



Evil, Part 9

***Satan Has
Effectively
Continued to
Infiltrate Human
History with
“The Lie”***



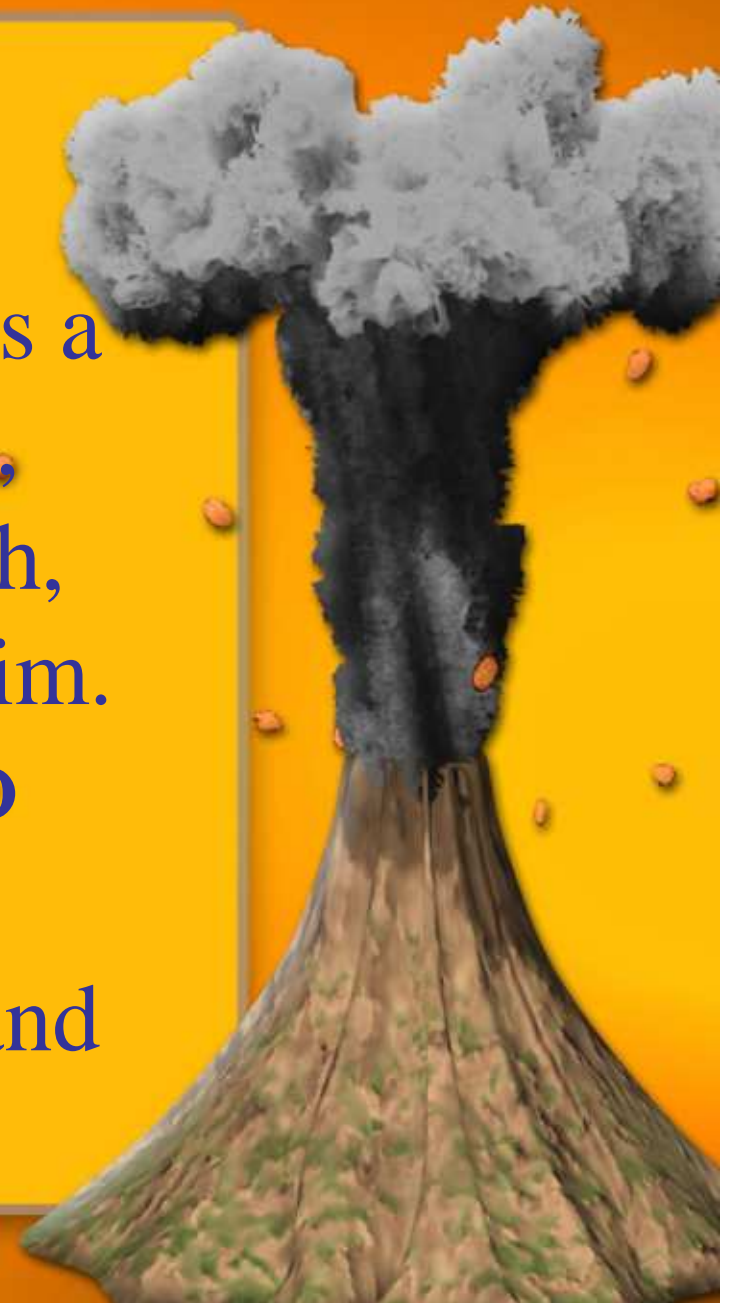
The Lie Defined

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



The Lie – 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*].”





