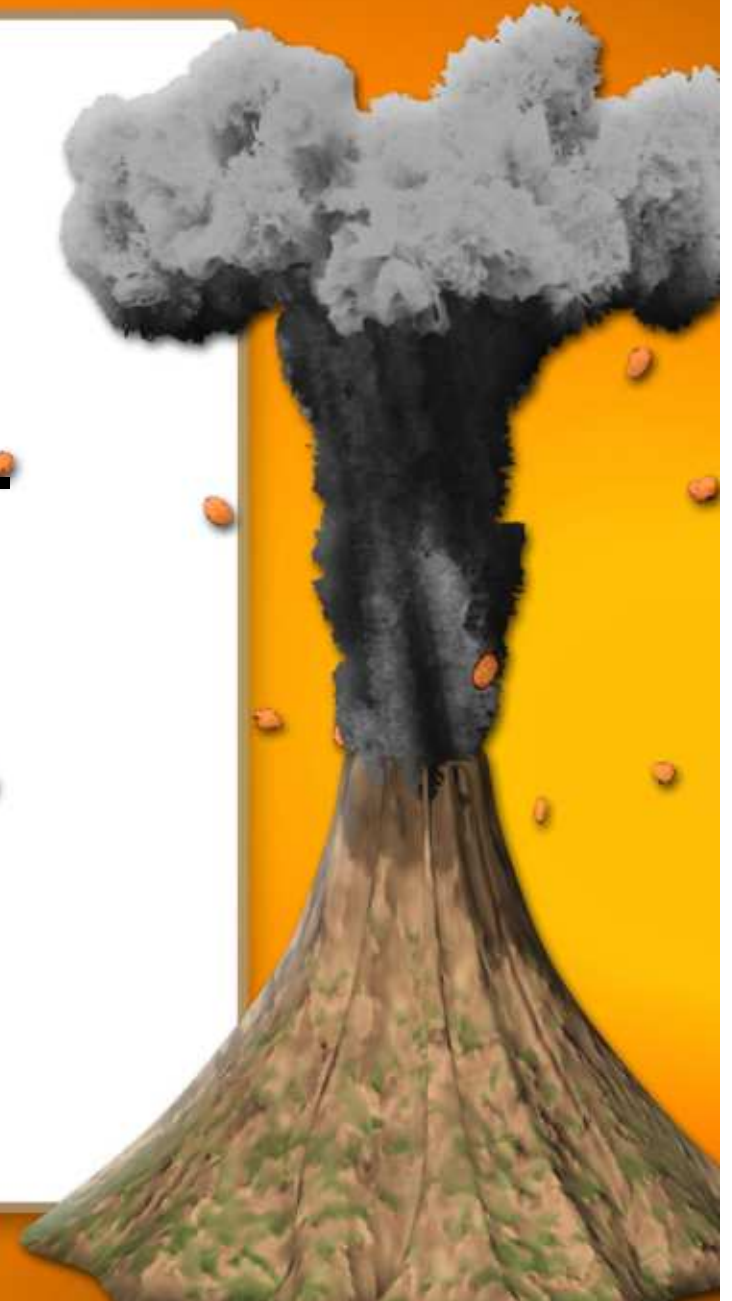
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- In **Psalm 104:3** and **Isaiah 19:1**: "YHWH rideth upon a swift cloud."
- Christ will to come, as He went, upon the clouds of heaven (**Matthew 24:30**; **Acts 1:9**; **Revelation 1:7**).



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- The pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day led the children of Israel (**Exodus 13:21**).
- From this cloud the Lord protected the Israelites from the Egyptian host (**Exodus 14:19-20**).



