

According to the Bible, the serpent (aka Satan) nudged Eve towards eating the forbidden fruit. So, is it possible that sin would have never entered this world if Satan didn't exist to begin with?

There was an angelic world that existed prior to man's creation. Satan, filled with pride (Eze 28:15), rebelled against God (Re 12:4,9).

In the Garden man had become the crown of God's creation (Ge 9:6). Satan wished to deceive Eve so that she and Adam would also fall (Ge 3:1).

Adam and Eve could have sinned without Satan's help (Ge 2:17).¹ Satan had suggested that God was withholding something from them. They chose to believe a lie.²

God gives every man the opportunity to know and love him (Lk 10:27). Should they refuse, he then allows them to believe a lie (Ro 1:21, 2 Thess 2:10–12) and fall into depravity (Ro 1:28).

Christ died for men in Adam (1 Pe 1:18, 19); not fallen angels. Men can be saved. Christ offers sinners his perfect righteousness (2 Co 5:20, 21).

Fallen angels (2 Pet. 2:4) and men who follow them (Rev. 14:11) will be destroyed.

Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41) not men.

¹ Ge 3:3 There was one tree Eve knew to be off limits. This tree was in the middle of the garden. nor shall you touch it: Some interpreters suggest that the woman was already sinning by adding to the word of God, for these words were not part of God's instructions in 2:17. Yet the first sin was not lying; it was eating the fruit that God had forbidden. Her words reflected the original command well enough and indeed they would have ensured that the command would be kept. In fact, in 20:6 and 26:11 the word expresses the taking of a person sexually to be one's own. Thus, it may be translated, "You may not eat it; that is, consume it," which would be a common Hebrew way of saying the same thing twice for clarification or emphasis. Radmacher, E. D., Allen, R. B., & House, H. W. (1999). Nelson's new illustrated Bible commentary (p. 11). Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers.

² 3:4 For the first time (here), Satan lied: You will not surely die. Lying was Satan's craft right from the beginning (John 8:44). The serpent boldly denied the truth of what God had said. In essence, the serpent called God a liar. Ibid, p. 11.