James #48

The misconceptions of Satan’s influences.

Please keep the flood victims in Texas and North Carolina in prayer. We have Royal Family scattered in both regions of these two states.

This is another subject matter that may take us many hours to navigate through, so buckle up again RF.

I am getting a sense we need to peel back this onion pretty far, as well as we did with the OSN.

You can open up in Isaiah chapter fourteen as we will be there shortly.

We have been noting the three areas of temptation, pressure and adversity that all of mankind faces.

This began in our anchor study of James chapter one;

/Jam 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for **once he has been approved** (*dokimos*), he will **receive the crown of life** which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

The future tense (will receive), refers to something which happens at the end of the Church Age, the rapture followed by the judgment seat of Christ. To be tested, tried, examined and found to be the genuine article. \

We need to have a little repetition here to keep our focus aligned on the series we are currently in.

Do not lose sight of the fact, that Pastor James is teaching Believers.

DOE-KEE-MOS, this comes from a Greek root word that means good and pleasing. As opposed to bad and distasteful.

It is the difference between a good apple and bad apple, once you bite into them.

The majority of Christians do not like these types of scriptures, because it gives them no wiggle room for excuses.

/This Greek adjective (*dokimos*), was often used for the examination of the quality of coins in the ancient world. Most money-changers had low quality coins and even mixed in counterfeits. Those with good reputations for dealing in quality coins were called – *dokimos,* the approved and genuine dealers and the genuine coins of true value.\

This testing is referencing strong temptations and pressures of the Cosmic System, the OSN and the KOD.

That is what will reveal the winner Believers.

/The three core areas of temptation, pressure and adversity comes from the WORLD (cosmic system), the Old Sin Nature and the Devil (KOD). The world has demonic ideologies and counterfeits woven in every avenue of our life. The OSN has lust patterns, trends, weakness and strength. The Kingdom of Darkness is vast, probably into the multi millions and even more so, with demonic aspects from disembodied spirits of Nephilim.\

Though Satan sits at the top, I believe there is an illusion that he has full control over every fallen angel and demonic entity.

Satan can only be at one place at one time, he is not like GOD, he was created by God.

Satan has to control and manipulate through fear, division and deception. He can never have full control and full authority over everything and everyone, so keep that in mind. REPEAT

/Because Satan can only be at one place at one time, and his power is limited, he must gather as much power underneath him to have any type of universal victory. There is a strong possibility that there are many demons and fallen angels who occasionally go rogue. Therefore, the only way he can have authority over the earth is by a one world movement. \

He will never have all knowledge and all power so he will have to settle for a large majority.

This means he has to have mastered the art of fear, deception and division to gain a large following. REPEAT

This is why it is so very important to study your Bible and become intimate with the mind of Christ.

*/“Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak.” “The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.” “If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.”*

*Sun Tzu ‘The art of war’*\

So, we have looked at the world and its influence on humanity, and we just took a deeper look at the OSN…now we see the third area of temptation and pressure.

/The third area of pressure and temptation is the devil and his army along with his strategies;

Mat 4:1 Then **Jesus was led up by the Spirit**into the wilderness **to be tempted by the devil**.

Jam 4:7 Submit therefore to God. But **resist the devil,** and he will flee from you.\

Personal attention from Satan Himself is rare – you obviously had TLJC under a personal attack.

In fact, it was ordained to happen in eternity past. God the HS led the humanity of Christ into the test.

You have rare occasions like with Jesus, Job… or attacks upon certain OT prophets or NT apostles like Paul and Peter. Satan will only possess certain leaders and key people in history, just like he will only give personal attention to very significant Bels.

/The devil does not generally solicit people to indulge into evil. He does have a vast army that do entangle themselves into that scenario. The cosmic system of the devil is evil but you have to remember that Satan is trying to produce a perfect environment while he is the ruler of the earth. Therefore, the appeal of religion, or to become legalistic as well as developing good programs for one world dominance, is a pertinent angle Satan promotes.\

Think how successful Satan was at dividing early Christianity into denominations and ritualistic nonsense.

The problem many Christians have is they focus on overt evil – satanic rituals, abortion, addictions, lust and greed as well as criminality.

These are all part and partial of demonic activity but it is often not Satan himself causing people to fall into this darkness.

Religion is the devil’s ace, trump-card and he will entice people to be self-righteous and legalistic and anti-grace.

This is why counterfeits work so well.

REPEAT

The devil does not personally tempt many people. Most demonic activity is under the authority of Satan. Their influence to promote evil is involved in things such as, intellectually (Gnosticism) ritualistically behaviors, the phallic cult.

Such as sexual perversions, as well as criminality, or even human good and social programming that appears to be for the betterment of humanity.

Generally speaking, most of our temptations come from a combination, of the OSN, cosmic system ideologies and demonic entities.

To be tempted is not sin. There are three sources of temptation or pressure and one source of sin. The source of sin is the old sin nature’s area of weakness or strength and the lust patterns and trends.

REPEAT

Now there are seeds of Satan and followers of darkness, who are definitely possessed and not simply influenced.

Look at Isaiah chapter 14 in reference to this;

The king of Babylon is viewed here in Isaiah 14, and many miss this point; it appears this king was fully possessed by Satan himself and was dying or had just died.

So, this is addressing Satan and all the demonic corruption in Babylon.

This may highlight another possessed king outside of the king of Tyra, that Ezekiel will point to in his writings over a hundred years later.

Isaiah was warning King Ahaz of the southern tribe of Judah, to stop relying upon the Assyrians to be their protector. The Assyrians would get stomped upon and blended right into the Babylonian culture in the future.

King Ahaz was involved in evil.

This chapter begins by the prophecy that Israel will eventually be set free after a period of captivity.

