

The Kings' First Mission

ETS: The King's first mission crushed Satan's head defeating the ultimate enemy

ESS: The King's first coming was fulfilled and He accomplished His mission for our salvation

OSS: I want people to partake in the King's victory and take courage

PQ: Have You Turned from Your Rebellion by Trusting in Jesus?

UW: Salvation

WE

History is NOT about random event which happen for no reason

- History is a revealing of God's plan

History starts with....

1. God created the heavens and the earth
2. God created Adam and Eve
3. God gave Adam and Eve free will to choose to obey out of love for Him or rebel against Him out of love for ourselves
4. Adam and Eve choose to rebel against God

RESULT: Humanity has lived in rebellion against God

- We naturally *want to* rebel against anything that is perceived as an authority: Systems, institutions, governments, leaders, bosses, etc.

HUMANITY IS NATURALLY REBELLIOUS

You know this is TRUE for YOU!

- Have you not followed the instructions before?
- Did you drive over the speed limit this week?
- Did you disobey your parents growing up?
- Have you ever gone behind your bosses' back?

We have coined **rebellious** phrases:

- “Stick it to the man’
- “Do it now; ask for permission later”

Our **movies** are built around rebellion against the system

- Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (2016)
- *V for Vendetta* (2005)
- *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay* (2014 and 2015)
- *Malcolm X* (1992)
- Children of Men (2006)
- *Fahrenheit 451* (1966)
- District 9

We naturally *think we know better* than those in authority

- “If I ran this company....”
- “If I was quarter back, I would have...”
- “If I were president....”
- “If I were the pastor....”
- “If I had my way....”

I bet you have said those things before!

- WHY are We ALL **Guilty** of rebelling?
- WHY do WE ALL have an **inborn desire** to REBEL?

REASON: We are **descendants** of the **first rebellious** people: **Adam and Eve!**

- Adam and Eve rebelled because they gave into to Satan’s temptation and rebelled against God by eating the ONE PIECE of fruit they were told NOT to eat!
 - As their descendants, naturally, we don’t SEEK GOD
 - As their descendants, naturally, we don’t WANT GOD

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We will do and believe whatever it takes to REMOVE God from our lives!

WHEN Adam and Eve rebelled against God, and sin entered into the human race, God could have called it quits!

- God cannot tolerate rebellion
- God cannot have fellowship with rebellious people

God could have **1) moved on**, **2) destroyed** Adam and Eve, or **3) provided a way to reconcile** humanity to Him—God choose the later: to provide a way to reconcile humanity to Himself

God gave a **glimpse of His plan** when HE confronted Adam and Eve after their rebellion:

Genesis 3:15 “I will put hostility between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

- There would be “**hostility**” – a **battle** between Satan’s “**offspring (or seed)**” and Eve’s offspring (or seed)

- Eve's offspring is narrowed down to a singular person: **He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.**
 - Eve's offspring will be a **human**, but a **unique human**
 - **No mention** of this person being "Adam's offspring"
 - *A different kind of human* because Eve had no seed!
 - In other words, the "Seed" would have to come somewhere **OUTSIDE** of EVE and since that "Seed" was not from ADAM (or man) that left a question!
- WHERE would this "Seed" come from?
 - That question is NOT answered here, but what is answered is what this coming KING would do!
- HOW would "Eve's Offspring CRUSH Satan's Head"
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- WHY would "Eve's Offspring CRUSH Satan's Head"
 - Because Satan had tempted humanity and we had chosen Satan over God!

- Because God wanted to provide a way to restore victory over Satan!

As time marches on, humanity's rebellion becomes blatantly obvious

- **Genesis 6:5-6** “When the Lord saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time, the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and he was deeply grieved.”

