

GOD'S RADICAL REMEDY FOR MANKIND'S RUIN

GENESIS 3:15, 20-24



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

The purpose of Genesis 3 is to tell us the truth about the **origins** and **consequences** of human evil and to lay the foundation of what the remainder of the Bible will tell us about **God's promise in Genesis 3:15**.

Embedded in His curse against Satan, God gives humanity hope by promising us a **sin Conqueror**.

- I. Sin's **Constitution** (Gen. 3:1-5; Its nature)
- II. Sin's **Consummation** (Gen. 3:6; Coming to completion/fulfillment)
- III. Sin's **Consequences** (Gen. 3:7-12; Ruinous impact on humanity)
- IV. Sin's **Curses** (Gen 3:13-20; God's just judgment on criminality)
- V. Sin's **Conqueror** (Gen 3:15, 20-24; God's **radical remedy** for our ruin)

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*“**And I will put...**”* = one word, ***shyith***. Originally referred to the growth of weeds, thorns, or briars as if put in the field deliberately.

The sense came to mean to cause to be put in a certain **state** or in a certain **relation** to—conceived of as **putting** or **placing** the state on something.

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What is the **state** God is **placing** here?

Enmity.

- *ebah*: used three other times in the Old Testament.
- Each time it means **hostility/hatred** between persons, to include **murder** (Num. 35:21-22).
- Here it means a **state of** deep-seated ill will. One party **is made an enemy** to the other—a state of **war!**

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God is creating a state of war:

1. "...Between **you** and the **woman**..." The curse of warfare **begins** with two individuals, **Satan** and **Eve**, as lifelong bitter enemies. The conflict **spreads**...
2. "...and between **your seed** and **her seed**..." This bitter hostility will also be perpetuated **through** and **between** Satan's offspring and Eve's offspring.
3. "...**He** shall bruise **you** on the head, and **you** shall bruise **Him** on the heel." The warfare shifts back to refer to two individuals—**He** (Christ) shall bruise **you** (Satan) on the head, and you (Satan) shall bruise Him (Jesus) on the heel.

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This great warfare will extend to a godly line of God's **elected** and **protected** people—a **godly lineage** from which will come this promised One who will crush the head of the serpent.

‘Satan, you used **humans** to deal a death blow to **humanity**, and now I will use a **human** to rescue them and to deal a death blow to **you**.’

‘From the **seed of woman**, I will bring My **Savior** to rescue My chosen people; I will save them from your wretched hand.’

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What is God is promising us in Genesis 3:15 that the New Testament will make clear to us?

Here is God's own Son giving His life a ransom for many, as He becomes a curse for us, *"...so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*

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Romans 5:12, 15-21

5:12 *“Therefore, just as through **one man** sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to **all** men, because **all** sinned—”*

5:15 *“But the gracious gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the **one Man, Jesus Christ**, abound to the **many**.”*

5:16 *“And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the **gracious gift** arose from many transgressions resulting in **justification**.”*

5:17 *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of **grace** and of the gift of **righteousness** will **reign** in life through **the One, Jesus Christ**.*

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5:18 *“So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through **one act of righteousness** there resulted **justification** of life to all men.*

5:19 *“For as through the one man's disobedience the many were appointed sinners, even so through the **obedience** of the **One** the many will be **appointed righteous**.”*

5:20 *“Now the Law came in so that the transgression would increase, but where sin increased, **grace abounded all the more**,”*


5:21 *“so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to **eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.”*

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*“He who indeed did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all,
how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”*

Romans 8:32

God's **grace is greater than our sin.**

A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill under a vast night sky filled with stars. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the sky with a vibrant purple and pinkish glow. The text "GRACE CHURCH" is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font, with "WILLIAMSBURG" in a smaller, similar font below it.

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