

THE OLDEST WAR IN HUMAN HISTORY (part one)

This is the oldest and longest war in human history. In fact, it began in eternity past and spilled over into human history from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation. We refer to it in the Church Age as the Angelic Conflict.

“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” (Rev.12:7-9) [Tribulation]

“He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.” (Rev.20:2) [Second Coming of Christ]

“And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” (Rev.12:17)

This brings us to our study for the next two weeks entitled, **The Longest War in Human History**. We will study eighteen examples of Satan’s warfare against the woman’s seed, Jesus Christ.

Today’s lesson will study the first EIGHT Satanic attacks upon the seed of the woman, Christ.

“In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.” (2 Cor.2:11)

1. Satan attacked Adam and Eve (Gen2:17)

At the very beginning of human history, Satan attempted to end it right there! [death penalty]. However, it brought a curse upon all the participants (Gen.3) which, in turn was passed down to future generations of mankind (AOS) through the male. (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).

God placed a curse upon the ancient serpent, Satan, for his involvement in Adam’s fall. “And I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your seed and her seed (Christ); He (Christ) shall bruise you (Satan) on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.” (Gen.3:15; Rom.16:20)

“But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.” (2 Cor.11:3; 1 Tim.2:14)

2. Satan attacked the seed of Christ by getting Cain to murder Abel (Gen.4:1-8; John 8:44).

“Not as Cain, who was of the evil one (Satan), and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.” (1 John 3:12)

3. Satan attacked the seed of Christ in the Antediluvian civilization by genetic manipulation of the Nephilim (Gen.6:1-13; 2 Pet.2:4-5).

“And angels (fallen angels) who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, he has kept in eternal bonds under darkness (1 Pet.3:19-20; Rev.9:1, 11) for the judgment of the great day (Matt.25:41).” (Jude 6)

4. Satan attacked the seed of Christ of the Abrahamic Covenant several times (Gen.12:1-3; Gal.3: 8, 13-16).

We have listed four examples.

- Abraham gives Sarah to Pharaoh (Gen.12:10-20).
- Abraham offers messianic heirship to his servant, Eliezer of Damascus (Gen.15:1-4).
- Sarah encourages Abraham to copulate with her Egyptian maid, Hagar, for the messianic heir (Gen.16:1-10).
- Abraham gives Sarah to Abimelech (Gen.20:1-17).

“Now behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children through her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai” (Gen.16:2; 17:15-21)

“But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom **Sarah** will bear to you at this time next year.” (Gen.17:21)

5. Satan attacked the seed of Christ through Judah’s failure of Levirate marriage (Num.27:1-11).

Judah had three sons, Er, Onan, and Shelah. Judah selected a wife for Er named Tamar (Gen.38:1-6).

Er died the sin unto death (Gen.38:7). Under Levirate law, the next son was given to Tamar in marriage. This son also died the sin unto death (Gen.38:8-10; 1 John 5:16). Tamar remained in waiting for Shelah to become of age for marriage. But Judah was unwilling to give him to Tamar (Gen.38:11). In the end, Tamar deceived Judah and had twins by him (Gen.38:13-19, 25-30). Perez became the seed in the lineage of Christ by unusual birth (Matt.1:3)

6. Satan attacked the seed of Christ by having Pharaoh ordered all Israelite male infant slaves to be killed (Ex.1:8-10, 15-22).

“If it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” (Ex.1:16)

“And it came about because the midwives feared God, that He established households for them.” (Ex.1:21; Heb.11:23) [Moses] (Matt.1:3).

7. Satan attacked the seed of Christ by another Pharaoh, some 400 years later when he ordered the Egyptian army to kill all of the Exodus Israelites (Ex.14:5-14, 23-31; Heb.11:24-28; Matt.1:4; Num.1:7, 26).

“By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.” (Heb.11:27).

“And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh’s entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.” (Ex.14:28)

8. Satan attacked the seed of Christ of the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam.7:12-17; Matt.1:6) by the adulterous affair of David with the wife of Uriah (Bathsheba) (2 Sam.11-12).

The attacked involved the bastard clause effecting 10 generations (Deut.23:2; Lev.18:20, 24-30).

“However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die.” (2 Sam.12:14)

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“For our struggle is **not against** flesh and blood, **but against** the rulers, **against** the powers, **against** the world forces of this darkness, **against** the spiritual forces of this wickedness in the heavenly places.” (Eph.6:12)