REPEAT

This is a future prophecy pointing at the fall of Babylon when the fifth cycle of discipline had begun and it will finish in the 7 years of Tribulation.

This final king was a probably a blood relative of Nebuchadnezzar, possibly one of the sons of the sons or sons of the daughters of Nebuchadnezzar.

Which none of his children ever got born again, they did the polar opposite and went back into demonic practices.

Nebuchadnezzar, became a Believer. So, in the days of Nebuchadnezzar’s rule God did not touch the empire even though it was extremely evil.

As many of you know, during the reign of the original Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel was given prophecy by the angel Gaberial pertaining to the coming Messiah.

The exact day that our LORD would ride in on a donkey before HE was crucified was prophesized to Daniel.

He also was told the timing of the 7 years of discipline still owed to Israel after this point, when the Babylonian empire fell under the Persian assault.

This prophecy (ISA 14) is pointing into the time when the Persians would begin to roll across the landscape and Babylon would fall. So, this is related to the Satanic influence and power of the Babylonian empire.

/Isa 14:9 “**Sheol below is excited about you,** to meet you when you come; **It stirs the spirits of the dead for you, all the leaders of the earth**; It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones.

Teaching us no one simply dies and disappears; there is an eternal or everlasting life.\

Unbelieving wicked leadership will pay a price!

Those Unbels involved in attacks against the people of God, evil leadership will face judgment in one form or another.

This is written very personal for Satan.

[Isa 14:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/10/s_693010)“They will all respond and say to you, ‘Even you have become weak as we, You have become like us.

Notice when Satan finally is judged in the end – at the Great White Throne Judgment, he has no celebrity welcome in the Lake of Fire.

/Satan has three falls that all Christians should recognize;

The first in eternity past when he rebelled. The fall to earth at his first advent. The second fall happens in the middle of the Tribulation; he no longer will have access to heavens (earth bound). His third fall will be at the end of the Millennium which is the Lake of Fire.\

Isaiah is speaking upon a prophecy of the very end of time as we know it.

[Isa 14:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/isa/14/11/s_693011) ‘Your pride *and* the music of your harpsHave been brought down to Sheol;Maggots are spread out *as your bed* beneath youAnd worms are your covering.’

Much of this aligns with Ezekiel chapter 28 which we will dive into probably next message. Ezekiel 28 points to the King of Tyra who was definitely possessed by Satan.

/In the prophetic habit of speaking to both a near and a distant fulfillment, prophecy often speaks to the near future with a secondary view to the distant future. Here is a good example of Isaiah speaking more to the distant future. The kings of literal Babylon shined brightly among men (power, gold and authority) yet all fell hard in the end. But the king of spiritual Babylon, was always Satan.\

Remember the Talmud came out of Babylonian captivity – the nation of Israel was deeply infiltrated and distorted after this captivity, more so than any other time in their history.

Even Nimrod who built the foundational region of Babel was believed to be a Nephilim possibly in the bloodline of Satan – the SEED WAR (Gen 3:15).

Babylonian always points to Satan.

Satan will have no real authority or special treatment in the Lake of Fire. His level of comfort is described here just as any other fallen angels or Unbels.

/Isa 14:12 “**How you have fallen from heaven**, You **star of the morning, son of the dawn**! You have been **cut down to the earth,** You who defeated the nations!

This is believed to reference the mid-way point of the Tribulation. (Rev 12:7-9, Luk 10:18).\

*“How you have fallen from heaven*” — refers to the second fall of Satan. It is a reference to Satan being cast out of heaven in the middle of the Tribulation. Seen in Luke 10:18 & Revelation 12:7-9.

/Isa 12:14 – *star of the morning*, is one word – Lucifer, in English. The Hebrew word for *“Lucifer”* is a very interesting one — *helel,*It can mean a transparent one, a shining one, a sparkling one. The one who gives off brilliant light.\

*HAY-LAL,* to shine, to glow or sparkle and give off illumination. This title LUCIFER is derived from the Latin Vulgate writings.

Interestingly enough, the bulk of the Latin Vulgate comes from Roman Catholic Church scholars of the 3rd or 4th century.

Lucifer is the chosen title for most secret societies and followers of the dark arts…just a coincidence that it is derived from the RCC??

There are two Hebrew words for shining, or for light being thrown out from a creature.

/Two creatures were said to throw off light which made them attractive and even supernatural. One is *helel*and the other is *nāḥāš.* Both Hebrew words used referring to Satan;

Gen 3:1 Now **the serpent** (*nāḥāš*) was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” \

NAH-HASCH, comes from a root word that touches into the Aramaic for a shining star or a shining enchantment used in dark magic. A guiding mystical light was also one of the older uses of the root word.

There is a strong hint to magical powers or a mesmerizing light, enchantment and this is not a positive quality, it is a form mystical deception.

Remember how the Apostle Paul described Satan?

/2Cor 11:14 No wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.** 15 Therefore it is not surprising if **his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their deeds.\

Satan has teachers, leaders, ministers and evangelists among the members of the human race. They are very attractive personalities and they are often very intelligent and appear as sweet or compassionate people.

They have abilities to enchant, entice and deeply influence through their leadership skills.

REPEAT

They have all of the attributes and traits of how to win friends, lead people and influence people.

/You must never look at the personality but the content of the message from any teacher or leader. Always go back to the content of the message and you will never be deceived. This is why the ICE principle matters so much. ISAGOGICS, CATEGORICAL and EXEGSIS. Historical context, categorical doctrine, scripture interprets scripture. Then the subtleties and importance of original language.\

Now many get confused about a title for Jesus Christ conflating with a title for Satan. In fact, some denominations and religious systems insist it means Satan and Jesus are brothers…that is a blasphemous lie from the pit of hell!