

# “THE SEED OF THE WOMAN”

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Genesis 3:15





# WHY ARE THERE GENEALOGIES IN THE BIBLE?

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
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**GENESIS 3:15**



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**1. Genealogies remind us there are only two lineages of mankind**

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**GENESIS 3:1-14**



<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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**GENESIS 3:1-14**



<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

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**GENESIS 3:1-14**



<sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

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**GENESIS 3:1-14**



<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

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**GENESIS 3:1–14**



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**GENESIS 3:1-4**



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**GENESIS 3:5-6**



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**GENESIS 3:7-9**



# The Fall

Adam's descent into sin, which brought God's curse, with catastrophic results for the world of humanity, including its own sin, inability, total depravity, guilt, corruption, death, suffering, and estrangement. After the fall, human beings were born sinners (Ps 51:5). Sin is both the state in which we live and the evil acts that we commit. The fall brought inability, so that sinners cannot rescue themselves from the effects of sin (2 Cor 4:3-4). Adam's original sin brought total depravity to the human race.

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# The Fall

This does not mean that we are as bad as we could be; rather, all parts of us and our lives are contaminated by sin (Rom 1:21-22). Original sin brought guilt—legal condemnation before a holy God (Rom 5:18)—and corruption—sin’s moral defilement of lives (Gal 5:19-21). As God warned Adam, sin brought death, and ever since, all human beings have died.

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# The Fall

There was no suffering in Eden, but suffering is common in our world since the fall. Adam's sin brought estrangement from God, so he and Eve hid from God (Gen 3:8). Adam's posterity are also estranged from God and one another and need grace and reconciliation, which only God can bring.

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# Contrast - Genesis 3:14 & 17

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<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, **cursed are you** above all livestock and above all beasts of the field...

<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ **cursed is the ground because of you;** in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;



<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> **And God blessed them.** And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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**GENESIS 1:27–28**



# The Serpent

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- Is Satan (see Revelation 12:9)
- But Genesis 3 gives no indication of a spiritual nature of this creature
  - Animal created by God (Genesis 3:1)
  - Named by Adam (Genesis 2:19-20)

<sup>9</sup> *And the great dragon was thrown down, **that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan**, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

**REVELATION 12:9**



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**GENESIS 3:15**



<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and **she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.”**

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**GENESIS 4:1**



# OFFSPRING



*Hebrew: "Seed"*

# Hostility (Enmity)

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- Cain kills his brother Abel
- Eve has two sons, and the older kills the younger
  - No snakes to be seen
- Because the literal, genetic son of the woman is the seed of the serpent
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<sup>8</sup> *Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, **Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.***

**GENESIS 4:8**



<sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.**”

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**GENESIS 4:7**



**THERE ARE TWO LINES:**

**The seed of the woman and**

**The seed of the serpent**



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**2. Genealogies look forward to the one born of a woman who will conquer the serpent.**

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# BRUISE

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*“attack fiercely”*

*“crush” or “strike”*

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# The Whole Old Testament Is Anticipation

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- “Is this the seed?”
  - Nope.
  - Over and over.

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**GENESIS 4:1**



**GENEALOGIES**

**are teaching us to look forward  
for the coming of the son**



Fellowship  
CHURCH

