



*Evil, Part 8*

***Satan  
Continues to  
Infiltrate Human  
History Via  
“The Lie”***

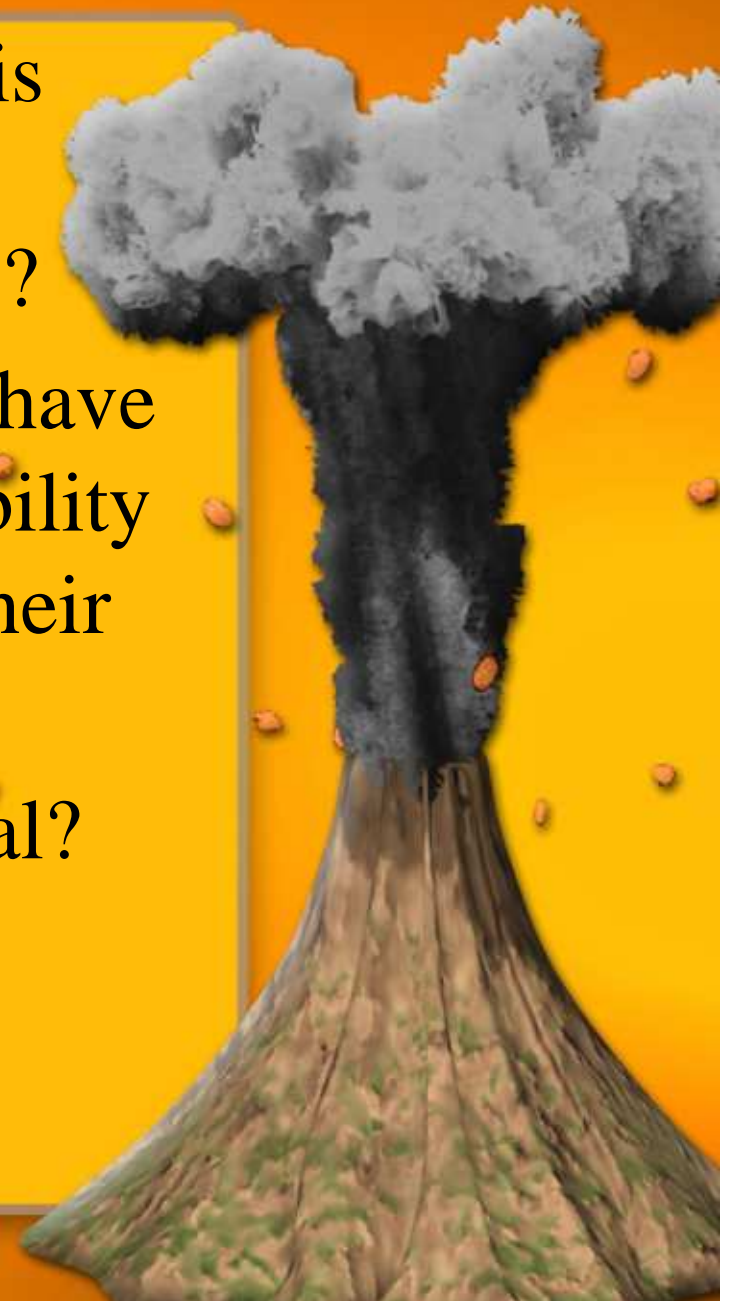




**80% of Americans Identify  
Themselves as “Christian”**

# Do You Believe . . . .

- There is an Absolute Truth?
- Jesus lived a sinless life?
- God is sovereign and still rules the universe?
- Salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned?
- The Bible is accurate in all its parts?
- Christians have a responsibility to share their faith?
- Satan is real?

