

**The Holy War – Salvation: Crushing the Head of the Serpent**  
**Message 7 – July 27th, 2025**

Today we'll be reading from The Holy War, starting where we left off on Message 6 at paragraph 12 on page 10 and ending on page 12 paragraph 22. If you don't have your PDF copy of the book you can download it [here](#) or on top of this website page.

Just to clarify before we start, The Holy War is not my Bible. I realize pastors usually introduce the book of the Bible that they'll be reading from at the beginning of their message, but since we want you to know which part of this book that we're studying from, I list the chapter and paragraphs. The Bible then, which I preach, in and of itself, illustrates the message.

From the start of The Holy War, we can see clearly that it was a type and shadow of the creation of Adam and Eve, their fall, and the outcome of having disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit, sin entered the soul of man causing a continuous spiral downhill from that point on. We notice in The Holy War, that the City of Mansoul is referred to as Her, as in the soul of Eve that was corrupted by the devil (Diabolus), and the fallen angels that rebelled against God were cast out of Heaven to earth, where even to this day, some, but not all, are actively involved in possessing the souls of mankind. What I find interesting is how deceived Diabolus and his rebel angels are, to think that they could take possession of the City of Mansoul, believing their own lies, with little, if any thought that God could possibly redeem The City of Mansoul. One lie on top of another, believing their own lies as truth.

***The Holy War:***

***“And now Diabolus thought he was safe. He had taken Mansoul; he had garrisoned himself there; he had put away the old officers and had set up new ones; he had defaced the image of Shaddai and had set up his own; he had spoiled the old law books, and had promoted his own empty lies; he had appointed new magistrates, and set up new aldermen; he had built new strongholds, and had manned them with his own men. And all this he did to make himself secure in case the great Shaddai or his Son should come and wage war on him.***

The devil thought he was safe, but he wasn't. God had a plan from the beginning, likewise as secure as the devil is in his schemes for your life, God has a plan! No matter how much the devil schemes to kill, steal and destroy your life – God has a plan. God already HAD the plan. From the fall of Adam and Eve, we can clearly see that God does not violate man's free will to choose to follow Him or not, the free will of mankind is at the centre core of God's salvation plan, and God's free gift of salvation for our souls, is conditional upon that old fashioned requirement of mankind called repentance. God's plan to redeem mans soul is not universalism, that believes that ultimately everyone is saved and will go to heaven, no one goes to hell, and that their salvation has nothing to with their free will.

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Let's read about God's pronounced judgment on the devil from the very beginning of the fall of mankind in the garden of Eden.

**Genesis 3:14-15** Amplified Bible; "14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all the cattle, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life. 15 "And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her [a]Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel."

Commentary from [Got Questions](#) says the following;

*"Genesis 3:15 is a remarkable verse, often called the protoevangelium (literally, "first gospel"), because it is the Bible's first prediction of a Savior. The second half of the verse gives two messianic prophecies concerning that Savior:*

*The first messianic prophecy in Genesis 3:15 is that "he will crush your head." That is, the seed of the woman will crush the serpent's head. The Amplified Bible makes it clear that "the woman's seed" is more than mankind in general; it is an individual representing all mankind: "And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head."*

The seed that's being referred to here is Jesus, being born of a woman who fatally bruised the head of the devil. You may think that the devil can't have offspring, but he does and it's through those who are surrendered to him to do his bidding.

The following read is taken from a commentary in [Got Questions](#).

*"The second messianic prophecy in Genesis 3:15 is that "you will strike his heel." That is, the serpent will bite the heel of "the woman's seed." The heel-bite is set in contrast to the head-crush, as the Amplified Bible brings out: "And you shall [only] bruise His heel."*

*This passage points to the promise of Jesus' birth, His redemption, and His victory over Satan. The woman's offspring is Jesus. Being virgin-born, He is literally the offspring of a woman (Matthew 1:25; Galatians 4:4; cf. Isaiah 7:14). Being the Son of Man, He is the perfect representative of humankind. The devil's offspring were the evil men and demonic forces who, like a snake, lay in wait for the Savior and struck at Him. Their venomous conspiracy condemned Jesus to be crucified."*

So we can pretty much conclude that regardless of Adam and Eve's decision to willingly disobey God, He already had a conditional plan that required mankind's willingness to repent of their sins and receive God's plan of salvation that unfolded in the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus who after ascending to the Father, sent the Holy Spirit that we could be born again of His Spirit.

