

The Roots of Evil

Introduction

1. **The Decree of God:** A plan to set forth Himself and to share Himself with a creation in His image.

First: Beings like Him, “sons” to relate to Him, both angels and men.

then: The entrance of sin. Rebellion... an origin of sin. In both angels and men.

then: The solution. And in so doing, the unveiling of God

2. **The Angelic Creation:** ... and a place of God’s abode and glory

“The holy mountain”

“The holy city”

“Heaven”

...and there was a particular mighty, wise, exalted, and beautiful angel...who sinned.

3. **The Rebellion:** (Ezek.28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-15; I Tim 3:6)

And with Satan, “his angels”

Their corruption was total and final. No demon shall ever repent.

“Evil shall be my good.” Milton

God’s worthiness and glory had been challenged. There now would be a demonstration to the angelic realm of the glory of God.

(Eph. 3:10-11)

Satan’s evil will bring a greater good.

4. **The Creation of Man and The Universe:** man: small, weak...”sons” to establish God’s kingdom.

A Test: **The Temptation:** Will Adam obey God or Satan?

The Fall: “The Serpent”; who was “that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan” in Rev 12:9.

He lied about God’s word, character and Justice.

– “Life is freedom from God,” Satan

– “Life is being number one.” Satan

And it began Satan’s kingdom. Man became a “son of disobedience”...a “child of the devil” - under the “domain of darkness” & the “prince of the power of the air”

- Mankind now belonged to Satan -

5. **But Satan’s doom was promised:** Gen 3:15 - A representative man would die to destroy Satan and death.

What followed was man's violence and corruption. (Gen. 6:1f)

Then the Flood.

And then, a new beginning. But at the Tower of Babel...a second fall of man occurred.

The nations now became Satan's. "Babylon" (Ps. 106:36-37)(I Cor. 10:20)

6. But God gave Israel to the world, to give the world truth, law and salvation.

Satan and Israel (Zech. 3:1; Rev. 12:1f)

7. **The Coming of Jesus** (Rev. 12:4)

At the cross Satan was cast out and defeated.

8. **The Church Age** is the present plundering of Satan's household. (Luke 11:21-23)

9. This will continue until "**the restrainer is taken away,**" and the Tribulation begins. (2 Thess 2:8-9)

10. **At Mid-Tribulation** Satan is cast from heaven to dwell upon the Earth. (Rev 12:12)

11. At **The Return of Christ** Satan will be bound for a thousand years. (Rev. 20:11-15)

12. **The Final Temptation** (Rev. 20:7-10)

Satan tests the Kingdom of God,

and then "new heaven's and new earth where righteousness dwells." (2 Pet. 3:13)

13. **Satan's final judgement** (Rev. 20:11-17)

Satan will be cast into the lake of fire with his angels and his people...a family reunion.

Thus, as a result of Satan...God is magnified through Christ,
and man is exalted far above his origin.