

## THEOLOGY I: Need for the Messiah (part 2)

### Session 7 - Messiah's power over sin and Satan. Dr. Jeremy Kimble

- Reminder: Messiah is the offspring that will defeat the serpent and will reign as king over all peoples, all nations, all kings, and all kingdoms... will be His.

*Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."*

*He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, (pay homage to the son) lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Ps 2:1-12*

- Balaam (best known for the donkey talking to him) is hired by Balak a foreign king, to curse Israel. Balaam tells him, I'll go there but all I can say is what the Lord tells me. 4 times Balaam blesses Israel as a fulfillment to Genesis 12 Abrahamic Covenant, all nations will be blessed and you will be blessed as well.

*And he took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, the oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down with his eyes uncovered: I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. Numbers 24:15-17*

*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. Gen 49:10*

Line of the Seed of the woman... Abraham... Isaac... Jacob... Judah... the one who is going to crush the head of the serpent will have a scepter.

- Series of battles Joshua and his armies are having.

*And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." Then they came near and **put their feet on their necks**. (Completely subdued/Crushed. Neck and Head have the same connotation.) And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." Joshua 10:24-25*

- Debra tells Barak to get out there and defeat Sisera's army, he goes and he does. Sisera (serpent) the general of this foreign army flees and comes across the tent of Jael, who's name means "Yahweh is God".

*And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid." So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. And he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. And he said to her, "Stand at the opening of the tent, and if any man comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No.'" But Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and **drove the peg into his temple** until it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from weariness. So he died. Judges 4:18-21*

- Gideon, known for the fleece and the army reduced to 300 guys. Afterwards, he's not a godly man. He declines being king because God is king but then sets up an Ephod (sacred garment worn by the high priest) and has them worship it idolatrously. And... he ironically names his son Abimelech "my father is king".

*But there was a strong tower within the city, and all the men and women and all the leaders of the city fled to it and shut themselves in, and they went up to the roof of the tower. And Abimelech (wicked man, seed of the serpent) came to the tower and fought against it and drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman threw an upper millstone (big rock) on **Abimelech's head and crushed his skull**. Then he called quickly to the young man his armor-bearer and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest they say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" And his young man thrust him through, and **he died**. Judges 9:51-54*

- In the OT in Israel, just because you're an Israelite, doesn't mean you're the seed of the woman. You could be part of the people, the "people of God" and be operating as a seed of the serpent. Ethnically a Jew, but operating in ways that conform with the ways of Satan.

- David and Goliath. Goliath is depicted and described in his army, the numbers of the weighting of his armor and his weapons, in serpentine like ways, a lot of 6's, the number of man in the Bible. David slings a stone into the head of Goliath. Cut his head off with Goliath's head. 1 Samuel 17

*With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will **tread down our foes**. (armies underneath our feet) Psalm 60:12*

*Our god is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death. But **God will strike the heads of his enemies**, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways. Psalm 68:20-21*

- The way in which salvation will occur on behalf of God's people is by God's very son being crushed. Gen 3 promises there's a "snake-crusher" coming. The irony... the way the "snake-crusher" will crush the serpent is by being crushed.

*Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was **crushed** for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:1-6*

*Yet it was the will of the Lord to **crush him**; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Isaiah 53:10*

- The crucified king - Messiah Jesus - crushed so Satan has no hold over us by means of death or the concept of sin. He has conquered it in His work.
- A lot of judgment in this book and mockeries of the enemies of God against the people of God as they're being judged and exiled.

*Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication. Then my enemy*

*will see, and shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is the Lord your God?" My eyes will look upon her; now she will be **trampled down** like the mire of the streets. The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf; they shall **lick the dust like a serpent**, like the crawling things of the earth; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; they shall turn in dread to the Lord our God, and they shall be in fear of you. Micah 7:8-10, 16-17*

- The Lord tells Habakkuk, "Babylon is coming to crush you. Even though they're more evil than you, I'm going to use them as a hammer to crush this nation and I'll restore them in time".

*The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the **nations** in anger. You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You **crushed the head of the house of the wicked**, laying him bare from thigh to neck. (in Hebrew... tail to neck., as if they're like serpents) Habakkuk 3:11-13*

*The Serpent and the Serpent Slayer (Short Studies in Biblical Theology) by Andrew David Naselli*

- Jesus sends out 72 disciples to towns to preach.

### ***The Return of the Seventy-Two***

*The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to **tread on serpents and scorpions**, (demonic-satanic power) and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**" Luke 10:17-20*

*The God of peace will soon **crush Satan under your feet**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Rom 16:20*

*And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they (us) have **conquered him by the blood of the Lamb** (overcome him by our faith) and by the word of their testimony, (speak and proclaim the Word of God) for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rev 12:10-11*

- MARTYRDOM. There is the blood of Christ that objectively pays the price for our sins, the testimony that speaks to the truth of God in his Word and his gospel. And there is a disposition in life that says, “I will pay any cost gladly for Christ’s sake. I will do whatever it takes to make Him known”.

## **THEOLOGICAL SYNTHESIS**

- This kind of imagery is pointing forward to an **ultimate seed** (Gal 3:15-16) of the woman who was born at the **fullness of time** (Gal 4:4).
- Jesus is the **ultimate** skull-crushing seed (Col 2:13-15).
- After the Fall this is where the storyline of Scripture is **heading**.

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He **disarmed the rulers and authorities** (demonic-satanic powers) and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Col 2:13-15*

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

- The serpent and his “offspring” will ultimately be crushed under the foot of Messiah in totality. We must ensure that we are serving the Messiah King, making ready for his appearance, and that we proclaim this news of the gospel to the world. (Ps 2).
- We must also know the contours and connections that are present in Scripture.