

Genesis 3:15, Daily Devotions

☐ Monday - The First Gospel.

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In Eden, the Lord pronounced this judgement upon the devil, "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. 3:15). Theologians call this verse the "protevangelium", a Latin word meaning the "first Gospel". Before a single word of judgment is pronounced upon the man and the woman (Gen. 3:16-19), God's gracious plan to redeem His people is announced (Gen. 3:15). "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!" (Rom. 11:33).
Read Jeremiah 29:11

☐ Tuesday - Two Kingdoms.

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The Bible separates all people into two groups: [1] and the saved seed of the woman (believers), and the seed of the serpent (unbelievers) - (Gen. 3:15); [2] the children of God and the children of devil (1 John 3:10); [3] the righteous and the wicked (Proverbs 53x); [4] wheat and tares (Matt. 13:24-30); [5] sheep and goats (Matt. 25:32-33); [6] believers and unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:15); [7] the kingdom of Christ and the domain of darkness (Col. 1:13). There is no middle ground. Jesus said, "He who is not for Me is against Me" (Matt. 12:30). Take your stand. "If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Josh. 24:15).
Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

☐ Wednesday - A Baby, a Woman, and a Dragon.

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In Revelation 12, the apostle John sees a vision of a pregnant woman (v. 1-2) and a seven-headed dragon who is poised to devour her child when she gives birth (v. 3-4). The dragon is the devil (v. 9), the woman is Israel (Gen. 37:9-10), and her child is Christ. God told the devil that the seed of the woman would one day crush his head (Gen. 3:15). Perhaps Abel is the seed, the dragon thought, and so he incited Cain to kill his brother (Gen. 4:1-8, cf. 1 John 3:12), and the Old Testament is filled with many such failed attempts by the devil to devour the woman's seed before He could crush his head (Ex. 1:15-20; Esther 3:7-11; Matt. 2:16, 4:1-8, etc.). Nevertheless, God's will cannot be thwarted (Job 42:2). Christ was born at the predetermined time (Gal. 4:4), and delivered up by God's predetermined plan (Acts 2:23), to crush the head of the serpent (1 John 3:8). Yes, the devil was defeated at the cross, and like a mortally wounded animal, he lashes out knowing his time is short (Rev. 12:12).
Read Revelation 12:10-11

☐ Thursday - He Would Strike Him on the Heel.

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When Adam and Eve sinned (Gen. 3:6), God did not destroy them, but instead promised a Savior (Gen. 3:15). The woman's seed, who is Christ, would crush the head of the serpent, but at a cost. The serpent would strike Him on the heel; that is, blood would be shed, for "without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Heb. 9:22). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and so "Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
Read 1 Timothy 2:5

☐ Friday - Christ, our Champion.

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Jesus Christ is the Serpent's-Head-Crusher of Genesis 3:15; the Dread Champion of Jeremiah 20:11; the Victorious Warrior in Zephaniah 3:17; and the Dragon-Slayer of Revelation 12ff. Yes, "If God is for us, who can stand against us?" (Rom. 8:31). Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).
Read Exodus 15:3; Psalm 24:8