

# “The Mother of All Battles”

## Genesis 3:15

- Joshua 13:1 “. . . There remains very much land yet to be possessed.”
- Joshua 3:4 “. . . You have not passed this way before.”

# Studying the Passage

- What are some of the important words in this passage?
- What's the context of the passage?
- Who's the "you"? **The Serpent**
- Who's the "Woman"? **Eve**

# The Serpent

- The Creature

- What kinds of images/traits does the word serpent bring to mind?
- The Serpent is the Devil/Satan
- Rev. 12:9 What do the names Dragon or Serpent refer to? **Titles**
- Gen 1:24 **Creeping things created “good”**
- 2 Cor. 11:24 **Angel of Light**

# The Serpent

- The Curse

- Gen. 1:24 – Symbolic expression. Q. If you say someone's going to be made to "eat dirt", that's a symbolic expression for what? **Defeat**

- His defeat announced but not yet totally come about

- The Lord is making the Devil His footstool

# Seed of the Serpent

- **Q.** Who are the Serpent's Seed/Offspring?
  - Seed/Offspring generic for a race of people
  - Not ethnic/racial but spiritual
- The non-elect / reprobate / unbelievers who never come to faith in Christ
  - Children of the Devil
  - John 8:42-44a “You are of your father the Devil”

# Seed of the Woman (Eve)

- The Promise to the Woman & her Seed
- Collective singular
  - A group/race – the **many sons** by adoption
  - An Individual ( “He”) – the **one Son** eternally existent
- Children of God united with the Savior/Messiah
  - Romans 16:20
- The Messiah “antidote”

# The Casualties of War

- Crush/Bruise (Strike)
  - Applied to head
  - Heel



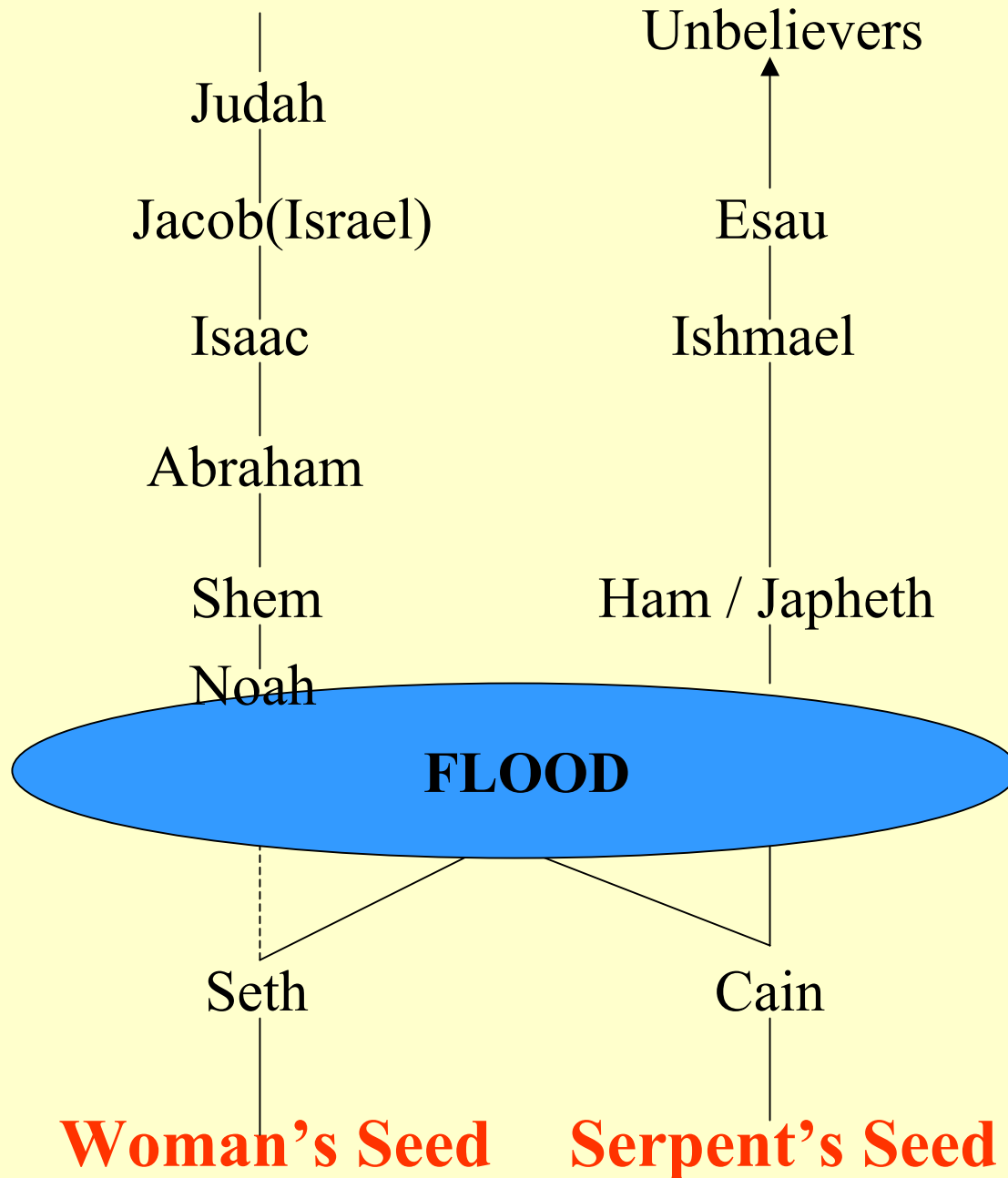
# Enmity

- Q. How did the Enmity get there?
- The Enmity is Between
  1. Satan
  2. Woman (Eve)
  3. Satan's Offspring
  4. Woman's Offspring
  5. Christ
- Three Battles Depicted
  1. A personal one between Satan and the Woman (1 & 3)
  2. Another between the posterity of both (3 & 4)
  3. Finally, between Christ ("His") who delivers mortal blow to Satan (1 & 5)

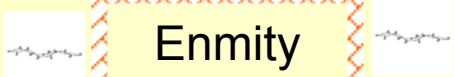
# Eve's Response

- Gen. 4:1
- “I have gotten a man”      “even the Lord”
- Instincts correct, timing way off

# Christ & His Church



# The Ongoing Battle

**Seed of Woman**  **Seed of Serpent**

- What is Satan's goal (battle plan) in the context of the two seeds?
- What are some of the many ways the Godly seed can be compromised?

# The Age of Enlightened Tolerance

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|--------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>God's Word</u></b> | vs. | <b><u>Man's Intellect</u></b> |
| Conflict                 | vs. | Commonality                   |
| Separateness             | vs. | Oneness                       |
| Distinction              | vs. | Monism                        |

- Intellectual Means: to Rid the world of the Enmity
  - Relativism
  - Free Speech? vs. God's Word
  - Religious pluralism
  - “Live as one”

# What We Have Learned

- True or False: Gen. 3:15 is a promise about a coming Messiah?
  - **True**
- Who is the “His” in Gen 3:15
  - **Christ**
- List two titles of Satan
  - **The Serpent**                      **The Dragon**

- The enmity between Christ and His Church and Satan and his spiritual offspring was put there by who?
  - **God**
- The striking of “His” heel is a reference to what?
  - **Christ’s Crucifixion**
- What woman in the N.T. fulfilled the promise to Eve of bearing the one “male Child” in the N.T.?
  - **The Virgin Mary**