God destroyed humanity except for Noah and his family—who found grace in God's eyes

God started over with **Noah**, but the rebellion continued

God decided to create a people group who would “be a light to all people”

- God chooses **Abraham** and promises to make him into a **great nation**—a new people group—the Jewish people
 - Through this **new people group** “all the peoples on the earth will be blessed”

HOW will “all the peoples on the earth will be blessed” through this new people group—the Jews?

Abraham has a son named **Isaac**

- Isaac has a son named **Jacob**
 - Jacob has **sons**
 - **Jacob's sons** form the basis of **12 groups/tribes**—however, they are *NOT a nation* at this point

Jacob's family **relocates to Egypt** due to a famine

- Eventually, their descendants are made **slaves** in the land of Egypt.

After 430 years, God sends **Moses** to deliver his people—the Jews—from the Egyptians

- After **10 plagues**, the **Pharaoh of Egypt relents** and lets the Jews leave—this people group (the Jews) become a **NATION!**
 - They have their own identity: the **Israelites!**

Problem: Even God's own people group rebels against Him!

- They try to **replace** God with a **golden calf**
- They constantly **grumble** against God about food/water
- They initially **disbelieve** God and **won't go** into the **Promised Land**

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God gives His people a set of **laws** to distinguish them from the rest of the world so that they can “**Be a light to the nations**”, but they **constantly rebel** against God’s law.

- A **vicious** cycle becomes clear:
 - The **Jews forsake** God and his laws for **foreign gods** and **immorality**.
 - **God forsakes** the Jews and **allows** foreign governments to **oppress** them
 - The **people repent** and **return** to God.
 - God **rescues** them.
- If you read the OT Book of Judges, this **cycle** continues over and over for hundreds of years!
- **Rebellion, Result, Repentance, Rescue** (Rinse and repeat!)
 - **Judges 21:25** “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did whatever seemed right to him.”

Have you been guilty of that cycle in your life?

- **EXAMPLES.....**

Eventually, they decide they **don't want God to lead them**

God honors their request by setting up a **monarchy** for them

- God appoints the first king (**Saul**), but he rebels and fails to do all God tells him to do
- God appoints a second king (**David**), he does much better, but even he rebels against God's law by **committing adultery and murder**

The Jewish Nation eventually splits into two parts

- The **Northern Kingdom** STOP mid-cycle: **Rebellion, Result BUT NO REPENTANCE**
 - God doesn't rescue them but allows them to be overtaken by a foreign power and assimilated into their culture
- The **Southern Kingdom** continues the cycle **Rebellion, Result, Repentance, Rescue** for a time but eventually they follow the Northern Kingdom's example: : **Rebellion, Result BUT NO REPENTANCE**
 - God **stops rescuing** them and allows them to be overtaken by a **foreign power** and taken into captivity.

This reality is made clear—**humanity wants to rebel against God**

- Even God’s “**chosen people**” rebel against Him!
 - Even when God gives them what they want, **FREEDOM** from **oppressors**, they still **choose to rebel**
 - Even when God gives them what they want, a **PROMISED LAND**, they still **choose to rebel**.
 - Even when God gives them what they want, **wealth, food in abundance, good health**, etc., they still choose to rebel
 - **Even when God gives** them what they want, a **MONARCHY**, they still **choose to rebel**
- **Rebellion** is what God’s **Chosen people** do against Him!
 - The **rest of the world** ALSO rebels against God—on a more grandeur scale!

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The BIGGEST problem that needed to be resolved is the REBELLION problem!

- **WHY?: the Consequences**
 - **Spiritual** Pain: Separation from God
 - **Emotional** Pain: Pain from broken relationships

- **Physical** Pain: Often diseases or death are the result of rebellion

To resolve the **rebellion issue**, Satan—the originator and instigator of humanity’s rebellion-- had to be

“CRUSHED”!

- WHO would “Crush” Satan’s Head? The person promised in **Genesis 3:15!**

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HOW would He “Crush” Satan’s Head?

- For thousands of years since God said that person would come, we never had the answer!

