Doctrine of Antisemitism, Part 6

Satan Has a Strategy

As previously noted, we are examining Satan's appeal trial, in which he hopes to prove God unqualified to sit in judgment of his rebellion, committed sometime in eternity past before the creation of Adam and the Eve. It should come as no surprise that Satan has a strategy aimed at defeating God in this spiritual contest. He employs different strategies, each defeated by God's counter, only to be followed by a new and different line of attack by Satan.

The main offensives by Satan:

- The genetic attack on the line of Christ through Adam's seed.
- The attack through the seed of mankind
- The attack through Abraham's seed
- The attack on David's seed
- The attacks on Christ
- The attacks on Israel

The attack on the line of Christ through Adam's seed.

God promised Adam that redemption (the line of Christ) would come through the seed of Adam and Eve.

> **Genesis 3:15** "I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Man and Earth stand under condemnation and judgment (Genesis 3:11-19), and both are under the dominion of Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9; John 12:31; 16:11). God intends to redeem those who choose Him and to recover for Himself dominion over Earth, which He had originally delegated to man (Genesis 1:26, 28).

Satan intended to prevent that. To do so, he attempted to sever the line from "the woman" to the redeemer (Luke 3:23-38) and to prevent "her seed from bruising his head" (Genesis 3:15). If Satan could sever that line and prevent the redeemer from ever coming or performing the act of redemption (the Cross), then Satan could defeat God's plan and win his

appeal trial. That meant direct attacks by Satan on that line and even on Christ Himself.

After Adam and the woman's original sin and their expulsion from the Garden, God came to them and promised eternal salvation as seen in the sacrifices being offered in Genesis 4:1-7.

When Eve gave birth, she immediately assumed Abel was the promised seed. Satan did too, inspiring Cain to murder Abel, a believer, to keep the Savior from coming into the world. But Abel was not the promised seed of the woman. God continued the line to the Messiah through Seth, another believer.

Attack through the seed of mankind.

Satan's next attack on the line is a very interesting one. He attempted to physically corrupt the entire human race by creating a mongrel race of his own. According to Genesis 3:15, Satan will have a "seed." He will have descendants, and Scripture supports this.

> **John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires…

Satan's seed refers to fallen mankind, all unsaved persons who have not accepted Christ and the free gift of salvation through faith.

In Scripture, the term "sons of God" appears several times. In the New Testament, it carries a very different meaning than in the Old Testament. In the OT, "sons of God" denotes being brought into existence by God's creative act. Adam was created by God in the likeness of God and is thus a son of God, but Genesis 5:1 says Adam's descendants will be "born into his likeness, after his image," referring to the fallen Adamac state of man with a sin nature, also known as "Satan's seed." Adam's natural descendants are not the creation of God. God did not create Adam in a fallen state, but Adam's descendants are, in effect, "sons of man" and children of the Devil, Satan's seed. In our fallen state, we are products of what Satan created through the fall of Adam.

However, through the new birth (being born again) and the Holy Spirit-generated human spirit, the believer becomes a child of God or a son of God, as stated in Galatians 3:26: "For you are all sons of God through faith

in Christ Jesus." See also Romans 8:14; 19; 8:16-17; Matthew 5:9; Galatians 4:5-6; John 1:12-13; Ephesians 5:1; Philippians 2:15; and 1 John 3:2, which tells us, “Beloved, now we are children of God." Get the point? Fallen and unregenerate man is a “son of man” and the “seed of Satan." Regenerate man (or woman), however, is a “son (or daughter) of God."

Genesis 6:1-3 describes the angelic attack through sexual intercourse between fallen angels and human women to destroy true humanity on earth.

> **Genesis 6:1** When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, **2** the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. **3** Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” **4** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

These “sons of God,” *bane ha elohim*, were fallen angels (Job 1:6; 2:1) who attempted to pollute the human race by producing people who were half human and half fallen angels. The genetic purity of the human race was corrupted. If Satan could so taint the entire human race, God’s promise that the redeemer would come from the seed of the woman would be impossible, and God would be a liar—Satan wins.

At the time of the flood and with the exception of Noah and his family, there were only half-angel/half-human beings on the earth. God countered Satan with the flood.

Attack through Abraham's seed.

God promised that the line of salvation would come through Abraham's seed (Genesis 12:1-3). The line of Christ descended through Sarah and Isaac, Jacob, and Judah. There were several attacks on the line of Abraham.

