

Current Affairs #152 – The Forming of Two Economies
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In declaring enmity between the Seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent, God defined the outcome. So it is not just that there will be continuing enmity, but there was a victory associated with the outcome. It is important to know these things; otherwise, you will be terrorized. This is why it is so imperative that we ground these things in the ancient Scriptures. These are the most ancient of sayings from God.

So what, then, is the outcome that God prophesied, contemporaneous with declaring the enmity between the seeds—the Seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent? He said, “He shall bruise your head.”¹ God, speaking of the Seed of the woman—calling Him a ‘He’—“He shall bruise your head.” That is a statement of utter, thorough, and complete pacification—a military term. When someone’s foot is on the head of his enemy, that is the military reference to pacification. You are going to be judged as being incapable of forming a cogent resistance to one who has defeated you utterly. A foot on the head is a picture of abject subjection to the rule of a superior. I want you to get that picture, because there is not going to be any half measures, no negotiation.

That is why Paul speaks of it at the end of the Book of Romans when he says, speaking to the church in Rome, “Be excellent at what is good and be innocent of evil. And the God of peace shall soon crush Satan underneath your feet.”² That is why, at the end of the Book of Ephesians, in the 6th chapter, when he is applying the power of God—the working of the mighty strength of God which Paul spoke of in the first chapter³—he chooses to apply it in context of this very warfare.

This transcript is presented with the hope of preserving the authenticity and spirit of the spoken message, while addressing areas that may require clarification in the written form.

All Scripture quotations in the footnotes are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Genesis 3:15: “And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

² See Romans 16:19-20a BSB: “Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice over you. But I want you to be wise about what is good and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

³ See Ephesians 1:19-20: “...and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ...”

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (cf. Ephesians 6:12). And one of the first of these demonstrations of the power of God is having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (cf. Ephesians 6:15). The Hebrew term for ‘peace’—*shin, lamed, waw, and mem*—the four characteristics in the aggregate signify, ‘to destroy the authority that establishes disorder.’

So John will tell us in 1 John, chapter 3, “The Son of God was revealed that He might destroy the works of the devil.”⁴ The Seed of the woman is called the Son of God.⁵ That transfer takes place in the Jordan River when the Son of Man is buried in the water—symbolically buried in baptism—and the Son of God comes up out of the water, a type and shadow of the Son of God arising according to promise, and God said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”⁶ This is the indication of the Son of God who now is a spiritual Man consisting of many members. According to 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, the Body of Christ, like the human body, is comprised of many members. And whereas the human body is described in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, as eyes, hands, feet, and familiar body parts like that, it also describes the Body of Christ in terms of the functional giftings in each of the designed parts and saying that God placed the members in the body as He foreordained.⁷ So this is a natural man as a type and shadow of a spiritual man.

All of which tell us that this war was to come to a final end with the bruising of the head of the serpent and, in the process, the bruising of the heel of the Son. So we will have sufferings and trials in this life because they relate to the reining in of the soul, the restoration of sight from the soul to the spirit. When man walked with God initially, he saw everything according to the spirit; his spiritual eyes were open. When he walked away from God, the eyes of his soul were opened, and

⁴ See 1 John 3:8: “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

⁵ See Galatians 3:16: “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”

⁶ See Matthew 3:16-17: “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

⁷ See 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

he walked in the blindness of his own imagination. When he has been restored, his spirit will see again, so he will not see by the seeing of the eye, and he will not hear by the hearing of the ear; he will see by discernment of the Spirit of God.⁸ That is why this is so imperative that we understand that you cannot figure these things out by an appeal to your Twitter followers.

To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;

In pain you shall bring forth children;

Your desire shall be for your husband,

And he shall rule over you.” [Here, the implication, by the introduction of rule, is your desire will be for your husband’s rule, but he is going to rule over you.] (Genesis 3:16, comment added in brackets).

God first tells the serpent that his judgment is that the Son of God, coming as the Seed of the woman, will crush his head. There will be a final victory. It is not going to go on in an endless way. This war is not designed to be a war in perpetuity. This war will end, and it will end when Christ is formed in a spiritual Man. This plays perfectly into and is accurately aligned with the original intent of God when He said, “I am going to make a man in Our image, after Our own likeness.”⁹ And this man in the image and likeness of God is going to be the exact representation of the invisible God upon the earth. He will be configured according to the standard of Christ, and the process of his configuration will be that his *charakter*¹⁰—and here I am speaking of the Book of Hebrews, chapter 1, image and likeness¹¹—is that of refined metal being stamped into coinage. And because the metal is refined by fire—“he will bruise your heel” is the saying of Genesis—the

⁸ See Isaiah 11:3-4: “His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.”

