

satan's Strategy of Attack – 4 Ranks & 4 Natures – (*satan is zero - he's never respected with a capital 'S'*)
*A Powerful 'Revelation Knowledge' Study to Reclaim Your Mind – out of the **Pit** & into the **Palace!***
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4 Ranks...

Eph 6:12 (NAU) For our struggle (fight, wrestling {a contest to throw & pin-down your opponent}) is not against flesh and blood (any person), but against the **rulers** (principalities – NKJ; originator/s), against the **powers** (**authorities** - NIV), against the **world forces of this darkness** (the devil & his demons), against the **spiritual {forces} of wickedness** (malicious evil to destroy) in the heavenly {places.}

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4 Corresponding evil NATURES that more specifically *define the strategy & actions* of the 4 ranks...

Rev 20:2 (NAU) And he laid hold of the **dragon**, the **serpent of old** (ancient serpent - NIV), who is the **devil** (& his demons) and **satan**, and bound him for a thousand years;

Memory Pegs: Start with a **dragon**, then a **serpent** comes out the dragon's mouth, evolving into wolves in sheep's clothing (the **devil & his demons**), then **satanas** (Greek) **himself** stands up in the middle of the sheep identifying himself to take down strategic softened targets.

This study outlines **satan's 4-fold strategy** & attack on mankind and nations, to destroy & control them.

His attack's always follow this same 4 stage pattern of increased affliction towards a take-down.

By understanding this, one can identify what level of the 4 stages of attack you may be facing & how to deal with it.

1a. Rulers – Greek: 746 arche (ar-khay'); a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank): beginning, origin, the first person that commences, the leader, the first place, principality, **rule**, magistracy; used of angels and demons: KJV-- beginning, corner, magistrate, power, principality, rule.

1b. Dragon – Greek: 1404 drakon (drak'-own); probably from an alternate form of derkomai (**to look**); a fabulous (extraordinary) kind of serpent (with a dragon-like look, who can **fascinate** {as the serpent did with **Adam & Eve** – there must have been some locked-in hypnotic look of fascination & suggestion on what was God withholding from them – of what they were missing out on – how life would open up to them – here was the first commencement of the dragon's evil hypnotic rule of deception over fallen mankind – but for Jesus' restoration & reversal}).

Unchecked result: **Gaze**, stare, locked-in look, hypnotized Prophet Robin Bullock's young teenage cousin – an approaching serpent he wanted to kill locked him into its **gaze** – he was paralyzed – he shouted to his younger brother to pull him away to save his life.

The dragon's purpose is to distract our locked-in focus away from God & onto problems to bite, poison, devour, destroy, control, use & abuse.

This is probably the #1 fault of Christians – they look at their big problems & small Jesus (in their little faith heart).

1c. Antidote...

Heb 12:1-2 (NAU) Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us (cheering us on), let us also lay aside every encumbrance (oppressing weight, burden, hindrance, **distraction**) and the sin (**unbelief** vs the examples of faith in Heb 11) which SO EASILY entangles us (#1 fault of Christians), and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (like a sprinter 100% focused on the finish line – not allowing a jeering enemy in the grand-stand who called your mama fat & stupid to **distract** you),

2 (& with disciplined nurtured faith) **FIXING OUR EYES** (**gaze**, focus, locked-in look to be only) **on Jesus** (the living & written Word), the author and perfecter (finisher - KJV) **of faith** (emulating His perfect **example**), who for the JOY set before Him (prize, billions of souls) *endured the cross* (pain, suffering, conflict, war), *despising*

(thinking nothing of) *the shame* (public humiliation), *and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God* (the **last Adam** regaining what the first Adam sold-out – all authority & power to rule & reign through His conquering church, who choose to live this life of revelation from the right hand of the throne of God – under God's anointing & blessing).

Gaze back at the Word of God – lock-in to shouting out God's promises back at the dragon – know & proclaim >> IT IS WRITTEN – the battle is the Lord's, the victory is ours (*2Chron 20:15-17, 32:7-8; 1Sam 17:45-47*) – you've already been defeated & humiliated by Jesus – you're the world's biggest loser – I am a winner through Christ Jesus who strengthens me!!!

Eph 6:10-11 (NAU) *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.*

11 *Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.*

It's best to **win** all battles at level 1 (staying focused only on the Word) to prevent having to deal with levels 2, 3 & 4.

