

Genesis 3:15

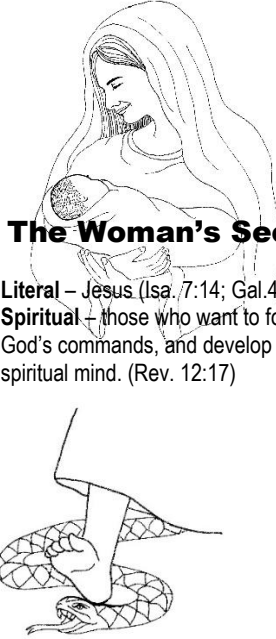
"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The Woman

Literal – Mary (Luke 1:30-38)

Spiritual woman:

- 'God's betrothed' (Hosea 2:16-20)
- 'bride of Christ', (Rev. 19:7-8)
- 'body of believers' (2 Cor. 11:1-3)
- the harlot (Revelation 17)



The Woman's Seed

Literal – Jesus (Isa. 7:14; Gal. 4:4)

Spiritual – those who want to follow God's commands, and develop a spiritual mind. (Rev. 12:17)

Enmity

"hostility, by implication a reason for opposition: enmity, hatred"

"Because the **car-nal mind** is **enmity** against God; for it is **not subject to the law of God**, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:7-8)

"... Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God**? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." (James 4:4)

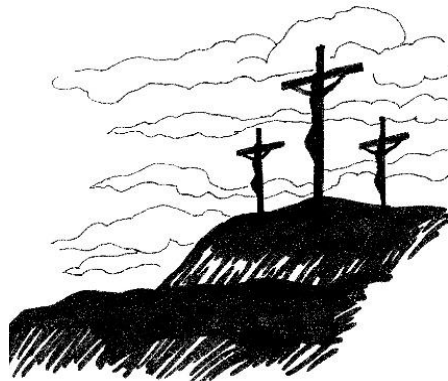
"If the **world hates you**, you know that it **hated Me** before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own." (John 15:18-19)

"For all that is in the world--**the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**--is not of the Father but **is of the world**. And **the world is passing away, and the lust of it**; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (1 Jn 2:16-17)

"So the great dragon was cast out, that **serpent** of old, called the **Devil and Satan**, who **deceives the whole world**;" (Rev. 12:9)

"Sarx" (Greek word)
"car-nal" "flesh"

Meaning: "...**fleshly, the animal nature with cravings which incite to sin, the flesh, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.**"



Numbers 21 & John 3:14

The Serpent

"...the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made." (Gen. 3:1)

"... as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness..." (2 Cor. 11:2)

- speaks? (Balaams's donkey - "God opened his mouth" Num. 22:23-30)

- twisted God's Word to create doubt towards God's love and sincerity.

- no one else is blamed; bears his own punishment. (Gen. 3:14)

* God puts His children to the test to see if they will obey His commands (Gen. 22:1-2, 12; Deut. 8:1-5; Jud. 3:1-7; Luk. 4:1-13; 1 Thess. 2:9-12)

Spiritual – 'the carnal mind', 'flesh' 'human nature', 'the world', 'the devil' (Rom. 8:7-8; Jam. 4:4; John 15:18-19; 1 John 2:16-17; Rev. 12:9)

The Serpent's Seed

"Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks". (Matt. 12:34; 23:33; Luke 3:7; John 8:44)

Spiritual – those who follow the carnal mind. **"For to be car-nally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."** (Romans 8:5-8; John 15:18-25)

Serpent on a Pole

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." (John 3:14)

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of **flesh ['sarx'] and blood**, He Himself likewise **shared in the same**, that **through death He might destroy him who had the power of death**, that is, **the devil**, and release those who through **fear of death** were all their lifetime **subject to bondage**... **For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.**" (Hebrews 2:14-18)