

The Edenic Covenant

Quote:

“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.”

Genesis 3:15

Mark these notes either in Genesis 3:15, or on an insert to stick into Genesis 3:

“ENMITY”

Means - “hatred”. From a root word meaning to be hostile/ to be an enemy.

This enmity or hatred is the conflict that develops between two groups so totally opposed in outlook and way of life, that it is impossible for ongoing friendship between them. See [Proverbs 29:27](#); [Psalm 45:7](#); [Romans 8:5-8](#)

“THEE” (THE SERPENT)

- Questioned God without understanding ([Genesis 3:1](#))
- The serpent told a lie ([Genesis 3:4](#)).
- He promoted rebellion against God.
- It was his actions that lead to sin. (He directed the woman to think in a way that lead to sin).
- In that he directed the woman to sin, he also brought death.

The Serpent is therefore a symbol for the source of transgression (and therefore death). Sometimes called - “Sin in the Flesh”(Romans 8:3) / “The Devil” (Hebrews 2:14) / “Sin” (King Sin - as used in [Romans 6:12](#)).

“THY SEED” - SERPENT’S SEED

Those who allows the Flesh and Not the Word of God to direct their thinking (Will always be at enmity with those directed by the Word of God):

[Matthew 3:7](#) - The Pharisees and Sadducees - “...O generation of vipers...”

[Matthew 12:34](#) - “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”

See also [Matthew 23:33](#); [John 8:44](#); [Romans 8:7-8](#).

“THE WOMAN”

Told the truth as revealed by the Word of God until she was beguiled to think according to the serpent’s reasoning.

Therefore she stands as a symbol of the Word of God (The Truth).

“HER SEED” - THE WOMAN’S SEED

1. Refers primarily to ONE individual - “he” - The Lord Jesus Christ:

“made of a woman” - [Galatians 4:4](#).

John said of Jesus - “the word was made flesh” - [John 1:14](#)

Also Son of God - [Luke 1:35](#)

He not only spoke the truth from the Word of God, but always did those things that pleased God - [Psalm 40:6-8](#) - “...I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.” - ie. Not directed by the serpent (sin’s flesh).

2. The body of believers are symbolised by a faithful woman. They are directed by the Word of God and are in Jesus Christ by baptism ([Galatians 3:26-29](#)):

[2 Corinthians 11:2](#) - "...I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

[Revelation 19:7](#) - "...the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Are at enmity with the serpent (Sin in the Flesh). Live lives of hostility to it, and attempt at every opportunity to destroy it by denying it power over them:

[Galatians 5:24](#) - "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

Two Bruisings (Summary of [Genesis 3:15](#))

The serpent or Sin in the Flesh (which is the cause of both sin and death) was to be delivered a **fatal blow (bruised in the head)**, while the seed of the woman (The Lord Jesus Christ) would receive a **temporary blow** from which he would recover. See this described in [Hebrews 2:14-15](#) - This would take place first in Jesus Christ, and then later others would benefit from his work. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death [A temporary blow (bruised on the heel)]** he might **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; [A fatal blow - the devil destroyed (bruised in the head)]** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

See also [Romans 8:3-4](#); [Hebrews 9:26,28](#).

Useful References:

- Story of the Bible (HP Mansfield) Volume 1 pp45-53
- The First Principles of the One True Faith (J Ullman) pp37-44
- Genesis Expositor (HP Mansfield) pp73-93 (esp pp83-84).