



Evil, Part 5

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 Fall of Satan & Its Awful Results

- Satan led a rebellion against God.
- He slandered God so effectively that he convinced 1/3 of the angels in heaven to join in his rebellion.



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



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**The Fall of
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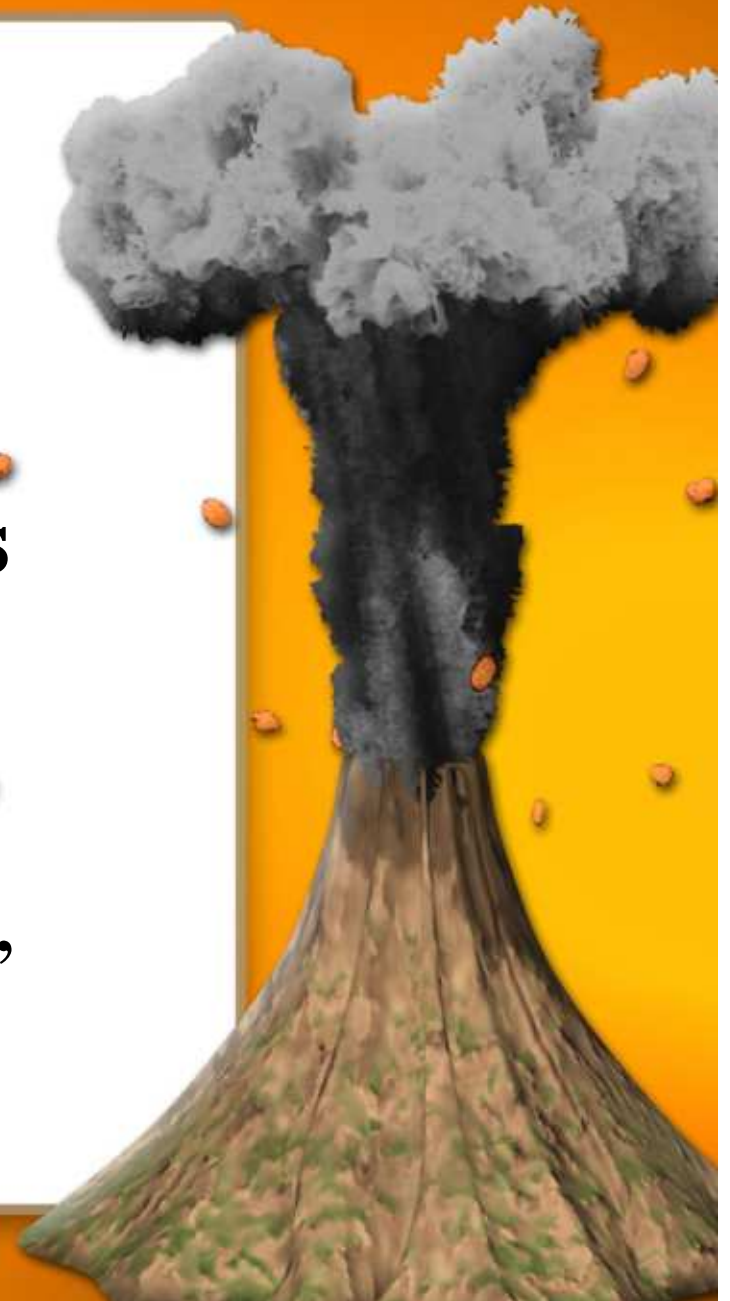
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תהו ובהו *Formless & Void*

- 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).



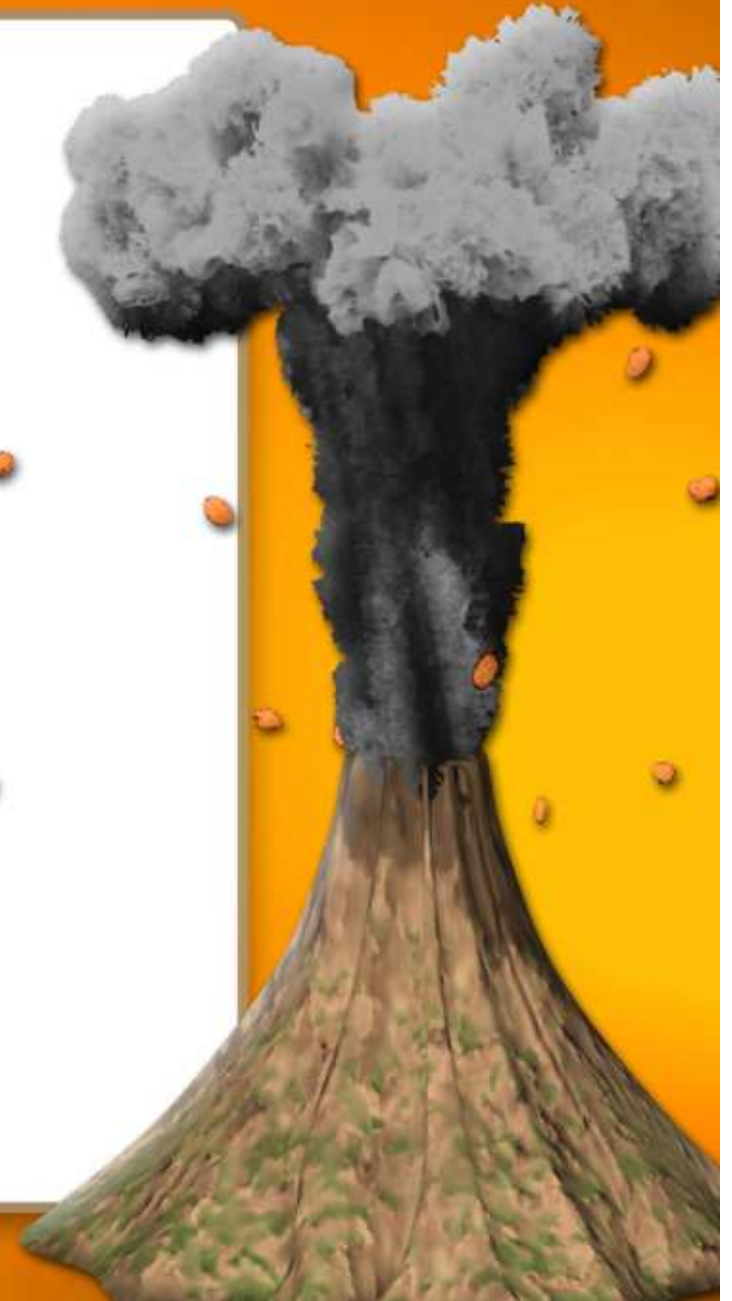
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- God covered the earth with “waters” (**Genesis 1:3**) and froze them instantly.
- The Bible records that “darkness was over the face of the deep.”



