

The Temptation of Christ Part 2

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Matthew 4:5-7 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

A son overcomes temptations

Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh [temptations] shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and **he shall be my son.**

The devil is the tempter

Matthew 4:3 And when **the tempter** came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

The Son of God is the King of Israel

John 1:49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, **thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.**

Israel is My Son

Exodus 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son**, even my firstborn

The holy city is Jerusalem

Isaiah 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O **Jerusalem, the holy city:** for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

The wing of temple has future significance

Daniel 9:27

He will confirm a covenant with many for one ?seven.? In the middle of the ?seven? he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And **on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.? (NIV)

The Messiah was predicted to appear at the temple

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and **the Lord**, whom ye seek, **shall suddenly come to his temple**, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

The Devil used Scripture in a wrong way in order to tempt

Matthew 4:6 And [the devil] saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for **it is written**, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

A partial quote of Psalm 91:11

Psalm 91:11-12 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, **to keep thee in all thy ways**. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus replied with a command from Scripture

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, **It is written** again, **Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**

The word can keep us from sinning

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that **I might not sin against thee.**

Psalm 119:133 Order my steps in **thy word**: and **let not any iniquity have dominion over me.**

Israel tempted God in Massah

Deuteronomy 6:16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as **ye tempted him in Massah**.

The Massah experience in the wilderness

Exodus 17:1-7 Then all the congregation of **the children of Israel** set out on their journey from **the Wilderness** of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but **there was no water for the people to drink**. 2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "**Give us water, that we may drink**." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? **Why do you tempt the LORD?**" 3 And the people thirsted there for water, and **the people complained** against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 So he called **the name of the place Massah** and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because **they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"**

Psalm 78:41 Yea, **they turned back and tempted God**, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 78:18 And **they tempted God** in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

They questioned God's goodness toward them

Exodus 17:3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that **thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us** and our children and our cattle with thirst?

God does not like to be tempted

1 Corinthians 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as **some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents**.