⁹ See Genesis 1:26: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”

¹⁰ See *charakter*, Strong’s Greek 5481 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/5481.htm>

¹¹ See Hebrews 1:3a BSB: “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His nature...”

taint of man's giving in to the deception of the serpent, just like the woman said, that taint is going to be cured by the refiner's fire.¹²

Anybody who tells you that, as a believer, you do not have to suffer is preaching another gospel to you. I have heard some say, "If you are suffering, it is because you did something to offend God." That may be true, but much of the suffering of a believer has nothing to do with offending God; it has to do with being refined. Because part of the prophecy was, "The serpent will bruise the heel." The walk of the believer has to be cured from the errant, straying footsteps of Adam and Eve walking in the light of their own understanding. That has to be cured by the soul being brought back under the rule of the spirit. This curative process is described in Scripture as fiery trials of many kinds, spoken about in the Book of 1 Peter: "Think it not strange that you should suffer fiery trials of many kinds. But when you do, the Spirit of glory and of Christ rests on you."¹³

Anyone who tells you that, as a believer, you have signed up for a life of ease and peace is lying to you. Your 'best life' is not in the gratification of every whim you can think of. God is not obligated to give you the desires of your unregenerate heart. In fact, He will not. When your desires line up with His, then it is His pleasure to give you the desires of your heart because your heart and His heart—your affections—have been set on things above, not on things of this world. He will give you everything necessary for this life, and He will even give that to you according to the abundance required for you to serve in the capacities to which He has called you. But God does not just give you wealth to give you wealth. That is a sure way of distracting you. God gives you the wealth commensurate with the purposes for which He has called you.

So if God has called you to be a ruler amongst His people to set forth the standard of divine rectitude, then your economy will match that. If, on the other hand, God has called you to be a

¹² See Malachi 3:2: "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap."

¹³ See 1 Peter 4:12-14: "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified."

supplier in His Kingdom, your economy will reflect the abundance of resources, but it does not come separate and apart from the instruction to give on every occasion. Hoarding, for those with the gift of giving, is hiding what talent God gave you, according to the expressions of the parable of the talents.¹⁴ Similarly, if God means to adorn you with physical beauty, clothe yourself with the humility of divine characteristics, so you may appear in the beauty of His holiness and not in the trite, banal, and passing reference to human beauty. That fades as your youth does, but a gentle spirit endures forever.¹⁵ These things have all been said.

So everyone who pursues God is going to experience fiery trials; that is the bruising of the heel. When the God of peace has worked the refiner's fire in you, and your *charakter* bears the stamp and the imprint of His image and likeness, then whatever you do will triumph routinely, effortlessly, casually, and normally over the works of the devil in this life. So there was always going to be conflict between the Seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent, but that conflict had a final resolution. We are going to routinely defeat Satan in the course of our lives, and ultimately, as the Body of Christ, we will not only be given judgment in favor of the saints,¹⁶ but that judgment will include the destruction of the beast. That is how it comes out.

This promise here, in Genesis 3:15, is lived out, spoken of, and referenced throughout the Book of Revelation. This is what the Book of Revelation summarizes:

- The coming forth of the righteous of the earth—the Seed of the woman;
- The assembled *Corpus Christi*—the assembled Body of Christ;
- The *naos*¹⁷ of God—the dwelling place of God, the place wherein the power and glory of God are both perfected and displayed. That is the end of the matter.

¹⁴ See Matthew 25:14-30.

¹⁵ See 1 Peter 3:3-4: “Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”

¹⁶ See Daniel 7:21-22: “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.”

¹⁷ See *naos*, Strong's Greek 3485 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/3485.htm>

But also, it is where the deception of Satan is drawn up into its most fearsome rendition to entrap the hearts of mankind who fear for provision and protection. That is why this beast treads down and devours the whole earth.¹⁸ There are those who dwell in heaven,¹⁹ and there are those who dwell in the earth.²⁰ The dwellers of the earth find their identity in the sweat of their brow. The dwellers in heaven, even if they live on the earth—we are in the world, but we are not of the world²¹—their economy is above.

Finally, when God said to Adam, the final of the three—to the woman it was pain in childbirth and the desire for her husband’s rule but being subject to her husband.

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed is the ground for your sake; [Do you know what? God did not curse Adam. “Cursed is the ground for your sake,” meaning, it is because of you that the earth is cursed. So what happens when the last Adam comes? Their economy is to be redeemed because it was cursed for his sake: “Cursed is the ground for your sake.” It is his disobedience that carries with it the curse. But when we shall turn again to righteousness, the ground will not be cursed.]

In toil you shall eat of it

All the days of your life.

Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,

¹⁸ See Daniel 7:23: “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.’”

