

Sermon Notes

Searching for the Serpent-Crushing “Seed”

Introduction to Genesis

Intro: First impressions reading Genesis might raise questions:

- Why SO MANY lists of names?! And why such focus on particular lines?
- