

Christmas in Genesis

Genesis 3:15

As Alec Motyer writes, “The whole of Scripture is not packed into every scripture, but we may allowably expect every scripture to prepare and make room for the whole. This is what happens in Genesis 3:15”

And I will put enmity

Enmity - “to be _____ to,” “to treat as an enemy.”

The biggest thought is not the ultimate victory that would come, but the long–continued struggle. This is exactly what you will find in the rest of the Scriptures.

In this judgment of the serpent, God breaks up the unholy alliance between Satan and the _____.

Instead of Satan and humanity against God, God says he will draw the battle lines differently.

Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed;

Notice that it says, “_____ seed.”

It does not say the man’s seed.

Here is the thought of the virgin birth of Christ.

Satan’s seed – _____ and anyone who serves the flesh and not God.

Woman’s seed – _____ of God and those “in Christ.”

What does it mean to be saved? It means to be *in Christ*.

**He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”**

“He” that crushes the serpent’s head refers to a future seed of the woman and is a singular noun, which is a reference to Jesus Christ.

Bruise - To grip hard or _____

The future significance is this:

1. Satan will cause suffering and the death of Jesus. (crush his heel.)
 2. Through His death, Jesus will destroy Satan and his work.
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1. God demonstrates grace right from the beginning.
Grace – the favor of God that is unearned.
Deliberate sin is given grace.
 2. God promises hope to a hopeless situation – a _____.

God killed and provided animal skins for a covering for Adam and Eve in Gen. 3:21.

In God’s plan, blood needs to be shed for forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:22

According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

3. The New _____ Order – the line is drawn

Satan was present and heard the promise of God in Genesis 3:15. His whole goal in the OT was to prevent the Redeemer’s coming.

Satan uses two strategies of attack.

1. Annihilation – To completely destroy God’s people
2. _____ – To completely pervert the truth

Satan’s victory turned into his defeat.

On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

4. _____ was declared in Genesis!

Application:

There is a spiritual battle going on right now against you? What are you doing to arm yourself in this battle?

Wash over your soul the fact that the grace of God was there at the very first sin and it continues to this very day.

Have you thanked God for His amazing grace in your life?

Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas in his book, *Genesis, A Devotional Commentary*, makes the comment that “it is the call of Divine justice, which cannot overlook sin. It is the call of Divine sorrow, which grieves over the sinner. It is the call of Divine love, which offers redemption for sin.” We have all of that in the verse before us—the promise of the coming of the Savior.

God’s greatest gift – His grace wrapped in a child – the Son of God.

He never stopped loving us!

Even right at the beginning when we all in Adam failed.

He gave grace!

Sin has consequences and we all suffer in our sins here on earth.

But we can have hope in a time where every tear will be wiped away, death, sorrow, crying and pain will all be eradicated.