



Evil, Part 3

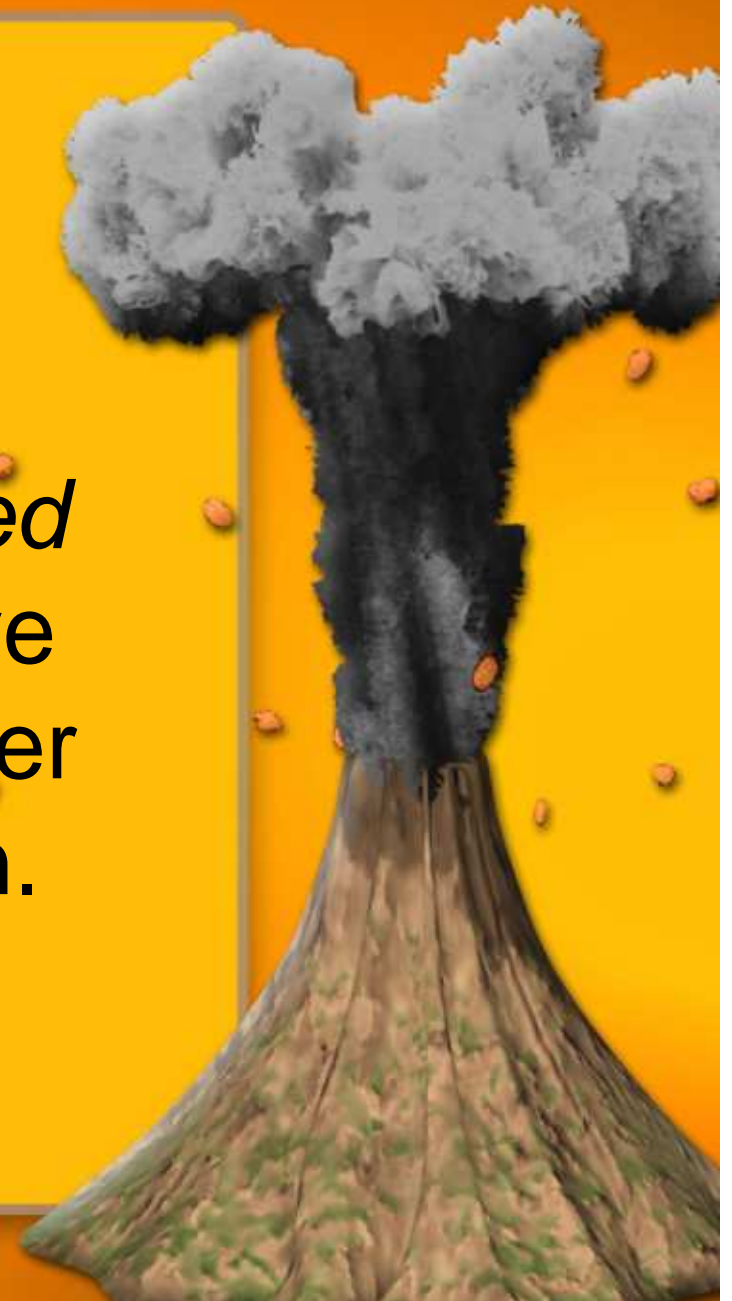


God's Purpose: Recap

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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.



Recap

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

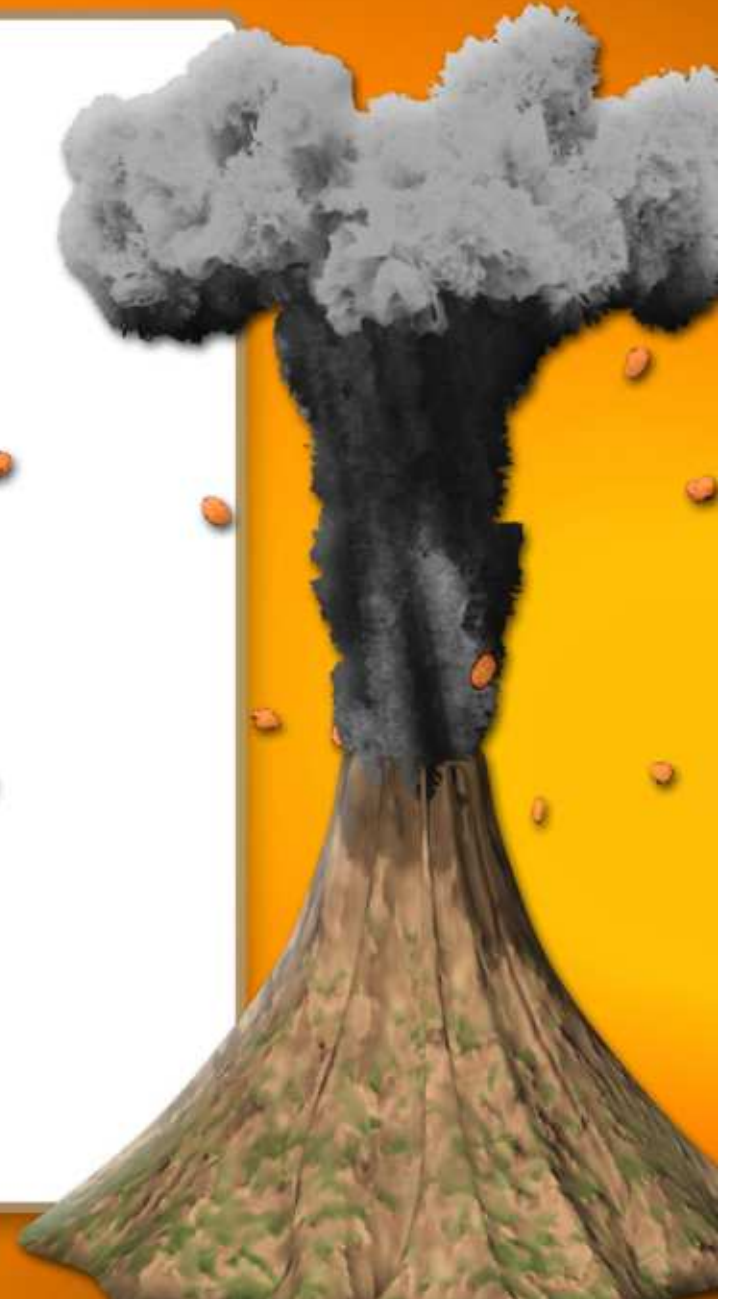




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- Lucifer was created perfect.
- He rebelled against God and convinced 1/3 of the angels in heaven to join him in the rebellion.



The Birth of Evil

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



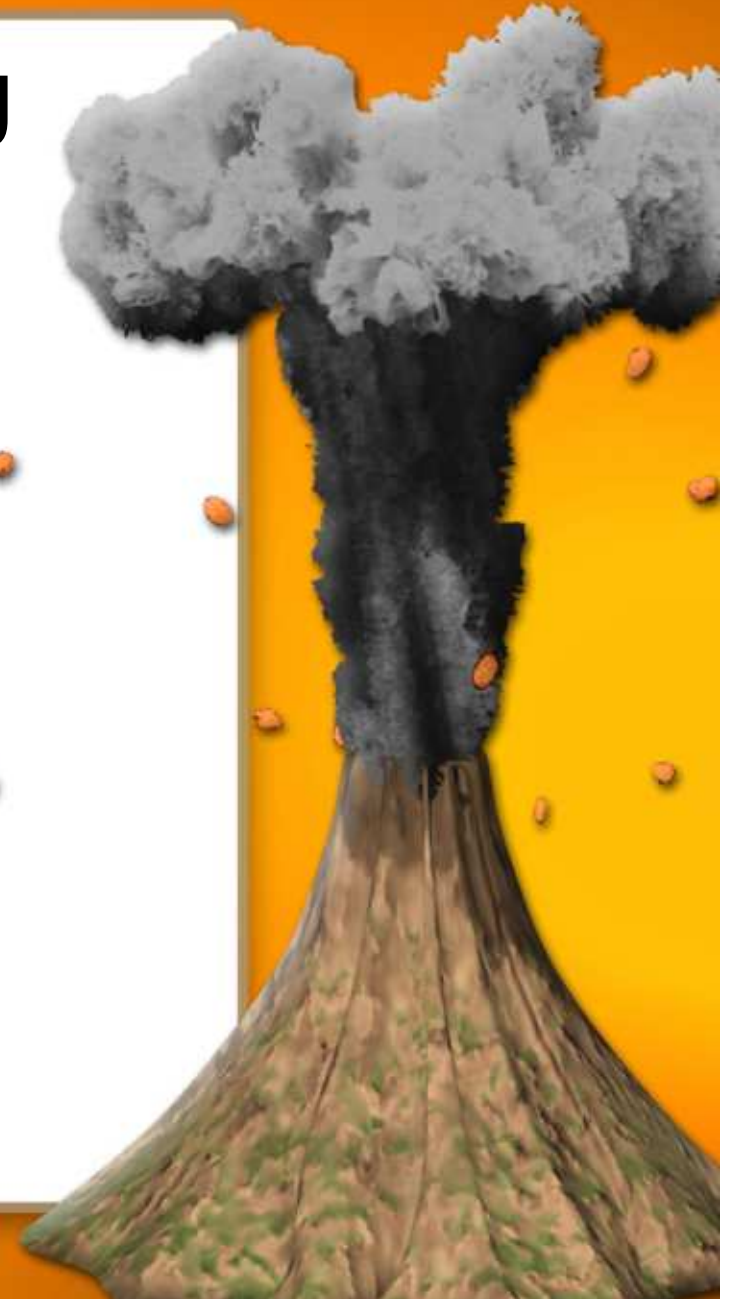
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- Satan's rebellion introduced what would become the root of every war, murder, rape, theft, sexual perversion and anything else – mental or physical – that is contrary to God's perfect will.



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- 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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- Lucifer [Hebrew *Helel*; lit. *shining one*]

Became

- Satan [lit., *the one who accuses*] and
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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 Today

Earth: Seat of the Angelic Rebellion

- Donald Grey Barnhouse contends that the first of Satan's "I wills" indicates "the very important fact that the rebellion began on this earth" from where Satan governed and from which he desired to ascend.

