

## REVELATION: Lesson 112

### Chapter 12:1-9, Satan's Many Attempts to Eliminate the Man Child

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Tonight's lesson will concern the unseen workings of Satan in the hearts of men throughout history as he attempts to get rid of the seed of the woman whom God said would crush him.

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**Rev 12:4** Satan has tried from the beginning of history to devour the man child that this woman would bring into the world.

**John 8:44** reveals that the devil was a murderer from the beginning.

**1 John 3:15** says that a man is a murderer before he commits the act of murder. We don't read of Satan committing actual acts of murder, but it is in his heart to do so.

- **"The lusts of your father ye will do."** Satan is able to project his evil murderous plans into the hearts of evil men. He seeks for men and women who will do his will and carry out his agenda.
  - Meanwhile God seeks for men after His own heart who will do His will (1 Sam 13:14, Acts 13:22).
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#### **Genesis 3:15, GOD'S PROMISE TO THE SERPENT**

- God promised the serpent in the Garden of Eden that a woman would bring forth a man child who will stomp his head.
  - Ever since then, the devil has been trying to thwart God's plan to destroy him. He is going after that woman's seed.

#### **Genesis 4:1-2, SATAN'S FIRST STRIKE**

- Satan filled the heart of Cain to kill his God-fearing brother, Abel (Gen 4:8).

#### **Genesis 5:3, 6:7 THE WICKED DESCENDANTS OF SETH / GOD'S WRATH AGAINST THE HUMAN RACE**

- This time Satan corrupted most all of mankind hoping God would kill them all.
  - But the woman's seed was spared on the ark through Noah's son **Shem**.

#### **Genesis 12:1, ABRAM IS CALLED OUT / SATAN'S ATTEMPTS TO RUIN GOD'S PLAN**

- By tempting Abram to give up on God and procreate with Hagar (Gen 16:1-3).
- By using the fear of man to make Abram give up his wife Sarah (Gen 12:11-13).
  - But when Abraham was 100-yrs-old, **Isaac** was born as God had promised (Gen 21:2).

#### **Genesis 25:23, THE WOMAN'S SEED PROGRESSES THROUGH JACOB**

- Satan placed it in Esau's heart to kill his brother, Jacob (Genesis 27:41).

#### **Genesis 37:19-20, SATAN PUTS MURDER IN THE HEARTS OF JOSEPH'S BROTHERS**

- Satan used Potiphar's wife to try and get Joseph executed (Gen 39:14-18).
  - Satan doesn't know he had the wrong brother (Gen 49:10, Rev 5:5).
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## **Exodus 1:22, SATAN'S PLAN TO KILL ALL THE MALE HEBREW BABIES**

- When the Hebrews had multiplied greatly, Satan could no longer be certain who to kill to eliminate the seed, so he killed all the male babies.
  - God chose a deliverer and saved his life in an ark of bulrushes (Exod 2:3).
  - God delivered the Hebrew nation on Passover night (Exod 12).
  - Satan put murder in the heart of Pharaoh, he pursued the Hebrews, God saved them at the Red Sea (Exod 15:4).

## **Exodus 32:1-6, SATAN'S PLAN TO KILL THE SEED THROUGH IDOLATRY**

- Satan must have been excited when the Lord wanted to consume the people (Exod 32:10).
- Instead the Lord punished the people with a plague (Exod 32:35).

## **Numbers 14:1-4, SATAN STIRRED UP THE ISRAELITES TO MURMUR AND COMPLAIN AGAINST GOD**

- God's anger was kindled against them to kill them (Num 14:12), but He chose to pardon them (vs 20)
  - This murmuring generation would not enter the Promised land (vs 23).

## **2 Kings 11:1, SATAN PUT IT IN THE HEART OF ATHALIAH TO KILL ALL THE ROYAL SEED OF JUDAH**

- God protected one of the king's sons, named Joash (2 Ki 11:2). He was hidden in the house of the Lord for six years.

## **Isaiah 7:1-6, REZIN, KING OF SYRIA LISTENS TO HIS FATHER THE DEVIL, ATTEMPTS TO DEVOUR THE SEED**

- Ahaz prophesied: though they wipe out all the men, God can use a virgin woman (Isa 7:13-14)

## **Daniel 1, NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S ATTEMPT TO END THE ROYAL LINE BY MAKING THEM EUNUCHS**

- **Galatians 4:4-5**, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman.
- God's Son was already a man. Eve thought she'd given birth to this man (**Gen 4:1, John 16:21**).
- The man, Christ Jesus was a "holy thing" (Luke 1:35) who had a "body prepared" in Mary's womb (Heb 10:5).

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## **THE DEVIL'S ATTEMPTS TO KILL JESUS CHRIST**

- At His birth, a long road trip to Jerusalem could have caused a miscarriage (Luke 2:1-5)
- Two years later when the wise men came from the east (Matthew 2:13, 16; Jeremiah 31:15).
- Satan tried to get Jesus to kill himself (Matthew 4:5-6).
- Satan tried to get some people to stone Jesus (John 8:57-59).
- Satan put it into some peoples' hearts to throw Jesus off a cliff (Luke 4:24-30)
- Satan tried to drown the Lord (Mark 4:36-39).
- Satan tried to stir up a riot of swordplay in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:50-52).
- Satan put abuse and torture in the hearts of some men (Mark 14:65, 15-19; John 19:1-2; Mat 26:67-68, 27:26; Lk 22:64; Isa 50:6, Psalm 129:3).

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## **THE DEVIL'S DOWNFALL**

- The Lord Jesus destroyed Satan through His death (Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 2:14-15).
  - Satan could not perceive the Love of God because Satan had no love in his heart (1 Jn 3:15-16).
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