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.



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

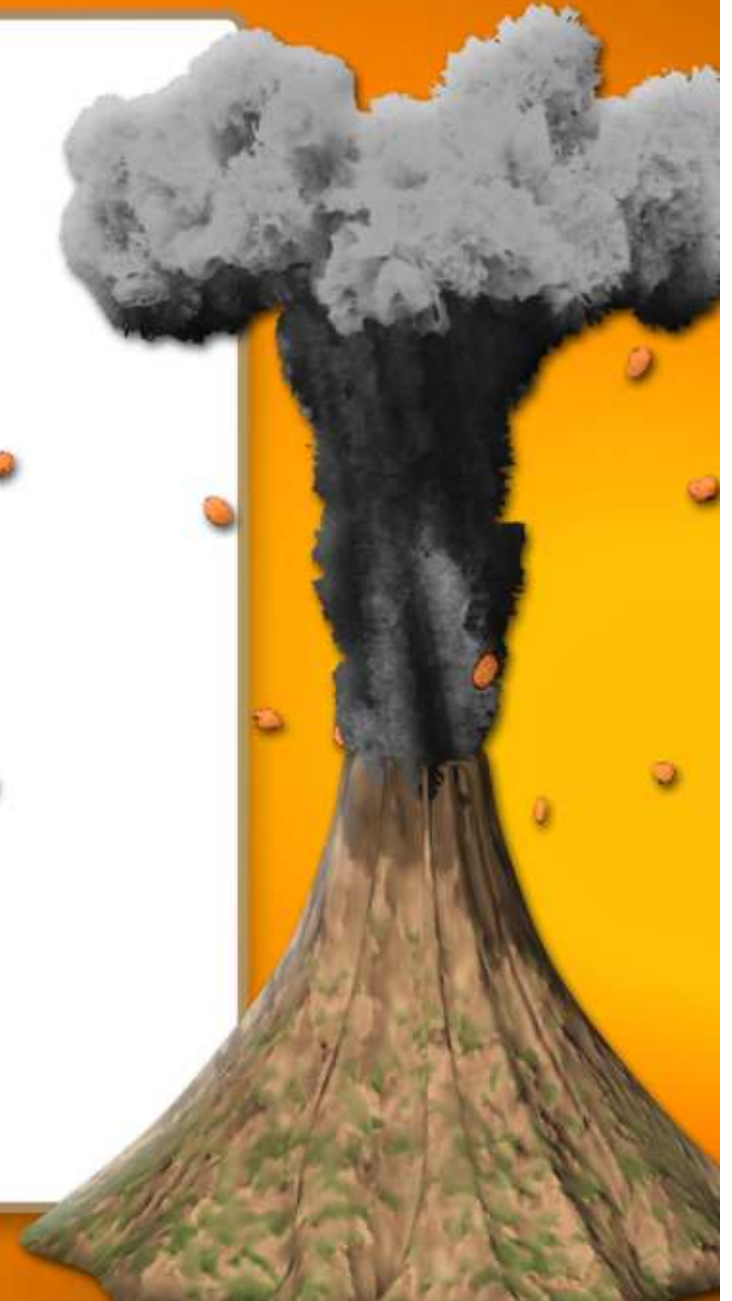
- Satan and those angels which chose to follow him were tried, found guilty, and sentenced.
- The lake of fire was then “prepared for the devil and his angels” (**Matthew 25:41**).



Satan and His Angels Are Sentenced

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

The Big question is
‘why not’?



