

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

ENTER THE ENEMY

Lesson 3

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COVERED SO FAR

- Old Testament is a reliable text
- [STILL to cover: it's authorship]
- The creation accounts
- STILL to cover –
 - The curses
 - The family

TODAY'S QUESTIONS

- Ever feel frustrated and at a dead end?
 - Because of choices you've made?
 - Because of mistakes you've made?
 - Because of circumstances of life?

Genesis: The Story

- Genesis 3 has the story of Satan as a serpent tempting Adam and Eve to sin.
- The sin produced shame, alienation, fear and death.
- We see a cosmological battle waging with mankind now a casualty of the war.
- After the sin, God pronounces a curse upon Satan. Within the curse, lies a prophecy.

THEOLOGY TERM DU JOUR

- *“Progressive Revelation”*
- Throughout the Biblical journey of God and man, God has revealed more and more of who he is and of his character as time (recorded by the Bible) went by. God revelation found its fullness and completion in the incarnation and life, death, resurrection of Christ.

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1st prophecy
of Jesus and
his
redemptive
work

The Prophecy

- The curse and prophecy on Satan places man in the center of the spiritual war between God and Satan.
- Satan now turns his attention to the seed of woman.

The Saga

- Cain and Abel (Gen 4)
- Then comes Seth.
- This “remnant theme” is repeated throughout the Bible (and in our lives!) When all doors are shut, then we see God opening HIS door.

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“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**”

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 - Receives the prophecy in Gen 12:2-3
 - Sarah is barren, Hagar a substitute
 - Ishmael is born
- Then the remnant/open door - - Isaac is born to Sarah (Gen 21)

The Saga

- Israelites in Egypt
 - Pharaoh's bondage
 - Kill the baby boys (Ex. 1)
 - Moses saved as the remnant
 - Deliverance into the promised land

The Saga

- 605 B.C. and the Babylonian captivity (2Kings 24 and 2 Chron. 36)
- 516 B.C. a remnant returns with a rebuilt temple.
- Old Testament ends around 425 B.C.
- All seems silent as many Jews are dispersed throughout the world.

The Saga

- Birth of the Messiah
- Temptations of Messiah
- Death of the Messiah
- Resurrection of the Messiah
- Ascension of the Messiah
- Promise of the Revelation

POINTS TO TAKE HOME

- God is Real
- Satan is Real
- Temptation is Real
- Victory is Real
- Jesus is Real
- God's Promise (the remnant) is Real