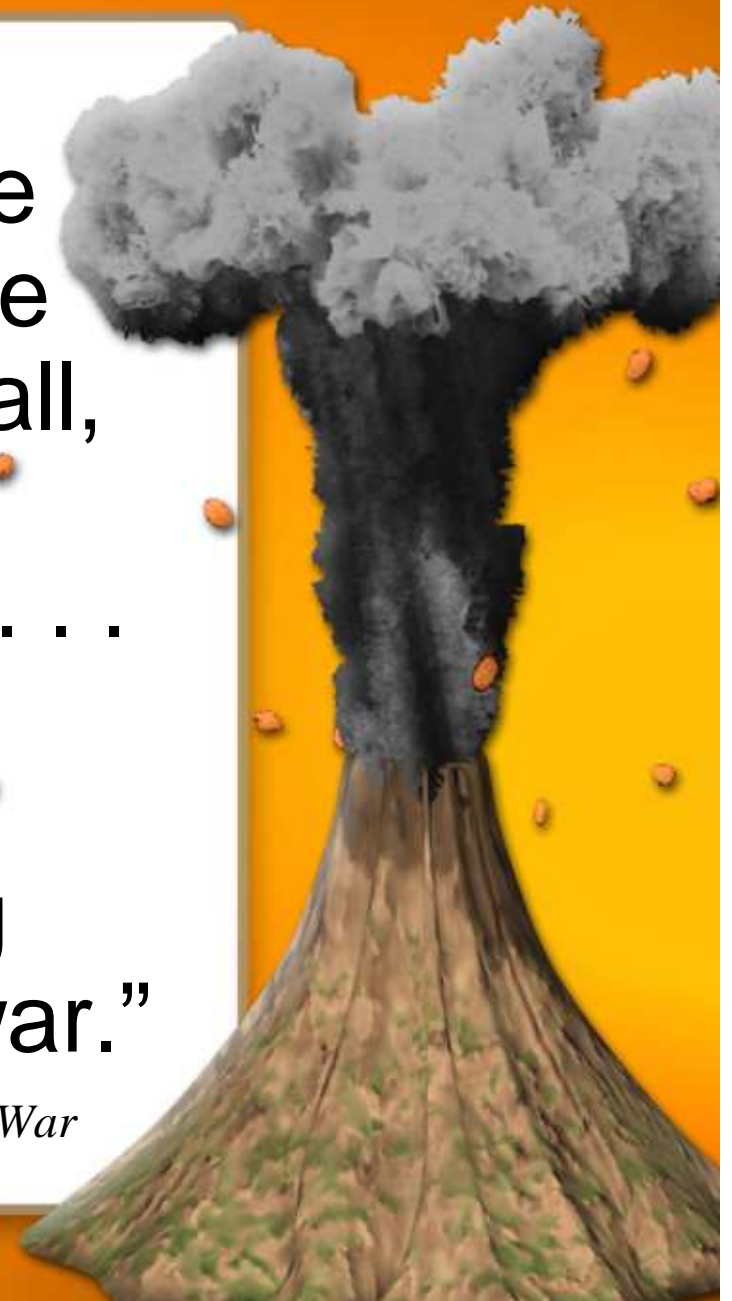
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Earth: Seat of the Angelic Rebellion

“In this theater of the universe, the earth is the stage on which the whole drama of rebellion, ruin, fall, judgment, redemption, salvation and the triumph . . . of God's wisdom and righteousness is being unrolled in the amazing spectacle of the invisible war.”

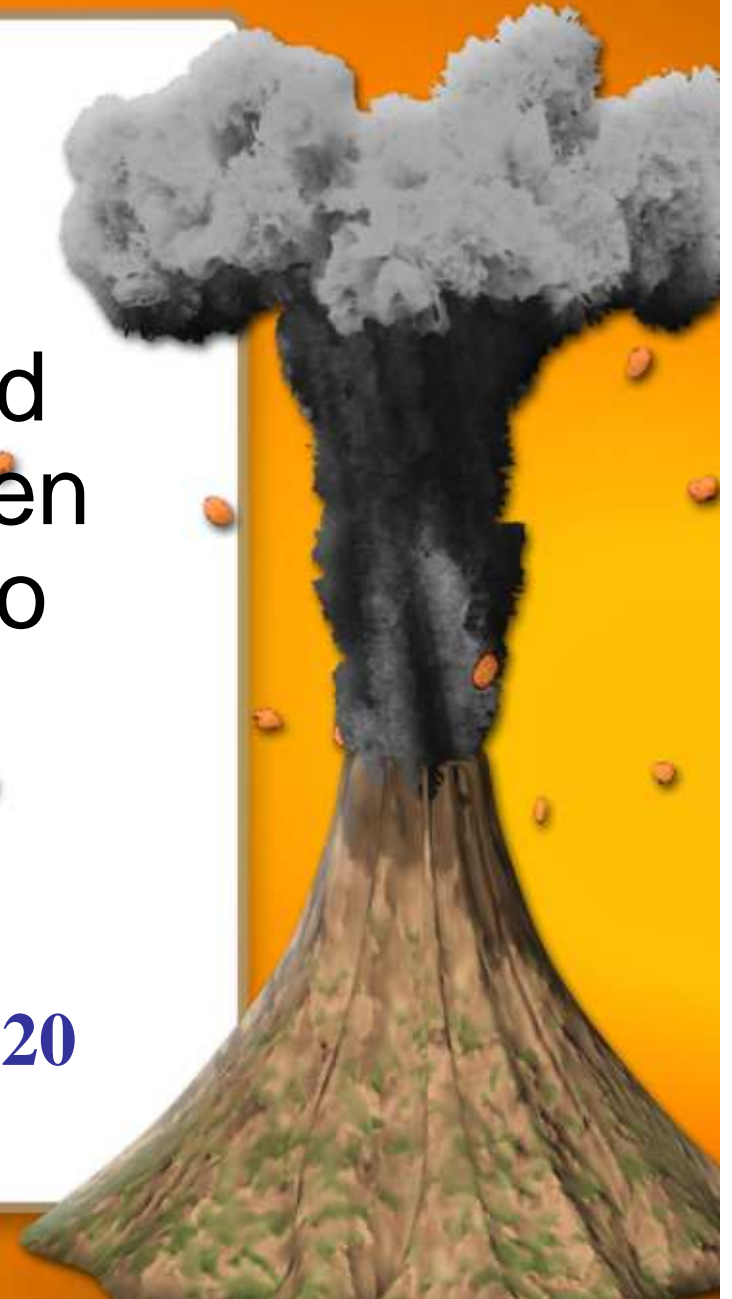
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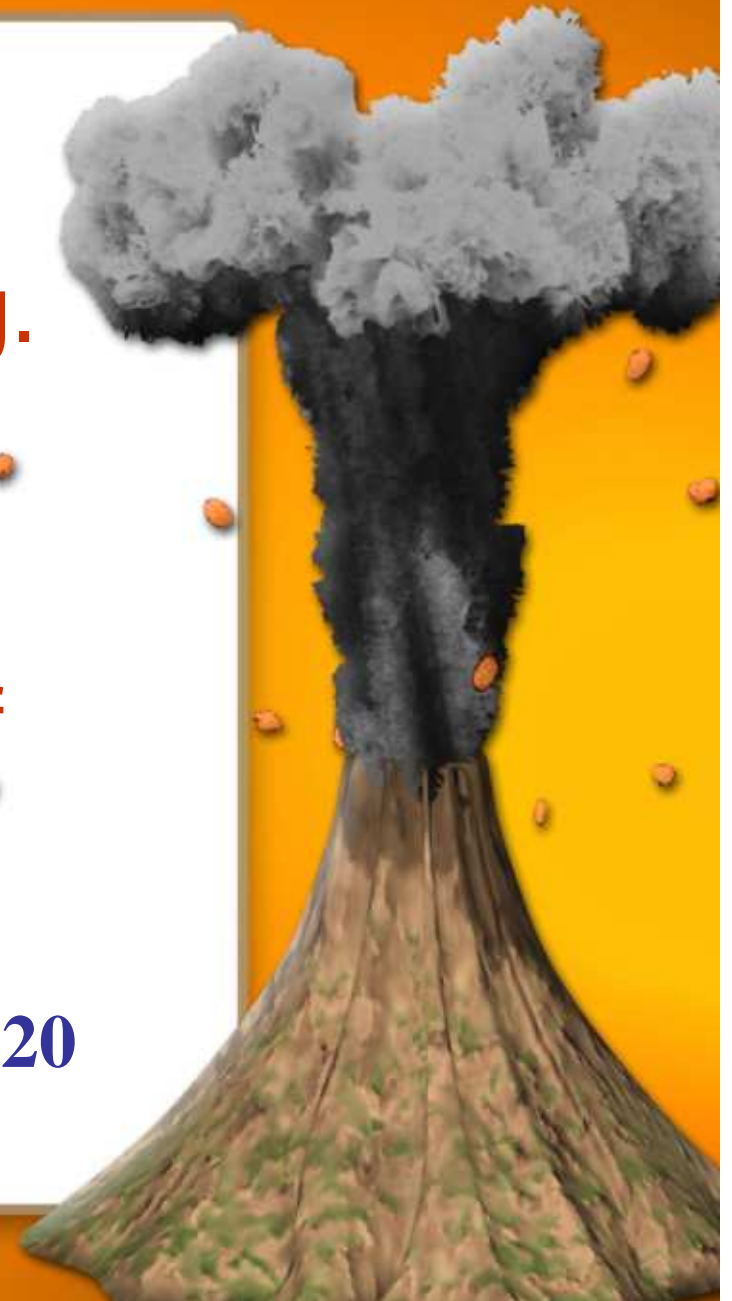
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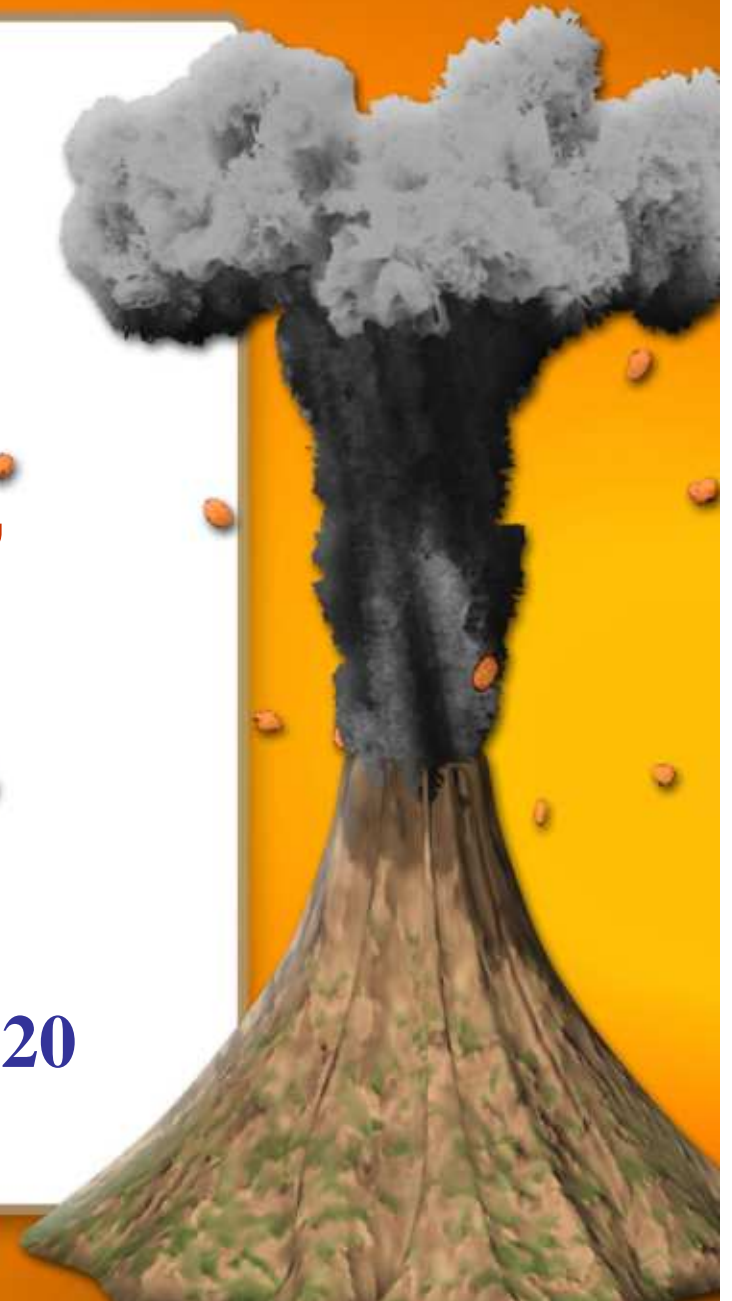
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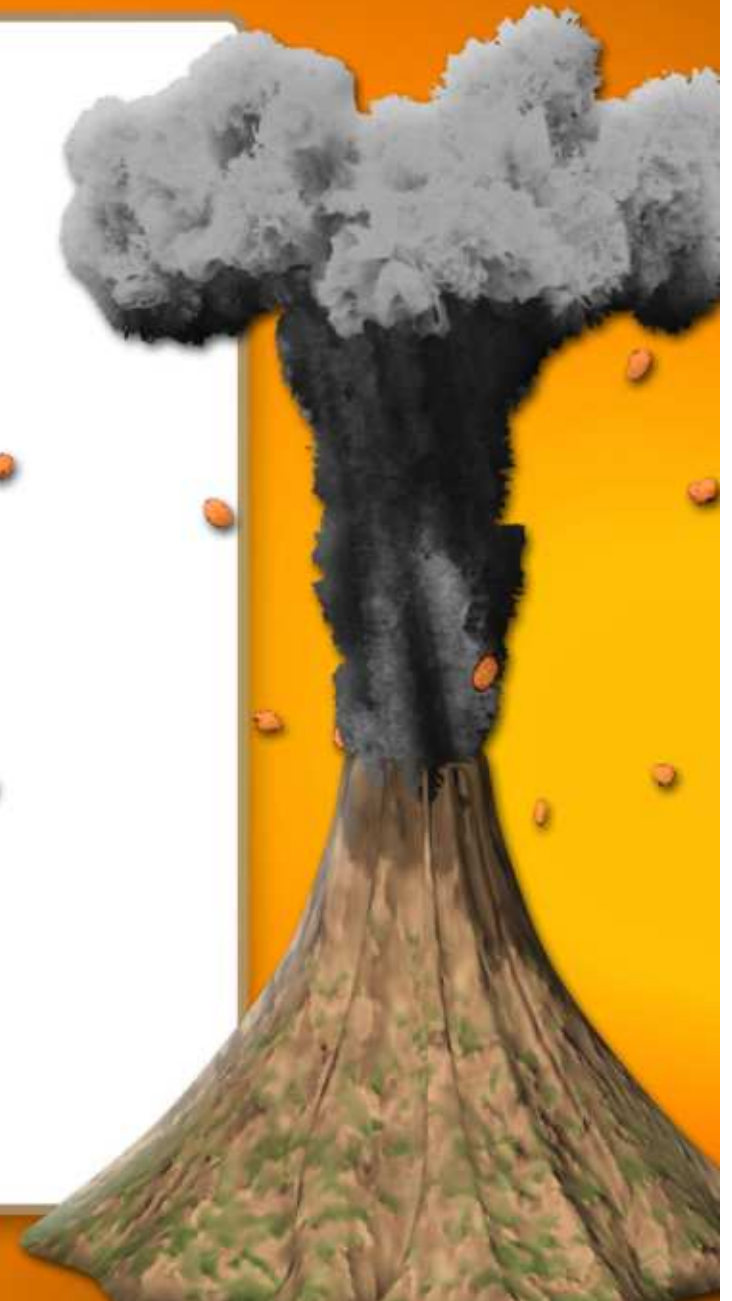
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תְּהוֹ וְבוֹהוּ *Formless & Void*

