



#1 Better Days Ahead!

Genesis 3:15

Creation > Fall > Redemption > Restoration & Renewal

Creation: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Everything He made was **GOOD**. *Genesis 1-2.*

Fall: A failed testing of love and loyalty, trust and obedience. The first consequences of sinful, rebellious human **PRIDE**. *Genesis 3.*

Redemption: A Plan devised before the world was ever created-God would have a Family, brought into a covenant love relationship, given new birth, redeemed from enslavement to sin, loyalties changed, hearts transformed, allegiance **REVERSED**. *Genesis 3:15 ff.*

Restoration & Renewal: A renewed creation, a refashioned Paradise, the second coming of **EDEN**, the eternal heavenly home of God and His Beloved People. *Revelation 21-22.*

Genesis 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise [strike/crush] your head, and you shall bruise [strike/crush] his heel."

Proto-evangelium = first **GOSPEL** announcement

A THREE-PRONGED PROMISE OF BETTER DAYS AHEAD FOR HUMANITY

1. THE HOPEFUL EXPECTATION OF A **STUNNING REVERSAL**

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed/offspring and her seed/offspring..."

"enmity"=hostility, contempt, animosity, hatred

2. THE HOPEFUL EXPECTATION OF A **COMING VICTOR**

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed/offspring and her seed/offspring; he shall bruise [strike/crush] your head..."

"her seed"=**JESUS CHRIST**

3. THE HOPEFUL EXPECTATION OF A **COSTLY REDEMPTION**

"...and you shall bruise [strike/crush] his heel..."

What is this painful heel-bruising?

What Kind of a God do we have?

HE IS THE GOD OF BETTER DAYS AHEAD!

The God Who is always offering the Confident and Hopeful Expectation of a Better Future for ALL of His People.

*And tho this world with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.*

*The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.*