Praise the Lord

SPECIAL MOMENTS

The Christmas story really starts in Genesis. It is the most awesome drama in all of the Bible! The story of God’s salvation is humanity making anything Hollywood has ever produced look like third rate junk. Future your spiritual seatbelt for the “E-ticket” thrill ride of all time!

It all starts in the Garden of Eden. Eve believes the lie of the devil and eats of the forbidden fruit. Adam also eats and sin enters the world. Man has given God’s beautiful world to Satan and as a result death enters for the first time.

But here is where the subterfuge really begins, because God is greater than Satan! I know that sounds oversimplistic, but did you know there are millions alive today that do not know this? Many still believe the lie that Satan is greater than the Lord God Jehovah, or “like thunder” declare there is no God — yes, many do not know that.

“The [God] is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

And so, “God so loved the world that he gave” — but what would the give? Imagine yourself back at the beginning of things: No prophecies, yet; no Scripture; but what would He give? Imagine yourself back at the beginning of things: No prophecies, yet; no Scripture; but what would He give?

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that the "seed of the woman," who is to bruise his head, will be destroyed. Three major attempts are recorded in 2 Chronicles.

We read first of Jehoram, who succeeded his father Jehoshaphat of the royal line of David. When he was thirty-two, we read, "He strengthened himself and slew all his brethren with the sword" (2 Chronicles 21:4). What did that mean? It meant that all the royal line of David through Solomon was dead, except for Jehoram. Think of it! The fulfillment of God’s promise hung upon the life of one man, and a wicked man at that! The Lord, however, must judge this wicked king Jehoram. The Philistines come and, according to the Scriptures, carried away all of Jehoram’s substance and his sons also, so that there was not a son left him. What? Satan finally succeeded! But read the next verse: "There was not a son left him save Jehozabad, the youngest of his sons" (2 Chronicles 21:6). Only one son left! Save the royal line is now preserved by the faithful God.

We now read of one of the foulest deeds in all Bible history. King Jehoram died, he left many sons, all legal successors in the line of David. But Athaliah, King Jehoram’s own mother, was covetous for the throne herself and "destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah" (2 Chronicles 22:9-11). Now, surely, Satan has won. He has found a grandmother even so elitish to slaughter her own grandchildren and for a short time claimed the throne for herself! All the royal seed destroyed! "All that slew her she slew not" (2 Chronicles 22:11). The whole plan of God to save a Savior, the "seed of the woman," now rests upon the life of one little child! Hundreds of other attempts are made: from the slaughter of the Jewish male babies by Pharaoh in Egypt, again this time on the life of one little child! Hundreds of other attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan, attempts were the mad ravings of a desperate Satan.

Finally the long promised seed arrived! Angel choirs fill the Jordan skies over Bethlehem! Shepherds, wise men, and prophets confirm that He is born! How well we might exclaim:

"0 the depth of riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33

Now, Satan’s plot moves into high gear! Now he knows that the seed of the woman is dead! All hell rejoices! Surely Satan has won — his wicked kingdom is secure. Ah, but in the evil act of crucifying Jesus, Satan overplayed his hand! He did not yet understand what God was up to. When Jesus was killed, he brought the death sentence of Almighty God upon himself because he killed the first totally meek man! Satan had fallen victim to God’s great plan. The deceiver was outwitted and was used to perform the very will of God! And having spoiled principalities and powers, he [Jesus] made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. —Colossians 2:15

Praise God — the very Word of the Lord finally fulfilled! The seed of the woman did, indeed, bruise the serpent’s head! Holocaust! And then, as the old hymn proclaims: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph over his foes. He arose, hail, Christ our King!... —TB

This last attempt was not to prevent the birth of Jesus! The fulfillment of God’s promise hung upon the life of the woman who is to bruise his head! So the大于 Cra...