2a. Authorities – Greek: 1849 *exousia* (ex-oo-see'-ah); privilege, force, capacity & competency for freedom or bondage; mastery, superhuman, potentate, control, delegated influence: **authority over mankind**, a ruler: KJV-- authority, jurisdiction, liberty or bondage (whether we yield to God or satan), power, right, strength.

2b. Serpent – Greek: 3789 *ophis* (of'-is); sharpness of vision; a snake, sly & cunning, an artful malicious person or being, especially satan: a serpent: KJV-- serpent.

Gen 3:13-15 (NAU) *Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman (shifting the blame) said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

14 *The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; (here is the curse...) **On your belly you will go, and dust** (rubbish, debris, waste) **you will eat** (to spew) *all the days of your life;**

15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed (mankind); He (Jesus) shall bruise you (satan) on the head (Col 2:13-15 - disarmed {stripped} in a public display of humiliation before the entire spirit world – remind him), and you (satan) shall bruise Him (Jesus) on the heel (at Calvary)."*

2 Cor 4:3-4 (NAU) *And even if our **gospel** (good news, the truth of our spiritual liberation) is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing (lost, on their way to hell – intercessors need to take authority to remove this veil of deception & distraction),*

4 *in whose case the god of this world (serpent, satan) has **blinded the minds of the unbelieving** (unsaved & Christians failing to trust in God) so that they might not see **the light** (hope, salvation, deliverance) of the gospel of the glory of Christ (raising born again man to sit with Jesus; to rule & reign), **who is the** (identical) image of God (satan & his demons can't tell the difference, **if you don't give it away by speaking unbelief** – the spirit world sees men of faith & revelation just the same as they see Jesus).*

Unchecked result: His captivating **cunning, malicious** affliction of **PAIN**, hurt, misery, depression, suffering, loneliness, poverty, sickness, etc.

The serpent cunningly makes the world's poisonous fruit look delicious – that's why people are eating it in chunks every single day.

He's a master salesman of deception to be **perceived as reality** – also sells disaster to look good & sells good to look distasteful that people reject it – he's very sly.

He's laughing at the suffering masses that've signed-up for his artful selling of affliction, emptiness, **PAIN** & suffering.

Mastering level 1 will avoid this second level of suffering in **PAIN**.

2c. Antidote...

Know the wiles (deception, lies, schemes, devices, plans) of the serpent (*2Cor 2:11; Eph 6:11*) – never falling for them.

Train your focus to lock onto Jesus (the Living Word, living in your heart & coming out of your mouth).

Surrender to Christ's love, authority, power, might & obedience to His Word – following His Truth with confidence & conviction.

Renew your mind to satan's complete defeat & Christ's total victory...

Col 2:15 (NAU) When He had **disarmed** (he does not have one actual weapon to use against us) **the rulers and authorities** (Jesus stripped satan & his demons of all authority that he stole from the first Adam, rendering him powerless & defenseless against those using the name of Jesus), He made a public display of them (paraded satan & his demons in humiliation before the entire spirit world – satan's demons all know he's a fraud but don't dare say so – they fear him), **having triumphed** (celebrating in triumphal song & procession) **over them through Him** (Jesus).

THE REVELATION OF THESE NEXT 3 VERSES IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE...

2 Cor 10:3-5 (NAU) For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war** (a military campaign) **according to the flesh**,
4 for the **WEAPONS** (Three >>> **Name** {for authority}, **Word** {for faith}, **Blood** {of the covenant for blessing & protection}) >> Three Launching Pads: Faith {say it}, Prayer {pray it}, Worship {sing it}) **of our warfare are not of the flesh**, but **divinely powerful** (throne room powerful – you & Jesus sitting at God's right hand) **for the destruction** (demolition) **of** (satan's) **FORTRESSES** (strongholds or negative defeatist opinions, images or movies he's erected to play over & over in your mind).

5 **{We are} destroying** (instantly throwing them down with spiritual **force** {the violent take it by force – *Matt 11:12*}) **speculations** (the **sum** of these negative thoughts supporting satan's FORTRESSES) **and every lofty thing** (including satan's elevated bulwarks to protect his control of your mind) **raised up against the knowledge** (Word) **of God**, and **{we are} taking every thought captive** (the war of **reclaiming our minds**) **to the obedience** (compliance & submission) **of Christ** (& His Word),

We can only overcome the serpent's artful takeover of our mind (causing affliction, **PAIN** & suffering), by **launching God's three most powerful spiritual weapons of war** from Jesus throne (where we're seated - *Eph 2:6*), demolishing every mental stronghold with force & determination – zero tolerance or compromise.