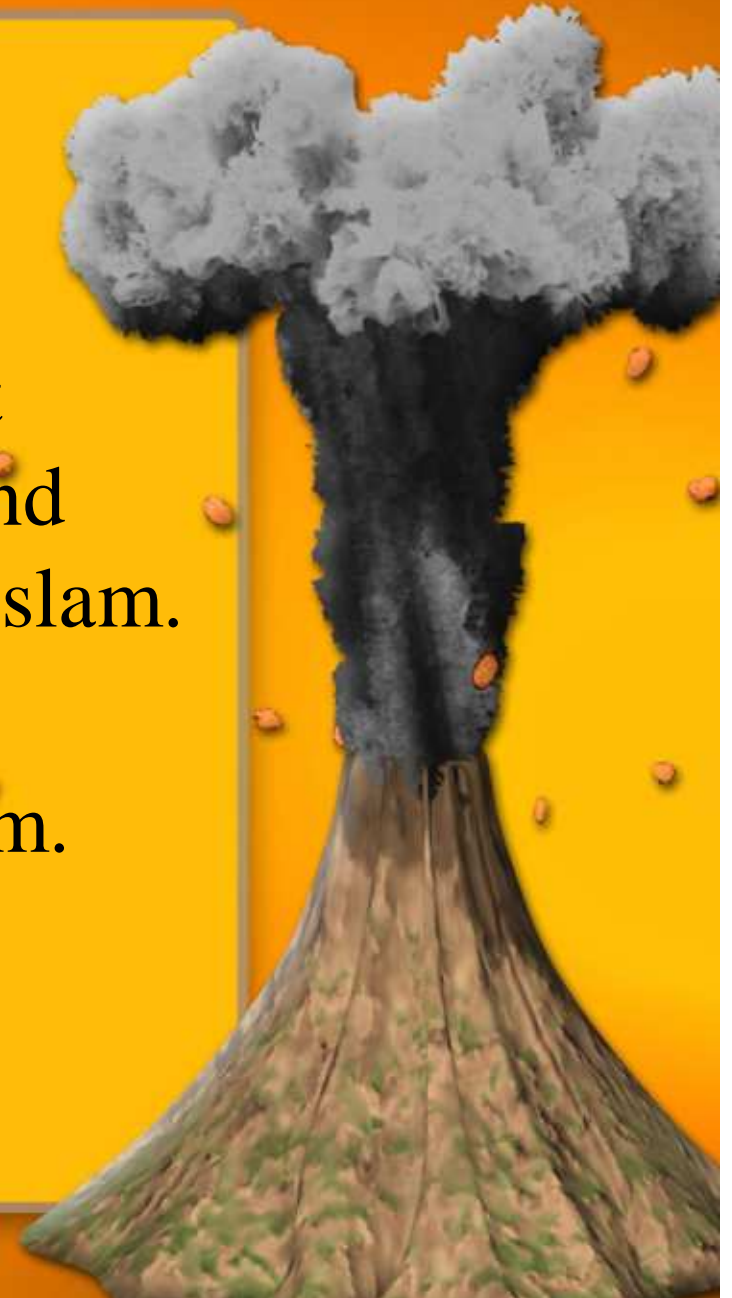




**Less Than 4% of Those  
Polled Said They Believed  
Those Seven Things.**

# Did You Know . . . .

- This decline has created a spiritual vacuum throughout Western Civilization.
- Christianity is the only major religion in America that is in decline!
- The #1 growing religion throughout America and Europe is Islam.
- #2 is Mormonism.



***Thus, Satan  
Effectively  
Continues to  
Infiltrate Human  
History with  
“The Lie”***

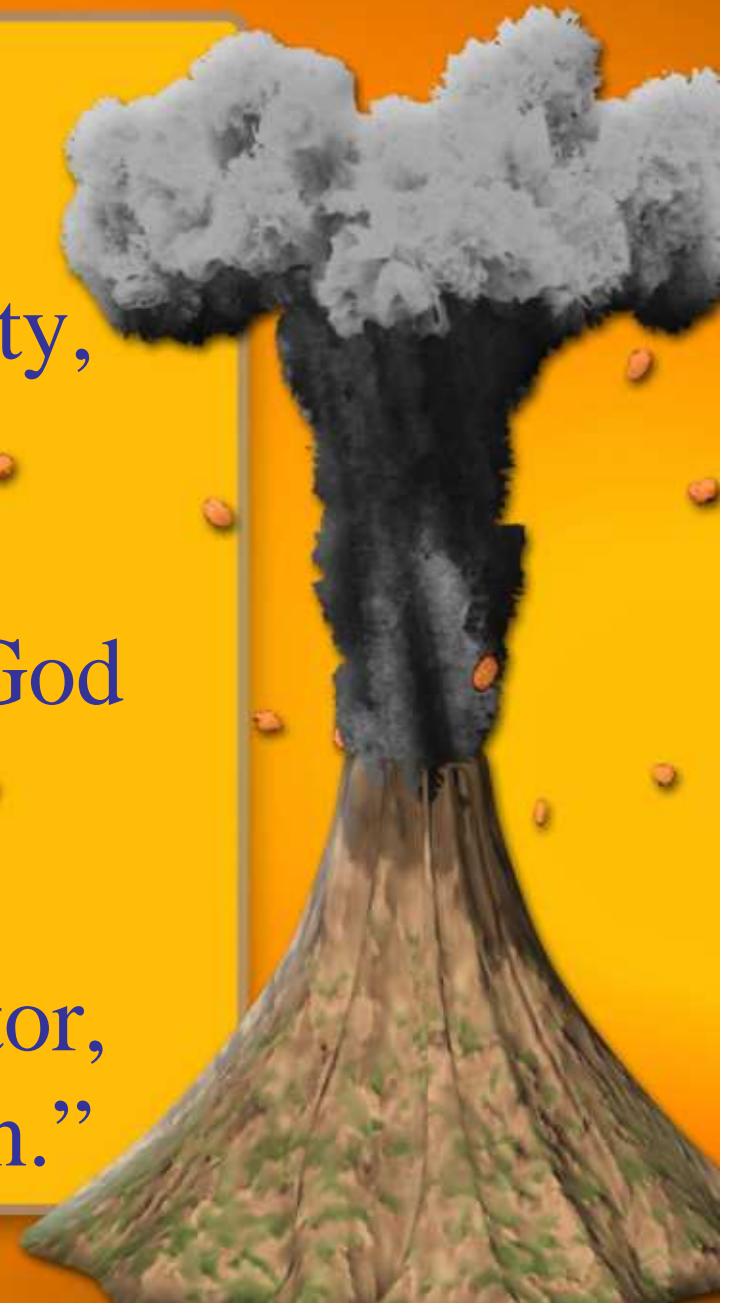




**What is “The Lie”?**

## *The Lie – Romans 1:24-25*

“Therefore God gave them [homosexuals] over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie [τὸ ψεῦδος], and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”



