

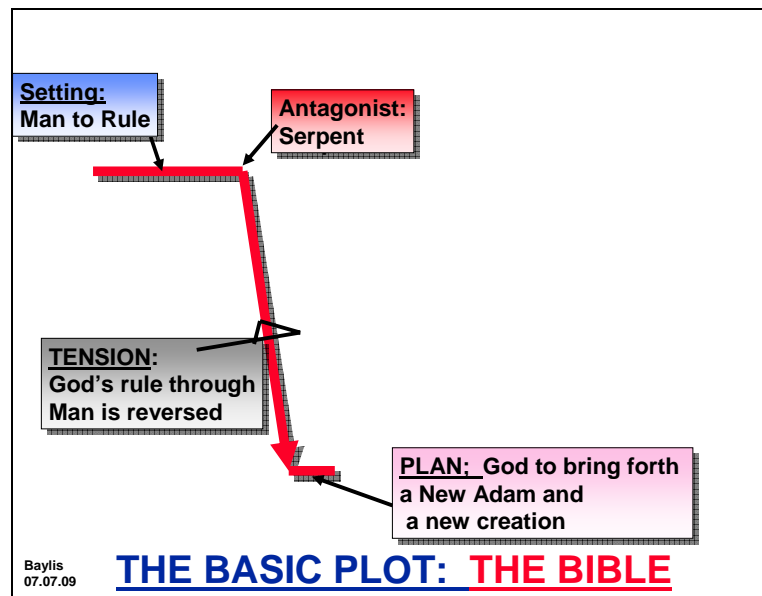
THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

SESSION #6

THE PLAN:

God To Restore New Creation With New Adam

I. The Plan (or the Philosophy of God): The Promise of New Adam

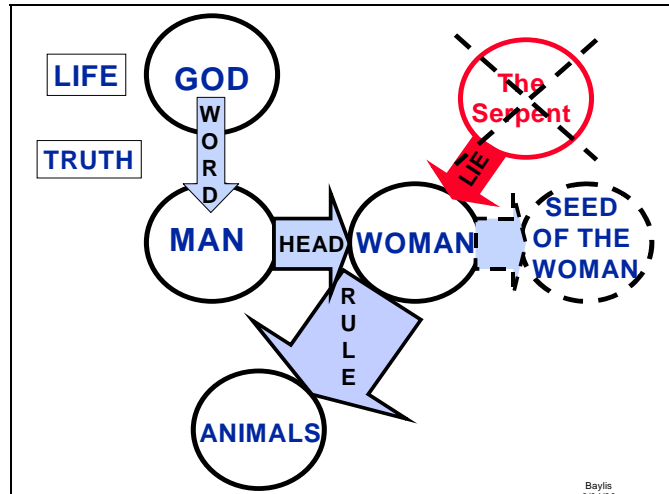


- A. **The Delay of Judgment and the Continued Attack of Satan:** The Serpent (Satan) and His followers (“your seed”) will attack the woman and “her Seed.” There will be a battle between unbelievers (the serpent and his seed) and “The Seed” of the Christ, the New Adam.

“There will be enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her SEED”.

- B. **The New Adam who will judge Satan and His followers:** God will bring forth a New Adam (“her Seed” who will judge the serpent and his followers with death.

“He will strike you on the head.”



This “He” is New Adam. He will be obedient to represent God by listening to His Word, and will, through that obedience, judge the serpent. However, the serpent will again try to deceive that last Adam (the Mount of Temptation in Matthew 4). However, failing that, Satan will kill Him. The last Adam will incur death but will clearly not deserve it (the serpent is not successful in his deceit).

C. **Satan, not being able to deceive the New Adam will kill Him.**

The serpent not be able to deceive the New Adam (like he did with the old Adam) and will kill Him to eliminate God’s kingdom.

“but you (the serpent) will strike Him (the Seed) on the heel.”

Striking on the heel of the New Adam is to execute Him with a death sentence. The heel is where serpent’s strike when they are poisonous to eliminate their enemy. Thus, this Messiah will face an unjust death at the hands of the serpent (Satan).