ILLUSTRATION: Imagine playing **video games** & you're getting pounded, but never shoot back, even though you have the 3 most powerful weapons that could crush the enemy to secure you totally winning the game – that's what Christians are doing – they **KNOW** but don't **USE** what they have (perhaps they don't believe in the power & effectiveness of what God has provided for us).

VISUALIZE: Always see yourself in Heaven, **seated with Jesus** (with His equal authority), boldly **speaking the Word** together with Jesus (who is the Living Word – use specific Scriptures) & **under the Blood** of the Covenant (for blessing & protection) that's right there in Heaven on the Mercy Seat – with the Hosts of Heaven, the Mighty Angels of God swiftly acting on your words.

IMPORTANT QUESTION: What are satan's bulwarks (lofty FORTRESS – destructive thoughts, opinions, images & movies) that keep playing over & over in YOUR mind? Make a LIST of them. Quickly think of & identify the top one or two.

SOLUTION: With Heavenly imaginations **create new vivid images** of love, life, health, acceptance, success, prosperity, destiny, purpose & victory...

– **with force** USE God's three spiritual weapons to pull down the old & switch over to your God inspired movies
– do it the very second the serpent pops any of one his images into your mind

– **SEE God's new images** – shout them out – USE them – develop them – till **God's thoughts become dominant** & the serpents thoughts diminish to zero.

After overcoming every attack **laugh at the serpent** (with the laugh of the victor) in Jesus name – amen!

By faith CELEBRATE in the **spoils** of the victor – seeing God's blessings overtaking you in Jesus name – amen!

3a. World forces (plural) **of darkness** – Greek: 2888 kosmokrator (kos-mok-fat'-ore); a world-ruler, an epithet of satan: lord of the world, prince of this age, the **devil and his demons**.

3b. Devil – Greek: 1228 diabolos (dee-ab'-ol-os); a **traducer**; specially satan: a **calumniator**, **false accuser**, **slanderer**; MEN opposing the cause of God who may be said to act the part of the devil, siding with him: KJV-- false accuser, devil, slanderer.

1. **Traducer** – one who “**attacks the reputation**” of another by **slander** or libel (unjust written defamation) – **backbiter**, **defamer**, **libeler**, **maligner**, **slanderer**, **vilifier**, **depreciator**, **detractor**, **disparager**, **knocker** - one who disparages or belittles the worth of good people & their righteous cause (reminds me of Washington DC).

2. **Calumniator** – One who calumniates or slanders; one who **falsely and knowingly accuses a good person of “disgraceful character”**, **maliciously seeking to DESTROY him with false accusations** or reports (Russia, Russia, Russia – using a complicit media).

3. Satan the prince of the demons, the author of evil, persecuting good men, estranging mankind from God and enticing them to sin, afflicting them with diseases by means of demons who take possession of their bodies at his bidding.

The **devil & his demons** now smelling blood, upping their game to take down their targets using vicious trash-talk attacks to cause self-doubt, discouragement, make you believe everyone is against you, to build a demonic FORTRESS in your mind.

This is how they destroy good key men & leaders who're standing for righteous, who oppose the enemy's evil control in his bid to destroy our society.

John 8:44 (NAU) *"You are of {your} father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own {NATURE} for he is a liar and the father of lies* (malicious trash-talk lies to destroy good men).

Of course the **devil even tried it with Jesus** – tried to take Him out with 'self-doubt' before His ministry could begin...

Matt 4:3,5-6,8-9 (NAU) *And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."*

5 *Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,*

6 *and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, "HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU"; and "ON {their} HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE."*

8 *Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;*

9 *and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, **if You fall down and worship me.**"*

This third temptation was a **valid temptation** or Jesus would have told the devil, “The kingdoms of the world belong to me; they're not yours to give.”

Unchecked result: After one has been sold to believe the lies of the devil; he then steps up his game to **maliciously slander with false accusations**, causing self-doubt, unworthiness, depression, believing I'm deserving of the PAIN & hurt inflicted on me.

These rulers cause good leaders to **surrender to the pressures** of 'cancel-culture WOKeNess'.

In the BIG PICTURE he causes **division** amongst the citizens of nations (divided we fall – wants the church to compromise to the way of the world) – he divides groups, relatives, friends; causing separation, isolation, feeling unloved, feelings of self-hate, despair, I give up or even end it all.

3c. Antidote...

Never buy into the lies & false accusations of the devil.

