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Topics.

- God will put enmity between the serpent's seed and the woman's seed.
 - The seed of the woman.
 - The seed of the Serpent.
 - The return of Christ the ultimate crushing of the serpent's head.
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INTRODUCTION

This single verse of Genesis is for me one of the greatest prophecies in the entire Bible since it is spoken at the beginning of time and its glorious eternal prophetic message travels through the entire Old Testament and continues through the New Testament and through the book of Revelation and takes us to the breathtaking moment and world changing event when the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. I have no doubt that whoever reads this article will be awed and inspired as I was with the wonder and majestic glory of this prophecy.

GOD WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN THE SERPENTS' SEED AND THE WOMAN'S SEED

- **Genesis 3:15:** the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

In these verses the LORD is saying that He will put enmity between the serpent and the woman and between the serpent seed and the woman's seed and that the woman's seed will bruise the serpent's head and that the serpent will bruise the heel of the woman's seed.

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The words:

- The serpent will bruise his heel.

Applies to Jesus being crucified, it is called bruised on the heel because Jesus wound (death) was only temporary, a bruise on the heel does not kill a person, it only delays what they are doing until it is healed, Jesus bruise was healed when God resurrected him to His right hand side in glory. The words:

- Jesus Christ will bruise the head of the serpent's head (Many translations have will crush the head of the serpent).

Applies firstly to Jesus destroying the powerful, prideful, hypocritical religious leaders of his generation (the chief priests, the Pharisees and the scribes) and secondly to Christ's return as King of kings and Lord of lords to destroy everything that is against God and against his will and establish God Kingdom of righteousness, justice, joy and peace on earth.

After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet he said to the disciples:

- I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me (John 13:18).

The he in this verse refers to Judas who betrayed Jesus. Judas Iscariot is the one who has lifted his heel against the seed of the woman. The following verses shine a spotlight on the truth that both John the Baptist and Jesus considered the religious leaders (the Pharisees and the Sadducees) of their era to be serpents.

- When he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers (Matt. 3:7).
- Jesus speaking to the Pharisees said, O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? (Matt. 12:24, 34).
- Jesus speaking to the Pharisees said, Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? (Matt. 23:29, 33).
- Then said he (John the Baptist) to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (Luke 3:7).

Viper: comes from the Greek word (echidna) and means an adder or some other poisonous snake (literal or figurative).

THE SERPENT'S SEED

Judas and the Pharisees (the religious rulers of the entire Jewish nation) and by extension anyone who is opposed to God's will, is the serpents seed. Jesus and his mother Mary came through the bloodline of Israel. The woman of (Genesis 3:15) refers to Mary the woman who gave birth to Jesus and figuratively to the nation of Israel (in the sense that he came from their bloodline) while the seed of the serpent refers to the religious leaders of Jesus generation. The Pharisees and the Scribes together were a body of religious Jews who ruled spiritually over the nation of Israel. they not only believed they were more righteous than the rest, but also formalised the religion of the Jewish faith by adding to the laws of Moses and explaining them so precisely to bring the people into a similar conformity that they turned the Jewish faith into a religion of legalism. God said that He will put enmity (hostility) between the serpent seed and the woman's seed (descendants) meaning God will put strife between all those who oppose His will.

The serpent's seed in Jesus day were the Pharisees and Levites while those that belong to Christ are the woman's seed. Those who belong to Christ will ultimately destroy the serpent's seed (crush his head), but before that happens the serpents' seed will temporally kill Christ (bruise his heel) and cause those that follow the Lord (the woman's seed) considerable pain. The seed of the serpent prophesied in (Genesis 3:15) to bruise the heel of the woman's seed (Jesus Christ) was Judas Iscariot and the Pharisees who enticed the Gentiles of Rome to carry out their evil plan to have Jesus murdered. After Jesus had washed the disciple's feet and told them that one of them who had eaten bread with them has lifted his heel against him, he said:

- I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he (John 13:19).

Clearly this refers to Judas betrayal of Jesus, but it can also be seen as a fulfilment of the prophecy in (Genesis 3:15). The apostles would have been fully aware of this prophecy since it was the promised seed of the woman spoken of in this prophecy that all the faithful of the Old Testament by faith looked for the appearing of. This promise flows through the entire Old Testament; the seed of the woman is also:

- The prophet and deliverer Moses said was to come like him.
- The seed of Abraham and the seed of David.
- The one all the Old Testament Scriptures speak of.
- The Messiah the Christ and Saviour of the world.

HERE IS THE WONDER, THE BEAUTY AND THE GLORY OF THE BIBLE

Evidence of Jesus Christ goes right back to the beginning of time to this promise of God contained in one verse. It then majestically flows through the prophets, the Old Testament Scriptures and prophecy and is partially fulfilled when Mary gave birth to the promised seed the Lord Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection and will be ultimately fulfilled when he returns in glory and crushes the head of the seed of the serpent (i.e., everything that is offensive to God and against his will).

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC

Jesus tells the apostles that he is the seed of the woman promised in (Genesis 3:15) fully aware that they will not understand what he is talking about until after the crucifixion. The crucifixion was the seed of the serpent bruising the heel of the seed of the woman (Jesus Christ) while the resurrection was the beginning of the seed of the woman crushing of the seed of the serpent's head.

THE SEED OF THE SERPENT

The seed of the serpent was Judas Iscariot, the Pharisees, scribes and chief priests. Judas Iscariot killed himself and the resurrection of Jesus Christ totally destroyed the need for the Pharisees, scribes and chief priests and abolished all their legalistic laws and their entire ceremonial religious system.

Added to this they lost all the power and religious control they had held over the people for so long, because Jews and Gentiles did not need their religious services or the temple to find God all they needed now was faith in Christ. The death and resurrection of Jesus crushed of the head of the serpent's seed, but the ultimate fulfilment of (Genesis 3:15) and the final crushing of the serpent's seed will be when the Lord Jesus Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords and crushes all who are opposed to God and His will.

The woman embraces:

- The nation of Israel (because it is through their seed line that Christ came).
- Mary (because she gave birth to Jesus).

The woman's seed primarily refers to Jesus Christ, but by extension embraces all the faithful who belong to him.

The serpent's seed embraces:

- Judas.
- The Pharisees, chief priests and scribes of Jesus day
- Everyone that opposes God, His will and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following, is a brief scenario of the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the beginning of ETERNITY and of God the Father the immortal, invisible eternal God being ALL in ALL. The Lord will return in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy city Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy city of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth.

Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth, or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the lake of fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, second death) (Rev 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

For further information see the titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).