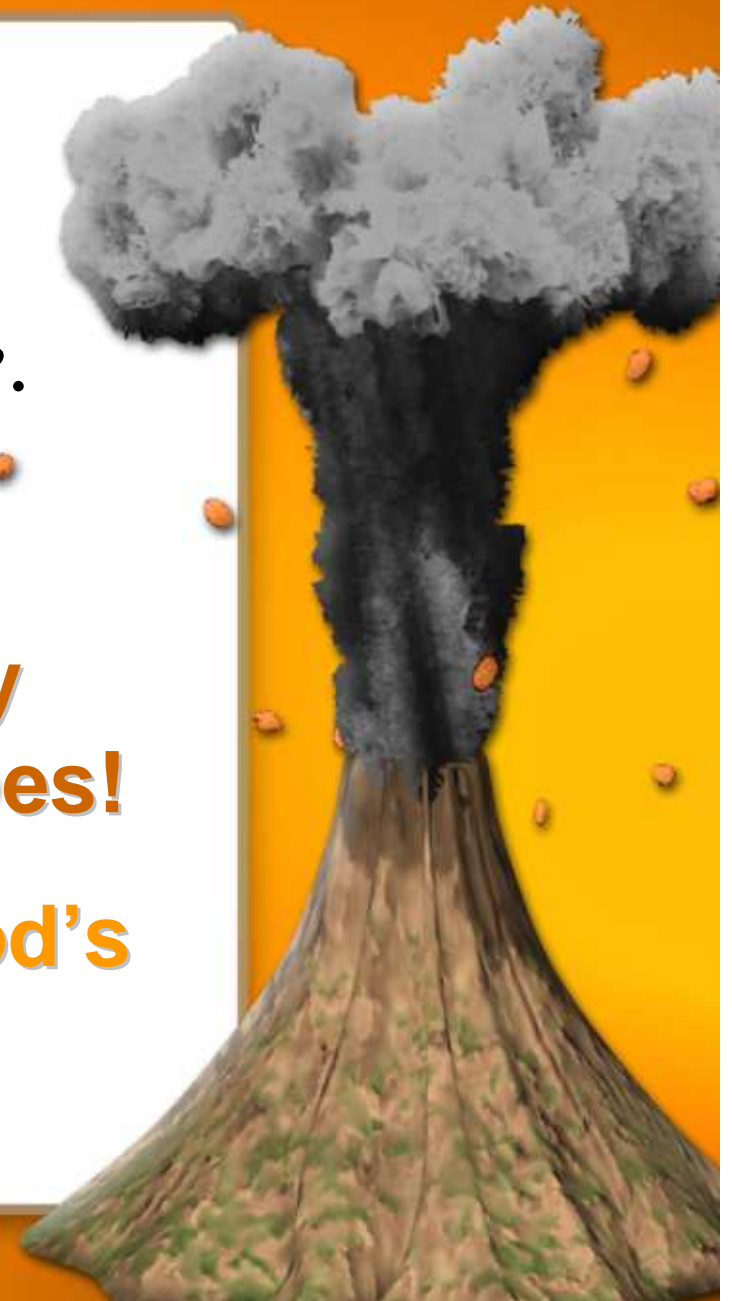
Providence and Evil

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- 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 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

