

Treasure Hunt

- Every temptation has two possible effects. What are they?
- Who is responsible for each effect?
- What part of Israel's history is reflected in the temptation of Jesus "the son of God"?
- What three weaknesses does Satan use to attack us?
- Why should we pay attention to them?
- Why did our Lord fast for forty days and forty nights?

3:1 “led up of the Spirit ... to be tempted of the devil”

“Tempt” πειραζω = “test, prove,” from Hebrew הוּנַה

Israel tested God in the desert:

Num 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have **tempted πειραζω הוּנַה** me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

God tested Israel in the desert:

Deu 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to **prove πειραζω הוּנַה** thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

cf. Jam 1:13 God cannot be **tempted πειραζω with evil**, neither **tempteth** he any man:

2Sa 24:1 And again the anger of **the LORD** was kindled against Israel, and he **moved David** against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

1Ch 21:1 And **Satan** stood up against Israel, and **provoked David** to number Israel.

The Wilderness of Judaea



Jesus as the Son of God in Matt 1-4

| Statement | Reference | Israel's Parallel |
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| <p>Mat 2:14 he took the young child and his mother ... and departed into Egypt: 15 ... that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.</p> | <p>Hos 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.</p> | <p>Exodus from Egypt</p> |
| <p>Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: ... 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.</p> | <p>Jer 31:20 Is Ephraim my dear son? ... therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.</p> | <p>Delivery from Babylon</p> |
| <p>Mat 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. ... 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, ... 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down:</p> | <p>Matt 3:17!</p> | <p>Temptation in the Wilderness</p> |

Satan's Devices (2 Cor 2:11)

2Co 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1Jo 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

| 2 Jn 2:16 “all that is in the world ...” | Gen 3:6 “the woman saw that ...” | Exodus, Numbers | Matt 4:1-11 |
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| the lust of the flesh, | the tree <i>was</i> good for food, | Ex 15:23; 17:2; Nm 20:3; 21:5 water Ex 16:2, 20, 27; Nm 11; 21:5 food Nm 25 whoredom | 3 command that these stones be made bread. |
| the lust of the eyes, | it <i>was</i> pleasant to the eyes, | Ex 32 gold calf | 8 ... sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, ... 9 ... All these things will I give thee |
| the pride of life | a tree to be desired to make <i>one</i> wise | Ex 14 Red Sea Nm 12 Miriam & Aaron Num 14 refusal to enter Nm 16 Korah | 6 cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee |

Fasting 40 Days and 40 Nights

Like Israel:

Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Deu 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these **forty years in the wilderness**, to humble thee, *and* to **prove** thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. 3 And he humbled thee, and **suffered thee to hunger**, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Like Moses:

Deu 9:9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

Exo 34:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. ... 28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Our Lord and Moses

| | Exodus | Matthew |
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| Jealous king | Pharaoh | Herod |
| The rival | Moses | Baby |
| Source of information about rival | Dream (Targum, Josephus) | Wise men |
| Interpretation of the information | Magicians (Jannes & Jambres) (Targum, Josephus) | Chief Priests and Scribes |
| King's response | Kill all the male children | Kill all the children |
| Notification of (adoptive) father in a dream | Amram (Josephus) | Joseph |
| Deliverance of the rival | Adoption by Pharaoh's daughter | Adoption & protection by son of David |
| Fasted 40 days and 40 nights | Moses each time he received the tablets | Temptation in the wilderness |