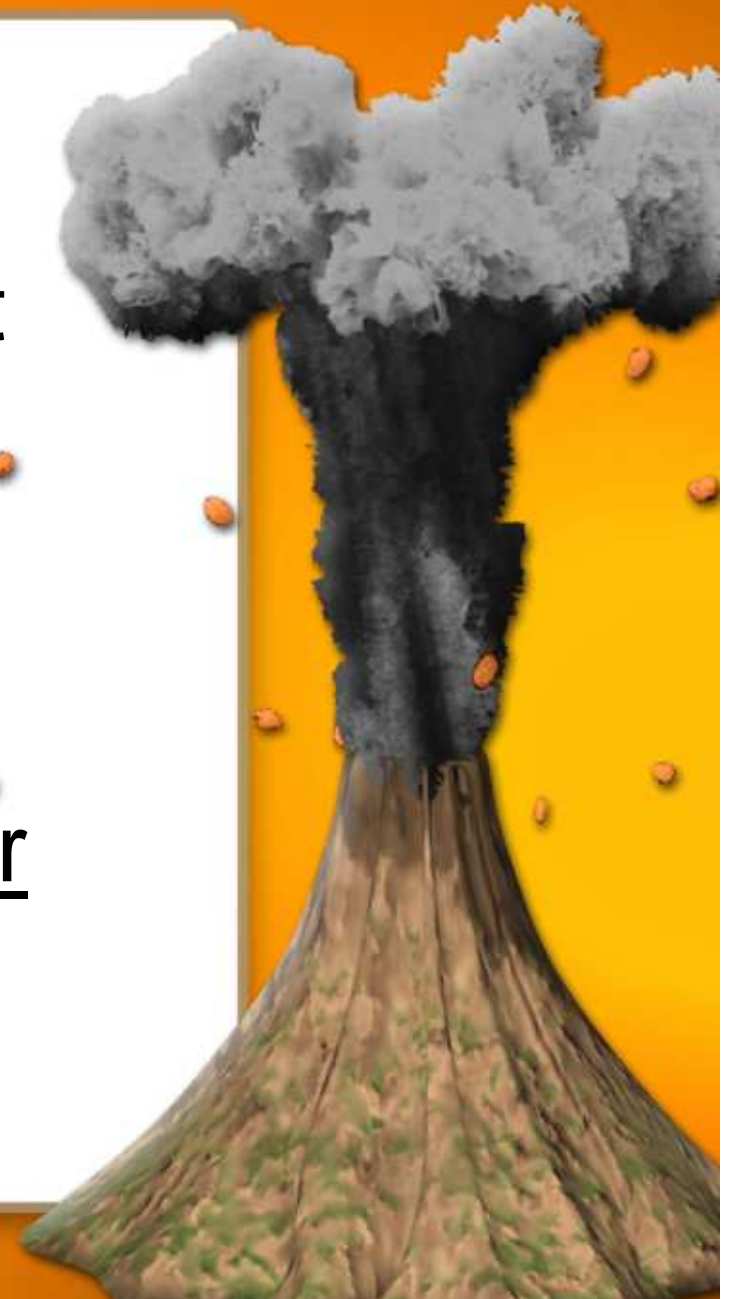
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- The Lord appeared to His people in a cloud in the holy place of the tabernacle (**Exodus 40:28-34**).
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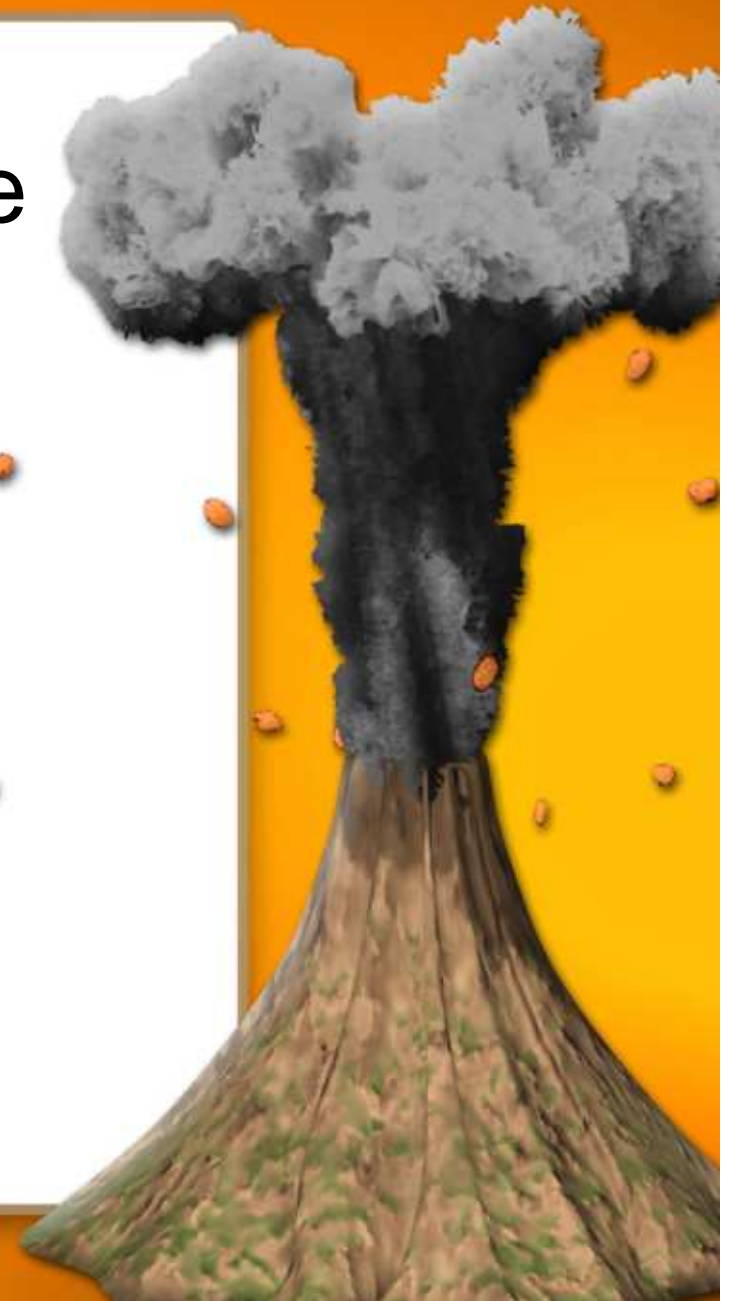
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- Satan's "man of sin" will exalt himself "above all that is called God, or that is worshipped" (2 **Thessalonians 2:4**).
- In his fourth "I will" Satan make sit clear that he was seeking to secure for himself the glory which belongs to God alone.



## #5. “I Will Be Like the Most High.”

- This, the fifth and last of Satan’s “I wills” should be seen as a key to understanding the motives and methods of the devil.
- Despite of an almost universal impression that Satan’s ultimate goal is to be unlike God, the very opposite is true!