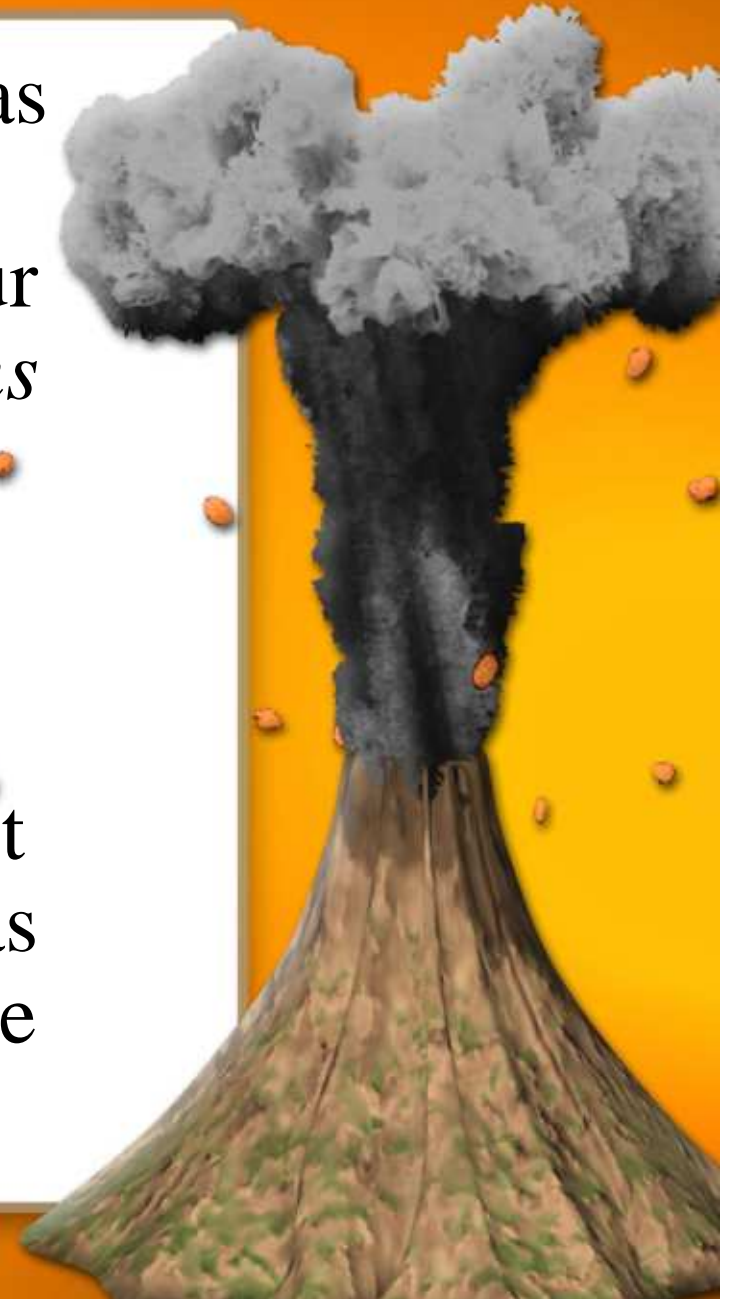
The Strange Case of Pharaoh's Heart

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



Romans 9:10-24

“And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one man, our father Isaac; for though *the twins* were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God’s purpose according to *His* choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, “The older will serve the younger.”



Romans 9:10-24

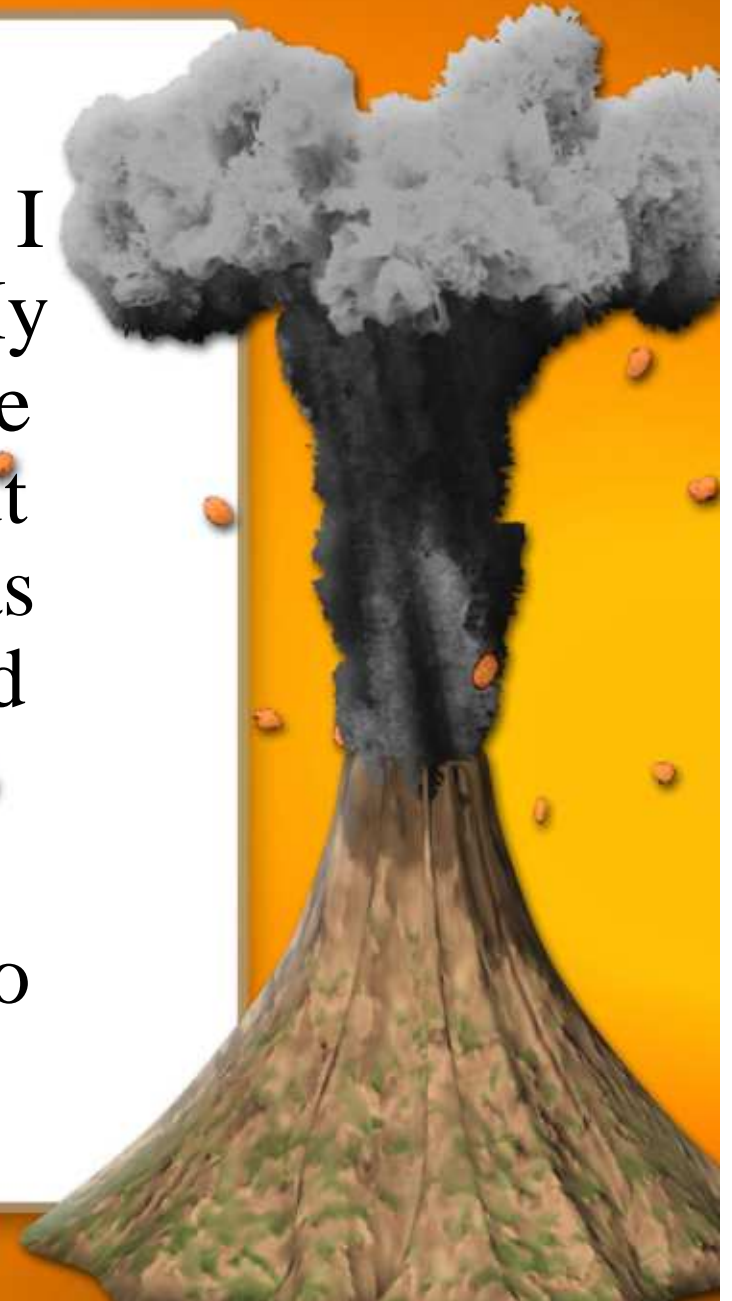
“Just as it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it *does not depend* on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.”



