Bible Study Worksheet

1. God promised a savior to resolve the problem of sin (Genesis 3:15)

“I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15, WEB)

Background

- In Genesis 3:1-12, Adam and Eve commit the first-ever sin. Genesis 3:15 is part of God’s response. He addresses the problem of sin and alludes to the solution -- a singular individual (the Messiah), who will resolve the problem of sin.
- Genesis 3:15 is called the *protevangelium*, which means *first Gospel*, and is the first and oldest Messianic prophecy in the Old Testament of the Bible.
- The context for understanding Genesis 3:15 includes all verses leading up to it, especially Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3:1-3:12.
- The two main themes of the Old Testament are the **Problem of Sin**, which separates humanity from God (Isaiah 59:2), and the **Promise of a Solution** – the Messiah, who reconciles people with God (Isaiah 53, John 3:16). Genesis 3:15 is the first time that God addresses both themes together.

Examine, analyze and understand

1. Who is the speaker in Genesis 3:15?
2. Who is the *you* in this verse?
3. Who is *the woman*?
4. Who is *your offspring*?
5. Who is *her offspring*?
6. Who is the *He,* in the ultimate sense?
7. What problem is God responding to when he speaks the words of Genesis 3:15?

8. How do the verses leading up to Genesis 3:15, especially Genesis 2:17 and Genesis 3:1-12, provide a context for understanding Genesis 3:15?
9. How do we know that the *He* is the Messiah?
10. **Bonus Round**: How does Genesis 3:15 establish a pattern that all 300-plus Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament follow?

This Bible Study is based on Ray Konig's "301 Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus". The book is optional but helpful. Free resources, including a summary of all 301 prophecies, are available at zealization.com/301.html.