

## 1. WHERE DID SIN AND EVIL BEGIN?

1 John 3:8; John 8:44

The Bible says: He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 3:8) The devil...was a murderer from the \_\_\_\_\_...for he a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44)



Note: There was no evil in the world until Lucifer chose to violate God's law and fell into sin. After this, he was given a new name, "called the devil and Satan" (Rev. 12:9). The devil is the author of sin, pain, and suffering. While those who think the devil is merely symbolic cannot explain the supernatural phenomenon in the world, those who have spoken to or experienced the devil and evil spirits know very well that they are literal beings, and very dangerous.

## 2. WHY DID GOD CREATE A DEVIL? DID GOD MAKE HIM WITH SOME KIND OF FLAW?

Ezekiel 28:15

The Bible says: You were the anointed cherub who covers...You were \_\_\_\_\_ in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. (Eze. 28:15)

Note: God did not create a "devil." He created a perfect angel named Lucifer, but instead of creating robots who were programmed to serve Him, He gave all the angels a free will. Of course, freedom comes at a cost. Satan and some of the other angels chose to rebel against God's laws and turned to a life of evil. While some argue that since God made the devil, He is responsible for the devil's crimes, that would be like saying a parent is responsible for all their children's poor decisions. Freedom to choose is not a flaw. It is a privilege.

## 3. WHAT LED THE DEVIL TO SIN AND START A REBELLION?

Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:13

The Bible says: Your heart was \_\_\_\_\_ because of your beauty. (Eze. 28:17) You have said in your heart; I will ascend into heaven, I will \_\_\_\_\_ my throne above the stars of God. (Isa. 14:13)

Note: While all God's creatures were created perfect, the Bible seems to imply that Lucifer was especially beautiful, "perfect in beauty," and granted a special position as "the anointed cherub" around the throne of God (Eze. 28:11, 14). Instead of his position leading to feelings of gratitude, we are told that Lucifer cherished pride within his heart. This pride soon led to dissatisfaction, and finally a desire to even exalt himself above God.

## 4. AFTER THE DEVIL SINNED, WHY DIDN'T GOD JUST IMMEDIATELY DESTROY HIM?

Matthew 13:28, 29

The Bible says: The servants said to him, "Do you want us then to go and gather them up?" But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with them." (Matt. 13:28, 29)



Note: Because the devil's sin started in his heart (see Isa. 14:13), the other angels could not fully see the manifestation of evil. In its infancy sin appears like a baby lion, cute and innocent (See Jas. 1:14, 15). Like a dog with rabies, the symptoms are delayed, so if God destroyed Lucifer, the rest of the angels wouldn't have understood. They would have rebelled and sin would have started anyway. Once sin started, God had to allow good and evil "grow together" in hopes that we would see the effects of sin and turn away from it.

## 5. WHAT THEN HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF SATAN'S REBELLION?

Revelation 12:7; 12:4; Jude 1:6

The Bible says: \_\_\_\_\_ broke out in heaven. (Rev. 12:7) And his tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. (Rev. 12:4) The angels who did not keep their proper domain. (Jude 1:6)



Note: The devil's sin turned into an all-out war in heaven. This was not a war of weapons, but of words, principles, and ideology. Like a political campaign, the devil tried to convince the angels that God was treating them unfairly, rebelling against the foundation of God's government – His law. God appealed to the angels that His law was only for their benefit, but permitted the angels time to decide for themselves who they would follow. Tragically, one third of the angels sided with the devil in his rebellion.

## 6. HOW DID GOD PUNISH SATAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS?

Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:9

The Bible says: I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. (Luke 10:18) Satan...was cast to the \_\_\_\_\_, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev. 12:9)

Note: After all the angels had been given time to decide which side they were going to fight on, God then divided the camps, casting the devil and his followers out of heaven. Since earth was God's newest creation, the devil and his angels brought their war to planet earth in an attempt to lure the first humans to their side. God permitted the devil to come to earth and test the first couples faithfulness, and here on planet earth, the devil and his angels set up their new base of command.



## 7. WHAT EFFECT DID THE FALL HAVE ON HUMANITY?

Genesis 3:6; Romans 5:12

**The Bible says:** The woman... she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (Gen. 3:6) Therefore, just as through one man \_\_\_\_ entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because \_\_\_\_ sinned. (Rom. 5:12)

Note: Since the devil could no longer get to God, he made humans his next target. In the Garden of Eden, Satan tempted Eve to sin by casting doubt on God, asking, "Has God indeed said" not to do that (Gen. 3:1)? He then went on to convince her that his way would lead to a better life (Gen. 3:5). Eve then led Adam to sin, and sin was passed down through their genes to all humanity. Everyone has been infected with the deadly disease of sin, which, like a malignant cancer cell, will slowly kill us unless we obtain the remedy.

## 8. WHAT IS THE DEVIL DOING NOW AND WHO IS HIS MAIN TARGET?

1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:12

**The Bible says:** The devil walks about like a roaring \_\_\_\_\_, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet. 5:8) Woe to...the earth...for the devil has come down to you, having great \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 12:12)



Note: Answer: The devil is hunting right now. You and I are his target, and sin is the bait that he uses to trap us. While many do not like to think about this, the Bible says the devil and his angels are walking back and forth on earth. They are in our homes, schools, and streets. Like termites, they hide beyond the realm of sight, wreaking havoc in our lives, causing all the pain and suffering in the world. Like a lion, they prowl around, waiting to attack, so it is important to remain alert to the devil's attacks and resist sin.

## 9. HOW SUCCESSFUL IS THE DEVIL'S WAR AGAINST GOD?

John 1:11; 1 Peter 3:20; Revelation 13:3

**The Bible says:** He came to His own, and His own did \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (John 1:11) In the days of Noah...a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (1 Pet. 3:20) And all the \_\_\_\_\_ marveled and followed the beast. (Rev. 13:3)



Note: Satan's war is very effective. In the days of the flood only eight were saved. In the days of Christ, basically the entire Jewish nation rejected Him. And in the final conflict, basically the whole world will follow the devil in his final antichrist deception. That's why Jesus said, "broad is the way that leads to destruction." (Mt. 7:13). In spite of this, God has made provision for all to be saved and He still has faithful people on earth.

## 10. HOW DOES THIS WAR BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL END?

Revelation 20:9, 10; Ezekiel 28:14, 19

**The Bible says:** And fire came down from God out of heaven and \_\_\_\_\_ them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire... (Rev. 20:9, 10) You were the anointed cherub who covers... and shall be \_\_\_\_\_ forever. (Eze, 28:14, 19)

Note: After the final test has been given on the earth, and all have made their decision to accept or reject, God will raise the saints and take them to heaven. After that, He will raise all those who rejected His grace and destroy them, along with the devil and his angels. The universe will then finally be safe from the plague of sin. Sin and evil will finally be eradicated from earth and they will never rise up again (See Nahum 1:9). Out of love and mercy, God continues to wait, giving us time to turn to Him while there is still time because He does not want any to perish (See 2 Pet. 3:9).

## THE GREAT WAR

