

How Did Satan Murder Adam and Eve?

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When Almighty God created Adam and Eve, it was never His intention that they suffer in any way or die. In fact, it was just after their creation that God inspired the following words to be written,

Then God saw everything that He made (including Adam and Eve), and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day (Gen. 1:31; Ed. note in parenthesis; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

However, as recorded in Holy Scripture, Adam did die even though he was at an advanced age compared to average life spans today,

So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died (Gen. 5:5).

But if we consider what Jesus Christ said about activities that occurred in the beginning of man's history, we should question what role Satan played in the death of Adam and Eve because they were commanded to avoid fellowship with him. When God commands His people not to do specific things, He is doing so out of concern for their well-being (see study: The Laws of God – Always Ahead of Their Time),

but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (the fruit of this tree symbolically represents partaking in Satan's instruction; cf. Gal. 5:19-21) you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die** (Gen. 2:17; emphasis added; Ed. note in parenthesis).

During his earthly ministry, Jesus Christ pointed out that Satan was a murderer as well as a liar from the beginning,

You (Jewish religious leadership) are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer (SGD 443, in context deemed equal to a murderer; cf. 1Jn. 3:15) **from the beginning**, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it (Jn. 8:44; emphasis added; Ed. notes in parentheses).

As Jesus Christ stated, Satan was a murderer and a liar from the beginning. So his role in the death of Adam and Eve needs to be examined.

According to a number of scriptures, Satan is a skilled and crafty manipulator. This means he does not have to kill someone himself (i.e. stab someone with a knife or shoot them with a gun) in order to murder them (Gen. 3:1; cf. Eph. 6:11). As Christ pointed out, Satan can use lies to achieve his goals. This is exactly what he did when he was reasoning with Eve,

And the serpent (symbolically represents Satan – see studies on Symbolism) said to the woman, **"You will surely not die"** (Gen. 3:4; emphasis added; Ed. note in parenthesis).

In the case of Jesus Christ's execution, Satan influenced false witnesses (liars) in an attempt to have Christ condemned of a capital offense, even though he was innocent and should never

have been put to death (Mt. 26:59-61). Therefore, because of Satan's influence, he was responsible for murdering Jesus Christ.

In order to determine whether or not Adam and Eve were murdered, some questions need to be asked, even if they may seem preposterous, hypothetical, or irrelevant,

Q: "What would have happened to Adam and Eve had they worked together and chose not to disobey God's command regarding their fellowship with Satan?"

A: "If they were created originally as flesh and blood human beings, they would have died at some point anyway based on a number of scriptures,"

And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this **the judgment** (following the second resurrection; cf. Rev. 20:4-6) (Heb. 9:27; emphasis added; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Now this I (the apostle Paul) say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption (1Cor. 15:50; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Therefore, if God had made Adam originally out of flesh and blood, He would have sentenced Adam to death even before he had sinned. However, this scenario could not have occurred for a number of reasons. First, Adam would not have had free moral agency (freedom of choice) if he was created as a flesh and blood (carnal) human being that would die. As a human being, death would be inevitable whether he chose to obey the command God gave him or not (cf. Gen 2:16-17). Therefore, he would have very little incentive to resist disobeying the command that God gave him.

This being said, Adam had to be created in a form that was not already sentenced to death.

Adam had the freedom to choose whether or not to obey God's will and His commands. He clearly failed in the task he was given because he sinned (cf. 1Jn. 3:4), which is why the apostle Paul stated that a second Adam had to prove his obedience and faithfulness to the will of Almighty God, and then come as a sinless sacrifice,

Though he (Christ) was a son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered (Heb. 5:8; Ed. note in parenthesis).

By the time this occurred there would be many descendants of the first Adam, who would have sinned, and they would then need a sinless redeemer to restore their relationship with Almighty God, and have an opportunity to attain everlasting life,

And so it is written, 'The first man Adam became (SGD 1096 – begin to be, to come to pass, happen, arise, appear in history, come upon the stage) a living being.' The last Adam (Jesus Christ) became a life-giving spirit (1Cor. 15:45; cf. Rom. 5:12; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Jesus Christ decided to "become" a flesh and blood human being for the purpose of dying in order to cover the sins of mankind and the fallen host, but Adam "became" a flesh and blood human being as a result of his sin against God's command (Gen. 2:17). However, in Christ's case it wasn't because he had committed any sin himself (2Cor. 5:21). Instead, Christ took on a physical body because it represented taking on all the sin that resulted from Adam's sinful choice and the sinful choices of all his descendants, even though Christ himself was sinless (cf. Rom. 7:24; Gal. 4:4),

For He made (created) him (Jesus Christ) who knew no sin to be made sin (a flesh and blood body that would die) for us (who have already sinned), that we might become the righteousness of God in (through) him (Jesus Christ) (2Cor. 5:21; Ed. notes in parentheses).