## #5. “I Will Be Like the Most High.”

- However, this ambition is not to be like the self-existent, uncreated Creator YHWH in *every* way.
- Satan declares his desire to be like “the Most High” – a title which signifies YHWH as the “possessor of heaven and earth” (**Genesis 14:19, 22**).

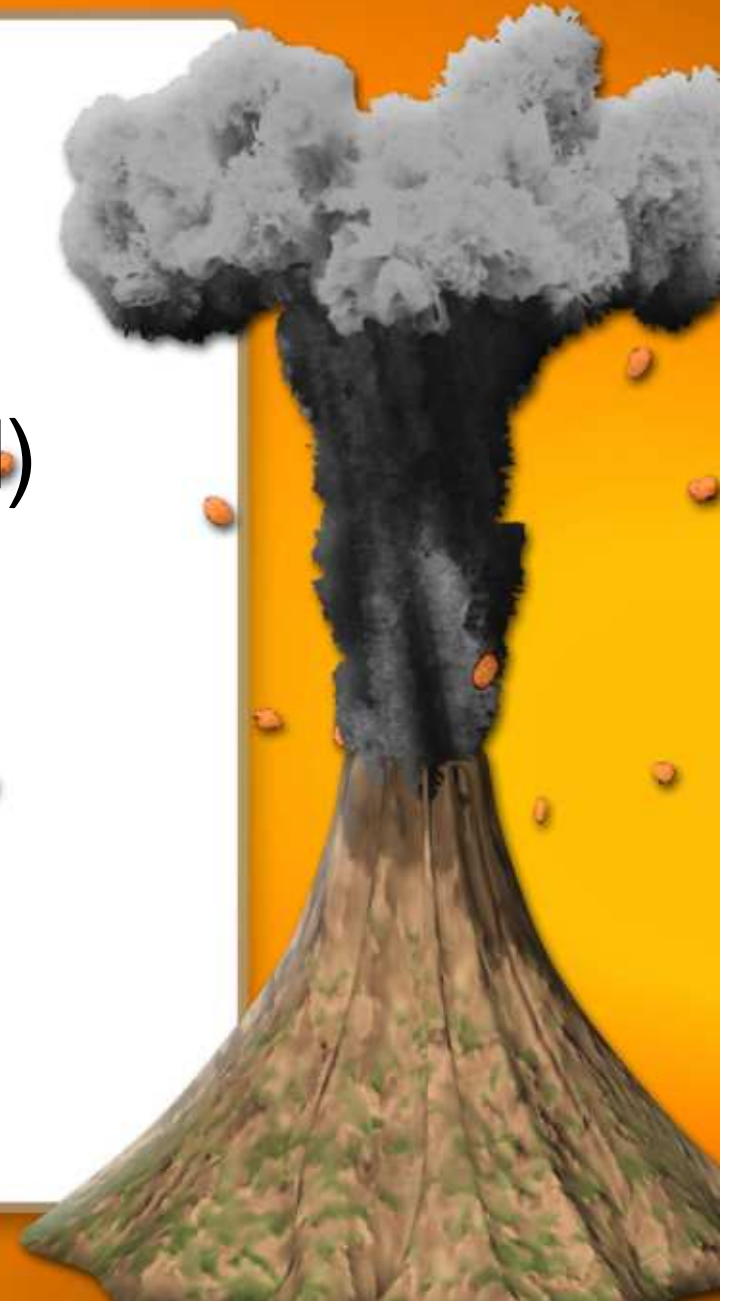




**Summary:  
The Five “I Wills”**

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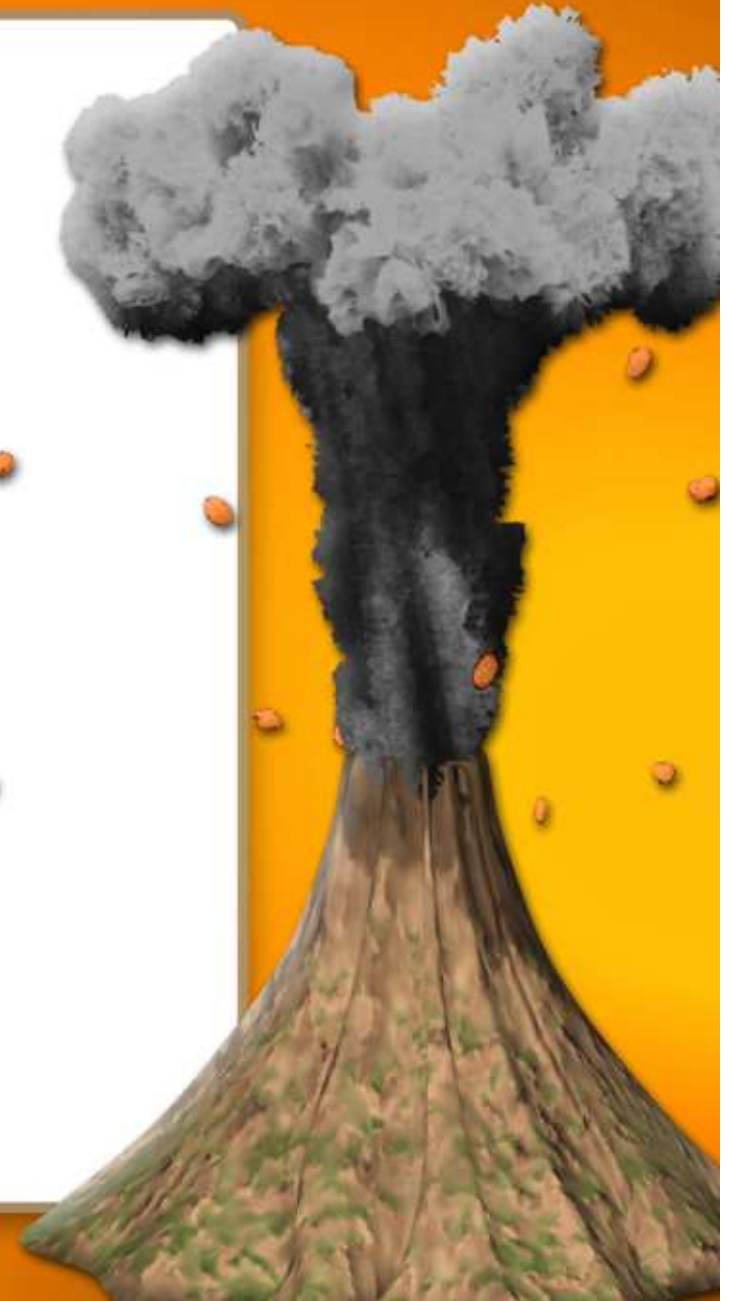
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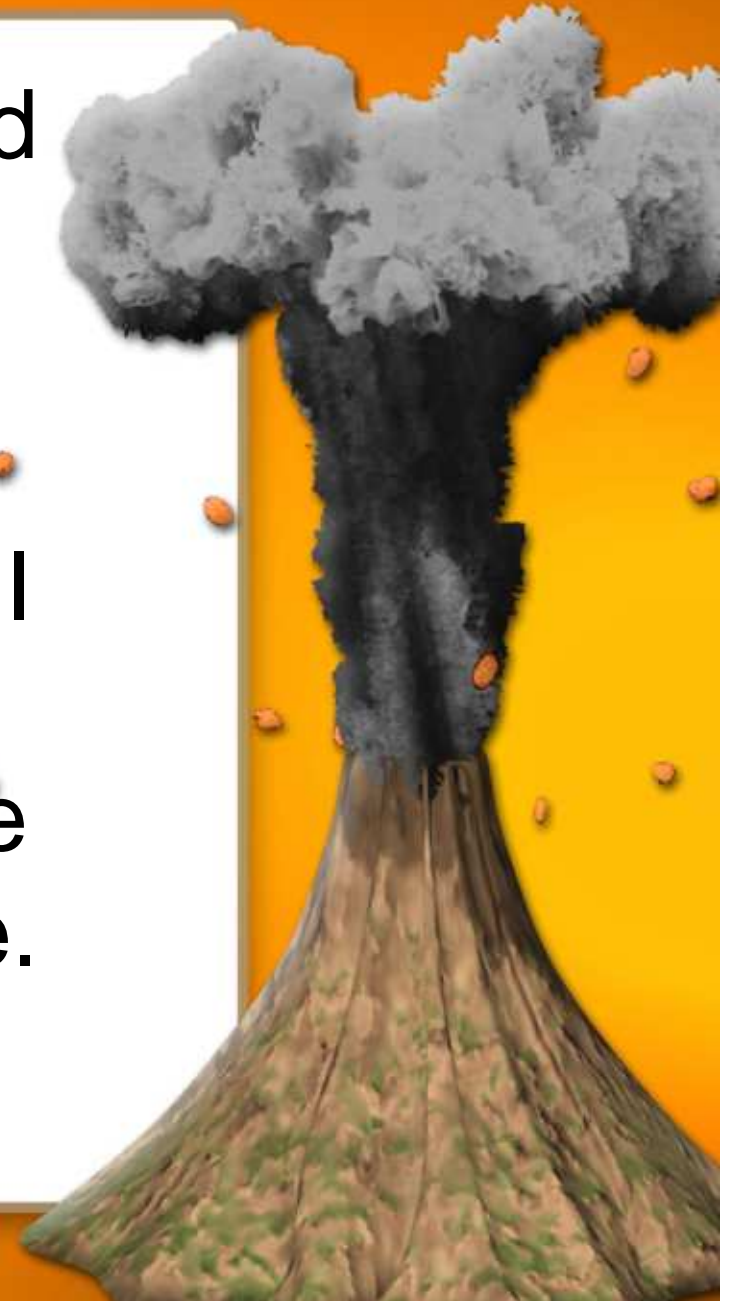




