

The Promised Seed of the Woman.

Genesis 3:15 “*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*”

Isaiah 7:10-16 “Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.”

A. God’s promised victorious seed.

1. God’s promise was that the seed of the woman would “*her seed; it shall bruise thy head*” I believe that there is no doubt the “seed of the woman” is the seed of Mary.
2. Mary was a virgin and while engaged to Joseph she had never been with a man.
3. Mary’s seed was also the seed of God. **Luke 1:35** “*And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*”
 - a. The word “overshadow thee” means - to cast a shade upon, figuratively to invest with preternatural influence – I am thinking that God inserted His seed into Mary’s womb. The baby born was both Deity and human, with two natures.
 - b. He was indeed God/man, but he was not of the seed of man, but the seed of a woman, Mary.
 - c. We will talk about this later. Our point here is to show that Jesus was born to or of no man, He was without Question God’s own Son. “...*the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*” Whatever that “power of God was, it caused her to be with child, God incarnate God embodied the Son of man.

4. *“the Lord himself shall give you a sign”* Isa. 7:14 The word “sign” here means - a signal or a beacon for evidence, which was in the form of a miracle. "Signs" were of various kinds:
 - a. God gave sign to show Who He was. **Exodus 10:2** *“And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.”*
 - b. Signs also contain miracles. **2 Kings 20:8-11** *“And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.”*
 - c. Signs could also contain things foreknowing announcements, **2 Kings 19:29** *“And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.”*
5. God’s sign here is, *“Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son”* A virgin, a woman who has never been with a man, shall conceive and bear a son. Not just that a virgin shall bear a child, but the child will be male.
 - a. Isa was written about 735bc, and Jesus was born about 3bc, so this prophecy and the fulfilment was about 732 years apart.
 - b. Let’s look at the fulfilment. **Matthew 1:18-25** *“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to*

take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.”

- c. The seed of the woman prophesied hundreds earlier and even thousands of years from the promise of the “seed of the woman” we see the fulfilment.
- B. “...and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isa. 7:14
1. Immanuel means – with us (is) God or God with us – Jesus has so many names just as God does, and every name has a valuable meaning. Here the meaning is the man child is God incarnate, or God embodied the Son of Mary’s son.
 2. Look at **Isaiah 9:6 - 7** for another important fact, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*”
 3. **Colossians 2:9** “*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*” And **1 Timothy 3:16** “*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.***”
 4. **John 1:14** “*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*”
 5. He came to crush the power of the serpent. **Luke 19:9 - 10** “*And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.*

6. **Luke 19:10** *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*
Victory from sin and Satan’s power is salvation in Jesus Christ.