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[Divine Judgments upon the World]
THE BITTER-SWEET OF MOTHERHOOD

Five divine judgments were pronounced in addition to the sin-death judgment of (Gen.2:17)

This lesson will study five aspect of Bitter-Sweet of Motherhood based on Gen.3:16.

- The **BITTER** is based on “I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you shall bring forth children.”
- The **SWEET** is being part of giving birth to the SEED, Christ, Savior of the world.

1. We will begin by examining the Divine Judgment upon the Woman. We will study some of the similarities and differences of the Divine Judgments upon the World.

Gen.3:14-15

Gen.3:16

Gen.3:17-19

2. The absolute infinite clause of (Gen.3:16) teaches the Bitter-Sweet of Motherhood (pain) resulting from the Judgment upon the Woman. “I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth.”

Jesus made mention of this when ministering to Nicodemus in (Jn 3:1-21; Tim.2:14-15).

At the last supper, Jesus taught on the SWEET of the pain of childbirth (John 16:17-22; Luke 15:7, 10).

Be careful that you do not project the “intense longing” meant for the wife to her husband upon your children either before or after childbirth (Gen.30:1-2).

3. As a result of this divine judgment upon the woman, under the old covenant Levitical Law, she was classified as unclean during her menstruation and childbirth (Lev.12; 15:19-33; 18:19; 20:18).

Because of this Law, Mary was required to go through the Levitical purification rite following the birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 2:21-24; Lev.12:6-8).

Her doing so fulfilled this Levitical **shadow Christology** Law (Rom.10:4; Matt.5:17; John 3:1-21; Gen.3:16).

(1 Tim.2:14-15) “And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, **fell into transgression**. But (women/ not plural but SINGULAR/ WOMAN) she will be preserved (sozo or **delivered**/ f.a.ind.3ps) (Gen.3:15-16) through the bearing of children (pain judgment removed with birth) if (3cc / maybe) they continue (meno/ a.a.subj.3pl/ PLURAL) in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.” (John 16:17-22; Luke 15:7, 10)

It was extended to all women from menstruation to menopause as a visual aid of this divine judgment.

4. Women believers were the receiver, carrier and preserver of the hope of the coming of the Christ, the Savior (Gen.3:15-16; Matt.1:20-21; 1 Tim.2:14-15).

Eve, the mother of all living (Gen.3:20), would be the first in this prophetic line of women.

Matthew illustrates **point 3** by placing five women in the male genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:1-17):

- Tamar (Gen.1:3)
- Rahab (Gen.1:5a)
- Ruth (Gen.1:5b)
- Bathsheba (Gen.1:6) (Uriah's wife)
- Mary (Gen.1:16).

We know that the first three were Gentiles converted out of pagan cultures. Why these five and not Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Mary? One point was to emphasize THE SEED (Christ) and not the woman. This would be true whether the first woman, Eve or the last woman, Mary.

5. Satan understands that his divine judgment for the fall of Adam is connected to the prophecy of the coming of the SEED of the woman (Gen.3:15-16).

He understood that the Seed would be Christ and who will, at some point in human history, would come and crush his head (Rom.16:20).

He also understands that after this happens he will be cast into the lake of fire (Matt.25:41; Rev.20).

Therefore as the Evil One, he incited Cain to murder Abel (Gen.4).

(1 John 3:12) "Not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother and for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brothers were righteous." (Matt.2:16-18)

Jesus referred to the religious leaders of His day as Seeds of Satan:

(John 8:44) "You are of **your father** the devil, and you want to do the desires of **your father**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and **the father of lies.**" (Matt.13:36-43; 16:21-23; 1 Pet.5:8-9; 2 Cor.2:11 and Eph.6:10-17)