



Evil, Part 4

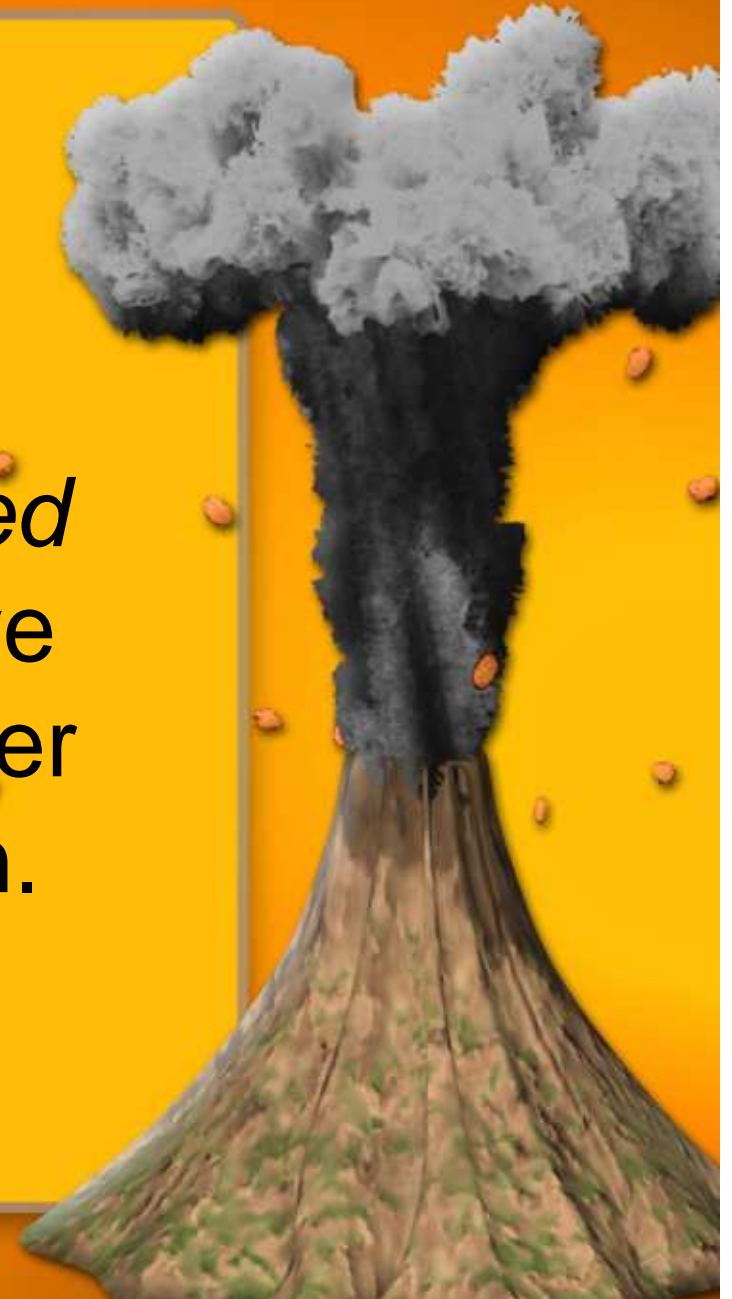


God's Purpose: Recap

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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*.

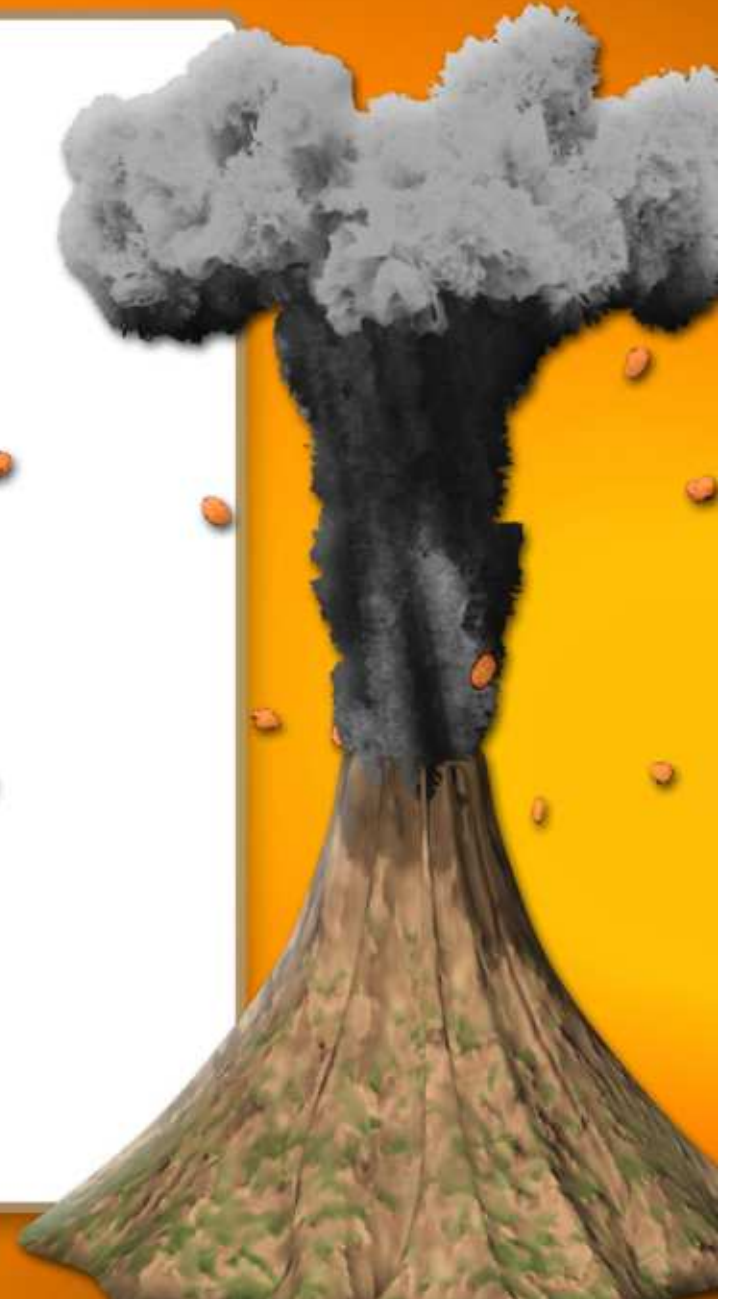




Putting It Together

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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

- Lucifer's willful act of rebellion against YHWH introduced evil to the universe.
- Everything that God creates is good. Evil is a perversion of God's good gift.
- That which is contrary to the divine mind is by definition evil.