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**28:16b**

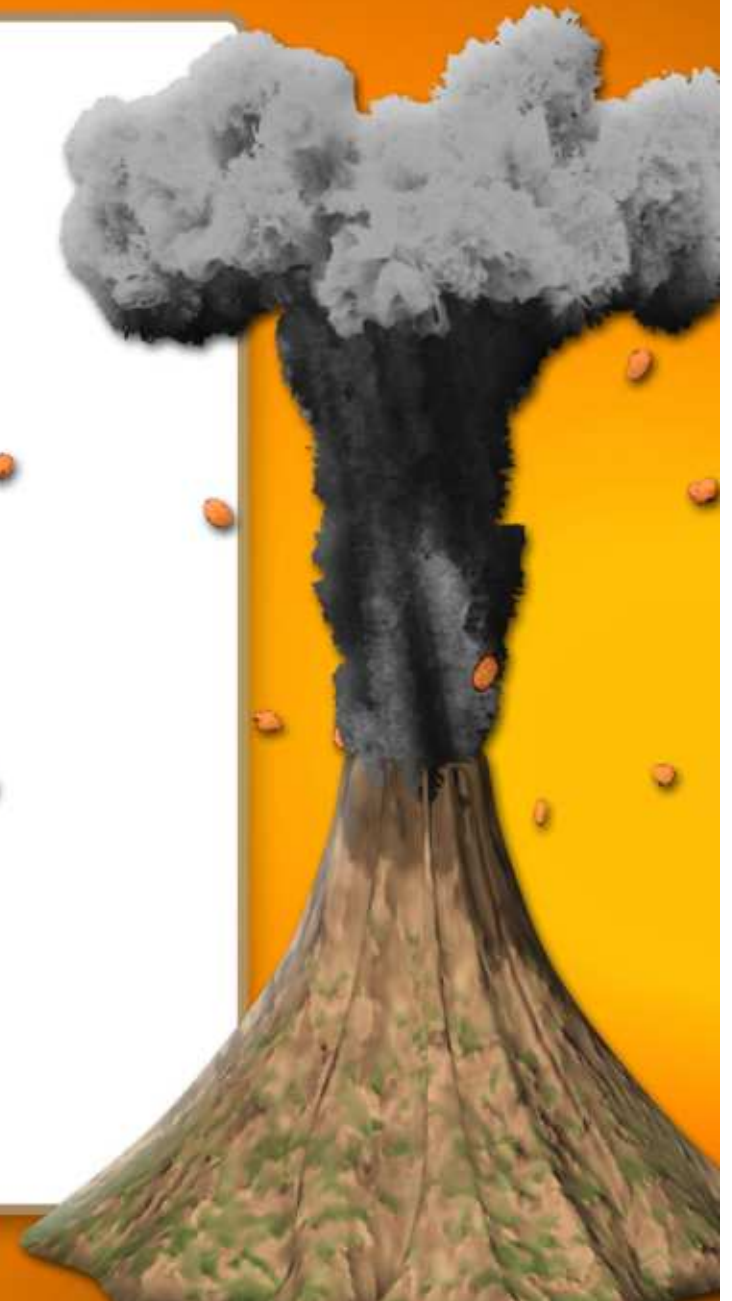
## Ezekiel 28:16b

- As a result, God rendered judgment: “Therefore I have (1) cast you as profane from the mountain of God and (2) I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.



## Two Questions From Ezekiel 28:16b

1. God said: “I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God.” Is he now cast out?
2. God said: “I have destroyed you, O covering cherub. . .” Is he now destroyed?



## Ezekiel 28:16b

- The answer to both questions is a resounding *no*.
- The question is, *why not?*
- We know from Revelation 12:3 that 1/3 of the angels in heaven in his revolution. Obviously the “abundance of his trade” was quite effective!



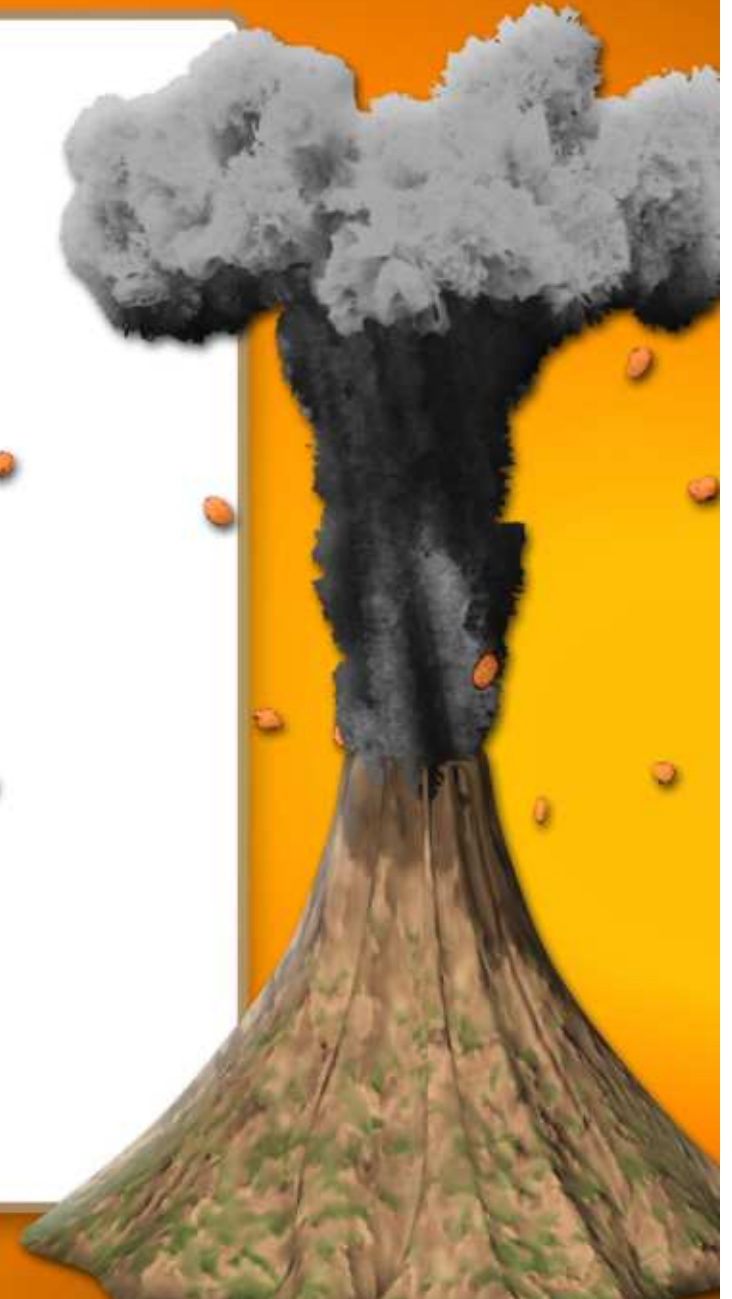
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- Something else. Jesus made reference to what we would call hell in this way: “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.’”



