

Biblical Development of the Antithesis Theme

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This enmity (antithesis) theme is developed throughout the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation. It is a conflict between two families, two faiths, two kingdoms, and two worldviews:

Trust & Obey Lord

vs. Trust & Obey Idol

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Gen 3.15

Offspring of the Woman

vs. Offspring of Satan

Abel

Cain (Gen 4.3-12; Heb 11.4; 1 John 3.12-13)

Sethites

Cainites (Ge 4.17-26; Gen 6.5-8)

Noah--Shem

Ham--Canaan (Gen 8.21-22; 9.5-11; 9.24-27)

Abraham

Gentiles

"I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" Gen 12.3; cf. 19.29 with 18.23-33

Isaac

Ishmael (Gen 16.12; 21.8-21; Gal 4.21-31)

Jacob

Esau (Gen 25.23, 34; Rom. 9.6; Heb 12.16)

Joseph

Brothers (Gen 45.4-8; 50.20; cf. Acts 2.22-39)

Moses/Jews

Pharaoh/Egyptians (Exodus)

Holy/Law

Unholy/Lawless (Deut 7; Lev 19; 2 Cor 6.17ff)

True Justice /Judges

Perverted Justice / Judges (Exod 23.1-9; Ps 82)

Joshua

Canaanites (Joshua)

Judges

Midianites, Philistines (Judges)

David

Goliath/Saul (1 Sam 17.45-47)

Davidic Son

The Nations (Ps 2; Acts 4.23-28)

Wisdom

Folly (Job-Song of Sol.; Ps 1; 115; Prov 1.7; Eccl 12.13-14)

True prophets for

False Prophets for (1 Kings 18.23; Jer 23.16-32)

The LORD

Idols (Isa 44.6-20; Jer 10.1-16)

Remnant

Apostate Jews (Isa 8.11--9.7)

Jesus

The Devil (Matt 4.4,8; 7.13-14 (Two Ways), 24-27 (Two Trees); Matt 12.28; John 12.31 (Two Kingdoms); 1 John 3.8 (Two Families)

Christians

The Devil, World, & Sin Nature (Gal 6.14; Eph 6.14; Col 3.5f; 2 Cor 10.3-5; 1 John 2.15-17; Rom 8.5-14)

The Lamb, The Word of God
At War

Babylon, Anti-theistic World, (Rev 19.11-21)

The Gospel of God's Covenant Kingdom Fulfilled in Christ

"The kingdom means...the ideal of religion realized" Geerhardus Vos