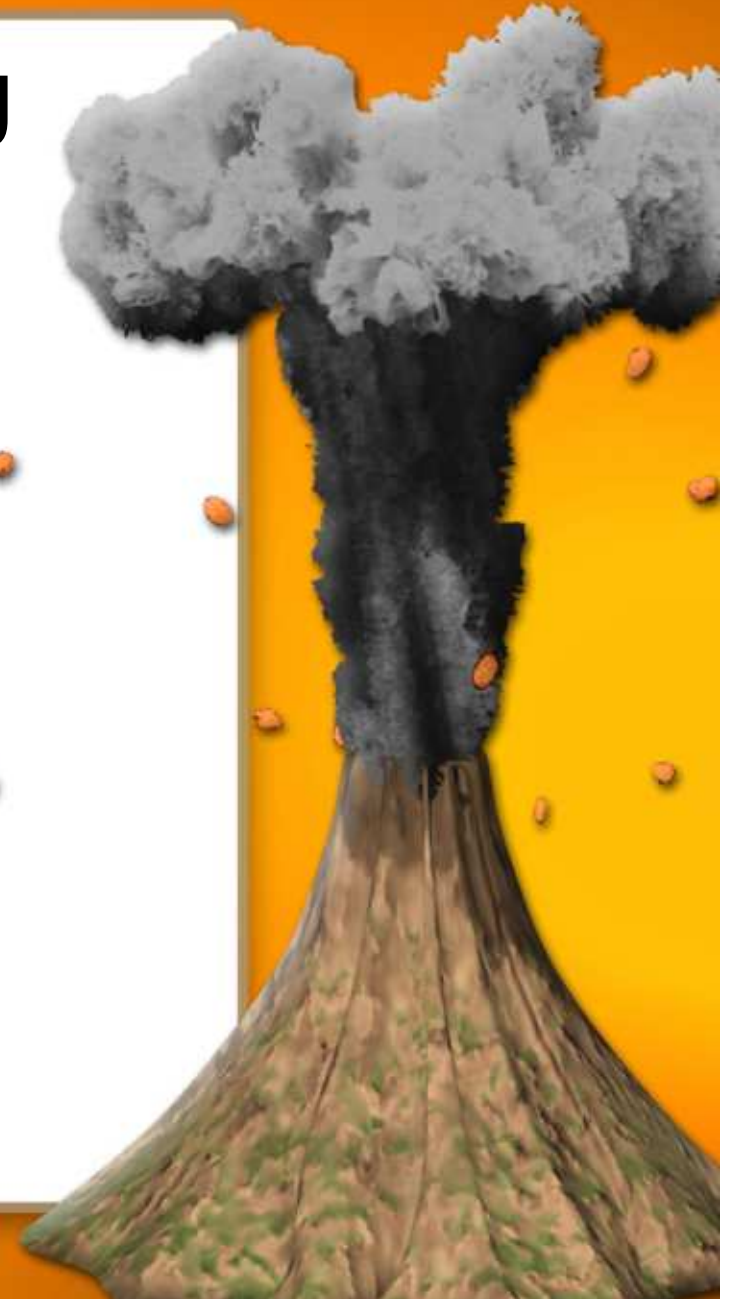
The Birth of Evil

- 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.



Putting It Together

With his fall,

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

Became

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



The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- So Satan sinned and led a rebellion against God.
- He slandered God and convinced 1/3 of the angels to join him in his rebellion.





When Did Satan Fall?

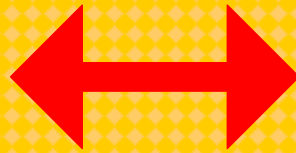
***Satan fell sometime
between Genesis 1:1
and Genesis 1:2.***



In The Beginning

Genesis 1:1:

“In the beginning
God created
the heavens
and the
earth.”



Genesis 1:2a:

“And the earth
was formless
and void, and
darkness was
over the
surface of the
deep . . .”

In The Beginning

Genesis
1:1

**The Fall of
Lucifer and
1/3 of the
Angels**

Genesis
1:2



Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19

In The Beginning

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Genesis
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Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19

“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”

The Invisible War,
Donald Gray Barnhouse





Where Did Satan Fall?

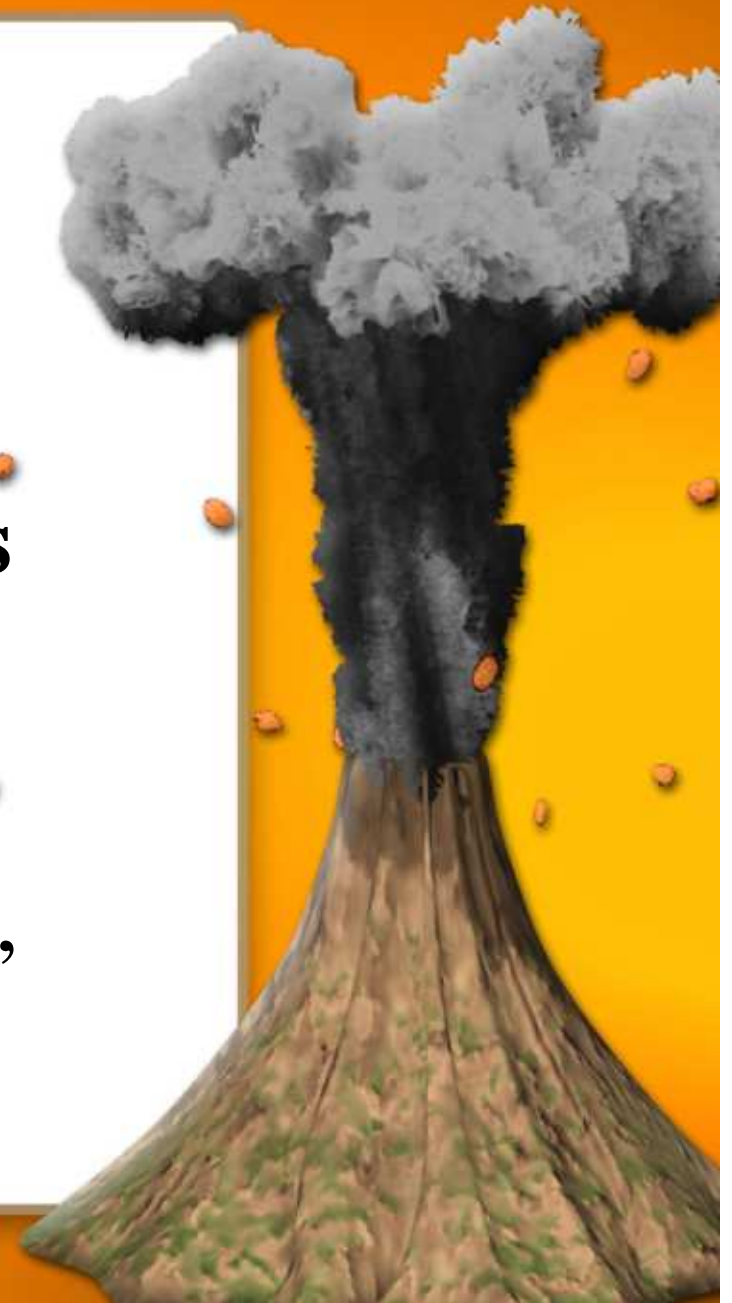
Satan Fell to the Earth

“And the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.”



