

## A Goat And A Ram

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”, Proverbs 14:34.

In Daniel, chapter eight, a ram was forcing its way to the west, north, and south.

A goat in the west, who obviously did not like what he could see, approached from the west, and by his attack, he crushed the ram.

The goat and a ram typify the majority of the two party governments we have in the world today.

With many of these governments, their current behavioural standards would earn the majority of the pupils in grades one and two a detention, but many schools encourage these parliamentary sittings to be watched, and wonder why they have so many unruly children in their midst

Wherever one is to go in the world the two party governments are the same, one party is in power, the other is trying to overcome the party in power, and gain power.

T o day they do not charge one another and lock horns. They meet and attempt to assassinate one another verbally.

Daniel’ s weeks have not been fulfilled as yet, and there is but one week (just seven years) to go.

Satan is currently ramping up his works against you and me. Of Satan and his works, Jesus said, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”, John 10:10.

Jesus faced the Satan’ s attack in, and as He left the wilderness. Each and every day we face an attack from Satan, but Jesus is the one who will stand beside, or walk with us, as our times of trial.

The devil attacked, and Jesus was ready with the counter attack. Jesus faced the same temptation that you and I encounter, but He overcame.

We have been given the strength that Jesus had, not to counter-attack, but to ignore Satan' s personal taunts.

Faith in Jesus is faith to stand against the devil and his ways. Our Heavenly Father has also given us authority to use his Words. Twice Jesus referred Satan to His Fathers statements, and finally to His Own commandment, all found in Matthew 4.

“4 “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” .

7 “Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” .

10 “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” .

We do need to remember that Satan' s arsenal of tempting statements is vast, and includes.

1. all types of sexual sin,
2. pride and selfish ambition,
3. hatred doubt and fear,
4. envy and jealousy.

Thus, if Christians put as much energy into winning the lost, as the politicians do to the character assassination of their opponents, this country could truly be called a ‘Christian Country’ .