Be SECURE in your **identity in Christ** as revealed in the Word of God – we're accepted in the Beloved, i.e. highly favored in Jesus, just like Mary who was chosen to be the mother of Jesus (same Greek word – only used twice in the Bible) – *Eph 1:6 & Luke 1:28*.

CONNECT to the love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, kindness & goodness of God.

Renew your mind with the truth of God's Word – immediately boldly proclaim His truth over the devil's lies – shout it out – **IT IS WRITTEN** – this was Jesus pushing back against the full force of hell – demonstrating how we prevail – by knowing & speaking the Word of God.

Matt 4:4,7,10-11 (NAU) *But He answered and said, "It is written, "MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."*

7 *Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, "YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST."*

10 *Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, "YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY."*

11 **Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and {began} to minister to Him** (your angels are always present & **released to minister** to those who stand on & proclaim the TRUTH OF God's Word – that's the place of 'anointing & victory in spiritual warfare' that the devil flees from).

Rom 12:1-2 (NAU) *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship.*

2 *And DO NOT BE CONFORMED to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may PROVE what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Diligently protect your mind (soul) from the negative influences of this world (especially through TV).

Saturate your mind (soul) in the anointing of the Word of God; that out of the abundance (overflow) of your heart the mouth speaks - *Matt 12:34.*

Daily use your '**Heavenly Passport**' to renew your mind >> www.LaymansTraining.com/passport.html

4a. Spiritual Wickedness – 2 Greek Words:-

Spiritual – Greek: 4152 pneumatikos (pnyoo-mat-ik-os'); unseen (but very real) **spirit beings** (in this case evil & vile demons of wickedness).

Wickedness – Greek: 4189 ponia (pon-ay-ree'-ah); depravity; always **maliciously plotting** against mankind created in God's image; evil in sin & sinning: iniquity, wickedness, malice, with evil intent to destroy (take-down): KJV-- iniquity, wickedness.

4b. satan – Greek: 4567 **satanas** (sat-an-as'): the accuser, i.e. the devil: adversary (the evil BIG DOG himself who opposes all that is good); the prince of evil spirits...

– the permanent adversary of God and Christ

– inciting society (BLM {not blm}) into sedition, lawlessness, apostasy (away from God and into sin)

– circumventing (finding a way around good) men by his wiles (trickery)

– controlling his idol worshipers (using the arts & entertainment of this world, distracting mankind away from any desire for spirituality)

– by his demons possessing unsuspecting men to afflict them with diseases

– satan controlled men advancing his kingdom of darkness.

Unchecked result: When the first 3 levels have done their job so well, the BIG DOG (**satanas**) comes himself to finish off projects ready for destruction – starting with nations (like Russia, North Korea, Cuba, Venezuela) & onto smaller projects (churches, leaders, families, businesses) needing his destruction.

Sometimes he jumps the gun in an attempt to take down enemies of evil – he personally came to **Smith**

Wigglesworth in his sleep (in darkness with the element of surprise) – Smith sensed his evil presence, looked over to the foot of his bed & said, "O, it's only you (satan) & went back to sleep" – imagine his disappointment.

His only weapon is deceiving men into thinking that he still has the authority & power that Jesus stripped from him – he does not – REMEMBER that your wrestling is against a zero!

Your victory is through completely controlling & harmonizing your thoughts to be in line with the Word of God.

4c. Antidote...

A. Connect by faith to your Covenant promises, protections & blessings...

– **Exod 12:13b** (NAU) ...*when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy {you} when I strike the land of Egypt* (those outside the covenant).

God did not judge the **imperfect people** who were in the homes where the blood was – the blood was full price enough for Him to pass-over every one of those homes, with all their occupants trusting in the covenant.

– **Zech 9:11** (NAU) *As for you also, **BECAUSE of the blood of {My} covenant with you, I have set your PRISONERS FREE from the WATERLESS** (your life feels like you're living in hell) **PIT** (of destruction with no seeming way of escape – you feel like you're surrounded by insurmountable walls).*

God sets us free BECAUSE of our faith in the covenant (not because we've attained to some level of perfection). He delivers all prisoners who turn to Him in faith, from satan's pits of thirst, abandonment, fear, PAIN, suffering & affliction.

– **1 Cor 11:25** (NAU) *In the same way {He took} the cup also after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as OFTEN as you drink {it} in REMEBERANCE of Me."***

Remember the covenant – keep the emblems in your home – practice this often (even daily as Smith Wigglesworth did).

QUESTION: Who is the covenant between?

