

Theory #10

Satan: Counterfeiter-in-Chief

Satan is the great imitator. The great counterfeiter. He's a master at it. Ever since the Fall (and even before, among the angels), he's been at work exalting himself by deceiving others and leading them away from the truth, taking them captive for his own ambitious purposes. He does this by clever manipulation of men's minds. Any time we give him ground through sin or through agreement with his lies and temptations, he gains a base of operations in our lives. Sin is like a contract, in which we say "yes" to his suggestions, just as Adam did, and we become his slave. Thus he works in individuals, and in the churches through "wolves in sheep's clothing" as we were warned about by Paul: "After my departure, from among your very selves will arise ravenous wolves who will seek to lead men astray after them..." (Acts 20:29) These are men whose sin of selfish ambition has given Satan ground to deceive both themselves and others. Even Peter was accused by Jesus of being used by Satan when He rebuked him: "Get thee behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." (Matthew 16:22-23)

So this master deceiver does his work diligently and often behind the scenes. Satan even has a false church, mingled in with the true Church (the living Bride).¹ He has false ministers, false teachers, false workers, false brethren, false doctrine, false membership criteria, false ordinances and false religious systems. He has created every false religion out there, all aimed at leading us away from the truth. He has even had false Christs. Many of them. Yes, just as God has His plans for winning the world to Himself, Satan has his own counter-scheme. And in these last days, the final chapter in that scheme is beginning to unfold rapidly.

Ultimately Satan will introduce a final false messiah, and he will attempt to fulfill Scripture using this false messiah. He knows that, in order to be successful in deceiving more than the scripturally illiterate, his false Christ must sport a legitimate claim to messiahship, and his entire counterfeit redemption scenario

¹ These are the tares, of which Jesus warned that they should not be pulled up until the end of the age, lest they be confused with the true wheat.

must find some validation in Scripture or it will easily be seen for the fiction it is. Thus his counterfeit operation will take many forms:

- 1) He may introduce a false forerunner. Could this false forerunner be Ahmadinejad, current president of Iran? Clearly, he sees himself this way. Is Ahmadinejad Satan's version of John the Baptist, a forerunner heralding the returning messiah? He is currently testifying of the Islamic messiah's soon coming, even before the United Nations. Quite a bold projection for one in so prominent a position. He sees his main mission, as he recounted in a Nov. 16, 2005 speech in Tehran, as to "pave the path for the glorious reappearance of Imam Mahdi; may Allah hasten his reappearance." Clearly this puts him in the camp of the "fringe" element, as John was. Not because the appearance of the Mahdi is unlikely. It is *very* likely. But Admadinejad is completely unaware that his Mahdi is the Anti-Christ, not the Christ.
- 2) Will Satan actually indwell his own "beloved and only begotten son," (counterfeit Jesus) who will then become the awe-inspiring and perhaps super-human Anti-Christ? This seems a likely scenario since Satan wants to one-up God and produce his own savior.
- 3) Will Satan produce a false resurrection of his false Anti-Christ? Remember, Ahmadinejad says that the returning 12th Imam died in 931 AD² and will come up out of a well south of Tehran. Is this Satan's version of the fatal wound that was healed? Or will he be mortally wounded again and revive? "And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast." At the very least, this verse above, from Revelation 13:3, is a pretty good indication that Satan will attempt to fake a resurrection for his false messiah. Or this resurrection may just refer to the resurrection of an ancient kingdom, such as Babylon or Assyria, represented by the seven heads on the final beast. (More about this in a later chapter.)
- 4) One of Satan's schemes may be (indeed has been) to create his own holy scriptures. He has done this by convincing certain individuals that the Bible has been tampered with and falsified by the Jews

² I have seen various dates put forth for this event in the 9th and 10th centuries.

(thus necessitating the new corrected revelation in the Koran, and the Book of Mormon) and that the real heir of God's promises to Abraham (Gen.12, 15) was Ishmael. He, as the first-born of father Abraham, is the one entitled to the Promised Land, and from whom will come the Messianic line.³ Where do we hear this lie espoused today? Among radical Muslims. An Anti-Christ claiming descent from the line of Ishmael will easily draw radical Muslims into the fold. If the Anti-Christ were to approve the rebuilding of the Temple on the Temple Mount, including allowing the sacrificial system to be reinstated, and call Jews his brothers, modeling peace, unity and love, perhaps he might even convince at least secular Jews to indulge him momentarily as their savior. Again, Satan has counterfeited the Bible by using Mohammed to write the Koran, a book which agrees with some of the Bible, but disputes certain key points, contains factual errors and has its own diabolical agenda and end-times prophecies.

