

The Word Part 6

Here in Part 6 of this series I want to continue just a little while, dealing with our Sinful Nature. By the time we begin part 7, I want to get into one of my favorite topics which is types and shadows. This is where we see a picture of Christ in the Old Testament that points to the New Testament. This is how we come up with the number that they are more than 380 prophecies in the Old Testament that points to Christ in the New Testament. So that number is staggering as far as the chance for that being able to happen in one person. That number is somewhere around 1 in 10 to the 157 power.

But first as a continuation to chapter 5, let's look at Romans 7:14-20 GW;

I know that God's standards in Moses' Teachings are spiritual, but I have a corrupt nature, sold as a slave to sin.

15. I don't realize what I'm doing. I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do what I hate.

16. I don't do what I want to do, but I agree that God's standards are good.

17. So I am no longer the one who is doing the things I hate, but sin that lives in me is doing them.

18. I know that nothing good lives in me; that is, nothing good lives in my corrupt nature. Although I have the desire to do what is right, I don't do it.

19. I don't do the good I want to do. Instead, I do the evil that I don't want to do.

20. Now, when I do what I don't want to do, I am no longer the one who is doing it. Sin that lives in me is doing it.

That sinful nature is what we are giving into.

Cain gave into sinful nature in which caused him to kill Abel. This is the first death of a human. Sin cause the world to become wicked, and continues to attack humans throughout time. Satan does not know who will bruise his head so he attacks everyone that associates themselves with God. Cain and Abel are now disqualified to bruise Satan's head, but the genealogy line continues through Seth.

Satan tries to destroy all mankind before the flood by corrupting man's minds and hearts against God by doing those things that were sinful and displeasing. God said that man's hearts and minds was evil continually.

Genesis 6:9 says; *These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

God raised up Noah in order to build the arch and spare mankind.

Abraham was told by God that he would be the father of many nations. No doubt this would have Satan wondering, is this the one? He attacks Abraham throughout his life.

Joseph's troubles really escalated when he revealed the dream that God gave him of the stars, paying homage to him. Satan tries to destroy him. That dream calls him to go into a pit by his brothers, to being sold into slavery in Potiphar's house, falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and being thrown into prison, interpreting dreams and elevated to the second position in the Egyptian Pharaoh's palace. Awesome story if you have not read it.

Moses was chosen to be the deliverer for the children of God. Saved at birth and placed in company with the Pharaoh of Egypt. Satan has him kicked out of the Kings Palace and sent into the desert to die. But God raises him up and leads him to do exactly what God wanted him to do. All Moses had to do was be a willing vessel.

Then there was David who God said it was a man after God's own heart. Not meaning that he was like God, but that he sort of "chased after God". He pursued the heart of God. He worshiped and sang to the Lord to the extent of pleasing God. This is a powerful thing when trying to build your relationship with God. David was by himself, not singing in front of people, but singing to God of how he felt about his God! Satan tries to have David killed many times and tried to destroy David relationship with God when David sinned with Bathsheba but God restored David after he repented.

Satan tries to destroy all of the children of Israel through their captivity after prompting almost all of Isreal to be disobedient to God. Daniel is spared, no doubted by God. Then Nebuchadnezzar sends Daniel to the Lions den and God spares him from death. Now someone may say maybe the lions were not hungry and that's why they didn't touch Daniel, however, when they pull Daniel out of the lions then and threw in his accusers, the lions ate them and their families so quick that their bones did not even hit the floor.

The Hebrew boys were thrown into the fiery furnace because they would not bow down to worship Nebuchadnezzar but God spared them, and they did not have not even the smell of smoke on their clothes and no burns.

Satan accuses all of the prophets of the Old Testament, apostles in the New Testament, as well as the disciples. Many were killed in fact all of the disciples died of a martyrs death except for one, and that was John. John was placed in a pot of boiling oil so they tried to kill him, but did not want him to die of a martyr so they placed them on the island of Patmos in prison where he wrote the book of Revelation.

Of course, Jesus the Christ is accused, and Satan thinks he has succeeded when Jesus dies on the cross. But the Bible says in:

1st Corinthians 2:7-8

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

This verse mean that if Satan had known that by Jesus, dying on the behalf of mankind 'that believes in Jesus', he would not have prompted the people to kill Jesus.

Here is what Jesus did in that instance. He took our sins, every last one of them, and nailed them to the cross. Jesus died so that we would not have to die, his blood shed so that ours would not have to be shed. By Jesus, dying on the cross as a perfect being, blameless, he is now the seed of the woman, that bruises Satan's head. If Jesus had sinned even once, we could not be saved. Had Satan know that by Jesus dying on the cross blameless would have freed all of us, Satan would've made sure that Jesus stayed alive so that he could force him to commit sin first before dying. This is why the scripture says in *I Corinthians chapter 2 verse 8*, "*Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*"