## Matthew 25:41

- Let's look at some key phrases in this verse.
- “Accursed ones” is the perfect passive participle of **καταράομαι**.
- The “eternal fire” is a perfect literal translation of **τὸ πῦρ τὸ αἰώνιον**.



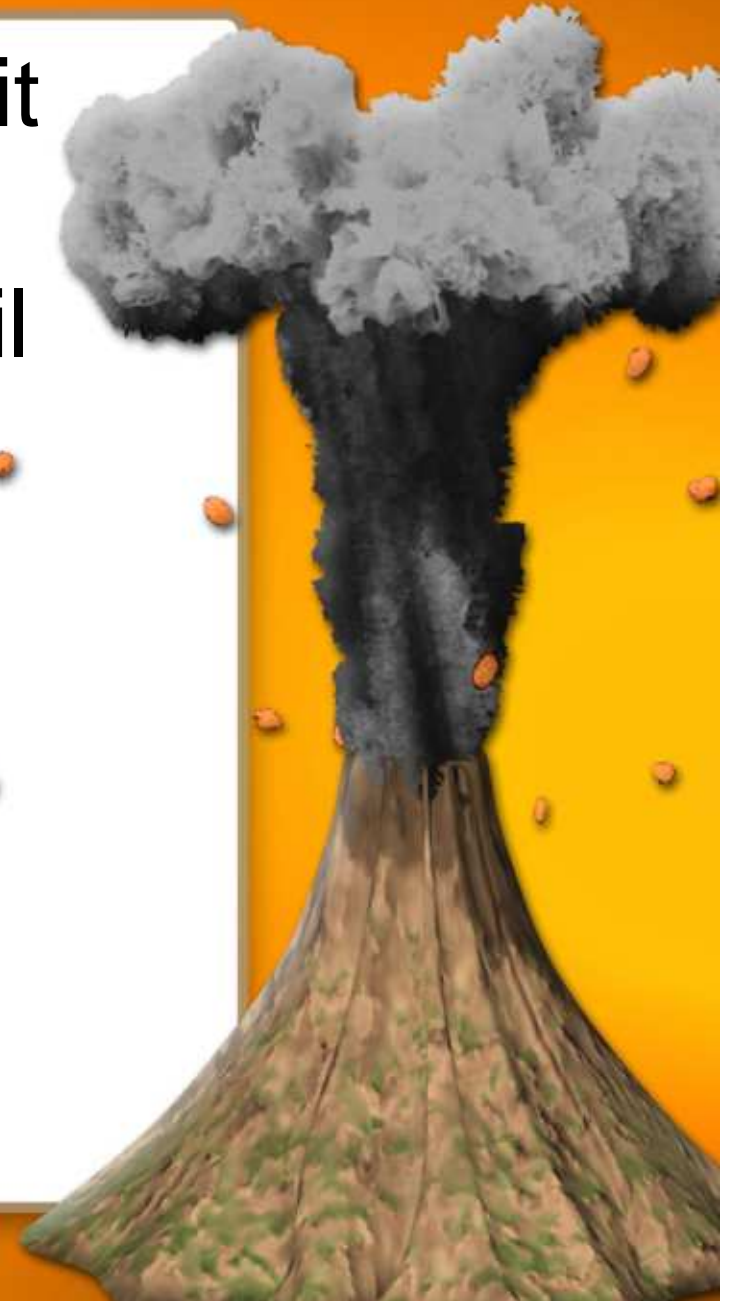
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- “Which has been prepared” translates *one* Greek word, the perfect passive participle of **ἐτοιμάζω**.
- First, the place of “eternal fire” is described as already having been prepared.



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- Second, Jesus said that it was prepared, not for humans, but for “the devil and his angels” (τῷ διαβόλῳ καὶ τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ).