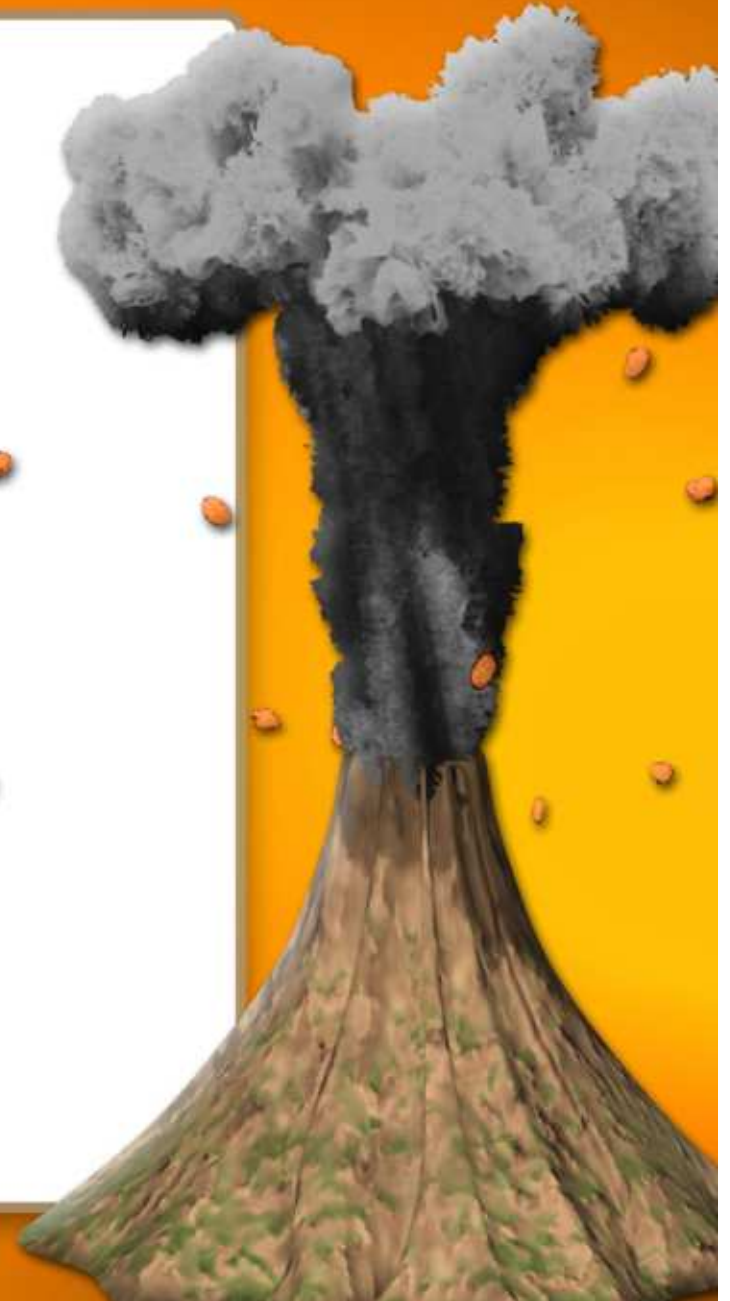
# *The Lie Defined*

***Romans 1:25  
defines “the Lie” as  
worshipping and  
serving the creature  
rather than the  
Creator, who is  
blessed forever.***



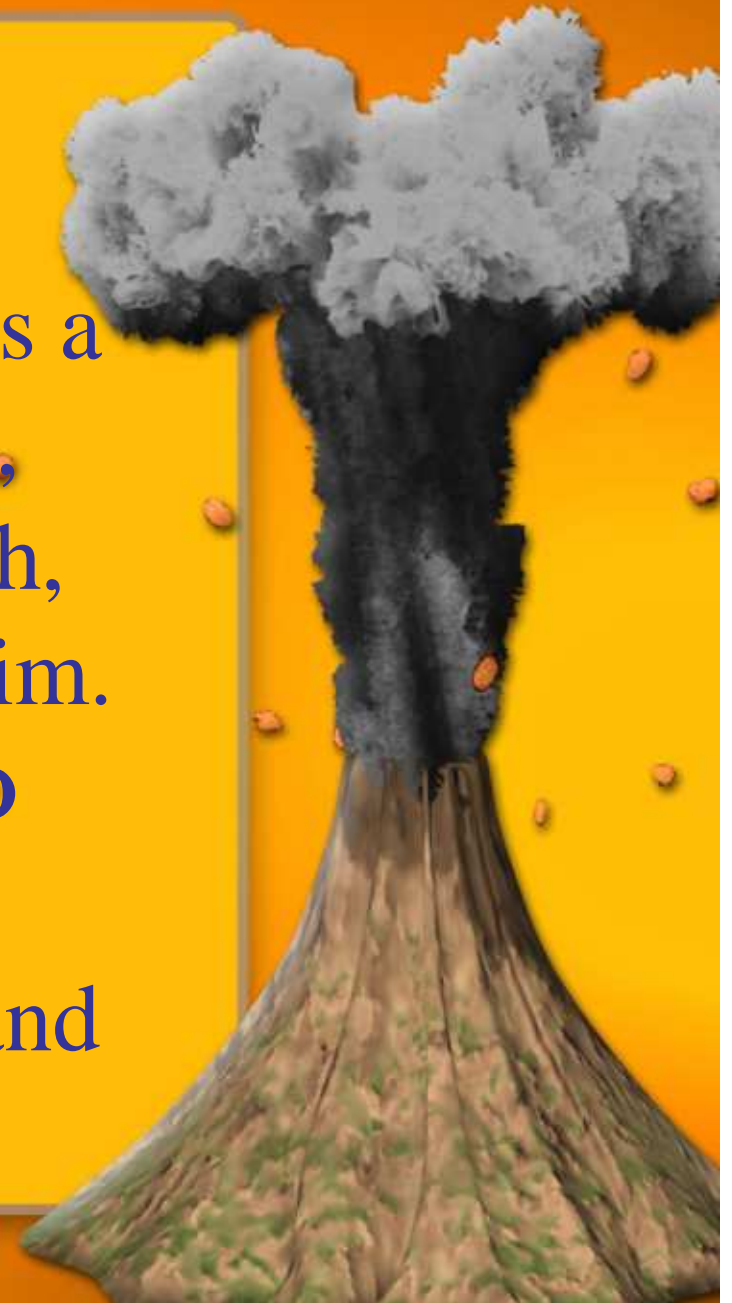
# *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

