

SATAN'S PATTERNS

From the time that Satan was cast out of Heaven to the present day, Satan has not changed his tactics. He is, in many ways, predictable. The same thing can be said of man. The unsaved man has certain predictable behavior that makes it unnecessary for Satan to change his tactics. Man has always longed for power, riches, popularity, knowledge, and a host of other things. The reason that con artists are so successful is because man is basically greedy. If you bet on greed, you will win most of the time. I wish to investigate some of the tactics that Satan has used successfully in the past and see what we can learn from it.

After the fall of man in the garden of Eden, God made the following statement to Satan, ***"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."*** (Genesis 3:15) In order to frustrate the plan of God, Satan set out to so corrupt the human race so that this prophecy could not be fulfilled. The fallen angels that were cast out of Heaven with Lucifer, took on bodies and began to marry women and have babies with them. Many of these grew to be leaders in their areas. We read in Genesis 6:1-8; ***"Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. Then the Lord said, 'My spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.' The nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved to His heart. And the Lord said, 'I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and***

the birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God then cast these fallen angels into pits in Hell because they violated the natural order. *"For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;"* (II Peter 2:4) Again we see a reference to this in Jude 6+7; *"And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Just as Sodom and Gomorra and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire."*

Because the population of the earth was relatively small, and there were, apparently, many such offspring, God knew that eventually the entire human race would be corrupted by this infusion of fallen angels into the gene pool; so He destroyed the population of the earth with a flood, saving Noah and his family to start again.

Some time after the flood, the grandson of Ham comes into the world. His name is Nimrod. He is a natural born leader and a power hungry tyrant. He sets up the first monarchy with himself as absolute king. God had told the people to scatter and populate the earth but Nimrod persuaded them to stay in the valley of Shinar. Flavius Josephus gives the following account. *"These first of all descended from the mountains into the plains, and fixed their habitation there; and persuaded others who were greatly afraid of the lower grounds on account of the flood, and so were very loath to come down from the higher places, to venture to follow their examples. Now the plain in which they first dwelt was called Shinar. God also commanded them to send colonies abroad, for the thorough peopling of the earth, - that they might not raise seditions among themselves, but might cultivate a great part of the earth, and enjoy its fruits after a plentiful manner: but they were so ill instructed, that they did not obey God; for which reason they fell into calamities, and were made sensible, of what sin they had been guilty; for when they flourished with a numerous youth, God admonished them again to send out colonies; but they, imagining the prosperity they enjoyed was not derived from the favor of God, but supposed that their own power was the proper cause of the plentiful condition they were in, did not obey Him. Nay, they added to*

this their disobedience to the divine will, the suspicion that they were ordered to send out separate colonies, that, being divided asunder, they might the more easily be oppressed.

Now it was Nimrod that excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah, - a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God, as if it was through His means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness, He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, - seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence upon his power. He also said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to draw the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach! and that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers!

Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God; and they built a tower, neither sparing any pains, nor being in any degree negligent about the work; and by reason of the multitude of hands employed in it, it grew very high, sooner than anyone could expect; but the thickness of it was so great, and it was so strongly built, that thereby its great height seemed, upon the view, to be less than it really was. It was built of burnt brick, cemented together with mortar, made of bitumen, that it might not be liable to admit water. When God saw that they acted so madly, He did not resolve to destroy them utterly, since they were not grown wiser by the destruction of the former sinners; but He caused a tumult among them, by producing in them diverse languages; and causing that through the multitude of those languages, they would not be able to understand one another. The place wherein they built the tower is now called Babylon;"

This was the beginning of humanism; the idea that man alone is responsible for his own salvation and prosperity.

Nimrod was the first one in history to initiate the ritual sacrifice of babies. His ambition was to turn the people away from dependence on God. He feared that a baby would be born that would turn the hearts of the people back to God. He killed 70,000 babies in an attempt to kill the child that would grow to be a representative of God to the people. Rabbinical legend says that the one that Nimrod feared was Abraham the father of the Jewish nation. Later, this

pattern would be repeated by Pharaoh to try to kill Moses at his birth. Again we see Herod killing babies to try to kill Jesus while He was still a baby. Every time God is about to bring a new man on the scene that will fulfill prophecy and usher in a new phase of God's plan, we see leaders killing babies in an attempt to kill them before they can be used by God. Each time Satan has failed. Today, we again see a great slaughter of babies. Is this another attempt by Satan to prevent the birth and growth of someone that will fulfill prophecy? What will be the next event to change the direction of history? Could it be the tribulation? Who are the major players in the tribulation? What about the 144,000 Jews from all of the twelve tribes of Israel? Since the Jews are scattered all over the world and the slaughter of babies seems to be world wide, could this be an attempt to kill some of the 144,000? Satan wouldn't have to kill all of them; just one would do. The prophecy is for 144,000 and not 143,999. I am not trying to say that this is what is happening but I think that it fits the pattern.

