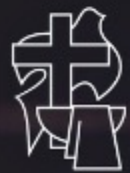


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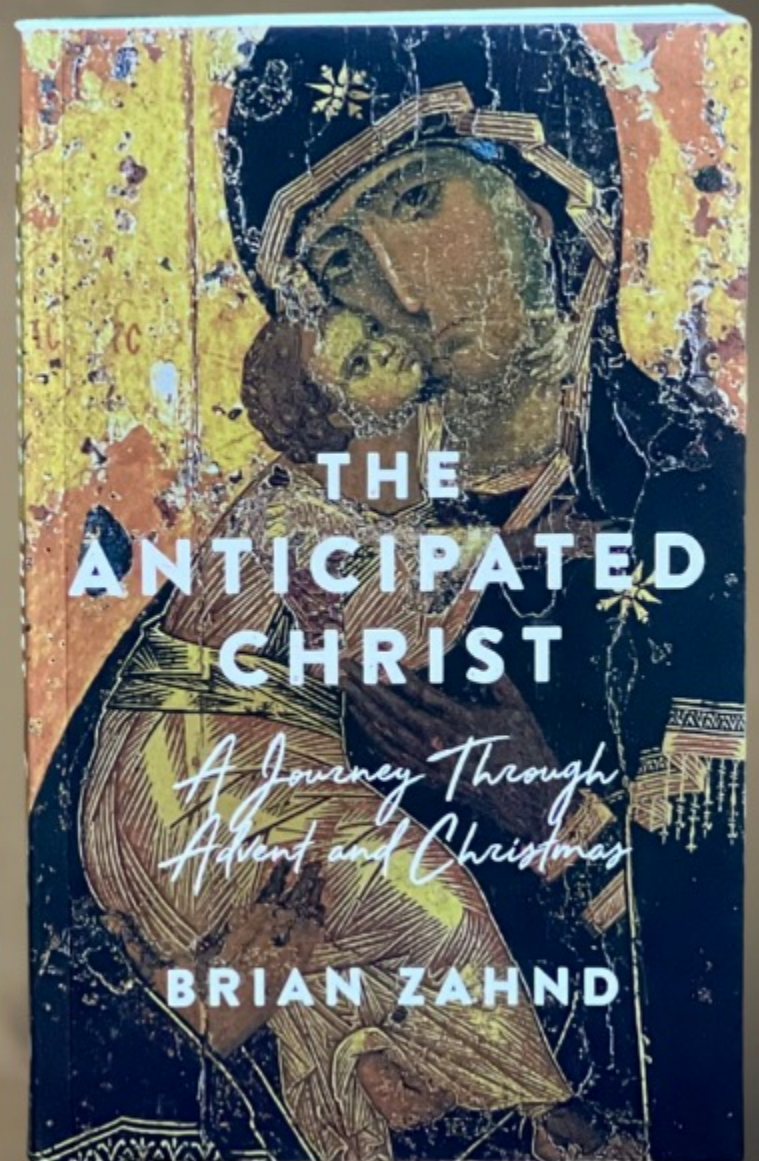
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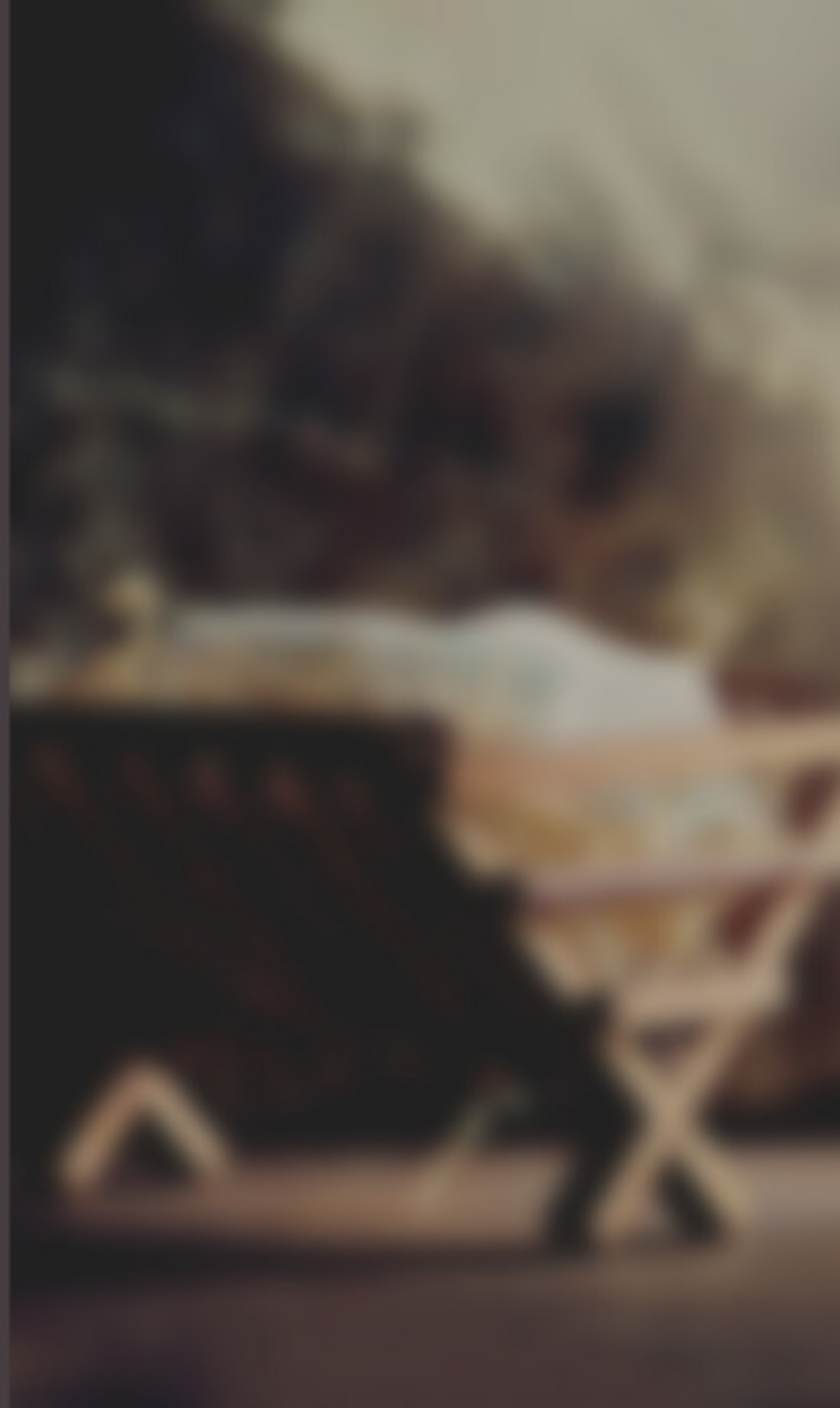
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Scripture Reading:
GENESIS 3:1-24



