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GENESIS 3:14-15

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15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
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This "seed conflict" is a major organizing framework from Genesis onward, manifesting itself throughout the OT:



THE ANTEDILUVIAN AGE—FROM ADAM TO NOAH—FROM THE FLOOD TO ABRAHAM—ABRAHAM TO MOSES



Cain vs Abel Noah and the flood Ham vs Shem Jacob vs Esau Israel vs Egypt Israel vs the Canaanites Northern Kingdom (Israel/Samaria) vs Southern Kingdom (Judah) Israel vs Assyria Judah vs. Babylon

"Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression." Romans 5:14.



"Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to Whom the promise was made." Galatians 3:19.



When Adam sinned, God declared the Seed of the woman would come as man's Redeemer. About 2100 years later, God said to Abraham, "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 26:4. The Seed of the woman was to be Abraham Seed.

Genesis 3:1-7

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die." 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Genesis 3:8-15

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life;

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Here we read of enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. Reference through the Bible and you will find that the serpent is the devil. Revelation 12:9

"that old serpent, called the Devil"; Revelation 20:2

"that old serpent, which is the Devil".

Do these scriptures do not put him in the garden, maybe it was a different serpent? Do not be so sure. Ezekiel 28:13 says "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God" and if you read the context you will find out that it is talking about the Devil (Ezekiel 28:14 "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth"). There is no doubt that this is talking about that old serpent.

Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ we read:

Hebrews 2:16

"For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels: but He took on Him the Seed of Abraham."



Galatians 4:4

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."



Cain vs Abel



Genesis 4:1-2

4 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord."



² Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.



³ So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. ⁴ Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering;

⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. ⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?