

that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have done very foolishly." (Note that Satan influenced David to do a sinful thing, which caused considerable suffering)

Job 2:7 – "Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head." (Note that Satan caused Job to have painful boils all over his body)

Luke 13:16 – "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?" (Note that Satan can hold a person in bondage and illness and suffering for many years)

Revelation 2:10 – "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Note that Satan can influence unbelievers to cast believers into prison and to afflict them, some even unto death)

These appear to be the five root causes of suffering among human beings, as they are revealed in Scripture.

1. The curse on human beings resulting from the Fall
2. The curse on creation resulting from the Fall
3. The actions of human beings that cause themselves suffering
4. The actions of human beings that cause others suffering
5. The actions of Satan and the demons that cause suffering