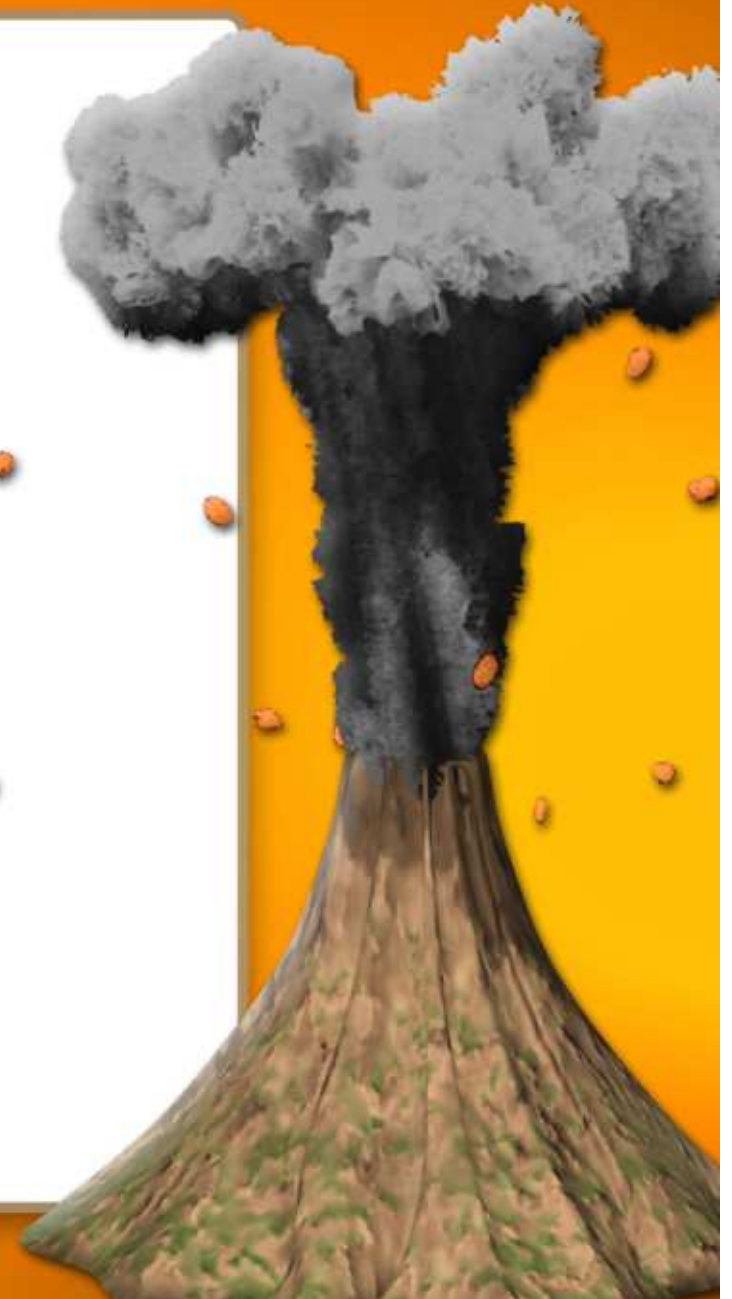
Satan Appeals His Case

- *Apparently*, Satan appealed the sentence, impugning the character of God and charging Him with unfairness.
- The basis of his appeal *seems* to be that a loving God could not send his creatures into an eternal fire.



Did Satan Appeal His Case?

- We draw this conclusion through an *inductive* argument.
- Inductive arguments are ‘stands to reason’ arguments, what we conclude on the basis of *what we know*.
- So, *what do we know?*



Did Satan Appeal His Case?

- *We know* that Satan has already been judged and sentenced.
- *We know* that the earth was judged *after* the fall of Satan and his angels.



Did Satan Appeal His Case?

- *We know* that eternal fire has already been prepared for he and his angels.
- *We know* that he is free today to deceive the world and that he actively promotes disobedience to God.
- *We know*, then, that his sentence has been temporarily suspended.



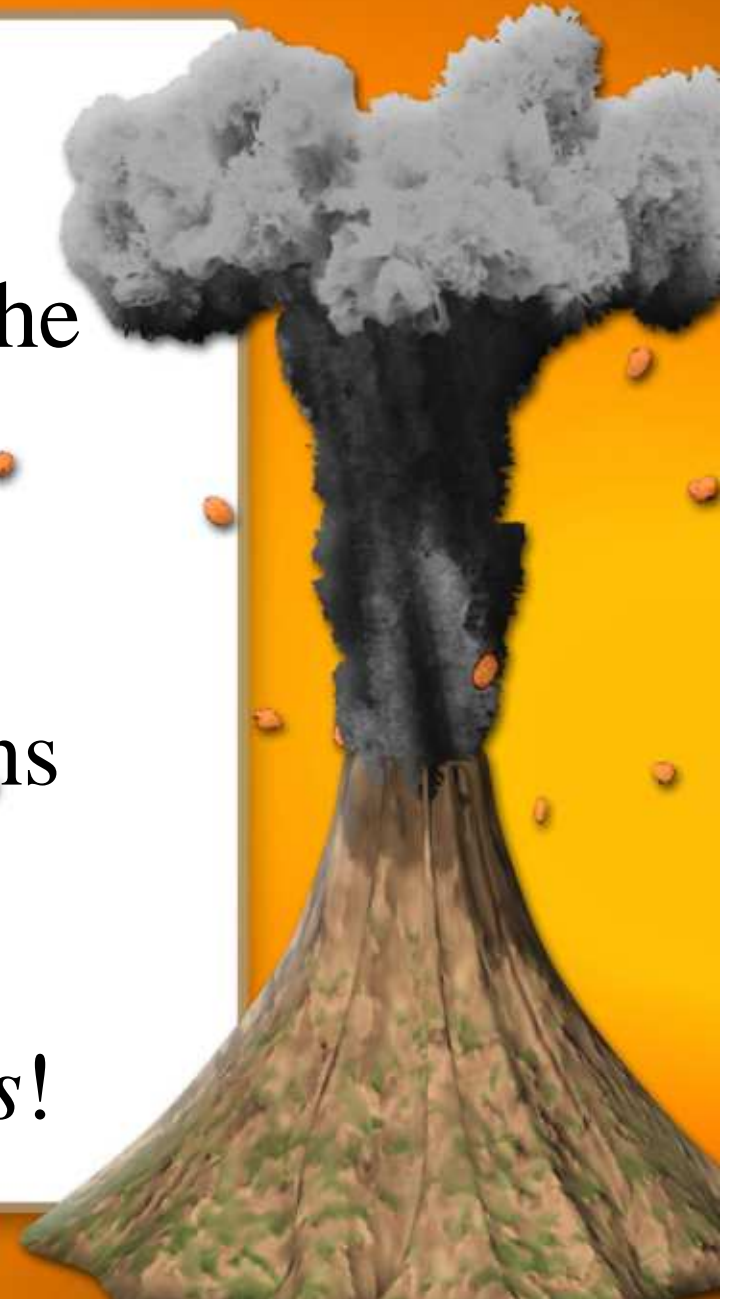
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- We *know* that his doom is sealed. This ancient divine sentence of “eternal fire” *will* be executed when Jesus is finished with Satan.
- We *know* that in between the sentence and the execution is *human history*. According to Hebrews 2, this is significant to the destiny of angels.



