

The Attempts by Satan to Destroy the Messiah

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<p>Gen 3:15 <i>The Promise of a Redeemer</i> And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."</p>	<p>The redeemer would be a descendant of Eve. And that descendant would at some future time crush the head of the serpent (Satan.)</p>	
<p>The Plot:</p>	<p>Purpose of the Plot:</p>	<p>What Happened?</p>
<p>Gen 4:8 Cain kills Abel</p>	<p>Perhaps the first attempt of Satan to frustrate God's plan for the future Redeemer.</p>	<p>Gen 2:26 Seth (compensation) is born</p>
<p>Gen 15 – The Hebrews going into bondage for 4 generations</p>	<p>No Chosen People</p>	<p>4 Generations later - Moses</p>
<p>Exodus 1:22 Pharaoh, fearing the numbers of Jews being born, orders all baby boys thrown into the river</p>	<p>No Moses, no promised land and no Messiah. Judea is also spared the tribe of Jesus</p>	<p>Exodus 2.3 Moses hidden by his mother in a reed boat. Daughter of Pharaoh finds and raises Moses.</p>
<p>Numbers 23 Balak, King of Moab schemes to have Balaam, a person thought to have "divine insight" Invoke God to curse Israel.</p>	<p>No Israel, no Messiah</p>	<p>When Balaam tried to curse Israel, only blessings came out of his mouth.</p>
<p>2 Chron 22 Athaliah, daughter of Jezebel sought to destroy all the royal heirs of the house of Judah.</p>	<p>No tribe of Judah, no Messiah.</p>	<p>The only remaining heir to the throne, Joash was hidden for six years by the King's daughter in the only place that Athaliah would not look for him, in the House of God.</p>
<p>Esther 3:6 Haman, the Persian empire's powerful adviser plots to destroy Mordechai and all the Jews because Mordechai would not bow to him</p>	<p>No Jews, no Messiah</p>	<p>The plot is foiled by Queen Esther, the king's recent wife, who is herself a Jew. Haman is hanged from the gallows that had originally been built to hang Mordechai.</p>
<p>2 Samual, Saul, the first King of the United Kingdom in jealousy of David's accomplishments and popularity, tries many time to Kill David.</p>	<p>No David, no Messiah (the Son of David)</p>	<p>Saul's plans are thwarted by David with God's help and Saul is eventually killed in battle.</p>
<p>Matt 2:3 King Herod sought to know where Jesus would be born so he could kill him. When he could not find him, he ordered that all male children age 2 and under in the area of Bethlehem be killed.</p>	<p>No Messiah, no Lamb of God to take away the sins of the World.</p>	<p>An angel of the Lord warned Mary and Joseph to flee into Egypt to escape Herod's edict.</p>
<p>Matt 4:3 Satan the tempter, tells Jesus that he will give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He (Jesus) would worship him.</p>	<p>No trip to the Cross, no Savior.</p>	<p>Satan was offering Jesus a way around the cross if Jesus would only acknowledge Satan as His lord. Jesus didn't fall for the ploy. It is interesting to note that Jesus didn't say that Satan did not have the Kingdoms to give. It is also interesting that Jesus did not battle the temptation in His own power and name; He used the authority of Scripture.</p>