



THE DRAGON'S EGG

BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #3

THE ORIGIN OF EVIL

Ezekiel 28:15 – In this chapter the Prince of Tyre represents Lucifer. Lucifer was a beautiful angel when God created him.

Ezekiel 28:14,16 – Lucifer is called the “covering cherub” because of his position near God’s throne. He seems to have been the leader of the angels.

HOW LUCIFER BECAME THE DEVIL

Ezekiel 28:17 – Pride led to the downfall of this marvelous being.

Isaiah 14:12-14 – Lucifer wanted to exalt himself above God. He coveted God’s throne and the worship of the angels.

Revelation 12:7-9 – As a result of Lucifer’s rebellion, “war broke out in Heaven.” The devil and his angels were cast out of Heaven.

Genesis 3:1-4 – The serpent was the medium by which Satan attracted Eve’s attention.

The controversy between Christ and Satan that began in Heaven now continues on earth. The devil is especially angry with a person who endeavors to live by faith in obedience to God’s commandments (Revelation 12:17). Since Satan is a “liar” and a “murderer” (John 8:44), it is unsafe to follow his suggestions.

WHY GOD PERMITTED SIN

Many have been perplexed because sin and its author, Satan, still exist. Some even charge God with the responsibility for it, since He permitted sin. God is good, merciful, and all-powerful, but He is also love. True love does not force love from another. Therefore, God gave all His created beings freedom of choice. God wants people to serve Him because they choose to do so, and not because they cannot do otherwise.

1 John 4:8 – God is love. If God had destroyed Satan immediately, heavenly beings might have served Him through fear instead of love.

1 John 3:8 – Christ’s life and death exposed Satan’s true nature and the results of sin. Thus in the proper time God will be able to destroy Satan and sin with the consent of the universe.

James 4:7 and **Philippians 4:13** – Victory over sin can be ours if we continually surrender ourselves to God. Jesus is able to “keep us from falling” (Jude 24), but we must remain connected to him by faith.

Revelation 21:1, 4, 5 – God’s original purpose will one day be fulfilled. There will be a sinless world. Satan, sin and sinners will no longer exist.

As the conflict between Christ and Satan continues, God’s purpose and plan for us is being developed. We must put our will on God’s side and surrender to Him, and victory over sin will be ours. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!

GOD’S PLAN FOR OUR SALVATION

The Creator made man perfect (Ecclesiastes 7:29). However, when Satan was cast out of Heaven, he succeeded in deceiving Adam and Eve. As a result of their disobedience, all mankind was brought under the bondage of sin. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Romans 5:12.

Genesis 3:15 – When man sinned there was a Savior. The seed of the woman (Jesus) was to bruise the serpent’s (Satan’s) head.

Philippians 2:5-8 – Jesus was in the form of God, but He took the form of man. He who was equal with God and the Creator of all became a creation and servant. He was made “God with us.”

John 3:16 – When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the death penalty for our sins. This makes forgiveness and eternal life possible for those who by faith accept His sacrifice.

Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). He is represented as the good shepherd seeking the one lost sheep. Jesus died to pay the penalty of our sins. He is living today to give us power over sin, and soon He will return to deliver us from the presence of sin. Jesus is our complete Savior.