When iniquity was found in Lucifer, he conceived *the lie*, that is, that he, the creature, rather than God, the Creator, is worthy of worship, praise and glorification.



## *The Lie – John 8:44*

“You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie [τὸ ψεῦδος], he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies [lit. *of it*].”



# *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

- Satan continues to manufacture and promote “the Lie” with great effectiveness today.
- **Ephesians 2:2b:** As the “Prince of the power of the air [**ἀήρ** – *air* as an element],” he is the spirit that is now working [ἐνεργέω] in the sons of disobedience.”





# Providence and Evil

# *Providence and Evil*

- While God does not manufacture evil, *even evil is subject to His providence.*
- In other words . . .

**God is the God of Every Creature, Even the Evil ones!**

**Even Evil is Subject to God's Sovereignty!**



# *Providence and Evil Actions*

**“... just as you yourselves know – this *Man*, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.”**

Acts 2:2-23



# *Providence Directs Evil*

**“And as for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”**

**Genesis 50:20**



# *Providence Directs Evil*

## **God's Unusual Work**

“He will be stirred up . . .  
to do His task, His unusual  
task, and to work His work,  
His extraordinary work.”

Isaiah 28:21



# *Providence Directs Evil*

## **The Strange Case of Pharaoh's Heart**

Exodus 9:13-16,  
22-10:3; 14

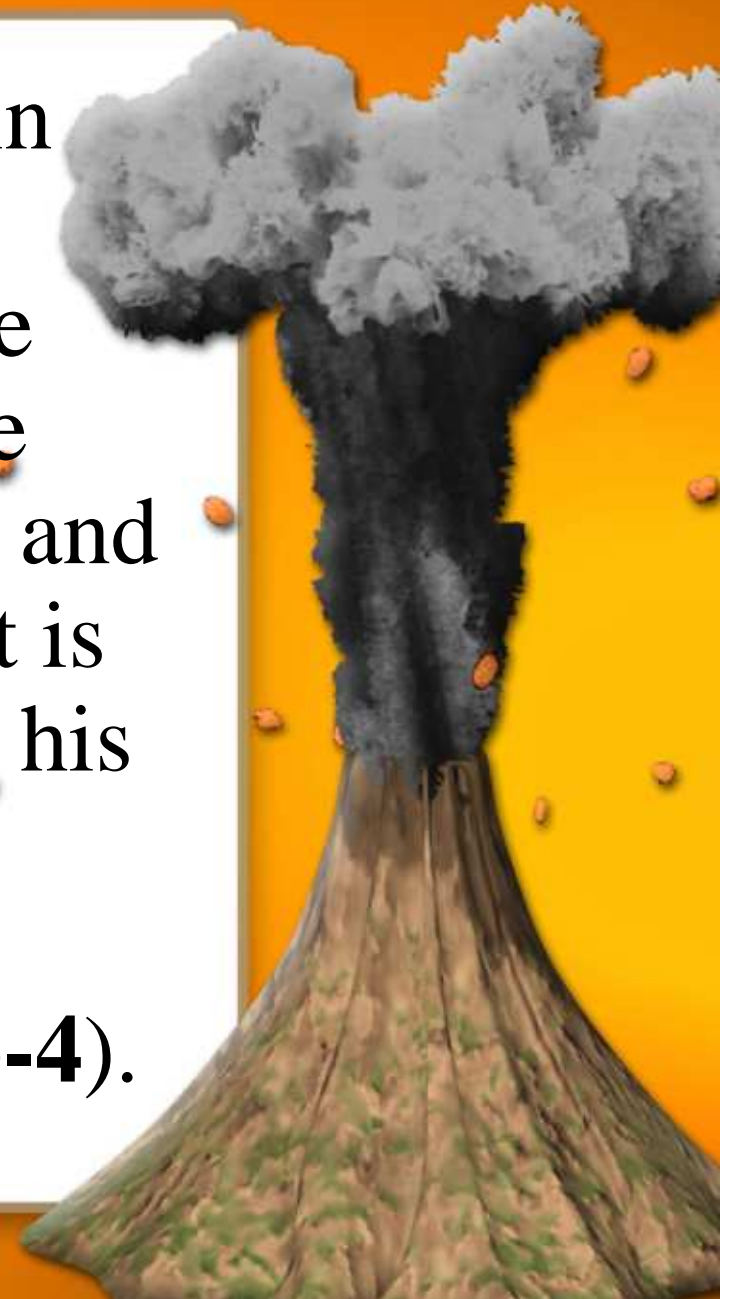




**Why Does Evil  
Continue Today?**

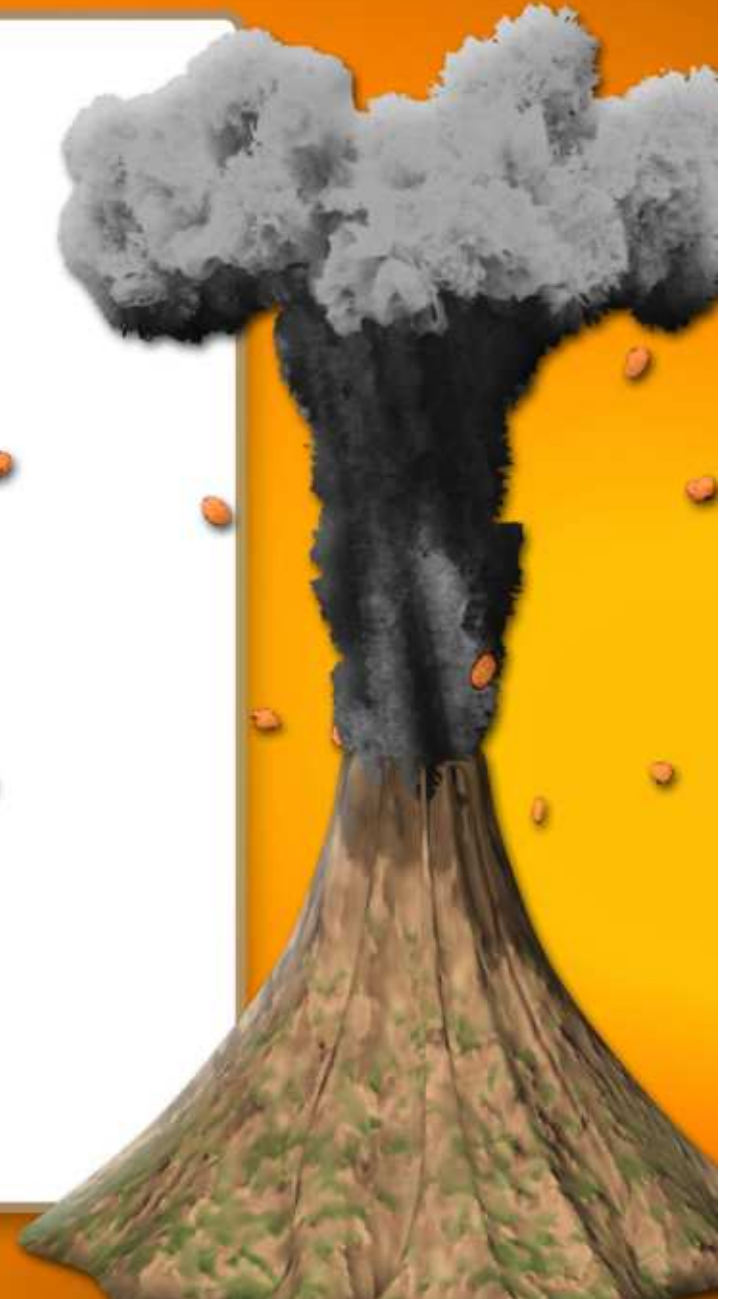
## *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

- The *Lie* will continue to gain momentum throughout human history and will have its greatest expression in the “man of sin” who “opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God” (**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**).