- The fall of Satan and the resultant angelic conflict led to the destruction of the earth.
- Thus the once perfectly created planet became “without form” (תְּהוֹ/tohu) and “void” (וְבוֹהוּ/bohu).



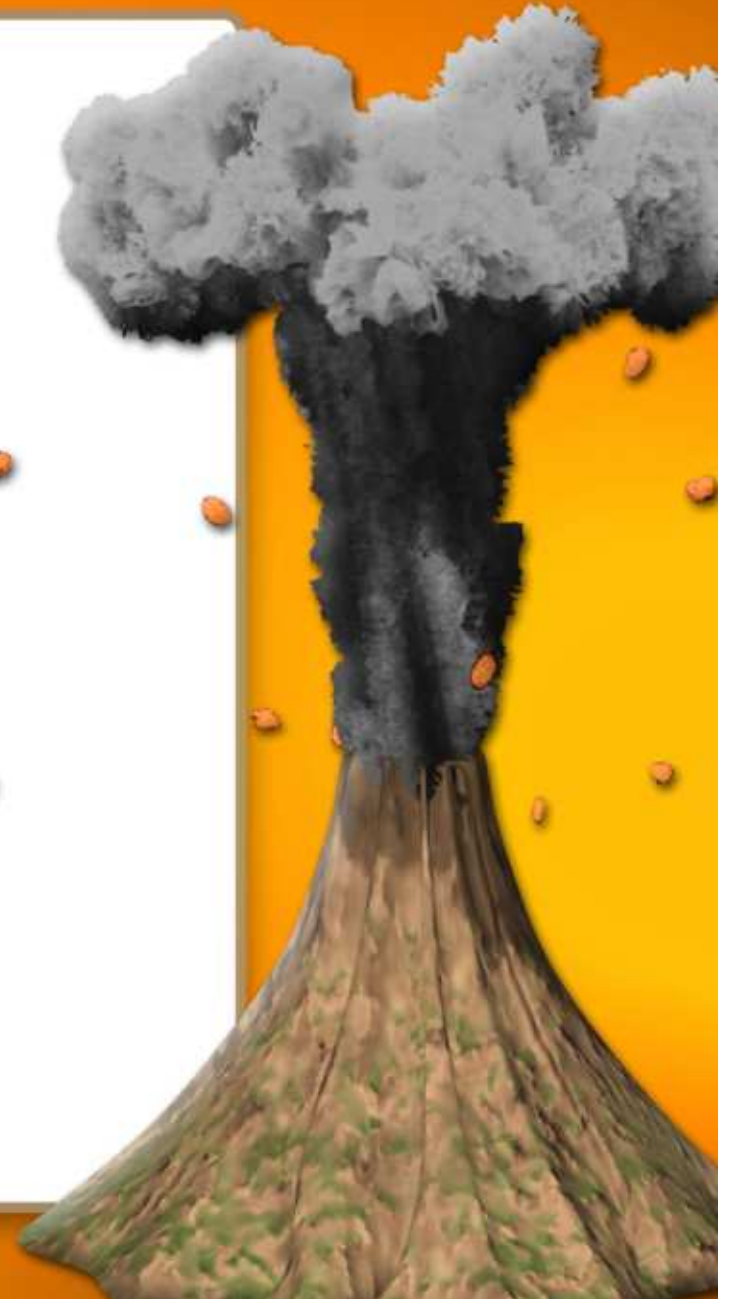
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- **Genesis 1:2:** “And the earth was formless and void (תָּהוּ וָבֶהוּ) and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.”
- “Was” (הָיָה) may also be translated “had become.”



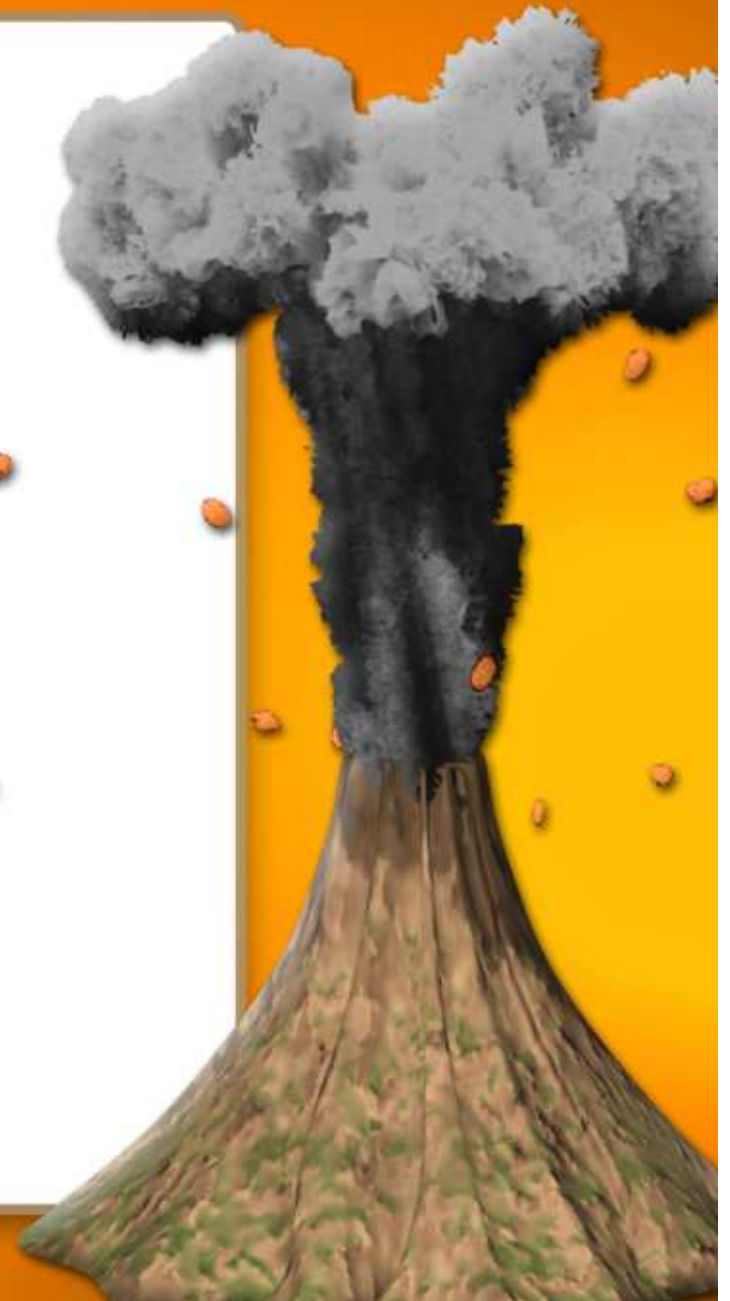
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- Thus, **Genesis 1:1-2** may be translated: “In a beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth *had become* (היה) *formless and void* (תהו ובהו) . . .”
- The earth became a desolate wasteland as a result of divine judgment.



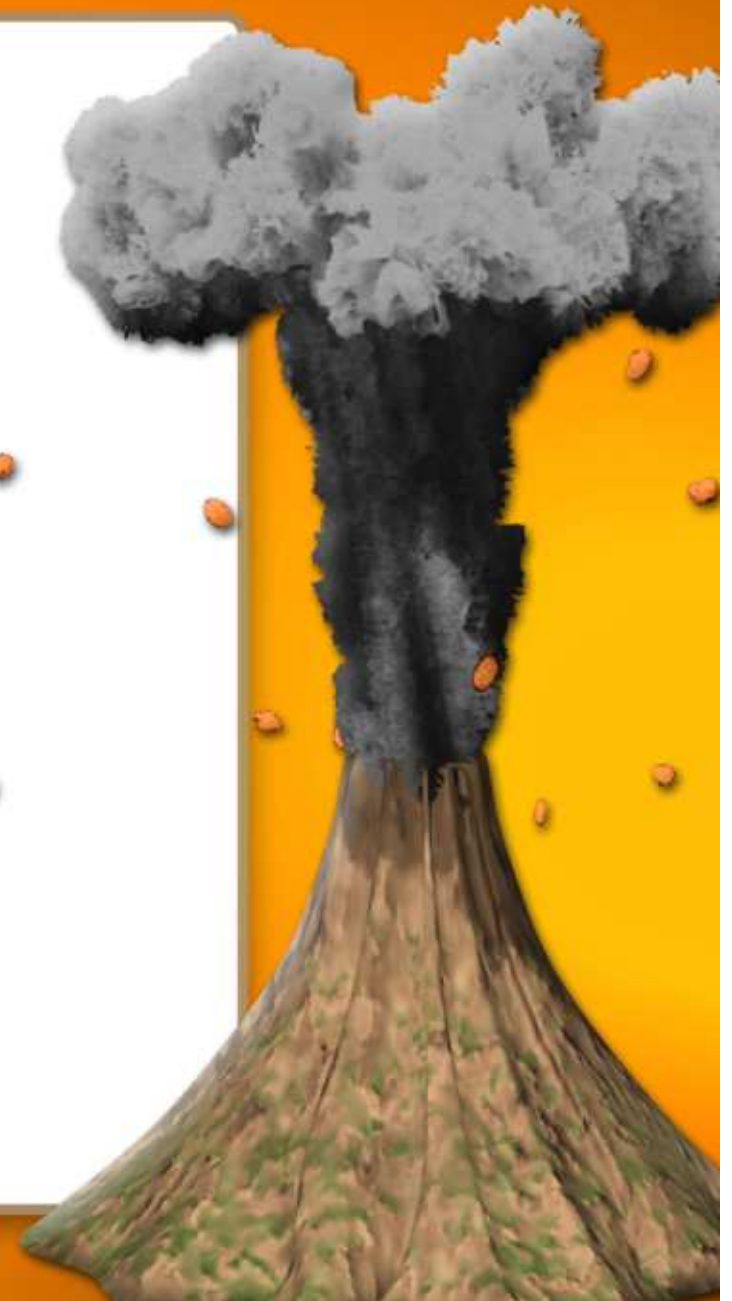
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- These words are used to describe a condition produced by divine judgment in the only two other texts where they appear in conjunction with each other (**Isaiah 34:11** and **Jeremiah 4:23**).