Genesis 6 is a pretty unique chapter in all of Scripture. It speaks of the time immediately preceding the flood of Noah's day, when man had completely corrupted his way upon the earth. Verses 1-9 speak of a race of beings who were on the earth at that time and also afterward, the Nephilim, who appear to have been a demi-god type of creature, born of the union of fallen angels and human women. These offspring were superhuman in many ways, physical giants, mighty, and renowned for their prowess. They apparently, over time, polluted the entire gene pool of the human race, except for the family of Noah (Scripture says Noah was "perfect in his generations," meaning, we believe, untainted by these genes), thus necessitating their annihilation. God had to start over with Noah and his sons, and preserve an untainted race of true men through whom He could bring His Messiah.

Angels in scripture are always, to the best of our knowledge, depicted as men. Certain of these angels (perhaps fallen, perhaps some who were not yet fallen) saw that the daughters of men were beautiful and, being tempted, left their "proper abode" (see Jude 6,7) to cohabit with human women and produced offspring with them. This was one more clever and desperate attempt by Satan to steal God's creation and ultimately His throne by preventing the fulfillment of prophecy and the coming of the Messiah to rescue His people. If he could pervert all of the human gene pool, Satan may have reasoned, with demonic liaisons, God would not be able to carry out His plan to beget His own Son, the Second Adam, through a human family line. (In Jesus' lineage, listed in Luke 3, we see that He was a descendant of Noah through his son Shem.) Or, not knowing about this future plan of God, he may have simply encouraged this lust in his followers in order to rob God of His unique stamp on His creation.

³ The Bible, however, clearly says that Isaac was the son of promise and it was to him that God promised the land and the inheritance and it does so repeatedly in both the old and new Testaments. Thus, this fact must be controverted somehow and this can only be accomplished by impugning the Jews as conniving liars who perverted the Word of God for their own selfish ends; that is, to give the benefits of the first-born to Isaac rather than Ishmael. Satan (through Islam and anti-Semites everywhere) has been busily promoting this lie for centuries.

- 5) Satan will move to declare Jerusalem *his* holy city (which, in effect, he is already doing through Islam⁴), and an international city; one that would receive the adulation of the entire world, copying Christ's declaration that it would be His holy city in the book of Revelation. He may even, through His false Christ figure, allow or commission the building of a world-Christian or Catholic Church (post Rapture) on the Temple Mount, to join the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the rebuilt Jewish Temple in a show of good will. Is this how he will convince the world that he is benevolent, safe and worthy of trust? (If the regular sacrifices are cut off in the middle of the 7-year Tribulation as Daniel prophesies, then the Temple—or at least an altar and a Holy of Holies—must be rebuilt by someone, but perhaps could be built in another location such as the biblical Shiloh, although Matthew 24 seems to imply that it will be on the Temple Mount, “the holy place.”)
- 6) Satan has also attempted to produce a counterfeit Christianity, one that appears to be unified and committed to love, albeit at the expense of truth. He has infiltrated the Church of Jesus Christ to a great degree, distorting the gospel and getting men focused on peripheral issues, head knowledge, divisive doctrine, or entirely on experience without reference to biblical limits.⁵ Accountability and confrontation are out in this false church. Acceptance and tolerance are “in,” except tolerance for those narrow-minded bigots and radicals (read fundamental born-again Christians and Jews) who stand in opposition to end-times social dogma.
- 7) Satan's next move will be to unite apostate Christianity and Catholicism and then pull in moderate Islam and ultimately secular Judaism in a syncretistic end-times religion headquartered in Jerusalem. In this counterfeit church, there will initially be many paths to God. Everyone and every faith is welcome, except those who do not conform to Satan's end-days religious unity and who insist on perpetuating “outdated doctrines.” These will be completely excluded, blacklisted as “haters” of peace, as those unwilling to recognize the brotherhood of all men, hindering the world's advancement into the new age of enlightenment and the next step on the evolutionary continuum.

⁴ But not through the Koran. The Koran does not mention Jerusalem even once.

⁵ See our section on Pharisaism under the Traditions tab of this website.

8) Ultimately Satan's Anti-Christ will install himself as the one true "god" of this syncretistic false religion and will demand worship from all men at the cost of their lives. Anyone who refuses to bow down to him or his image in worship will not only be prohibited from participating in the global economy, they will be hunted down and eliminated.

How will they be killed? The Bible says they will be beheaded. (Rev. 14)

Ick. What an archaic and anachronistic form of execution.

Unless you happen to be.....Islamic.

Hmmmm.

How will Anti-Christ identify these "haters" and recalcitrant deluded ones?

Enter Theory #11.