

## **SATAN HATES GOD AND ALL THAT BELONGS TO GOD**

**Genesis 3:15   John 15:18-19   1 John 3:1**

**Introduction:** What if you could look into a tiny, newborn baby's face and know what the future of that little life would be? How awesome, what knowledge. God told Satan that someday a human being would bring him and his kingdom down - destroy him. So it is understandable that from that moment on Satan would seek to destroy that human being as soon as he found out who that human was. Satan also discovered that God was going to give eternal life to some human beings and not only that but that some of those human beings would actually have authority and rule over the angels, including him. No wonder Satan's anger turned into hatred of God and therefore anything and all things that belonged to God.

### **I. SATAN ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK THE BIRTH OF THAT PROMISED ONE**

1. Satan led Cain to kill Abel, thus eliminating one and disqualifying the other. However God gave other children to Adam and Eve, including another son named Seth.
2. Satan attempted to corrupt the entire human race and the Bible tells of some of his fellow fallen angels cohabiting with human women thus creating a contaminated race with the exception of Noah and his family of eight.
3. After God flooded the earth, destroying all human life except Noah and his family, Satan brought the new world to corruption but God confused languages and scattered the people.
4. God selected Abraham (who worshipped idols) to become the father of a special nation. He and his wife were far past child-bearing but God gave to Abraham and Sarah a son, Isaac.
5. All through the years Satan watched and attempted to block the line of birth of the promised one.
  - Joseph enslaved, Israel enslaved in Egypt, all the male babies killed, rebellion by Israel in the wilderness, cowards at the river Jordan.
  - Caused David to disobey God many times, he wrongly numbered the people, committed adultery, murdered.
  - Led Israel into worshipping idols, Israel cast into captivity several times.
  - The pages of the Old Testament are full of Satan's activities against God's people, Israel in his attempts to block the birth of the promised one.

### **II. SATAN FAILED TO BLOCK THE BIRTH OF THE PROMISED ONE**

1. In spite of all Satan's efforts, the promised one, the Messiah, was born. Satan then changed plans.
  - He tried to get Joseph to cast Mary off as an adulteress and have her stoned to death.
  - He caused Herod to kill all male children under two years of age.
  - He caused Jesus, at the age of 12, to be left behind in Jerusalem, a city filled with Satan's own.
  - He confronted Jesus, personally, at least three times in attempts to turn Jesus aside from His mission.

- He stirred the people against Jesus many times, attempting to get Jesus thrown off a cliff, and stoned to death .
  - He attempted to get Jesus arrested many times.
  - He tried to get the people to dismiss Jesus as a nobody.
2. Satan moved directly against Jesus several times in attempts to kill Jesus - a storm at sea while Jesus was asleep in the front of the boat, but Jesus simply called out for everything to stop.
  3. Satan finally succeeded in "bruising" the heel of the redeemer, the promised one, the Messiah. He got one of Jesus' followers to betray him, therefore getting Jesus captured, tried and then crucified. At last Satan had succeeded. His main problem had been eliminated. Satan was now safe.
  4. However, Jesus didn't stay dead. He arose from the tomb that Satan had sealed himself. Satan's head was now bruised. His end now determined and his time was now limited. He had failed.

### **III. SATAN TURNED HIS WRATH UPON JESUS' CHURCH**

1. With Jesus gone, Satan then turned his attention to that which Jesus left and loved - His Church, His Bride, His Body. From it's inception Satan has attempted to destroy Jesus' Church.
  - After Pentecost, Satan tried to persuade everyone that the disciples were drunk.
  - He imprisoned the disciples, took the property of believers, put them in jail, scattered them all over the world.
  - He killed the apostles, killed Christians by the hundreds, used the Roman government to try to eliminate Christianity.
  - He attempted to intermix the Church to the world through Constantine who declared and ordered that everyone would become a "Christian."
  - The Church therefore went "underground" and continued to grow. The Church came out at the Reformation but Satan answered with the Inquisition and Holy Wars.
  - The infant group that sprang up on American shores was also attacked by Satan and soon he was attempting to undermine the Word of God and to destroy that little band of believers.
2. Satan has used every approach conceivable to rid the world of God's Word.
  - It has been burned, banned, scorned, ridiculed, given lip service, mixed with the evolution theory, replaced with scientific "findings" of so called "learned men."
3. Satan has created cults, false religions, divisions within Church fellowships, given delusions, introduced errors, legalism, anything to create a "form of godliness" but denying the power of God.
4. God's Word says that during the last three and half years of human history, Satan will have what he has always wanted since he rebelled against God - a kingdom, worshipped, the Church put out of business, believers slain, the Name of Jesus obliterated and his "name" in the place of Jesus'.

5. However, it will be only for a short time and Jesus will come back in person and bring an end to all evil, unbelievers, and Satan, himself.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Satan is working as hard as he can to neutralize the believer, dilute the Word of God, and keep the world deaf and blind to God's Word.
2. The Promised One, the Redeemer, has come. He has succeeded in being victorious over death, the grave and Satan.
3. Satan's end is insight but Satan will never quit trying to hurt God and all that belongs to God.
4. Christian! Be on your guard! Satan is prowling around your life, looking for your weaknesses and will render you useless, neutral for the Lord if he possibly can. You, the Church family, and every believer on earth must stay alert.
5. There is no way a believer can "better" Satan, but "**greater is He that is in us, believers, than he that is in the world.**" ONLY God can defeat Satan.
6. Look at yourself. Are you and God in the relationship He wants you to be?
7. Only believers have God's protection for everyone else belongs to Satan. Who do you belong to?