The Promise Part 1: The Seed

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O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always... <u>keep your promises</u>.

(Daniel 9:4, New Living Translation)

You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die. (Genesis 2:16–17, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

No! You will not die," the serpent said to the woman. In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God.

(*Genesis 3:4–5, HCSB*)

Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

(Genesis 3:6, HCSB)

So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9, HCSB)

The man replied, The woman You gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate. (Genesis 3:12, HCSB)

And the woman said, $\$ It was the serpent. He deceived me, and $\$ I ate.

(Genesis 3:13, HCSB)

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. (Romans 5:12, NLT)

GOD PROMISES HOPE FOR YOUR FUTURE!

I will put hostility between you [Satan] and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

(Genesis 3:15, HCSB)

1. God has a solution to your sin problem.

The Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means God is with us). (Isaiah 7:14, NLT)

And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.
(Genesis 3:21, NLT)

2. God's rescue plan required an innocent substitute.

Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:20–21, NLT)

For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.

(Romans 5:15, NLT)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.

(Revelation 21:4, NLT)

3. God always keeps His promises.

They will say, 'What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again?'....

The Lord isn t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

(2 Peter 3:4, 9, NLT)

The day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. . . . On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. (2 Peter 3:10–13, NLT)

HOW CAN WE BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN?

1. Accept Jesus' free gift!

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9, HCSB)

2. Share hope with your world!

3. Give your biggest gift to Jesus this year.

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over. (Luke 6:38, NLT)