



THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE CURSE AND DECAY

GENESIS 3:14-19

In this passage:

- God institutes the *Second Law of Thermodynamics*.
- The first prophecy of the coming Messiah in the Bible—*The Seed of the Woman*.
- **GENESIS 3:14-19** contains what has commonly been called “*The Curse*.”

THE THREE PARTS OF THE CURSE

- 1.** All the physical elements of the universe that were first created—***BODY. GENESIS 1:1***
- 2.** All conscious life in animals and man—***MIND/SOUL. GENESIS 1:21***
- 3.** The spiritual nature of God in man—***SPIRIT. GENESIS 1:27***

All are affected here in **GENESIS 3.**

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

Satan is a defeated foe. Notice time, power, and influence is limited by God from the very beginning of the curse.

- There will come One who will not be of the man's seed, and who therefore will not be under Satan's dominion at all . . . not of Adam!
- He will be uniquely the "***Seed of the woman,***" miraculously conceived and virgin-born.

WAR IS DECLARED

A time of conflict and even apparent victory on the part of the serpent is revealed; Satan is able to “bruise the heel” of the woman’s seed.

- Many of the religions of the ancient world have at least a mention of this prophecy, especially in the so-called signs of the zodiac.
- All of mankind has a war with a real enemy: The serpent of old . . . the Devil/Satan.

THE SEED OF THE WOMAN?

The term “seed” has a biological connotation.

- It is the Greek word *sperma*. Neither Satan, who is a spirit, nor the woman would be able to produce actual seed; only the man was created physically to do this.
- This promised “Seed”—*Jesus*—would not partake of the inherited sin nature of Adam’s children, but would nevertheless be a man.

SATAN IS NOT OMNI- ANYTHING!

The promised Seed would one day be born of a human woman, but Satan was left in the dark as to which woman, and at what time, what place.

- Both he and Eve may have thought initially it would be her firstborn son, and was likely why he focused on Cain and Abel.
- For millennia, Satan continued his attacks against all the males born in the promised line.

THE PAINS OF BEING A WOMAN

The long sad record of human history has confirmed the accuracy of this judgment first handed down to Eve; the pain of childbirth, misogyny, and chauvinism being the fruit of this curse.

- In most non-Christian cultures and religions, such subjugation and humiliation have been almost universal, with the husband having the power of life and death over his wife, as in ***Islam/Hinduism***.

ADAM . . . DIRT, DECAY AND DEATH

- ***Dirt***—Hard labor, work that seems fruitless, weeds, thorns . . . all is the result of Adam’s sin.
- ***Death*** and dying—God did not “create” death but rather withdrew His sustaining power which had maintained a “status quo” of life.
- ***Decay***—The universal experience that *all things* eventually wear out, run down, grow old, decay, and pass into the dust.

WHAT ADAM MESSED UP, JESUS CAN FIX UP

Man is a sinner and has brought God's curse on the earth: sorrow, pain, suffering, sweat, and tears.

- But Christ, as Son of Man and second Adam, has been made the curse for us (**GALATIANS 3:13**). Jesus cursed the curse to death!
- Praise God for deliverance from the bondage of sin, decay, and death in Christ Jesus His Son!