

## Session 5: Genesis 25-50

- The genealogical line of the promised Restorer/Redeemer (Gn 3:15) continues through the line of Abraham, in **whose seed (*spermatos*) all of the nations (gentiles) will be blessed** (Gn 22:18).
- Immediately after the Fall, we heard a similar prophecy in the **protoevangelium** (Gn 3:15), which is perhaps the most important prophecy in salvation history, as it reads:

I (Father) will put **enmity** (bitter hostility) between **you** (Satan) and the **woman** (Mother of Restorer/Redeemer), and between **your seed (*spermatos*)** and **her seed (*spermatos*)**.  
**He/she** shall crush your head,  
and **you (Satan)** shall bite his heel.
- First, note the **parallelism of enmity**.
- In a general sense, this parallelism reveals the tension of salvation history, as being **two kingdoms at war: Kingdom of Satan versus Kingdom of God**.
- More specifically, note the **identical enmity between lower parallel of seed (devils and wicked humans) versus seed (Restorer/Redeemer), and also between higher parallel of Satan versus Mother of Restorer/Redeemer** (Jn 2:4; 19:26). What is true of the lower parallel must also be true of the higher parallel. Specifically, therefore, by faith and reason, **we know that the Restorer/Redeemer, Who is the Incarnate God and also the Messiah-King or Christ, was *sinless* (Heb 4:15), and therefore never in friendship with Satan through sin, nor at enmity with His heavenly Father through sin**. If this lower parallel is true, *and it is*, that “her seed” would always be at enmity with Satan, then the higher parallel must also be true, **that the Mother of the Redeemer, who is the ever-Virgin Mary, would never be in friendship with Satan through sin, nor ever be at enmity with her heavenly Father through sin**. By deduction, therefore, this verse **prophesies the Immaculate Conception, that Mary was never, from the moment of her conception to the moment of her Assumption, in any way at friendship with Satan through either Original Sin or actual sin, nor at enmity with the Eternal Father**.
- Also, note that it is **the Eternal Father who “will put enmity between you and the woman”, as the initiative and action pertaining to the Immaculate Conception will ultimately be His and by His power**.
- Second, note the **strange wording of “her seed”!** The literal Greek word for “seed” is “*spermatos*”. How can a woman have *spermatos*, as this always comes from a man? She does not literally have *spermatos*, of course, being biologically a woman, **though this strange wording hints at the reality of the Virgin Birth, that Mary would conceive without the *spermatos* of a man such as St. Joseph or whoever, as the God-Man would become flesh in the womb of the Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit**.
- Third, in the Hebrew, Moses, inspired by the Holy Spirit, used the **epicene personal pronoun, which is a pronoun without gender, and which can be translated as *either he or she***. This **deliberate ambiguity** indicates that **both he and she** shall crush Satan’s head, meaning “deal a fatal blow and a decisive defeat”. Specifically, Christ will crush the head of Satan via the Cross, though He Himself will suffer greatly. Likewise, Mary, as Mother of the Redeemer, will also participate in the crushing of Satan’s head, as she too suffered greatly at the foot of the Cross (Lk 2:35). This latter interpretation is confirmed by private revelation. For example, **the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe reveals her standing on the crescent moon, which is a symbol of the serpent-god Quetzacoatl**. Also, for example, **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal appeared to St. Catherine Laboure with the serpent-symbol of Satan beneath her feet**.

- **In summary, the Messiah-King or Christ will come via a mysterious Woman, Who will be sinless, and also a Virgin Mother.** But first, the genealogical line of the Christ will run through Abraham, then his son Isaac, then his son Jacob.
- Jacob has his name changed by God to Israel, which means “one who wrestles with God”.
- Israel will become the father of the nation of Israel, founded upon the twelve sons of Israel, who will father the twelve tribes of Israel (Israelites).
- Israel’s favorite son Joseph will be sold into slavery by his own brothers, and eventually, due to famine, the rest of the family will move to Egypt, where the Israelites will stay for 400 years, the latter years in slavery to the Egyptians.
- Note that Joseph sees his own slavery as the **permissive will of God**. For example, he says to his brothers, “And do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, **for God sent me before you to preserve life...** (Gn 45:5). **So it was not you who sent me here, but God...** (Gn 45:8). As for you, **you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today** (Gn 50:20).” In his sufferings and trial, Joseph, with eyes of faith, sees the **permissive will of God, that evil was permitted, that greater good might result**. He echoes a classic spiritual principle, “**to see all things as coming from the hands of the good God**”. Or, as St. Paul said, “**All things work for the good for those who love him...** (Rm 8:28).”
- Before Israel dies, he extends the **birthright (family headship) to Judah**, and the blessing (fertility) to Joseph’s son, Ephraim.
- Thus, through the line of Judah will come **the Christ, the Lion of Judah and the King of Kings**, as the poetic prophecy reads:

Judah, your brothers shall praise you,  
 your hands shall be on the necks of your enemies,  
 your father’s sons shall bow down to you.  
 Judah is a **lion’s cub**.  
 From the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
 Resting, you have couched as a **lion**,  
 and as a lioness, who dares rouse him?  
**The scepter shall not depart from Judah,**  
**nor the ruler’s staff from beneath his feet,**  
**until he comes to whom it belongs,**  
**and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples (gentiles)** (Gn 49: 8-10).