

A BRIEF LOOK AT EVIL

10/11/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – This is the first Wednesday-night Bible study after the Feast of Tabernacles
 - Comment – This is the first Wednesday-night Bible study after Hamas attacked Israel
 - Comment – Many of us are sobered about the reports of evil coming from Israel
 - Title tonight – “A Brief Look at Evil”

 - Reminder – Here is a reminder of a 6-part Bible study series in 2022
 - 5/11/22 Evil and Wickedness in the Pentateuch
 - 5/18/22 Evil and Wickedness in the Psalms
 - 5/25/22 Evil and Wickedness in Ecclesiastes
 - 6/1/22 Evil and Wickedness in Gospel Writings
 - 6/8/22 Evil and Wickedness in Paul’s Writings
 - 6/15/22 Evil and Wickedness in the rest of the New Testament
 - Comment – Although I did not want to start another series at this time, I have to admit – that I am in the mood to talk about “evil” tonight
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- Does God create evil?

Isaiah 45:7 I form the light & create darkness – I make peace & create evil [calamity]
 – I, the Lord, do all these things

- How does God create evil?

Job 1:8 God initiated a trial upon Job
 9-11 Satan proposed the details of the trial
 12 God approved the details
Job 2:3 God initiated a trial upon Job
 4-5 Satan proposed the details of the trial
 6 God approved the details
1 Kings 22:20 the Lord proposed a negative result for Ahab – various beings proposed
 details to accomplish the result
 21 a spirit came forward and offered to provide the details
 22 the Lord asked about the details – the Lord approved the details
 from the
 spirit

- Where is evil first mentioned in the Bible?

Gen. 2:9 the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

- Let's notice how evil developed in the Garden of Eden

Gen. 2:16-17	God commanded Adam about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
Gen. 3:1-6	the serpent tempted Adam and Eve
22-24	God removed Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden

- Notice a few examples of evil in the Bible

Gen. 6:5	God saw the wickedness – and that every intent (of the thoughts of man's heart) was only evil continually
Gen. 8:21	God said in His heart – I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth
Gen. 14:14-16	how did Abraham react when he heard that Lot was captured? – he took 318 men to rescue Lot
Gen. 34:2	Shechem violated Dinah – daughter of Jacob
5-12	Hamor (father of Shechem) wanted Jacob and his family to accept a marriage
13-17	the sons of Jacob spoke deceitfully – a marriage would be accepted if the men were circumcised
18-24	Hamor and Shechem convinced the men to be circumcised
25	2 of Jacob's sons (Simeon and Levi) – killed all the males
26	Simeon and Levi killed Hamor and Shechem
27-29	the sons of Jacob plundered the city
Gen. 50:20	Joseph – you meant it for evil, but God meant it for good
Exod. 1:22	Pharaoh commanded – young boys to be drowned
Exod. 2:11-15	Moses – killed a man, and fled from Pharaoh
Matt. 2:16	Herod commanded – boys under 2 to be killed
13	dream to Joseph – take your Child and mother to Egypt
Matt. 14:1-12	John the Baptist – in prison and beheaded
John 18:36	if My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight

- Where is the word “evil” mentioned last in the Bible?

Rev. 2:2	you cannot bear those who are evil – you have tested those who say they are apostles (but are not), and have found them to be liars
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