

CHRISTMAS IN GENESIS

--GENESIS 3:15--

INTRODUCTION:

In our next four services culminating on Christmas Eve, we are going to be looking at Christmas in the Old Testament. The Old Testament was written over a period of about 1000 years and is full of prophecies about the future. The Old Testament contains about 300 prophecies about the coming Messiah that were yet future when they were written but have been fulfilled since that time in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This is what I mean when I say the Bible has a proven track record, because prophecies made centuries ago were fulfilled in Christ.

I. THE CONTEXT (Genesis 3:1-21)

- a. I want to make sure you understand the significance of predictive _____.
- b. As I already stated the passage of Scripture that I read this morning is the most _____ and saddest passage in the whole Bible.
- c. As God surveyed the wreckage caused by the _____ of Adam and Eve He immediately begins to deliver judgment, and He starts with the serpent. (Ezekiel 28:17)
- d. Between the judgment of the serpent and the judgments of the woman and the man, God gives a promise, and this is where we find the first mention of _____ in the Old Testament.

II. ENMITY BETWEEN SATAN AND THE WOMAN (Genesis 3:15a)

- a. The promise of redemption begins with a prophecy that there will be _____ between the serpent and the woman. (Revelation 20:2)
- b. Eve understood that she had made a huge mistake and because of that she would never be a fan of the _____.

III. ENMITY BETWEEN SATAN'S SEED AND THE WOMAN'S SEED (Genesis 3:15b)

- a. God goes onto say that this enmity will not just be between the woman and the snake, but it would continue throughout history between the seed or _____ of Satan and the seed or offspring of Eve.
- b. Now each and every one of us is born an offspring of _____ because we are born with the sin nature which we inherited from Adam. (John 1:12)

IV. THE WOMAN'S SEED WILL CRUSH SATAN'S HEAD (Genesis 3:15c)

- a. The next phrase of this verse is where we really begin to see Christmas, because suddenly the _____ of the woman becomes a specific person.
- b. The use of the phrase "seed of a woman" now becomes very significant because it is not the _____ phrase.
- c. The only reason that the author would use the phrase "seed of a woman" would be to tell us that this conception would not involve a human _____. (Luke 1:35)

V. SATAN WILL BRUISE THE HEEL OF THE WOMAN'S OFFSPRING (Genesis 3:15d)

- a. The final two phrases of this passage speak of the greatest _____ for the souls of men ever waged on earth.
- b. God's Son, Jesus Christ, will receive a _____ from Satan that will cause the world to believe that Satan has won.
- c. The Seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, applied the _____ blow to Satan's head when on the third day after His death He rose from the dead bringing salvation and eternal life to all who would believe in Him.

CONCLUSION:

The consequence for eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was death. The moment that Adam and Eve ate the fruit they died spiritually. Their relationship with God was severed and they no

longer enjoyed the communion that they had with their Creator before their sin. They also began to physically age and physical death became the plague of the human race. There is also a third aspect of death and that is eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. The coming of the Seed of the woman and His death and resurrection makes it possible for man to be made spiritually alive again through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and it makes it possible for man to escape the lake of fire. When we believe that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be and believe that His death on the cross paid the penalty for our sin and that He rose from the dead on the third day we are saved from God's wrath against sin, we are saved from the lake of fire. There is nothing that we can do to make ourselves acceptable to God. Verse 21 of our passage this morning tells us that God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve. This was to show Adam and Eve that death was the penalty required for sin. An animal had to die so that Adam and Eve could be clothed. God provided the clothing, and He clothed them, a beautiful picture of God's gift of eternal life and Christ clothing us in His righteousness that we might be acceptable to God.

God has provided the way for you and me to be acceptable to Him, the incarnation of His Son that first Christmas. Jesus Christ was born into this world that He might pay the price for our sin. The gift is yours. We receive a lot of gifts at Christmas, but of all the gifts you are to receive this is the most important one. What will you do with this gift?

For those who have already received this most important gift, this is a wonderful time to reflect and be thankful for what God has done for you through the Lord Jesus Christ. Come and worship at the manger, come and worship at the cross, come and worship at the empty tomb and anticipate worshipping at the throne.