

The First Gospel

Genesis 3:15

Before the angels appeared to Mary and Joseph or the prophets ever foretold Jesus' birth, God promised the victory through His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I. The _____ for the Prophecy of the Gospel

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

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II. The _____ of the Person of the Gospel

III. The _____ of the Power of the Gospel

Satan was majestically triumphant in this . . . battle. He had nailed Jesus to the cross. The prime object of all his striving through all the ages was achieved. But he failed. For the prophecy which had said that he would indeed bruise the seed of the woman had also said that his head would be crushed by Christ's heel. Thus, while Satan was celebrating his triumph in battle over the Son of God, the full weight of the Atonement accomplished by the Crucifixion (which the devil had effected) came down on him, and he realized that all this time, so far from successfully battling against the Almighty, he had actually been carrying out the purposes of the all-wise God. - John H. Gerstner

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim -
We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

- Martin Luther