

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (1)

Message Nine

The Serpent, the Woman, and the Seed of the Woman

Scripture Reading: Gen. 3:15; John 12:31; 16:11; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 12

- Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.
- John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
- John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
- 1 John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- Rev 12:1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
- Rev 12:2 And she was with child, and she cried out, travailing in birth and being in pain to bring forth.
- Rev 12:3 And another sign was seen in heaven; and behold, there was a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.
- Rev 12:4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.
- Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
- Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place there prepared by God so that they might nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.
- Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.
- Rev 12:8 And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any longer in heaven.
- Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.
- Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.
- Rev 12:12 Therefore be glad, O heavens and those who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you and has great rage, knowing that he has only a short time.
- Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man-child.
- Rev 12:14 And to the woman there were given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time from the face of the serpent.
- Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast water as a river out of his mouth after the woman that he might cause her to be carried away by its current.
- Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
- Rev 12:17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.
- Rev 12:18 And he stood on the sand of the sea.

I. “I will put enmity / Between you [the serpent] and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel”—Gen. 3:15:

- A. The woman here signifies first Eve and then the virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord Jesus (Gal. 4:4); she also signifies all the people of God who take the position of a woman before Him, trusting in Him:

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

1. The enmity between the serpent and the woman is the enmity between Satan and all God's people—Rev. 12:4.

Rev 12:4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.

2. The serpent's hating and fighting against God's people began when Satan instigated Cain to murder Abel and continues through all the generations until Satan is cast into the lake of fire for eternity—Gen. 4:8; 1 John 3:12; Rev. 20:7-10.

Gen 4:8 And Cain said to Abel his brother, Let us go into the field. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him.

1 John 3:12 Not as Cain was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's, righteous.

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 And will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. Their number is like that of the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they went up upon the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city; and fire came down out of heaven and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where also the beast and the false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- B. The serpent's seed are the people who follow Satan—Gen. 3:15; John 8:44:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks it out of his own possessions; for he is a liar and the father of it.

1. Because Satan, the old serpent, has injected himself as sin into man's flesh, all men have become serpents in the eyes of God—Rev. 12:9; 20:2; Rom. 7:18; Matt. 23:33.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not.

Matt 23:33 Serpents! Brood of vipers! How shall you escape the judgment of Gehenna?

2. As Satan's followers, they are his sons, his seed, by birth; thus, they have the serpentine nature and life, and they are used by Satan to persecute and fight against the woman's seed—3:7; 13:38; John 8:44; 1 John 3:10.

Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Offspring of vipers, who prompted you to flee from the coming wrath?

Matt 13:38 And the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks it out of his own possessions; for he is a liar and the father of it.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest. Everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, neither he who does not love his brother.

C. The seed of the woman is the incarnated Jesus Christ and also the overcoming believers—Gal. 4:4; Rev. 12:5:

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

1. The seed of the woman is the Lord Jesus, who as the very God was born of the virgin Mary to be a man, as prophesied in Isaiah 7:14, fulfilled in Matthew 1:23, and confirmed in Galatians 4:4; thus, the promise in Genesis 3:15 indicates that God Himself would come to be a human seed to bruise the head of the damaging serpent.

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and will bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel.

Matt 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.

2. Ultimately, the seed of the woman is enlarged to include the overcoming believers, the stronger part of God's people, signified by the man-child in Revelation 12:5.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

D. According to Genesis 3:15, the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent on the head, and the serpent would bruise him on the heel:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.

1. The bruising of the serpent's head by the seed of the woman is the destroying of Satan, the one who has the might of death, by the Lord Jesus through His death on the cross—Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8.

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

1 John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

2. While the Lord was destroying the serpent on the cross, the serpent bruised His heel, that is, wounded Him by nailing His feet to the cross—Psa. 22:16.

Psa 22:16 For dogs surround me; / A company of evildoers encloses me; / They pierce my hands and feet.

II. The seed in Genesis 3:15 is fully developed in Revelation 12:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.

Rev 12:1 (Be omitted.)

A. The vision in Revelation 12 of the universal bright woman with her man-child warring against the great red dragon covers all the generations from Genesis 3:15 until the end of this age—Rev. 11:15; 12:10.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

- Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- B. “A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child”—vv. 1-2a:
1. This bright woman is a collective, universal woman signifying the totality of God’s people—v. 1.

Rev 12:1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
 2. God’s intention is, through the universal woman, to bring forth the man-child—the stronger part of God’s people—whom He will use to defeat His enemy and bring in His kingdom—vv. 10-11.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.
 3. Throughout all generations God’s people have been suffering the travail of delivery to bring forth the man-child to fight for God’s kingdom—Isa. 26:17-18; Jer. 6:24; 13:21; 30:6; Micah 4:9-10; 5:3; Gal. 4:19.