Romans 9:10-24

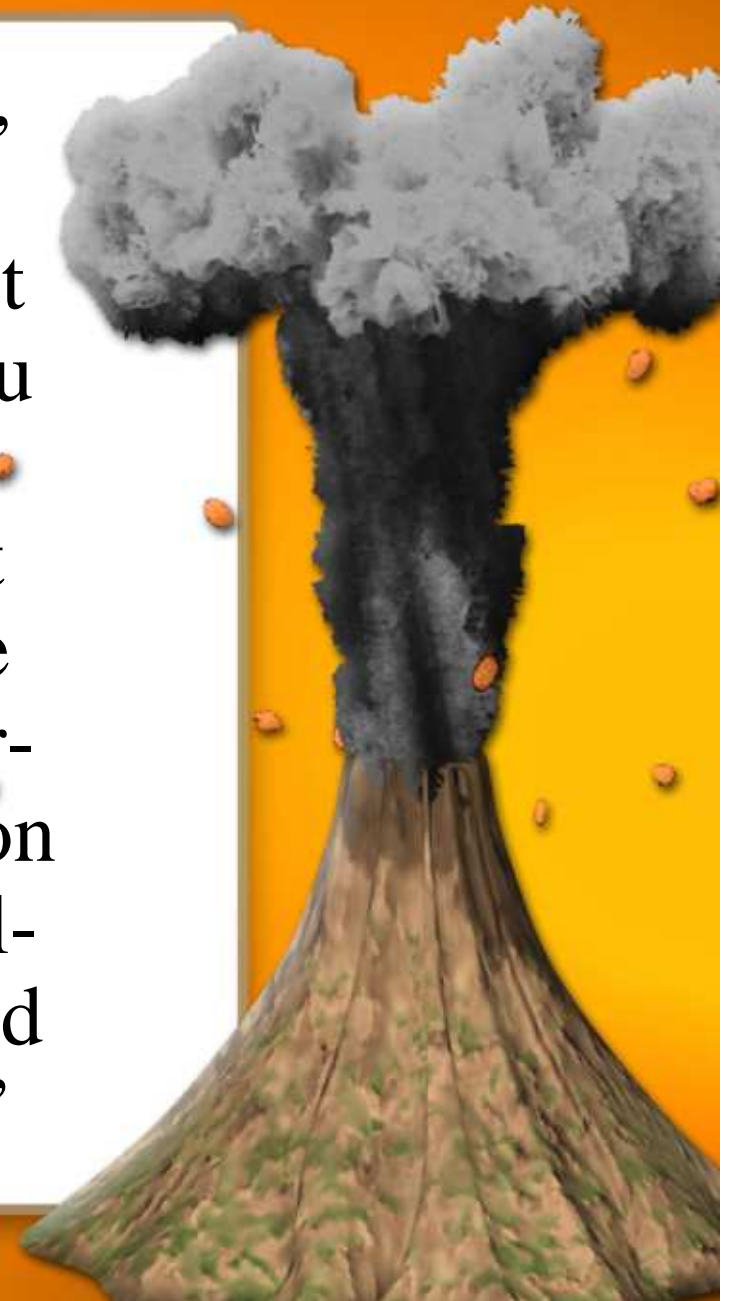
“For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.” So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?”



Romans 9:10-24

“On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known . . .”



Romans 9:10-24

“... endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And *He did so* in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, *even us*, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.”

