

Memory Verse

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His Name Immanuel.

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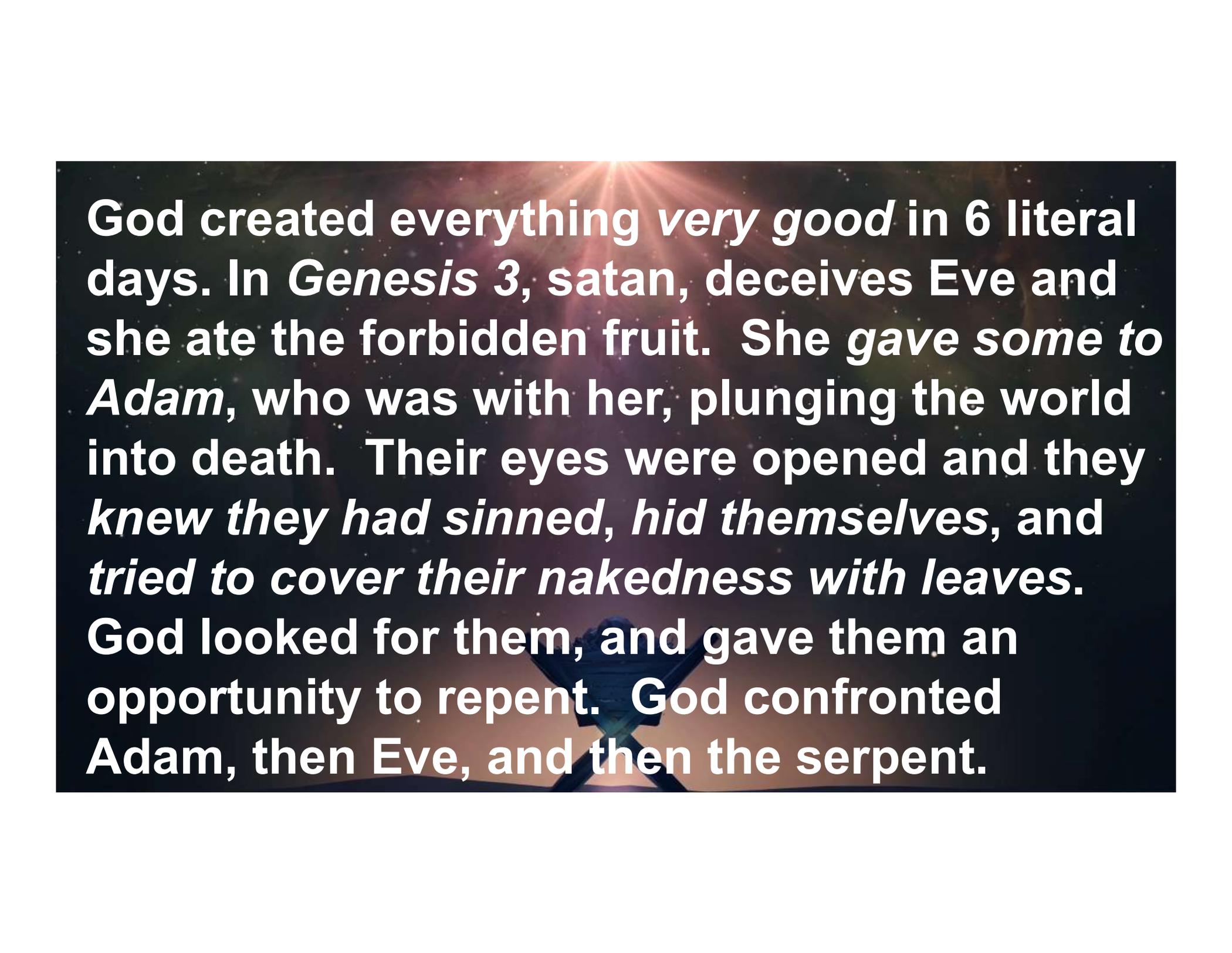


