

# The Coming One

*“And I will make enemies of you and the woman,  
And of your offspring and her Descendant;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”  
Genesis 3:15 (NASB)*

*“Father, I want those you have given me  
to be with me where I am, and to see my glory,  
the glory you have given me because you loved me  
before the creation of the world.”  
John 17:24 (NIV)*

*“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world  
to be holy and blameless in his sight.  
In love he predestined us for adoption  
to sonship through Jesus Christ,  
in accordance with his pleasure and will – “  
Ephesians 1:4-5 (NIV)*

**O**ur first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned by doing the one thing the Lord had forbidden. For the first time Adam and Eve hid from their Creator when He came to meet with them. They instinctively knew that they had sinned and the Lord was holy. The gulf their sin created caused them to retreat from the opportunity to draw near to the Lord.

Adam and Eve needed a way to renew fellowship with the Lord but lacked the resources needed to bridge the gulf their sin had created. All of us are or were in the same state as our first parents. We have all sinned and in great need of divine intervention.

The very first promise of a Deliverer was given immediately after sin entered the world. As

we read Genesis 3:15 we learn that the Redeemer promised was a man descended from Adam and Eve, He would do battle with Satan, be wounded, but ultimately victorious on behalf of His people. This is the Gospel in condensed form.

The Old Testament, written over hundreds of years, gives more and more detail concerning the Coming One. We call it “progressive revelation”. There are many wonderful names attributed to the Lord Jesus Christ. Each name depicts some glorious aspect of His person and work. It would take a lifetime to thoroughly research every name and we as believers have eternity to study and learn more and more about our beloved Good Shepherd.

As we journey to Bethlehem this month may we delight in

the carols that celebrate our great Redeemer. Try to see how glorious the descriptions are of the blessed Messiah Who loved you eternally (Ephesians 1:4-5) and longs to have you join Him in His Father’s home (John 17:24).

He came to die for you and is coming again to embrace you forever. Celebrate this month the glorious truth of your placement in the family of God. The Coming One will not rest until He has gathered every one of His precious people home.

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