If Christ was not sinless, his sacrifice would not qualify to cover the sins of mankind and the fallen host,

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of **Adam, who is a type of him** (Jesus Christ) **who was to come** (Rom.5:14; emphasis added; Ed. note in parenthesis).

This last scripture states that Adam's transgression was somehow different from the transgression committed by other human beings, but scripture states that every human being has sinned at some point in their lives (1Tim. 2:14; cf. Rom. 3:23; 5:12) and if someone breaks one aspect of God's law and commandments their guilt is no less than someone who has broken all of it (Jas. 2:10). Adam was commanded to avoid fellowship with Satan and this command is in harmony with another directive that applies to keeping company with individuals who know better, but still persist in living contrary to God's word,

But now I (Paul) have written to you (brethren in Corinth) not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner – not even to eat with such a person (1Cor. 5:11; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Adam was not willing to obey the command that God gave him in Genesis 2:17, nor was he willing to sacrifice in order to save his own wife from destruction. Instead, he went along with her reasoning, which was actually Satan's reasoning, and as a result Adam abdicated his responsibility as head of his household. Thankfully Jesus Christ, who is head of the household of Almighty God, fulfilled his responsibility to lay down his life in service to others (Jn. 10:15, 17-18; 13:37-38; 15:13).

Because of Adam's sin, he became lower than the angels he was previously able to fellowship with (cf. Gen. 2:16 – tree symbolized angelic beings; cf. Eze. 31:16-17),

But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You (Almighty God) are mindful of him (due to his sin; cf. 1Jn. 3:4), or the son of man that You take care of him? **You made him** (for a little while) **lower than the angels...** (Heb. 2:7a; emphasis added; Ed. notes in parentheses).

The apostle Paul understood that Adam had freedom of choice and that he chose to sin which led to his death (Eze. 18:4, 20). If Adam was originally created as a flesh and blood human being, he would not have been given the option to chose life because death is inevitable for all flesh and blood (cf. Heb. 9:27; Ecc. 3:20) . Consequently, he must have been created literally in the spirit-image of his Creator, but not equal in power and wisdom, nor inherently possessing everlasting life,

Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** Image, according to **Our** likeness... (Gen. 1:26a; emphasis added).

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him... (Gen. 1:27a).

The Hebrew word translated into the English word "God" in Genesis 1:26a is plural (Heb. *elohim*), and it indicates that Almighty God delegated His authority to create, and that other spirit-composed members of His family were actively involved in the process of creating. Human beings also have the desire to create. This occurs with varying degrees of ability and different

talents. Human beings are also able to be part of creating other human beings “in their own image” through childbirth. It appears that angels rejoiced at some point in the creative process, and part of this jubilation could be attributed to their active participation in it. In other words, they rejoiced to see the completion of their work which was done under the direction of Almighty God,

To what were its (the earth's; cf. vs. 4) foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars (archangels) sang together, and all the sons of God (other angels) shouted for joy? (Job 38:6-7; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Adam could have been created by angels under the supervision of Almighty God which would explain why the Hebrew word “elohim” was used in conjunction with “Us” and “Our” in describing the image, or appearance, of the first Adam (Gen. 1:26a). After Adam sinned, he was changed from his original creation as a spirit-being to that of a physical mortal human being and this was described in a manner that indicated a serious problem had occurred. The word “naked” is used metaphorically in Genesis 2:25 and 3:7, but there are two different Hebrew words used. The first Hebrew word for “naked” (SHD 6172) implies an innocence that is not involved with sin. The next occurrence of the word “naked” is described using the Hebrew word (SHD 5903) and is associated with sin (cf. concept in Rev. 3:17; see study: Symbolism - What Change Took Place in Adam and Eve's Nakedness?),

So when the woman saw that the tree (of the knowledge of good and evil) was good for food (could imbibe of it), that it was pleasant to the eyes (pleased the senses), and a tree desirable to make one wise (according to the ways of Satan), she took of its fruit and ate (started imbibing of Satan's thought processes). She also gave it to her husband with her (started discussing and agreeing with the teachings of Satan), and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked (having committed a sin they required a covering for sin); and they sewed figs leaves together and made themselves coverings (tried to justify their rebellion against obeying God's command as Adam's descendants do to this day) (Gen. 3:6-7; Ed. notes in parentheses).

