



THE PROMISED ONE

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The Great Rebellion

In the beginning, God created a perfect world with perfect people, but all of that changed in *Genesis 3*.

Adam and Eve rebelled against God and brought sin into the world. Their actions not only affected them but also their descendants (all of us), the planet, and all time.

The story takes place in the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve lived. A serpent (really Satan) tempted Eve to eat fruit from the forbidden tree (*Gen. 3:1-5*). Satan is an angel who rebelled against God. He wanted to ruin Adam and Eve simply because they were part of God's perfect creation.

Though God had forbidden Adam and Eve to eat the fruit, the serpent convinced Eve that she did not need to obey God. Eve took and ate the fruit, then she gave it to Adam (*Gen. 3:6*). The world would never be the same.

What happened next? "The eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked" (v.7). They were filled with shame and guilt. Their innocence and purity were lost, and they attempted to cover their nakedness. However, the loin coverings they made did not cover their shame, so they hid (v.8). In their own power, they could not remove the stain of their sin.

Then, things got worse. God began "looking for them" (v.8). The fact that God walked in the garden and talked to Adam and Eve tells us that they enjoyed fellowship with Him. They were in His presence and spoke to Him like a friend.

Once God "found" them, and they admitted what they had done (v.9-13), and the reality of their sin set in. They had rebelled against God, which is evil, and they had to endure the consequences.

God doled out their punishment (v.14-19). Part of their punishment was that they had to leave the Garden. They lost fellowship and favor with God. They could not stay in His presence (v.22-24).

The Chosen Seed

We are familiar with Adam and Eve's punishment, but what God says to the serpent is most informative. He said, "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" (*Gen. 3:14-15*).

Genesis 3:15 is the first prophecy in the Bible. God provided an overview of humanity's future. There will be enmity (conflict) between Satan and the woman, and between his seed and her seed. Satan's seed is the result of his deception — sin.

What Satan produced through the woman (sin) would conflict with the woman's seed (offspring). One day, a woman would have a child who would deal with sin.

Notice that, in the next line, the seed is given the pronoun *He*. "He shall bruise you (serpent) on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." Though Satan will hurt this person (bruise Him), the Seed would ultimately destroy the serpent's work (bruise or crush his head).

Genesis 3:15 is the first mention of the gospel, the good news of salvation.

Even though Adam and Eve ruined everything with their sin, God had a plan to redeem mankind. He was going to send a male child (a seed), born of a woman, who would crush the head of the serpent and reverse the curse of sin! This Promised Seed was the Messiah (Anointed or Chosen One). God had this plan from the beginning, thousands of years before it happened!

The story of the Old Testament is the search for the promised seed. For example, when Eve had her first son, Cain, she said, "I have gotten a manchild" (*Gen. 4:1*). Her hopes were placed in Cain, thinking that he might be the one to redeem them from sin. But when Cain killed Abel, her hopes were dashed. Then, she had Seth ("a replacement," *Gen. 4:25*). But Seth was not the promised seed either.

Thus, the search for the promised seed continued through the ages. Every male baby was viewed as a possible Savior. Was it Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Samuel, Saul, or David? None of these.

Then, Christmas occurred, a miracle Child was born in Bethlehem — Jesus, the Christ (which means "anointed or chosen"). He lived a sinless life and forged a new covenant with His blood on the cross.

Just as God foretold in *Genesis 3:15*, the serpent "bruised" the Chosen Seed through betrayal and death on the cross (*Isa. 53:5; Jn. 17:12; 18:2-3*). But he only bruised Him because three

days later, Jesus was resurrected!

Furthermore, Jesus wore a crown of thorns (*Mk. 15:17*), a symbol that He carried the weight of sin on His shoulders. Remember, in the Garden, God told Adam that one of the consequences of sin was thorns (*Gen. 3:18*).

There's still another link to *Genesis 3:15*. Once, when Israel grumbled against God, they were poisoned by serpents. God told Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and lift it on a pole (perhaps a cross). Anyone who gazed upon the pole was healed.

Jesus recalled that story, saying, "As Moses lifted up the serpent, even so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life" (*Jn. 3:14-15*).

Jesus destroyed the serpent's evil works — sin and death! Though He was bruised for our iniquity, Jesus crushed the head of the serpent. John wrote, "The Son of God appeared for this purpose — to destroy the works of the devil" (*1 Jn. 3:8*). They were finished!

The Second Adam

Because he was the first human, Adam represented humanity. His actions affected his descendants (even us). Thus, Adam's sin doomed everyone. He passed down his sinful nature, along with its consequence — death (*Rom. 5:12*). The first Adam failed.

However, the Promised Seed redeemed Adam's failure. In fact, Jesus was the Second Adam (*Rom. 5:14*). His actions also affected humanity.

Because of Adam, all men die, but through Christ, "all will be made alive" (*Rom. 5:17-19; 1 Cor. 15:20-22*). Thus, death has been abolished (*v.26*).

The Second (and better) Adam, Jesus, accomplished what the First Adam did not and could not.

What Child is this in the manger? He is the Promised Seed — the Second Adam — who destroyed the works of the serpent!

Ponder and Pray

Think about this. God had Christmas Day in mind when He foretold of the Chosen Seed in *Genesis 3:15*. Incredible!

Thank the Lord for *Genesis 3:15* and how it has impacted your life.

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