



The Golden thread of Messiah in Genesis

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. If this is your first time joining us here on Sunday Online, we would like to welcome, you to our service today and invite you to join us every Sunday for a weekly message.

Let us pray

Introduction

Today I start a new series about the Golden Thread of Messiah as found throughout the Old Testament, due to its length I will touch on some of the areas where Satan tried to destroy this Line or this Seed of a Woman, I will give the relevant scripture references only so please take the time to read each account to get more insight into this message?

In today's message I want to show you some of the Old Testament scriptures which show this "Golden thread" running throughout the Old Testament, from Adam and Even to Moses, and next week we will continue from Moses.

Today we will only look at some of the accounts of "Golden thread" in the Book of Genesis which was pointing to this coming Messiah and how Satan has tried to corrupt this "Golden Thread" throughout the Old Testament and how he tried to destroy or prevent this Messiah, this coming rule who will destroy the works/kingdom of Satan from being born.

The Old Testament is Jesus concealed and the New Testament is Jesus revealed!

So, in the Old Testament, Jesus Christ is revealed through prophecies about Him and types and shadows throughout the Old Testament and all of these types, shadows and prophecies are pointing to only ONE SAVIOUR/MESSIAH, who is JESUS CHRIST, and He fulfilled EVERYONE of these types, shadows and prophecies

Sadly Israel mistakenly thought that this Saviour or Messiah would come and destroy all Israel's enemies and usher in this "golden age", and this is still true today just not as Israel thought but there will come a day in the not-too-distant future where the Messiah will come down to earth on a White Horse and destroy all the enemies of God in one single action and through the Word of God as His weapon.

And the "Golden age" which will be called the Millennium or thousand-year Reign of Jesus Christ which is spoken in the Bible in **Revelation 20:1-6**.

However, today I want to show you a few verses in the Old Testament pointing to this Saviour and how Jesus Christ is this Saviour, and he has fulfilled every prophecy about this coming Messiah Himself, sadly Israel did not recognise His coming but soon they will.

The coming Messiah

The first place we see that God is talking about this coming Messiah is found in **Genesis 3:14-15**, the serpent/Satan has just deceived Adam and Eve into disobeying God and God



was giving the judgment over the serpent/Satan for this act of disobedience, and later in the following verse, God discussed the consequences of this for mankind.

It says this:

“¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly, and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Note that the serpent was cursed and would have to crawl around in its belly and eat dust and also notice that God will put an enmity or a division or a fear between her offspring – the entire human race because we ALL came from Adam and Eve and notice this promise in this judgement. Even today most people will kill a snake on sight.

This “Golden thread” starts with the promise to mankind, that one day there is going to come an offspring of man, a man child who would destroy Satan, but he would wound or strike His heel. And all throughout the Bible, especially the Old Testament, Satan is searching for this Messiah, this saviour, this man child who would rise up and who will destroy him!

Notice that even in this failure of mankind, God made a promise to Adam and Eve and that even though Satan has won this round, there will come a Messiah and Saviour of mankind and he will destroy Satan and his works on earth. And since that Promise of God, Satan has always been searching for this special man and he has been trying to destroy this Messiah and prevent Him from coming to save the world and destroy his kingdom.

Satan is NOT GOD and therefore, he does not have any of the characteristics of God. One of the Godly characteristics that make God, GOD is His Omniscience, His ability to know everything including the future events and the final outcome of any decision mankind could make.

Satan on the other hand, although a powerful being was created by God and does not have any of the Godly characteristics and therefore he does not know the future, but he was in the garden of Eden, and he heard God promise, Adam and Eve, that one day a Saviour and Messiah would come and save all of mankind!

And so the search began for this special man.

Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:1-10

The first time we see this potential Saviour arise is the story of Cain and Abel, **Genesis 4:1-10**, both Cain and Abel make sacrifices to God, but God accepted Abel’s sacrifice and it is pleasing to God and Satan says, Ah I have found the Messiah, this potential Saviour of mankind so let’s destroy him and he caused Cain to rise up and murder his brother.



Once again it is evident that Satan does not know everything because God gives Adam and Eve another son, Seth through whom the Saviour/Messiah line will come.

The Nephilim – Genesis 6:1-8

No Stan is at a disadvantage, he sees that through Seth God made another line to this Messiah and now there were many potential Messiahs and he really has no idea who this Messiah is or could be so he devises a plan to destroy this messiah but corrupting the seed of the woman with his demonic angels and so the Nephilim come into being and he nearly succeeds in corrupting the entire human race but God has kept on family, the family of Noah pure and so God destroys the entire world to wipe out the Nephilim from the face of the earth and therefore prevent this corrupted seed to pollute the seed of the woman.

You see Satan might not know everything, but he is not stupid, and he realised that in order for a woman to have a child to destroy him she would need the seed of a man to impregnate her, and he was trying to corrupt that seed of mankind thorough corrupting the seed of man, but God who knows everything cause a flood to destroy this evil plan of Satan.

