

Sunday morning, December 19, 2021  
The Savior's First Birth Announcement  
Genesis 3:14–15

- I. Genesis 3:15 Is the Beginning of the Gospel of Grace  
Rom. 8:7; Eph. 4:17, 18; Col. 1:21; Rom. 4:6
  
- II. Genesis 3:15 Is the Beginning of God's Holy War
  - A. Conflict #1: Enmity Between Satan and the Woman Gen. 3:15a  
Jn. 3:19, 20; Rom. 3:10–12
  
  - B. Conflict #2: Enmity Between Satan's People and God's People Gen. 3:15b
    - 1. Who Are These Two Groups?
      - a. Who Is Satan's Seed?  
Jn. 8:44; Lk. 3:7; Matt. 13:38; 1 Jn. 3:8–15
  
      - b. Who Is the Woman's Seed?  
1 Jn. 3:9
  
    - 2. What Is the Enmity Between the Two Groups?  
1 Jn. 2:15; Jas. 4:4; Lk. 14:26
  
  - C. Conflict #3: Battle Between Two Individuals Gen. 3:15
    - 1. Who Are the Two Individuals?
  
    - 2. What Is Their Battle?

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"On that first Christmas morning, the world must have seemed a hard place to Mary. At the end of a weary journey there was 'no room at the inn.' The only shelter offered to her was the 'lowly cattle shed.' I find this a great mystery and a great wonder. Every day science discovers more and more of the complex wisdom of God. Anyone who uses his mind has a much bigger idea of God than our grandfathers, or even our fathers, ever had. Yet God has been here on this planet, in person. What we are celebrating . . . is not the feast of jolly old Father Christmas or good King Wenceslaus, or a beautiful fairy tale. We are celebrating the visit of God. How marvelous!"  
(J.B.Phillips in *For This Day*)

"Satan was majestically triumphant in this. . . battle. He had nailed Jesus to the cross. The prime object of all his striving through all the ages was achieved. But he failed. For the prophecy which had said that he would indeed bruise the seed of the woman, had also said that his head would be crushed by Christ's heel. Thus while Satan was celebrating his triumph in battle over the Son of God, the full weight of the Atonement accomplished by the Crucifixion (which the devil had effected) came down on him, and he realized that all this time, so far from successfully battling against the Almighty, he had actually been carrying out the purposes of the all-wise God."  
(John Gerstner)