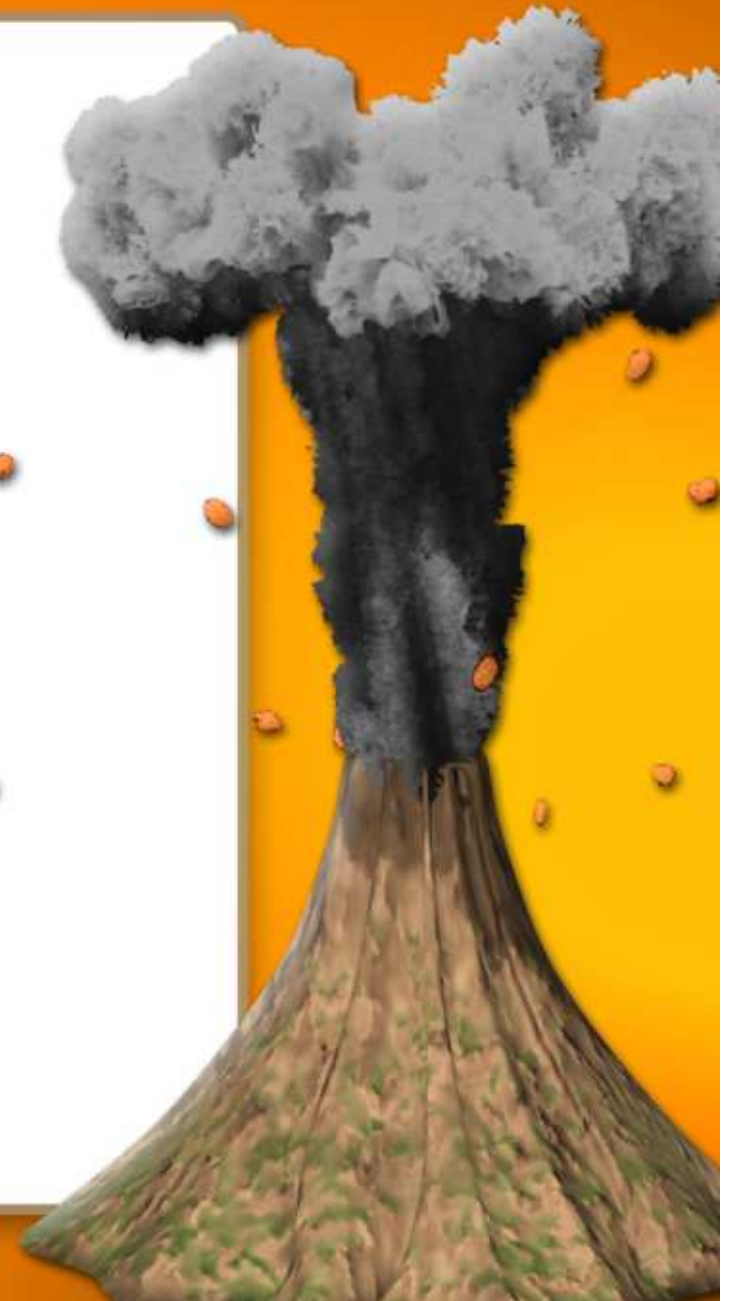
תהו ובהו *Formless & Void*

- The fall of Satan and the resultant angelic conflict led to the destruction of the earth.
- We find it a ruin in **Genesis 1:2**.
- The once *perfectly created* planet became “without form” (tohu/תהו) and “void” (bohu/ובהו).



תָּהוּ וְבָהוּ *Formless & Void*

- 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**).



In The Beginning

Genesis 1:2a:

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

Isaiah 45:18:

“For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens . . . He established it and did not create it a waste place [תהו; *tohu*] . . .”

תהו ובהו *Formless & Void*

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 . . .”



תָּהוּ וָבֵהוּ *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.



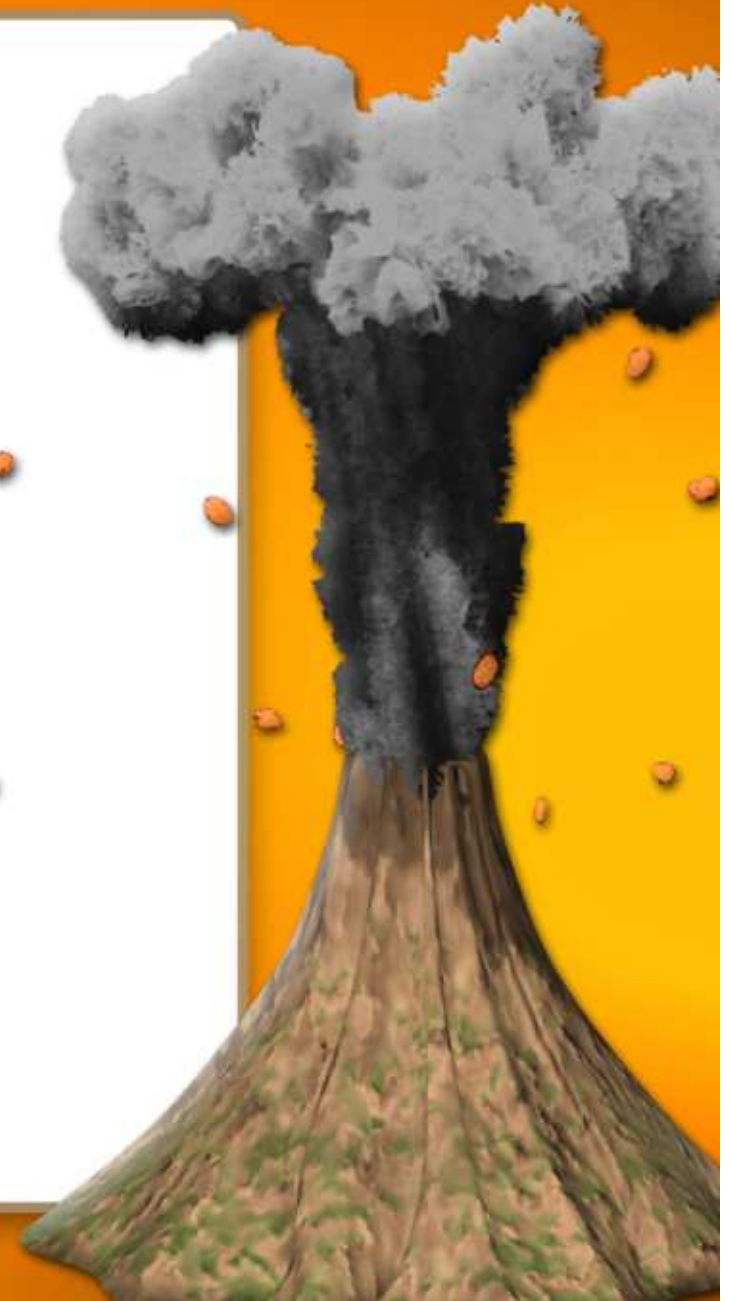
The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- 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.







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.



Blue Glacier, Olympic National Park, Washington



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.

The Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

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



Satan and His Angels Are Sentenced

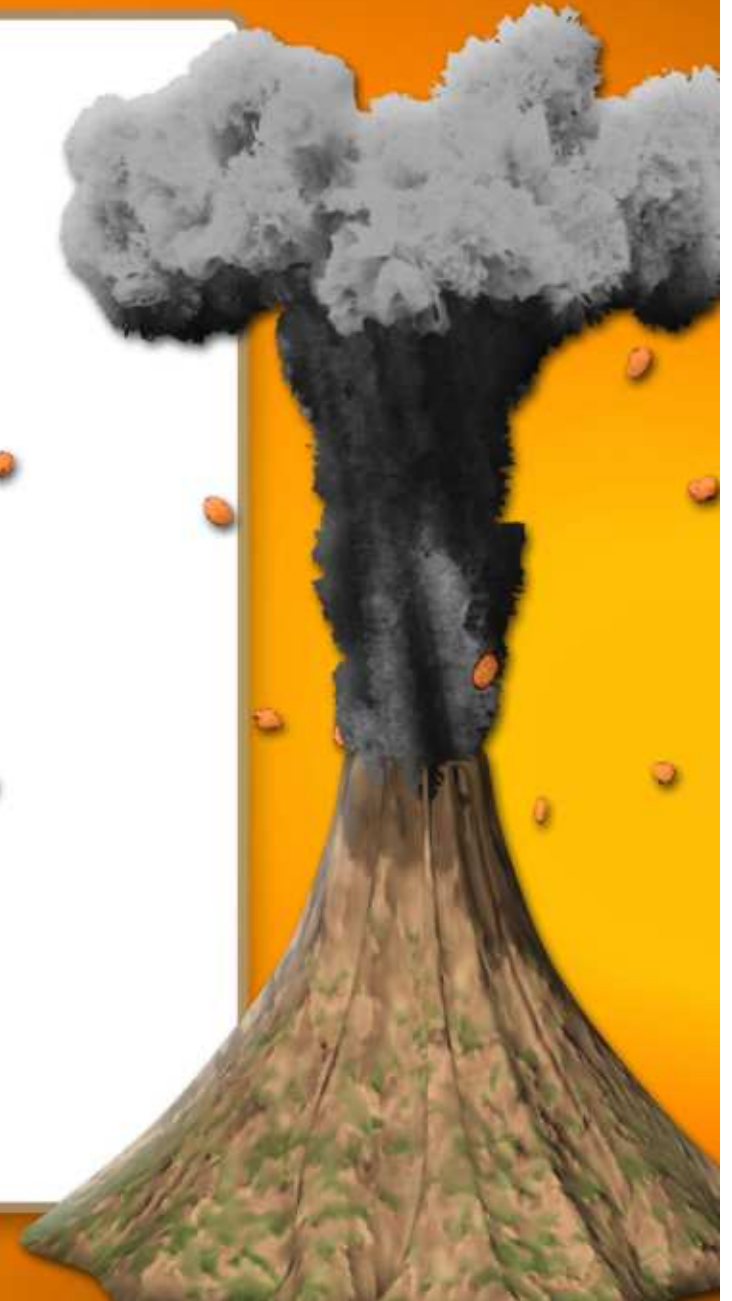
- Satan and those angels which chose to follow him were tried, found guilty, and sentenced.
- The lake of fire was then “prepared for the devil and his angels” (**Matthew 25:41**).



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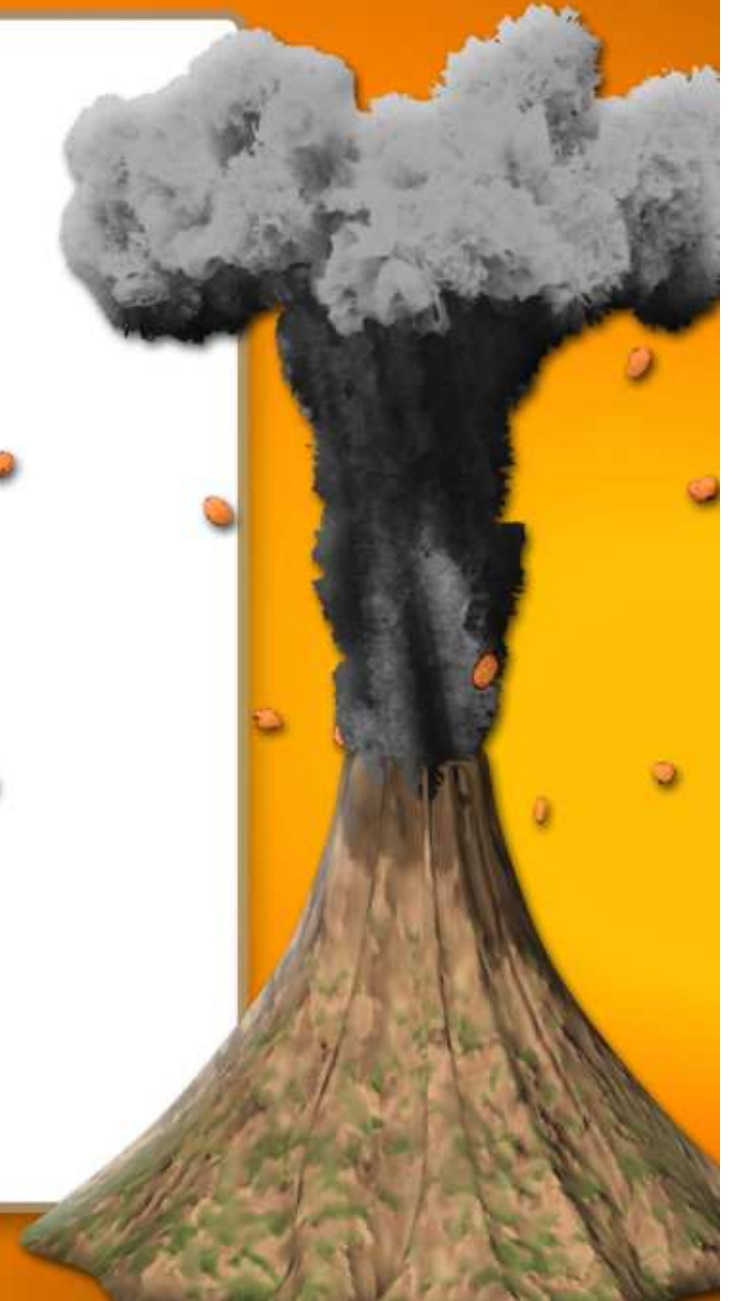
- However, *they are not presently in the eternal fire.*

The Big question is
‘why not’?



