

BEHIND ENEMY LINES – Part Two Summary

The DESTROYER:

Rev. 9:11: “They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon [destruction], and in Greek he has the name Apollyon [destroyer]”.

His TARGET: Your Body

READ: **JOB 1:1-22 and 2:1-10**; from this attack Job lost:

- The fruit of his body – his children
- The means to sustain his body – his possessions
- The health of his body – he was covered in sores
- The favour of his body – his friends & wife grieved

His WEAPON: Suffering

- Attacks through circumstances = Emotional Pain
- Attacks through your person = Physical Pain

Why does the Destroyer Attack your Body?

1. *1 Cor. 6:19-20* Your body is God’s temple.
2. *Rom. 6:12-13* Your body is God’s tool.
3. *2 Cor. 4:7* Your body is God’s treasure.

The Destroyer seeks to hinder God’s kingdom work.

His PURPOSE in Attacking your body.

To make you IMPATIENT with the WILL of God.

1. *James 5:11* Patience is a sign of Christian maturity.
 2. *Gal. 5:22-23* Patience is a sign of Spirit-filled living.
- God permits testing to refine us. See: *Job 23:10 – as gold*.

Your DEFENSE: The Imparted GRACE of God

2 Cor. 12: 9 “My grace is sufficient for you.”

When you find your body is under attack – seek God’s grace:

1. *Job 13:15* Immediately submit to God’s authority.
2. *1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20* Thank God, even in the trials.
3. *Psalm 119: 67,71* Get into God’s Word – use the down time.
4. *1 Peter 4:6* Look for ways to glorify Christ by your response.
You can’t control the ‘suffering’. You can control your response.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES – Part Three Summary

The RULER:

John 12:31: “now the ruler of this world shall be cast down”.

John 14:30: “the ruler of the world is coming, ...”.

1 John 5:19: “the whole world lies in the power of the evil one”.

His TARGET: Your Will

READ: **1 Chronicles 21:1-19**; this is David’s *other* sin.

- We are more familiar with his adultery with Bathsheba.
- As a result of that sin **4** people would die.
- The ‘census of Israel’ was against God’s will.
- As a result of this sin **70,000** people died.

Satan’s role was to ‘incite’ David to choose his own will above God’s will. His goal is always to get to your will for his ends.

His WEAPON: Pride

READ: **Ezekiel 28: 12b-17; Isaiah 14:12-14**. Satan’s original sin was a sin of the Will – a sin of Pride – a sin of ‘I will’. And he seeks to duplicate that sin in the lives of kings and in our lives too.

- David’s adultery & murder = A sin of the FLESH
- David’s census of his army = A sin of the SPIRIT

David went against advice, his gut and God: over a period of time.

His PURPOSE in Attacking your WILL.

To make you INDEPENDENT of the WILL of God. **If** the Ruler of this world can get you to think and act independently of God’s will - he can work to control you, your life, and your witness.

3. *1 John 2:15-17* The will of God is the most *important* thing.
4. *Acts 17:28* Humans are designed to depend on God.

Your DEFENSE: The Indwelling SPIRIT of God

Only the *Power of the Spirit within us* can give us victory. It is **as we Yield: Body, Mind and Will to God** that the Spirit works **in us**:

1. *Spirit of Grace* to your body to endure suffering.
2. *Spirit of Wisdom* to your mind to know the will of God.
3. *Spirit of Power* enabling you to say **No to your will, Yes to God**.
James 4:10, Humble yourself before God, and He will lift you up.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES – Part Four Summary

The ACCUSER:

Revelation 12:10: “the accuser of the brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before God day and night.”

If believers decline to use their *Position in Christ*. If they refuse the *Spiritual Defenses* of God. If they sin. **What then?**

The Enemy has another strategy to make you *Doubly-Defeated!*

His TARGET: Your Heart and Conscience

READ: *Zechariah 3:1-10*.

- Satan is the Accuser.
- Joshua the people’s High Priest is the accused.
- Angel of the LORD sits in judgment/defends.
- Filthy clothes represent the truth of Israel’s guilt.

Satan’s role was to ‘convince’ God to judge Israel; or failing that to convince Joshua to *judge himself* – to lose heart, - to suffer ‘guilt’ to the point that he would *turn away from God* in shame.

His WEAPON: Accusation

When Satan speaks to us about God he *lies*. But, when he talks to us about our sin he can tell the truth. He often *has a strong case*.

- He tempts us to sin, then accuses us with our failings

Though he uses truth against us a huge deception remains. The Enemy is cast-out of heaven; God no longer listens to his charges.

His PURPOSE is to convince you of Indictment by God’s Will

The **only one** the Accuser can convince of your guilt is **you**. He wants you to take on condemnation in your *heart* and *conscience*.

5. **Romans 8:33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Your DEFENSE: The Interceding SON of God

Revelation 5:6 reports that the ‘blood of the Lamb’ has purchased people for God from every nation to be a kingdom of priests. And

Rev. 7:14 adds we have been made ‘white’ by that blood.

- Jesus gives us Grace to withstand ‘temptation’
- Jesus intercedes as our Advocate to forgive & restore us

BEHIND ENEMY LINES – Part One Summary

The DECEIVER:

Rev. 12:9: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, he was cast out to earth, and his angels were cast out with him”.

His TARGET: Your Mind

2 Corinthians 11:3: “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ”.

His WEAPON: Lies ‘Eve and the Serpent’: Genesis 3: 1-7

The Steps that Satan took in Getting Eve to Believe his Lie.

4. He questioned God's word (vs. 1).
5. He denied God's word (vs. 4).
6. He substituted his own lie (vs. 5).

Eve's Response to Satan's Approach.

6. She took away from God's word (‘freely’ ‘surely’).
7. She added to God's word (‘not touch it’).
8. Her understanding changed God's word in Genesis 2:16-17.

Devil's Trick: Have you consider reality apart from God's word.

You Have to Make a Choice.

Faith in God's truth = Victory.

Trust in Satan's lies = Defeat.

His PURPOSE: To Make You Ignorant of God's Will **Your DEFENSE: The Inspired Word of God**

1. We must Know God's Word. There are no excuses.
2. We must Memorize God's Word.
3. We must Meditate on God's Word.
4. We must Use God's Word. . Be ‘doers’ of the Word.
The Holy Spirit will enable you to use the Word in battle.