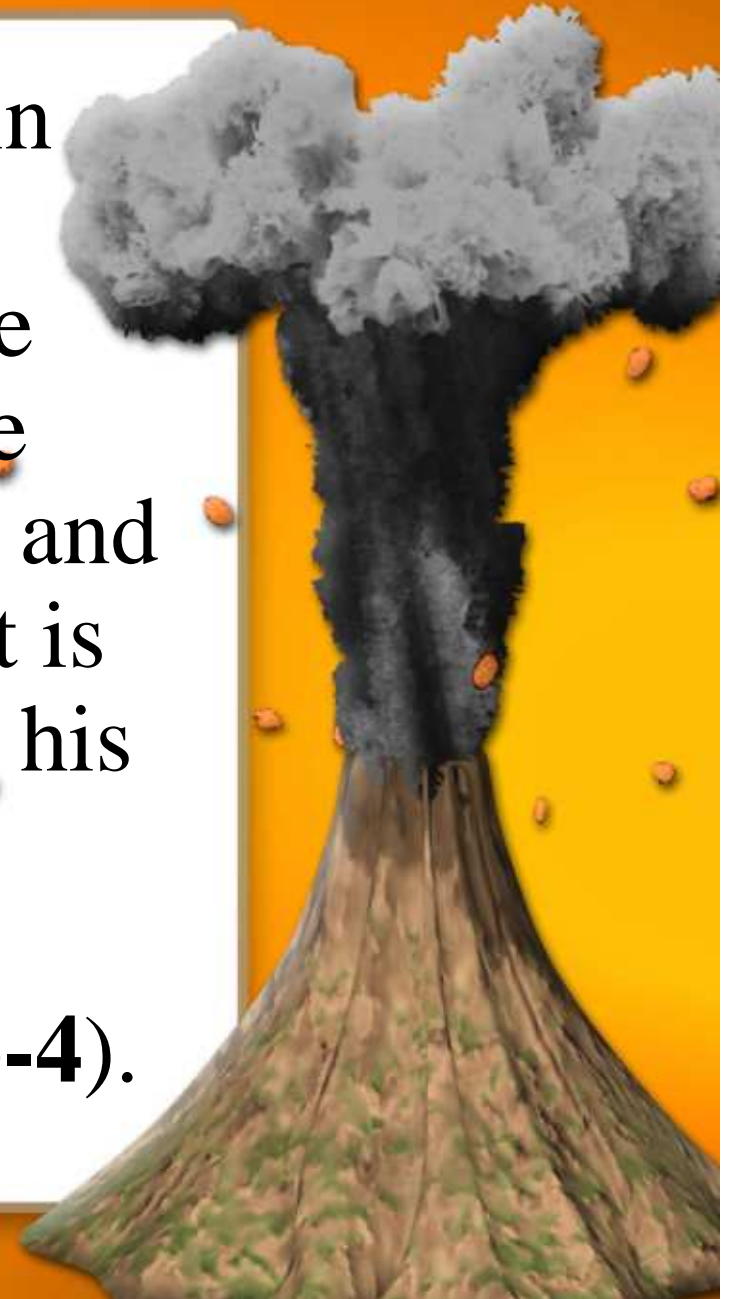


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**Why Does Evil
Continue Today?**

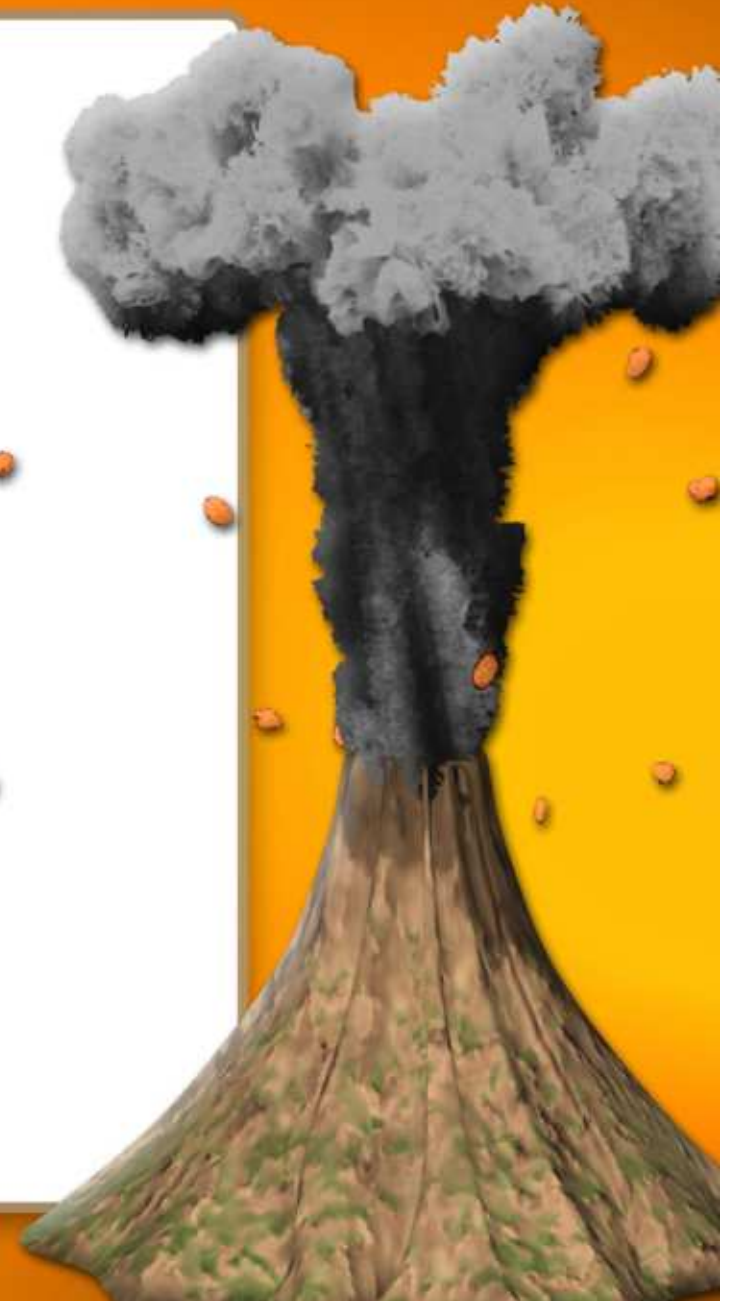
The Lie – Satan’s Policy of Evil

- 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**).