Satan Appeals His Case

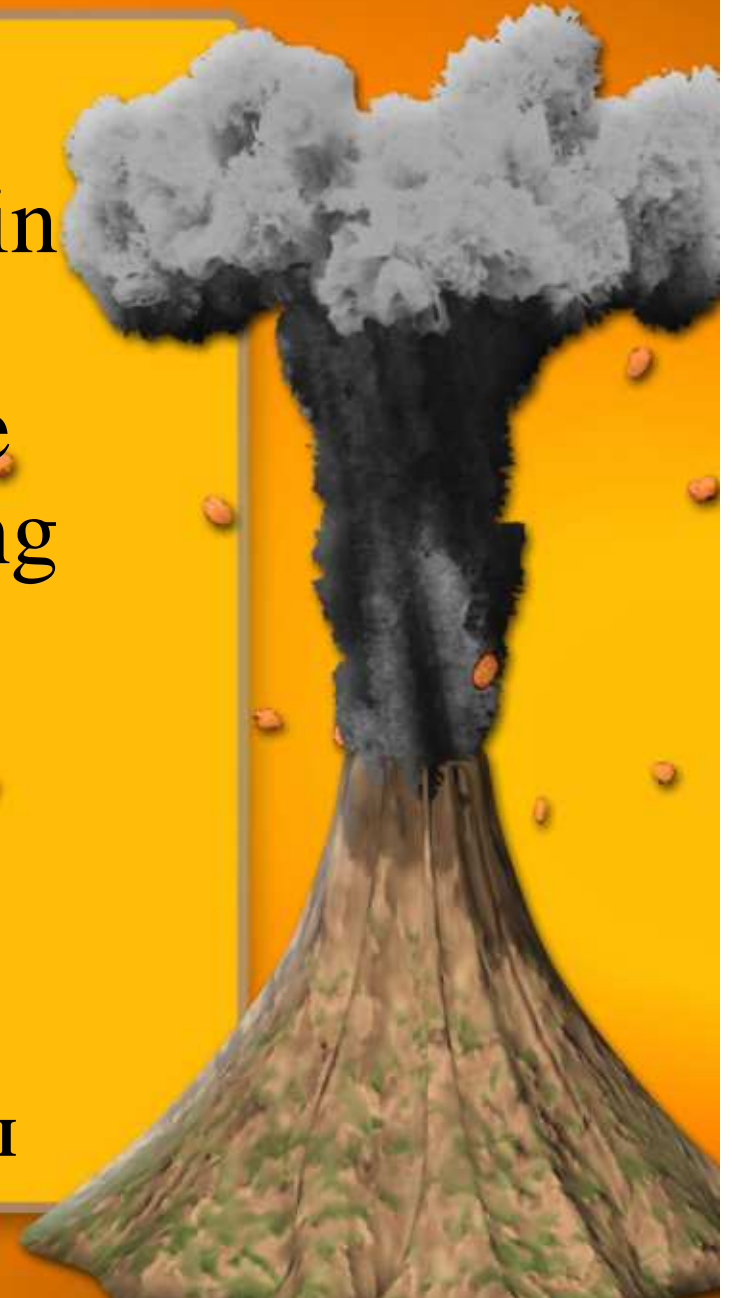
- Apparently Satan appealed the sentence, impugning the character of God and charging Him with unfairness.
- The basis of his appeal was that a loving God could not send his creatures to a lake of fire.



Satan Appeals the Case

“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



Satan Appeals the Case

“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**)”

J. Hampton Keathley III



Satan Appeals the Case

“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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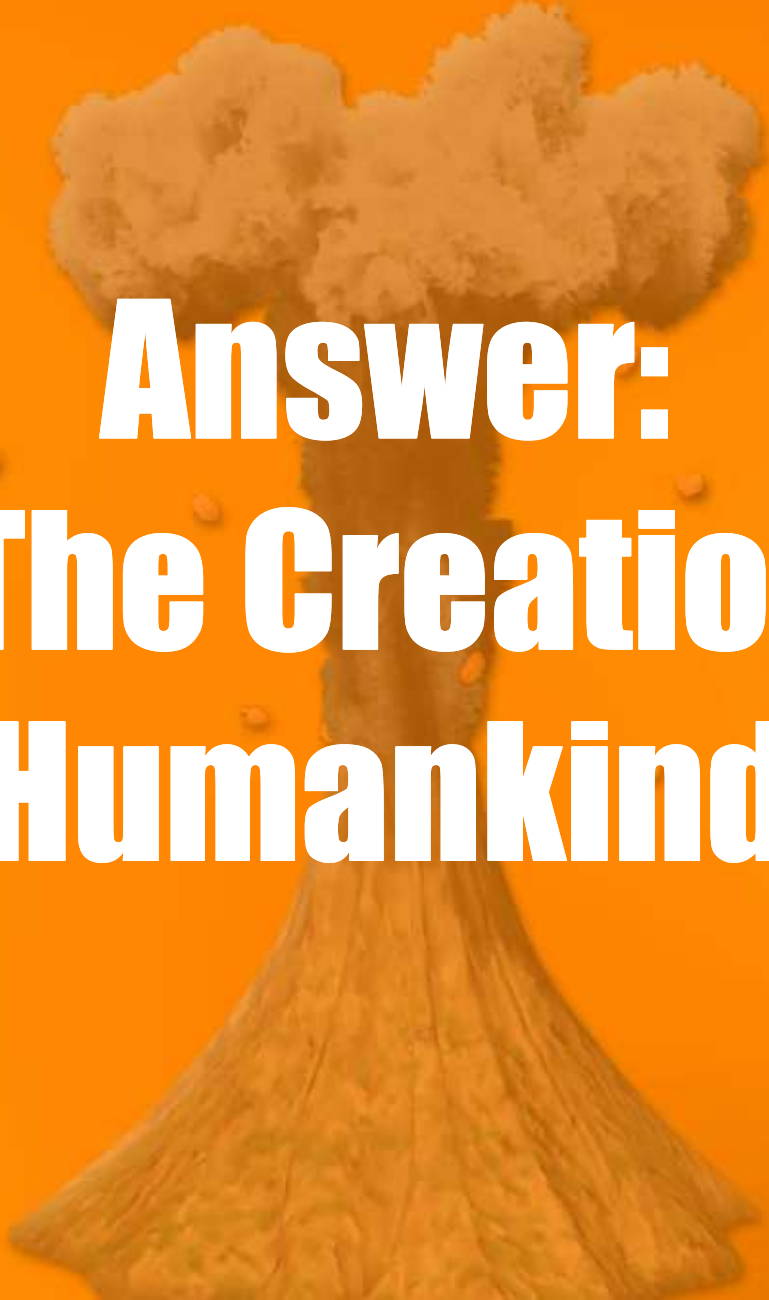
Satan, The Slanderer

- Satan apparently appealed his case by impugning the character of God and accusing Him of being unfair.
- Therefore, God temporarily suspended the sentence until the matter could be resolved.
- But *how, exactly is the matter going to be resolved?*





