

THE FIRST ONE EVER MAD AT GOD

Genesis 3:15 Isaiah 14:12-15 Ezekiel 28:11-19 John 15:18- 19 1 John 3:1

Introduction: The Bible tells that there are countless angels through out the heavens who serve God doing whatever instructed to do, even to watch over God's children down here. Also it is told that God made one angel very special and gave to that angel more beauty and power than any of the other angels. However that angel became jealous of God and drawing 1/3 of the angels of heaven to his side, attempted to take over God's throne, ending with being defeated, losing his position in heaven and the angels with him were cast out of heaven. Since that time Satan, who once was named Lucifer, has hated God and has made every effort to destroy everything God has attempted to do. From the Garden of Eden to this present day, he has been working against God and trying to take away everything God loves and tries to do.

I. SATAN STARTED TRYING TO TAKE AWAY FROM GOD IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

1. Satan led Adam and Eve to disobey God forcing God to have to evict them from the Garden.
2. Upon learning that God would one day send someone born of a woman to bring an end to his reign, Satan led Cain to kill Abel, thus eliminating one and disqualifying the other but another son, Seth, was born to Adam and Eve.
3. In time Satan had corrupted the entire human race with the exception of one man, Noah, and his family of eight and God stepped in and saved Noah and his family.
4. After the world was repopulated once again Satan brought the world to corruption once again but God scattered the people all over the world by confusing their language.
5. God chose Abraham (idol worshiper) to father a new nation devoted only to God. Far past the age of being parents, God gave to Abraham and Sarah, a son, Isaac.
6. Unable to block Isaac's birth, Satan attempted to interfere with any clean line that the redeemer might be able to be born through.
 - Joseph was enslaved - Israel enslaved in Egypt - all male babies killed - rebellion and disobedience in the wilderness by Israel - then cowards when time to cross the river to the promised land.
 - Caused God's man, David, to disobey, sin, even adultery and murder.
 - Led Israel to leave God and worship idols - in and out of captivity several times.
 - All through the Old Testament Satan's activities in trying to turn God's people against Him and stop the birth of the Promised One are seen.

II. THE PROMISED ONE, THE MESSIAH, THE REDEEMER IS BORN

1. Satan failed to stop the Promised One from being born, so he changed his methods.
 - Get Joseph to refuse to marry Mary and have her declared an adulteress, even stone her.
 - Led King Herod to kill all male children under two years of age.
 - Turned to Jesus, trying to get Him to do things a different way than what God wanted.

- Stirred the people against Jesus often, even trying to kill him by stoning and throwing Him off a cliff.
 - Tried to get Jesus arrested and thrown in prison many times.
 - Tried to persuade people that Jesus was just another "preacher."
2. Finally Satan "succeeded" in getting the Promised One, the Redeemer, through one of Jesus' own disciples who betrayed Him, Jesus was arrested, tried and crucified. Satan was now safe.
 3. To Satan's surprise, Jesus rose from the tomb that Satan had sealed and guarded with Roman soldiers. Satan had failed.
 4. Jesus left His followers, now His Church, and ascended back to where He had come from, doing what He had come to do. Redeem man and defeat Satan.

III. DEFEATED, SATAN TURNS HIS ATTENTION AND WRATH TO GOD'S CHURCH

1. Seeing that God loved the Church that Jesus started, Satan attempts to destroy the Church.
 - Tries to persuade everybody that the disciples were drunk and not to listen to them.
 - Got the disciples put in jail, had the church members' property taken, put in jail, scattered them all over the world.
 - He killed the Apostles, got christians by the hundreds tortured and killed.
 - He got the world emperor to declare that everybody would be a christian thus bringing the world into God's Church.
 - After the Church continued to grow but secretly, Satan began Holy Wars.
 - Every time the Church sprang up, Satan was there to undermine the Word of God and to destroy the believers.
2. Satan has used every method he can come up with to try to destroy the Word of God, the Bible.
3. Satan has created false religions, divisions within the Church, introduced errors, legalism, a form of "godliness" but is not.
4. Satan will one day have all that he wants for 3 1/2 years, worshipped, his own kingdom, no church, few believers left, the Name of Jesus removed and Satan's name in His place.
5. 3 1/2 years later Jesus will come back in person and bring an end to Satan and all he has done.

CONCLUSION:

1. This is the church age and centuries have passed since it started and Satan is working as hard as he can as his time is getting short. He wants to dilute God's Word, make people blind and deaf to the Bible.
2. Satan will never quit trying to hurt God and all that God loves. Be on your guard! Satan will do all he can to render you useless for God and keep others from believing in the Promised One.
3. Believer remember: *"...greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world..."*