Isa 26:17 As a pregnant woman draws near to giving birth, / She writhes and cries out in her pain; / So we have been before You, O Jehovah.

Isa 26:18 We were pregnant; we writhed; we gave birth, as it were, to wind. / We have not accomplished deliverance for the earth, / Nor have the inhabitants of the world been born.

Jer 6:24 We have heard its report; / Our hands are feeble; / Distress has seized us, / Pain like a woman in childbirth.

Jer 13:21 What will you say when He appoints over you as head / Those whom you yourself have trained to be your friends? / Will not pains take hold of you, / Like those of a woman in travail?

Jer 30:6 Ask now and see / Whether a man can give birth. / Why do I see every man / With his hands on his loins like a woman about to give birth / And every face turned pale?

Micah 4:9 Why do you now cry out aloud? / Is there no king among you? / Has your counselor perished, / That pain has seized you like a woman delivering a child?

Micah 4:10 Suffer the pain and thrust forth, / O daughter of Zion, like a woman delivering a child. / For now you will go forth from the city / And dwell in the field; / And you will go into Babylon. / And there you will be delivered; / There Jehovah will redeem you / From the hand of your enemies.

Micah 5:3 Therefore He will give them up until the time / When she who is in labor delivers the child; / Then the remainder of His brothers will return, / Along with the children of Israel.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,
 4. For the bringing forth of the man-child, there is the need for at least a portion of God’s people to come back to the proper standing of the woman and become part of the woman in an actual and practical way—2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:24.

2 Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be subject to their husbands in everything.
- C. “Another sign was seen in heaven; and behold, there was a great red dragon...The dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child”—Rev. 12:3a, 4b:

1. The dragon signifies God's enemy, called the Devil and Satan; the serpent is the subtle one, and the dragon is the cruel one—v. 9; Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3.
 - Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.
 - Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other animal of the field that Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, Did God really say, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?
 - 2 Cor 11:3 But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.
2. We need to see the vision that in the universe a war is raging between God's people as the woman and the serpent as the dragon—Gen. 3:15; Rev. 12:17:
 - Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.
 - Rev 12:17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.
 - a. The enmity between the serpent and the woman's seed mentioned in Genesis 3:15 is manifested in Revelation 12, where this enmity is fulfilled to the uttermost.
 - Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.
 - b. The dragon hates the universal bright woman, and he fights against her with the intention of devouring her child—vv. 4, 13-17.
 - Rev 12:4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.
 - Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man-child.
 - Rev 12:14 And to the woman there were given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time from the face of the serpent.
 - Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast water as a river out of his mouth after the woman that he might cause her to be carried away by its current.
 - Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
 - Rev 12:17 And the dragon became angry with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.
- D. "She brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod"—v. 5a:
 1. God needs the man-child to defeat His enemy and to bring in His kingdom so that His eternal purpose might be accomplished—v. 10; Eph. 3:11; 2 Tim. 1:9.
 - Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
 - Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 - 2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

2. Because the church has not attained to God's purpose, God will choose a group of overcomers who will attain to His purpose and fulfill His demands; this is the principle of the man-child—Rev. 12:11; 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 20-21.
 - Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.
 - Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
 - Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall by no means be hurt of the second death.
 - Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.
 - Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;
 - Rev 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
 - Rev 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.
 - Rev 3:5 He who overcomes will be clothed thus, in white garments, and I shall by no means erase his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.
 - Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
 - Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.
 - Rev 3:21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.
3. The woman's seed in Revelation 12 is not only the individual Christ but is also a corporate entity, the corporate Christ, including Christ as the Head and all His overcoming believers as the Body—Col. 1:18:
 - Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
 - a. The man-child in Revelation 12:5 is corporate; the man-child is neither the Lord Jesus individually nor the overcomers separate from Him but the Lord Jesus with the overcomers—Psa. 2:9; Rev. 2:27.
 - Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
 - Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.
 - Rev 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
 - b. The Lord Jesus is the Head, the center, the reality, the life, and the nature of the man-child, and the overcomers are the Body of the man-child.
 - c. Psalm 2:8-9, Revelation 2:26-27, and 12:5 indicate that the Lord Jesus as God's Anointed, the overcomers in the churches, and the man-child will rule the nations with an iron rod, thus proving that the Lord Jesus, the overcomers, and the man-child are one.
 - Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, / And I will give the nations as Your inheritance / And the limits of the earth as Your possession.
 - Psa 2:9 You will break them with an iron rod; / You will shatter them like a potter's vessel.

Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;
Rev 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

4. Through the Lord's death on the cross, Satan, the old serpent, was judged and cast out; that judgment will ultimately be carried out by the overcomers as the man-child, the corporate seed of the woman—John 12:31; 16:11; Rev. 12:9.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.