

Advent: Genesis 3:15 – The Seed of the Woman

Intro: One Reason Jesus Came To This Earth: To Destroy The Works Of The Devil (1 John 3.8)

Main Idea Of The Message: Jesus came to this world to destroy the works of Satan and declare salvation to His people through redemption by His blood

The Context of Genesis 3

1. Eden was Perfect and Harmonious – At Peace
2. God Forbade Tasting One Fruit from One Tree
 - a. The Fruit was not Poisonous
 - b. The Command – God wanted Man to Demonstrate His Love through Obedience

“Prove your love for me, trust in me in obedience to me – not that you can tell the difference between that tree and any other tree... but simply because your Father has told you obey me.” – Sinclair Ferguson

3. The Serpent Enters the Scene
 - a. Did God Say... Adam and Eve Partake
 - b. The Whole World brought to Ruin
4. God’s Judgment
 - a. On Adam and Eve
 - b. On the Serpent (Both Judgment and Promise)

Jesus’ Ministry Highlights the Enmity

1. The Struggle of Christ against Opposition
2. Fulfillment of Man’s Most Desperate Need – Deliverance from the Bondage of Satan (Eph 2.1-5)

Genesis 3:15 – Protoevangelion (Greek: The First Mention of the Gospel); Protoevangelium (Latin: First Gospel)

1. **The Serpent is Satan Who Desires to Devour the Seed of the Woman (Rev 12.1-9)**

2. The Seed of Satan Battles the Seed of the Woman Throughout Scripture (More than Can Be Listed)

- a. Genesis 4 – Cain and Abel
- b. Genesis 11 – The Tower of Babel
- c. Egypt and Pharaoh against the Hebrews
- d. Assyria and Babylon against the Israelites
- e. Jacob and Esau
- f. David and Goliath and the Philistines
- g. The Roman Empire against the Church
- h. Church History and Modern Day Culture

3. Ultimately We See This Conflict in Christ’s Ministry

- a. Immediate: Herod against the Male Toddlers
- b. The Pharisees: Called Vipers, Their Father, the Devil (Jn 8.39-47)
- c. The Disciples Treading on Serpents (Lk 10.17-20)
- d. Jesus, Born of Woman to Bring Redemption (Gal 4.4-5; See Jn 2.4 and 19.25-26)

4. At the Cross, the Seed of the Woman Crushed the Head of the Serpent – Foreseen in Christ’s Earthly Ministry (John 12.31-32)

- a. The Temptation of Jesus by Satan (Jn 4)
- b. Demonic Activity Throughout Israel
- c. Peter and Judas
- d. The Hour and Power of Darkness (Lk 22.53)
- e. *How Jesus Crushed the Head of the Serpent:* Bearing the Judgment of God Due Adam
- f. *Two Tempting Trees:* Adam’s and Christ’s
- g. *The Lie of Satan Unmasked:* the lie that says everything God does and says and commands and promises is NOT INFINITELY good
- h. *Why Christ Died:* For The Sheep (Rom 5.6-8, Jn 10.11, 17)
- i. *Two Gardeners:* Adam and Christ (Jn 20.11-15)