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"Seed" - 02233 zera' zeh'- rah (Hebrew)
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The word "Zera" is used of:

1) Literal Seed (to be planted or sown in the ground)
2) Sperm (the male seed which produces offspring)
3) Offspring, descendants, posterity, children
   a) The singular term can (and very often) refers to a race or people
   b) The singular term can also refer to one particular offspring.

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Because of Sin: The Serpent was <u>Cursed</u> (Gen. 3:14)

Because of Promised Seed: Christ: The Serpent would be <u>Crushed</u> (Gen. 3:15)

v. 14
The serpent was asked no questions, but simply cursed to fall to the ground and crawl in the dust in humiliation (for being the tool Satan used to deceive the human race).

Not only is it equitable (fair) that the serpent be cursed, but the perpetrator behind the serpent as well. We know that the Devil (who is called "the serpent" and Satan (Rev. 12) was directly involved here and in fact was the direct instigator of mankind's fall into sin. His curse is now given in verse 15.

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Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity between thee (the Serpent; Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy (Satan's) head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

"Enmity" - Deep-rooted hatred; an abhorrence to; Eve, who listened to the serpent, would now despise the serpent.

That which had attracted her would now become despicable to her.

That is why most women to this day naturally hate snakes.

This verse seems to have a dual meaning (a common feature of O.T. prophesy) A near and a distant (ultimate) fulfillment:

The literal (natural) meaning: People abhor serpents and serpents abhor people. People step on serpents (crushing their heads), and serpents strike at people (bruising their heels).

The prophetic (spiritual) meaning:

Satan's seed (offspring - Jn. 8:44; Eph. 2:2 - perhaps personified ultimately in the Antichrist) will abhor a particular seed of the woman (Gal. 4:4) - namely, Christ.

This seed of the woman would come from the line of Eve's son, Seth (Gen.4:25).

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

"It" or "He" (the singular seed Christ) shall crush Satan's head, but Satan himself will bruise His (Jesus') heel.

This bruising of the heel is evidently, a foreshadowing of the crucifixion, where Christ's hands and feet were driven through with spikes - Lk. 24:40.

Note: It is the serpent and not his seed which is said to be bruised. The cross ultimately fulfilled this prophecy (cp. Col. 2:14-15; Rom. 16:20).

Colossians 2:15 - And having spoiled principalities and powers (The Devil and his Demons), he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (the Cross).

V. 15
"Spoiled" - to strip off. Like the disarmament done to conquered enemies, in which their armor and weapons are stripped off.

"Principalities and powers" - The same "principalities and powers" that we "wrestle" against (Eph. 6:12). The demonic hosts of evil.

What did Christ strip away from Satan and his legions of demons? ANSWER: The fear of death and eternal guilt that they hold over our heads (Heb. 2:14-15 - "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage").

"Made a shew of them openly" = to display, to expose, to display as a victor displays his captives or trophies in a triumphal procession (Lightfoot).

EX: The 1991 NYC "Operation Desert Storm" Parade with General Norman Scharzkoff leading the procession

Whenever a Roman general won a great victory on foreign soil, and took many captives and much loot, and gained new territory for Rome, he was honored by an official parade known as "The Roman Triumph."

Paul alluded to this practice in II Cor. 2:14. Jesus Christ won a complete victory on the cross (I Cor. 15:57) and returned Home to Glory in a great triumphal procession (Eph. 4:8ff). In this, He disgraced and defeated Satan (Wiersbe, p. 84).

"Triumphing over them (i.e. the "principalities and powers" of evil) in it (i.e. the cross).

All the attempts of Satan to keep Christ from bearing our sin on the cross failed (EX: through Peter - Mt. 16:22-ff; through the mocking crowd - Mt. 27:39-44).

“The supreme irony of Calvary is that Satan’s apparent victory was his defeat” (Edmund P. Clowney “The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the O.T.” Page 38).

On the eve of Calvary, the Lord Jesus said:
John 12:31-32 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
“cast out” – driven out (driven out of those he held captive; driven out of many of his formerly held strongholds)

Satan is a defeated foe!

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Jesus became a man to **remove man's fear of death (imposed by Satan)**

V. 14a
"The Son of God became the Son of man, so that we, the sons of man, might become the sons of God."

Christ took upon Himself human flesh and blood so that He might die to free us from death.

V. 14-15
Satan was defeated at the cross in that he no longer can taunt us and provoke us to fear death because we know that Christ's death brings eternal life to us.

V. 15
We don't need to fear death. We don't need to dread what lies beyond the grave!

When you realize the love of God for you (as demonstrated at Calvary), you no longer have to live in torment, because God's love casts out all fear! (I Jn. 4:18).

Hezekiah feared death (Is. 38:10-12, 18); Stephen did not (Acts 7); Paul did not (Phil. 1:21 - *"to die is gain"*).

Do you know with 100% certainty where you will spend eternity?

Not only was Satan defeated at the cross, but is a defeated foe every time God gives victory in the believer's life! As Romans 16:20 teaches.

Romans 16:20 - And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

[Satan is crushed and conquered.]

"The God of peace" = the God who gives peace.

False teachers disrupt peace. God restores it! How? By crushing Satan.

"Will bruise Satan" = will crush, trample on; lit. will "rub (the serpent's head) together" with the dust of the ground.