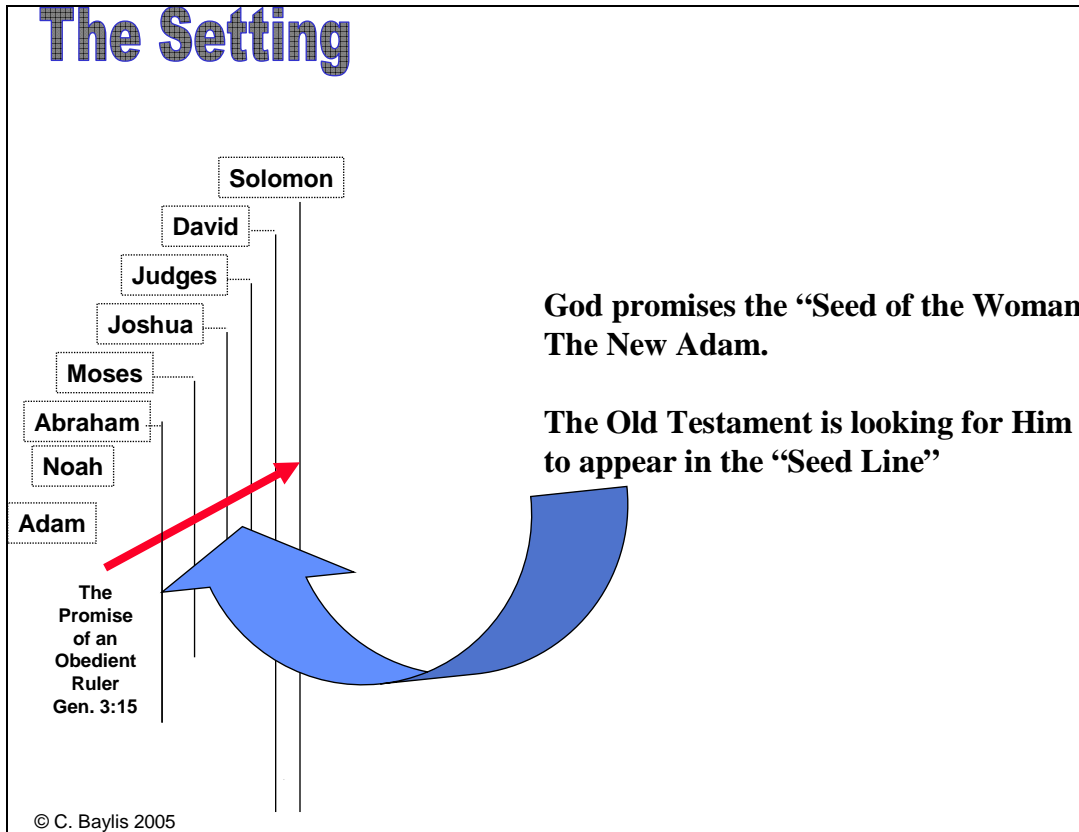
D. **The Death of the New Adam will substitute for the sins of the old creation.** The sacrifice of the animal skins demonstrates that the Seed will substitute Himself for the sake of Adam and Eve and the Old Creation.

²¹ And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. (Gen 3:21)

E. **Summary:** God will provide potential rulers (New Adam’s) who will fail due to Satan’s deceit until the Ultimate One comes who will obey God and whom Satan will kill. But He

must rule since He is the Obedient Representative (Image) of God (thus resurrection).

As history begins to unfold, God will establish men in a seed line who will be potentially the ruler to replace Adam. Yet they will all fail (Noah, Moses, Joshua, the Judges, David, Solomon) because Satan deceives them. Finally One will appear (Jesus) who will not be deceived (Matthew 4) and Satan will have to kill Him. But since He deserves to rule, God will resurrect Him.



II Cain and Abel: God brings forth a believer in the “Seed to come” and the Serpent kills him just as prophesied.

Just as Genesis 3:15 prophesied, the woman brought forth a seed in Cain. She hoped that he was the One prophesied who would deliver them. However, Cain was not the one as the serpent (Satan) deceived him and he killed the righteous one, Abel. Just like the statement in Genesis 3:15 that stated that Satan would hate the believers, so also Satan now murdered Abel through his “follower,” Cain.

It is then seen that Cain followed natural reasoning like his mother did as he sacrifices vegetables which seemed right to him. However, Abel sacrificed an animal, just like God did several verses before, which pictured the coming New Adam, the Messiah, who would die for his sin.

III. The Message of the story of the Main Character: Believe in the Seed to come.

As the Old Testament unfolds, the hope, as always, is to follow the “plan” of the One who will be victorious. That is, God, will be victorious as He brings forth His New Adam who will rule through His own substitutionary death. Abel was the first martyr who believed in the Coming One. So also the Old Testament person should have believed in the hope of the One to Come, who would ultimately be revealed in the Gospels as Jesus.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Hebrews 11:4

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Reading:

Genesis 3

Study Questions: Give answers from the Notes

1. What four things does Genesis 3:15 predict?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

2. How does the story of Cain and Abel illustrate Genesis 3:15 and the prophecy of God there?

3. After reading Genesis 1—3, what should an Old Testament reader do if he wants to have victory with God?