Nimrod married a very beautiful and totally corrupt woman named Semiramis. Eventually Nimrod met with a violent death. He had been worshipped as a deity along with his wife. Now Semiramis was faced with a small problem; how would she keep her control of the people without Nimrod? She devised a clever scheme. Capitalizing on the well known prophecy that the serpent would bruise the savior of man kind on the heel and that the savior would bruise the serpent's head, Semiramis made up the story that Nimrod voluntarily gave up his life and that he would return in the form of his son. It turns out that Semiramis had become pregnant while Nimrod was at war and this was a perfect scam. She declared that Nimrod had appeared to her from the grave and that from that meeting she was pregnant with his baby. She further declared herself a virgin. When the boy was born she called him Tammuz and declared him to be the reincarnation of Nimrod. By this she laid the major occult foundation of demonic power in the world that is still with us today. She claimed that the child was the Messiah, the God-man, the seed of the woman. The people worshipped Tammuz as their reincarnated king and their god. The child is also seen as the husband and lover of the woman. The Babylonian goddess mother and son spread around the world even though their names are different and the stories vary somewhat. In Egypt the mother and son were worshipped as ISIS and HORUS, in India it was ISI and ISWARA, in Harrapan it was SHAKTI and SIVA, in

Asia it was CYBELE and DEOIOUS, in Rome it was FORTUNA and JUPITER, in Greece it was IRENE, goddess of peace and PLUTUS, even in ancient Tibet, China and Japan you could find the Madonna and child complete with halos known as SHING MOO.

In a book written about the second century A.D., the goddess mother tells us who she is as follows, "I am nature, the universal mother, mistress of all elements, primordial child of time, sovereign of all things spiritual, queen of the dead, queen also of the immortals, the single manifestation of all gods and goddesses that are... Though I am worshipped in many aspects, known by countless names and propitiated with all manner of different rites, yet the whole earth venerates me." Some pagan titles of the goddess are, Mother of God, Queen of heaven, and Blessed Virgin.

In the beginning God created the family to be the basic unit of government. He knew that if the family was right, the rest of the society would be right. What was god's plan for the family structure? He proclaimed that the man should be the head of the home. Not the dictator, not the tyrant, not the god of the home but the head to provide a covering for the family. He would provide the food, clothing, and other necessities for the family. He would love his wife and children and would be their protector. God created man especially well suited for the task. He made him larger, stronger, and more aggressive than the woman. This serves him well as provider and protector. Because of the provision and protection that the husband provides, the wife is able to do the most important job of bearing, rearing, and nurturing the children. The examples of both parents is very important. The mother is an example to the daughters of what a wife and mother should be. She teaches them the skills that are needed to become successful wives and mothers themselves some day. To the sons she is an example of the kind of woman they will look for when they are looking for a life partner. The old song says, "I want a girl just like the girl that married dear old dad." The father is an example to the daughter of how a man should treat a woman. He is also a protection for her when she grows to dating age. If a boy understands that he will answer to her father if he mistreats her, the girl will be safer than if a father is not around. When a boy comes to call, the door opens, and he is staring at an eye level belt buckle. It will get his attention. The father is also an example to the son of how a man acts and behaves in many circumstances. He is also a protection

for him against larger and older boys in the neighborhood. The father gives stability and security to the home. The husband and wife together are to be an example of what a marriage should be. When this pattern is destroyed, you get the kind of thing that you see in the inner city projects. Under the "Great society" single women with children were put in high rise apartments. They would be paid a monthly stipend as long as they remained single. The federal government took the place of the fathers. The result is tragic. There is no protection for the women or children. Often children join gangs to get the protection that is missing when there is no father in the home. If a man wants to come into the building and kick in a door and rape the mother or daughter, there is no one to stop him. There is no example for the daughters of the kind of husband that they should look for. The example is that there is no need for a husband, just a sperm donor so she can get her own apartment and monthly check. The sons soon learn that males are part of a family only till they are old enough to be on their own. After that there is no room for them as part of a family. Their only role models are pimps, thieves and drug dealers. There are those that tell us that a matriarchal home is a more loving home. I say, "Take a look at the inner city." Here we have the old Babylonian pattern of the man cut off from the family, and the goddess mother and child. It has also been quite well established that the absence of a father in the family leads to increased homosexuality.