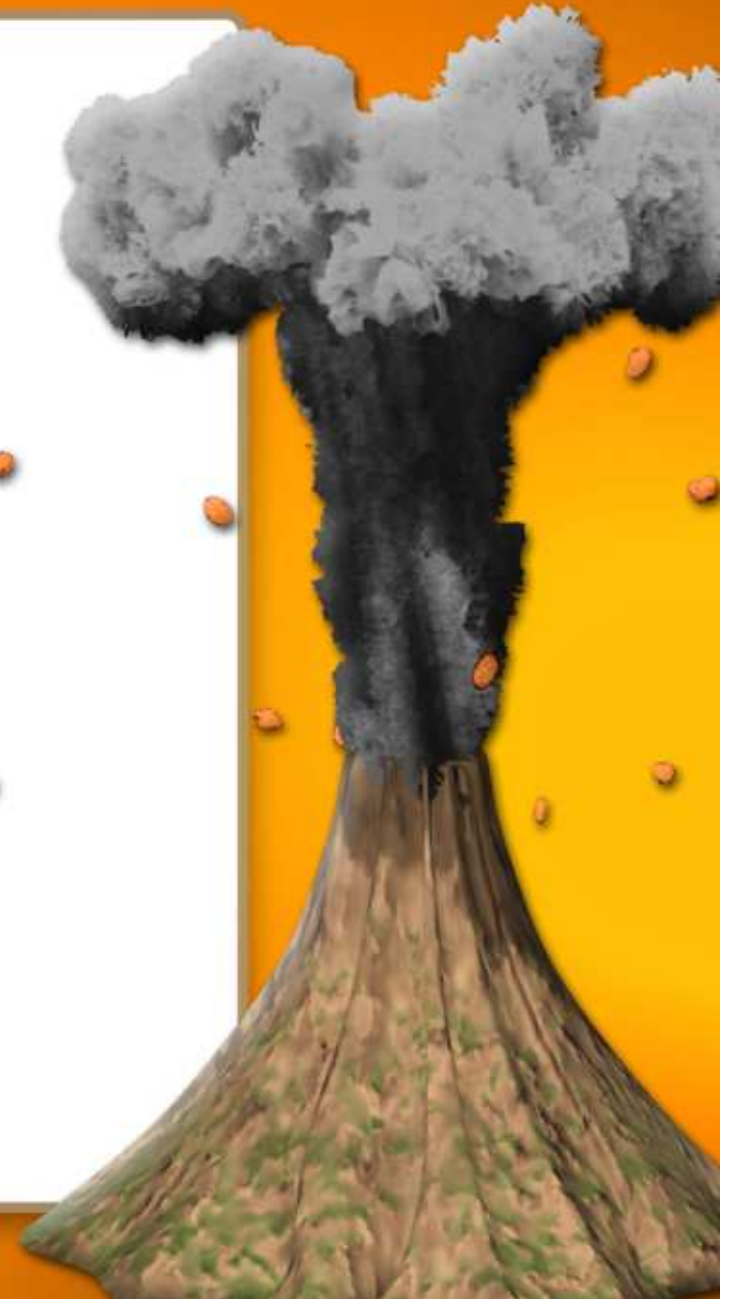




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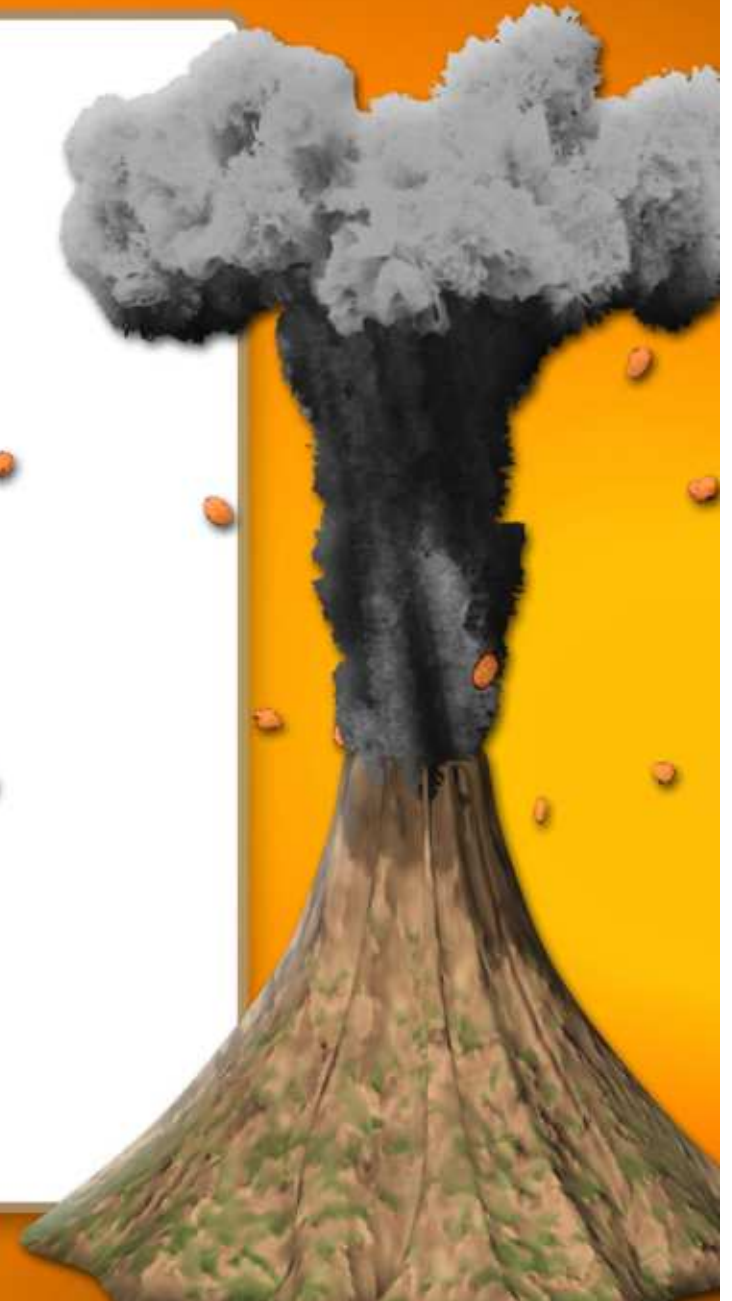
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- Lucifer was created perfect.
- He rebelled against God and convinced 1/3 of the angels in heaven to join him in the rebellion.