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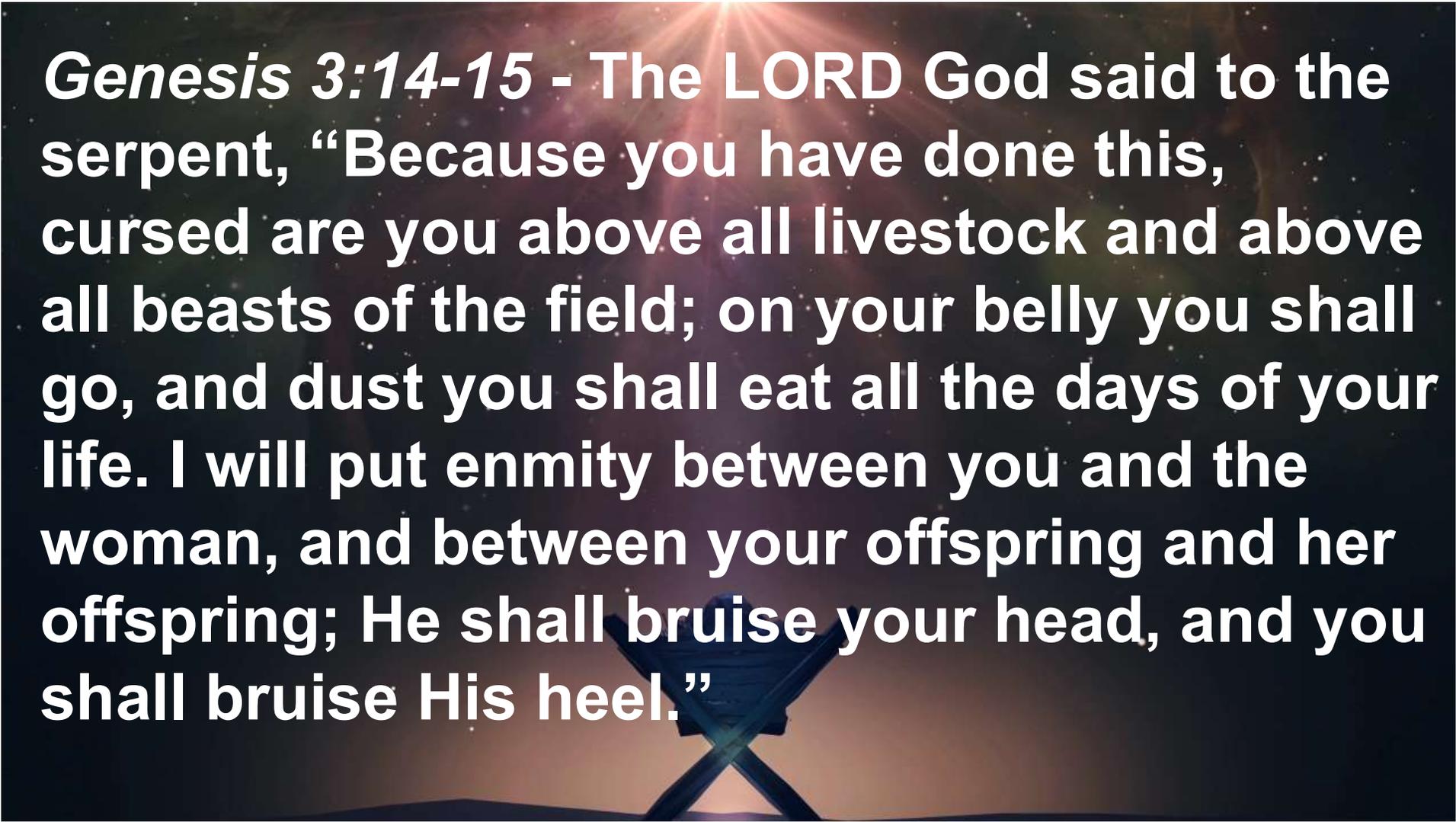


**PERSPECTIVES ON
CHRISTMAS PART 3**

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE



God created everything *very good* in 6 literal days. In *Genesis 3*, satan, deceives Eve and she ate the forbidden fruit. She *gave some to Adam*, who was with her, plunging the world into death. Their eyes were opened and they *knew they had sinned, hid themselves, and tried to cover their nakedness with leaves*. God looked for them, and gave them an opportunity to repent. God confronted Adam, then Eve, and then the serpent.



