

ADVENT–HOPE

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Genesis 3:15

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[15] I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

WHAT IS ADVENT?

‘advent’ = coming or arrival.

Advent is a season of waiting.

As we remember the first coming of Christ, we remember he is coming again.

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, Christ

Today we turn to the word HOPE.

INTRODUCTION

When conflicts are handled appropriately, there is great hope that wrongs can be made right.

The metanarrative of the Bible = Creation→Fall→Redemption→Restoration.

Our hope rests in the fact that in the midst of our troubles, Jesus fights for us.

THE CLASH OF THE SEEDS

Genesis 1:1, 31–[1] *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...[31] And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*

Genesis 3:15 = proto-euangelion, first gospel.

The seed of the serpent is the Devil, and those who give their allegiance to him.

John 8:44–[44] *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.*

The seed of the woman is ultimately Christ, and those who are found in him.

The enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent demonstrates God’s mercy.

Genesis 2:17–[17] *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

John 3:16–[16] *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Isaiah 45:7–[7] *I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.*

Isaiah 55:8–9–[8] *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

The enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent is part of God's masterplan.

Isaiah 11:1–5–[1] *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. [2] And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. [3] And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. [5] Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

THE VICTORY OF CHRIST

And what instills even greater hope in us, is that Christ came to fight for us.

Hebrews 2:14-15–[14] *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

Satan is an accuser, but he has no grounds to bring up any charge against us!

Romans 8:1–[1] *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:33–[33] *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.*

Jesus, through his suffering, accomplished righteousness for us.

Colossians 2:13–15–[13] *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. [15] He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

Romans 16:20–*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*