

THE PENTATEUCH IV: DEUTERONOMY

WEEK 5

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PROTEVANGELIUM

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And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the
head, And you shall bruise him on the heel*

The claim is that the Serpent is Satan and that Christ is the seed. Isn't that stretch? Why or why not?

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Is it a stretch to say this is Christ & Satan? I say No:

1. 'Seed' is singular and 'He' is used implying a particular individual.
2. It does not say that the woman's seed will strike the serpent's seed (as expected) but rather the serpent himself!
3. This enmity of seed(s) continues throughout Genesis. We potentially lose the Abrahamic covenant's prophetic import if we surrender this.
4. Later references concerning Satan:
 - ▶ Isaiah 27:1—God will judge “Leviathan”= “serpent” = “dragon”
 - ▶ John 8:44—calls Satan “father of lies” points to seed of serpent; “from the beginning” indicates his place in Genesis
 - ▶ Romans 16:20a—The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
 - ▶ Revelations 12:9, 20:2—“dragon . . . the serpent of old who is . . . the devil and Satan”

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Abraham's Seed will bless all nations:

- ▶ Gen 12:3—And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed
- ▶ Gen 15:4—This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.
- ▶ Gen 18—“... in [Abraham] all the nations of the earth will be blessed?”
- ▶ Gen 22:18— In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed

(Note: God will curse those who curse Abraham, this echoes/includes the Serpent & his seed)

JUDAH

*Gen 49:8-12—Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? **The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.** He ties his foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes are dull from [darker than?] wine, And his teeth white from milk.*

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What can we draw from this text that fits the profile of Messiah?

1. The expressions, “your brothers shall praise you” and “Your father’s sons shall bow down to you” indicate that Israel’s king will come from Judah.
2. The expression “Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies” is reminiscent of these Messianic prophecies:
 - ▶ Psalm 110:1—The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”
 - ▶ Psalm 2:7,9 He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. . . ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’”
3. “And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples” points to a worldwide king

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THE PROPHET

As we saw last week, Deuteronomy 18:15-19 is interpreted in a Messianic light by NT authors (e.g. Acts 3:22). This was a broadly held view at the time. For example, the Essenes, a religious sect of Christ's day, also held this view:

The Essenes had a most developed Messianism. They expected an eschatological prophet, recalling Deuteronomy 18:15-18. (Cross, 219)

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GENESIS

Some fascinating types from Genesis:

- ▶ Adam (Romans 5:12ff, 1 Cor 15:22)
- ▶ Melchizedek (Psalm 110, Matthew 22:41ff, Hebrews 5,7)
- ▶ Hagar (Slave) or Sarah (Free woman) (Galatians 4:21ff)
- ▶ Sacrifice of Isaac (Hebrew 11:17-19)

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What are some ways that Jesus typologically fulfills the Passover?

- ▶ Substitutionary Atonement-“When He [LORD] sees the blood on the lintel and on the two door posts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come into your house to smite you.”
 - ▶ John 1:29-“lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”
 - ▶ 1 Cor 5:7-Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, *just as you are in fact unleavened*. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.
- ▶ Jesus was crucified on Passover (John 19:14)
- ▶ Break no bone (12:46; Psalm 34:19,20; John 19:34)
- ▶ Jesus and Lord’s Supper!
- ▶ Redemption from slavery follows both.

WATER FROM ROCK

We find Paul saying something very strange here:

1 Corinthians 10:1, 3, 4—“our fathers . . . all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; **and the rock was Christ.**

WHAT?!

WATER FROM ROCK

Some interpretive suggestions:

- ▶ In both John 4:14 and John 7:37, 38, Jesus says that people should come and drink from Him.
- ▶ Relatedly, in John 6:32-35, Jesus refers to himself as the bread of life.
- ▶ Given that Paul is alluding to the exact same portions of the Pentateuch, Paul is probably giving shorthand reference to this typological teaching, with which the Corinthians were likely familiar.
- ▶ Perhaps it's a stretch but Jesus is called the Word. Compare also Deut 8:3b—*man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.*

ISRAEL AS TYPE

Especially in Matthew are there a variety of connections made between Christ and Israel's origin as a nation:

| Episode | Pentateuch | Matthew |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Miraculous Birth | Gen 18:10 | 1:18-21 |
| Herod and Male Babies | Ex 1:16 | 2:13 |
| Sojourn in Egypt | Ex 1-12 | 2:14,15 |
| Pass Through Water | Ex 14:29-31 | 3:15,16 |
| Temptation in Wilderness | Deut 8:2 | 4:1,2 |

LEVITICAL CULTUS

The most thorough NT treatment of this subject is found in Hebrews 5-10.

| <i>Levitical Element</i> | <i>Sacrifice</i> | <i>Tabernacle</i> | <i>Priest</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| In Pentateuch | Lev 1-6, 16 | Ex 25-30 | Ex 28-9 |
| Heavenly Parallel | Christ | God's Throne | Christ |
| In <i>Hebrews</i> | 9:12-14; 27-28 | 8:5, 9:24 | 5:1-10; ch 7 |
| Relevant Gospel | Lk 24:25-27 | Mk 15:38 | Mt 22:41ff |

LEVITICAL CULTUS

Hebrews 10:1-4—The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

CHRIST AND THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS

In John 3, Jesus says:

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

He doesn't explain it, he doesn't elaborate. This is all he says.

Turn to Numbers 21:6-9. What similarities are there between Christ and the Snake?

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1. Because of unbelief, the people are doomed to death.
2. God provides a special means to survive this death.
3. This special means requires very little of the recipient of the gift (cf. the tabernacle cultus).
4. The people are only forgiven if they appropriate this gift themselves (by looking).
5. Both are “lifted up” on a pole. (This would ordinarily be totally uninteresting but this also serves as a prediction of the cross.)

SHAKY EXAMPLES

It's possible that I'm being overly cautious, but here are a couple examples of putative types that I don't find compelling:

- ▶ Judah's sacrifice in Joseph narrative
- ▶ Every incident of Moses' intercession.

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