- Sarah had to be delivered from the harem of an Egyptian king (Genesis 12:10-20).
- Pharaoh’s command to murder all male Hebrew infants. (Ex. 1:15-16)
  - God’s counterattack: The preservation of Moses. (Ex. 2:1-10)

- Pharaoh’s attempted destruction of the Israelites at the Red Sea. (Ex. 14:5-12)
  - God’s counterattack: the destruction of Pharaoh and his forces. (Ex. 14:26-28)
- Pharaoh's attempt to annihilate Israel in the wilderness (Exodus 14:13ff).

Attack on David’s seed.

God’s promise to David that Messiah would come through his bloodline presented an opportunity for Satan to focus his attacks on that line. Among those attacks we have:

- Jehoram’s murder of his royal brothers. (2 Chronicles 21:1-5)
  - God’s counterattack: Jehoahaz, preserved. (2 Chronicles 21:16-17)
- Athaliah’s murder of the royal seed. (2 Chronicles 22:10)
  - God’s counterattack: the rescue of Joash. (2 Chronicles 22:11-12)
- Hezekiah was childless and near death at the time when the Assyrians threatened war. (Isaah 36:1)
  - God’s counterattack: Hezekiah’s life extended (Isaiah 38)

The case of Hezekiah: He was childless when the king of Assyria attacked (Isaiah 36:1). God preserved him until his son was born, continuing the line to Christ.

Esther: One of the greatest satanic attacks against the line to the Messiah was the Haman conspiracy to annihilate all Jews, as recorded in the book of Esther.

Attack through Joseph's seed.

Joseph was tempted to divorce Mary because she was pregnant before the marriage was consummated. An angel reassured him, and his faith sustained him.

- The attack on the “seed of the woman” (Matt. 1:16): the legal line to the throne of David through Mary. Mary’s pregnancy and Joseph’s nobility. (Matthew 1:18-19, Deuteronomy 22:14, 20-21, 24:1)
  - God’s counterattack: divine revelation and instructions to Joseph. (Matthew 1:20-25)
- Herod’s command to slay all the infants of Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:16-18)

- God’s counterattack: divine revelation and instructions to Joseph to take his family and flee to Egypt. (Matthew 2:13)

The Attacks on Christ during His Incarnation.

Jesus was the target of numerous attacks, both direct, from Satan, and indirect, from men influenced by Satan. The objective was to prevent the judgment of sin. Satan wanted Jesus to die, but not to go to the Cross.

- The satanic temptations in the desert. (Matthew 4:1-10, Luke 4:1-12)
- The attempts to stone Jesus. (John 8:59; 10:30-39)
- The temptation to forego the cross. (John 12:27; Luke 22:39-44)
- The attempts to kill Jesus before He reached the cross. (Matthew 27:26; 29-30; Mark 14:65; 15:15, 19; Luke 22:63-64)
- The temptation to come down from the Cross. (Matthew 27:40-41; 26:53-54)

Satan's strategy against believers and the Church.

Satanic strategy includes attempting to discredit the Canon of Scripture, with an emphasis on the Church Age mystery doctrine.

Satanic strategy is to discredit believers by involving them in his cosmic system and Christian degeneracy, so that they shock other believers, who then get out of fellowship and become involved in false doctrine, trying to explain them away.

Satanic strategy is to deemphasize Bible doctrine and emphasize personal experience. Two buzzwords used to discredit and distract believers from the truth are “compassion” and “empathy.” Watch for them, and you will be surprised by how often you hear these two words come out of the mouths of mega-church attendees who use them to chastise believers who dare to condemn sin.

Satan tries to distract the believer:

- Through negative volition toward the teaching of the Word of God and Bible doctrine.
- Through getting the believer to understand doctrine only academically rather than spiritually to make a faith application.
- Satan tries to control the believer through the sin nature by tempting the believer to commit sin and to perform good deeds for the wrong reasons.

- Believers are distracted into thinking that simple morality is the Christian way of life. It is much more than that.
- Satan has a strategy to keep the believer in his cosmic system (James 4:6-8, 1 John 2:15-18, and 3:4-12).

All the strategies of Satan are directed toward the free will of mankind, not the sovereignty of God.

Satan attacks the Church.

- The Church is attacked by legalism, called "the synagogue of Satan" (Revelation 2:9).
- The Church is attacked by religion, called "the throne of Satan" (Revelation 2:13).
- The Church is attacked by false doctrine, called "the deep things of Satan" (Revelation 2:24).

