## Genesis 3:15

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (NIV)

The only one foretold to crush the serpent's (Satan's) head is the offspring of the woman. This prophecy is found in Genesis 3:15.

This offspring is Jesus Christ, because He alone was born without a human father. We are all offspring of men, since our seed comes from our earthly fathers. But Christ is the seed that came down from heaven, which is why He is called the offspring of the woman.

By His victory over the powers of darkness—through His resurrection from the dead and ascension to heaven—He dealt a mighty blow directly to Satan's head.

Because of this, humanity has crossed over from death to life.

The good news is that anyone who believes in Him becomes part of that

offspring by faith, and so receives the same authority to crush the serpent's power—until the kingdom of darkness is completely destroyed from the face of the earth.

Galatians 3:29

"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (NIV)

Luke 10:19

"Behold, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." (NIV)

Remember, no other offspring—no African, no European, no Chinese, no Arab, no Jewish clan, no royal family—can truly destroy the powers of darkness. Even if humans unite with tanks and nuclear weapons, they cannot defeat them; instead, they risk becoming prey to those dark

powers. Only the offspring of Jesus Christ possess that power.

The question is: **How do we crush the serpent's head?** 

We do it by continuing to preach. If you sit idle and do not witness the gospel of Christ to sinners, if you neglect the Lord's harvest field, know this: the "boots" (authority and power) you have been given at your feet are useless unless you use them!

You are giving Satan permission to rejoice in the Lord's field. The only sure way to quickly drive Satan away is to encounter one sinner and witness to them about salvation.

When the apostles returned from preaching, rejoicing over their victories, Jesus said,

"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." (Luke 10:18 ESV)

Stand firm. Use your authority well. Continue to crush, truly crush, and destroy the enemy through the gospel.

Not by simply shouting "I crush Satan!" or saying "Leave, Satan!" but by preaching the gospel.

Another way to crush Satan is through prayer and living a holy life, while still preaching the gospel of Christ—this deeply wounds Satan.

Wake up, put on your boots, and go after every thicket in the Lord's field where the serpents hide. Keep crushing until the good news of the kingdom reaches all the world.

The Lord be with you.

Amen.

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