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“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

The Origin of Evil

Some of the questions that come up from time to time are, “If God is so good, why is there so much evil in the world?” “If God is so powerful, why does He not get rid of the devil?” “If God created man perfect, where did evil come from?” “Who is behind the evil in the world?” These questions deserve to be honestly answered from the Bible, don't they? Let's begin:

“And He (Jesus) said unto them. I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven”. Luke 10:18

Jesus said that He had seen Satan fall from Heaven.

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:7-9

There are a few points in these verses that will surprise most people. 1. There was war in Heaven. That's the last place one would expect there to be war. 2. The devil came from Heaven. 3. Not only God has angels, the devil also has them. 4. We also need to know who is “Michael” in this verse.

Jude 9, and Daniel 12: 1, when coupled with 1 Thessalonians 4:16, & Revelation 19:11-16, (these last verses are describing the same event as the previous verse), reveal that Michael is one of the many names for Jesus Christ. In fact there are more than 200 names for Jesus in the Bible.

“Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the Garden of God; ... Thou art the Anointed Cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.” Ezekiel 28:12-17.

Sometimes the Bible is hard to follow, it mentions in this instance, a “king of Tyrus”, then goes on to say that he had been in the Garden of Eden. The book of Ezekiel was written about 3,500 yrs. after the Garden of Eden was closed to mankind. No ordinary man lives that long, so what are we to conclude? -- That the name “king of Tyrus”, must be a symbolic name.

When we realise that Jesus has so many names, it is not hard to believe that Satan also has a lot of names.

In Revelation 12, we saw that he was called, “dragon”, “serpent”, “Satan”, and “devil”. Bible scholars of many denominations are very much agreed that “the king of Tyrus”, is another name for Satan, and represents all that is “evil”.

Here is a partial list of names by which Satan is known in Scripture: “the accuser of the brethren”, “the adversary”, “evil spirit”, “prince of the evil spirits”, “that old serpent”, “the dragon”, “the devil”, “the strong one”, “the evil one”, “the prince of this world”, “the prince of the air”, “the tempter”, “an angel of light”, “a roaring lion”, “sinner”, “murderer”, “the father of lies”, “demon”, “Lucifer”, “king of Tyrus”, “anointed cherub”, “belial”, “Beelzebub”, “crooked serpent”, “deceiver of the whole world”, “enemy”, “god of this

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world", "leviathan", "liar", "piercing serpent", "prince of demons", "ruler of darkness", "son of the morning", "unclean spirit", and "wicked one".

That is a very impressive list of names, isn't it? Did you notice that most of those names actually describe the character of Satan? Added to that, we have now learned from the verses we are studying, that Satan was once "perfect", that he was a "created" being, that he was the "Anointed Cherub", (that means the "Anointed Angel", because "Cherub" is another name for an angel). The only other place we find "the Anointed Cherub" in the Bible, is the name given to the two angels on the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary. So that means that Satan once enjoyed a position of extreme trust in the Heavenly Sanctuary. In fact he once stood next to Christ in importance, in Heaven.

We also learned that "this angel sinned". So now we know that Satan was once a "perfect angel" in Heaven and he sinned, and was thrown out of Heaven by Michael, [Christ]. Verse 17, of Ezekiel 28, informs us that pride was what caused the downfall of Satan.

"How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, "I" will ascend into Heaven "I" will exalt my throne above the stars of God: "I" will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: "I" will ascend above the heights of the clouds; "I" will be like the Most High". [God]. Isaiah 4:12-14

Jesus said that He saw Satan fall from Heaven, and that Satan's problem was pride, and those claims of Lucifer that we have just read, sure sound like "Pride" to me. Someone who is a king, sits on a throne, so that ties in with the title chosen, "the king of Tyrus". So we have now found that another name for Satan is "Lucifer", the one who claimed that he was greater than God. He had "I" problems, going by the number of "I's" in these verses.

"But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand"? Matthew 12:24-26

Clearly Jesus knew the Pharisees were calling Him Satan; so He predicted Satan's "final fall" when his followers turn against him, because he works against himself. When the Pharisees called Satan the "prince of devils", Jesus didn't argue with this but agreed by saying that Satan had a kingdom; princes and kings have kingdoms. What more can we learn along these lines?

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience": Ephesians 2:2

From this verse we learn that Satan, who leads people into disobedience, is called "the prince of the power of the air".

Both Jesus and Paul recognise that Satan, and not Christ, is "the prince of this world". Evil is all around us, and Satan is at the back of all evil. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4. He is called Prince of this world and also god of this world.

"Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me". John 14:30

Now Jesus calls Satan, "the prince of this world". Can anything be plainer than that? The Bible teaches that this world is Satan's kingdom. And it will remain his kingdom while it is a world of sinners. Let us look together at a character description of Satan.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour": 1 Peter 5:8

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Peter was in no doubt that the devil is our adversary, (one that is against us), and that he wants to destroy us. How does he go about doing this? By trying to make everything we think, say, or do, to be corrupt like himself and to be totally the opposite of the lovely Jesus.

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the Father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe Me not”. John 8:44, 45.

The devil corrupts others by lying. In fact he invented lying, and he is so expert in this field, that he convinced the people in the days of Jesus; that Jesus was the liar.

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders”, 2 Thessalonians 2:9. Again this is something we should never forget, Satan is powerful, and he works by lies, and signs and lying wonders.

“And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day”? Luke 13:16

Jesus said that her sickness came from Satan; and not from God, as sadly, many people think.

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him”. Acts 10:38

Jesus called “sickness”, “the oppression of the devil”. Sickness came into the world through sin, and sin is of the devil. Have you noticed that if you take away the “d” in devil, you have “evil”? That is because he is the originator of “evil”. When God created this world, the Scriptures say that, “Everything was “Good” Genesis 1:12, 18, 21, 25, but in verse 31 says that “it was very good”. “Good” comes from God; “evil” comes from the devil.

“And the dragon was wroth [very angry] with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”. Revelation 12:17

The dragon, (Satan), is angry with God’s church of the last days, because they are obedient to God’s commandments, [All of God’s instructions, including the Ten Commandments]. God’s church is known by their love for Jesus and His teachings.

“And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death”. Revelation 12:11

Only by the blood of Jesus, shed on Calvary, can we be victorious. The only way that we can overcome Satan, is by loving Jesus supremely; loving Him more than life itself.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”. James 4:7

How do we “resist the devil”?

“Satan is constantly at work, but few have any idea of his activity and subtlety. The people of God must be prepared to withstand the wily foe. It is this resistance that Satan dreads. He knows better than we do the limit of his power and how easily he can be overcome if we resist and face him. Through divine strength the weakest saint is more than a match for him and all his angels, and if brought to the test he would be able to prove his superior power. Therefore Satan's step is noiseless, his movements stealthy, and his batteries masked. He does not venture to show himself openly, lest he arouse the Christian's dormant energies and send him to God in prayer.” 5 Testimonies 293.

Temptations and trying situations often come upon us suddenly and without warning. How wonderful that the Christian always has access to God through the Name of Jesus! No matter where we are or what the situation, we can always dart up a prayer for Heavenly assistance and know that we will surely receive all the help we need to do God’s will and to rightly represent His character before others.

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Forming the habit of singing hymns as one goes about their daily tasks is also a way to resist the devil's approaches; as is calling to mind the precious promises of Scripture.

How did Jesus overcome the devil? We see in Matthew 4:1-11 that when the devil tempted Him, Jesus quoted from what we call today, the Old Testament Scriptures. He said, "It is written", (see verses 4, 7, 10), then He repeated the very verses He had previously inspired the prophets to write.

We have an advantage over Jesus if you want to think about it. We can quote from the New Testament as well as the Old Testament; isn't that true?

"Now is the judgement of this world: [Satan's world remember?], now shall the prince of this world be cast out". John 12:31

Jesus was telling the people that He should die, that He would shed His blood to make His children free. Jesus wanted us to know that Satan was behind His death on the cross, and because all believers would now know the true character of Satan, he would be judged by them as unworthy to believe or follow anymore. He was cast out; no longer is he "the prince of this world".

With Jesus at our sides, we are no longer ruled by Satan. We have gained the victory.

Now let's learn about God's Loyal Angels: The Ministry of Angels:

There are many different opinions amongst the churches about angels. Some churches teach that they do not have wings, while others believe they do. Some say they are the departed spirits of the dead. What is the truth? Does it really matter what we believe? As usual we will let the Bible teach us, and interpret itself.

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; ... Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created. Till iniquity was found in thee". See Ezekiel 28:14, 15.

"Cherub" (singular) or "Cherubim" (plural) are Bible names for angels, therefore the angels are not "the spirits of the departed dead". They are beings created by God.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beast and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands"; Revelation 5:11

That is certainly a lot of Heavenly angels; it goes into many billions, no matter how we interpret that number.

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels". Hebrews 12:22

Paul says there are so many angels that they are "Innumerable", or cannot be numbered, and that they come from Heaven. Sometimes in the Scriptures, angels are also called "Cherubim", so we will look at one of the verses that use that title.