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In the reading of the Holy War today, it's clear that no matter how secure the devil (Diaboulous) took over the City of Mansoul, a messenger brought a detailed account of the takeover of Mansoul to King Shaddai and His Son. It doesn't say who the messenger is, but he broke through to deliver the message.

***“The Holy War;***

***Now, this messenger did not deliver his news in private, but in open court, to the King and his Son, high lords, chief captains, and nobles — they were all present to hear. But when they had heard the whole of the sorry story, it would have amazed you, had you been there to witness it, what sorrow and grief and shame of spirit there was among them all, to think that famous Mansoul was now lost. Only the King and his Son had foreseen all this long ago, and had sufficiently provided for her relief, though they had not told anyone else about it. Yet, because they also wanted to have a share in the misery of Mansoul, they also, and to the greatest degree, bewailed the loss of Mansoul. The King said plainly that it grieved him to his heart (Genesis 6:5-6), and you may be sure that his Son was not far behind. Thus they showed to all their love and compassion for the famous city of Mansoul.”***

**Genesis 6:5-8** Amplified Bible says; “5 *The Lord saw that the wickedness (depravity) of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination or intent of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually. 6 The Lord [a]regretted that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was [deeply] grieved in His heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will destroy (annihilate) mankind whom I have created from the surface of the earth—not only man, but the animals and the crawling things and the birds of the air—because it [deeply] grieves Me [to see mankind’s sin] and I regret that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor and grace in the eyes of the Lord.”*

In the middle of all God's grief, Noah found favor! Noah's family was a remnant that was preserved. It's interesting to see that God preserved a remnant who the Christ Child would come from and redeem man's soul and fulfill what was spoken of by God in Genesis 3:15.

From the times before and after the saving of Noah's family, it's recorded in the Bible that God required his Godly remnant to walk by faith and believe in Him and His spoken word about His plan of salvation of man's soul.

Hebrews 11, reveals story after story of God's remnant of Holy people who walked by faith and not by sight, with hope in God's salvation plan which all of those mentioned never saw with their eyes, or received the fulfillment of what was promised while alive. It's good to read Hebrews 11, because it will give you historic understanding of men and women who stood, walked by faith and didn't receive anything while they lived but believed the word of the prophets who delivered the word that salvation would come. You can't shut down the voice of the prophet and they'll be prophesying until the Lord returns.

**Hebrews 11:39-40** Amplified Bible says; “39 *And all of these, though they gained [divine] approval through their faith, did not receive [the fulfillment of] what was promised, 40 because God had us in*

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*mind and had something better for us, so that they [these men and women of authentic faith] would not be made perfect [that is, completed in Him] apart from us.”*

It's no wonder the devil wants to destroy Christianity, because it reminds him of how his head was crushed and that Jesus made an open and public spectacle on the cross, defeating him. All the Old Testament saints, no matter how Godly they lived, were not made complete in the salvation of their souls until they received the salvation plan found in Jesus, which made them Holy and delivered them from Abraham's bosom, which was a temporary place of paradise before Heaven. When Jesus crushed the serpent's head, their faith was made perfect. They needed Jesus just as much as each person alive needs Jesus today to be able to go to heaven. As nice and comforting as it was to be in Abraham's bosom, it was nothing compared to heaven. Jesus Christ completed the Old Testament saints, our life as Christians completed them. It's no wonder why the devil wants to stamp out any and all of God's representation of Christ on earth because he knows the power behind it.