# *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

**2 Thessalonians 2:7:**  
“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.”



# 2 Thessalonians 2:7

**Restraining Ministry  
of the Holy Spirit**

**Genesis 3:  
“The Lie”  
Enters the  
Human Race**

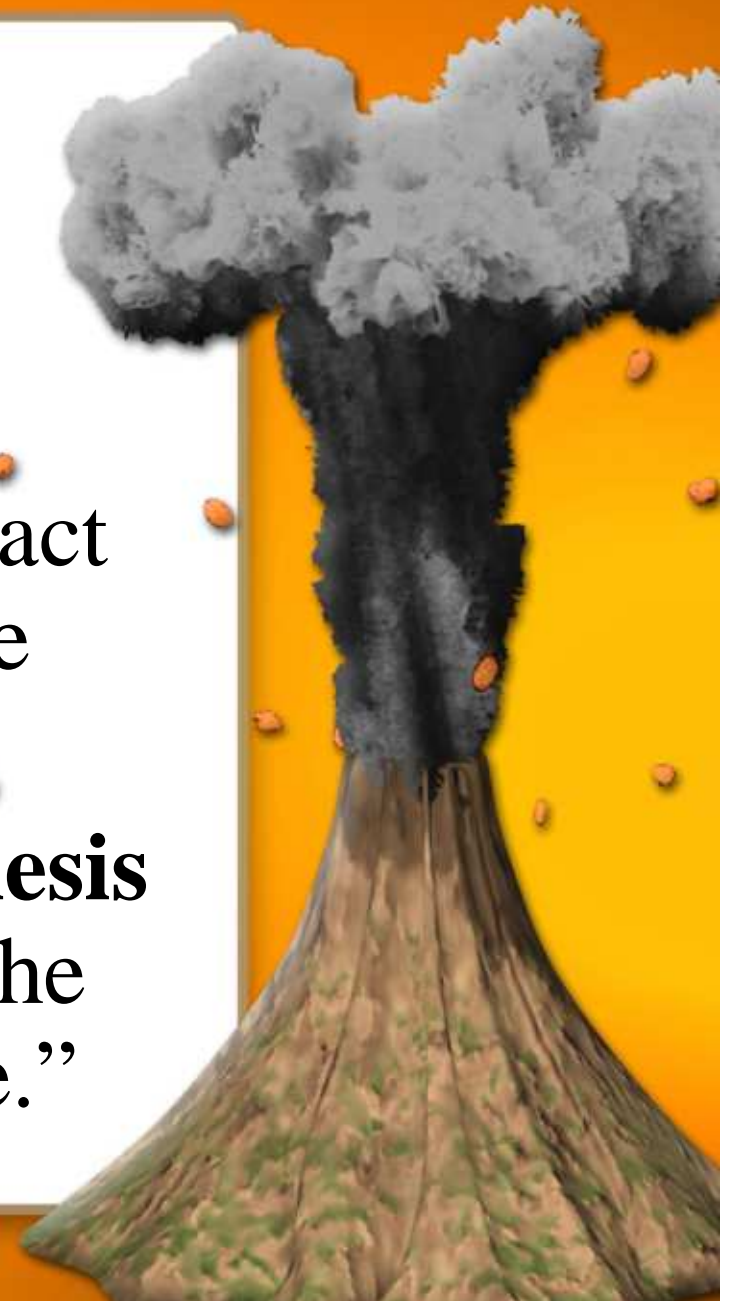
**Anti-  
Christ**

**2 Thessalonians 2:7:** “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.”



## *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

- The *Lie* must run its full course so that every manifestation of it can be completely and thoroughly judged, not only as an abstract possibility, but as a concrete reality.
- This is the principle of **Genesis 15:16**: “. . . the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”



## *Alan P. Ross on Genesis 15:16*

**“God is just, and wished to permit the sin of the Amorites to be full before He would judge them. . . God would tolerate their sins until Israel under Joshua conquered Palestine . . .”**

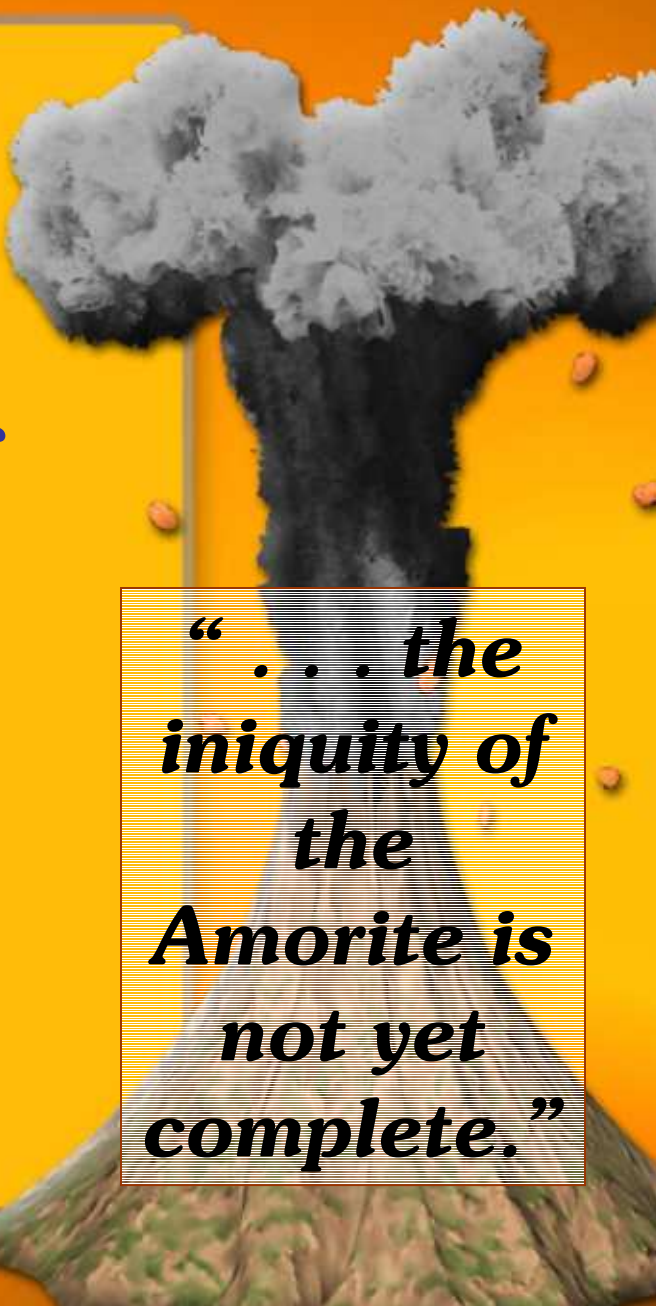
Walvoord & Zuck, *Bible Knowledge Commentary*



## *Alan P. Ross on Genesis 15:16*

**“Thus the fulfillment of the promises to Abram involves a retributive judgment on the inhabitants of the land of Canaan. Abram’s seed would get the land—but not one hour before absolute justice required it.”**

