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Genesis 3:15, “*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.*”

The above verse is the very first reference in the Bible to Jesus coming and the salvation He would bring. Jesus is not mentioned by name, but after the fall of mankind in the garden of Eden, the LORD lets Satan know that he would cause some harm to Jesus (bruising his heel). But Jesus would cause a fatal blow to Satan and bruise his head.

I thought vividly about this passage recently. It was a very warm late summer day and two of the farm cats were very focused on something in the drive way. Ruby went out to see what had their attention. It was a very small snake. The snake tried to escape to the grass, but one of the cats was standing on it with his paw. The snake could not escape. Knowing the nature of cats with small critters, I’m sure the small snake did not survive long. We never saw it later on.

The snake might have been able to bite the heel of the cat, but little to no damage could have been done. This was because the head of the

snake was being crushed by the weight of the cat standing on the snake.

I could not help but think of the above passage in Genesis when this unfolded in the yard. The serpent will bruise the heel of Jesus, but Jesus will bruise his head. Jesus has already dealt the crushing blow to Satan. Jesus did this when He arose from the dead to life forevermore.

It was interesting to see the cat here on the farm standing on the head of the serpent in the yard. Jesus is referred to as the largest cat of all, a lion. Revelation 5:5, “*And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*”

We call a lion the king of beasts because a lion has power over any other beast. Jesus is the Lion that is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Revelation 19:16, “*And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*”

A lion in the physical world is going to defeat any creature that it comes against, and certainly would crush a snake. Jesus is that spiritual Lion who has already been victorious over the greatest enemy of mankind, Satan.

Satan himself knowing the power of the Lion does something like a lion. We are told in I Peter 5:8, “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*” Satan can only be “as” a lion. He can never be the lion.

There is only one true Lion, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is not going to defeat Satan in the future. He already has. In referring to Satan, Jesus said in John 12:31, “*Now is the judgment of this world:*

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry, and Enola Zigler. Larry Compton** continues to recover from knee replacement surgery. **Shirley Edwards** is doing well after having her esophagus stretched.

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now shall the prince of this world be cast out.” In defeating and overcoming death, Jesus defeated Satan and delivered the bruise to his head.

Jesus has fought and won for us. What a shame it would be to not take advantage of the victory we have in Jesus. Though Jesus has defeated Satan, there is still one more enemy for Jesus to defeat.

We all are very familiar with death. We learn about death at an early age. We see the death of pets, and the first people that often die in the life of a child is a grandparent. As we grow older, we start to see parents, siblings, and many people our age and younger dying. Death was not meant to be, but it and all the pain it brings was brought to us by the sin in the garden of Eden.

Death is a constant enemy to us, but because of Jesus defeating Satan, death too shall be defeated. I Corinthians 15:26, *“The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.”*

How can death itself be destroyed? Death is destroyed by eternal life. For those who die in the LORD, there is no death. It has been destroyed. Certainly not everyone will take advantage of this victory— most will not. But for us, because of Jesus, Satan and ultimately death is defeated. The very next verse in I Corinthians 15 says, *“For he hath put all things under his feet...”* Satan as well as death, and all things, have been put under the feet of Jesus. He has been, and is forever victorious. *continued on next page...*

Sunday, December 8, 2019		
Classes	18	I Peter 4:11
Preaching	26	Ezekiel 8
Contribution	\$890.00	
Evening	11	Matthew 27:1-34
Wednesday, December 11, 2019		
Classes	8	Isaiah 7:1-25

Visitors— Dec 8 (AM) John Lay (Glasgow, KY); Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Isaiah prophesied a virgin would do what?

Last Week’s Answer— The posts of the door (Isaiah 6:4)

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Don’t be overcome with spiritual death and falling to the wiles of Satan. Live for the LORD and be victorious. Defeat Satan and even death itself.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)