

## The Fall Rise Part 4

The Prophecy

*Genesis 3:15*

*Memory Verses: Genesis 3:15*

### MANUSCRIPT

#### Introduction (Me, We, & the Struggle)

Adam and Eve's rebellion towards God set in motion a chain reaction of events that we all carry with us today. The loss of paradise, the broken relationship with the Father, the prospect of eternal death and destruction in Hell, the shame of our transgressions... all of it ours to carry. The wages of sin is more than we can bear, the burden of sin is more than carry. Though it is our responsibility to rule over it... we simply cannot. We are fallen, we are dead in our sin. We are drastically in need of help.

Put yourself in Adam and Eve's shoes. You've clearly messed up... in a very big way. You are hearing God tell you that because of your disobedience you will now be cursed to live lives of hardship and pain. You are confronted with the fact that now your bodies will eventually grow old and die. You are removed from God's perfect paradise and God's perfect presence. Your relationship with the creator is broken and in shambles. You are hopelessly lost. And then you hear God say this to the serpent. Look with me at **Genesis 3:15**.

At first it doesn't register. But then it starts to take hold. This is a prophecy. For a time sin will rule over humanity. But there is one coming who will eventually defeat Satan and break the curse of sin and death. And this isn't just any prophecy. The Old Testament is chalked full of prophecies about war and famine, kings and kingdoms, end times and tribulations. But this prophecy stands apart. This is THE Prophecy!

Mankind is fallen from grace. Our relationship with the Father is broken. Humanity is cursed with the overwhelming burden of sin and the wages of death. There is no hope. We are headed for an eternity of hell. And yet, one day, one will come who will destroy the enemy, break the curse, take away our sin, save us from hell, and restore our relationship to the father forever. This is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

This is what Easter is all about. The day that the son of man crushed the head of the serpent for our salvation. The day that the fallen became the risen! And the only question is this; what will you do with it? Jesus, risen from the grave, alive forever more, carrying the keys to eternal life, with Satan crushed under his feet, is reaching out to you, beckoning you to come to him and be saved. What will you do? Will you let Jesus take your sin and your burden and be risen to new life with him

or will you reject his sacrifice and his offer of salvation and continue to live in sinful rebellion? Today is the day you can have a new life in Christ. **The prophecy of mankind's redemption has been fulfilled by Christ's resurrection.**

#### Teaching (Expand on the Problem, God)

The first thing we need to see in this verse is that... **The Prophecy states that the war on sin is a battle we cannot win.** Look again at the first part of **v15a**. I will put enmity between you and the woman. Remember the woman here, Eve, represents humanity. There will be enmity between Satan and humanity. Enmity simply means intense hostility. It's the applicable, practical, means of hatred. Satan hates humanity and is seeking to destroy it by all means necessary. Satan wars against humanity in one primary way. He mostly attacks the same way he attacked Eve, through temptation. Satan's power is the lure of sin through deception and half-truths. He is working behind the scenes in the spiritual realm to convince people to live according to their selfish desires and justify their sinfulness. And he will not relent. He will not stop. He will continue until he has destroyed your soul, destroyed your testimony, and won you to his side.

Get this... your life will be a constant battle against sin which you will never win. You will never be good enough, you will never be able to reach sinlessness in your life. And even if you could, it still doesn't matter, one sin condemns you. The sins you commit that you are unaware of condemn you. The sins you committed as a child when you were unaware that you were actually sinning... condemns you to eternal hell. You were born into sin and there is no winning this battle. It is futile. **You could never be good enough, nor would it matter, because you were born into sin. You've already lost the war against sin.**

The next thing we need to see in this verse is that... **The Prophecy states that the war on sin will cost dearly.** Look at **v15c**. Sin costs more than we could ever even understand. Yes, it costs us our lives. Yes, it costs us heaven and eternity with God. But have you even considered what it cost God? The offspring of Eve in this prophecy is boiled down to one person... HE! In a sense, Satan has enmity for all of us. In another sense this battle boils down to 1v1! This HE is Jesus. The son of God.

2000 years ago, God sent his son, Jesus, to earth in the form of a human child. And this child had one purpose. Die for the sins of humanity. To let Satan bruise his heel. You say, death seems like more than a bruised heel... Well we will get to that in a second. But for now, I want us to focus on the cost of the life of the son of God! God, the author and creator of everything. The supreme ruler of the universe with unlimited power. Sent himself in the form of his son, to earth. He disrobed from his divine power so that he could be tempted in every way that we are. And he was. And he

never gave in. Can you imagine the mental strain it must take to follow the law to the letter, every day for 33 years? And then he was betrayed by those he called friends, and he was beat and put on a cross by those he was here to save. And then for 6 hours he hung on a cross, experiencing the worlds most excruciating death. Get the torture Jesus went through. He was whipped with the cat of nine tails. Strips of leather with bone and glass attached would rip out flesh, tendons, and muscle until bones and organs were visible. If never put on the cross he would not have been able to survive the flogging. He had nine inch nails hammered into his wrists and feet. He had a crown of 2 inch thorns shoved into his skull. He was forced to put pressure on his hands and feet to keep himself upright in order to breathe. But eventually because of the pain of the nails and sheer exhaustion, he could no longer pull himself up and suffocated. After Jesus died, they stuck him in the side with a spear to see if he was dead and only water came out. Meaning... he had bled so much, that he didn't have any more blood to bleed. You need to understand this. Our lives are nothing compared to the life of Jesus. He is God. He is worthy of all. He is the creator and the sustainer of all life. He is pure love personified. **Yes sin costs us our lives and our eternity. But it cost God his son and that is very costly indeed!**

But that's not the end. You see the third thing we need to see in this verse is that... **The Prophecy states that the war on sin will be won by Christ.** Finally let us look at **v15b**. Remember how it says that Jesus' death was simply a bruised heel? How? How is that possible. How, if Jesus is dead can he deliver Satan and sin a fatal head shot? How indeed? A dead savior cannot defeat Satan. A dead God cannot redeem us from sin. A dead God is useless. Muhammad is dead... useless. The Buddhas are all dead... useless.

But Jesus didn't stay dead. Look at **Luke 24:1-6**. Our God is alive. Our God is risen. Our God has proven that he is the real deal. He rose from the dead! What other proof do you need. Christianity is based on this one event. **If it weren't for the resurrection of Christ there is not victory.** If Jesus was not risen then Satan is not crushed. If Jesus was not risen then the prophecy is not fulfilled. If Jesus was not risen then our sin still stands. Look at what Paul says in **1 Corinthians 15:17-20**. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead defeating sin forever. Why do we call him Christ? Because Christ means chosen one. Jesus was the chosen one who fulfilled the prophecy! We call him Christ because he is the one who fulfilled the prophecy. **The prophecy of mankind's redemption has been fulfilled by Christ's resurrection.**

## Application

You can be saved today from your sin. You can be saved today from death and eternal damnation. All you have to do is put your trust in the fulfilled prophecy of Christ. Can you believe that He is God? Can you believe that he died and rose from the grave for your sins? If so, put your faith in him. A simple way to do this is to pray this... Jesus I know that I am a sinner in need of a savior. Jesus I know that I have failed you and fallen short of your glory. I want to turn from my sin and make you my Lord. I want you to save me and make me new! I commit my life to you! It's that simple today!

## Conclusion

As we close today we want to close in worship! One of the way ways we worship Christ is through the **Lord's Supper**. Communion is a time of remembering what Jesus has sacrificed for us. And of course, we've been doing that this entire sermon... so really quickly let us again focus on his works on the cross.