Walvoord & Zuck, *Bible Knowledge Commentary*



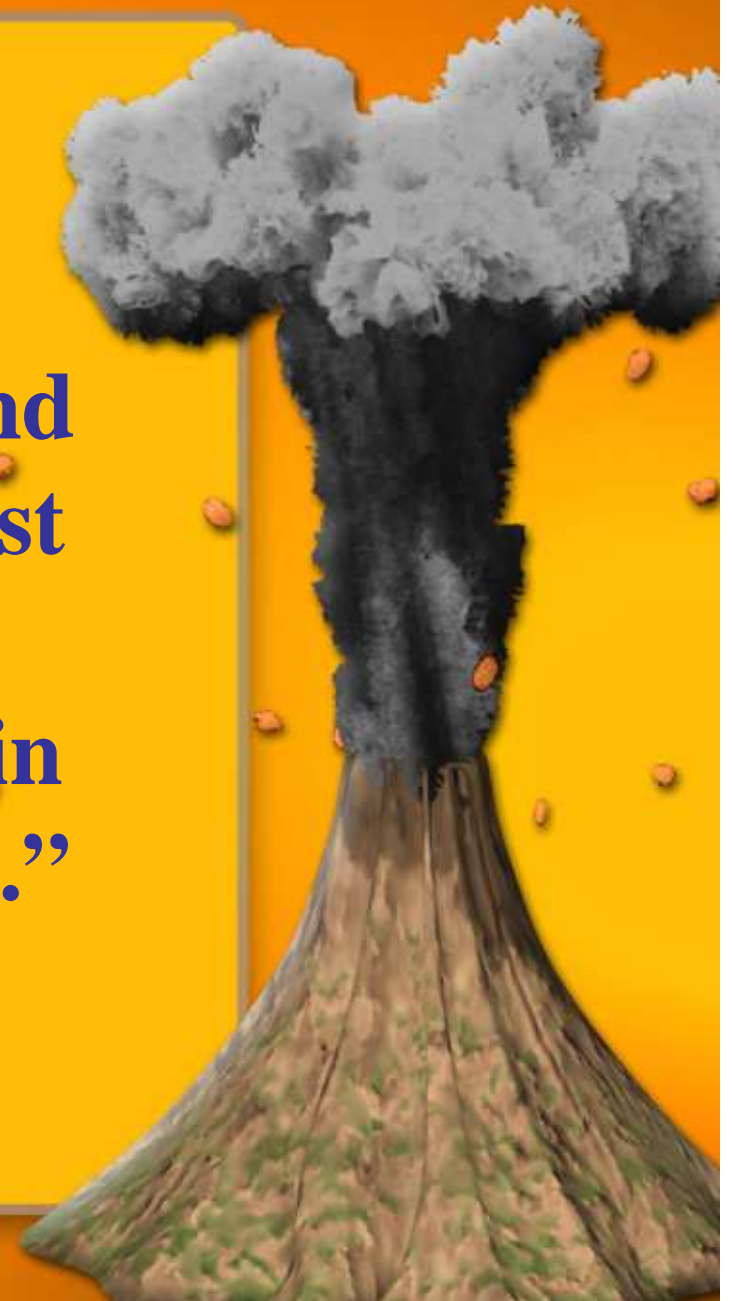
**“ . . . the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”**

***Let's Illustrate this  
Principle with  
Revelation 19 & 20***



**“In the interest of divine righteousness, the dissolution of the *cosmos* and the disillusion of the lie must reach the ends predicted when all will be destroyed in the zenith of its wickedness.”**

Lewis Sperry Chafer,  
*Systematic Theology*



**“What form of deception  
has seized good men that  
they should fail to see the  
uncomplicated teaching of  
the Bible with respect to  
the course and end of  
evil?”**

Lewis Sperry Chafer,  
*Systematic Theology*



# *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

- In the New Jerusalem there will be no possibility of ever manufacturing a Lie:
  - **Revelation 21:27:** “...and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”



## *The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil*

– **Revelation 22:15:** “Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.”



## *Lewis Sperry Chafer*

“Revelation declares that the whole *cosmos-system* must be annihilated—not its evil alone, but *all* that is in it, both good and bad. God will incorporate nothing of Satan’s failure into that kingdom which He will set up in the earth. The *cosmos diabolicus* must be ‘broken in pieces’ . . .”





**So Then, Why Did  
God Allow Evil at All?**

# Why?

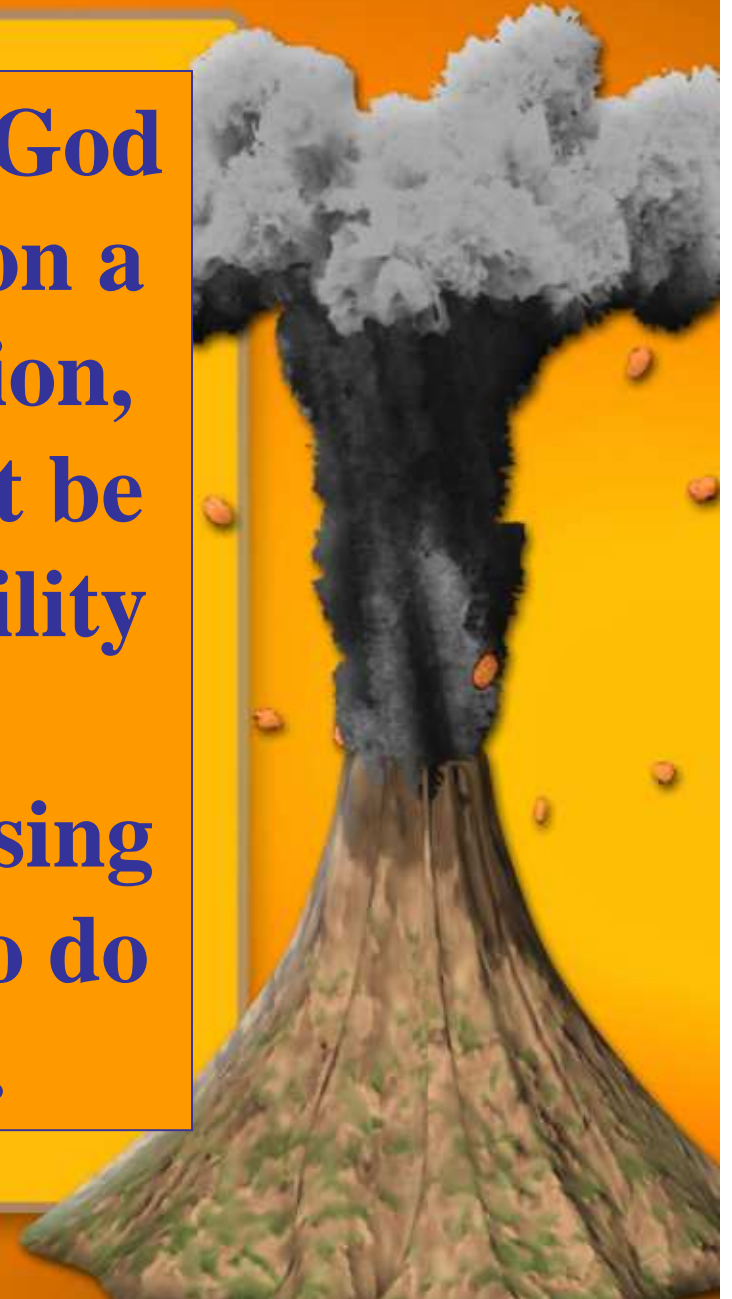
- The difficulty here lies in the fact that *God doesn't tell us why He allowed evil*. He only tells us that He did.
- We can however, deduce several things . . .



