

THE CURSE AND THE GOSPEL

Genesis 3:14-15

God Himself uttered the curse on the serpent, but then He proclaimed the _____ for the very first time

I. CURSE

A. The Curse on the Serpent 3:14

- 1) The serpent was more _____ than any beast; now it was more _____ than any beast
 - a) All the _____ were cursed at this point; the greatest impact was that their lives would end
 - b) The serpent was impacted more dramatically, a symbol of the impact of the curse on _____
- 2) The serpent had been attractive, but the curse made it a hissing, slithering, repellent _____
- 3) The serpent was cursed to eat dust = the humiliation & frustration to be experienced by _____

B. The Curse on Satan 3:15

- 1) Enmity toward the Serpent
 - a) V. 15 first of all explains why human beings, women in particular, have an aversion to _____
 - b) Satan deceived the woman; he likely believed that her _____ would also be his followers
 - c) But God put hostility between the two: humans do not like to think they are in league w/ _____
- 2) Human History: The Story of 2 _____
 - a) The Seed of Satan = not his physical children; those who reject Jesus & do what Satan _____
 - b) The Seed of the Woman = not her physical descendants, but the godly line who serve _____
 - c) There is hostility between these 2 humanities, illustrated in the story of Cain's murder of _____
Believers should never be surprised by the opposition of unbelievers: it is part of the _____

III. GOSPEL

A. Who Is "the Seed"?

- 1) In the middle of v.15 the pronouns become singular: no longer 2 humanities, but 2 _____
- 2) V.15 uses the word "seed" ambiguously: it is both _____ & plural—how does that make sense?
 - a) Gen.3:15: The seed is the Seed of Woman—the one to deliver from Satan will be a _____
 - b) Gen.22: God promised Abraham the deliverer would be his descendant, of the nation of _____
 - c) 2 Sam.7: God promised David a "seed" to sit on his throne forever—the deliverer = his _____
 - d) The gospels indicate that the seed is _____, a descendant of David on both sides of his lineage

B. How Will He Deliver?

- 1) Satan Sought to _____ the Seed of the Woman
 - a) Throughout history, by Satan's opposition to _____, manifest even today in antisemitism
 - b) Satan tried to use _____ to kill Jesus when He was born by destroying all children in the region
 - c) When Satan tempted Jesus, he asked Him to cast Himself from the pinnacle of the _____
 - d) Several times during His ministry, the Jews or their leaders sought to _____ Jesus before the cross
 - e) Ultimately, Satan thought he had accomplished his goal when the Jews _____ Jesus
- 2) Jesus _____ the Serpent's Head
 - a) In this moment, the plan of God was accomplished: Jesus was _____ for our transgressions
 - b) The first proclamation of the gospel promises rescue from destruction by _____ (Heb.2:14-15)