***Genesis 3:14-15* - The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”**

A. *Genesis 3:14-15* - The Birth Promised

This began the spiritual battle that *rages to this day*. This is also the first prophecy of the Bible, made by God. He ***promised*** a *Messiah would come*. God cursed the *serpent* and said He would put enmity or hatred between *his spiritual offspring, ultimately in the Antichrist, and her physical offspring, ultimately in Jesus*.

A. Genesis 3:14-15 - The Birth Promised

The individual that will come from the woman will *bruise satan's head*, a fatal blow, though *he will bruise the offspring's heel*, a non-fatal blow. "Offspring" is also translated "seed." *Biblically and scientifically, the seed comes from the male, not the female.* While we have the birth, death and resurrection of Christ alluded to in these verses, we also have a subtle reference to the *virgin birth*.

A. *Genesis 3:14-15* - The Birth Promised

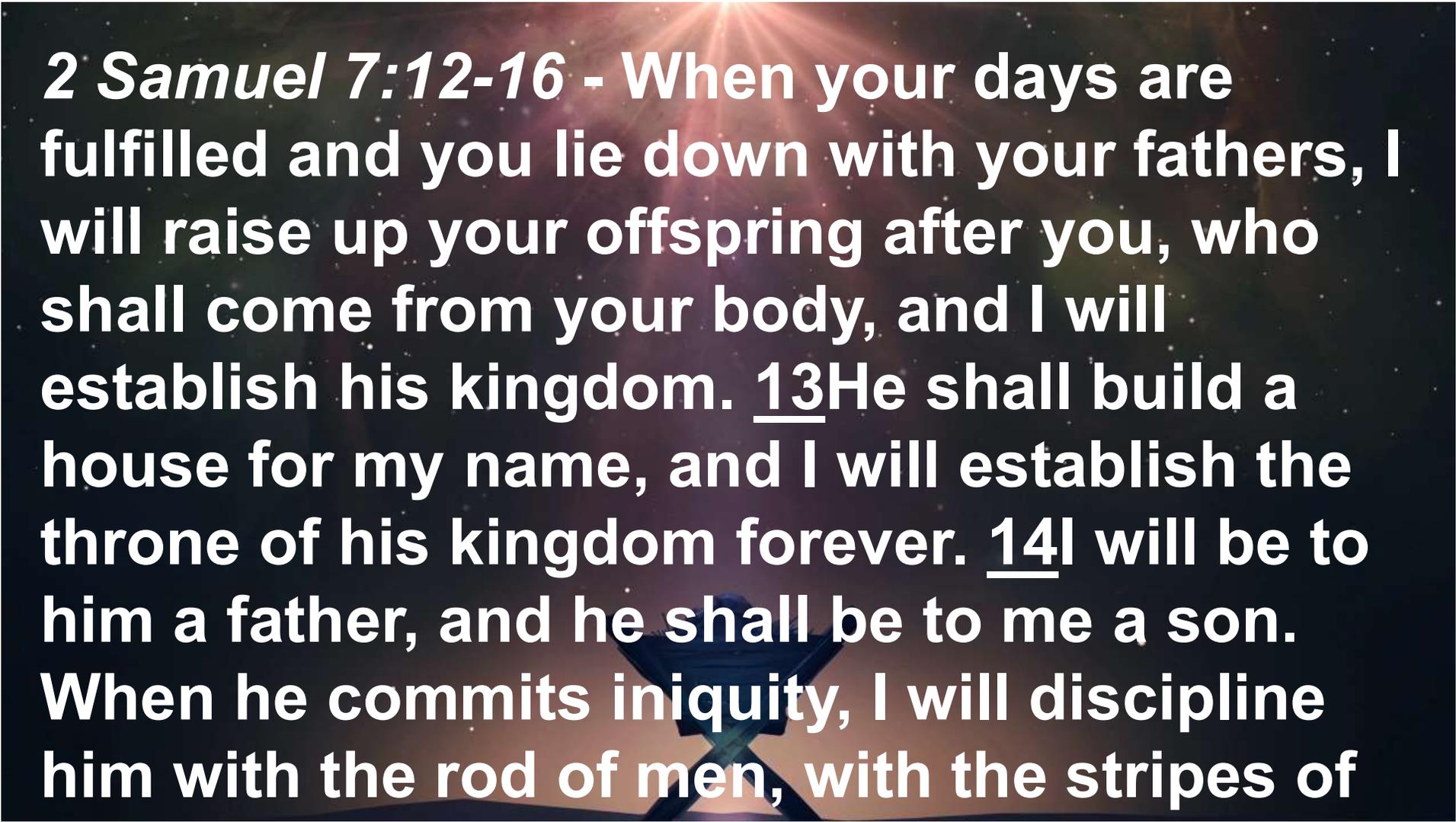
God promised One would come through the woman to *defeat satan*. He would be born, live, die and come back to life physically to save us from sin, death and satan's power.