**Question: How Did God
Choose to Resolve the
Conflict?**



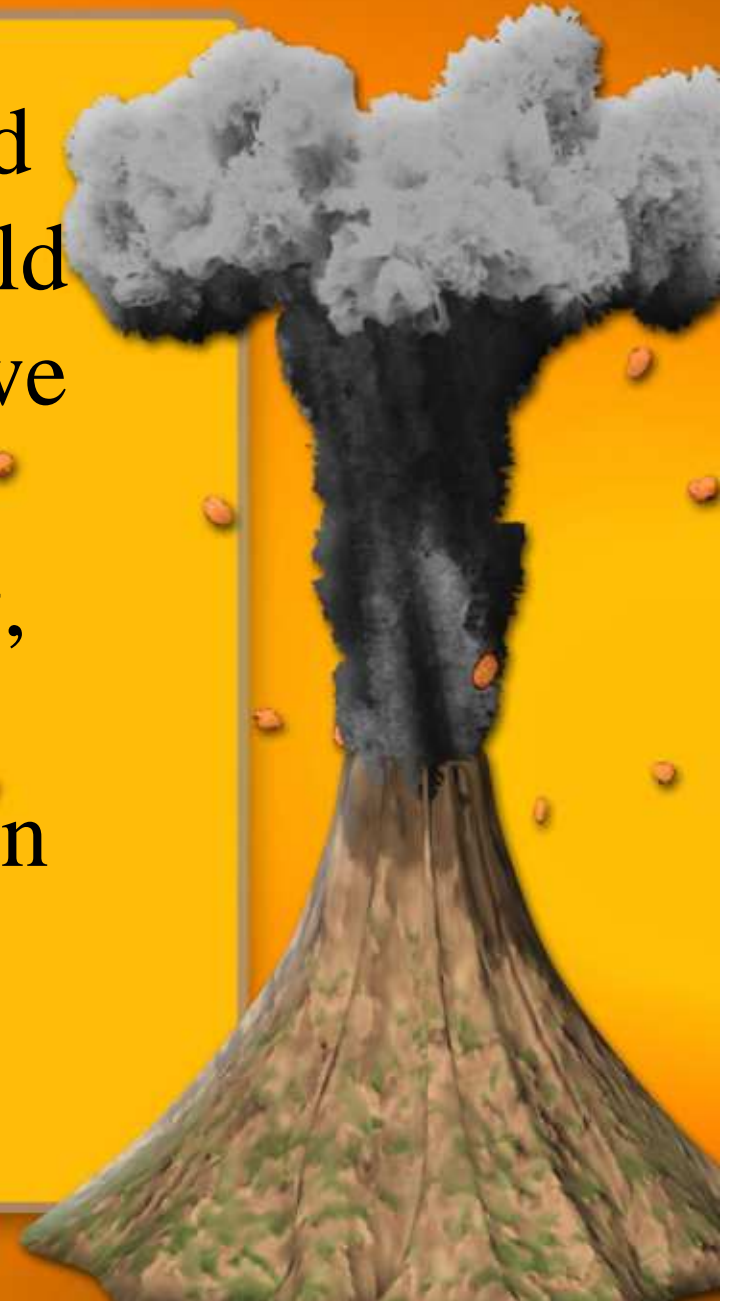
**Answer:
By The Creation of
Humankind**



*Between the Sentence and the
Execution of the Sentence is
Human History*

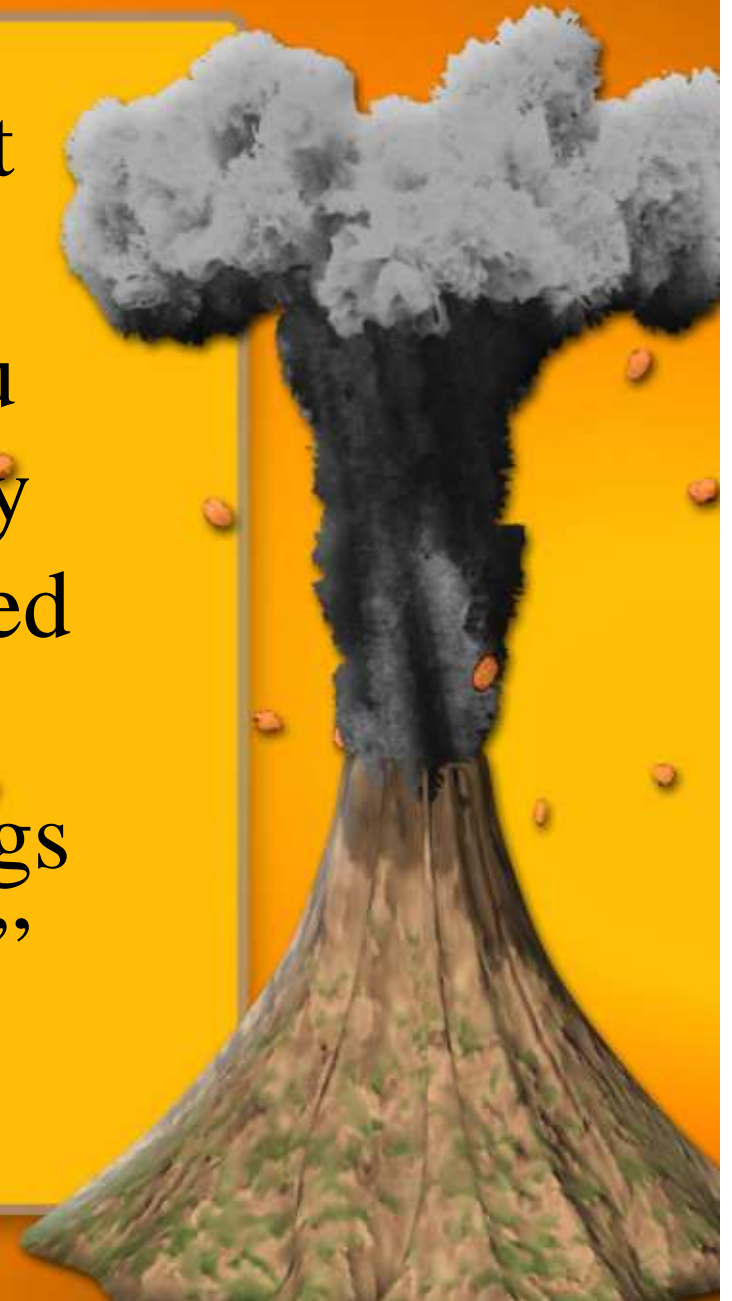
God's Purpose Delayed

Hebrews 2:5-8: “For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. But one has testified somewhere, saying, “What is man, that Thou rememberest him? Or the son of man, that Thou art concerned about him?”



God's Purpose Delayed

Hebrews 2:5-8: “Thou hast made him for a little while lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, And hast appointed him over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.”



God's Purpose Delayed

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



Adam and Eve in the Arena

- God restored the earth (*the arena*) from its chaotic condition (**Genesis 1:2-19**).
- God equipped the it with a new creation of animal life (**Genesis 1:20-25**).
- Finally, God created the man and the woman (**Genesis 1:26-27**).





