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JESUS IS THE SERPENT CRUSHER

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GENESIS 3:15

God made a home for Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, a slice of heaven on earth. God assigned Adam to work in the garden and take care of it. Everything was perfect. Adam and Eve could eat from the Tree of Life and walk in the garden with God himself.

God gave them just one rule: they could not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned Adam that if he ate of it, he would surely die.

Along came a crafty serpent, the devil himself. He

tempted Eve to eat the fruit, telling her that when she ate it, she would be like God, knowing good and evil. Did Adam and Eve trust God, or would they eat the fruit?

The fruit looked so good! So Eve took a bite. Then she gave some to Adam, and he ate it too.

The world changed at that very moment. Adam and Eve had sinned. Their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. They sewed some fig leaves together to make clothes for themselves. And they hid from God.

“Where are you?” God called. He knew where they were. Perhaps he was fishing for a confession, or maybe he was asking, “Where are your hearts? Why didn’t you trust me?”

Then it all spilled out. Adam and Eve started pointing fingers. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent.

God is holy and just, and so are his actions. In response to their sin he brought pain, hard work, thorns, thistles, sweat, and dust. Dust—did you catch that? Adam would return to dust. In other words, he would die. Lastly, God banished them from the garden. No longer would they be able to eat from the Tree of Life. It’s a sad, sad story.

But that’s not the end of the story! God didn’t just give out punishments; he also gave a promise. Because remember, God had a plan. Sin and evil would not win.

The promise came as God cursed the serpent, and it’s easy to miss if we read too fast. God told the serpent, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

One day, one of Eve’s descendants would defeat the serpent by crushing his head.

Who is this descendant, this serpent crusher? It’s Jesus! Yes, the serpent would strike and Jesus would suffer, but Jesus would win!

How would this all happen? God gave us a clue when he made clothes for Adam and Eve out of animal skins. This was a beautiful gift, and not just because they wouldn’t have to wear fig leaves anymore. God sacrificed an animal, one he had not long ago lovingly created, and used it to cover their bodies and the shame they now felt as a result of disobeying God. One day his Son Jesus would be sacrificed, erasing our sin and covering our shame, clothing us in righteousness instead. But the serpent would not win, because Jesus’s death would not be the end of the story! Three days later Jesus would rise so that sin—and even death itself—would be crushed in Jesus’s victory.



REFLECT

1. How did sin enter the world? See Romans 5:12.
2. Why is sin such a big problem? See Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23; 6:23.
3. Where do we see the promise of Jesus in this story? See Genesis 3:15.

BIBLE REFERENCE GENESIS 3

KEY VERSE GENESIS 3:15