# *Why Does Evil Exist At All?*

**First, freedom is very important to God; He created both angels and humans originally free.**

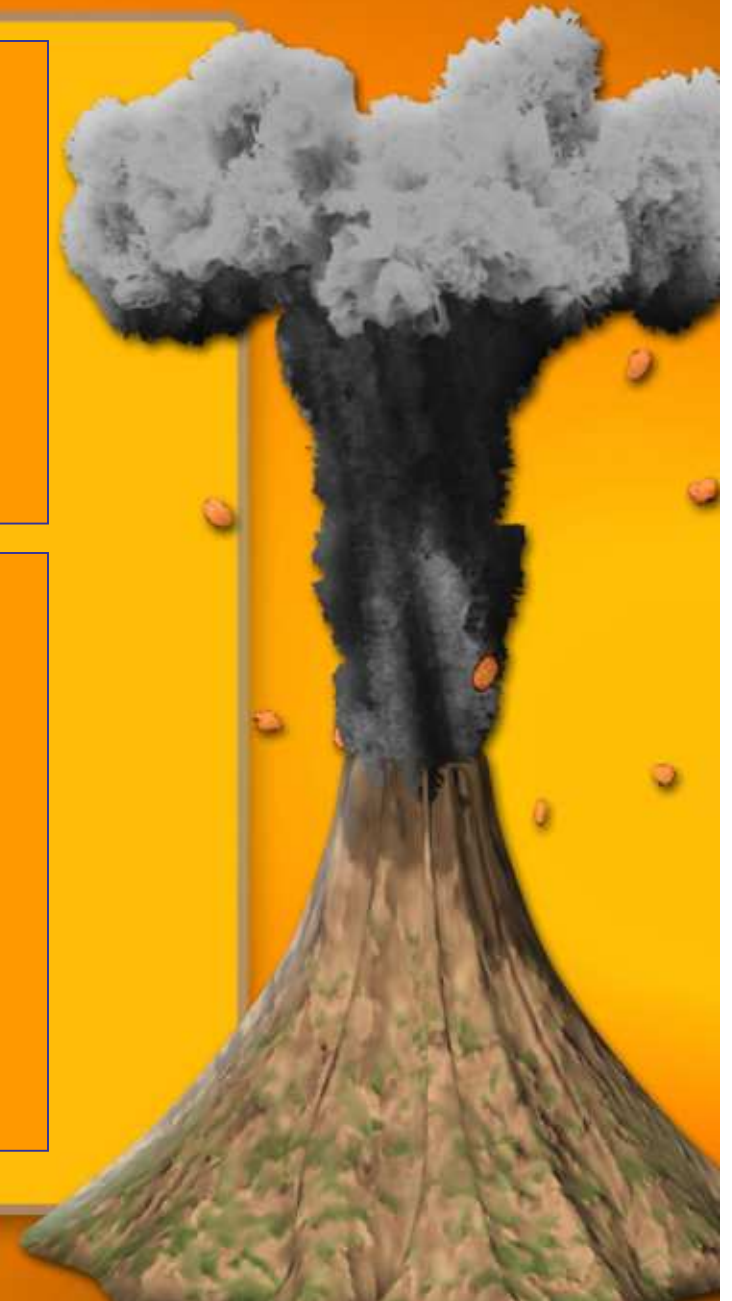
**Second, if God is to fashion a *free* creation, there must be the possibility of that creation using freedom to do wrong.**



# *Why Does Evil Exist At All?*

**Third, the fact that they did use their freedom for sin did not catch God by surprise.**

**Fourth, God used the inevitable rebellion of His free creatures as an opportunity to judge evil once and for all.**



# *Why Does Evil Exist At All?*

**When evil is  
finally judged,  
there will never be  
a possibility of it  
ever entering in  
again.**



# ***Revelation 21***



*When we get to the  
end of the Bible,  
the reign of evil is  
over forever!*





**Next Week:  
What Does All of This  
Mean to Us?**



**End**