Adam and Eve Enter the Arena of the Angelic Conflict

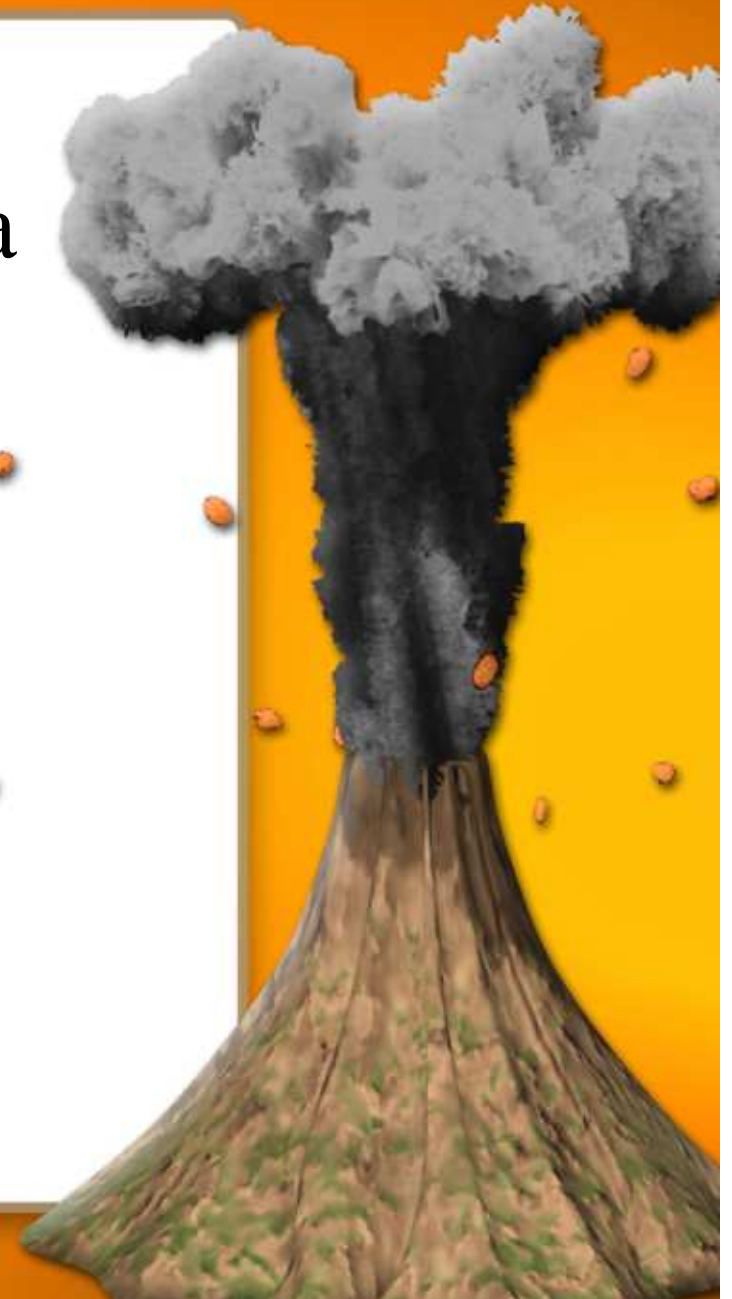
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- As we have seen, Satan deceived the woman in Eden, his old stomping ground.
- **Genesis 3:1:** “Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?””



Adam and Eve in the Arena

- The Bible teaches that after the fall, God gave humans a promise of salvation (**Genesis 3:15**).
- This was typified by the divine provision of animal skins to cover the result of their sin, nakedness (**Genesis 3:21**).



Adam and Eve in the Arena

- Heaven looked on as an *innocent* animal was killed in order to provide a covering for the *guilty* first couple.
- This, then, became a type of the substitutionary death of the innocent Christ on behalf of guilty man.



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- The earth had become the theater where this ancient conflict would be resolved.
- With the angels looking intently on, believers have the privilege of using their lives to glorify God by yielding to the Holy Spirit's control.



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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.”



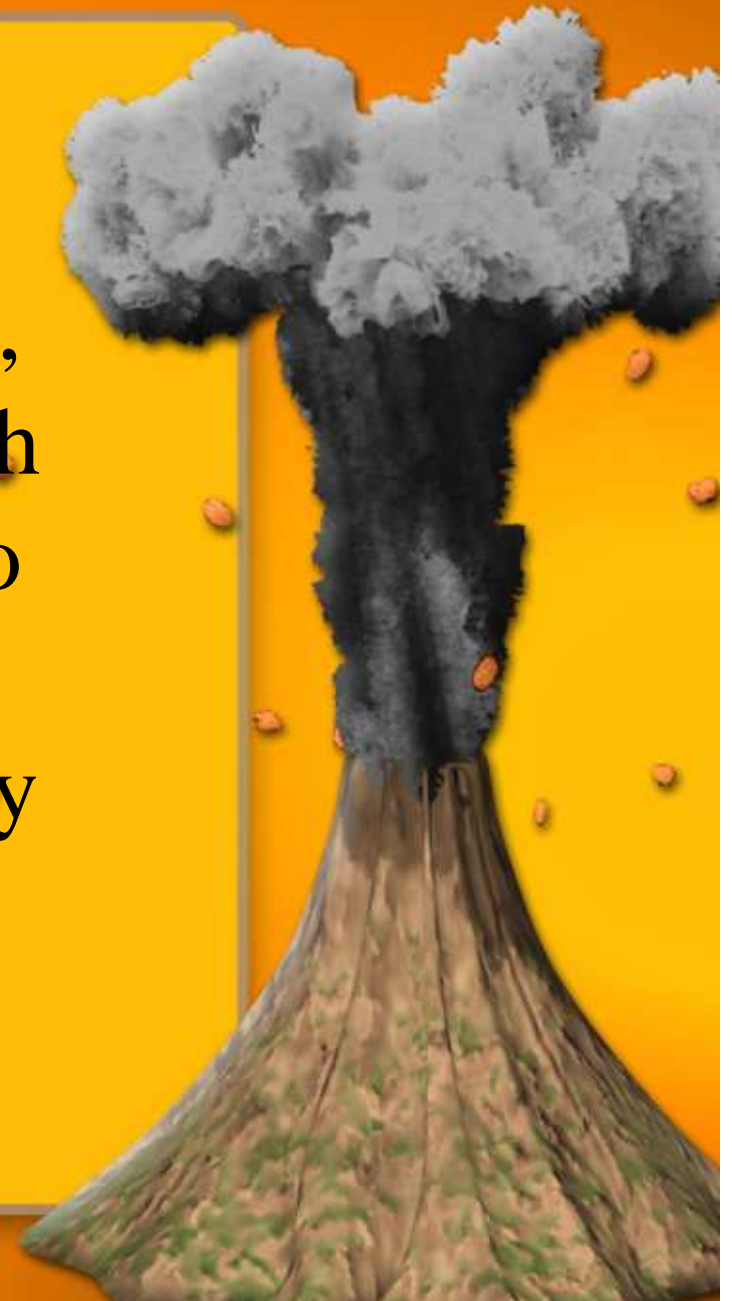
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Ephesians 3:10: “...in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places.*”