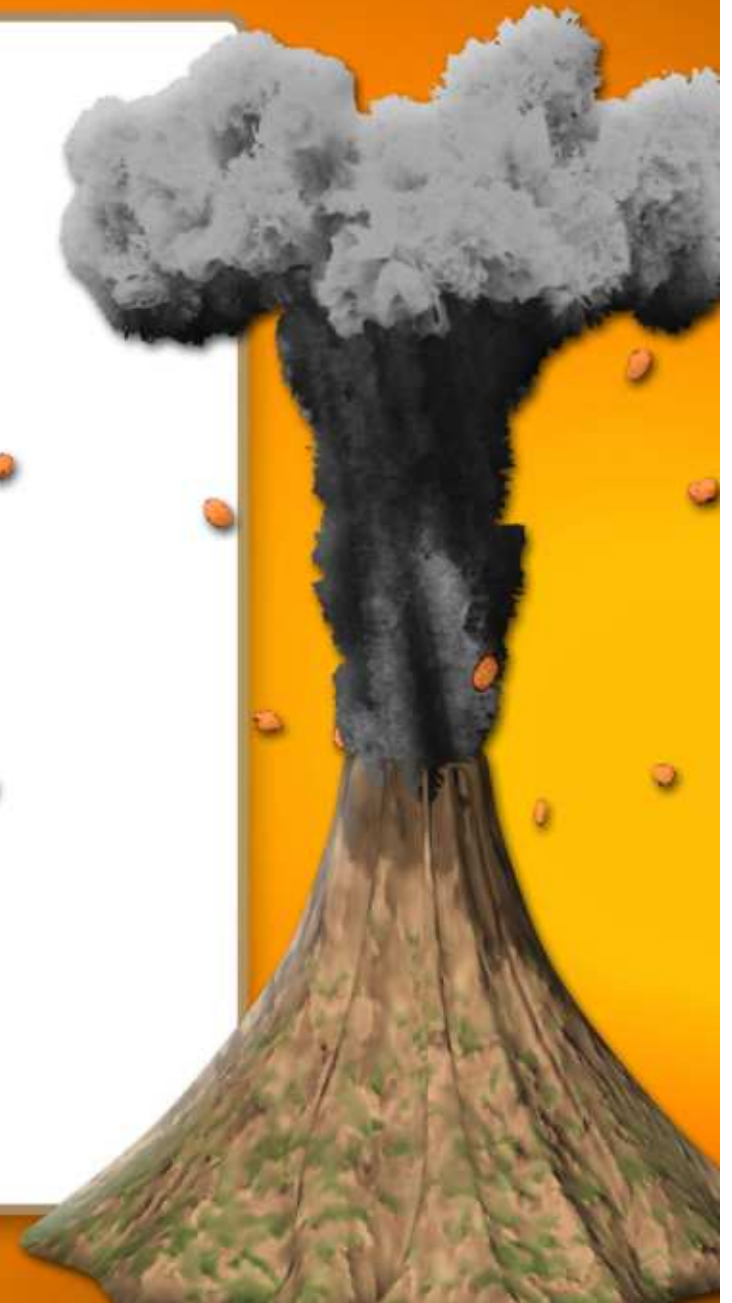
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- **Isaiah 34:11:** “But pelican and hedgehog shall possess it, and owl and raven shall dwell in it; and He shall stretch over it the line of desolation (תהו) and the plumb line of emptiness (בהו).”



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- **Jeremiah 4:23-28:** “I looked on the earth, and behold, *it was formless and void* (תהו ובהו); and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro . . .”



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- **Jeremiah 4:23-28:** “I looked, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were pulled down before the Lord, before His fierce anger . . .”



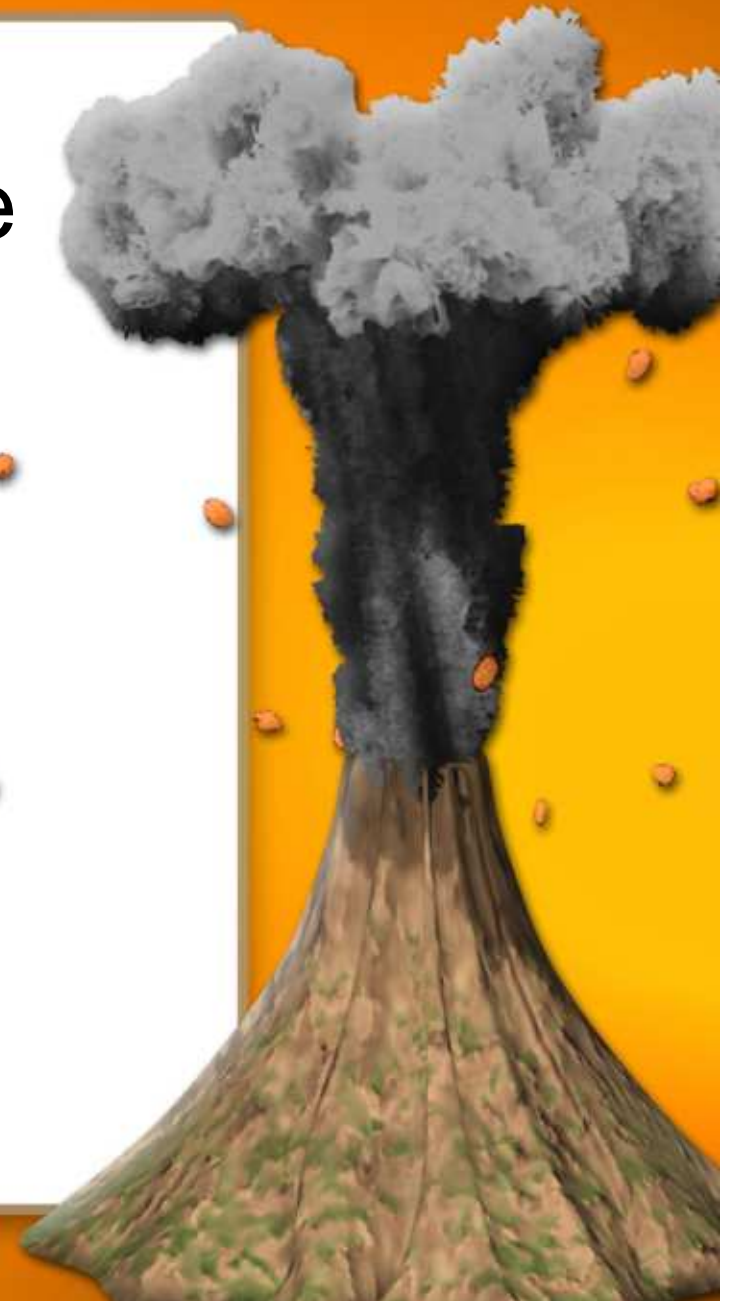
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- **Jeremiah 4:23-28:** “For thus says the Lord, ‘The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not execute a complete destruction.’”



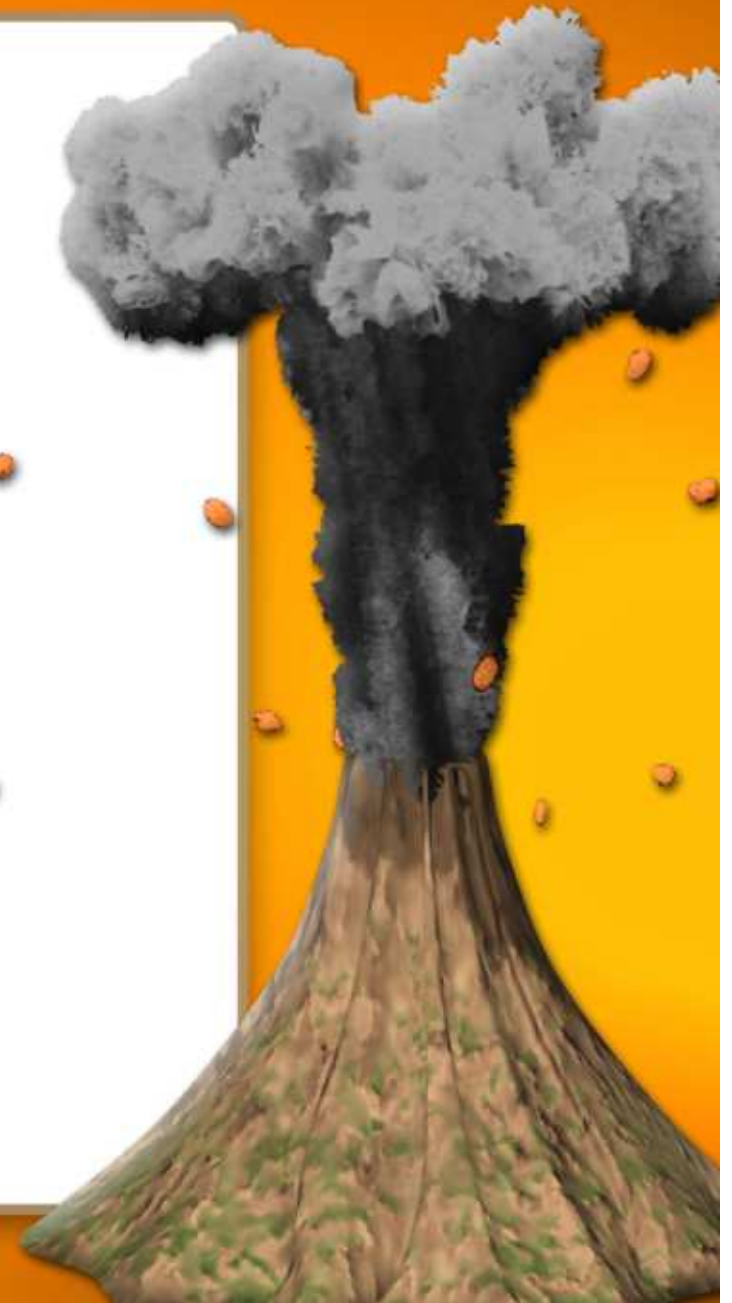
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- God specifically tells us that He did not create the heavens and the earth “formless” (תהו).
- **Isaiah 45:18:** “. . . He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place [תהו] . . .”



