

# Book of Revelation

## Lesson Six -- Evil And Suffering: Is There a God?

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*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them(Gen 1:27) [Is the option of choice, part of man's "image of God"]*

Freewill (choice) = a right; power, an opportunity (See Heb 11)

*And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day (Gen 1:31)*

### I. Arguments against the existence of God:

1. If God is good and loving, He would not allow evil & suffering in the world.
2. If God is all-powerful, He could remove all evil .
3. Therefore, a good and powerful God must not exist.

### II. If there is a God, why is there evil in the world?

1. From where does evil come? Rebellion(sin) against God.
2. How does Satan work into the equation of evil? (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; 1 Pet. 5:8-9 Job 2:1-6)
3. How does mankind work into the equation of evil? (*Gen. 3:22-24 [Adam & Eve]; 6:5-8 [the flood]; 11:1-9 [tower of babel]*)

### III. Can, does, & has God used evil/sin to accomplish His purposes?

1. Noah and the flood.
2. Egyptian slavery for the children of Israel, wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. *[purified & prepared Israelites to go to Promise Land]*
3. Babylonian captivity of Israelites and then return to Jerusalem. *[A time of refinement, rejuvenation, and preparation for a remnant to return to Jerusalem and to move towards the eventual coming of the Christ]*

### IV. Has God placed limits on evil?

1. The story of Job.
2. Rev. 13:1-5
3. Does God know evil from a personal perspective? *[Flood; Sodom & Gomorrah; Moses in desert for 40 yrs; Jesus' time on earth]*

4. Jesus experienced evil on this earth and brings hope for mankind to be reconciled to God!  
*[Jesus experienced death, greed, hypocrisy, liars, cheating, selfishness, idolatry]*

5. Where do you see God?  
*[in people; in places; in events; in situations; in things ?]*

VI. What questions do you have???????