What is the secret to victory over Satan and his lies? ANSWER: To be wise concerning good and unmixed with evil."

In other words, to know the Scripture and to remain separate from false teaching.

EX: Christ's conquering of Satan
(Mt. 4:4, 7, 10 = The Word of God)

"Shortly" = swiftly; in a brief amount of time; quickly.

"When the believer fights with the armor of God, the conflict is never long" (Godet, cited by Thomas, p. 433).

Christ is the only source of grace. Without His grace our ability to conquer Satan's attacks is null and void.

II. The Seed of <u>Abraham</u> will provide <u>Global Blessing</u>

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

Abraham would have two particular sons. One son of the flesh, born in a common, natural way (through a maid servant, Hagar). This son was named Ishmael.

Abraham would also have a son in his old age. A miracle child; born to a woman (Sarah) who at 90 years of age was well beyond child bearing years.

Genesis 21:12 ...for in Isaac **<u>shall thy seed be called</u>**.

After Abraham offered up Isaac on Mt. Moriah and after he made that prophetic statement in Genesis 22:8 - "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering" It is recorded in Genesis 22:18 "And **<u>in thy seed</u>** <u>shall all the nations of the earth be blessed</u>; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

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From Abraham's seed would come the Messiah! Who is the savior of all who trust Him, whether Jew or Gentile. All Nations of the earth are blessed because of this particular descendent of Abraham!

Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

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15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

This seed (v.11) refers to a particular person ("his kingdom")

Immediately - Solomon (would establish his kingdom and build the Temple)

Ultimately - The Lord Jesus Christ (The Lord Jesus will rule on David's Throne forever)

This seed could not merely refer to Solomon. Reason: Solomon's kingdom did not last forever (v.14). In fact his part in the kingdom ended when he died. His kingdom would soon become a divided monarchy only to be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. Even after it's rebuilding in the days of Nehemiah and Ezra, the Jewish kingdom would be occupied by Greece, then Rome, and destroyed by Rome in 70 AD.

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Psalm 89:34-37

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.
36 **His seed shall endure for ever**, and **his throne as the sun** before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

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Luke 1:30-35
30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
31 And, behold, thou shalt **conceive** in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him **the throne of his father David**:
33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob **for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end**.
34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the "Son of David" (The descendent of David)
(Note: the title: "Son of David" was a messianic title)

*Mt 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the **son of David**, the son of Abraham.*
*Mt 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou **son of David**, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*
*Mt 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou **Son of David**, have mercy on us.*
*Mt 12:23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the **son of David**?*
*Mt 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou **Son of David**; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.*
*Mt 20:30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou **Son of David**.*
*Mt 20:31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou **Son of David**.*

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41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,
42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.
43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,
44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?
45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

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See Isaiah 55:

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even ***the sure mercies of David****.*
4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

11 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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b. **God detailed it** (Is. 11, etc.)

1 ¶ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
10 ¶ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

c. **Christ promised it** (Mt. 26:29)

Mt. 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

d. **The Apostles expected it** (Acts 1:6-7)

6 ¶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

e. **Creation awaits it** (Rom. 8:19-23)

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

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"Thy kingdom come…"

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHRIST'S KINGDOM (in general)

The 1,000 year Kingdom will be a time of:

1. Christ's sovereign reign (Rev. 20:4-7; Zech. 14:9; Haggai 2:7; Is. 9:6-7, 11:1-5, 10)

2. Believers reigning with Christ (Rev. 20:4-7; Obad. 21)

3. Holiness & righteousness (Zech. 8:3, 14:20; Is. 32:1-5)

4. Justice & peace (Is. 2:1-4, 9:6-7; Micah 4:1-5)

5. Longevity of mortal life (Zech. 8:4)

6. Worship via a new temple (Haggai 2:7-8; Ezek. 40)
(sacrifices will be memorials of Christ's finished work)

7. Peace, spirituality, & prosperity (Micah 4:4-8; Is. 60:17-20; Joel 2:18-27)

8. Rejuvenated water (Ezek. 47:1-12)

9. Storms & rain (Is. 4:6; Zech. 14:18-19)

10. No external temptation or deception (Rev. 20:1-3)

11. No violence or destruction (Is. 11:6-10)

12. Spiritual blessing (Is. 32:15-19)

13. Renovated land and desert (Is. 40:3,4; Is. 35:1-8)

14. Gentile & Jewish inhabitance (Is. 60:14-16)

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE KINGDOM (specifically related to Israel)

For Israel, the 1,000 year Kingdom will be a time of:

1. Unity (among the tribes of Israel) (Is. 11:13; Ezek. 37:15-22; Jer. 3:19)

2. Comfort & joy (Is. 12:1-6; 40:1ff)

3. Rest (Is. 14:3, 7-8)

4. Respect (by other nations) (Zech. 8:23; Is. 60:14-16)

5. Much land (Obad. 19-20)

Conclusion:

Will you be part of this future kingdom?

You can be, because …

1) Jesus (the promised seed) has crushed the head of the serpent!
(Satan has no ultimate power over the believer; He is a defeated foe.)

2) Jesus (the promised seed) has blessed you! All the nations of the earth have a remant of people, who have been blessed by this "seed" of Abraham!

3) Jesus (the promised seed) will rule and reign forever and we can rule and reign as coregents with Him during that millennial kingdom!