

## **Hope in the Midst of Defeat**

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Genesis 3:15 & Selected Passages

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### **Introduction:**

Look at what's going on in the world today and try to understand it. You can try to understand it from a perspective outside of God and His revelation to people in His Word but where does that lead you? What hope is there that anything is going to get better?

God's Word helps us to have an understanding that makes sense of the world today and gives us hope for the future. For those who believe God's Word, we know that this hope is Jesus Christ alone.

We celebrate this Hope especially this time of year by singing hymns and songs that focus on God's love to sinners by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to secure our salvation through His life, death, and resurrection. Everyone who trusts in Him has peace with God (rom. 5:1).

Just look at the words that people sing this time of year.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

I Heard the Bells on Christmas

Today I want to trace the theme of God's promise of redemption to God's people through Scripture. Before we look at the first passage in Genesis 3:15 let's look at the context.

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## **Genesis 3:15**

And I will put enmity/hostility

Between you [the Serpent] and the woman [Eve],

And between your [Serpent's] **seed** and her [Eve's] **seed**;

**He** [the woman's seed] shall bruise you [Serpent] on the head,

And you shall bruise him [the woman's seed] on the heel."

**Seed (offspring/descendant); is used both to describe the plural and singular offspring.**

### **Seed of the serpent –**

Cain (1John 3:10-13)

Religious Leaders of Jesus' day (John 8:44)

Judas (John 13:2, 10-11, 18, 26-27; 14:30)

**The "Seed" theme is developed further through the offspring of the woman.**

Seth (4:25)

Noah – Shem (9:25-29; 11:10-26)

**Abram/Abraham (12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:5-7; 17:1-8; 22:17-18**

Isaac (21:12)

Jacob (28:14; 35:9-12)

Judah (49:8-12)

**David (2 Samuel 7:8-16)**

### **The Seed Promise is fulfilled in Jesus Christ**

**Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17)**

**Galatians 3:16**

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

### **The Victory Promised is in Christ's life, death and resurrection.**

**Hebrews 2:14-15, 16-18**

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

**Colossians 2:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, <sup>14</sup>having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

### **Romans 16:20**

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

### **Revelation 20:10**

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

### **Galatians 4:4-5**

**4**But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, **5**so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.