Christ: The Indestructible “Seed”

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Text: Gen. 3:15

### Intro

1. It is easy to look at the wickedness and evil in the world and wonder how good can triumph?
   1. Justice system faulty with its prejudices and limitation of science.
   2. Agencies who seek to destroy moral codes set forth by the word of God.
   3. People standing for what is morally right condemned for “hate speech” & other crimes.
   4. Truly the world has become what Isaiah warned about: those who call evil good, and good evil *(Is. 5:20).*
2. Even in a society that promotes what is evil, men are fascinated with stories about good vs. evil
   1. Books, Movies, TV, etc…
3. The word of God holds the clues we need to see that the struggle for good and evil is already won, it is up to the good to just persevere to the victory celebration!
4. Satan has lost but wants to drag into defeat with him all that he can!
5. To see how good has already won, and that God’s promises are everlasting (even when it looks bleak), one must consider what Satan has tried to do since the beginning of time.
   1. Satan’s drive is to discredit God.
      1. *Gen. 3:1-6:* Satan deceived Eve into thinking God’s promise of “death” for disobedience was invalid.
      2. Gen. 3:15: God made the promise of His Son as Savior of men from their sin, and told the age-old struggle of good vs. evil: Christ vs. Satan.
6. Since then, Satan has tried to discredit God by making that promise invalid, and failed!

#### Satan Tries to Destroy the Seed of All Mankind

* 1. The days of Noah
     1. The promise of a “Seed” of woman could come from anyone!
     2. Gen. 6:5-7: The corruption of Satan on the earth was so great God was going to destroy mankind.
        1. If Satan had succeeded in corrupting all of the world till God destroyed it all, His promise would be invalid.
     3. Gen. 6:8: “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.”
        1. Noah and his family (8 persons total – I Pet. 3:20) were saved from the wrath of God (Heb. 11:7).
  2. Satan failed!

#### Satan Tries to Destroy the Seed of Abraham

* 1. Seed of Abraham
     1. Gen. 12:3: God promised through Abraham’s seed the nations of earth would be blessed (Gen. 3:15).
        1. The promise of “Seed of woman” would be a “He” (Gen. 3:15) but here God reveals the family He would come from!
        2. The promise of the seed of Abraham was narrowed down from all the families of the earth, but still very general (descendants of Jacob alone!)
        3. Satan had a target: Abraham’s family!
  2. Bondage & death to males
     1. Ex. 1:15-16: The sons of Israel (seed of Abraham) were in Egypt and under bondage, and now all their newborn sons were ordered to be killed (“every male”).
        1. If Satan was successful, no male heir to promise of “seed of Abraham.”
     2. Ex. 1:17: The midwives “feared God” and would not obey the king.
     3. Satan tried again
        1. Ex. 1:22: Pharaoh ordered “every son” born thrown into Nile.
     4. *Ex. 2:1-9:* Moses was hid away and adopted by Pharaoh’s daughter!
     5. Satan failed!
  3. Red Sea Deliverance
     1. Ex. 14:9-10: Pharaoh chased the Israelites to the Red Sea, no escape.
        1. Satan was trying to destroy the “Seed!”
     2. Ex. 14:13: God saved them with the parting of the Red Sea and drowned the Egyptian army chasing them (14:21-31)
     3. Not just a blow to Egypt, but to Satan!
  4. Satan failed!