# The Birth of Evil

- In his willful act of rebellion against YHWH, Lucifer created evil.
- Everything that 'god created was was good. Evil is a perversion of God's good gift.
- That which is contrary to the divine mind is by definition evil.



# The Birth of Evil

- Satan's rebellion introduced what would become the root of every war, murder, rape, theft, sexual perversion and anything else – mental or physical – that is contrary to God's perfect will.



# The Birth of Evil

- Evil is not the same thing as sin; Jesus died to pay for sin, not for evil.
- Remember, evil is a perversion of good – it does not exist independently.
- The Bible does not allow for dualism.



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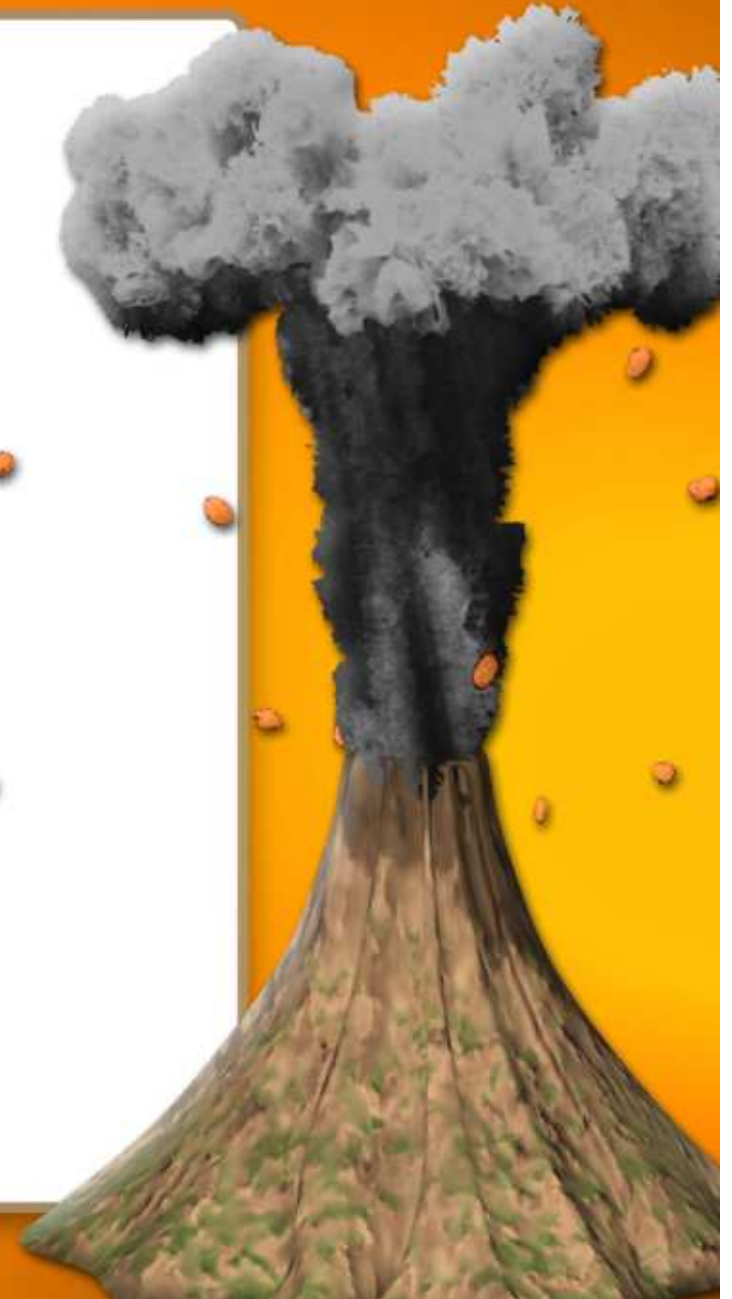
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With his fall,

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## Putting It Together

- God sentenced the Devil (the slanderer) and his angels to the “eternal fire,” which He created especially for them.
- The big question: Why aren't they there?
- The answer is . . .





**Our Topic Next  
Sunday.  
Bub Bye!**



**End**