

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. –Luke 24:27*

Themes

**Messianic Seed**

Sin and the Law

The Covenants

God’s Presence

The Human Heart

Atonement

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Genesis 3:14-19

* What characters do we see in the immediate aftermath of sin?
* Which of these characters are involved in the promise?
* What gets cursed because of Adam and the woman’s sin?

Genesis 4:1-2

* What does Eve’s statement about the birth of Cain say about how she understood the Seed promise?
* What is Cain’s line of work? How immediate did the curse on the ground occur?
* Knowing that Cain ultimately kills his brother Abel and is expelled to the East by God, did Eve misinterpret the Seed promise?

Working understanding of the Seed Promise:

* The offspring of Eve will deliver a fatal head wound to the serpent who will also strike the offspring in the process.

Genesis 8:20-22

* Did the flood solve the sin problem that roamed the earth?
* How widespread did the sin issue touch?

Genesis 12:1-3

* What things does God promise to Abram, who is a descendent of Eve?

Working understanding of the Seed Promise:

* The offspring of Eve will deliver a fatal head wound to the serpent who will also strike the offspring in the process, *and in so doing be a source of blessing through the line of Abraham to all the sin-filled earth*.

Genesis 49:8-12

* What language does Jacob use to start out his blessing over his son Judah?
* What status does Judah receive from his brothers and others in this prophecy?

Number 24:15-19

* How does “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near” enhance our understanding of the promise?
* What other language is used to connect this oracle to the Seed promise?
* How does Balaam expand our understanding of Jacob’s promise over Judah?

2 Samuel 2:4-7

* Who is the first king of Judah that we are introduced to?
* In Ch. 11, David sees a beautiful woman, he desires her, learns she is married, has her brought to him to have sex with, and she becomes pregnant. He sends her husband to the frontlines of battle so he will die in order to cover up his adultery. Read 2 Samuel 12:9-12
* Why is David not the promised offspring?
* What promise is made to David regarding the Seed promise?

Working understanding of the Seed Promise:

* The *far future* offspring of Eve will deliver a fatal head wound to the serpent who will also strike the offspring in the process, and in so doing would be a source of blessing through the line of Abraham to all the sin-filled earth. *This offspring will exercise dominion through the lines of Judah and David*.

Isaiah 7:10-17

* What does the sign of a virgin conceiving a child mean?
* What would happen when Immanuel ate curds and honey?

Isaiah 9:1-7

* How is Immanuel connected to the Seed Promise?

Jeremiah 23:5-8

* What change in timing is suggested in our understanding of the Promised Seed?
* How is the promised Seed’s reign described?

Jeremiah 33:7-9

* What will God do to Israel through the promised Seed of Judah?

Daniel 7:9-14

* What are the things Daniel sees at this future event?

Zechariah 9:9-17

* What sign is given to announce the arrival of Israel’s King?
* Ephraim was not the firstborn but was given the firstborn’s blessing by Joseph. What significance does that have to the Lord shooting Ephraim, His arrow, like lightning as they go to battle?
* What duration of time is given for when God will save His people?

Concluding understanding of the Seed;

* *To avenge the serpent’s deception, the soon-coming* future offspring of Eve *born to a virgin who was able to reject evil and choose good, and entered on a donkey,* will deliver a fatal head wound to the serpent, who will also strike the offspring in the process, *in a singular event*, and in so doing would be a source of blessing through the line of Abraham to all the sin-filled earth *by forgiving sin and guilt*. This offspring will exercise dominion through the line of Judah and David *as a wise, just, and righteous king who reigns forever over all peoples and nations*.