

CHAPTER 4

THE TARGETED ANNIHILATION

Revelation 12:4 – “The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.”

“This animosity (what we today call anti-Semitism) had its beginning in the garden when God promised Eve that one of her descendants would crush the enemy’s head. The weight of this man-hatred later centered in Abraham and his descendants.” – p. 65

THE PLOT TO DESTROY THE SEED

Look over these names, events and peoples as they relate to the Genesis 3:15 promised “seed of the woman” who would crush Satan’s head and Satan’s plot to destroy the Seed, and consider how often God’s promise in the Garden has been threatened.

- The murder of the “good son” Abel
- The disintegration of the whole race before the flood
- The rebellion of the Tower of Babel
- After Abraham’s call, Sarah’s barrenness
- Rebecca’s barrenness
- Famine during the time of Jacob (Israel)
- Israel in Egyptian bondage
- Idolatry in the wilderness
- After the call of David, his sons become the targets
- The promise in young King Joash at which time the entire Davidic Messianic promise rested in the loins of a one-year-old.
- Unfaithfulness and exile to Assyria and Babylon
- The “Seed” in the young virgin Mary
- The attempts on the life of Jesus during his earthly years
- Since Jesus’ crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, the targeted family
- Romans, early Christian replacement theology, Byzantines, Crusaders, Inquisition, Pogroms, Nazism, Muslim extremists today, etc.

Questions for consideration:

- 1) Why did Satan keep tempting Israel into idolatry?
- 2) Why was Israel not to intermarry?
- 3) How does this “intermarriage” apply to today?
- 4) Why is the story of Esther of such importance to Jewish people and to us?
- 5) What is so important about the events commemorated in Hanukkah?

IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

In Daniel 2:31-45 Daniel tells the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar both his dream and the interpretation. Recall Daniel’s interpretation and how it depicts the time of the Romans in which the Messiah was to be born.

Paul tells us in Galatians 4:4, “But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son.” What were some of the ways in which God had prepared the time of Jesus and Paul for the spread of the gospel of the kingdom of God?

THE CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

“He (Jesus) must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.” (Acts 3:21) – p. 73

Since the enemy’s strategy from the Garden until the birth of Jesus was to destroy the Seed promised to Eve in Genesis 3:15, what possible reason can there be for his continual assault on the Jewish nation since the Seed has now done His work of redemption?

What are some of the prophetic things that are yet to be restored? Where would you search to find them?

For further study, consider:

- Michael L. Brown’s *Our Hands are Stained with Blood: The Tragic Story of the “Church” and the Jewish People* (Shippensburg, PA 17257-0310: Destiny Image Publishers), 1992
- Rachmiel Frydland’s *When Being Jewish Was A Crime* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers), 1978
- Edward H. Flannery’s *The Anguish of the Jews: Twenty-Three Centuries of Anti-Semitism, Revised and Updated* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press), 1995.