

Typology

A Jewish Midrashic method of interpretation.

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ENMITY BETWEEN “TWO” SEEDS

In this study, we look at two “seeds” referred to in Scripture in Genesis 3:15. One is the “seed of the serpent”, that is Satan, and the other is the “seed of the woman”, Christ Jesus.

Gen 3:15 *“And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise (crush) thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”.*

The Seed of the Serpent.	The Seed of the Woman.
The seed of Satan is: a) The force of evil at work in the world mentioned in Ephesians 6:11-12, and b) The ultimate seed of Satan is the Beast or Antichrist of Revelation.	The seed of the woman is: a) Humanity (Nation Israel being significant) and b) The ultimate seed is Christ Jesus.
Satan’s seed shall “bruise the heel of the woman’s seed” (Gen 3:15) most likely refers to: a) The crippling of humanity though the Adamic fall, and b) The Crucifixion of Christ, as the “termination” of the promised Messiah, (or so Satan thought).	The crushing of the “head of the seed of Satan” (Gen 3:15) by the Seed of the women is: a) The victory of the Resurrection of Jesus and b) The final defeat of the Antichrist as recorded in Revelation 19:20.

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In **Genesis 3:15**, we have a gem of Bible prophecy. There are 3 important issues in terms of prophecy:

ONE

Enmity between Satan's plan and God's purpose as unfolded in Jewish History.

The woman is Israel, the Nation, (**Revelation 12:17** "Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus"), harassed and hunted by Satan who seeks their demise.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15



The children of Israel, appointed as the channel through which the promised Messiah would come, have been and still are the object of Satan's vicious attack.

Consider a few of his many attempts:

The famines mentioned in Genesis were used by Satan to destroy the children of Israel, but God, through Joseph, designed a wonderful solution and passage of survival. (Genesis)
Pharaoh's attempt to destroy Israel as they crossed the Red Sea represents another diabolical method of Satan to destroy Israel (Exodus)
The Canaanites assault on Israel, the Philistines. (Joshua)
The Plot of Haman (Ester)
The plunder by Nebuchadnezzar. (2 Kings)
The persecution of the Jews in History - the Holocaust. (1944)
The Arab Nation in particular - the Muslim hatred of Israel (2000)
Finally, the rise of the Antichrist. (Revelation).

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These all serve to underscore the *bruising of the Heel*, the hindering of Israel to achieve their God given position and potential, and later the Christian church.

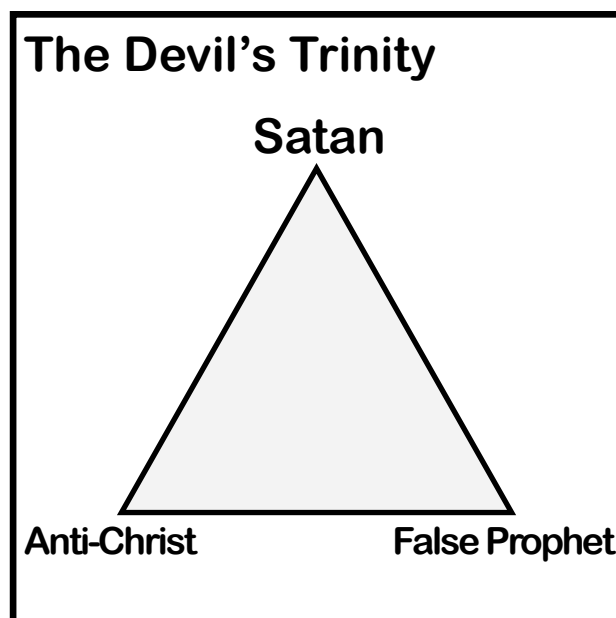
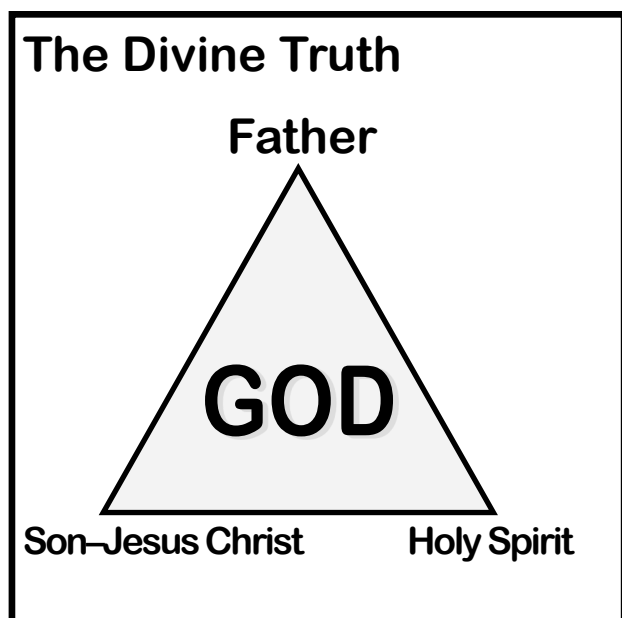
Israel is God's earthly people of choice being hounded and hated by the forces of evil.	Christians are God's heavenly people being despised and attacked by the forces of evil.
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TWO

The two seeds no doubt refer to the Antichrist and Christ Jesus our Lord.

In these 2 persons prophecy converges. Satan is an imitator. He tries to match God and copy God's "blueprint". He cannot produce truth and authentic light. He is a liar, deceiver and the father of darkness. So he can only pretend to be light.

The Hypostatic Union of Christ means that Jesus our Lord was both the Son of Man (Human) and the Son of God, (Divine). If "her seed" ultimates in a single personality, namely Christ our Lord, then the logical conclusion is that "his seed" will ultimate in a single personality, the Antichrist, an imitation of the hypostatic union. Thus, Satan imitates the Trinity as well.



Gal 4:4 *"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law".*

Gal 4:4 tells us that God sent forth His Son, born of a woman. Note it's the seed of the woman, not the seed of the man.

THREE

The other reference to prophecy is the double bruising.

A Christian author in 1922, the Late Arthur Pink, commented on **Genesis 3:15** and said:

"The woman's Seed shall bruise the Serpent's head, and the Serpent should bruise His heel". The last clause in this prediction has already become history. The "bruising" of the heel of the woman's Seed is a symbolic reference to the suffering and death of our Saviour, who was "wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities" (**Isaiah 53:5**). The first of these clauses yet awaits fulfilment. The bruising of the Serpent's head will take place when our Lord returns to the earth in person and in power and when "the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, shall be bound for a thousand years, (the Millennium), and cast into the bottomless pit. (**Rev 20:2-3**) What a remarkable proof this verse furnishes us with, the Divine Inspiration of the Scriptures!"

DISCUSSION:

It has been said that when the Devil reminds you of your past, you ought to remind him of his future!

Read the following verses and consider the judgement of Satan:

Rev 19:20, Rev 20:2-3, Rev 20:10.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
Isaiah 53:5 KJV

*"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and satan, and bound him a thousand years,
And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."*

REVELATION 20:2-3 KJV

