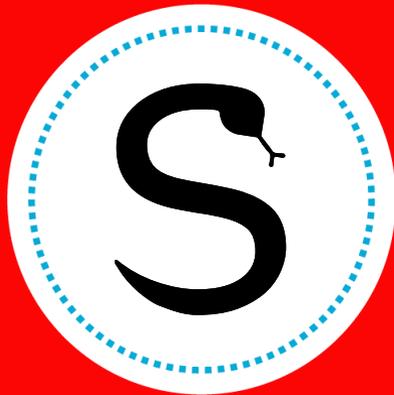


Cosmic Rebellion

The fall consisted of more than just the activity of the serpent leading men into sin. That was only the first part of this systemic or cosmic rebellion. Each part of this cosmic rebellion involved someone transgressing God's order. When the rebellion was complete, at the tower of Babel, God separated people/nations and placed them under dominion of fallen angelic powers who ruled within set boundaries (Duet, 4:17-19). So God rejected mankind when they rejected His rule. However God selected one people as his personal inheritance that he would directly rule over and through whom He would redeem mankind from their sin and rebellion. Finally God intervened by choosing Abraham and making the nation of Israel to produce Jesus Christ to save men from sin.



**Rebellion by the serpent
Genesis 3**

The serpent was the representative of the beasts, because he was the wisest of them.

God's created order is the man, the woman and the animals. The text moves from the serpent to the woman and then the man. This shows an attempt to overthrow God's order.

God responded by removing man from the Garden of Eden.



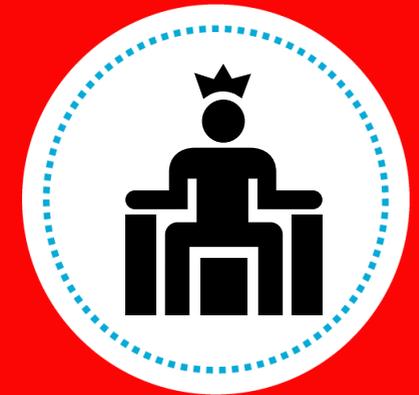
**Rebellion by Angels
Genesis 6:1-6**

The angels are creatures whose proper domain is the heavens, which is above the realm of man.

The angels (sons of God), cohabitated with women, because they were beautiful, and produced supernatural offspring (the nephilim).

These nephilim were men of renown, who lead men further into sin.

God responded with a worldwide flood.



**Rebellion by mankind
Genesis 11**

The last part of the rebellion was caused by sinful men, within the domain of man.

Nimrod the Hunter told men to stay where they were (the land of Shinar) to make a one world government.

Men began to build the tower of Babel and a false religious system in their rebellion.

God responded by confusing language, thus causing men to spread out into separate nations.

