

Thank you for joining us today for "Take Ten."

Currently, we are on a journey to discover facts found in the Bible about sickness and healing. Today's focus is that:

**The First Prophecy in the Bible and the First Promise of Redemption Included Healing.**

The first prophecy in the Bible is found in **Genesis 3:15**,

"And I will put **enmity**  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,  
And you shall bruise His heel."

God said to Satan, "And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and hers."

The Hebrew word for enmity is "eybah," which means hostility, hatred, or treating as an enemy. This "enmity" was more than a separation from the other. These two seeds are warring factions against each other - the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent, or Satan.

Notice that it is not the seed of man. It's the seed of the woman, which could only refer to the coming of the Messiah, the Son of God, the seed of promise, and Mary. One seed is Christ, and the other is Satan's seed.

Genesis 3:15 is also the first place in the Bible where we see the **Law of Double Reference** in action. God is talking to the serpent, and at the same time, God is speaking to Satan, saying, "your seed."

One was a corruptible seed.

The other was an incorruptible seed.

One seed was death.

The other was life.

One seed was sin.

The other was redemption.

One seed was sickness.

The other was wholeness.

These seeds will always be at odds with each other.

Hold the idea of "seed" as we move to the book of Isaiah.

The book of Isaiah further highlights this plan. Listen to this scripture set in chapter 53. We will start in verse 4:

**Isaiah 53:4-6**, "Surely He has **borne** (nasa: to lift or carry away)

our **griefs** (choli: suffering, disease, sick, sickness)

And **carried** (cabal: to carry or bear) our **sorrows** (pains physical and mental);

Yet we esteemed Him stricken,

Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was **wounded** (chalal: to harm, slay, or pierce. This refers to Christ's piercing of the hands, feet, and side, stripes by scourging, cuts by thorns.) for our transgressions, He was **bruised** (daka: to crumble, beat to pieces, break, bruise, crush, destroy, or smite, and other bodily sufferings.) for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,  
And by His **stripes** we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
We have turned, every one, to his own way;  
And the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all."

All of this was part of the work of atonement. Moving down to verse, this is where the "seed" comes in:

10, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;

He has put Him to grief.

When You make His soul an offering for sin,

He shall see His seed (Same word, Zera', offspring. In other words, Christ is the fulfillment of the promise from Genesis 3.), He shall

prolong His days,

And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant (Jesus) shall justify many,

For He shall bear their iniquities."

The atonement of Christ is the completion of God's prophetic declaration in **Genesis 3:15!**

Most people can see that Jesus was our sin offering. **2 Corinthians**

**5:21** states, "**He was made sin for us that we might be the righteousness of God in Him.**"

But this scripture set in Isaiah 53 is not limited to sin. Christ became not only our sin offering but also our sick offering. Both sickness and sin were

part of the curse in the Garden, and both were dealt with in redemption and atonement.

In other words, God made covenants to heal the body AND save the soul (**Ex. 15:26; 15:26; 23:25; Lev. 26; Dt. 28; Matt. 26:28**). God sent His Son to demonstrate these provisions (**Matt. 8:16-17; 9:5-6; John 10:10; Acts 10:38**). He even commissioned the early disciples to carry out the work (**Matt. 10; Mark 16:5-20; Luke 10; 24:49; Acts 1:1-2, 8; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Heb. 2:3-4**).

God declared that healing would accompany conversion if the gospel is taught correctly and men receive and act on the truth (**Isa. 6:9-13; Job 33:14-29; Ps. 103:3; Matt. 9:5-6; 13:14-17; Acts 28:24-28; Jas. 5:14-16**).

The Word confirms this prophecy in **Matthew 8:16-17** "When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and **healed all who were sick**, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:  
"He Himself **took** our infirmities  
And **bore our sicknesses**."

This included physical sickness, not just spiritual healing.

Peter also confirmed the prophecy of Isaiah:

**1 Peter 2:24** "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."

There is a good chance that Peter physically saw Jesus' body on that tree and the stripes he bore for our healing. You have to know how personal that moment was for Peter. No doubt, by the time he wrote 1 Peter, he knew what those stripes meant.

The words "took" and "bore" from Isaiah 53 imply removal or being taken away, to bear or lift - with the idea of removal. Both Hebrew and greek have the same meaning. It's the idea that one person took the burden of another and placed it on Himself.

Sickness was taken away in the same sense sins are taken away.

What was it He bore away by taking upon Himself? It's not just sins, but griefs, sicknesses, and sorrows or pains. He carried them upon Himself to deliver us from them.

Many of us know that Jesus did this for sin, but we don't always get the sickness part of it.

Sin and sickness are a package deal. You cannot separate them from this moment in atonement. If you accept that He atoned for your sin, you must also accept that He atoned for your sickness and death. All of this was prophecied by God, first thing in the book of Genesis.

**Something to remember:** Healing and salvation aren't a-la-cart; either you believe in atonement or don't, but you don't get to pick and choose.

See you in our next lesson.