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The 'seed of the woman' that would 'bruise (Satan) on the head' is Christ. First mention.

Even in this very brief revelation, what can we learn about Christ?

No mention of 'seed of man', only 'seed of the woman'. Virgin birth is the only 'match'.

What else do we observe from Gen.3:15?

There will be enmity (strife, warfare) between Satan's seed and 'her' Seed, Christ.

How is this happening, even now? Mt.13:36-43; Jn.8:44; IITim.2:26

Satan's 'seed' is all unbelievers. Seed of the woman is Christ and then all who trust Him.

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A virgin shall conceive a Son and they shall call His name, IMMANUEL, God with us.

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At just the right time, God sent His Son, born of a woman (Gen.3:15), to save His people.

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Christ, eternal God, emptied Himself, became 100% man, in order to die on the cross!

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Shepherds watching over their flock by night. Shepherds not allowed to testify in court!

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God has chosen the weak, the base, the despised...so that no man may boast before God.

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These humble shepherds were chosen first to proclaim the birth of the Good Shepherd!

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Difference between 'hired hand' and true shepherd. And, they knew their sheep by name.