

## Satan

Jesus is, without a doubt, the primary theme of the entire Bible. However, there is an important sub-theme, which begins in Genesis 3 involving Satan and continues throughout the Scripture all the way to Revelation 20:10. Satan “owns” the earth (Matthew 4:9) and through his “principalities and powers” (fallen angel and evil spirits) controls the governments and most other institutions, (Daniel 10:13, 20). With his considerable powers, he has been able to fashion an enigma of himself. Only in the Holy Bible do we find him exposed for what he is. Most of humanity denies his existence as a real being, while some see him under every bush and the cause of everything evil, thereby denying their own fallen nature. Jesus Himself speaks of Satan and evil spirits much more than He does of heaven.

As Christians, we should learn all we can about Satan, because he knows a great deal about each of us, and uses that knowledge against us. Most of his efforts are directed to promoting false beliefs, any beliefs or religions; it doesn't matter to him, as long as faith in Jesus is not involved. He also delights in duping and promoting complacency in those who think they are saved, but are not. His hatred and attack is especially venomous against those who are saved. He knows that he cannot “unsave them,” but the more effective they are in the faith, the more he will attack them, in order to distract, discredit and neutralize them.

Since Jesus' victory over death, Satan's principal area of focus is to discredit and destroy Christianity and also to eliminate all Jews. He knows Scripture and, therefore, knows that there must be a Jewish remnant if Christ is to return and fulfill prophecy. For those who wish to better understand Satan, his purpose, his history and methods, the following is a brief and far from complete outline of his attempts to thwart God's plan. These are the more obvious and blatant ones. There are many more subtle ones, such as, the false teachers and prophets, the corrupted New Bible versions, promoters of moral decay, ecumenicalism etc.

1. Satan deceives Eve, thus brings sin and death into the world.
2. He instigated the Nephilim, which so polluted the generations, that God flooded the entire earth to eliminate these aborations.
3. He orchestrated repeated famines, which led the Hebrews to Egypt and 400 years of slavery.
4. He directed Pharaoh in his attempts to extinguish the race by killing all first born.
5. He directed Pharaoh in his attempts to extinguishing the race by his pursuit in Exodus
6. He caused numerous attacks against David and his family, through Saul, through temptations and through indiscretions.
7. He guided the perversions of most of the subsequent kings and kingdoms all in order to prevent the continuation of David's royal line.
8. He orchestrated various captivities and dispersions in an attempt to obliterate the race.
9. He put forth Haman, his agent, who almost succeeded in killing all the Hebrews.
10. He directed Herod, killing all male babies in Bethlehem.
11. He caused two supernatural storms on the sea of Galilee, trying to kill Jesus and His Apostles
12. He enticed Pharisees to stone Jesus.
13. He entered Judas to cause Jesus' betrayal.
14. He directed his agents in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD and the great diaspora
15. He caused the Roman persecution of Jews and Christians.
16. He directed the Crusades
17. He set up the many and continuing pogroms blaming Jews for the crucifixion.
18. He set out to the killing of millions of Christians and Jews by the order of Catholic Popes, for nearly 1000 years.
19. He nurtured Hitler.

20. He brought about the rise of Islam (the cult of death) dedicated to the death of all Jews and Christians.
21. He will take his last shot at Bozrah {Isaiah 63:1-6; Revelation 19:11-21 }

Because God is omnipotent, it is difficult to understand why He has allowed and continues to allow Satan to do these many awful things. This in itself is an enigma, the answer for which we may never know with certainty. However, I am certain that man's free will, and his willingness, for the most part, to choose any way other than God's way, is a major ingredient in the answer.