#### Satan Tries to Destroy the Seed of David

* 1. Seed of David
     1. The “Seed” could come from any of the 12 tribes of Israel, until…
     2. II Sam. 7:12-16: Promise of the “Seed” would come from house of Judah (Gen. 49:8-12), and more specifically, from the line of David! *(Is. 11:1; Jer. 33:15)*
     3. The people had a specific promise, but ***now*** Satan had a specific target!
     4. If Satan could destroy the family of David, God’s promise would be invalid!
  2. Athaliah kills royal seed!
     1. Satan tried numerous times to destroy the house of David, from fighting within his own family, to nations outside trying to conquer, & with the house of Ahab.
     2. II Kings 11:1: After the king of Judah (Ahaziah, son of Athaliah) was assassinated by Jehu *(II Kings 9:27-28; II Chr. 22:7),* Athaliah killed all royal offspring (her own children and grandchildren).
        1. If successful, house of Ahab would be established on throne of Judah.
        2. For seven years it appeared to have worked! *(II Kings 11:4)*
     3. II Kings 11:2-3: All but one: Joash was saved! Line of David preserved *(11:12-16).*
     4. Satan failed!
  3. Haman seeks to do Satan’s work
     1. During the exile, there was no king over Judah, but line of David was unbroken, and Satan didn’t rest just because they were in exile.
     2. Esther 3:13: Haman’s plan was total annihilation of the Jews.
        1. If this plan was successful, line of David would be destroyed, promise nullified!
        2. Haman was an Agagite (Est. 3:1), a descendant of the kings of the Amalekites (Agag was a royal title). The Lord had declared perpetual war against Amalek (Ex. 17:15-16). The Book of Esther relates the last recorded battle in that war! (Wouldn’t have happened if Saul obeyed God – I Sam. 15)
        3. *Some have suggested:* Mordecai was of the tribe of Benjamin (Est. 2:5), the tribe of king Saul, who fought the Amalekites and was charged with their complete destruction (I Sam. 15), and here he refuses to bow to an Amalekite! *(Possible explanation!)*
     3. *Esther 8-9:* The Jews were given the authority to defend their lives against any and all that attacked them *(Est. 8:11-12; 9:16,* 20-22)
        1. They killed 500 men and the ten sons of Haman in Susa alone!
        2. King Ahasuerus wondered how many were killed in all provinces!
        3. Feast of Purim set up in honor of their deliverance!
  4. Satan failed!

#### Satan Tries to Destroy Jesus Christ: the “Seed” of Woman

* 1. Herod attempts to kill Jesus as a baby
     1. Angels pronounced the birth of Jesus to shepherds in a spectacular way! *(Lk. 2:8-15)*
     2. Wise men from the east came and declared they were looking for the baby born “King of the Jews” *(Mt. 2:1-2).*
     3. Mt. 2:13, 16: Herod sought to destroy Jesus.
        1. Satan knew the time had come, the “Seed of woman” was born!
        2. If he could destroy Him while a child, God would be discredited!
     4. Mt. 2:13-15: God warned Joseph to flee to Egypt.
     5. This also served to fulfill Scripture *(Mt. 2:15; Hos. 11:1).* God knew what would happen & was in control: Satan failed!
  2. Satan tempts Jesus
     1. *Mt. 4:1-11:* Satan tempted Jesus, to get Him to give in to fleshly desires, to give in to temptation of power, and to worship him *(I Jn. 2:16).*
     2. Mt. 4:10-11: Jesus resisted him and told him to “Go!” - Satan failed!
  3. Jesus crucified
     1. Lk. 23:33, 46: He “breathed His last.” ***How Satan must have rejoiced!*** Until…
     2. *Lk. 24:1-7:* “Why seek the living among the dead?” He had risen! (24:5-6)
     3. Satan failed!
  4. Satan always fails!
     1. Rev. 12:1-5: The picture here is of the eternal struggle of Satan trying to destroy the “Seed” *(Ps. 2:9: Jesus)* and failing!
  5. God’s promises can be trusted no matter how bleak things seem to be: ***Satan failed!***

#### The Power of God’s Promises

* 1. Jesus (line of David) sits on the throne of David at right hand of God – *Acts 2:29-36; Col. 3:1; Heb. 12:2*
  2. Promise to Abraham fulfilled in Christ – *Gal. 3:6-14; 4:4*
  3. Jesus defeated Satan and his power of death – *Heb. 2:14-15*
  4. The victory is won, saints must remain faithful till death – *Rev. 2:10*

## Conclusion

1. Satan tried to destroy the Seed!
   1. The “seed” of all mankind!
   2. The “seed” of Abraham!
   3. The “seed” of David!
   4. Christ: The “Seed” of woman!
2. God’s promises do not fail: The Seed was indestructible because God promised it!
   1. It cannot be thwarted – Satan tried numerous times!
3. Satan has not given up
   1. I Pet. 5:8: He failed to destroy or corrupt the Seed, so goes after His followers.
   2. Don’t let him succeed in corrupting you for destruction! (Will he succeed or fail with you?)
4. Good has already won: the world will recognize it one day:
   1. Rom. 14:11-12: “Every knee will bow.” We will give an account to God.
5. Have you obeyed the word of Christ, the “Indestructible Seed?” *(Jn. 12:48; II Thess. 1:7-9)*
6. Give your life to obedience to God’s word, knowing His promises are sure and steadfast!
7. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Be obedient to His gospel, and be added to His church, for which He died. Repent and be baptized into His name!
8. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
9. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!