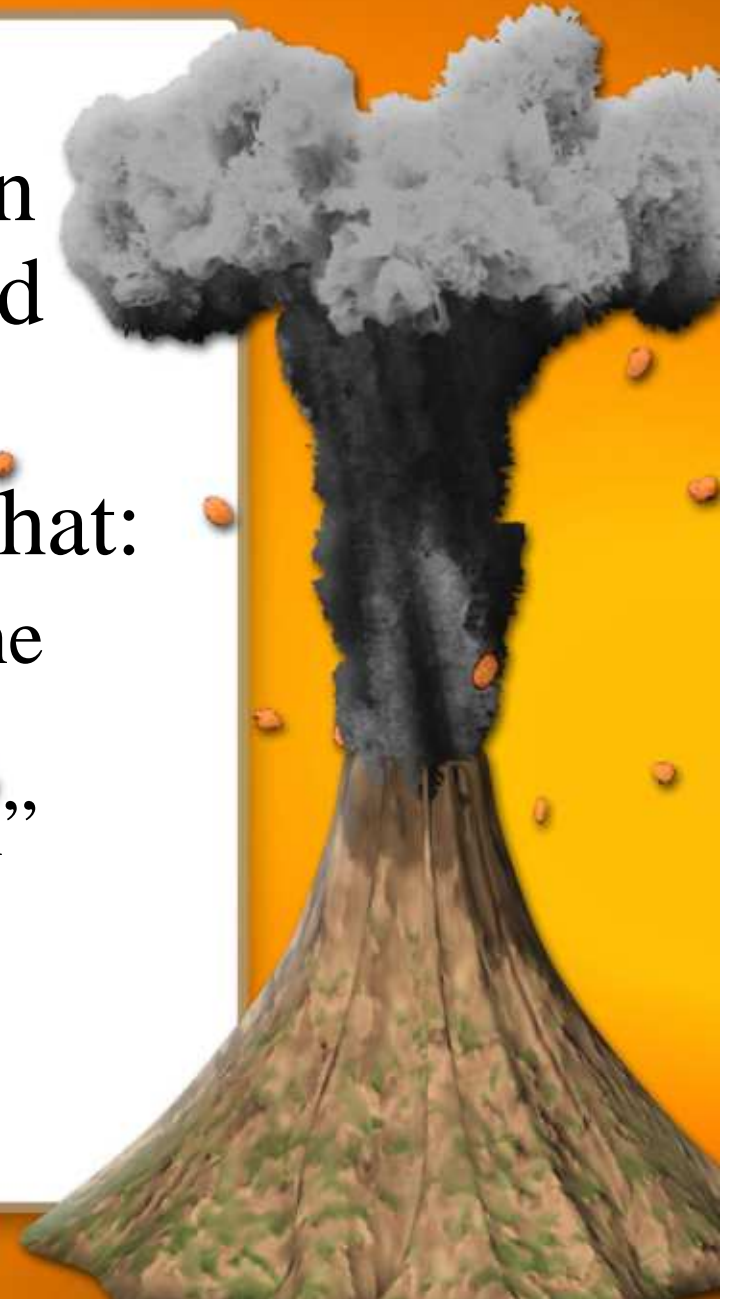
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- We *know* that Satan is a slanderer and an accuser.
- We *know* that he fell when he allowed internal pride to manifest itself as slander against God.
- We *know* that “Satan” means *the one who accuses*.
- We *know* that “the devil” means *the one who slanders!*



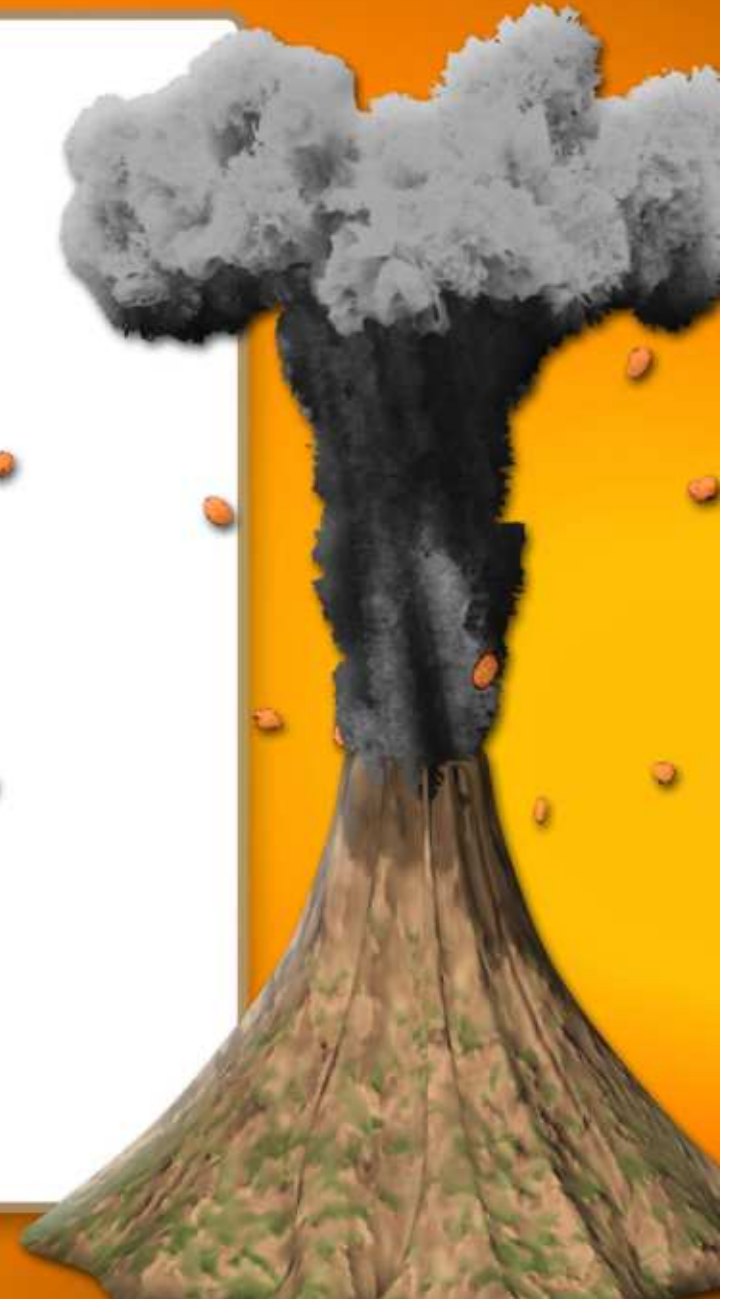
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- We *know* that from his first appearance in Genesis Satan is actively accusing God and impugning His character!
- We know from **John 8:44** that:
 - Satan was “a murderer from the beginning”
 - He “does not stand in the truth”
 - There “is no truth in him”
 - He is “he is a liar [by nature], and the father of lies”



Did Satan Appeal His Case?

- From *what we know*, then, it seems most likely that Satan appealed his case and – yet again – impugned the character of God, accusing Him of being unfair.



