

Eternal Purpose and Plan of God: Lesson 8

Question: Why does God allow the “other side” to exist and even seem stronger than “Our side”? If He does not want us to mingle why doesn’t He wipe them out?

Review: Conflict between the seed of woman and the seed of Satan.

- Cain kills Abel.
- Corruption comes by the union of The sons of God and the daughters of men.
- Abram carries the covenant promise but Sarai is barren.
- The covenant line is faced with famine in the wilderness.
- Israel forced into slavery in Egypt.

What next?

The sons of God settled in the promised land but failed to wipe out the other nations and then they became attracted to the daughters of men (Deuteronomy 7:1-5; Exodus 4:22; Hosea 11:1). They sank into depravity, even to the point of sacrificing their own children.

They asked for a King. Why? Was God OK with that?

Why did God have Saul anointed first, before David? Is God fickle? (1 Samuel 15:35)

The seed of woman moves onto the throne of God. (2 Samuel 7:12-17)

How many enemies to the seed promise of God?

- Goliath, Saul, Absalom were personal enemies of David.
- Athalia declared war on the royal seed line (2 Kings 11:1) without success (11:2-12)

Discussion: Is it far-fetched to bring the words in James 4:1 into this context?

The cast of characters in David’s seed line did not always cover themselves in glory, but God was not about to break His promise. We have a fairly detailed account of the history through the period of the kings and again we wonder how God could put up with such shenanigans. Then there is the account of Hezekiah who would have been the end of the seed line if Satan had his way. (2 Kings 20:1-6; 21:1; Matthew 1:10)

Satan and his seed suffer defeat after defeat but not without inflicting a heavy toll on the righteous. Next week, Lord willing, we will be finding our way to the historical conclusion and finally see what was always on God’s mind.