

## **REDEMPTION DRAWS NIGH!**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise *and* tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait *and* bruise His heel.” (Genesis 3:15) Over 2000 years ago JESUS CHRIST came and fulfilled through his victory over Satan the wonderful promise in Genesis 3:15. (See also Isa. 9:6; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31; Rom. 16:20; Gal. 4:4; Rev. 12:17)

**GENESIS 3:15** is the Bible’s very first announcement of the promised Messiah! And certainly, one of THE MAJOR STORY THREADS of the entire Bible is the account of satan’s many attempts to destroy the woman and her Seed; and the record of victory of the woman and her Seed over satan!

**AS A HISTORY MAJOR**, you will study the major conflicts and battles that have shaped the course of time. However, even in a Christian College, (even with a Bible and History major), it is doubtful you will ever study through the sequence of events, (unfolded in the Bible), of the ULTIMATE CONFLICT of the ages which is announced in Genesis 3:15 and seen throughout the Bible. Again and again satan worked through evil ones with MURDER, seeking to keep Christ from coming; and, of course, he sought to MURDER the Christ child.

**AS A HISTORY MAJOR**, neither was I ever taught of God’s ultimate purpose and end result of all human history, as seen in Revelation 19-22— THAT, out of a fallen, God-hating, sin-loving, hell-deserving world a “Bride” is given to Jesus and redeemed by His precious blood; AND all else consumed by fire. AND that in the New Heaven and the New earth this glorious BRIDE OF CHRIST, comprised of the redeemed of all ages shall *SEE, SERVE, and REIGN WITH GOD and the LAMB for all eternity!*

**NEVERTHELESS**, *THE WORLD WE LIVE IN IS GOD’S WORLD. HE IS CARRYING OUT HIS AGENDA, NOT MAN’S!* Thus, from Genesis through the Revelation there is, above all else, the awesome unveiling of the ultimate conflict and the ultimate and glorious triumph of “the Seed of the woman” over satan! YES, God is busy doing all of His good pleasure and will; and

nothing nor no one can stop Him! (Ps. 115:3; 135:6; Prov. 19:21; 21:1; Isa. 43:13; Dan. 4:34-35)

## **HOW THEN SHALL THE CHRISTIAN LIVE?**

**1. Stay close** to the Good Shepherd! Love God and watch Him work it all out— not only for His glory, but also for the ultimate good of all His born again Children! (Romans 8:28-39; Revelation 14: 7-13; 15: 1-4)

**2. Worship God** in awe and wonder at HIS PATIENCE and LONG-SUFFERING with vessels of wrath! Let us be astounded at “THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY ON VESSELS OF MERCY!” Let us be FOUND FAITHFUL in proclaiming the gospel!

**3. KNOW THIS**— we live in Spiritual War Zones, SAINTS will have continuous conflict of some sort. However, these situations are but the stage for some glorious victory! Christian: You have what it takes in Christ to “...overcome him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of your testimony...”

**4. TRACING THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF CHRIST’S FIRST COMING** and simultaneously tracing the attempts of satan to destroy Messiah and/or Messiah’s followers from Genesis 3 through days yet ahead of us should be of great comfort to all saints! **HOW SO?**

We see clearly that God says what He means! God means what He says! God keeps all of His promises! God does all of His good pleasure! It is God’s good pleasure to redeem and to save sinners and to bring all the redeemed, safely home to heaven! THEREFORE, LET US ‘ENDURE THE CROSSES THAT COME OUR WAY— **CHRIST AND A CROWN AWAIT!**

LET US TRUST HIM! LOOK UP!  
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**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!**

**May each of you experience ABUNDANT LOVE, MERCY, and GRACE!** James

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