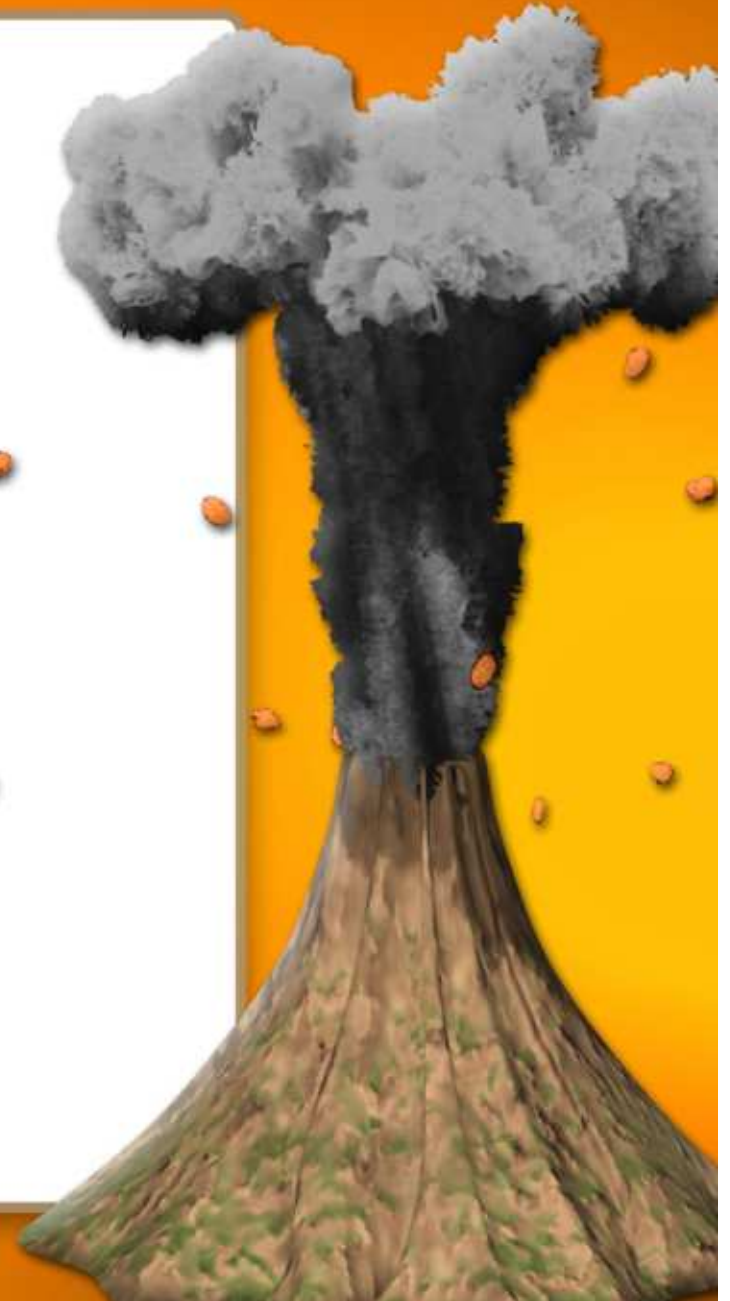
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“From his activities as seen in Scripture, it seems only logical that Satan may have argued that God was unloving and that His judgment of Satan and his angels to the lake of fire was unfair and unjust . . .”



The Angelic Conflict

*We are certain,
however, that God has
temporarily suspended
the sentence until the
matter is resolved.*





The Lie

***The Bible is a
Catalogue of
Divine Visitation
and Satanic
Infiltration.***

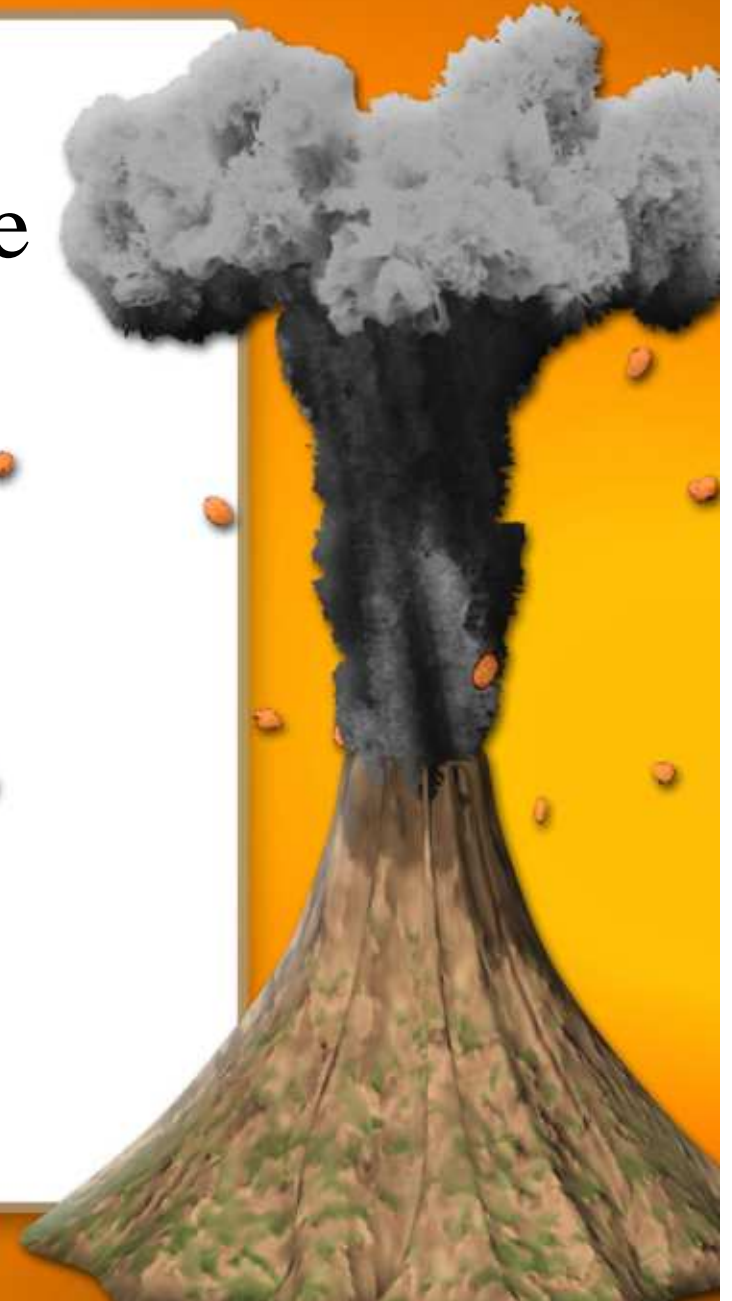


Divine Visitation



Divine Visitation

- In **Genesis 3:7-21** God visited Adam and Eve in the garden immediately after their fall.
- The *grace provision* of animal skins replaced the *works provision* of fig leaves.



