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God's Story Begins:

-Creation

-Disaster

-The promise of salvation: Genesis

3:15

-Who is this champion?

15 “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.”

Genesis 3:15

The Story Continues: A Descendent of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” **Genesis**

12:1-3

A Descendent of Judah

¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. **Genesis 49:10**

A Descendent of David

Nathan to David: “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” **2 Samuel 7:16**

-The Old Testament Ends Unfulfilled.

-Who is the seed of the woman, the descendent of Abraham, Judah, and David who will fulfill God's promises?

-The New Testament Begins: Matthew 1:1.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. **Matthew 1:1-2**

The Gospels recount the conflict between the promised seed and the ancient serpent of Genesis 3:15.

The story continues:

What did Jesus talk about during the 40 days of his resurrection appearances?

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." **John 20:21**

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20**

8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **Acts 1:8**

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