

How Satan tried to Sabotage Christ's Birth

Attempt #2 "Destroy God's People – the Jews"

Luke 4:1-13

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Satan knew he had to prevent Christ's birth or destroy Him after His birth. He could not destroy God's first family, so he tried to destroy God's people

TRUTH: Satan cannot take away a Christ follower's salvation, but he will do everything in his power to destroy a Christ follower's faith and witness.

How did Satan want to destroy God's People – the Jews?

- 3 generations of Hebrew wives could not conceive until God intervened – Sarai, Rebecca, Rachael
- Pharaoh ordered midwives to kill all Hebrew baby boys, but they refused
- Satan destroyed all males in royal line of Judah except Joash
- Satan used Haman to try and kill all Jews, but God uses Esther to stop him
- Mary had a difficult journey to Nazareth, but Jesus was born
- Herod ordered the death of all males infants 2 and under, but Jesus escaped with His parents to Egypt
- Many nations have tried to destroy the Jews through the years

How does Satan try to destroy your faith and witness?

- Lead you to indulge in sinful behavior by taking your mind off the things of God (Luke 4:3, Matt 16:23, Eph 1:3)
- Try to destroy your faith (Luke 4:4, 1 Peter 5:8-10)
- Try to keep you from being devoted to Christ (Lk 4:5-6, 2 Cor 11:3)
- Use deception to lead you away from the Truth (1 Tim 4:1-5)
- Cause division in the home, the church, and the world (James 2:13-18)

How do we overcome Satan?

- We allow the Word of God to transform our hearts and lives
- We worship and serve God faithfully
- We do not test God by doubting His faithfulness when times are hard

Bottom Line

Jesus Christ is with us and works through us to overcome anything Satan throws at us. We simply place our faith in Him and continue to witness for Him by being faithful to Him!