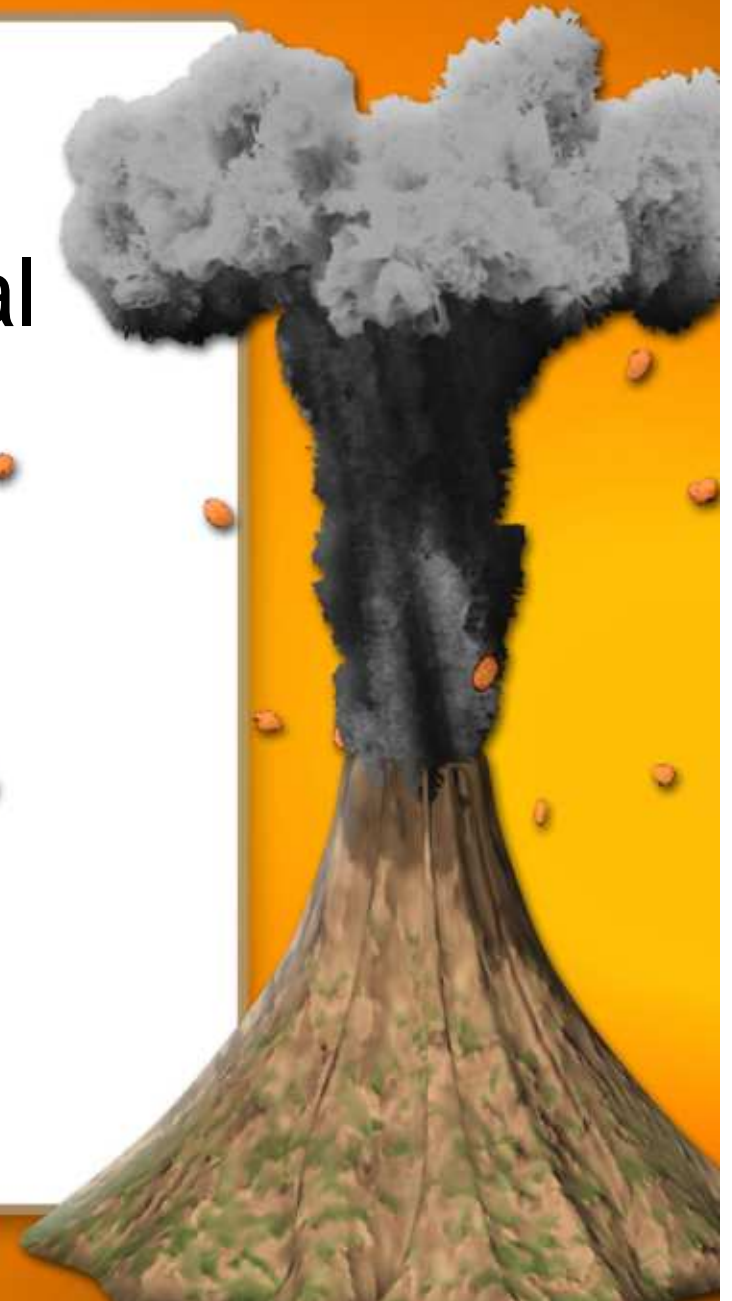
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- Furthermore, all of God's works are perfect! "The Rock! His work is perfect (**Deuteronomy 32:4a**).



תהו ובהו *Formless & Void*

- Even Satan, as we have seen, was created perfect: “You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty ... You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created”
- So much for dualism.



תהו ובהו *Formless & Void*

- The pre-chaotic earth, which abounded in plant and animal (dinosaur) life, was the location of Satan's divinely appointed headship over the other angels.
- He was in primordial Eden long before the creation of Adam.





**Q. What Brought the
Earth Into Such a
State of Ruin?**

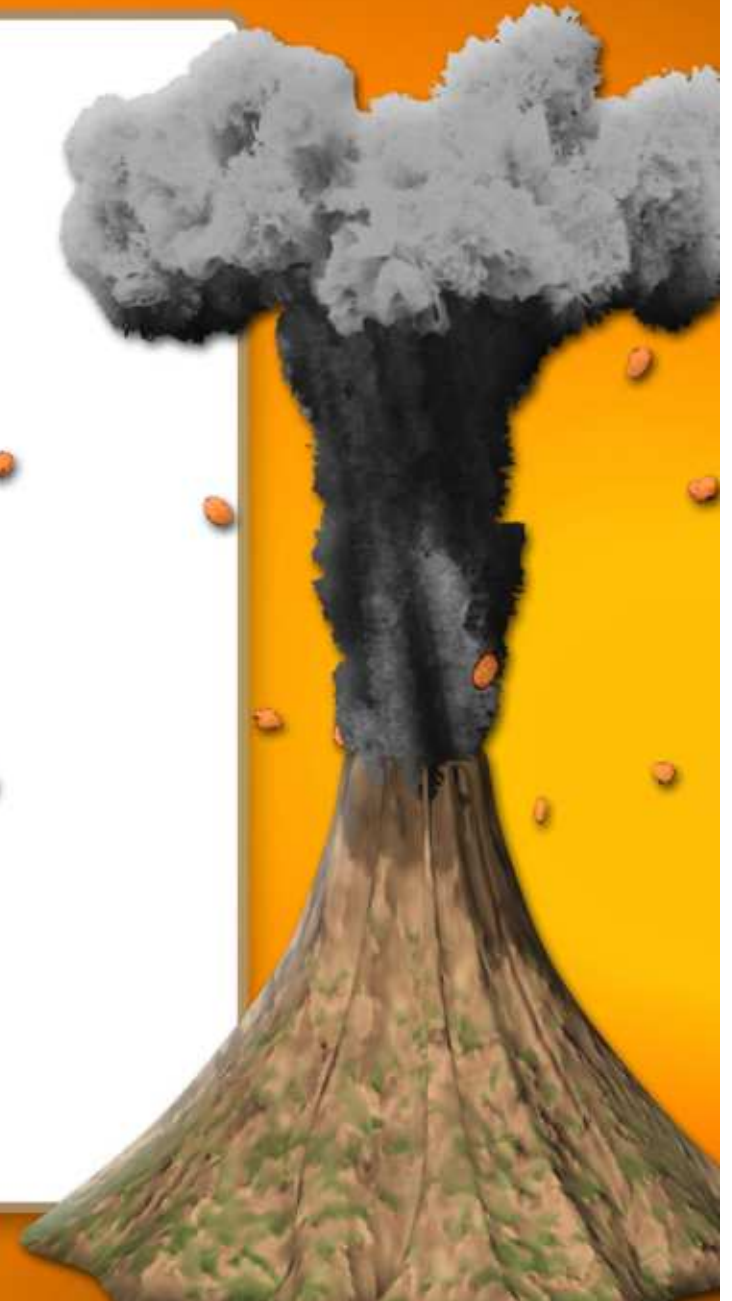


The Fall of Satan

And It's Disastrous Results

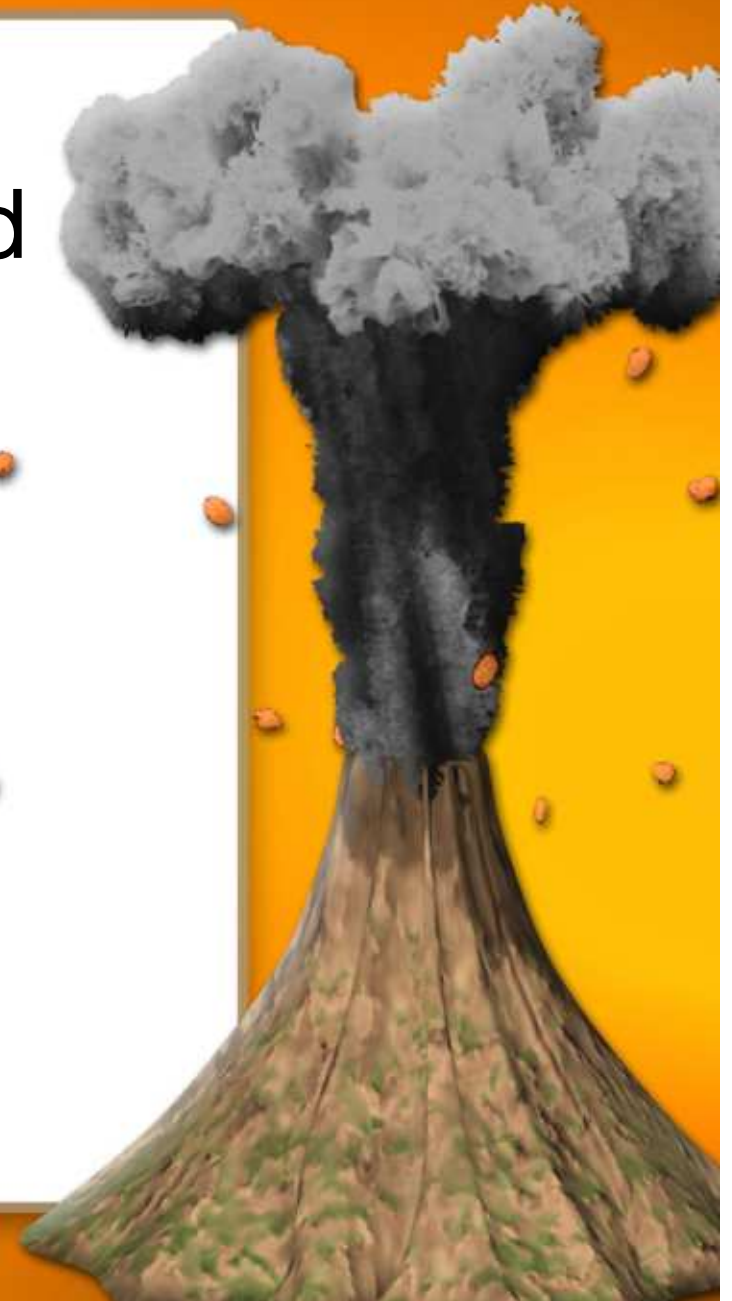
The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- We have shown that Satan fell.
- We know *who*: Satan did this to himself and led others in his revolution.
- We know *why*: pride and slander.
- Q. *When* did he fall?
- Q. *Where* did he fall?



The Time of Satan's Fall

- Satan fell sometime between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.



The Bible and Science

- Scientific observation demands an Earth that is much older than 6,000 years.
- The Bible teaches that the Earth is only 6,000 years old.
- Therefore, the Bible is wrong.



The Usual Biblical Responses

- “Ummmm.”
- “God said it, that settles it!”
- These answers are inadequate because they deny observable facts (i.e., dinosaur bones or scars on the earth’s surface that indicate an Ice Age).



Another View

- Let's challenge the widely held view of Genesis 1 and ask, *'Does the Bible really teach that the Earth is 6,000 years old?'*
- The answer is, *'No, it does not.'*



6,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

4000 b.c.	2000 b.c.	The Advent of Christ	a.d. 2004
Pre-history Genesis 1:2 to 11:9	The first known civilizations: Sumer and Egypt Abraham	Birth, Life and Death of Christ Birth of the Church	

In The Beginning

Genesis 1:2a:

“And the earth was formless [תהו; *tohu*] and void.”

