

Survey of the Old Testament

The Fall, the Sinfulness of Man, and the Gospel

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Adam Tended The Garden Alone

Gen 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the **LORD God** made earth and heaven.

In the day = יָמִים - indicates that day is used for longer periods of time than just a 24 hour period.

Gen 2:15-17 Then the **LORD God** took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The **LORD God** commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Gen 2:20-23 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. So the **LORD God** caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The **LORD God** fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

Gen 29:14 Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him a month.

2 Sam 5:1 ...the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh."

The Covenant of Marriage

Gen 2:24-25 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Shall leave = עָזַב - often used in conjunction with Israel forsaking their covenant with Yahweh.

Jer 1:16 I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

Be joined = קָבַץ - often used to establish a covenant.

Deut 4:4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.

The Fall: The Distortion of God's Word

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

Gen 3:2-3 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'

Gen 3:4-5 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

The Need For The New Adam

Auto = Self

Nomos = Law

Sin is the violation of God's moral law and the attempt to usurp His authority to reign. All sin is the attempt by man to be autonomous.

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...

Rom 5:19 summary: Adam imputed sin, Jesus (New Adam) imputes righteousness.

Luke 3:38 ...the son of Adam, the son of God.

Luke 4:1-13 summary: Jesus goes into the wilderness for temptation.

The First Gospel

Gen 3:14-15 The LORD God said to the serpent,
 "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more
 than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field;
 On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the
 days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you
 and the woman, And between your seed and her seed;
 He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise
 him on the heel."

Seed = זרע - collective noun - "one and the many"

He = הוּא - 3rd person, singular, masc. pronoun

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The Seed Promise Overview

Gen 3:15 - The Seed of the woman

Gen 9:27 - The Seed will come from Shem?

Gen 12 - The Seed will come from Abraham

Gen 15 - Seed Promise/Abrahamic Covenant Ratified

Gen 17 - The Covenant Sign enacted (Circumcision)

Gen 22 - The Seed will come from Isaac

Gen 25:23 - The Seed will come from Jacob

Gen 49:10 - The Seed will come from Judah

2 Samuel 7 - The Seed will come from David

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

The "One and The Many"

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to
 Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to
 seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to
 your seed," that is, Christ.

Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young
 child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt.
 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be
 fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,
 saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a youth I loved him. And
 out of Egypt I called My son.

Exodus = God protects Seed by delivering people out.

Jesus Day = God protects Seed by taking Jesus into.

The Gospel Is Centered On The Seed Promise

Acts 2:30-31 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS **DESCENDANTS** ON HIS THRONE, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY."

David knew = The prophets in the O.T. did not just write prophecies "better than they knew," but they were engaged in teaching "Messianic doctrine."

Seed = collective noun – the many are pregnant with the one, and the one will provide salvation for the many.

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Acts 13:22-23 After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.' "From the **descendants** of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus.

Descendants = "Seed" σπέρματος (genitive, singular, neuter)

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Acts 13:31-35 "And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.' "As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY *and* SURE *blessings* OF DAVID.'

"Therefore He also says in another *Psalm*, 'YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.'"

Acts 26:6 And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers; the promise to which our twelve tribes hope to attain...

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Rom 4:13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:16 For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...

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Romans 4:20-22 ...yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him...

Romans 9:8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Galatians 3:29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

The Seed Promise And The Land Promise

Hebrews 11:8-9 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise...

Ezekiel 37:24-25 My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. **"They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant,** in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and **David My servant will be their prince forever.**

Summary

1. Marriage is a covenant relationship, established by God, of one man and one woman. It is an object lesson of Christ and the church (Eph 5:32).
2. Men and women sin because they are sinners. The imputed sin of Adam necessitates regeneration, and the imputed righteousness of Christ.
3. The entire Bible is "built" around the first gospel promise in Gen 3:15.
4. The Seed Promise informs us that salvation has always been the same yesterday, today, and forever – through faith in Christ!
5. Saving faith in Christ makes one a member of the church, but the kingdom is coming to Israel.
