

## **The True War on Christmas**

**Text:** Genesis 3:15

**Context** - After Adam and Eve chose to disobey God and believe the serpent, the curse of sin entered the world bringing many severe penalties. Yet, in the midst of condemnation there was a promise of hope for one who would someday crush the serpent.

### **To understand the true war on Christmas...**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ the historic battle (vs. 15a)**

- A. This passage outlines the cosmic battle between Satan and his offspring (unbelievers and demons) and the descendants of Eve (Jesus Christ, the Church).
- B. This “first gospel” is prophetic of the struggle and its outcome between “your seed” and her seed (Christ, a descendant of Eve, and those in Him), which began in the garden. (John MacArthur)

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ the offspring of the woman (vs. 15b)**

- A. This passage contains a keyword for interpreting the rest of the book of Genesis - the Hebrew word “zera” interpreted as “offspring” or “seed.” Zera occurs 59 times in Genesis compared to 170 times in the rest of the Old Testament. The majority of the occurrences (47x) of zera in Genesis pertain to the genealogical lineage of the serpent crusher.
- B. In the midst of the curse passage, a message of hope shone forth—the woman’s offspring called “He” is Christ, who will one day defeat the Serpent. (John MacArthur)
- C. The promised seed is said to be the seed of the woman, not of the man. This points toward the virgin birth—the incarnation—of Christ.

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ the outcome of the battle (vs. 15c)**

- A. The woman’s offspring will be bruised on the heel—a nonlethal blow—and the serpent’s head will be crushed - a lethal blow. Satan dealt his bruising blow to Jesus through the Crucifixion. Christ dealt Satan a death blow through his resurrection.
- B. The OT is the record of the two seeds in conflict; the NT is the record of the birth of Christ and His victory over Satan through the cross. (Warren Wiersbe)