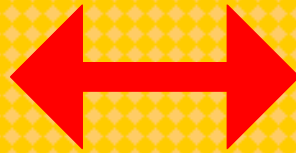
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**The Fall of
Lucifer and
1/3 of the
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Genesis
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Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19

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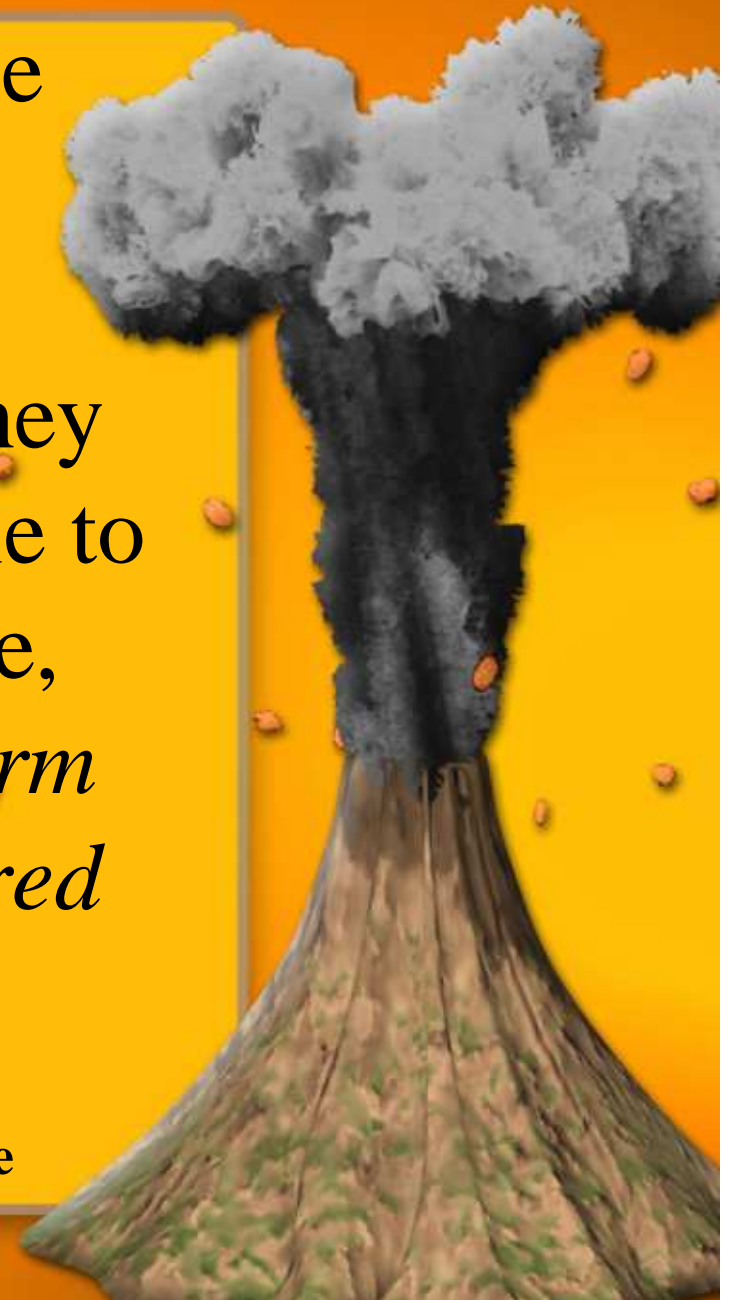
“One of the commonest errors in Biblical interpretation is the thought that the first verse of Genesis and the second verse are closely connected in time. This error leads many readers to believe that God had originally created the earth in chaotic form”

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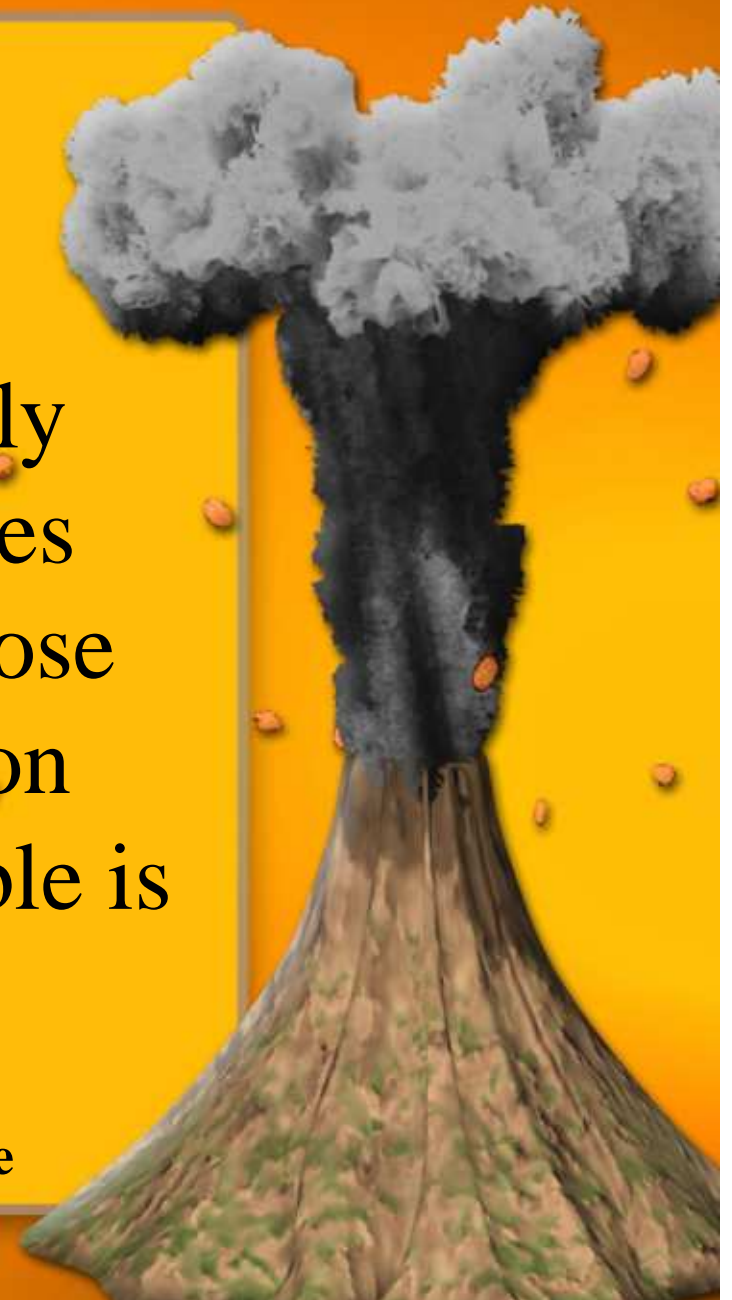
“Their minds are driven to the rim of the first verse, *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*, and they too readily suppose it possible to go right on into the next verse, *And the earth was without form and void, and darkness covered the face of the deep . . .*”

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“Yet there is no doubt that between the two there is a great gulf fixed. I say “no doubt,” for the matter is amply demonstrated by the Scriptures themselves. Following the close of the passage, the punctuation after the first verse of the Bible is a might period”

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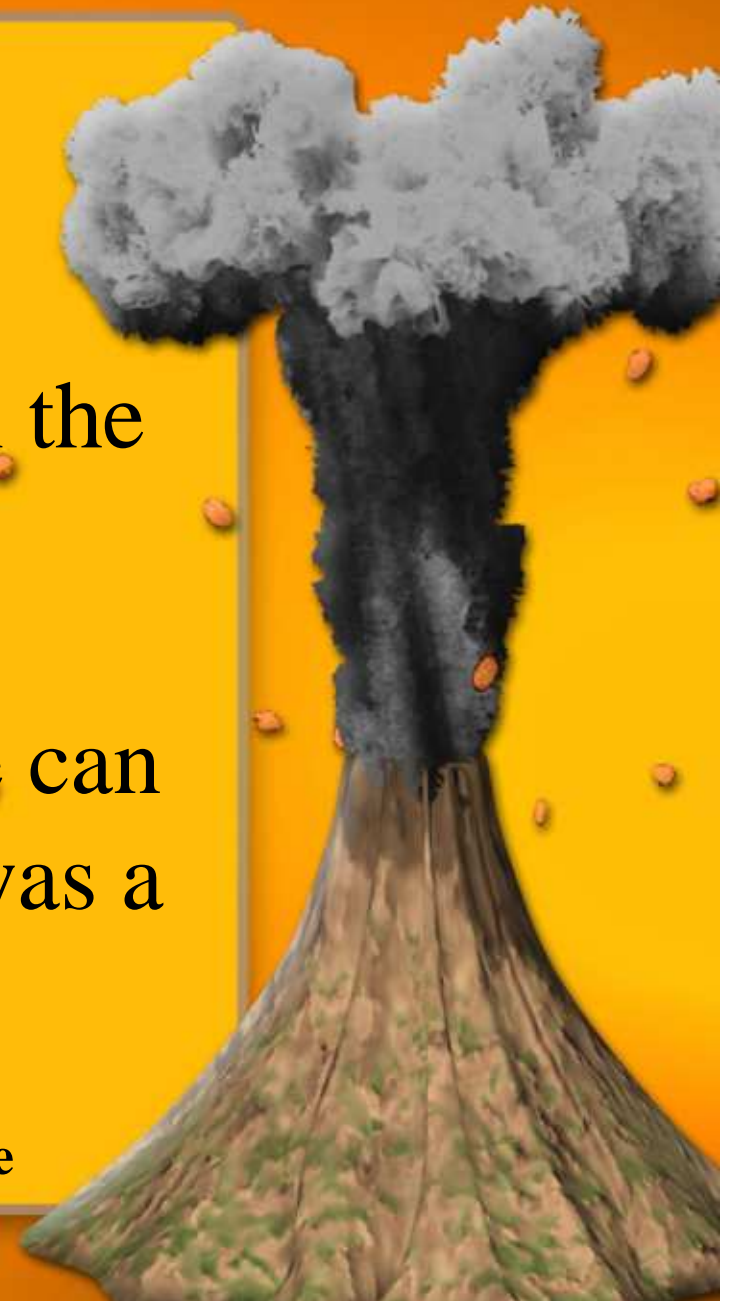
“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Period . . . That verse takes us back . . . into the edges of a past eternity . . . You are on the edge of an Abyss . . . Something happened to the heavens and the earth which God had created.”

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“Millions of years may have run their course during that first creation, and other millions may have elapsed in the interval between the two verses. We do not know. But there was an interval, and we can be absolutely certain that it was a great one.”

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Where Did Satan Fall?