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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**

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- The *Lie* must run its full course so that its every manifestation might be completely and thoroughly judged, not merely 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 . . .”

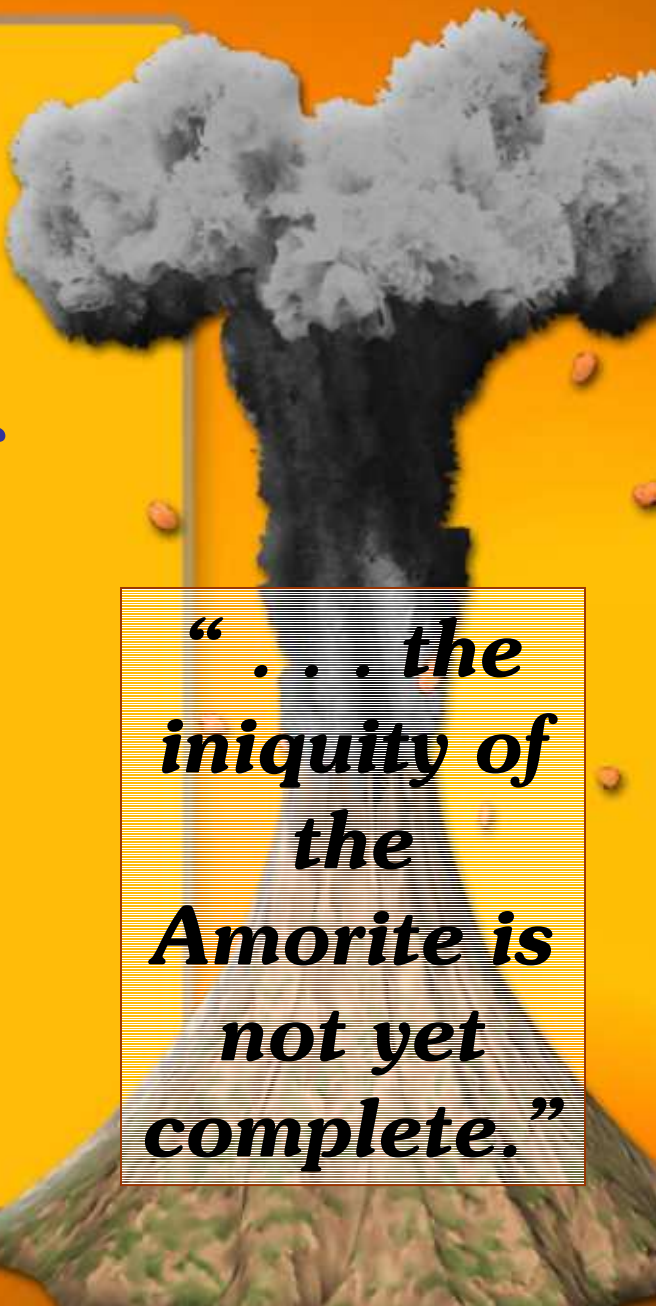
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Alan P. Ross on Genesis 15:16

“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.”