He seeks to frustrate the will of God with regard to your life.

- Distract you from the mental will of God—Bible doctrine (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:14).
- Distract you from the geographical will of God for you (1 Thessalonians 2:18).
- Distract you from the operational will of God for you (James 4:7-8; Galatians 5:7).

Satan seeks to neutralize consistent doctrinal perception and application (1 Corinthians 10:19-21; 14:17-18; 2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15; 1 Timothy 4:11) through:

- Worry, fear, anxiety, mental attitude sins, and reaction to historical disaster (1 Peter 5:7-9)
- Getting the believer to be disobedient to the Word and to the Pastor's authority involved in teaching it;
- Ignoring doctrine you have learned (1 Chronicles 21:). Satan tries to destroy the believer's focus, keeping the believer from being occupied with Christ.
- He causes you to focus on yourself and feel sorry for yourself (Genesis 3:4-5; 1 Kings 19:10, 14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-11).
- Satan causes you to get your eyes on people (Genesis 19:28, 20:1; Jeremiah 17:5).
- He causes you to get your eyes on things (Hebrews 13:5-6). Satan sponsors Christian activism, trying to get the believer to become

involved in the improvement of his (Satan's) world by becoming occupied with temporal solutions, such as improving the environment, "the greatest good for the greatest number," socialism, social action, the social Gospel—all temporal solutions to man's problems rather than spiritual solutions.

We are commanded in Ephesians 4:27, "And stop giving opportunity to the devil." We are on the **defensive** against Satan and are never commanded to go on the **offensive**. The Ephesian believers were taking offensive action against Satan, and Paul commanded them to stop doing what they were already doing.

We give "opportunity to the devil" in two ways:

1. By failing to live out the spiritual life of the Church Age and to reach spiritual maturity.
2. To live a life of perpetual carnality and die with sin face-to-face with death.

Satan has a strategy concerning the unbeliever.

1. He blinds the unbeliever's mind to the Gospel (2 Peter 2; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Luke 8:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-10; Romans 1).
2. When Satan cannot deceive through good and evil, he uses religion to blind the mind (Colossians 2:8; Revelation 17).
3. Whenever the unbeliever rejects the establishment or doctrine, he falls into the Satanic sphere of influence.

Satan has a strategy to deify mankind (Genesis 3:5).

Satan has a strategy to indwell or possess **un**believers to hinder salvation, or to use believers and unbelievers in his service. 1 John calls these the "disciples of Satan."

Satan has a strategy regarding Israel: antisemitism.

1. The divine attitude toward antisemitism is expressed in Genesis 12:3, "I will bless those who bless you, but the one who curses [or despises] you I will curse, and through you all the races [individuals and nations] of the earth shall be blessed." There is a correlation between the rise and fall of nations and their attitude toward the Jew. Antisemitism has destroyed individuals, nations, and empires. Kindly treatment of the Jews has blessed individuals, nations, and empires.

2. Antisemitism is the hostility of a person, group, organization, or nation toward the Jews. It does not refer to all the descendants of Shem, but only to the Jews.
3. Antisemitism is hatred, intolerance, prejudice, opposition, persecution, and violent opposition to the Jewish race. Revelation 12 details the future of antisemitism during the Tribulation.

Satan's genius is to counterfeit God's plan, but with a twist—religion. Religion is man seeking to use his own merits and works to gain God's approbation. Satan's counterfeits of God's plan in religion include:

1. **A Counterfeit Gospel — 2 Corinthians 4:3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, keeping them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2. **Counterfeit Ministers — 2 Corinthians 11:13** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

3. **Counterfeit Doctrine — 1 Timothy 4:1** … some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

4. **Counterfeit Communion table — 1 Corinthians 10:19** What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

5. **Counterfeit Spirituality — Galatians 3:2** … Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so

foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

6. **Counterfeit Righteousness** — In Matthew 19:16-28, we see the Mosaic Law distorted into self-righteousness, which rests on false morality in Satan's cosmic system. **Galatians 2:16** Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

7. **Counterfeit Miracles, Healing, and Tongues — 2 Thessalonians 2:9** The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, **10** and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

8. **Counterfeit System of So-Called Gods — 2 Thessalonians 2:3** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4** who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

False teachers are a part of Satan's strategy.

> **1 John 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

They emphasize God's love and human empathy to the exclusion of His other attributes, presenting themselves as all things to all men, apart from any standards grounded in Bible doctrine.

