

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

Our Sunday Christmas series will study the progression of the PROMISED SEED TO THE PROCLAIMED SON through the following four biblical covenants.

- **Seed of the Woman - Adamic Covenant – Gen.3:15**
- Seed of Abraham – Abrahamic Covenant – Gal.3:16-19, 29
- Seed of David – Davidic Covenant – Rom.1:3-4
- Seed of God – New Covenant – Heb.9:6-13

Today's lesson comes from the first recorded Christmas story. It was the first promise of a messianic Savior in the Bible.

"I (God) will put enmity between you (Satan), and the woman (Eve/ the mother of the living) and between your seed and her seed; He (Christ) shall bruise you on the head, and you (Satan) shall bruise him on the heel." (Gen.3:15)

It is interesting that the protoevangelism is located in the section dealing with Satan's judgment resulting from his part in the fall of Adam (Gen. 3:13-15).

The following two NT Scriptures reveal this truth:

"And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years." (Rev.20:2)

"And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." (Rom.16:20)

Gen.3:15 is called "Protoevangelism" (the first gospel) because the SEED OF THE WOMAN became JESUS CHRIST – Merry Christmas.

**This lesson will study SIX aspects of the first promise of a messianic Savior (protoevangelism) called
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1. It is interesting that the first biblical promise of a messianic Savior was a seed of a woman rather than a man.

The Hebrew word for seed is (zera). It is a general term for seed. However, you can see that the Greek word for seed (sperma) is more specialized and emphasizes the man.

Remember that Gen.3: 15 is in a divine judgment section resulting from the fall of Adam. The penalty of AOS is passed on to the human race through adamic man (Rom.5: 12-21). This sets the stage for virgin birth of Christ.

It is also interesting that the other covenants have the messianic Savior coming through the seed of adamic man. We will discuss this next week.

2. The first hint of the virgin birth is found in Gen.3: 15.

The One to defeat Satan was to be born of the "seed" of the woman. This is a biological miracle; there is no "seed" of the woman. From this we are to understand that One was to be born of a woman without a human father (see Luke 1:34-35)."

(NAS, footnotes on Luke 1)

Isaiah (7:14) later prophesied the fact that the mother of the messiah (Christ) would be a virgin.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14 was the prophecy associate with the birth of Jesus Christ in Matt.1: 18-25 and Luke 1:26-38.

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.” (Luke 1:31)

3. The child born to the virgin Mary was conceived of the Holy Spirit and not by adamic man (Luke 1:31-35).

“And the angel answered and said to her (Mary), ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you; and for that reason the **holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.**’” (Luke 1:35)

“But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’” (Matt.1:20)

4. The birth Father of Jesus Christ was God.

“And they shall call His name **Immanuel**, which is translated God with us.” (Matt.1: 23; Isa.7: 14; John 3:16).

“He will be great, and will be called the **Son of the Most High**; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.” (Luke 1:32)

“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a **Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**” (Luke 2:11)

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**” (Isa.9:6)

5. Paul explains that when it came time for the historical birth of the messianic Savior, Jesus Christ fulfilled this promise of the messianic seed of the woman of Gen.3: 15.

“But when the fulness of the time came, **God sent forth His Son**, born of a woman, born under the Law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Gal.4: 4-5)

6. Gen.3: 15 also established the principle of enmity or angelic warfare between the Devil and his posterity and Christ and His posterity (Rev.2: 10).

“I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

This was seen in Herod’s attempt to kill Jesus Christ on His second Christmas birthday (Matt.2: 16-18).