Through those years, we learned more about this unique human who would “Crush” Satan’s head

- He’d be a **Jew**
- He’d be from the **tribe of Judah.**
- He’d be in the line of **David**

BUT, no one knew **HOW** he’d “Crush” the head of Satan!

- God made this statement in **Genesis 3:15** *before* there were **nations, rulers,** etc. so the “**crushing**”

Satan's head didn't seem to be about a **political leader**.

- **Satan** is not a being like humans; **Satan** is able to operate in the spiritual realm
 - For this coming person to “**crush**” Satan's head it must be done in the **spiritual** realm-but what would that look like?

As the ancient of nation of Israel was rebelling against God and suffering the consequences, more and more prophecies were being given about this person who would “crush” Satan's head.

Here are a few of those specific prophecies:

- The very place (**Bethlehem**) He was to be born was predicted—**Micah 5:2**
- He would be born of a **virgin**-- **Isaiah 7:14**
- King Herod—part of Satan's seed—would try to **kill** the coming King when he was a baby – **Jeremiah 31:15**
- The coming King would be called out of **Egypt-Hosea 11:1**
- The coming King will be preceded by a **messenger**-- **Malachi 4:5–6**
- The coming King's ministry would begin in **Galilee** – **Isaiah 9:1-2**

- The coming King would enter **Jerusalem** on a **donkey**—**Zechariah 9:9**

All these prophecies were exciting, but HOW he was going to “**crush**” Satan’s head?

Isaiah the prophet gave us the answer in **Isaiah 53:1** **Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

- What Isaiah is about to share seemed **ridiculous!**
 - As God’s chosen people were **being overrun** by other countries, they **wanted** a **king** who would **deliver** them from their **oppressors!**
 - **What Isaiah is about to share was NOT what they wanted—but it is what they needed!**
- God’s people had been **delivered numerous times** from **oppressors** over their history only to rebel against God and then to **suffer the consequences** of their rebellion by **being conquered again!**
 - Remember the cycle: **Rebellion, Result, Repentance, Rescue**

Remember, it is the SAME cycle you and I have experienced in our own lives on a smaller scale!

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REBELLION**

Isaiah 53:2-3 He grew up before him [God] like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.”

- We are talking about a **human**
 - “He grew up”
 - **Not** particularly **attractive**: “nothing in his appearance that we should desire him”
 - Feels **pain**: “despised and rejected by mankind”; man of suffering, and familiar with pain
 - Knows **rejection** he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.”

This doesn't sound like someone who could “Crush” Satan's head!

- Doesn't sound too **strong physically**
- Doesn't sound like **he'd attract** the **ladies** due his good looks
- Doesn't sound like **people** are **really attracted** to Him
- Doesn't sound like a **leader** of people!

Look at what this human does: **Isaiah 43:4** “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.”

- He takes our **pain**
- He bears our **suffering**
- He is seen as being **punished** by God
- He is seen as being **stricken** by God
- He is seen as being **afflicted** by God

IS this HOW He was going to “Crush” the head of Satan?

- By taking *our* pain and suffering
- By taking *our* punishment from God

THE KING TOOK OUR REBELLION ON HIMSELF

The theme that ties the chapter together is that the innocent Servant died in the place of the guilty!

- Notice the word “**our**”!
 - Surely he took up **our pain** and bore **our suffering**, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.”

Isaiah 43:5 “But he was pierced for **our transgressions** (lit. Rebellion), he was crushed for **our iniquities** (lit.

depravity, perversion) the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

- PROBLEM: I thought the coming King was supposed to “Crush” Satan’s head, but Isaiah predicts that the *coming King would be “Crushed”* for our iniquities!
 - WHO is doing the “Crushing?”
 - According to the previous verse it is GOD!
 - WHY is he being “Crushed”
 - “for our iniquities or depravity
 - WHY is he being “pierced”
 - for our transgressions or rebellion
 - WHY is he being punished?
 - “so we can have peace”
 - Peace with whom? God!
 - Why is He being wounded?
 - For our healing

WHAT needs to be “healed”?

