"Genesis 3:15—Part 1"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a two-part series designed to precede the Day of Pentecost on June 16. The title was "Genesis 3:15—Part 1," and it talked about the concept "The Serpent Shall Bruise Christ's Heel."

Genesis 3

Here are some verses in Genesis 3 leading up to verse 15.

- Genesis 3:1—The serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field, and he asked the woman: "Did God say that you may eat of every tree in the garden?"
- Genesis 3:2-3—The woman replied that she and Adam were allowed to eat of every tree in the garden except one tree.
- Genesis 3:4-5—The serpent directly contradicted God's instruction and then subtly questioned the motive of God's answer.
 - Genesis 3:6—Adam and Eve ate fruit from the forbidden tree.
- Genesis 3:11—The Lord God asked: "Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"
 - Genesis 3:12—Adam blamed Eve.
 - Genesis 3:13—Eve blamed the serpent.
- Genesis 3:14-19—The Lord God announced a penalty for the serpent, a penalty for the woman and a penalty for the man.

Genesis 3:14-15

In Genesis 3:14-15—We read of the various penalties directed toward the serpent.

- 1. You are cursed more than all the cattle and more than every beast of the field.
 - 2. On your belly shall you go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.
 - 3. I will put enmity between you and the woman.
 - 4. I will put enmity between your seed and her Seed.
 - 5. Her Seed shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise her Seed's heel.

This Bible study and the next scheduled Bible study deal with the two parts of the last penalty.

A serpent would bruise Christ's heel.

Revelation 12:1-5

- Revelation 12:1-2—A woman delivered a Son.
- Revelation 12:3-5—A dragon was ready to devour the Child of the woman as soon as He was born—but the Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Matthew 2:1-23

- Matthew 2:1-2—Traveling leaders asked citizens where the King was to be born.
- Matthew 2:3-4—Herod asked chief priests and scribes where the Christ was to be born.
- Matthew 2:5-6—The chief priests and scribes said the place was Bethlehem (mentioning Micah 5:2).
- Matthew 2:7—Herod asked the religious leaders when they first saw the star.
- Matthew 2:8—Herod sent the religious leaders to Bethlehem to find the Child and to inform Herod so that he could go to "worship Him" also.
- Matthew 2:9-11—The leaders followed the star and worshiped the young Child.
 - Matthew 2:12—A dream warned the leaders not to return to Herod.
- Matthew 2:13-15—An angel of the Lord told Joseph to take the Child to Egypt (mentioning Hosea 11:1).
- Matthew 2:16-18—Herod was furious and ordered the slaughter of male children from age 2 and younger.
 - Matthew 2:19-21—An angel of the Lord told Joseph to return to Israel.
 - Matthew 2:22-23—Joseph's little family went to Nazareth.

Matthew 4:1-10

- Matthew 4:1-2—The devil tempted the Lord.
- Matthew 4:3-4—"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
 - Matthew 4:5-7—"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down."
- Matthew 4:8-10—"All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Matthew 16:21

In Matthew 16:21, the Son of God told His disciples what was going to happen.

- He must go to Jerusalem.
- He must suffer many things from the elders, chief priests and scribes.
- He would be killed.
- He would be raised the third day.

Some verses from Matthew 26

- Matthew 26:3-5—Chief priests, scribes and elders assembled and plotted to kill the Son of God.
- Matthew 26:14-16—Judas went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.