Noah Genesis 9:1-17

Again Stan realised God has won again and so he hits out at Noah, God says to Noah and his sons on Genesis 9:9 that now His covenant with be through Noah's descendants.

Once again there is an issue with Noah and one of his sons, Ham **Genesis 9:18-28**, where once again Satan tried to corrupt the seed and Noah, something happens in the tent, the Bible does not say what but it must have been bad because Noah curses Ham and blesses Shem and Japheth.

Once again Satan tried to destroy or corrupt the seed of mankind to prevent the seed of the woman from coming but God once again circumvents Satan's plan because God knows the end from the beginning!

The Tower of Babel – Genesis 11:1-9

Satan is trying to destroy this seed of a woman, through Nimrod and others but eventually in Babel where he tried to unite the people in rebel against God by building a tower to the heaven and trying to somehow battel with god in the heavens but once again is defeated when God confuses their language and scatters the people.

Abraham

One truly amazing picture, insight or clue into this future Saviour is given in the story of Abram, Satan tried to destroy Lot through the corruption of Sodom and Gomorrah, but God keeps Abram safe.

He tried to corrupt the Seed of man, Satan realises that Abram and Sara want a child but she is baron and so he tries once again to corrupt the seed of the woman and almost succeeds though Hagar and Ishmael (**Genesis 16**), BUT GOD knows the future.



Now, Satan is not sure, there are two possible seeds, Abraham and Lot, and so he corrupts the seed of Lot through what happens in Sodom and Gomorrah and through his daughters in the cave (**Genesis 19:30-36**)

Then God reveals His hand and does a true miracle, but opening Sarah's womb and she has a child at the age of 100 years old! That in itself is a miracle but now Satan knows the line.

Then in **Genesis 22**, God test Abraham's faith but asking Him to sacrifice his ONLY son in the region of Moriah on a specific mount, thus pointing to what He would do with His own Son in the New Testament, in fact, Jesus Christ was crucified on this same mountain many years later!

Also by giving Abraham the sign of circumcision in **Genesis 17**, God makes known that through Abraham and his descendants that the Messiah will come and so now Satan knows who the people are, the Jews and he tried to destroy the Jews and ultimately this Saviour of mankind!

And so the rest of Genesis Satan is attacking, Abraham and his seed and ultimately the Jewish nation that comes from the seed of Abraham.

Again Satan tried to destroy the line through Isaac and Rebecca by making her barren, but God allows Isaac to pray for his wife and she conceived Esau and Jacob. (**Genesis 25:19-26**)

Then he tried to destroy this line again by causing Isaac to love Esau more than Jacob (**Genesis 25:28**) and also by the hatred between these two sons. (**Genesis 27**)

Then he tried to destroy Jacob by marrying the wrong woman (**Genesis 29**), who again cannot have children (**Genesis 30**) and the one-child she bears is hated by his brothers who want to kill him (**Genesis 37**) but God makes a plan of escape of Joseph.

Then Satan tried to corrupt the line of Judah, through his daughters (**Genesis 38**), then again he tried to destroy Joseph by tempting him with Potiphar's wife (**Genesis 39**), but he refuses and he is put in jail never to see the light of day (**Genesis 40-41**) again but God had other plans! And Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream (**Genesis 41**) and is made second in charge of Egypt.

Then Satan tried to destroy Israel but a famine (**Genesis 42-45**), but God place Joseph in the right place to become the ruler of Egypt and save them and bring them to Egypt to save them from this famine (**Genesis 46**).

Then Satan cause a new Pharaoh (**Exodus 1:6-14**) the Egyptians to hate Israel and to enslave them and tried to destroy them as a nation, and then God raises Moses and that's where I will stop today.



In closing

So, as we can see from the stories I briefly discussed, Satan wanted to destroy God's creation by tempting them to sin by eating the fruit that they were forbidden to eat, this brought sin into the world.

However, God in His infinite wisdom has a plan and this plan was to destroy Satan through a male child that would be born of a woman and destroy the kingdom of Satan and ultimately save the Jewish nation but also everyone who would believe in His Only son and His FULL PAYMENT of SIN – what sin? The sin that Adam and Eve caused which is evident in every man, woman and child who has ever lived.

That is why the Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory of His plan for mankind.

“²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

The GOOD NEWS is that JESUS CHRIST the Messiah, the seed born of a woman, destroyed Satan at the Cross of Calvary just as God prophesied in **Genesis 3:15** and the wound was the Jesus Christ died in the process of defeating Satan but the Good news is that GOD ROSE HIM, Jesus Christ from the dead and He is ALIVE and well and is preparing a place for us! (**John 14:1-6**)

And today, every one of us has a choice to serve or reject the price He, Jesus Christ, paid on our behalf for our inherited and personal SIN and through FAITH in Jesus Christ as our SAVIOUR and His full payment of our SIN Debt we will have Eternal life and our relationship with GOD will be restored through Jesus Christ who has removed our sin debt!

Let's pray

Next week I will continue with the “Golden Thread” from Moses onwards!

Until then God bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you and give you peace!