- Answer: whatever is **caused pain** by our **transgressions and iniquities!**
 - Answer: **The Human Heart**—the seat of our rebellion!

WHY is he being “Crushed”

- Because of **rebellion** is against God!

THE KING TOOK GOD'S PUNISHMENT FOR OUR REBELLION

Isaiah 53:6 "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

- We (humanity) have "gone astray"
 - Astray from what? God's law
 - Going astray = **transgressions** (rebellion)
 - Going astray = **iniquity** (depravity)

In other words, we are sinners by choice and by nature. (Weirsbe)

- We (humanity) have 'turned to our own way'

WHAT did this "crushing" by God look like?

- **Isaiah 53:7** "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."
- It looked like He allowed Himself to be "Crushed" by God willingly!
 - He didn't balk
 - He didn't try to start a rebellion!
 - He submitted Himself to God's punishment for our sins!

WHAT did this “**crushing**” by God look like?

Isaiah 53:8-9 “By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.”

- The “**Crushing**” involved **humans oppressing** Him defense!
- The “**Crushing**” involved **no one** coming to His defense!
- The “**Crushing**” resulted in His **physical** death!
 - “He was cut off from the land of the living”
 - He was assigned a grave with the wicked

WHY was He “crushed” by God?

- for the transgression of my people

HOW did He die?

- As an **innocent** person: “he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.”

WHY was He “**crushed**” by God?

Isaiah 53:10a “Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely.

When you make him a guilt offering,

- His “Crushing” and suffering was “God’s will”
- God’s Will was to make His life “an offering for sin.”

His “Crushing” was God’s plan!

- Was this what God had in mind back in the *Garden of Eden* in **Genesis 3:15**?
- If so, how was the death of this innocent man “Crushing” Satan’s head?

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What makes this innocent person different?

- **Isaiah 53:10b-11** he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord’s pleasure will be accomplished. 11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.”
 - After His death, he will “prolong his days”
 - How can you “prolong the days” of a dead person?
 - You can’t unless that dead person comes back to life!

- How can “he will see his offspring” after death?
RESURRECTION!
- How can “he will see the light of life”?
RESURRECTION

How did He “Crush” Satan’s head?

- He died for the very thing that Satan had led humanity to do: **Rebel against God!**
 - He paid the price God’s **holiness and Justice demanded** for our **transgression**
 - He paid the price God’s **holiness and Justice demanded** for our **inequity**
 - He became the “**offering, the payment, for sin!**”

His payment of the price was completed when he defeated DEATH by resurrecting from the dead

THE KING RESURRECTED IN VICTORY

Isaiah 53:12-13 “Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong...

- After **winning a battle**, the general would often “**have a portion**” of what the enemy had and “**divide the enemy’s spoils**”

- Every person who receives the payment He made on their behalf for their sin becomes part of the victor's portion.
- Every person who receives the payment He made on their behalf for their sin is taken from Satan's spoil.

The reason the **victorious King** could do this is: "because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

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YOU

Let's talk about you...

I don't think you need me to **prove** to you that you are a **rebellious** person by **nature**!

I don't think you need me to **prove** to you that you are a **rebellious** person by **action**!

- If I asked your family or friends if you are a PERFECT person, I highly doubt anyone would say “YES”!

You are like me: A Rebellious Person!

- WE are rebellious people by nature and action because we are part of Adam and Eve!

The Apostle Paul wrote: “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.”

(Romans 5:12)

- “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” **(Romans 3:23)**
- Jesus said in **Luke 13:3** “... unless you repent, you will all perish as well.”

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How do you partake in Jesus’ victory?

How do you become part of the “portion” Jesus takes from Satan?

How do you enter into a relationship with KING JESUS?

John 3: 16 “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

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