***“The Holy War:***

***Well, when the King and his Son retired to a private chamber, they again consulted about what they had decided beforehand; that is, that just as Mansoul would be lost for a time, so certainly it would be recovered again; recovered, I say, in such a way that both the King and his Son would receive eternal fame and glory through it. So, after this consultation, the Son of Shaddai (a gracious and delightful Person who always had great affection for those in affliction, but who was a mortal enemy of Diabolus because of what he was (Isaiah 49:5), and because he thought much of his crown and dignity).***

***This Son of Shaddai, I say, having put himself into the hands of his Father, and having promised that he would be his servant in recovering his Mansoul again, stood firmly by his resolution, nor would he repent of it. (1 Timothy 1:15; Hosea 13:14) The agreement was this: that at a certain time, determined by both, the King's Son would take a journey into the country of Universe, and there, by way of justice and righteousness, and by making amends for the follies of Mansoul, he would lay a foundation of perfect deliverance from Diabolus and his tyranny.”***

**1 Timothy 1:15** Amplified Bible says; “15 [a]This is a faithful and trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance and approval, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost.”

No matter how the City of Mansoul seemed irredeemable and to far gone for God to restore to himself, He had a plan of salvation to give freely to them, a plan of reconciliation of mankind to himself, that would not interfere with man's free will, but rather offers them to receive total completeness that alone makes them Holy.

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*“But the serpent’s strike did not spell the end of the Offspring of the woman. Jesus rose the third day, breaking the power of death and winning the ultimate victory. With the cross, Jesus “crushed” the devil’s head, defeating him forever. So, in [Genesis 3:15](#), the crushing of the serpent’s head was a picture of Jesus’ triumph over sin and Satan at the cross (cf. [John 12:31](#)). The striking of the Messiah’s heel was a picture of the wounding and death of Jesus on the cross. Satan bruised Jesus’ “heel,” but Jesus showed complete dominance over Satan by bruising his “head.”*

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***Moreover, Emmanuel resolved at a convenient time to make war on the giant Diabolus even while he was in possession of the city of Mansoul; and that, by the power of his arm, he would drive him out of his stronghold, his viper’s nest, and retake it for himself as his habitation.***

***This being determined, an order was delivered up to the Lord Chief Secretary to draw up an accurate record of what had been resolved, and to publish it in all corners of the kingdom of Universe. A condensed version of its contents you may, if you please, read as follows: Let everyone know who is concerned, that the Son of Shaddai, the great King, has promised in a covenant with his Father to return his Mansoul to him; indeed, and put Mansoul, through the power of his matchless love, into a far better and happier condition than it was before it was taken by Diabolus. These papers, then, were published in several places to the irritation of the tyrant Diabolus; ‘for now’, he thought, ‘I will be attacked, and my home will be taken from me’.***

Some reading this would try to use it to affirm their belief in eternal security, once saved always saved, but it’s clear that this is about saving the City of Mansoul, who was living under the laws of the Old Testament prior to it’s takeover by Diabolus. As Christians we can be taken over by the devil, for it goes on all the time as Christians compromise, and backslide to the point of not returning to Christ. God has freely given a Christian salvation, but this does not mean that Christians are on permanent vacation from the schemes of the devil waged against them. Remember that this portion of the story is still for those that are ‘before Jesus’ time.’ God had not implemented His plan in totality yet.

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*“Satan, although still active in this world, is a defeated foe. His doom is sure: “And the devil . . . was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur” ([Revelation 20:10](#)). Until that time, there remains enmity between Satan and God’s children.*

*The protoevangelium shows us that God always had the plan of salvation in mind and informed us of His plan as soon as sin entered the world. Satan formulated a plan involving the serpent in Eden, but God was way ahead of him, having already ordained the Serpent-crusher. Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled God’s mission: “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” ([1 John 3:8](#)).*

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So, until the devil is thrown into the lake of fire, he will still be an enemy of Christians, but Jesus has given us authority in His name according to **Luke 10:19**; *“Behold, I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [ possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.”*

Amen!