

## Week 2- The Promise of the Serpent Crusher

The darkest moment in history is when Adam and Eve decided to sin against God. Adam and Eve had the perfect life. They had no sin, no pain, and no hardships. Their relationship with God and each other was full of love and happiness. When Satan convinced them to disobey God, all of that was broken. Their rebellion against God forced them out of his presence. They could no longer have the relationship they once did.

In the most hopeless moment, God intervened. He loved mankind too much to allow them to never be in his presence again. In Genesis 3:15 God proclaimed, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." God predicted that a great battle would take place. This battle would be the biggest showdown in history.

In this grand battle, there would be two champions. The first champion is a man that is born of a woman. A man that looked like Adam. This man represents all humans. He is a great champion that the human race depended upon. The second champion is Satan; He represents evil, sin, and all of God's enemies. These two great champions will fight an epic battle. God proclaims that in this great battle, the Man will crush the serpent. The Man will slam his foot into the head of Satan. The Man will reign victoriously. While the Man will crush and destroy Satan, the Man will be bruised in the process. The Man will be hurt, but will reign as the ultimate champion.

Even though Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden, they now had hope. They had the promise of a champion. This champion could destroy sin. This champion could bring them back into the presence of God. In the midst of the darkest moment in history, they had a glimpse of hope.

Thousands of years after this prediction, a boy was born in Israel. This boy became a man and proclaimed to be the champion and savior of the world. He also proclaimed to be God. He was both God and Man. This man came to crush Satan; and by doing so he crushed evil, sin, and all the enemies that oppose God. This man was named Jesus. As many of you know, Jesus came to this earth knowing that he would be persecuted. He knew that he had to go to the cross in order to save the world. He had to purchase the sins of humanity. He died on that cross. He was bruised as the prediction said he would be. But three days later, he rose again. He was victorious over Satan and all of evil. Through Jesus, you can have access to God again. You can get back into the presence of God. Sin can be crushed in your life.

### Questions

1. Why was the world so hopeless?
2. What prediction did God make?
3. How did Jesus complete that prediction?
4. What can you have through Jesus?