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Genesis 3:14, “*And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.*”

The above verse is the very first time the word “curse” or some form thereof is used in the Bible. A curse was brought upon the serpent because Satan had used this form. The serpent was cursed above all beasts of the field. This would make him hated and despised. Almost everyone has some dislike and fear of snakes and serpents.

The curse also caused the serpent to go upon his belly all the days of his life. He would eat dust. Certainly any snake you see does crawl upon the dust of the ground. This curse was brought because of sin.

In Genesis 3:16 we learn that woman would suffer the pain of child bearing. “*Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.* These conditions were placed upon woman because of the sin in the

garden. Though the word “curse” is not used in the above verse, it certainly is part of the curse brought upon mankind.

Genesis 3:17-19 shows the furtherance of the curse. “¹⁷*And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;* ¹⁸*Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;* ¹⁹*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.*” Man would have to toil to provide and eat. It would be difficult labor. The time here would ultimately end in death.

Without salvation from the LORD mankind would also lose his soul. No sin can enter Heaven. Revelation 21:27, “*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*”

In the midst of all these curses, there is hope given. Genesis 3:15 shows hope. Someone is coming that would bruise the head of Satan, even though that someone would have His heel bruised. “*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.*”

As we study throughout the Bible, we learn that someone is Jesus. Jesus is never named in the Old Testament, but there are many prophecies referring to Him.

Although even the very last word of the Old Testament is “curse” There is great hope if you read the very next verse, which is the first verse of the New Testament. When you read the two verses back to back, you see the curse, and immediately see the cure.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry,** and **Enola Zigler.** **Larry Compton** remains at his daughters in Tennessee while he recovers from knee replacement. Stitches were removed Thursday and he is doing very well. **Shirley Edwards** saw a cardiologist this week and she did not have a heart attack. All looks good with her heart. **AliRose Duncan** was involved in an automobile accident in Louisville this past Thursday. She only suffered minor injuries and was able to come home that night.

—**Ruby Edwards** is traveling to Arkansas to attend the funeral of her uncle, **J. D. Conrad.** Services are tomorrow morning in Melbourne, Arkansas. We extend our sympathies to his family.

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Malachi 4:6, “*And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*”

Matthew 1:1, “*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*”

Though the Old Testament opens and closes with the curse upon mankind, the New Testament opens with Jesus, the One who will remove the curse. The very last chapter of the Bible is the last time “curse” is mentioned in the Bible. Revelation 22:3, “*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.*”

It’s not a verse of a curse placed upon man or continuing, but the good news that there shall be no more curse. The curse that was ushered in by the sin in the garden of Eden will be removed. It will be removed because sin has been forgiven and removed, and that by the blood of Christ.

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Sunday, December 15, 2019		
Classes	12	I Peter 4:12-19
Preaching	29	Hebrews 1:1-14
Contribution	\$970.00	
Evening	17	Matthew 27:36-61
Wednesday, December 18, 2019		
Classes	13	Isaiah 8:1-22

Dec 15 (AM) Visitors— Andy, Marsha, Clay, & Hannah Wagoner; Andrew Wilson (Bowling Green, KY)

Bible Quiz

Isaiah was told to write where concerning Mahershalalhashbaz?

Last Week’s Answer— conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)

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The New Testament not only mentions Jesus in the very first verse, but the last verse as well. Revelation 22:21, “*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.*” Jesus is the core of the Bible and the reason the curse will be removed. That is truly the gospel, the good news. —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)