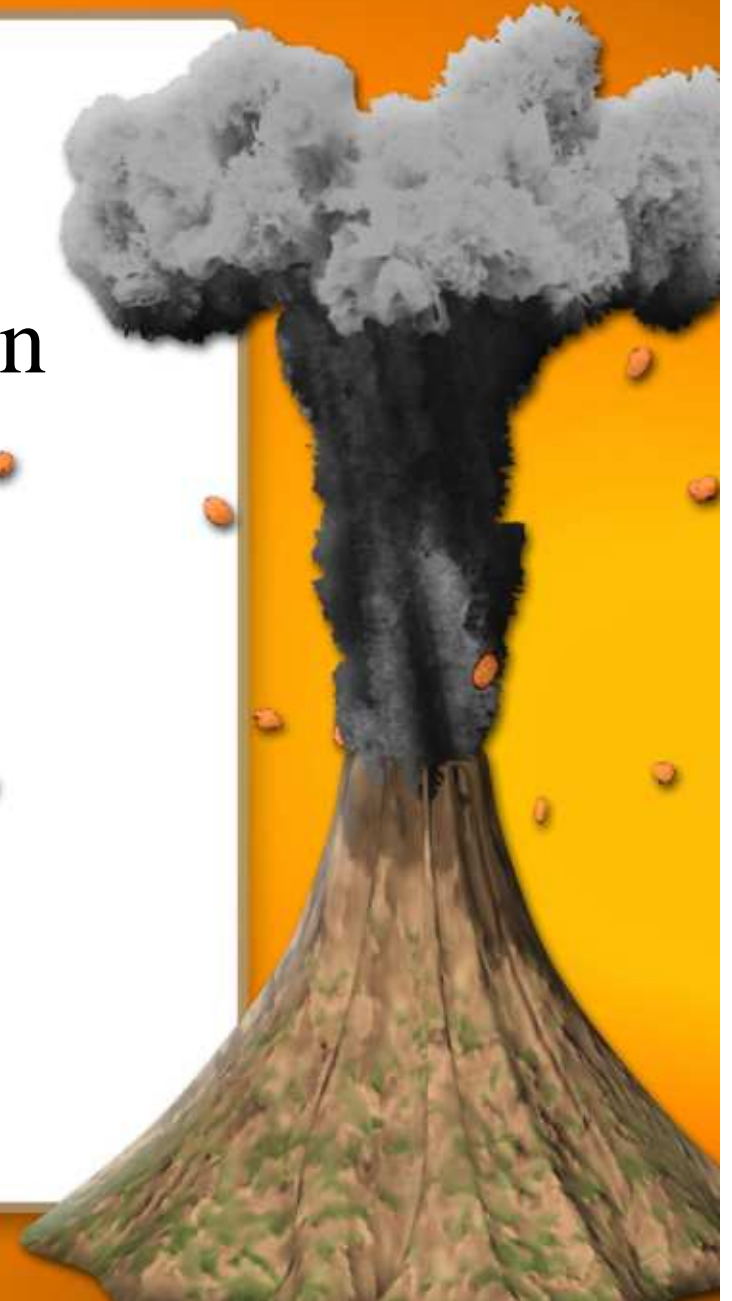
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- God visited His people in a “a blazing fire from the midst of a bush” to rescue them from Egyptian (**Exodus 3:2**).
- **Exodus 3:7-8a**: “And the Lord said, ‘I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt . . . So, I have come down to deliver them.’”



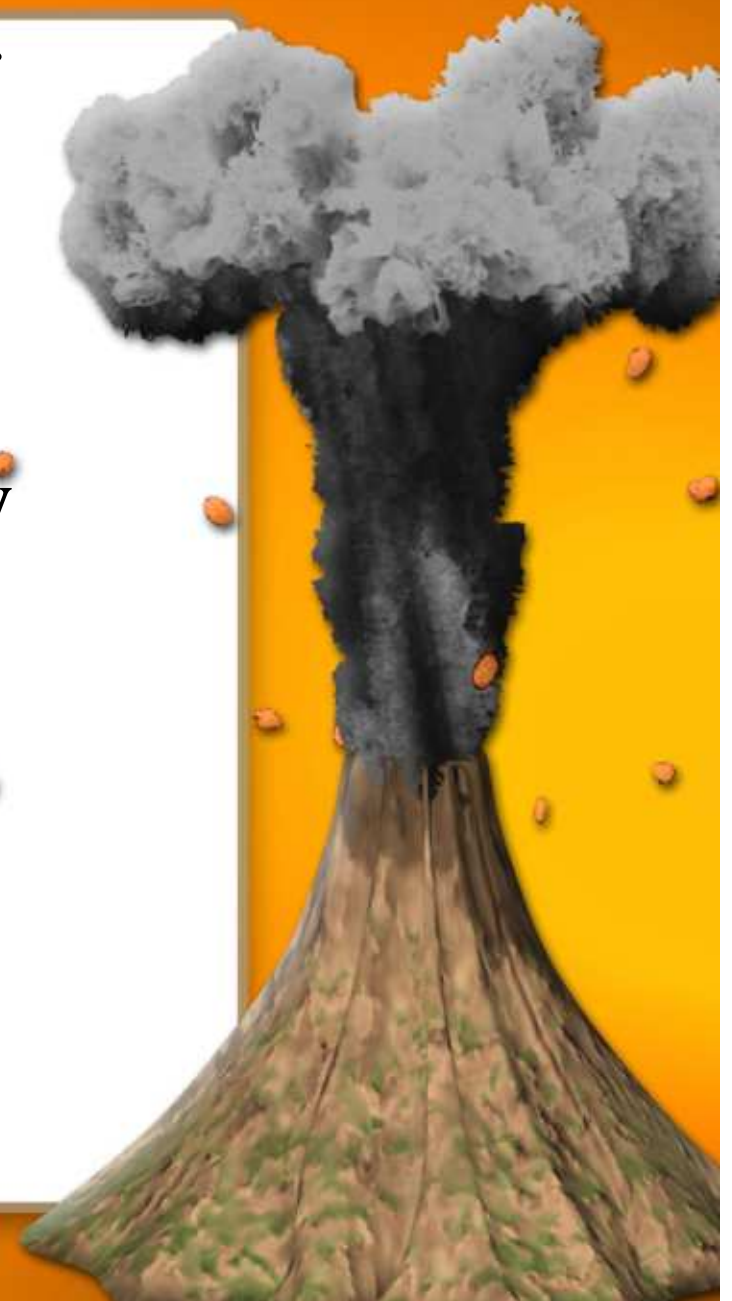
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- God visited His people in a “pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.”



