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Transforming Daily
“... her seed...”
Genesis 3:15

I can remember the first time that I realized this passage, prophesied and written thousands of years before Christ was born, the words, “her Seed,” was referring to Jesus, the Lord’s anointed. The realization was much like that of seeing “God” (singular) written in the English language, but in Hebrew, it is written in the plural form (Trinity – One person, the essence of three). God is Awesome!

Just as interesting and exciting about verse 15 is the pronounced triumphant outcome of the Savior over Satan. Some people think that God and Satan have this cosmic battle going on, that one day God has the upper hand, and the next, Satan does. Let me set the record straight. Satan is a created being. God created him. He is a fallen angel, an archangel, but nonetheless, fallen! There was never any question or debate over the triumph of our Savior, Jesus Christ, over death, hell, and the grave. It was certain and sealed by the power of God before time began!

Verse 15 is a direct reference of the pronounced victory. The bruising of the heel mentioned in this verse is understood as the crucifixion of Christ. The bruising of the head in this verse is understood and the ultimate destruction of Satan (and his followers). The New International Version of the Bible, speaking of Jesus and Satan respectively, translates this passage, “he” [Jesus] “will crush your head, and you” [Satan] “will strike his heel.”

This is the Christmas story. This is the promise on which it is based. The whole story, emphasized more dramatically in the last three years of the life of Christ up to, through His crucifixion, and including the resurrection, is found in Genesis 3:15. To be sure, for the sinner there are extenuating circumstances such as the ramifications of sin introduced into the world. Those being death, disease, destruction and disorder, just name a few. But ultimately, in Christ, all is overcome by Him, and for us, through Him.

Is this what you think of when you think of the Christmas story? Do you think of His suffering, death and glorious resurrection when you think of the Christmas story? When you buy gifts and exchange them with loved ones and friends in the spirit of Christmas, is this part of the story on your mind? It should always be our goal irrespective of the season to plant and water the seed of the gospel, her Seed.