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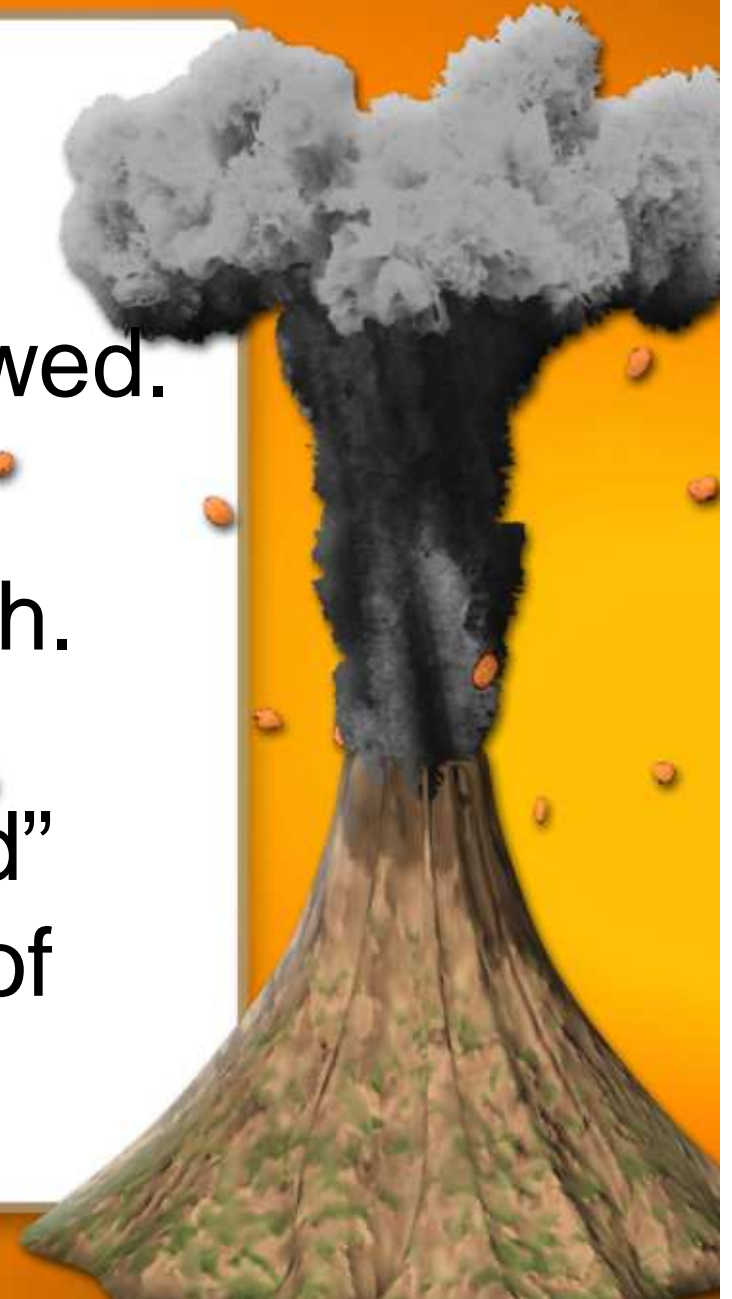
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The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- So Satan fell. He led a rebellion against God.
- 1/3 of God's angels followed.
- Satan's rule had been intimately tied to the Earth. He was in the primordial "Eden, the garden of God" long before the creation of Adam and Eve.



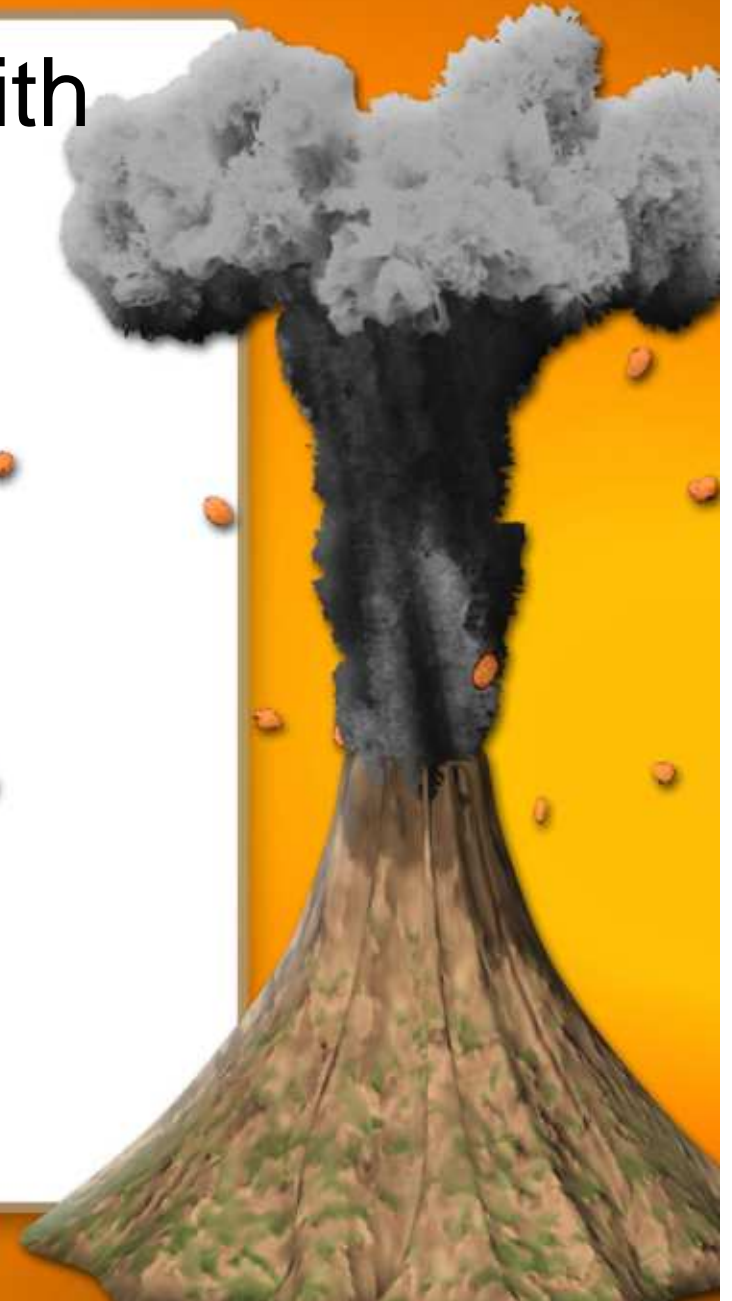
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- God judged the earth.
- This prehistoric divine judgment sheds light on Satan's fall and the continuing control he exercises over it.
- This interpretation leaves room for an indeterminate period of time between the original creation and divine judgment.



The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- God covered the earth with “waters” (**Genesis 1:3**) and froze them instantly.
- The Bible records that “darkness was over the face of the deep.”



The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- Darkness = the absence of all light.
- The absence of all light = the absence of all heat.
- The absence of all heat + the presence of water = ice.
- The entire earth, therefore, was encased in an icepack.







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Blue Glacier, Olympic National Park, Washington



The Great Ice Age

by Louis L. Ray

The Great Ice Age, a recent chapter in the Earth's history, was a period of recurring widespread glaciations. During the Pleistocene Epoch of the geologic time scale, which began about a million or more years ago, mountain glaciers formed on all continents, the icecaps of Antarctica and Greenland were more extensive and thicker than today, and vast glaciers, in places as much as several thousand feet thick, spread across northern North America and Eurasia. So extensive were these glaciers that almost a third of the present land surface of the Earth was intermittently covered by ice. Even today remnants of the great glaciers cover almost a tenth of the

land, indicating that conditions somewhat similar to those which produced the Great Ice Age are still operating in polar and subpolar climates.

Much has been learned about the Great Ice Age glaciers because evidence of their presence is so widespread and because similar conditions can be studied today in Greenland, in Antarctica, and in many mountain ranges where glaciers still exist. It is possible, therefore, to reconstruct in large part the extent and general nature of the glaciers of the past and to interpret their impact on the physical and biological environments.

During the long course of Earth history, the climate has fluctuated, just as the general character of the Earth's surface has changed. In fact, there is evidence that glaciations occurred long before the Great Ice Age.

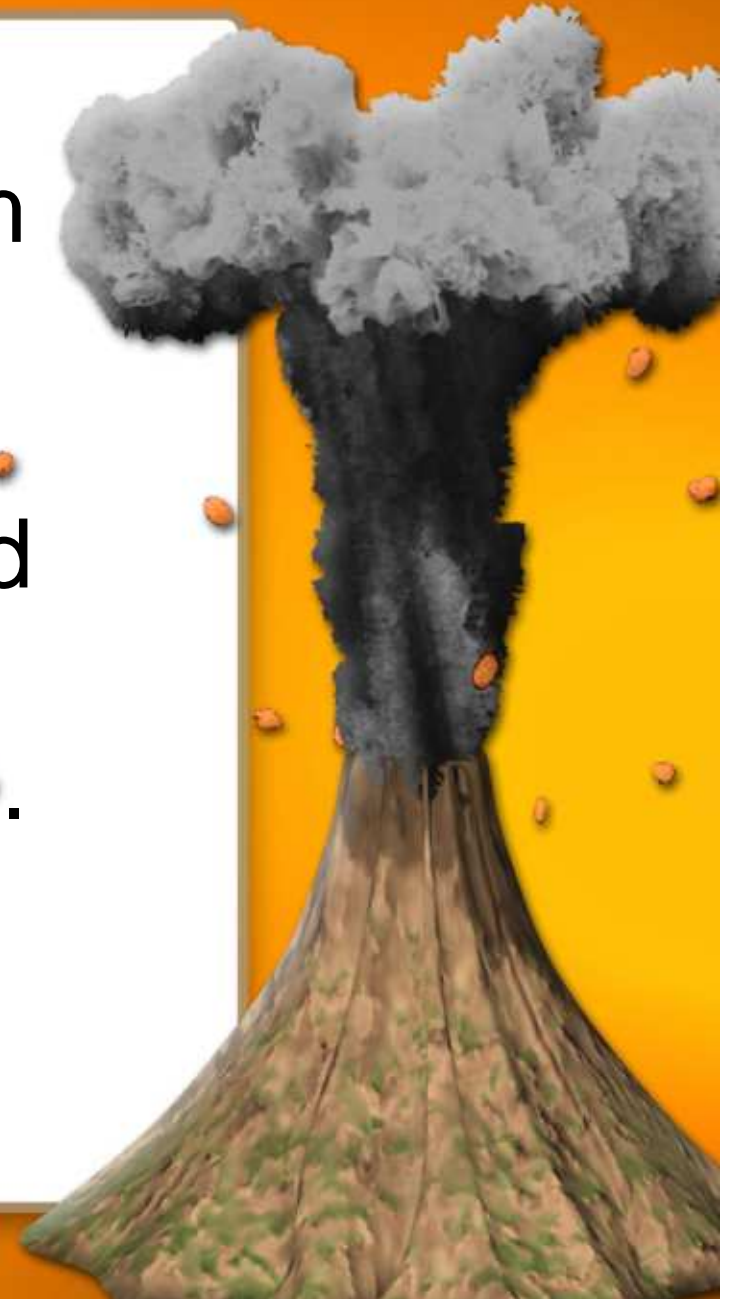


Roche moutonnee surface, Alaska.

transported and deposited in the same manner long ago. Also, they observed that the polished and scratched or finely grooved and rounded bedrock knobs (*roches moutonnées*) along the valley walls and floors were similar to those emerging from beneath the melting ice of the existing glaciers. The similarity suggested that the *roches moutonnées* had been produced by the moving glacial ice at a time when the glaciers extended farther down the mountain valleys.

