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The Garden of Eden and Christmas

Genesis 3:1-15 (text: 3:15)

*Theme: God graciously put enmity
between the seed of the serpent
and the seed of the woman.*

A. Paradise in the Garden of Eden

- God created the world.
- The pinnacle of creation was man.
- Man was made in the image of God.
- The first married couple began life in paradise!
- Paradise was within and without.

B. Problems in the Garden of Eden

- Satan made his influence felt.
- Satan was created by God but rebelled, *cf.* Is. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:1-19; Rev. 12:4.
- Satan attacked God's most special creation.
- Man fell!

The consequences of sin were great for:

- the serpent & Satan
- Adam & his wife
- earth

The effects did not die with our first parents!

C. A Promise in the Garden of Eden (3:15)

Genesis 3:15 is the *Protoevangel*.

1. Gracious Conflict: Satan and Eve (3:15a).

God broke the relationship newly-formed between the woman and the serpent!

2. Gracious Conflict: Satan's Seed and Eve's Seed (3:15b).

Here we have a picture of **two human communities.**

- (i) Godly spiritual seed of the woman: Christians.
- (ii) Ungodly spiritual seed of the woman: non-Christians.

Whose seed are you?

*Which community do you belong
to?*

3. Gracious Conflict: Jesus and Satan (3:15c).

We encounter the personal now!

The Seed of the woman is distant offspring - Jesus.

He crushed Satan's head!

Do you see Gethsemane? The Cross? *Cf.* Heb. 2:14; Col. 2:15.

Conclusion – Whose Seed are You?

*Are you of the seed of woman's
Godly descendants?*

*Or are you still numbered among
the seed of Satan?*

Accept God's gift of salvation ...

*... and celebrate Christmas 2009 in
truth!*