

THE SEED

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All history is centered on the seed of the woman, the offspring of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb slain for the sins of the world.

To the serpent God said, “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel” (Gen. 3:15). Isaiah also wrote of this conflict: “Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; He has put him to grief: when thou shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities” (Isa. 53:10–11). The bruising of the serpent’s head is seen in Christ’s victorious death on the cross, where He paid the penalty for our sins and defeated the death-dealing purpose of the serpent.

From the beginning God had only one seed in view. “Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He says not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ...And if you are Christ’s, then are you Abraham’s seed, heirs according to promise” (Gal. 3:16, 29).

In this covenant with Abraham God said, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations” (Gen 17:4). God’s plan included all nations, not just the physical descendents of Abraham, but all those who are the children of Abraham **by faith**. Jesus emphasized this fact, and it was because of His inclusion of Gentiles in salvation that the Jews became so outraged at Him that they wanted to kill Him. Peter also had trouble accepting this and only learned his lesson after a miraculous vision and the conversion of the Roman centurion (Acts 10).

In every way possible Jesus and His apostles taught that we become the children of God by faith and not by flesh. For example, when certain Jews made the claim, “Our father is Abraham,” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.” He then went on to say to the, “You are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stands not in truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar and the father thereof” (John 8:39, 44). Being Jewish has nothing to do with being Abraham’s seed. Ishmael was a child of Abraham. His descendents are the Arab people. But as long as they and the Jewish people do not put their faith in Christ, they do not come under the promise to the seed of Abraham.

The apostle Paul dealt with this problem. “For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel: neither, because they are Abraham’s seed, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are the children of God; but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed” (Rom. 9:6–8). Those called to receive glory are “not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles” (vs. 24). He cites a passage from the book of Hosea to show that God’s promise to Israel speaks not of Jews only but also of Gentiles. “I will call that my people, which was not my people; and her beloved, that was not beloved. And it shall be, that in the place where it was said unto

them, you are not my people, there shall they be called sons of the living God” (Rom. 9:25–26).

What then of national Israel? It is a secular entity with no relationship to biblical promises. It is estimated that 85% of its population are not related in flesh or in faith to Abraham.

What then of the claim of so many that “God blesses those who bless the Jew and curses those who criticize them?” The blessing and cursing clause is found in Genesis 12 and has to do with Abraham and his true seed, not those who have rejected the promises of God in Christ. Jesus Himself was the most critical of the Jews and the nation of Israel, condemning them to Gehenna and pronouncing His final judgment upon the whole nation as being left desolate (Matt. 23:33, 38). The fulfillment of His prediction was one of the most extraordinary epochs in all history, with an entire nation blotted out of existence within the space of three and a half years, ending in 70 AD.

In the original promise, the seed of the woman is Christ, and the seed of Abraham are those who receive Christ and are saved by His death and resurrection. All seed in Adam must die; only the seed of Christ are to live eternally (I Cor. 15:22).

The SEED are all to be gathered into one people in the New Jerusalem, the “Bride” of the Lamb, and into this city is incorporated the remnant of the twelve tribes.

The ultimate promise is not temporal life in the land of Palestine but eternal life in the new creation, the new earth of Revelation 21 and II Peter 3:13: not for a few years or a thousand years, but for eternity. Even Abraham himself who was to be the “heir of the world” (Rom. 4:13), actually looked for a “heavenly country” rather than a temporal, political nation (Heb. 11:13–16).

National Israel forfeited here future by rejecting the faith of Abraham and the seed which God had promised. Those who continue to look for and strive for a worldly Zion are doomed for disappointment. Jesus said that in this world you have tribulation. This applies to all people and to all nations which ultimately are to be destroyed at the coming of Christ (II Thess. 1:7, II Peter 3, Matt. 25:31–46).

There is only one hope for peace, prosperity, and life, and that hope was given in the promise of the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ our Savior.

The frantic struggle being made today, by humanists, socialists, evolutionists and devotees of Islam is the old historic effort to find an alternative to the Seed. There is none. All such roads are dead-ends. He is the only way.

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