Divine Visitation

- Likewise, the indwelling of “Christ in you” today provides us with direction and illumination so that *we* might “travel by day and by night” – (that is, advance toward spiritual maturity throughout every circumstance, whether difficult or easy) – **Colossians 1:27.**



Divine Visitation

- The most important divine visitation is found in **John 1:14**: “The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.”
- **Luke 1:68** says: “[The Lord] hath visited and redeemed His people.”



Divine Visitation

- **Isaiah 9:6:** “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.”
- **Luke 19:41-44:** “And when He [Jesus] approached, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes”



Divine Visitation

- **Luke 19:41-44:** “For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”



Divine Visitation

- Human history as we know it will culminate with a divine visitation.
- **Revelation 1:7:** “Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced Him [those whom He visited]: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.”



Divine Visitation

- **Zechariah 12:10b:** “And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for His only Son.”



***Satanic
Infiltration***



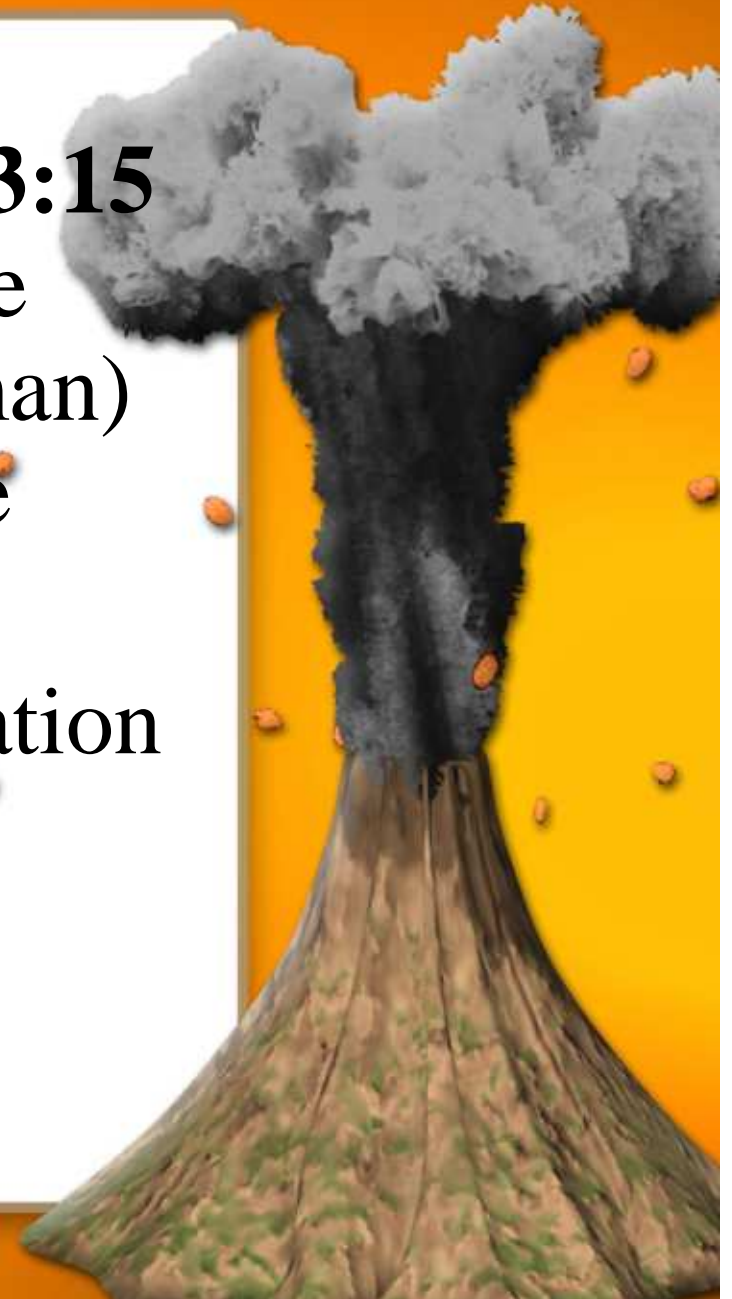
Satanic Infiltration

- In **Genesis 3:1** Satan visited Eve by indwelling a serpent and prompted her to question God's motivation regarding His plan for humankind.



Satanic Infiltration

- Satan struck to nullify the divine promise of **Genesis 3:15** (that the Savior would come from the “seed” of the woman) by attempting to corrupt the human race (**Genesis 6:2**).
- God snuffed out this infiltration with a universal flood, preserving only Noah and his family [8 persons only].



Satanic Infiltration

- When it became evident that the Messiah would come through the seed of Abraham, Satan began earnestly working to destroy the Jews.
- He motivated Pharaoh to murder all Hebrew male infants (**Exodus 1:15-16**) and later to destroy the nation of Israel at the Red Sea (**Exodus 14:5-12**).



Satanic Infiltration

- Satan motivated Haman's attempt to murder every Jew in the Persian Empire (**Esther 3:6ff**).
- Haman was subsequently impaled upon the 70' pole that he had erected for Mordecai (**7:10**), his 10 sons were hanged also (**9:14**), and every anti-Semite was executed (**8:11, 9:5-16**).



