

# Proving That This Jesus Is The Christ

## The Seed Promise

Reading: [Ephesians 3:8-13](#)

### Introduction

What if I gave you a promise that would not be fulfilled for 1000's of years. Would you understand it? Would it mean anything to you?

I saw a program on the History channel about how they make brandy, wine, whiskey and other liquors. (Before I tell you about it, let me say that I do not encourage or advise anyone to drink any of this.) They described how barrels were made for storing the drinks for 50 years. It made me think that some of the people making it would not even be able to taste it, nor make money from it. 50 years! The ones involved could be dead by the time it had obtained the taste they wanted.

I also hear that the Chinese do not merely have annual goals or 5 year goals, they set their goals for 100 years down the road. The ones making the goals will be gone before the goals come to fruition. Obviously, these goals depend upon children and grandchildren continuing in them.

- In Genesis we read a goal that God planned for 1000's of years before its completion.

[Genesis 3:14-15](#) So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 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."

## 1. Who Understood The Promise?

[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."

### Maybe They Thought Abel Was That Seed

- Obviously they thought that Seed was Seth

[Genesis 4:25](#) And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed **another seed for me instead of Abel**, whom Cain killed."

### Nothing Is Said About It Again For More Than 1000 Years (Or 17 Chapters)

[Genesis 21:12](#) (To Abraham) for **in Isaac your seed shall be called**.

[Genesis 22:18](#) **In your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed...

[Genesis 26:4](#) (To Isaac)...**in your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

[Genesis 28:14](#) (to Jacob) ...**in your seed** all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

### Again Nothing Is Said About It For More Than 500 Years

[Numbers 24:7](#) (Balaam the Prophet is bribed to curse Israel, but he prophesied "for" Israel) He shall pour water from his buckets, And **his seed** shall be in many waters. His king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted.

### Again Nothing Is Said About It For Hundreds Of Years

[2 Samuel 7:12](#) (To King David) "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, (in other words, "After you die") I will set up **your seed** after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (David also wrote about it in the Psalms)

### Who Understood It? Nobody! It Was A Mystery:

- This seed would crush the head of the serpent
- This seed would be from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and King David
- This seed would be a blessing not only for Israel, but for ALL nations
- This seed would be from David and sit on his throne and have an everlasting Kingdom!
- This seed would also be born through a virgin [Isaiah 7:14](#)

### When Would He Come? Who Would He Be? For 1000's Of Years The Plot Was Thickening!

- We have a hard time paying attention between the commercials!

### One More Thing: It Was A Promise That Was Planned Even Before God Made The Earth:

[1 Peter 1:20](#) He indeed was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you.

[Ephesians 3:8-9](#) To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God** who created all things through Jesus Christ;

### Why Was It Hidden So Long?

[1 Corinthians 2:7-9](#) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; **for had they known**, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has **prepared for those who love Him**."

## 2. What Is The Promise Really?

### What Is The Mysterious Promise?

[Ephesians 3:6](#) that the **Gentiles** (that is "all nations") should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in **Christ** through the **gospel**,

### That's Why Jesus Said,

[Matthew 28:18-19](#) "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

[Mark 16:15-16](#) And He said to them, "Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to **every creature**. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

### That's Why It Was So Hard For Peter To Finally Understand:

[Acts 10:34-35](#) "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in **every nation** whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."

### That's Why It Is Also For US What Peter Said On The Day Of Pentecost:

[Acts 2:38-39](#) Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and **to all who are afar off, as many as** the Lord our God will call."