Colossians 2:11-14 talks about Christ defeating the spiritual powers and putting them to shame.



B. *2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7*
- The Birth Propheesied

In *2 Samuel 7*, God spoke to David through the prophet Nathan. David wanted to build God a temple or house, but God forbid him to do so, though *David's son*, Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem. *God gave David a covenant or binding promise here.*



***2 Samuel 7:12-16* - When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of**

the sons of men, 15but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”



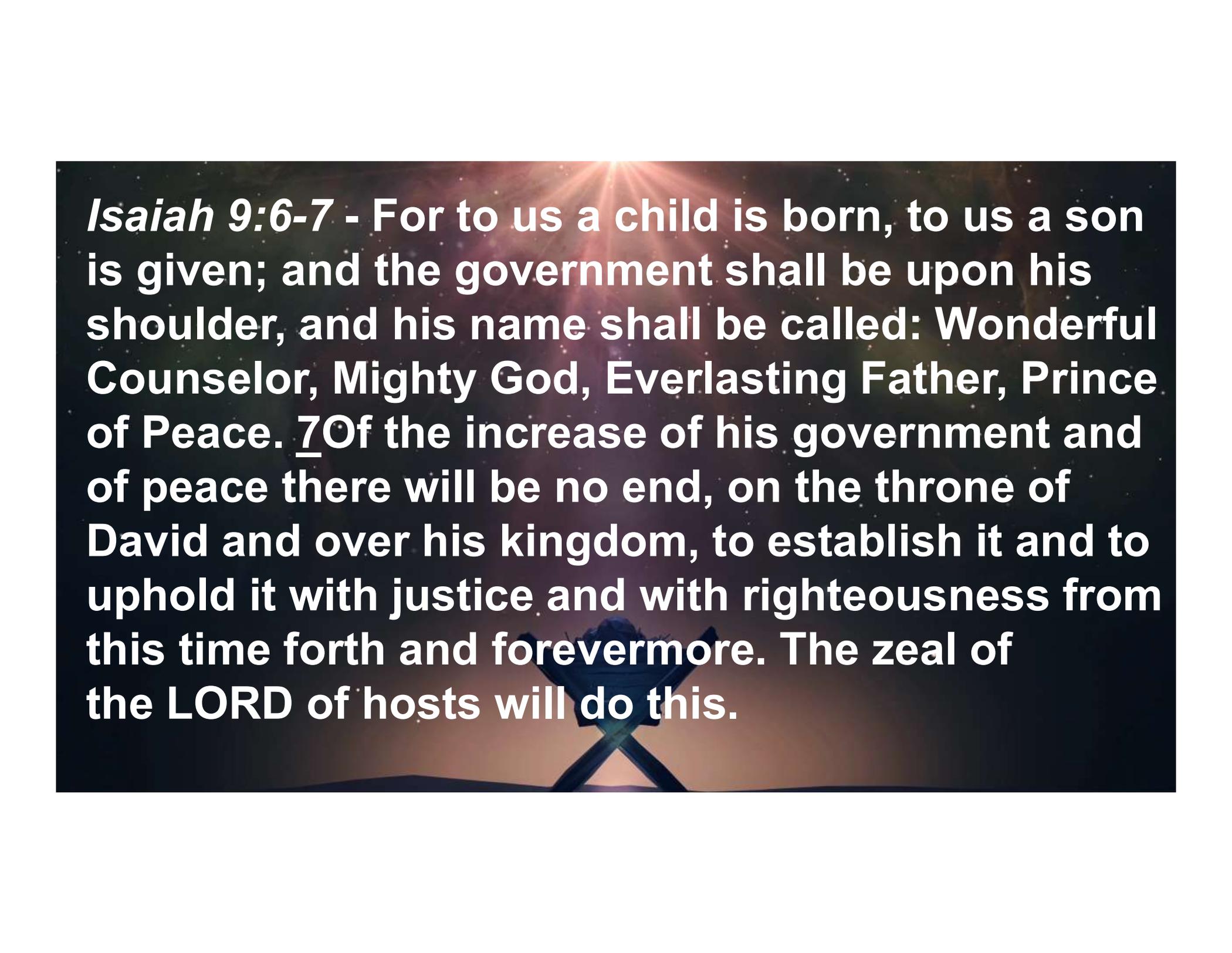
**B. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7
- The Birth Prophesied**