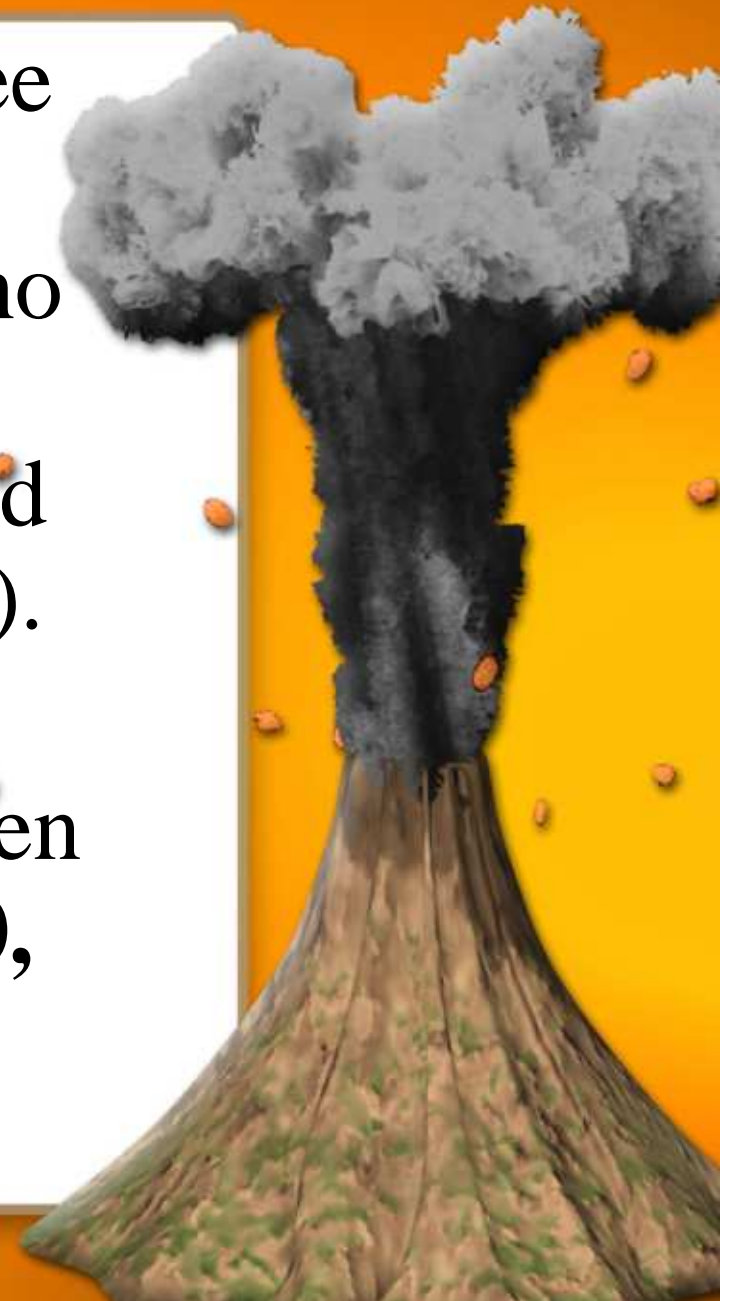
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- The *greatest of all satanic infiltrations* took place during the *greatest of all divine visitations*.
- In approximately 3 BC, when Jesus appeared, Satan began working feverishly to destroy the humanity of Christ.



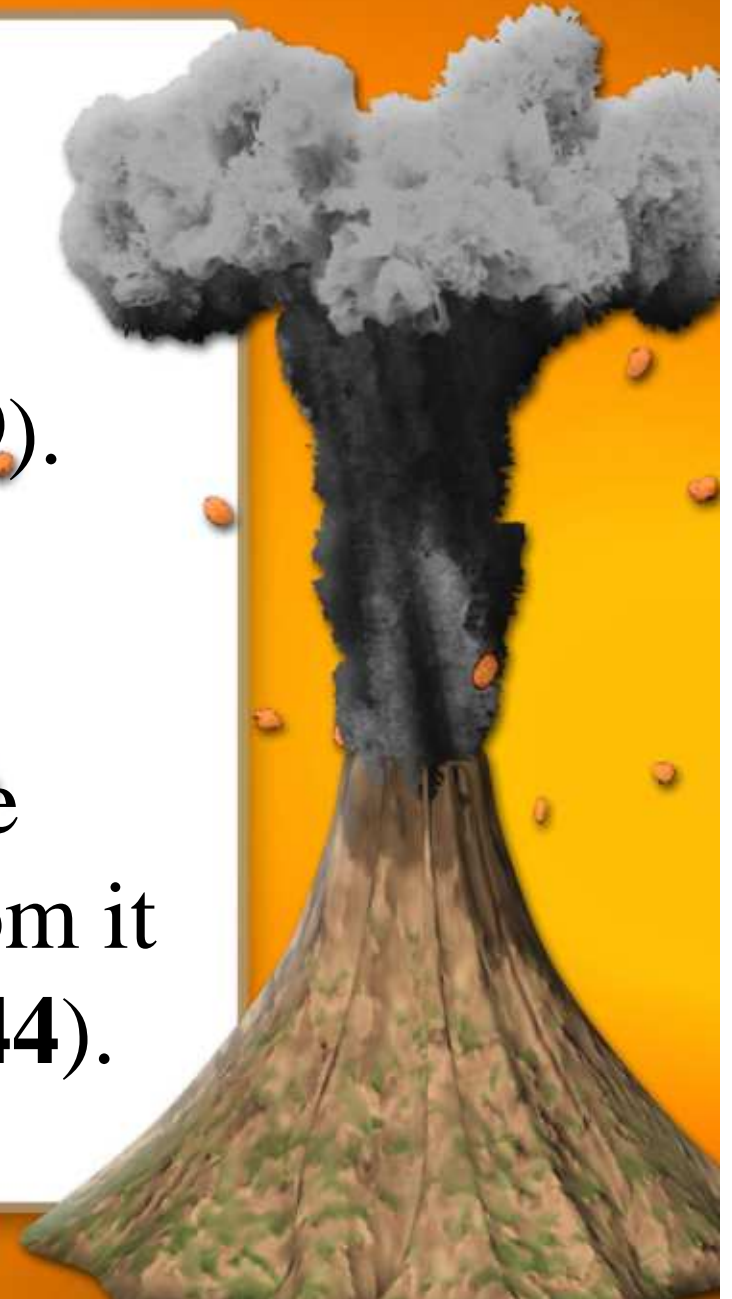
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- He motivated Herod's decree of infanticide – the murder of “all the male children who were in Bethlehem and its environs, from two years old and under” (**Matthew 2:16**).
- He tempted Christ in the wilderness and tried to hasten His death (**Matthew 4:4-10**, **Luke 4:1-12**).



Satanic Infiltration

- Satan motivated numerous attempts to stone Jesus and bring Him to a premature death (**John 8:59, 10:30-39**).
- Satan spearheaded the “last temptation of Christ” – the temptation *NOT* to go to the cross and to come down from it (**John 12:17, Luke 22:39-44**).





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