FOUNDATIONS

BEGINNINGS AND ORIGINS

PART 18:

HE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL

Reading: Genesis 3:14 - 15 & 20 - 24

Introduction

- Genesis 3 reveals the origin of evil and the 'sin virus'.
- The chapter also reveals the remedy/vaccine to the 'sin virus.'

1 The Protevangelium (Genesis 3:15)

- The 1st gospel promise.
- The first 'Messianic prophecy' announcing the coming of one who would destroy the devil. [1 John 3:8].
- 'The Seed of the woman' is the first title of Christ.
- The word 'seed' comes from Hebrew 'zera' meaning 'offspring.'
- 'Seed of the woman' is suggestive of His Virgin birth.
- Satan would attempt to prevent the coming of the Seed of the woman.
- At Calvary the Messiah was 'bruised for our iniquities' as foretold in [Isaiah 53:5].
- A Day coming when the serpent will be mortally wounded.
 [Revelation 20:10].

2 First Blood

- Consider [3:21] very carefully.
- An innocent animal was slain by the Almighty in the place of our guilty first parents.
- Some sort of substitution had taken place.
- From its skin Jehovah made a covering to hide our first parents guilt.
- Consider [Leviticus 17:11].
- The vaccine for the sin virus is the blood of an innocent substitute.

NB. In the drama of Genesis 3, note 7 important details.

- A garden, a tree, two thieves, thorns, nakedness, a curse and a substitute.
- Where do we find those 7 things in close proximity again?
- The vaccine for the penalty of our sins is the precious blood of the innocent Lamb of God - Jesus.

3 The Tree Of Life

- The chapter closes with Paradise lost and access to the tree of life denied.
- In Christ's coming Kingdom access to the tree of life is restored.
 [Revelation 22:2].