

The Birth of Jesus Christ: The Beginning of Satan's End

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Opening Summary

There is a war going on. It's a war for the souls of men. It's been going on for thousands of years. After Adam fell, it looked as though Satan won. But God had another plan to defeat Satan once and for all. This study is about the birth of Jesus Christ, the beginning of Satan's end.

Text: Gen. 3:15

- I. Gen. 3:15: God utters words, and they shall come to pass. Always remember Rom. 1:16: the Word of God is the power of God. He will defend His Word to the end.
 - A. *Her seed* indicates something supernatural will happen, because the woman doesn't carry the seed.
 - B. *Bruise Satan's head* means *take Satan's authority*.
 - C. *Bruise his heel* is another clue. Who is God referring to when He says "he?"
- II. The next generation was Cain and Abel. Then we come to Gen. 4:26. By this time, men began to call upon the name of the Lord. There are very few believers. We find Enoch in Gen. 5.
- III. Gen. 6:12: All flesh had turned away from God. It seemed that Satan was winning. There was only one righteous man, Noah.
 - A. Judgment, the flood, had to come because sin was overflowing (Rom. 6:23).
 - B. What God said in Gen. 3:15 is going to come to pass.
 - C. Gen. 6:9: Through Noah's line God re-starts the fulfillment of His promise.
 - D. Of Noah's three sons, God chooses one named Shem to be the vehicle through which He will fulfill His promise in Gen. 3:15.
- IV. Through Shem's lineage came Terah who begat Abram (Gen. 11:26).
 - A. Gen. 11:31-32: Headed to Canaan, they were delayed for five years in Haran.
 - B. Gen. 12:1-3: All families of the earth will be blessed through Shem to Abram.
 - C. Mat. 1:1: There is a direct line from Noah to Abram to the Lord Jesus.
 - D. God waits 24 years before this man, Abram, matures.
 1. God is patient with you.
 2. Abram and Sarah made mistakes, but God didn't give up on them.
 3. God hasn't given up on you.
 - E. Gen. 17:1-5: Covenant happens when both sides agree. Circumcision was the sign that God and Abraham agree (Gen. 17:24-25).

- F. Gen. 18:10-11-4: They were old, but age is nothing but a number, in God's sight.
 - 1. From the time Abraham entered into a covenant with God a full year didn't pass before Isaac was born. But it took years for Abraham to get ready.
 - 2. When Abraham and Sarah were ready, a miracle took place.
 - 3. God spoke it and it shall come to pass (Gen. 3:15).
 - G. Isa. 55:10-11: God will defend what He says.
- V. God begins to raise prophets to fill in the details around Gen. 3:15: where this Messiah would be born, how He would live, how He would die, what would be said of Him, things He would do. There were over 300 specific prophecies.
- A. 2 Pet. 1:20-21: God raised prophets who spoke what God said.
 - B. Isa. 7:14: "*He*" in Gen. 3:15, will be the seed of a woman.
- VI. Isa. 9:6-7: Through them God sends out His Word.
- A. Mat. 21:34-37: The prophets were sent, then they were beaten and killed.
 - B. All this is the result of Gen. 3:15.
 - C. In the parable of the sower, the Word was not higher in them than the problem.
 - D. What is the Word to you? If it doesn't dominate your life, you're not *good ground*.
 - E. Those who are *good ground* take the Word and elevate it higher than everything.
 - F. Luke 1:26-46: This is the birth of Jesus and a woman filled with faith.
 - 1. You have also found favor with God.
 - 2. She must have heard these words in her synagogue.
 - 3. Mary didn't understand how the Holy Ghost would create a child in her.
 - 4. The power of the Word can birth anything.
 - 5. Luke 1:45: Mary was a woman filled with faith.
- VII. Luke 2:1-17: *To all people* means regardless to who you are, you are qualified to receive.
- A. Luke 2:11: *Christ* (Gk. Christos) means *Anointed One*.
 - B. Luke 2:11: *Lord* (Gk. kurios) means *Highest Authority of all*.
 - C. Be sure your opinions don't go against God, the Highest Authority of all.
 - D. Luke 2:12-14: The ruptured relationship between God and man is now healed.
 - E. Rom. 5:1-3: Man now has peace *with* God and the peace *of* God.
- VIII. Gen. 3:15 tells us that Satan is defeated, God is exalted and Jesus is Lord.

Closing Summary

God loved us so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus. That tells us that Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, is all about giving, not receiving. When we give on Christmas day, we give with a heart like God. It's not about what you get, it's about what you give. Now that Jesus gave His life and is raised from the dead, mankind can be in the position he was before the fall in the garden. He would speak and it would come to pass. For those who will believe and receive, you can say what God says and it shall come to pass. The main focus of Christmas is Love who gave us His plan for our salvation.