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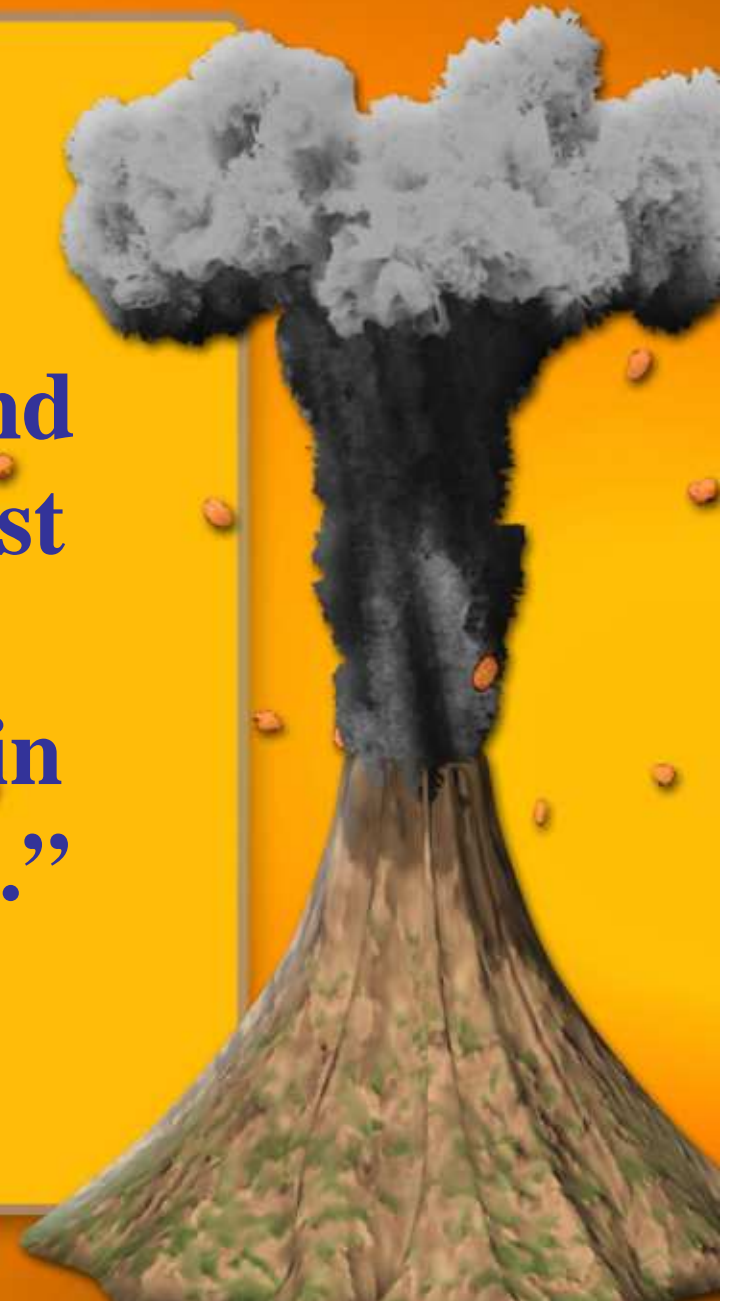
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***Let's Illustrate this
Principle with
Revelation 19 & 20***



“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,
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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.”



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– **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?

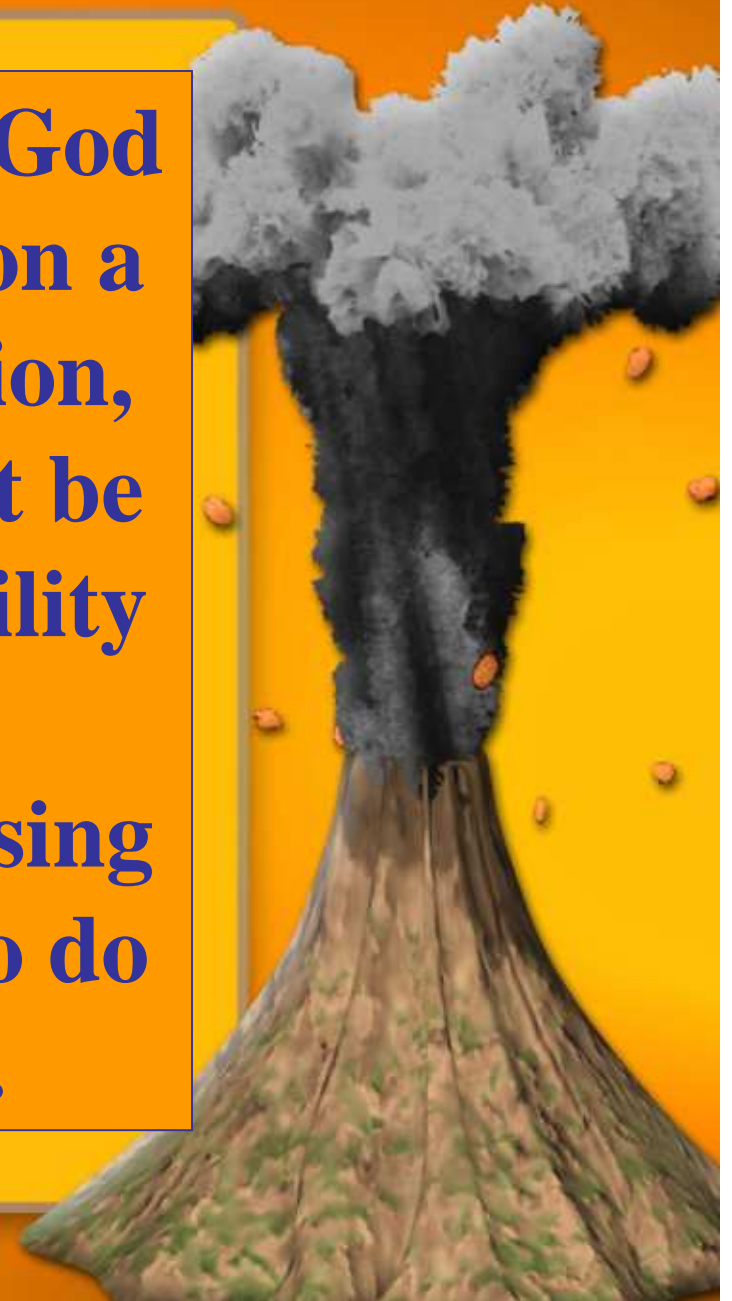
- The difficulty here lies in the fact that *God doesn't tell us why He allowed evil*. He only tells us that He did.
- We can however, deduce several things . . .



