

SHILOH IS COMING

In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, it starts with the story of Adam and Eve and how they sinned against God by Eve listening to the lies of the serpent and eating of the fruit of the tree of good and evil that God had said not to eat of it, "for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" and then she gave the fruit to Adam and he ate of it as well. And that is the story of how the sin of man(kind) entered the world. Then we read that God had cursed the ground because of their sin, which brought forth the thorns and thistles, and most likely the biting mosquitos and fire ants and flies and well, and that's probably where viruses first entered the stage too, and then all of the other things of the earth that could not be called good. After they sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, God placed Adam and Eve outside of the Garden of Eden and pronounced judgment on them and God also then cursed the serpent by having it crawl on its belly. Yet in all that, God spoke to the serpent and said, "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." Fast forward a bit to the time of Noah and we read in Genesis 6:5, "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." God decided to flood the earth and rid the earth from all of mankind but "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." So Noah and all of Noah's family boarded the ark and the rest of mankind perished in the flood. Fast forward a bit again in time and we begin to read of the Patriarchs. The men who walked with God. The men who believed in the promises of God. We are told that Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Abraham had believed that God would provide the sacrifice in the place of his son Isaac. He believed God when God told him, "and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Then with Isaac, Abraham's son God gave him the same promise as his father saying, "in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed." Then with Isaac's son Jacob God revealed more of the promise when He blessed Jacob and renamed him to Israel where we get the twelve tribes of Israel, one of which was Judah, of which came forth the Seed of which all the nations on earth would be blessed.

Then as Jacob was nearing the end of his time on this earth, he spoke a blessing over his twelve sons. Of Judah he said, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until **Shiloh** comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people."

The Seed has come in the name of Jesus, who came to this earth to die on a cross for our sins, shedding His blood on Calvary for the remission of, or the taking away of our sins, and then He rose from the dead on the third day and was seen by many including all of the

Disciples as is recorded in the gospels and the book of Acts, so that all who would believe on Jesus as the Christ, the Savior of the world, would have a new life in Him, which is just the beginning to an eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Seed has come and bruised the head of the serpent, that is Satan, the devil, for when Jesus rose from the dead He conquered death, so that for all who will believe on Him will also raise from the dead unto eternal life.

One day Shiloh IS coming to reign forever on this earth. His name is Jesus, the Son of God, who conquered death and presently sits at the right hand of the Father and is interceding for us. If we put our trust in Him we too will conquer death and be raised up unto eternal life and we will reign with Him for all of eternity.

What began as a curse on this earth by the sin of Adam and Eve, God promised a blessing, through the Seed that would be Jesus Christ the Lord. What began as a tabernacle, a house of the Lord, in Shiloh which saw the complete defeat of the Isralites and the death of the prophet Samuel, and the taking away of the ark of the covenant, will be replaced by the Shiloh that was promised that **Shiloh** will come; "and to Him shall be the obedience of the people."

Shiloh is coming, brothers and sisters in Christ. That is, Jesus is coming again to reign for all of eternity. God promises us that one day He will right the wrong, He will bring all things into judgment, one day there will be a new heaven and a new earth and there will be no more tears, no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying, and no more pain or suffering. Glory to God! The former things that we presently dwell in will pass away and He will make all things new. That is an absolute promise from God from His Word in Revelation 21. And the greatest news of all is that whoever will call upon the name of the Lord, Jesus, will be saved. I hope and pray each of here has, or will, even now will call upon Jesus to be saved from your sins so that we can have eternal life in Him and with God the Father for all of eternity. May we all be comforted knowing that as Romans 13:11 says, "now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." Amen.