

To Destroy Jesus

Since the plan of salvation was implemented by God; Satan himself and through his minions have sought to prevent and destroy the coming Messiah. Satan has sought to destroy the human race, the nation of Israel the promised seed, the church and Jesus. The battle has raged for 6000 yrs.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Destroy - apollumi; ap-ol'-loo-mee From G575 and the base of G3639; to destroy fully (reflexively to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively: - destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Destroy - Luō loo'-o A primary verb; to "loosen" (literally or figuratively): - break (up), destroy, dissolve, (un-) loose, melt, put off. Compare G4486. (to stop or undo)

To Destroy the Promised Seed

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Satan sought to destroy the promised seed of the Messiah. Cain filled with the jealousy and envy of the devil rose up and slew his brother. Sin indeed does lie at the door of those that make their soul and flesh ready instruments for the devil to use. (Gen 4:7)

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

1 John 3:12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

However, God's plan would not be thwarted and the promised seed would not be destroyed; for another was appointed in Seth. The seed would indeed come; from a lowly manger to the cross, and from the empty tomb to resurrection; the plan of God would not be stopped.

Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

To Destroy the Human Race

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

After The Fall of mankind (Gen. ch.3) the human race had become totally corrupted. Their mind totally set upon evil and their every imagination was captive to it. Satan sought to corrupt humanity because mankind was created in the image of God; and the devil seeks to destroy all that is of God. Lucifer, the devil sought to corrupt mankind to the point that God would destroy the whole human race. What Satan couldn't rule he sought to destroy.

However, God cannot be deceived or tricked by the devil; God had other plans for His creation and through Noah God would bring the redeemer of mankind; to destroy the works of the devil and to save the world.

Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Satan through Cain failed to destroy the seed by the murder of Able; and he failed again to destroy the human race through the judgment of God in the flood. Satan, the adversary stands ready to use the willing, the deceived and the devices of this world to destroy the plan of God.

To Destroy the Nation of Israel

Esther 3:12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

Ver. 13 *destroy* - shâmad's *haw-mad'*A primitive root; to *desolate*: - destroy (-uction), bring to nought, overthrow, perish, pluck down, X utterly.

Ver. 13 *Kill*-*haw-rag'*A primitive root; to *smite* with deadly intent: - destroy, out of hand, kill, murder (-er), put to [death], make [slaughter], slay (-er), X surely.

God had promised Abraham that the nation of Israel would become a great nation (Gen:12:1-3). Having failed to destroy the human race; the nation of Israel would now be the target of the devil's destruction. God's chosen people the apple of His eye. The devil knew enough of the plan of salvation to know that through the nation of Israel would come the promised Messiah (a Lion of the tribe of Judah, Rev 5:5) and if destroyed the nation of Israel the promises of God would not be true.

The Slaughter of the Innocents

Matthew 2:1-3 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. **3** When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Satan again tries to destroy the plan of Salvation that the LORD has planned for mankind. God knew of Satan's plan long ago. As Cain was an instrument of the evil one so now is King Herod; for the devil it is better for thousands to be slaughtered than the Messiah come.

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.

To Destroy Jesus, the Messiah

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Satan has failed, the promised seed has come; God's Word is true and His promise has become reality; but the war rages on and the souls of mankind hang in the balance.

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Matthew 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Matthew 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

Matthew 27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

Mark 3:6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

Mark 11:18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

Oh if only today people would be astonished (amazed) at His doctrine and realize the power of it, the wisdom and knowledge of it, the salvation of it; but instead they change it into a worldly doctrine; instead of letting it change them.

Luke 19:47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him,

The Pharisees, Sadducee's and Herodian's sought to destroy Jesus; they sought to destroy His works, and all that he claimed to be and all the words He spoke.