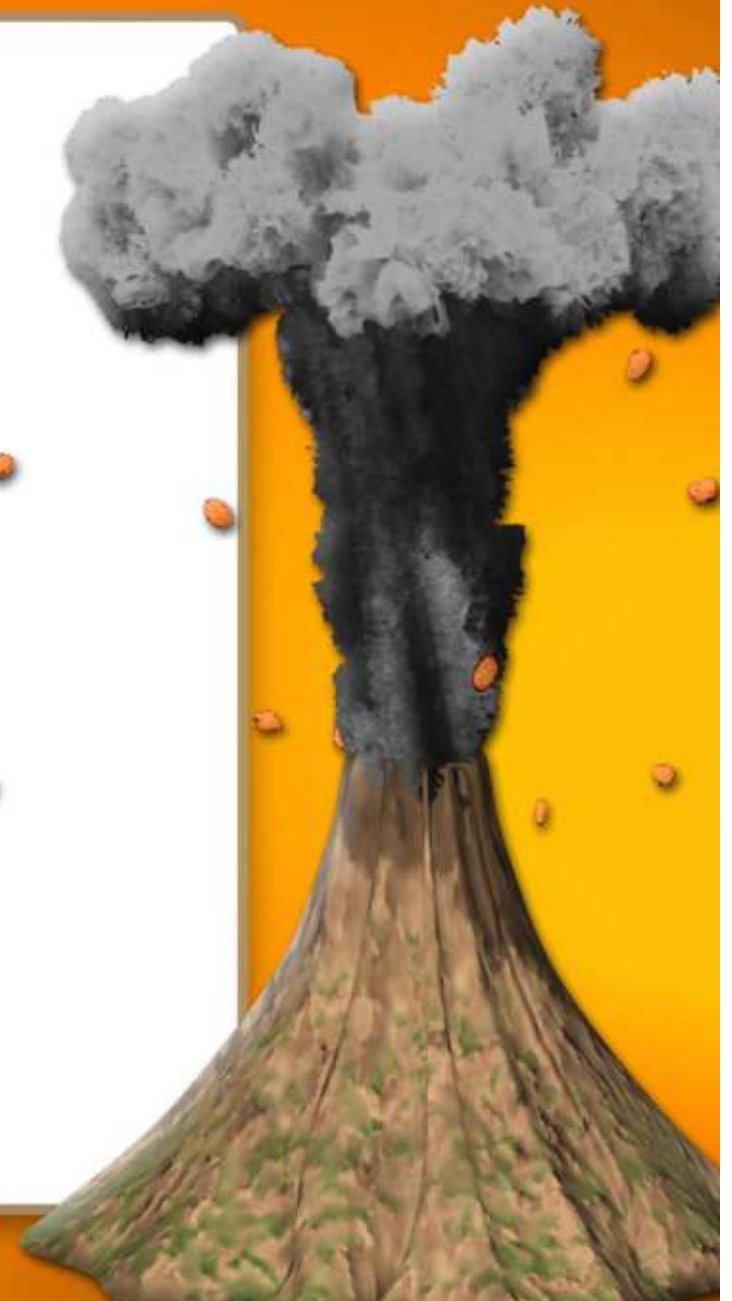
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1 Peter 1:10-12: “. . .It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels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



Adam and Eve in the Arena

- Remember, Satan and his angels have already been judged and sentenced (**Matthew 25:41**).
- However, the sentence is not executed until *after* the 1,000 year reign of Christ.



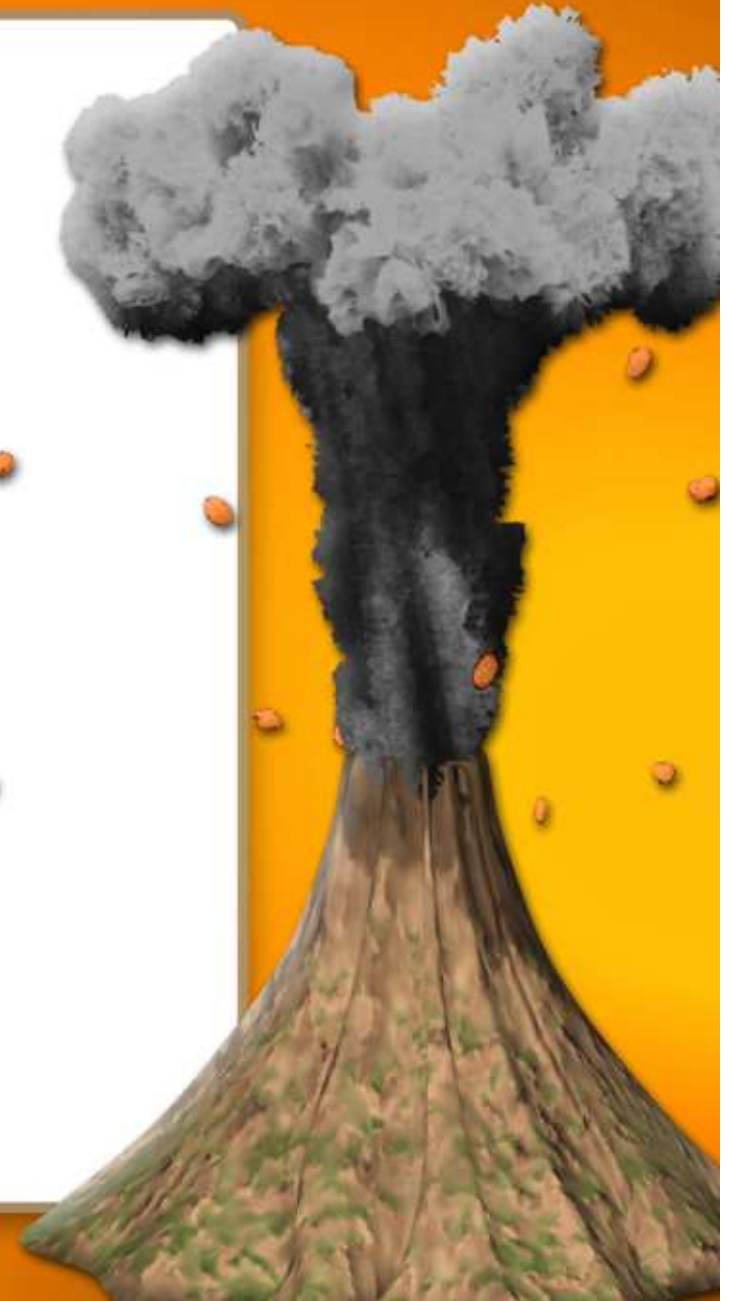
“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Revelation 20:10



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- It is important to remember that in between the *sentencing* of the fallen angels and the *execution* of that sentence is human history.



Adam and Eve in the Arena

- It becomes clear, then, that the human race plays an important part in this trial and the Bible is not vague about what our part is: *humankind was created to glorify God in the angelic conflict*. This will become increasingly clear as our study progresses.





To Be Continued



**Next Week:
Divine Visitation &
Satanic Infiltration**