God prophesied of the birth of David's lineage, and ultimately through Jesus, and *through Jesus that His Kingdom would be forever.* We will see this in the New Testament. God prophesied of the *birth of Jesus in Isaiah* as well.



**B. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7
- The Birth Prophesied**

This is one verse that *specifically* points to the virgin conception and birth of Immanuel, God with us: *Jesus, the Messiah*. God says this will be done. A virgin will *conceive* and *bear a son* and He will be *God with us*. God doesn't stop at the birth of Jesus, but goes *beyond that* to the second coming of Jesus.



***Isaiah 9:6-7* - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

**B. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7
- The Birth Prophesied**

*God gives more details about the promised Messiah. He will be born as a Son, yet He is also given. There is an important contrast. This child will be **born**. He will have physical, human flesh. Yet, this is not His beginning. Jesus did not begin to exist in the womb of Mary. No. A Son was **given**.*

**B. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7
- The Birth Prophesied**

In the same verse, God *fast forwards* to the second coming of Jesus. His government or rule from Jerusalem will *be on His shoulders*. It will be His responsibility to rule with a rod of iron. The *increase of His government* will have no end.



**B. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7
- The Birth Prophesied**

We also have many *names given*, under *Name singular*. He is the **Wonderful Counselor** or *Counseling Wonder*. He is **Mighty God**. *He is God*. He is the **Father of Eternity**. He is outside of time. He is the **Prince of Peace**. He will bring world peace.

**B. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 7:14, and 9:1-7
- The Birth Prophesied**

During Christmastime, many sing songs about... *peace*. The world wants it, but doesn't know how to get it!

The reason peace eludes the world is because we *cannot have peace with one another, or with ourselves outside of the Prince of Peace.*

C. *Luke 1:26-38* - The Birth Proclaimed

Gabriel *proclaimed* the birth of Jesus to a young virgin girl, of about 14 years old. She was *betrothed* to a man named Joseph. Betrothal was *more than an engagement*. They were considered married, but did not live together, nor did they consummate their marriage yet.



C. *Luke 1:26-38* - The Birth Proclaimed

The angel tells Mary what was going to take place. Though a virgin, she will conceive and bear a son, who will be holy and *called* the Son of God. God, mysteriously, in a way unknown to us, *caused her to conceive a boy miraculously, who was 100% God and 100% man.*



C. *Luke 1:26-38* - The Birth Proclaimed

God promised the Messiah and prophesied about the Messiah, and how *He would rule on David's throne forever*. That is a literal throne, and there is reference to His death, resurrection, and return to *establish that Kingdom*. Soon after *Genesis 3* about *4000BC*, to David in *2 Samuel* about *1000BC*, and to Isaiah, about *700BC*, God brought to pass His plan and purpose about *4BC*.