> **Matthew 7:15** "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

Buzzwords: "Compassion" and "empathy." They seek to stimulate your ego. Their message is designed to make you feel good about yourself by convincing you that being "compassionate" and "empathetic" toward sinners is doing God's work, when in reality it is condoning sin.

> **Romans 16:18** For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

> **Galatians 4:17** They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.

> **2 Timothy 3:5** Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

They appeal to human ego, arrogance, and pride, distracting believers from grace. They love to counsel others to feed their arrogance.

> **2 Corinthians 10:12** Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

They promote legalism as a system of pseudo-spirituality.

> **1 Timothy 1:7** Desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. 8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

They possess a false spirit.

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Evil

Satan has a specific policy—evil. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "evil" as profound immorality, wickedness, or conduct that deliberately causes harm and suffering to others.

- It violates accepted standards of right and wrong.
- It causes physical or emotional pain, destruction, or ruin.
- It is offensive and causes repulsion or discomfort.
- It brings misfortune, bad luck, or calamity.

Evil began with Lucifer's fall. Adam's fall was merely "Act 2." It all began with the simple statement that he, Lucifer, would be "like God."

WHY is Satan doing this?

Satan has two major objectives:

1. His historical objective was to keep our Lord Jesus Christ from going to the Cross. That strategy failed.
2. His prophetic objective is to destroy Israel so that the four unconditional covenants cannot be fulfilled at the second Advent.

His overarching objective is to defeat God and win the angelic conflict. As we noted earlier, this is a spiritual war. God has judged Satan, and Satan's final disposition will be the Lake of Fire. But Satan protested that the sentence was unfair—probably something like, "How can a **loving** God do this?" (Compassion and empathy!)

Satan was offered an appeal trial, and mankind, a lesser being, was created and is being used as testimony for God that His judgment on Satan was indeed fair and that Satan deserves what he is receiving.

His attempt to prevent the coming of the Christ is detailed in the various attacks on the seed of the woman we explored above. All of them failed when God countered Satan's attempts.

Attacks From Jesus to the future Kingdom Age.

Since Satan was unable to prevent the Cross and the judgment of sin, he has shifted his attacks to the Jews in general. He is trying to prevent the fulfillment of the unconditional covenants God made to Israel. To accomplish this, he must destroy the Jewish race. If there is no Israel to receive God's promises, then God is a liar and rendered unfit as a righteous judge.

God made four unconditional covenants with Israel, to be fulfilled in the Kingdom Age. They are "unconditional" because only God was bound by the covenant's terms through His solemn "I will." Israel's only obligation was to be present to receive the blessings promised in the covenants when they were distributed.

If the covenant's blessings could not be delivered, it would render God a liar, unable to keep His promises and unqualified to be a righteous judge. That meant ensuring Israel could not be present when the blessings were delivered. And that meant killing all the Jews, which required convincing the world to hate all Jews—and we have **antisemitism.**

Covenants:

Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3) guarantees:

- Abraham's name will be great.
- A great nation will come from Abraham.
- He will be a blessing, and through him, all the families of the earth will be blessed.
- The land will be given to him personally and to his descendants to inherit forever.
- His descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth (Genesis 13:6) (restated to Jacob in Genesis 28:13).
- Whoever blesses him will be blessed, and whoever curses him will be cursed.
- He will be the father of many nations (Genesis 17:4), including Ishmael and Isaac.
- Kings will proceed from him.

- It will be an everlasting covenant.
- Canaan will be an everlasting possession.
- God will be a God to him and his seed.
- In his seed, all nations shall be blessed.

Land Grant Covenant (Genesis 12:7; 13:14; 17:7; 15:7-21). Also known as the “Palestinian Covenant,” it promises the land as Israel's possession forever.

Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:12-16) promises to David:
- His house will endure forever
- His throne will endure forever
- His kingdom will endure forever

New Covenant to Israel (Jeremiah 31:13-34) promises to Israel:
- Israel will be regathered
  - God will gather all Jews from all the nations into Israel
  - None will be left outside Israel
- Israel will be one nation
- Ruled by one King
- Israel will forever remain in the land
- The covenant with them will be everlasting
- God's Tabernacle will be visibly with them
- Israel will be known among the Gentiles as a nation blessed of God
- This covenant addresses Israel's regeneration, forgiveness, and justification; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and His subsequent ministries; and Israel's regathering and restoration to a place of blessing, all founded on the blood of Christ.

Yes, that is a long shot for Satan, but it explains a lot about antisemitism since the Cross.