Pharisee: most influential of Jewish sects at the time of Jesus Christ; through holding orthodox doctrines. Their zeal for the Mosaic law led them to a degenerate though strict outward observance of the law and their equally authoritative interpretation (in their own eyes) of it. They knew the scriptures, tithed, fasted and prayed, but were also hypocritical, self righteous and the foremost persecutors of the LORD. They represented externalism in religion

Sadducee's: membership came largely from priesthood and upper classes; were the anti-super naturalists of Christ's day. They denied the truth of bodily resurrection and of future punishment and reward and of the existence of angels. They represented skepticism as to the supernatural and as to the scriptures.

Herodians: worldliness; political party that supported the rule of Herod.

Today they're those that still seek to do the devil's work and destroy Jesus. The time has past for destroying his plan of salvation and stopping His death upon the cross which secured the death of death. Now they seek to destroy His Gospel and the eternal life giving Word. It is nothing new under the sun; as it was in the days of old so it is today, they are modern day Pharisees, Sadducee, and Herodians that seek to destroy Jesus.

At Nazareth

Luke: 4: 16, 28-30

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,
29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.
30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

Today many churches have lost their reverence for a Holy God and have replaced the true Gospel with a commercial Christianity; they have thrust Jesus out and replaced His Word with their own gospel. As Jesus was thrust out of the synagogue and city; He has been thrust out of many churches today; sold out for a commercialized, cultural, and hypocritical Christianity that is powerless to bring conviction, repentance, and salvation.

TODAY'S SPIRITUAL PHARISEE

Mark 7:6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.

Matthew 23:3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

Matthew 6:2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. ¹⁴Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. ¹⁵ _ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Many today are modern day pharisee's and they honor God with their lips but not with their hearts; they say one thing yet do another, Facebook is full of these keyboard Christians; they do the things they do to be seen and praised of men; yet it is vain glory and does nothing for the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees in their doctrine added to the Word of God and they deceived with a false gospel and will sent many to hell; and they are still doing it today. I SPEAK THIS NOT UNTO CONDEMNATION, BUT UNTO CONVICTION! Turn and repent and do the works of the LORD JESUS for His Kingdom and not your own.

TODAYS SPIRITUAL SADDUCEE

Acts 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. (Mk. 12:18-27; LK. 20:27-40; MT 22:23-33)

The Sadducee's of old denied the resurrection and also the reality of angels and spirits, and today many deny the resurrection; that Jesus came in the flesh, they deny the supernatural nature of the Bible. The Sadducee's took away from the Word of God. Today many churches are taking away from the Word of God and preaching and believing a doctrine of their own imagination; it is the error of the Sadducee's.

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

TODAY'S SPIRITUAL HERODIAN'S

I Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

The Herodians were such as, first, held it lawful to transfer the Divine government to a heathen ruler; and, secondly, to conform occasionally to heathenish rites in their religious worship. In short, they appear to have been persons who trimmed between God and the world - who endeavored to reconcile his service with that of mammon - and who were religious just as far as it tended to secure their secular interests. - *Adam Clark*

They compromised with the world to gain the riches and pleasures of the world.

A Worldly Herodian Church

Teaching that the Bible is not inspired and inerrant.
Using books instead of the Bible in Bible study
Teaching that there is more than one way to God besides Jesus
Being embarrassed to say that Jesus is the only way to salvation
Teaching that there is no absolute right and wrong.

The Pharisee's sought his life, and were exceedingly corrupt in their doctrine and practice; the Sadducee's denied some of the essential doctrines of religion, and the Herodians probably were distinguished for irreligion, sensuality, and corrupt living. They were united, therefore, with the Pharisees and Sadducees in opposing the claims of Jesus.

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; *These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;* 15 *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.* 16 *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.* 17 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*

To destroy Jesus is to destroy the church for Jesus is the foundation and chief cornerstone of the church; to remove Jesus and add to His word, to take away from His Word, to bring worldliness into His church is to destroy the church; and the liberalism of today has destroyed many churches and is making ready for the great apostasy and the coming of the man of sin. Many churches have been blinded in their own self-deception and believing they are rich are in reality spiritually destitute and poor.

Jesus Cannot Be Destroyed

Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

Isaiah 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.

Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Revelation 22:13 *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, *Surely I come quickly.* Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

JESUS SAVES-To God be the Glory

