

Memory Verse

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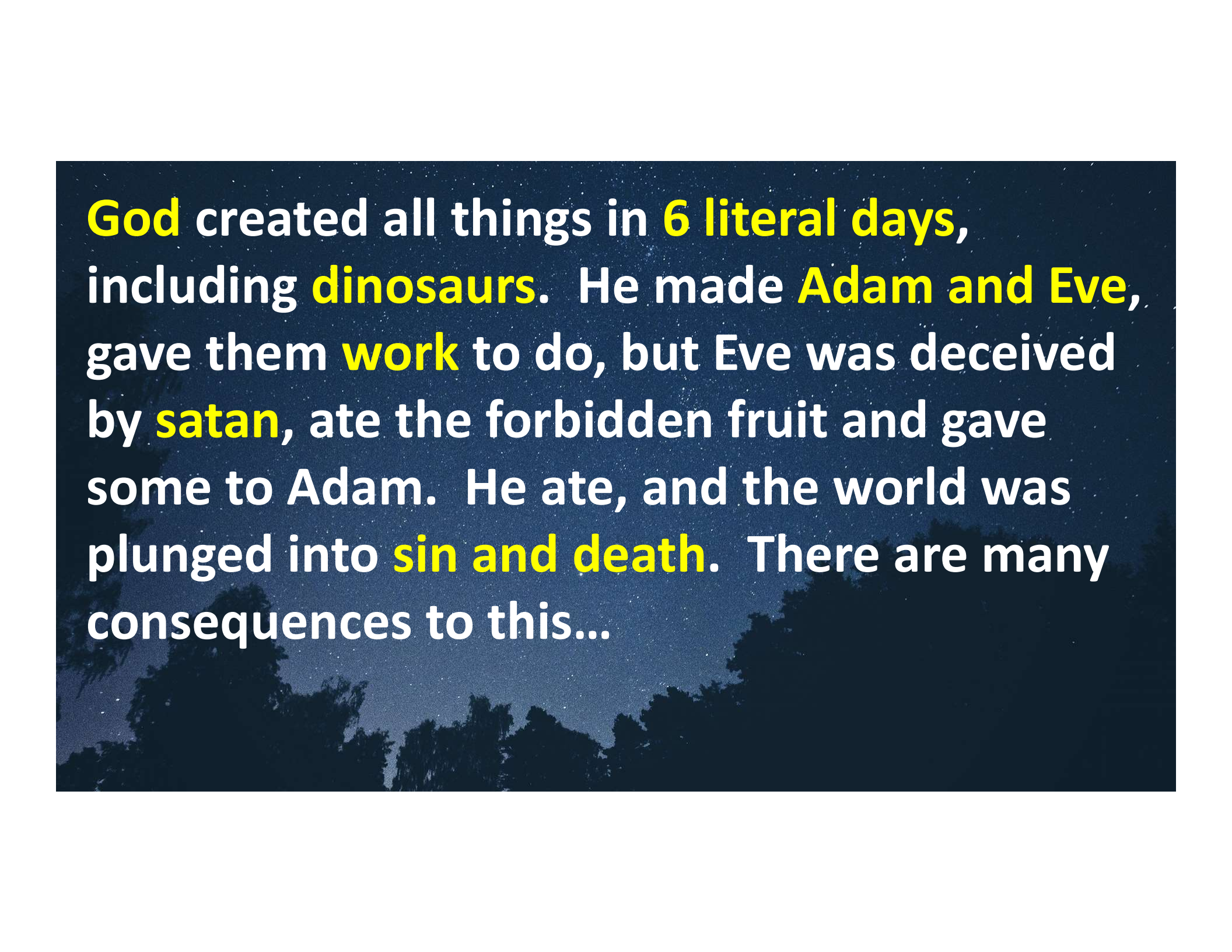
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Thematic Overview of Genesis 1-12 - Pt 11

**Genesis 3:15 – The Spiritual
Battle in the History of
Salvation**



God created all things in **6 literal days**, including **dinosaurs**. He made **Adam and Eve**, gave them **work** to do, but Eve was deceived by **satan**, ate the forbidden fruit and gave some to Adam. He ate, and the world was plunged into **sin and death**. There are many consequences to this...

A night sky filled with stars, with the dark silhouettes of trees visible at the bottom. The text is overlaid on this background.

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A. The Beginning of the Battle

God addresses satan. There will be a **battle** between *satan's offspring*, or "*seed*" and her "*seed*." This hints at the *virgin birth*.

Biblically, the "*seed*" comes from the male, but God says *the seed will be from the woman*.

A. The Beginning of the Battle

This seed or physical offspring of the woman will **crush** the serpents head, a *fatal blow*.

However, the seed or spiritual offspring of satan, will **bruise** the heel of the *seed of the woman*. That will be *a painful, but not a final blow*.