So Adam and Eve eventually died because they were transformed into flesh and blood beings that would eventually die as a direct result of transgressing the commandments of God (see studies on Symbolism),

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all (Jas. 2:10).

For the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23a).

Had they both rejected the false and rebellious reasoning of Satan, his opportunity to murder them would have been denied because they would not have sinned and then suffered the consequence of being changed into a flesh and blood body that would die. However, because they entertained Satan's lies, he had an opportunity to lead them to sin and death, which was his original plan. If he actually cared for them, which he would have done if he remained loyal to his God and Father, he would not have lied to them. This is proof that anyone who teaches against God's law does not love God or those He has created, and is a liar,

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments (1Jn. 5:2).

He who says, 'I know Him (which Satan did; cf. Gen. 3:1-5),' and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him (1Jn. 2:4; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Anyone who claims they know Almighty God, while teaching that His law and commandments are no longer necessary for salvation, is a liar. Because this teaching either leads people to sin, or condones their current sinful lifestyle, those who encourage this behavior will be held guilty of murder in the judgment under Jesus Christ, even though they may not understand the seriousness of sin during their lifetime (cf. Rom. 5:12-14). This judgment will include Satan who is the father of lies and the first being to commit murder (Isa. 14:12-20; Eze. 28:11-19; cf. Jn. 8:44),

Not everyone who says to me (Jesus Christ), 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day (of Christ's judgment), 'Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!**' (Mt. 7:21-23; emphasis added; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Jesus Christ taught the truth about his Father's law and commandments and he did this because of his love for mankind. Those who faithfully follow in Christ's footsteps will be doing the same today even though the majority of mankind will reject them and the truth they teach,

But because I (Jesus Christ) tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which of you convicts me of sin (cf. 1Jn. 3:4)? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? He who is of God hears God's words (cf. Mt. 4:4); therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God (Jn. 8:45-47; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Jesus Christ specifically stated that his Father's law and commandments were still valid, and that obedience to them was necessary for anyone who wishes to inherit everlasting life,

So he (Christ) said to him (rich young ruler), 'Why do you call me (Jesus Christ) good? No one is good but One, that is, God (Almighty). But **if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments**' (Mt. 19:17; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets, I did not come to destroy (contrary to what many Christians teach today) but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 5:17-19; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Christ stated that there was no truth in Satan, and that he was the father (originator) of lies. Because Satan was a skillful liar, he convinced Eve that God's word was not trustworthy, and that she should rely on her own intuition and judgment. The decision to disobey God's word led to the death of Adam and Eve and as a consequence the penalty of death fell upon of all of mankind because they too are composed of flesh and blood (Rom. 3:19). The apostle Paul understood that the flesh and blood body is a body of death, and being composed of flesh and blood is meant to be a constant reminder that Satan managed to murder our first parents because we are all in their image; an image that represents sin,

O wretched man that I (Paul) am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? (Rom. 7:24).

Thankfully, everyone will have an opportunity, upon repentance of sin, to inherit a completely different body because God in His love and mercy provided the means through which our sins could be forgiven (cf. 1Cor. 15:35-58). This offer of everlasting life came at a great price through the sacrifice of an innocent being, Jesus Christ, who was murdered by Satan (not by the Jews

as is often taught; cf. Jn. 13:27; Eph. 6:12). Therefore, those who think it's acceptable to break or ignore the law and commandments of God, treat both Almighty God and Jesus Christ with contempt,

The Son of Man (Jesus Christ) will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and **those who practice lawlessness** (cf. 1Jn. 3:4), and will cast them into the furnace of fire (cf. Rev. 3:18-19). There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth (tremendous regret for those who taught against God's law and commands). Then the righteous (those who repented of law-breaking) will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! (Mt. 13:41-43; emphasis added; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Satan was the first one to commit murder when he influenced Adam and Eve to disobey God's command, and many have followed his example throughout history. He too will die as a result of his sins. His death will be similar to Adam's in the sense that he will also become a flesh and blood being as a result of the sins he has committed (Rom. 16:20; cf. Isa. 14:12-20; Eze. 28:11-19). God is not a respecter of persons and therefore what happened to Adam and Eve after their sin will also happen to Satan (Ac. 10:34; cf. Dt. 10:17).

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