ANSWER: Jesus made this **eternal & unbreakable covenant** with His Father on our behalf – we're in this 'Jesus covenant' through our faith in Him; He extends His love, grace & mercy toward us everyday, for our shortcomings – all we need to do is to repent (turn) – come running back to Jesus.

The covenant is not between you & the Father – it's between Jesus & His Father (on our behalf, for our benefit) – you're in the covenant because you received Jesus into your heart, as your Lord and Savior.

– **Heb 10:16-17** (NAU) *"**THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT** (supply or furnish what is necessary; a strong spiritual desire) **MY LAWS** (Word) **UPON THEIR (i) HEART, AND ON THEIR (ii) MIND I WILL WRITE** (inscribe {replacing satan's destructive thoughts}) **THEM** (as your daily meditate in the Word of God)," {He then says}*

17 *"**AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE** (and neither should we)."*

With strong spiritual desire and a disciplined well fed heart & a renewed mind, walk in Christ's gifted righteous, FOREVER FREE from **all guilt & condemnation**.

B. Testify (prophecy) your victory in Jesus – represent your case in "God's Throne Room"...

Rev 12:11 (NAU) *"And they OVERCAME him because of the blood (covenant, blessing, protection) of the Lamb AND because of the (spoken) **word of their TESTIMONY** (witness of the TRUTH before the courts of heaven), and they did not love their life even when faced with death (standing for TRUTH like Daniel, even when faced with a fiery furnace).*

Rev 19:10 (NAU) *Then I fell at his feet to worship him (the angelic messenger). But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the TESTIMONY of Jesus (you agreeing with Jesus on all God says about you in His Word); worship God (say it, pray it, sing it). For the TESTIMONY of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

TESTIMONY – Greek: 3141 marturia (mar-too-ree'-ah); judicial evidence given: testimony before a judge (God in the courts of Heaven); the office committed to the prophets of testifying concerning future events: KJV-- record, report, testimony, witness.

Inspired & anointed **revelation knowledge** being boldly proclaimed from the throne of Jesus (as we're seated there together with Him in the courts of heaven - Eph 2:6).

Two anointings:-

– the **Prophets** calling & anointing

– the lesser anointing of a **Prophetic Motivation...**

The 7 Motivational gifts are Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy – Rom 12:6-8.

The first one is Prophecy...

Rom 12:6 (NAU) *Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, {each of us is to exercise them accordingly:} if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith* (how often do you see yourself sitting with Jesus at the right hand of the throne of God boldly proclaiming your full covenant rights in Christ Jesus); ...this is not the office of the prophet, but a discernment of right & wrong, truth from error; with boldness to stand up & speak for righteousness & justice (*Psa 89:14*) and for your rightful inheritance (*Eph 1:3-12*).

QUESTION: Do you SEE God's success images in your mind – **are you regularly prophesying their fruition?** Every saint is encouraged to sit with Jesus, **open an appropriate destiny Heavenly Book** (yours, your family members, your leaders, your Country's) & according to the proportion of your faith (revelation) step out & boldly prophecy the God inspired destiny (good plans & purposes) that were written in these books before the foundation of the world – *Psa 139:16*.

Put God in remembrance (*Isa 43:26*) – testify, DECREE & prophesy (in faith, by revelation) in the Court of Heaven. **Job 22:28** (NAU) *"You will also **DECREE a thing**, and it WILL BE established for you; and light WILL shine on your ways.*

28b (TLB) And the light of heaven WILL shine upon the road ahead of you (so you'll discover & know with confidence which are God's paths of destiny to choose for your success & prosperity).

However, **Prophets must use their higher calling** to boldly declare & prophecy the Word of God over Nations, righteous leaders, churches, business and families – proclaiming their destiny & great futures revealed by the Holy Spirit & in the promises of God's Word.

Speak GRACE & assign MINISTERING ANGELS into every day...

Zech 4:6-7 (NAU) *Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.*

7 *"What are you, **O great mountain?** Before Zerubbabel {you will become} a plain; and He will bring forth the top stone (last stone of the new temple) with shouts of "Grace, grace to it (the mountain)!""*

CONFESS...

I ask for, believe & receive the fullness of Your **Grace for today's mountains to all become plains** in Jesus name! **Heavenly hosts, angels of God** I commission you to act on these words, to go forth & minister on our behalf, to... (*name the assignment*) in Jesus name!

Now demonstrate your faith & rejoice...

Psa 118:24 (NKJ) *This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*