B. The Battle to Stop the Savior's Birth

1. Cain Killed Abel – *Gen. 4*

Soon after the fall of Adam and Eve, we have *Genesis 4*. Abel offered an offering by faith (*Hebrews 11:4*). Cain did not. This pictures the persecution of the faithful by the unfaithful and the spiritual battle. *Genesis 4:25-26* says Seth was born, who had a son and **then** people began calling on the Lord.

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2. Corruption on the Earth – *Gen. 6*

People multiplied and the earth was **corrupt**. Satan *tried to stop the worship of God*, and ***corrupt the lineage leading to Jesus***. But God had one man who was faithful. He judged the world, saving Noah's family and some animals. God won the move...

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3. The Choosing of Abram – *Gen. 12*

People spread out from the ark. God judged the world for their rebellion by *confusing their languages*. About 2100BC, God chose the man through whom the Messiah would come.

Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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4. Murder of the Firstborn – Pharaoh – *Exodus 1*

He saved Egypt, and his *family came there*. But a *Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph*. He saw the Israelites were multiplying and tried to ***murder the firstborn***, about 1540BC. Satan tried to *halt God's plan and purpose*, but God provided Moses to *free His people*.

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5. Internal and External Battles – *Judges – 2 Samuel*

After the Exodus and entrance of the people into the land, there was *great sin within the nation*. There the threat of the Philistines, and corruption of the leaders, when *everyone did what was right in their own eyes*. Satan was at work **internally and externally...**

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6. The Kingdom Split – *1 Kings 12*

There was a *battle between 10 tribes in the North, and 2 tribes in the South*. The unified Kingdom of Israel split in two about 931BC. The South had a few good kings. The North never had a godly king. God gave them **200 years to repent**, but they didn't.

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7. Captivity of the 10 Northern Tribes – Assyria – *2 Kings 19*

Because of their sin, in **722BC**, the **Assyrians** took captive the **10 Northern Tribes**. They planted people in the area, trying to *corrupt the line of the Israelites*. The *Samaritans* came from this, as find in the *Gospels*...

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8. Destruction of Jerusalem – Babylon – *2 Kings 25*

The Southern Tribes of Judah and Benjamin, *were sometimes faithful to God*. But they didn't listen to God's warnings. King Nebuchadnezzar took captives in 605/6, and 596BC. Among them were *Daniel and Ezekiel*. Satan tried to **assimilate** the Jews into Babylonian culture.

Daniel 1:3-5 - Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, **4**youths without blemish... and to teach them the literature and language of the **Chaldeans**. **5**The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be **educated for three years**, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.

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9. The Attempt to Murder the Jews – Haman – *Esther 3*

Just over 100 years later, about 474BC the Medo-Persian Empire ruled the world. There were some faithful Jews, like Mordecai and Esther, or *Hadassah*. She became queen, and saved the Jewish people from **Haman**. He wanted to *destroy the Jews*. This would have **stopped Messiah** from being born...

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10. Antiochus Epiphanes – *Dan. 11*

Alexander the Great conquered many lands, and died at about 32/33. One of his generals took control of Israel, from the **Seleucid Dynasty**. A man arose whom Daniel spoke about: **Antiochus Epiphanes**. He was a madman, wanted to conquer Egypt, but with Rome's help, he was stopped. In 168BC, on His way *back to Syria*, he went through

