

The Bible's First Promise

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity [*hatred*] , between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise [*shoof, crush or break*], thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

I. The first promise to fallen man, and the essence of the Gospel, is that Satan's head will be crushed:

Cast out by the Cross: John 12:31-33 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. [32] And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. [33] This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Condemned by the Cross: John 16:7-11 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove (convince or convict) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. (judgement passed upon)

Defeated 4 ways by the work of Christ on the Cross: Luke 11:21-22 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when (1) a stronger than he shall come upon him, (2) and overcome him, (3) he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, (4) and divideth his spoils.

Destroyed by Christ Hebrew 2:14-15, Rev. 19:10

Heb. 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Rev. 19:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

II. The seed of woman, the Lord Jesus, was bruised in the heel, which is not fatal:

Isaiah 53:4-11 4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

III. This prophecy teaches us that, as a Christian, many times Satan may bruise our heel, but he cannot destroy our soul. We shall triumph through Christ our Savior.