

Supernatural Phenomenon – Satanic Attacks

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[Mat 2:16 NASB95] 16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

[Rev 12:3-4 NASB95] 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads [were] seven diadems. 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

- The other part of the Magi story is a horrific Satanic attack.
- With prophetic scriptures like Revelation, we understand they have an eternal aspect. They have happened, they are happening (at the time of the writing), and they will have future fulfillment. (See also Moses, persecution of church in Acts)
- The Christmas story reveals that Satan attacks us when God is ready to move.

How does Satan attack us and how should we respond?

Here are seven ways Satan attacks us and seven ways we can respond.

I. Seven ways Satan attacks.

- a. Delay/Hindrances.
 - i. [Dan 10:12-13 NASB95] 12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding [this] and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.
 - ii. [1Th 2:18 NASB95] 18 For we wanted to come to you I, Paul, more than once and [yet] Satan hindered us.
- b. Infirmity. [Luk 13:11 NASB95] 11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.
- c. Poverty/Devouring. [Mal 3:11 NASB95] 11 "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast [its grapes,]" says the LORD of hosts.
- d. Heaviness, oppression, discouragement. [Isa 61:3 NASB95] 3 To grant those who mourn [in] Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.
- e. Fear. [2Ti 1:7 NASB95] 7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.
- f. Stealing the Word. [Mar 4:15 NASB95] 15 "These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.
- g. Strife. [Jas 3:16 NASB95] 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

II. Seven ways to overcome Satan's attacks.

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- a. Seek/Submit to God. [Jas 4:7 NASB95] 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
 - b. Do not be ignorant. Be aware.
 - i. [2Co 2:11 NASB95] 11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.
 - ii. [1Pe 5:8 NASB95] 8 Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
 - c. Listen to God.
 - i. Be still.
 - ii. Obey.
 - d. Walk in authority.
 - i. Name of Jesus. [Mar 16:17 NASB95] 17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;
 - ii. Blood of Jesus. [Rev 12:11 NASB95] 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.
 - e. Walk in faith. Keep your shield up. [Eph 6:16 NASB95] 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one.]
 - f. Love people. Marital relationships (coitus). [1Co 7:5 NASB95] 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
 - g. Praise God. [Psa 149:5-9 NASB95] 5 Let the godly ones exult in glory; Let them sing for joy on their beds. 6 [Let] the high praises of God [be] in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations And punishment on the peoples, 8 To bind their kings with chains And their nobles with fetters of iron, 9 To execute on them the judgment written; This is an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the LORD!
- **[Isa 49:24-26 NASB95] 24 "Can the prey be taken from the mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?" 25 Surely, thus says the LORD, "Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued; For I will contend with the one who contends with you, And I will save your sons. 26 "I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."**