Why Does Evil Exist At All?

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

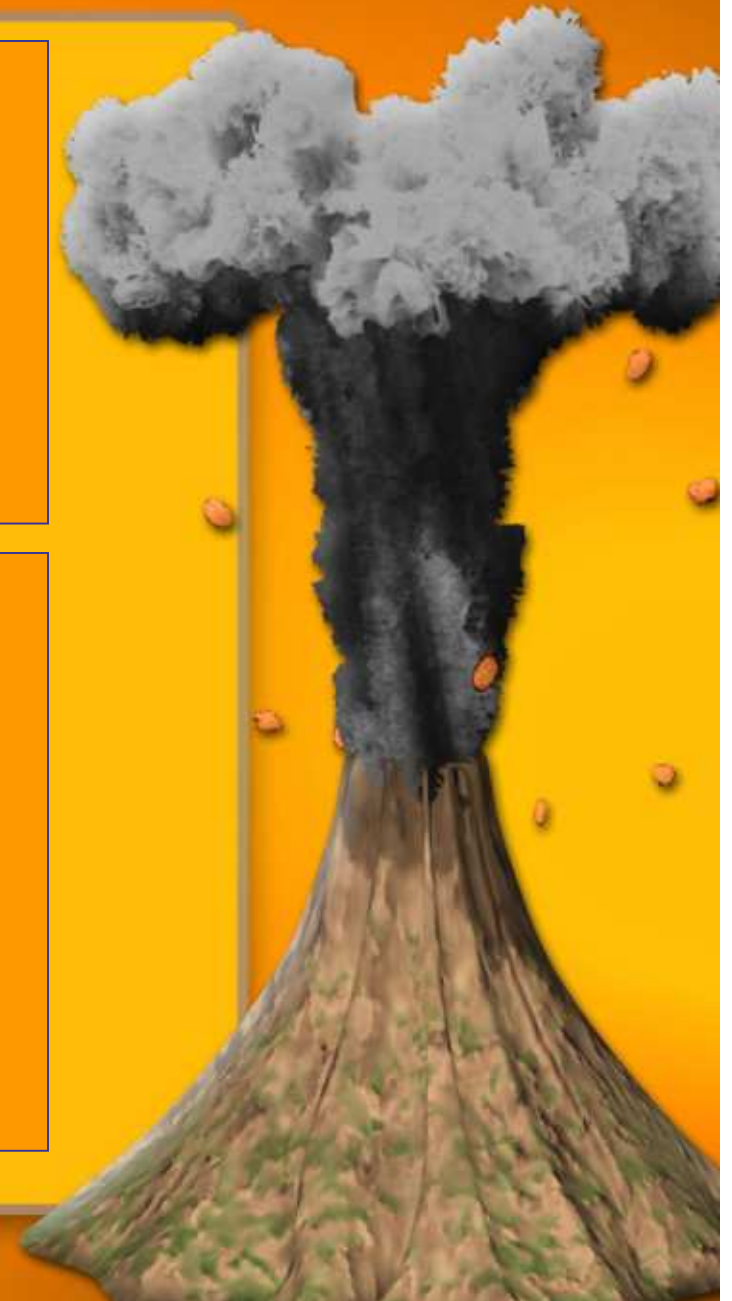
Second, if God is to fashion a *free* creation, there must be the possibility of that creation using freedom to do wrong.



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!*



A stylized illustration of a nuclear mushroom cloud. The cloud is dark grey and black, with a large, billowing white top. The base of the cloud is a brown, textured, conical shape. The background is a gradient of orange and yellow. Several small, brown, oval-shaped objects are scattered around the cloud. The word "End" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, centered over the cloud.

End