

## JESUS IN GENESIS

Genesis 3:15

### ATTENTION:

- Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
  - Every time it's Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
  - Go to church and it is always, Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
  - Can't talk about God without it turning into, Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
  - Well, I know that you are tired of it so today we are going to change things up and do something different. Today we are going to talk about Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!
  - What else is there?
  - We are also entering December and Christmas is right around the corner and more than any other time of year there are the thought of Jesus in our dialogue.
- This month we'll be highlighting the wonder that is Jesus
  - Existing from eternity
  - Leaving heaven
  - Coming to earth in the flesh
  - Born of a virgin
  - Living without fault
  - Dying a substitutionary death
  - Walking out of the thumb having loosed the grip of death
  - Calling everyone to come follow Me!

### ATTUNE: Title: Jesus (Gospel) In Genesis - Genesis 3:15

*I will put hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.*

- Veiled in these prophetic words is a promise of God = the first hint of a Gospel to come!
  - Everything from this point on in Scripture is the words/working of God as He unfolds the great mystery of, "Christ in us the hope of glory!" (Col. 1:27).
  - Like looking into a stereogram/Magic Eye picture and you see a pic within a pic. **I LOVE YOU**
  - Jesus is the ultimate Seed of the Woman who would one day fatally strike the serpent's head.

- This verse foresees Jesus winning the victory over Satan while He is wounded in the process.

### TRANSITION:

These words would be fulfilled 1000s of years later at Calvary outside the city wall of Jerusalem.

- The Christ, a person of the Trinity, fully God and eternal,
  - Existed in heaven long before Bethlehem.
  - He came to be having been conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb.

### BODY:

#### WHEN AND WHY WERE THESE WORDS SPOKEN?

*<sup>14</sup> So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life.*

*I will put hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.*

#### • The Garden Of Eden

- Suddenly, paradise is not so beautiful.
- This verse takes place near the beginning of human history.
  - Adam and Eve have just eaten the forbidden fruit and sin has entered paradise.
  - Their first impulse is to hide from God and their second is to make excuses for their sin.
    - Adam blames the woman, Eve and Eve blames the serpent. No one is willing accept responsibility.
- The Garden of Eden has been ruined by the entrance of sin!
  - Adam and Eve think about what they've done.
  - Satan relishes in his victory.
  - This was his plan all along.
    - Humiliate God
    - Ruin paradise
    - Expose a flaw in God's plan = no race of beings could ever be trusted to freely obey God!
      - Left to themselves they always disobey, even in paradise.
  - Adam, Eve and the Serpent are held accountable and our text predicts that Satan himself will experience God's wrath and defeat!

## SO WHAT IS THE FUTURE TO BE? **Not what it could have been!**

### • Endless Conflict

*I will put hostility between you and the woman  
and between your offspring and her offspring*

#### — Hostility

- Others translate: *I will set a feud. - There will be war*
- Hostility is always the result when evil & righteousness collide!

#### — Her offspring =

- Generations yet unborn who trace their heritage back to Eve.
  - The specific seed of woman being discussed is ultimately Jesus.
  - Her offspring followed through the children of Abraham..., the seed of David, and finally comes in the birth of Jesus.

#### — Satan Has His *Offspring* too!

- In every generation, country, city, village, tribe and family, Satan has had his people.
- Cain who killed Abel
- The wicked generation of Noah's day
- The Pharaohs who opposed Moses
- The Canaanites who mocked Joshua.
- Goliath who laughed at David and at David's God.
- The one who caused Daniel to be thrown into lion's den.
- Those who hated the prophets - murdered them in cold blood
- Herod who tried to kill Jesus when He was born.
- Pharisees who opposed Jesus & plotted to kill Him.
- Judas who betrayed Him.
- Those who stood in line to falsely accuse Jesus.
- Those who cried out. "Crucify Him!" when Pilate offered to release Jesus.

#### — Now We Have Two Humanities

- From it's beginning in [Genesis 3:15](#) there is an obvious division in the human race.
  - The one humanity says there is no God, or makes God in its own imagination.
  - The other, humanity comes to God in God's way.
  - There is **no neutral ground between these two.**
- The *offspring of the woman* and the *offspring of the Satan* have opposed each other for centuries.
  - The struggle continues today.

### • Temporary Defeat *You will strike his heel.*

- It's not pleasant but it's not deadly either.
  - In the imagery of this text, when Christ died on the cross, Satan struck his heel. It seemed like sooooo much more!
    - On Friday, about sundown, when they took the dead body of Jesus off the cross, it looked like Satan had won forever!
      - God had sent His best to battle Satan and He was crucified, dead!
    - That was until the following Sunday morning, when Jesus walked out of the tomb in victory never to die again!
      - It was at that moment that Satan's head was struck with a deadly blow of defeat! His power over death was taken from Him!
      - The true Victor walked out of the grave, alive from the dead.
  - Satan delivered a terrible blow to Jesus on the cross.
    - He no doubt thought he had thrown a knockout punch.
      - But he was wrong.
      - All he did was strike Jesus on the heel.
    - As painful as it was, the suffering was nothing compared to what Jesus had done to Satan!

### • Eventual Victory *He will strike your head*

- It is the heel vs. the head.
  - When Jesus died on the cross, He delivered a deadly blow to Satan - a blow to the *head!*
  - Head wounds are deadly.
    - The Cross was God's death-blow against Satan.
      - It was the penalty for the fall.
      - When Jesus died and rose from the dead, he utterly defeated Satan.
- **BUT** If Satan is defeated why does he still do so much damage?
  - We know Satan is indeed alive and well on planet earth.
    - At the Cross Satan was judged and sentenced. However, he is still free to roam the earth as he waits for his final execution.
    - In the end, he and his offspring will be destroyed in the pits of hell!

## PROJECT:

- **God's Plan To Save In Genesis Is Fulfilled In The Gospels - Matt, Mk, Lk, John - The Story Of Jesus!**

- Man is in trouble in the Garden Of Eden.
  - All of mankind was destined for separation from God, being lost, destroyed in hell!
  - Nothing trivial about it!
  - We needed a gracious God
  - We needed a loving God
  - We needed a God who would not throw up His hands and quit on us!
  - We needed a God who would fix something He did not break!
  - We needed a God who would find something worth redeeming in us!
  - We needed a God who would pay our sin debt!
  - We needed God to deliver a crushing blow to Satan's head!
  - We needed a miracle!
- [Genesis 3:15](#) declares Satan's doom and predicts Jesus' victory!
  - It is the promise of the Gospel of Christ!
    - You might have missed it because the name Jesus isn't in the text, but He is there nonetheless.
    - Jesus the *offspring of the woman* who would one day make His entrance into this world in an extraordinary way.
      - No one else ever entered the world as He did!
      - Jesus, the offspring of woman
      - Not born of man, but the HS who came upon a young woman named, Mary.
- When God wanted to love us, He wrapped his love in swaddling clothes.
- When God wanted to crush Satan, He started with a miracle baby in a stable in Bethlehem!

## ACTION:

- Yep, it is Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Always will be!
- Because He is the seed of woman who struck the head of Satan!
- He is God's mercy, grace, second chance, patience, redemption, love = He Is God's Miracle Baby Who Became Everything To Us! and to whom we owe everything!

## PRAYER