

## **SERMON: THE SEED OF WOMAN: THE PROPHECY AND THE FULFILLMENT**

**Genesis 3:15**

**Isaiah 7:14**

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**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.**

**Isaiah 7:14**

**Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

**Luke 2:7**

**And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room in the inn.**

### **Introduction**

The term “original sin,” first used by St. Augustine, the African church scholar, has always provided a lot of theological pondering and debate. Some theologians, even today, wish God had not given humans free will and therefore, it would have been impossible for Adam and Eve to have committed the first human sin. Others wonder why the tree, which produced the forbidden fruit, was put in the garden in the first place. This may really sound absurd, but there was a time in church history, during the twelve days of Christmas celebration, when Adam was praised for committing the sin and God was thanked for allowing him to commit it. Their reasoning was had Adam not sinned, there would not have been a need for a Savior and Jesus would not have come to earth. Thus: no angels; no wise men; no manger scene; no Christmas carols; and no Christ Child to love; no gospels written. I know, this thought makes you scratch your head. It may even make you dizzy. Be that as it may, immediately after the original sin was committed, God predicted and prescribed a remedy; in fact, the only remedy that will work-the saving work of Jesus Christ. The seed of woman would provide the solution-not the seed of a man. A virgin would bear our savior. Theologians call Genesis 3:15 the “protoevangelium,” meaning the first gospel of a coming Savior. It is also the first recorded prophecy in the bible. This prophecy was given directly by God, without a human prophet. In addition, as you can see, it is a messianic prophecy. Let’s look at some of its implications as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

### **EXPOSITION**

#### **1. A Perfect Plan Of Salvation Was Devised.**

(It Was Unique.)

(It Was Planned Before The Foundation Of The Earth.)

(It Included A Virgin-Birth.)

**2. The Perfect Plan Would Be Costly To The Implementer.**

(Christ Must Go To The Cross To Implement The Plan.)

**3. The Perfect Plan Used Imperfect People.**

(This Is True Of All Of God's Ordained Plans.)

**4. The Perfect Plan Would Defeat The Works Of satan.**

(Yokes Are Broken.)

(Beauty Comes From Ashes.)

**5. The Perfect Plan Implied Much.**

(That God Loves Us.)

(That We Are Worth Saving.)

**Closing Thoughts**

Philosophers and theologians will continue to ponder the existence of sin and evil. They call this study "theodicy." I am glad Jesus came to earth to save us from our sins. The Word made itself flesh and dwelled among us and we were able to see His glory! Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

**Related Scriptures**

**Genesis 3:1-24**

**Galatians 4:4-5**

**End Notes**

1. There are still remnants of the thought which applauds the original sin of Adam and Eve. One such remnant is found in a musical work by Benjamin Britten. In 1942 he composed a Christmas cantata entitled, *A Ceremony of Carols*. It raised a bunch of eye brows when it was first published. In this work he took several poems from *The English Galaxy of Shorted Poems*, and set them to music. In your leisure, google *A Ceremony of Carols* and focus on the eleventh section entitled, *Deo Gracias*. It is written in Latin and Middle English. There are also translations on the net if you need them. Check it out, so you will know this is not a figment of my imagination. You might be surprised at the theological implications. Some conductors leave this section out when they perform the cantata. Others consider it heretical and will not perform it at all. Ok, so this is your homework assignment for this week. I know, more useless facts.

2. I am probably in a little bit of trouble, because several of the college choirs and glee clubs in the Atlanta area include all or part of *A Ceremony of Carols* in their standard Christmas repertoire.

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