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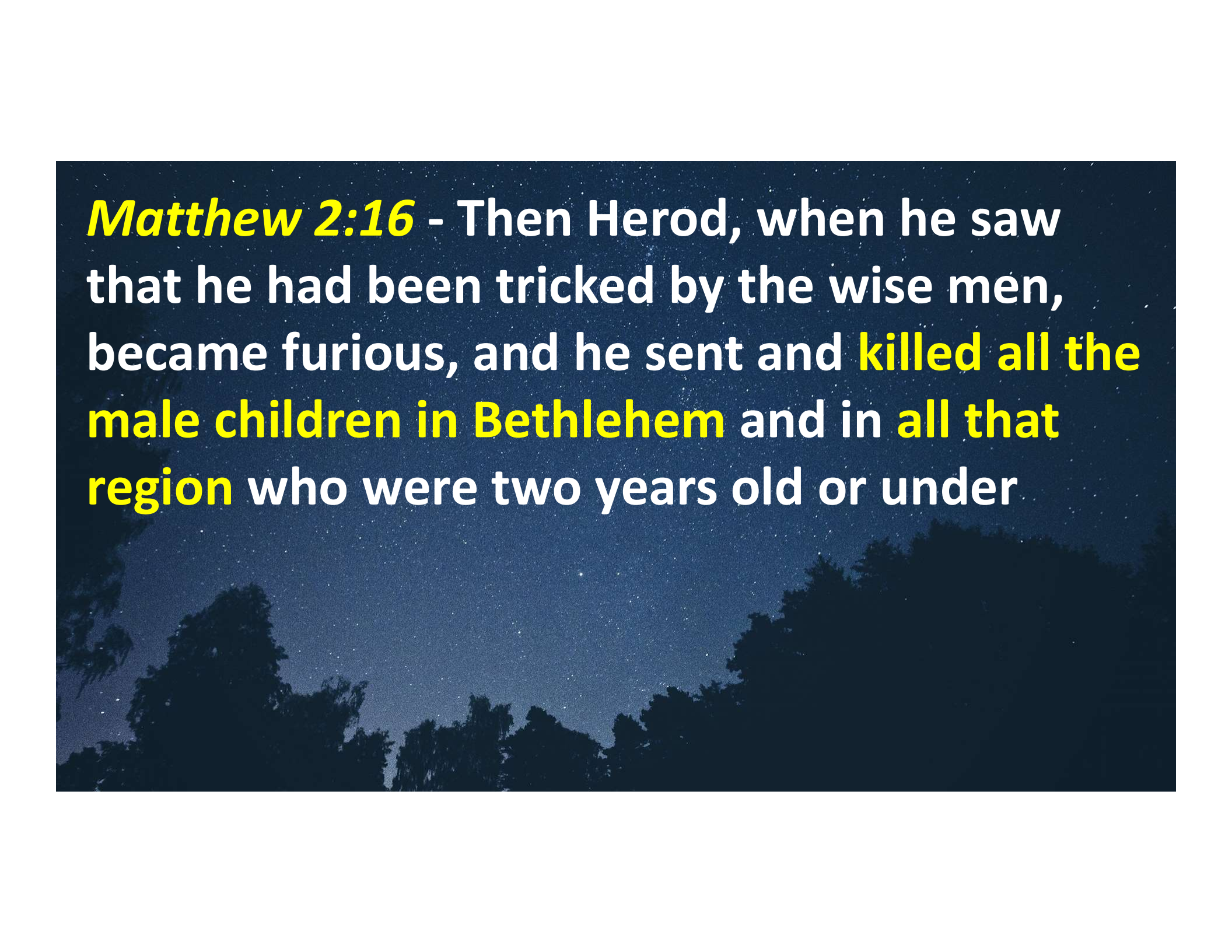
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Jerusalem, *desecrated the Temple with pig's blood*, set up a *statue of Zeus* in the *Most Holy Place* with *his face* on it, and **demanded to be worshipped**. He *forbade* the study of the *Old Testament, or Tanakh*, *forbade circumcision* and the *ceremonies in the Torah*. Many Jews wanted to *follow the Greek way of life*, and obeyed without question. Others rebelled and the Maccabean revolt began.

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11. Attempt to Murder Jesus – *Matthew 2:16*

Rome took power. A local leader named **Herod**, heard One was *born King of the Jews*, about 4BC.



Matthew 2:16 - Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and **killed all the male children in Bethlehem** and in **all that region** who were two years old or under.

C. The Battle to Stop the Savior's Return

1. Temptation of Jesus – *Matt. 4*

About 27AD, Jesus was baptized, and then *driven into the wilderness* to be tempted by satan. This is **parallels Genesis 3**. Adam was in the *Garden and failed*. Jesus was in the desert wilderness and *succeeded*. Had Jesus sinned, satan would have *thwarted God's plan of redemption*. Jesus won!

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2. Crucifixion of Jesus – *Matt. 27*

After about *3 years of ministry*, Jesus was crucified around 30AD. The Son of God was dead, *buried* and the *disciples scattered*. The *seed of the serpent bruised the heel of the Messiah*. Did satan win? **No**... Jesus *physically arose 3 days later*.

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3. Persecution of Christians – *Acts-Revelation*

The Holy Spirit arrives at Pentecost, and later, *Gentiles believe in the Jewish Messiah.*

Throughout this, satan persecuted Christians.

He tried to **stop** *the proclamation* that Jesus is Lord, that He is coming again and that salvation is in *no other Name but Him*, by faith...

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4. Destruction of Jerusalem – Titus and 70AD – *Matthew 24*

In 70AD, the Roman General **Titus**, and his army *leveled Jerusalem*. Though he wanted them to stop, the soldiers destroyed the Temple. They *murdered hundreds of thousands of Jews* and brought others into *captivity*. Why? ***If there is no Jewish people, then Jesus cannot set up His Kingdom and rule from Jerusalem.***

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5. Renaming Israel – 132/135AD

There were a series of battles, and Emperor Hadrian, kicked out the Jews and renamed Israel, "***Palestine***," based on their enemies - ***the Philistines***. He tried to ***erase all Jewish ties to the Land*** and the Jews were scattered, though ***some still lived there***.

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6. Islam – 600AD

Just under **500 years later**, Islam arose.

Muhammad tried to *convince Jews to join him*. They refused and that began violent Islamic opposition to the Jews.

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7. Hitler – 1930's/40's

*Another maniac arose: **Adolf Hitler**. He was satanically empowered and hated Jews. He *slaughtered 6 million Jews* during WWII.*

Yad Vashem – Holocaust Museum



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8. End Times – *Revelation*

Revelation 12:1-3 - And a great sign appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. 3And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.