

Part 2: The Covenant with Adam

The Covenant Itself

- ✦ Gen. 3:14-21
 - ✦ The word covenant isn't used, but it isn't used at the institution of the Davidic covenant either.
 - ✦ God promises redemption for the very first time. The story should have been over, but He gives unexpected hope.
 - ✦ The stage is set for a struggle between two sides through the rest of the Bible. Salvation for God's people will involve the defeat of their enemies.
 - ✦ Some see the garments of skin as the first instance of blood being shed to cover sins. Abel and Noah seem to understand the need for a blood sacrifice.

Promised blessings

- ✦ The seed/Seed of the woman will be at enmity with the serpent (not expected).
- ✦ Children
- ✦ Bread

Faithful response

- ✦ Be at enmity with the serpent.
- ✦ Hope in God to raise up a future savior.

- ✦ Have Godly offspring and train them to look for a savior.

Jesus' fulfillment

- ✦ Luke 1:30-31; 2:29-32 — He was a seed of the woman.
- ✦ Heb. 2:14-15; Rev. 12:9-12 — He crushed the head of the serpent by His death.

Continuing promises

- ✦ There are only two ways—the serpent's and Jesus'—no matter what the world says.
- ✦ Jesus is the only solution to suffering.

Old Testament Readings

- ✦ Terms and ideas to look for: final judgment, deliverance, crushing of God's enemies, Godly offspring endangered, two ways contrasted — faithful v. unfaithful.
- ✦ Exodus 1:8-22 — Where do you see the themes of the covenant with Adam? How do you see God being faithful to His promises?
- ✦ Psalm 109 — How can David pray for these harsh judgments on his enemies? Does Gen. 3:15 change your understanding of this kind of passage?
- ✦ Isaiah 63:1-9 — What imagery from the covenant of Adam do you see here? We don't often think of Jesus in these violent terms, but how does Gen. 3:15 help connect this passage to Jesus and our salvation?