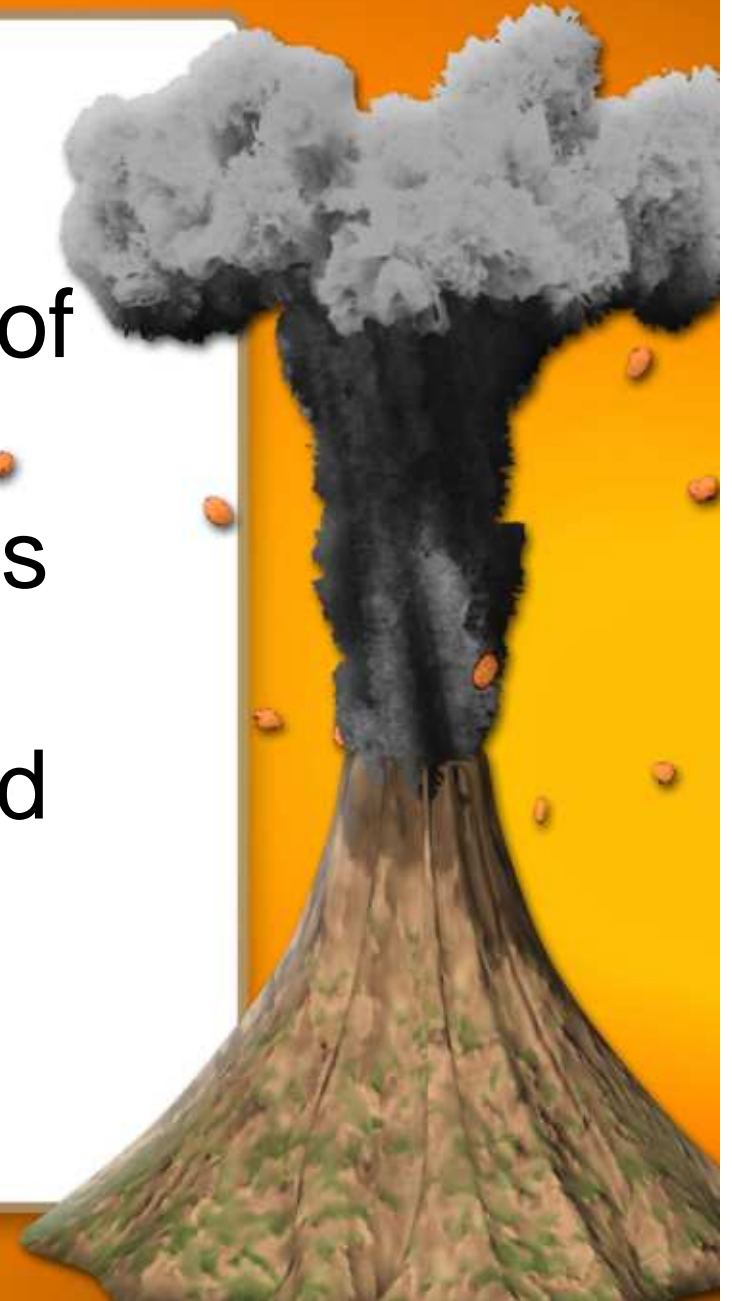
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- Satan and those angels which chose to follow him were tried, found guilty, and sentenced. The lake of fire was then “prepared for the devil and his angels” (**Matthew 25:41**).



The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- But apparently Satan appealed the sentence, impugning the character of God and charging Him with unfairness. The basis of his appeal was that a loving God could not send his creatures to a lake of fire.



“From his activities as seen in Scripture, it seems only logical that Satan may have argued that God was unloving and that His judgment of Satan and his angels to the lake of fire was unfair and unjust . . .”

J. Hampton Keathley III



“Shortly after the creation of Adam and Eve, the devil’s attack on the character of God as unfair becomes immediately evident in the slanderous nature of his questions and statements to Eve in the temptation (**Genesis 3:1-5**)”

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“So today, from a world that lies under his deception, there is a common sentiment echoed among many who, rejecting God’s Word, may say, “The God of the Bible is vengeful. How could a loving God send people to hell? I refuse to believe in a God like that.”

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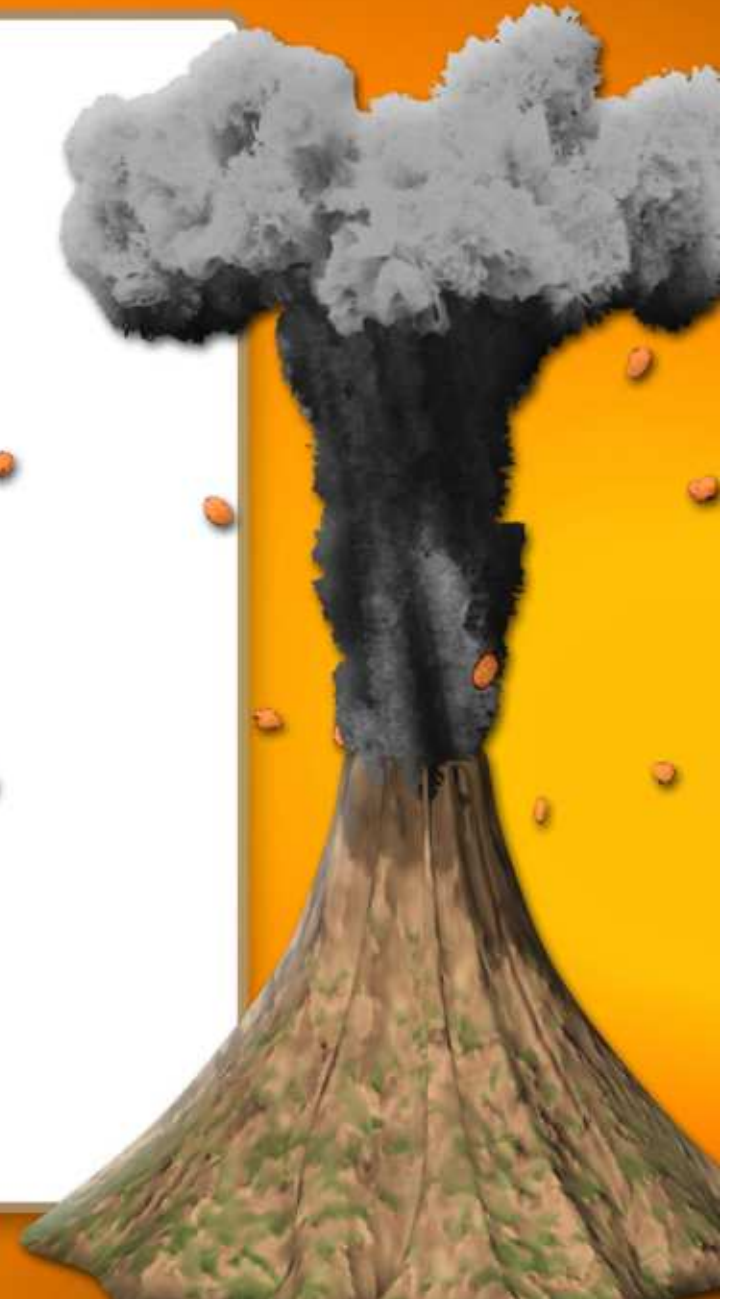
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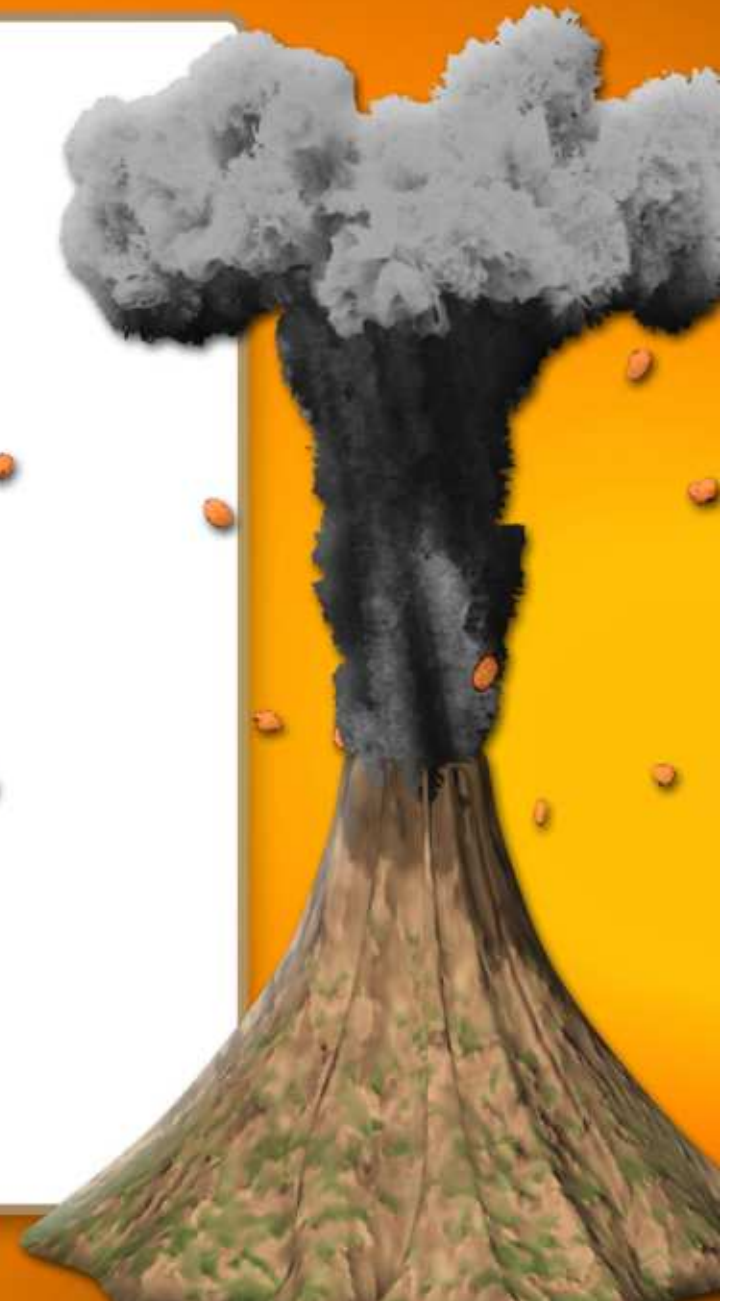
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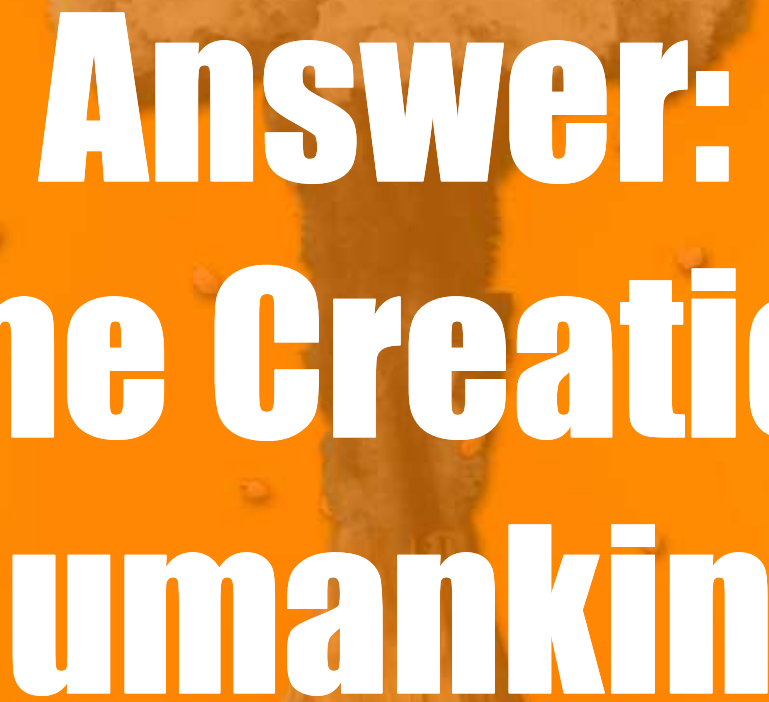
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- Satan appealed his case, impugned the character of God, and God has temporarily suspended the sentence until the matter could be resolved.
- But how, exactly is the matter going to be resolved?



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**Answer:
By The Creation of
Humankind**

Angelic Observation

1 Corinthians 4:9: “For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”



Angelic Observation

1 Corinthians 11:8-10: “For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman’s sake, but woman for the man’s sake. Therefore the woman ought to have *a symbol of authority* on her head, because of the angels.” .”



Angelic Observation

Ephesians 3:10: "...in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*."



Angelic Observation

1 Peter 1:10-12: “As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful search and inquiry, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.



Angelic Observation

1 Peter 1:10-12: “. . .It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.”





**Two Weeks From Today:
Adam and Eve Enter the
Arena of the Angelic
Conflict**



End