WHAT IS THE PROTO GOSPEL?

Greek: "*Protoevangelium*"

proto - first

euangelion - good news/gospel

- **Genesis 3:15** is believed to be the *first* "prophecy" or "good news" of the coming Messiah



Genesis 3:14-15 NLT

¹⁴ Then the Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, you are cursed
more than all animals, domestic and wild.

You will crawl on your belly,
groveling in the dust as long as you live.

¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike [NIV: “crush”] your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

REVELATION 12:9

"This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels."



WHAT GENESIS 3 TEACHES US

While sin and death entered the world and the human race through Satan and our own sins, God promises to:

- 1. Destroy evil & death**
- 2. Renew all of creation**
- 3. Dwell with us forever**

Therefore, we live with this hope and we wait on the Lord with anticipation.





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Paul, Romans 8:18-25 (VOICE)

¹⁸ Now I'm sure of this: the sufferings we endure now are not even worth comparing to the glory that is coming and will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For **all of creation is waiting**, yearning for the time when the children of God will be revealed. ²⁰ You see, **all of creation has collapsed** into emptiness, not by its own choosing, but by God's. Still He placed within it a *deep and abiding* hope ²¹ **that creation would one day be liberated from its slavery to corruption** and experience the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² For we know that all creation groans *in unison* with birthing pains up until now.

²³ *And there is more; it's not just creation—all of us are groaning together too.* Though we have already tasted the firstfruits of the Spirit, we are longing for the total redemption of our bodies that comes when our adoption as children of God is complete— ²⁴ *for we have been saved in this hope and for this future.* But hope does not involve what we already *have or see*. For who goes around hoping for what he already has? ²⁵ But *if we wait expectantly* for things we have never seen, then we hope with true *perseverance and eager anticipation.*

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3. Will you accept Jesus as the One who can and will save us, and put your hope in him?



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