

Seed of the Woman

Ge 3:14-15; 14 "And 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: 15 And 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."

"*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed*" Who is the seed of the woman? Mostly the genealogy of the bible is kept by the man, though sometimes the woman is mentioned, as we see in the genealogies of Christ. However, "seed of the woman" is not mentioned but a very few times in scripture. To explain the reason for "seed of the woman," let's go to some New Testament scriptures to identify who the "seed of the woman" is:

- **Mt 1:16** "*And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.*"
- **Lu 1:30-35; 30** "*And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."*

As we examine these two texts we find that Jesus, the Christ, is "seed of the woman" only in nature, with God being the Father, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Every other person, who has ever lived on earth, has an earthly father and mother; aside from Adam and Eve, who were the created parents of all other humankind.

Why would it matter that God said "**seed of the woman**" in the curse of the serpent? Well, let's examine what else is involved in the curse of the serpent. "**it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**" Bruise means; *to gape, i.e. snap at; to overwhelm, to break.*

"**thou shalt bruise his heel.**" Let's begin with a picture seen in scripture in: **Ac 7:49** "**Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool:**" The footstool, being a place to rest the foot; demonstrates that the bruising to be done is on earth. Since the "**his**" is singular in the phrase, we understand that this was prophetic of the incarnate Christ in the world. Christ Jesus came to earth in incarnation, in a body of flesh. While in the body of flesh; satan worked very hard to destroy Christ. He tempted him, caused his own blood kin to turn against him, to betray him, to bring forth false witness against him, and finally to deliver him to death by crucifixion. However, Christ overcame this bruising by resurrecting from the dead.

"**it shall bruise thy head**" The "**it**" in this phrase is "**seed of the woman**" and is a prophetic picture of Jesus Christ. What shall "**it**" do? "**it shall bruise thy head,**" He, Christ, bruised the head of satan, by freeing from his grasp every heir of eternal salvation. Christ actually overcame all the powers of satan and accomplished the will of his Father, who is God the Father. We see this picture in:

- **Col 2:8-15; 8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."**
- **Heb 2:14-18; 14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."**
- **Ac 26:15-18; 15 "And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."**

In Acts 26:18; Paul confirms that, through his death on the cross; Jesus Christ put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and thereby destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. Thus, Christ "bruises his head" destroys his power, and lordship, over mankind, turning them from the power of Satan unto God.

There is a prophetic promise in scripture, which tells us, that in the end of time this curse upon satan will be fulfilled to the uttermost, seen in:

- **Ro 16:17-20; 17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. 20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."**
- **Re 20:10 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."**

Christ delivered us from the last enemy which is death. What do you mean the last enemy is death? We are still all going to die unless Christ returns while we are alive. That is true, but Christ delivered us from eternal death, in the eternal lake of fire, in eternity, seen in the reference **Re 20:10**. We see this confirmed in: **1Co 15:22-26; 22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."** This is prophetic, in and of itself, of the end of time, and the resurrection of the dead in Christ, but is actually already accomplished in Christ as we see in: **Joh 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."**

Why is important that we know about the "seed of the woman" and who this is speaking of? Well, let's look at some other scripture and see if we can find this answer. **Mt 16:13-17; 13 "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."**

As we examine this text; we see the need to know Jesus. We see the need to know Jesus is the "seed of the woman," who is the Christ, the Son of God. Do you understand? If you can truly see Jesus, and know that he is the Christ, and that he, alone, is your Lord and Saviour, it is because God has revealed it to you. **"for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."** We have evidence of this in: **1Jo 5:13-20; 13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."**

What great joy we have in knowledge of the Christ. It is evidence that you are grafted into the family of God, and become a son of God. It means you have an eternal place in heaven and immortal glory, because of the "seed of the woman." Praise the Lord for eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that understand! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!