The seeds of all paganism were sewn in Babylon. In addition to the Madonna and child pattern, there were others as well. The killing of babies by Nimrod led to such gods as Moloch, Baal, and many others. The people of that day were agricultural and recognized that there times of life and death. These gods were sun gods and also the gods of the death cycle and were worshipped by the sacrificing of babies. Moloch was made of bronze and had two outstretched arms. beneath the arms was a basin like depression. The Idol was hollow and was actually a furnace. A fire would be built inside of the image and it was heated white hot. After a wild time of chanting and dancing, while drums were beating loudly to drowned out the screams, Infants were placed in the hands of the idol and would fall into the hollow area below as they were burned to death. These kinds of idols have been found all over the world and were called by different names but the result was always the same. Interestingly, the more technically advanced the society was, the more prevalent these gods were.

Moloch is alive and well in our country today. He has again waged war on the children. In the schools our children are exploited by every special interest group from planned parenthood to the environmental extremists. Child abuse and incest are rampant in the homes. We have run aways, throw aways, and child prostitution. Child pornography is exploding.

The life side of this religious system was the side that worshipped life. This side was represented by a goddess such as Ashera or Ashtereth. The worship of these goddesses consisted of wild sex orgies. The Ashera poles referred to in the old testament were actually phallic symbols.

These gods are not dead, they are alive and at work in our day, in our country, in our town. The Asheras are worshipped on the T.V. daytime talk shows, the prime time sit-coms, the Hollywood movies. The pop songs sing the praises of the objects of the Ashtereths. In chapter 4 of Winkie Pratney's book, DEVIL TAKE THE YOUNGEST, he says, *"What excites you most? knowledge, power, riches? these, or God? Each civilization gets a choice: love and devote yourself to things or to God and in serving Him, serve other people. Choose things and you get Moloch. Choose the Lord, and you and your children both live. This was the choice that faced Israel. It is the choice we face today. **'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth, glory in this; ... that I am the LORD.'**"* (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

'The attack on childhood in all its forms is simply a modern expression of a very ancient religious cult, a consciousness that worships sex and death, and a culture that deifies and glorifies education, power and riches.'

In the 1950s, the church in the United States began to leave her first love. She went whoring after other gods like psychology, bigger and fancier churches, gimmicks, and strange doctrines. There was a lot of emphasis on prosperity and the gaining of riches. People in many churches got involved in get rich schemes and promoted them in the churches. The weakened church that resulted was no longer a deterrent to the forces of darkness that are always looking for an opportunity to fill a void. The result was the Ashera worshipping "free love" hippies of the sixties and seventies, followed by the Moloch worshipping, baby killing, greed mongers of the eighties and nineties.

See if you recognize America in the description given by the apostle Paul in (Romans 1:21-32) ***"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped the creature rather than the creator, who is blessed forever . Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."***

If this isn't a description of our situation today, I don't know what is. Babylon is alive and well in 1998. There is no satisfaction in sin; therefore those who go down this road need to become more and more extreme in their actions in order to obtain what they are looking for and as they do they get farther and farther away from that goal.

The man or woman that is not converted, (the natural man), is at odds with God. In fact his tendencies are the exact opposite of God's. He has a Babylonian heart. God says that each man is responsible for his own actions, the natural man says that it is societies fault, or he blames someone else. God says that sex outside of

marriage is wrong, the natural man makes excuses and even says that it is good for the marriage. God says that man should worship God and serve his fellow man. Natural man worships nature, creatures, education, and puts himself first. God says He hates divorce, the natural man treats it lightly. God proclaims homosexuality to be an abomination to Him, natural man elevates it to a virtue. The natural man calls good evil and evil good. It is no wonder that God warns believers to not be yoked together with unbelievers. What fellowship does light have with darkness? As our country becomes more and more pagan, we will see more and more of the fruits of the darkness that it brings. Our battles are not carnal but are spiritual. The church has not yet grasped that fact. If there is no revival, there is sure to be religious persecution of the church. But the church has no stomach for revival. The church that can barely make it to a climate controlled church on Sunday morning is not likely to give Satan any trouble. Persecution is the only hope of the American church. It is the only thing that will purge her and refine her. She is too comfortable as she watches the parade of people on their way to Hell. Why do we never quite learn the lessons of our forefathers. I suppose that the most devout among us are really not very far from Babylon.

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