"So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden, Cherubims [plural] and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life". Genesis 3:24

Likewise, the Bible writers sometimes call a another group of angels, "Seraphims", and so we will examine one of the verses using that term, and see if we can find out any other information about these angels. Isaiah calls another group of angels "Seraphims".

"Above it stood the Seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain [two] he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly". Isaiah 6:2.

As you can see, he leaves us in no doubt as to whether angels have wings, doesn't he? It is very true, that if we wish to understand subjects like this one; we need to find other places in the Bible that will help it to interpret itself.

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“For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first”. 1 Thessalonians 4:16

None other than Jesus is “Michael the Archangel”, He is in charge of the angels. (The prefix “Arch” means “The Greatest” “Chief Messenger”). This verse does not mean that Jesus is only an angel. Jesus is still God, He is the Creator of angels; and He is also a Messenger to the faithful from the Father.

“For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in Heaven”. Mark 12:25

Angels do not marry, nor do they procreate like mankind. I believe Satan really resents this, and it is one of the reasons he spends so much effort in destroying our families and corrupting the marriage union!

“Bless ye the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do [keep] His Commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word”. Psalm 103:20

Now we have found out that the angels are strong, and also that they keep God’s Commandments, also they listen to and take notice of the words or instructions of God. If the angels keep God’s Commandments, wouldn’t that indicate also that we should”?

“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them”. Psalm 34:7

So this verse teaches us that each person who is faithful and loves and obeys God, has their own Guardian angel to care for them. I love that good news; don’t you?

“..... what is man, that Thou art mindful of him?? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour”. Psalm 8:3-5

Isn’t it wonderful, that with all the things that God has to care for, He still finds time to care for each of us human beings? And we also learn that when God created us, we were “made a little lower than the angels”.

“My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king have I done no hurt”. Daniel 6:22

Daniel was able to praise his God for the protection extended to him when the angel sent by Him, saved him from being killed by the lions. Note what happened to Daniel’s accusers when they were thrown in. Their bodies didn’t even touch the ground, and the savage animals were devouring them.

Verse 24, “And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children and their wives; and the lions had the mastery over them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den”.

“Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven”. Matthew 18:10

Jesus said our guardian angels communicate, “face to face” with our Father in Heaven, and report the things done to us, and the things done by us on earth. In other words the angels keep a record of our deeds, be they good or bad.

“But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation”? Hebrews 1:13, 14

We learn that the angels are not equal with Jesus, who sits at the right hand of God, and that the angels are sent to minister to God’s people.

“Then the devil leaveth Him, [Jesus] and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him”. Matthew 4:11

That establishes the truth of the last text, doesn’t it?

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“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares”. Hebrews 13:2

A man named Mel was a commercial traveller. One night when he was returning from the west he gave a stranger, a ride. As they travelled they talked about lots of things. Then when they were coming up to a sharp bend in the road, where it was impossible to see round this particular bend because it was dark, and because of trees on either side of the road, and also because of the full 90 degrees of the bend, the man said to Mel, “Slow right down now, because there are cattle lying on the road just around the bend”. Mel did as the man said, but wondered just how he could possibly know what was there. It was well he did slow down, because just as the man said, there were about six large beasts lying right in the middle of the road.

Had Mel not slowed down as the man had said, it would have been a nasty accident and he and the cattle could have been killed. Not much further down the road the man told Mel he wanted to get out of the car. There were no houses or tracks that could lead to a house. They were in the middle of nowhere, so to speak. Mel pulled over and the man got out. Mel asked, “Are you sure you want to get out here”? The man waved him on. Mel looked in the rear vision mirror, and the man had disappeared. Mel believes that God sent His angel to warn him and save him from a very nasty accident. Praise God for His angels!

“Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth”: Luke 15:10

Imagine! The angels of God are joyful when sinners turn to God. They must love us as God does. In other words, you and I have caused the angels to rejoice. That’s great news, isn’t it?

“And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance [his face] was like Lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men”. Matthew 28:2-4

Notice that verse 4 says, that the guards shook with fear, and appeared as if dead. If this one angel looked like lightning; what will it be like when Jesus comes again, with tens of thousands of His angels?

“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works”. Matthew 16:27

Remember, there are billions of angels, and if one angel looked like lightning, then billions will be more than blinding to those not protected by God. Add to that the brightness of the glory of the Father resting on Jesus, and you have a very bright and glorious event. With that kind of information, I cannot see it as being a secret event, can you? Why will Jesus bring His angels with Him?

“And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of Heaven to the other”. Matthew 24:31

What a day that will be, an angel to take our hand and guide us to Heaven, to take us to Jesus. May God grant that we will be ready when He comes again.

