

A PROPHECY THAT TIES THE BIBLE TOGETHER

"I shall put enmity between you [the serpent] and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel." —Genesis 3:15.

That is the Bible's first prophecy, uttered by God in Eden. Who are the four characters: the woman, her offspring, the serpent, and its offspring? How does the foretold "enmity" play out?



THE SERPENT
Satan the Devil.
—Revelation 12:9.



THE WOMAN
Jehovah's organization
of heavenly creatures.
(Galatians 4:26, 27) Isaiah
spoke of "the woman,"
foretelling that she would
give birth to a future spiritual
nation.—Isaiah 54:1; 66:8.



**THE SEED OF
THE SERPENT**
Those who
choose to do the
will of Satan.
—John 8:44.



THE SEED OF THE WOMAN
Primarily Jesus Christ, who
came out of the heavenly part
of Jehovah's organization. Also
included in the "seed" are
Christ's spiritual brothers, who
rule in heaven with him. Those
anointed Christians make up
a spiritual nation, "the Israel
of God." —Galatians 3:16, 29;
6:16; Genesis 22:18.



THE HEEL WOUND
A painful blow to
the Messiah but not
permanent in its
effects. Satan
succeeded in having
Jesus put to death
on earth. Jesus
was resurrected.



THE HEAD WOUND
A deadly blow to Satan. Jesus will put Satan out of
existence forever. Even before that, Jesus will undo the
evil Satan began in Eden.—1 John 3:8; Revelation 20:10.

For a concise overview of the Bible's
central theme, see the brochure *The
Bible—What Is Its Message?* published
by Jehovah's Witnesses.