YOU SHALL BRUISE THE HEAD

INTRODUCTION

The traditional church is becoming weaker and weaker, churches are closing down, pastors are resigning and Christianity is decreasing. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Mat 4:4) But thanks be to God - there is a church that is rising on earth - a true church of Christ which seeks to know the present truth, proceeding Word of God.

GENESIS 3:14-15 "So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust All the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Context: Temptation and Tall of Man

The Serpent "cunningly" planted a doubt in the mind of man – appealing to the lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life.

Consequently God put enmity [hostility; hatred] between the serpent and the woman. The hostility between the two is a consequence of their sin.

THE SEED OF THE DEVIL

The first group of the seed of the devil are the **Pharisees** (Jhn 8:44) "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do..."

The first group of the seed of the devil are the **Sinners** (1Jhn 3:8) "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning..."

THE SEED OF A WOMAN

- Jesus a seed of woman: He was born of a woman, Mary. (Isa 9:6) "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder."
- 2. **Believers a seed of Christ:** "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God..." (Jhn 1:12)

3. **Woman: type for church** - Satan's head will be crushed by the church (Rom 16:20) "And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly."

WHY CRUSHING THE HEAD

Head Is Important: Head is a symbol of thoughts, mind, intelligence, rulership - we are called to **crush the** mind and the rulership **of Satan.**

There was a man who understood this divine assignment – when fighting Goliath he went for the <u>head only</u>.

David Is A Type for Christ:

- → **David was anointed King** Christ is the anointed One and the King.
- \rightarrow **David was loved and sent by his father** Christ is a Beloved Son and Sent.
- → **David was born in Bethlehem** Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- → **Bethlehem means the house of bread** Jesus is the Bread of Life.

DAVID'S EXECUTION PLAN

He <u>refused to accept</u> what the enemy was saying as the truth.

- David said, "I will strike you and take your head from you." (1Sa17:46)
- He understood the power of the tongue: "to build or to destroy" Use your tongue to build.

He chose for himself <u>five smooth</u> <u>stones</u> from the <u>brook</u>, and put them in a shepherd's bag..." (1Sa 17:40)

- i. Brook: David chose for himself five smooth stones out of the stream bed.
- ii. **Stones:** Represents the **believers** in Christ Christ the Chief Cornerstone out of many stones, he chose five.
- iii. **Five:** Represent the **five-fold ministry** (Apostles, Prophets, Evan, Pastors and Teachers. (Eph 4:11:14) "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the ^[a]edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the

- cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,". Those that serve the Lord don't choose themselves nor are not appointed by the Boards.
- iv. **Smooth Stones:** Smoothness happens because they are in the water when we stay in the Word for too long, we are "transformed into His image from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord" When water moves; this is a symbol of Spirit-filled Word, the stones bump each other causing refinement and smoothness.
- v. **Shepherd's Bag:** Represents the church Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" (Jhn 10:11) Those that fulfill the purposes of the Lord stay in the Word and in the Church (Isa 65:8) "the new wine/blessing is found in the cluster"

NB: Don't operate in isolation - you will fail, will not finish the race.

CONCLUSION

David went for the head only: this is our focus of in this season, the head – the mindset that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God as well as the damaged mindsets.

In addition to what I told you about the meaning of the head - in the head there is an eye, ear and tongue – all these have spiritual meanings and purpose.

With one stone David brought an end to the dominion of the Philistines; the functioning of the lofty mind, the seeing ability of the enemy, the hearing ability and decreeing ability of the enemy. This is what God is currently doing through His son (male and female), the church - all around the world - breaking the head of the enemy.

Do not be left behind - rise and position yourselves as an instrument in the Hand of God to crush the head of the serpent!!!

End!!!