

SPIRITUAL LINEAGE

The Offspring of Two Theologies

Once the principle of sin was introduced into the human experience—which is the bent of the will in enmity against God and the principle of self-giving love—two distinct lineages of human beings were formed, one emerging from the primal lie of the Serpent and the other from the truth preserved through chosen messengers. History became a conflict between truth and falsehood, love and selfishness, good and evil, and between two systems of worship based on two diametrically opposed pictures of God. In the serpentine lineage God is conceived of as an appeasable deity and salvation is thought to be obtained by human works, which theology inevitably leads to persecution. In the holy lineage God is believed to be a God of selfless love who saves sinner freely by His non-coercive grace.

Enmity Between The Serpent And The Woman

Genesis 3:15, NIV—I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

NCV—I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. One of her descendants will crush your head, and you will bite his heel.

The Carnal Mind vs. The Spiritual Mind

Romans 8:5-7—⁵ Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Jude 1:3-4, 11-16, NIV—³ Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. ⁴ For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord... ¹¹ Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. ¹² These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm—shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted—twice dead. ¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. ¹⁴ Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵ to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly

way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

¹⁶These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.

Finally We Will Discern Between The Two Lineages

Malachi 3:16-18—¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. ¹⁷ “ They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “ On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” ¹⁸ Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Tracing Key Figures

Cain and Abel—Genesis 4:1-9; 5:1-3

Seth— Genesis 4:25-26

Enoch—Genesis 5:18-25

Noah and His Sons—Genesis 5:28-32

The Mingling of The Righteous and The Wicked— Genesis 6:1-4

The Wicked Antediluvian World and The Flood—Genesis 6:5-22

Ham and Nimrod: Babylon Founded—Genesis 10:6-10

The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9

Shem and Abram—Genesis 11:10 thru 12

Israel vs. The Heathen Nations—Remainder of Genesis

Israel vs. Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome—Daniel and the Gospels

Christ, the Promised Seed—Galatians 3:15-18; 4:4:4-6

The Transition Between National and Spiritual Israel—New Testament; Galatians 3:26-29

Christ and His Church vs. The Dragon and the Anti-Christ (Little Horn, Man of Sin, Sea Beast)—Daniel and Revelation

“God is Love”—1 John 4:16

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