¹⁹ See Revelation 13:6: “Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.”

²⁰ See Revelation 3:10: “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” See also Revelation 13:8: “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

²¹ See John 17:14-16: “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

And you shall eat the herb of the field.

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread

Till you return to the ground,

For out of it you were taken;

For dust you are,

And to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:17-19, comment added in brackets).

Now, this curse upon the ground actually introduced a different economy. On the seventh day, God rested²² and invited man to enter into that rest. Man was in that rest until he stepped away from the presence of God.²³ The presence of God is required as the surrounding environment for the economy of the seventh day. In that economy, ‘every tree’ is your inheritance.²⁴ God has ordained the earth to support the sons in an economy devoid of sweat, devoid of toil. And we are not limited to the sweat of our brow; we are allowed to transcend the economy of the sweat of the brow.

And one critical note: you will remember, verse 18, “Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you.” Jesus wore a crown of thorns; on the cross, He wore a crown of thorns.²⁵ Why? Well, thorns and thistles... I live here in the American West, and one of the plants in the American West is called the tumbleweed. Its proper name is the Russian thistle. Thistles are essentially weeds—thorns and thistles. The word ‘thistles’ in Hebrew is *dardar*,²⁶ and it corresponds in the parables of Jesus to darnels, tares among the wheat (cf. Matthew 13:24-30). Thistles are a form of weed

²² See Genesis 2:2-3: “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

²³ See Genesis 3:8-10: “And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’”

²⁴ See Genesis 2:16: “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ...”

²⁵ See John 19:1-2: “So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him*. And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.”

²⁶ See *dardar*, Strong’s Hebrew 1863 - <https://biblehub.com/hebrew/1863.htm>

that looks like productive, useful grain. Rapeseed is a more common designation of this. What is the significance of thorns and thistles? Why did Jesus end up wearing a crown of thorns? Because, you see, thorns and thistles represent encroachments upon the productive, profitable domain that God had put under the rule of man.²⁷ It is a reduction in the size and scope of your inheritance.

The sons of God have a *kleroo*,²⁸ an inheritance. *Kleroo*, where we get the word ‘clergy,’ is the term for an allotment. I have travelled extensively in the country of Cuba, and one of the phenomena that is striking to me about arable land in Cuba—the land in Cuba is quite fertile, but because of the government’s use of land, it is not all productive; not much of it, in fact, is productive. The land is undeveloped, and along the highway for miles and miles, going down from Havana to Santiago de Cuba, there are thorn bushes which in Cuba are called *marabou*—thick, thorny hedges. The land could not be properly cultivated because of the economic policies, but it was once an agricultural nation. There was a time when Cuba produced so much of sugarcane, tobacco, and all other forms of crop production—massive agricultural production. But the mismanagement of the nation by its government for the last seventy years has caused the land to go from being extremely productive, to just spottily productive, and the thorns have invaded. The *marabou* are everywhere. Thorns and thistles, you see, shrink the scope of your inheritance as a son of God, and that is why Jesus wore a crown of thorns to redeem the inheritance of the sons.

As we go forward into the next chapter and we discuss Cain and Abel, we now see the operational functionality of the two economies. What else are we going to see? We are going to see the functioning of the sweat of the brow, and we are going to see the offering of the lamb.²⁹ What are these two things indicative of? The sweat of the brow represents going backward to toil. God rested on the seventh day. God was at work on the sixth day. So there is an economy of work that now has been reverted to. Adam reverted to the economy of the sixth day. God put him out of the

²⁷ See Hebrews 6:8 BSB: “But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless, and its curse is imminent. In the end it will be burned.”

²⁸ See *kleroo*, Strong’s Greek 2820 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/2820.htm>

²⁹ See Genesis 4:2-5: “Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”

economy of the seventh day because of his choice. But God did not put everybody out of the economy of the seventh day because Abel is in the economy of the seventh day.

How is that so? How does this contrast with the economy of the sixth day? And what and why is there an inevitable conflict and the first shedding of blood? The conflict is between the economy of the sixth day and the economy of the seventh day. The economy of the sixth day always wars with those who are in the economy of the seventh day. Because, you see, condemnation comes to the sixth day and those who dwell in the sixth day, by those who remain in the seventh day. Men love darkness rather than light when their deeds are evil.³⁰ We will unpack that and look at Cain who is described as a son of the devil and a type of the Antichrist.³¹ It almost seems too good to be true. The Scriptures speak so plainly about these things, but come we will see it when we continue these discussions.

I am Sam Soleyn. We will see you then. Bye-bye.

³⁰ See John 3:19: “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

³¹ See 1 John 3:12 BSB: “Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did Cain slay him? Because his own deeds were evil, while those of his brother were righteous.”