

Lesson 01

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

The New Testament scriptures, the apostle Paul's first letter to the evangelist Timothy chapter 2 verses 13 and 14 "For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor."

Definitions:-

Apostle, from the Greek word apostolos (αποστολος), means one who is sent or an envoy, in this case, as in most instances in the New Testament, it refers to a personal envoy of Jesus the Christ.

Christ is from the Greek word christos (χριστος) and means anointed one, or Messiah.

Evangelist is from the Greek word euangelion (ευαγγελιον) meaning a messenger of good information.

The word testament is from the Greek word diatheke (διαθεκε) which means a will or testament. The Greeks had no word for the Hebrew word berith. Their word diatheke was used consistently in the Greek scriptures where berith was intended. The word covenant is the nearest English equivalent to berith. So covenant should always be understood when we read testament. A covenant is when one party lays down conditions on which benefits will be conferred. The other party has to agree with and comply with the conditions to gain the benefits.

The New Testament scriptures were written in Greek, presumably because it was the international language of that time.

IN WHAT WAY WAS EVE DECEIVED ?

Adam and Eve in their state of innocence were given one simple test of their trust in their creator, not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Satan appeared to Eve as a snake:-

The Hebrew scriptures, called by Christians the Old Testament, the first book, Genesis, chapter 3 verses 1 to 6 "Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, Did God say, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden? And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. But the serpent said to the woman, You will not really die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. 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, and he ate".

Eve was deceived into thinking that God is devious, that God was holding back from her something beneficial, Satan having said "for God knows - that you will be like God"

The issue contested (and finally vindicated) through the whole Bible from beginning to

end, is God's veracity. The lie is: God is devious. The Truth is: the God is totally holy and absolutely honourable. Satan is trying to gain supremacy by casting doubt on God's veracity.

The Letter by the Lord's brother James, chapter 1 verses 16 and 17 "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren, Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow cast by corners." Also the Apostle John's first letter, chapter 1 verse 5 "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all".

NOTE HOW EVE SUCCUMBED TO THE TEMPTATION:

The New Testament, the Apostle John's first letter chapter 2 verses 15 to 16: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. Also the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does God's will abides for ever."

- 1) "The lust of the flesh":- "the woman saw that the tree was good for food".
- 2) "The lust of the eyes":- Eve saw that "it was a delight to the eyes".
- 3) "The pride of life":- "the tree was to be desired to make one wise". Satan's words were: "your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil".

Temptation always comes in one or more of these three ways. Eve should have protested: "God would not lie to me", but she succumbed to the attractiveness of the temptation and concluded: that Satan must be right, because it looked good, she could not see anything wrong with it and that God appeared to be deceiving her in denying her what would be to her advantage because it would be to His disadvantage. After all didn't Satan say "you will be like God". So came sin, guilt and tragedy into the world.

Verse 13 "the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Instead of nipping it in the bud, Adam was weak and turned the blame on God. His words were "the woman **you** gave me" [emphasis mine]:

Verse 12 "The man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

WHAT ABOUT SATAN ?

Verses 14 and 15 "the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Only relatively recently has medical science discovered that women have "seed" as well as men and that it is the combination of these that produces a child.

Here it talks pointedly of the woman's seed but not the man's, of her offspring, not his. How was a woman going to have an offspring without a man being involved?

When would Satan's head be bruised by this offspring of the woman?

From the beginning of the Hebrew scriptures, we have statements and incidents that do not make sense, until they are seen fulfilled in the introduction of the new covenant.

THE LORD JESUS IS THE SEED OF THE WOMAN WITHOUT A MAN BEING INVOLVED:-

See the New Testament., the Gospel According to Matthew, chapter 1, verses 18 to 25.

REFERRING TO SATAN AS THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD, THE LORD JESUS TALKS OF HIS IMPENDING EXECUTION:-

The Gospel according to the Apostle John chapter 12 verses 31 to 33 "Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to me. This he said, signifying what kind of death he would die".

AND ALSO OF HIS TRIUMPHANT RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION:-

John 14: 27 to 30 "Peace I leave with you; **my peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, I go away, and I will come to you. If you loved me, you would

have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And **now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.** I will no longer talk much with you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no power over me".

So Satan bruised the Lord's heel.

In so doing Satan's head was crushed.

Facing the anguish of His passion, The Lord Jesus says, "MY peace". Whilst facing the trauma of HIS trial and execution, He reassures them (verse 1), "**Let not YOUR hearts be troubled, You trust in God,** (something Eve had failed to do) **Trust in me also.**" [words in brackets mine].

Those who, through the Lord Jesus, put their total trust in God - they will have genuine inner peace, no matter what situation they find themselves in.

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