

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel* (Gen. 3:15).

The Lord proclaimed the first Gospel ([Protoevangelium](#)) in the Garden.

The woman is Eve, who is a type of the Church, i.e. the Elect of God throughout the ages.

For she is 'the mother of all living,' (Gen. 3:20), i.e. the 'mother' who 'gives birth' to all those who will be made alive in Christ by grace.

It is by means of the Church the Gospel is proclaimed (Mark 16:15; Acts 28:31, etc.)

It is through the proclamation of the Gospel Word that men are 'born again' (1 Peter 1:23), by means of the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).

This prophetic truth is presented to John visually in Revelation 12 where a woman is clothed with the sun, i.e. with the glory belonging to Jesus Christ who is her righteousness.

This woman is not Mary. John knows Mary intimately, for he was given the responsibility to care for Mary by Christ Himself (John 19:27). Had the woman been Mary he would have acknowledged that important fact.

The man child is Christ, the seed of the woman, Eve, and He is the Savior of His body, the Church (Ephesians 5:25).

The woman is the universal true Church who 'gives birth' to born again Christians via proclamation of the Gospel.

The history of the true Church testifies of the travail she experienced in preaching and nurturing the new born Christians.

Satan, the great red dragon, has been intent on killing the promised seed of the woman from the beginning.

He succeeded in killing Abel, who was of the godly seed.

But the Lord then raised up Enos. For it was then that men began to call upon the name of the Lord (Genesis 4:25-16).

Sadly, too many Christians have no knowledge of Church history.

Without this knowledge the identity of Antichrist remains a mystery.

But to those who fought the good fight of faith against the Lord's enemies through the ages, the identity of the Antichrist was quite clear and evident.

**'ENMITY' DENOTES THE HATRED AND UNMITIGATED HOSTILITY OF AN ENEMY**

It was the Lord who puts 'enmity' between the woman and the serpent, as well as between her seed and his seed.

Please notice the Lord did not place 'ecumenical love' between the two.

Though Christ has the primary signification as the 'seed of the woman,' the 'seed of Abraham' (Galatians 3:16), we Christians are also denoted as being of the same seed (Galatians 3:29).

For it is through His Church that Christ wages war against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6; 1 Timothy 1:18).

### **ULTIMATELY, ALL MANKIND ARE DIVIDED INTO 2 SEEDS**

Although all mankind are first born of the flesh in Adam, our God had elected, before the foundation of the world, certain specific sinners worldwide, to be spiritually born again in Christ (Ephesians 1 & 2).

It is for those Elect Christ came to give His life a ransom, to make satisfaction for their sins as their substitute (John 1:29).

Their names were known to God and Christ from the beginning:

*Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world (Acts 15:18).*

Regeneration is a miraculous work of God.

The Lord knows those who were to be given Him by the Father:

*The Lord knows those who are His (2 Timothy 2:19).*

Because the Lord's knowledge is infinite, He *always* knew those who were His, as well as those who were *not* His (Matthew 7:23).

Those who are the Father's Elect have been given to Christ, who are also Christ's (John 17: 9-10).

It is for those only that He prays, gives His life, giving them eternal life.

It is these only who will be born of Christ's seed (1 John 3:9).

**CONCLUSION:** It is impossible Christ came to Earth with the intention to save all mankind.

The Lord declared perpetual enmity between His seed and Satan's seed.

As Mediator, Christ reconciles many enemies to God, but not all.

Had that been His mission and intention, all mankind would be reconciled, for Christ has lost none (John 17:12, 20-26).

But that was neither His mission nor intention.

Therefore, let us believe what God has written for our edification that we may ever grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord (2 Peter 3:18).

Christ's mission was and still is a resounding success.

**NEXT:** The Seed of the Serpent.