It's wonderful really, how we can research, and locate verses that explain all about angels, and of course other subjects. This way we can answer so many of the questions that cause some people a lot of heartache, and a lot of misunderstanding because of the false doctrines that have arisen because people do not use this wonderful, “proof text”, method of study and consequently they follow the traditions of men. It does matter what we believe; not just about angels, but about everything written in God’s Word.

Now we will study together about the “Evil Angels”. They belong to Satan, and they play a very different role. Often people are surprised when they hear that Satan has his own angels. The good news is of course, that when we know these things we are better prepared to counter these “evil angels”.

How can we know the difference between the angels of God, and the angels of Satan? Usually when we think about angels, we only think of them as being good. We sometimes call a boy or girl “A little angel”, don’t we?

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Well the Bible speaks also of evil or bad angels. Where do they come from, to whom do they belong, and what do they do? Let's read our first text.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12

This means, that it is not flesh and blood—that is not other humans, that have been trying to prevent our spiritual growth but spiritual wickedness in the powers on earth, that is Satan and his evil angels.

"... Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"; Matthew 25:41

So the Bible teaches that just as God has angels, so does the devil have his own angels—these are formerly God's angels who chose to join with him in his rebellion against God. This certainly was what Paul meant when he said, "not against flesh and blood". He meant against the evil angels. Where do they come from?

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned,". 2 Peter 2:4

Angels, like humans have freedom of choice, they can choose to sin or to not sin. The evil angels are angels who have sinned. What are these evil angels doing in this world?

"... There met Him out of the tombs a man with an "unclean spirit"., when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped Him., What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of the most high God? ..., For He said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit., What is thy name? ..., My name is Legion: for we are many". Mark 5:2-9

Here was a man under the control of the devil, whose evil angels were controlling the poor man, so Jesus ordered them to leave the man, and he became normal. Note that the evil angels recognised Jesus (God) and called Him the Son of the most high God. That is because they had once lived in Heaven with Jesus. While on earth, Jesus was both man and God at the same time.

"And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; ..., and the angels ministered unto Him". Mark 1:13

Notice that good angels came and ministered to the needs of Jesus.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour". 1 Peter 5:8

Because he cannot be everywhere at the same time, the devil uses his evil angels to tempt and control us, if we allow them. Therefore we have to be vigilant, and be aware of the devil's tricks.

"Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil". Ephesians 4:26, 27

A good way to translate these words is, "Don't lose your temper and sin and give the devil something to hold against you. Being angry is doing what the devil wants us to do. There is a lot of good advice in these verses. If for a moment the devil does get the best of you in any relationship with a friend or family member, clear it up straight away, don't let it fester and grow till the problem cannot be solved.

"For they are the spirits of Devils, working miracles, ...". Revelation 16:14

This verse surprises many people. People think of miracles as only coming from God; that He is the only one who can perform them, but the Bible is clear, the devil also can perform miracles. No wonder we are warned to be watchful and on guard.

"And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." Matthew 4:24

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Jesus refers to devil possession as a type of sickness. This kind of sickness is something that can be healed through the power and name of Jesus.

“And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father”. Luke 9:42

Jesus wanted us to know that it is not God, but the devil, that is the source of sickness and suffering. Satan has convinced people that the opposite is true. You hear people say, “Why is God doing this to me?”

“...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” Revelation 12:12

Satan is angry with those living today because he does not have much time left to harass and corrupt us. That is both good news and bad news. The bad news is that the devil is working on this earth. The good news is that he doesn't have much time left and he can be “Overcome by the blood of the Lamb”. [Jesus] See verse 11.

“..., some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ... their conscience seared with a hot iron”; 1 Timothy 4:1,2

In the last days of this world's history, the devil is very busy leading God's people astray, and corrupting their consciences. It is not God and His angels who do this; it is the devil's angels who are doing the corrupting, and spreading the doctrines of devils.

“..., and fire came down from God out of Heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, ...”. Revelation 20:9, 10

The evil angels will also be destroyed with the devil. Knowing that God ends the reign that the devil and his agents have over many people on this earth by destroying them by fire which comes down from Heaven; gives a great deal of comfort.

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Revelation 21:8

All the wicked will be destroyed in the same fire that comes down from God out of Heaven. Then God will create a New Heaven and a New Earth.

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.” Revelation 21:1-7

I don't know about you, but I want to be with God's people, not the devil's, when it comes to the time that God deals out His final punishment at the end of the thousand years. The Bible is definite that God makes a complete end of sin at this time. Imagine living in a place where there is no sin, no suffering, no death, and no sickness! Yes, it is hard to imagine; but it is a promise from God, and that is a promise you can trust!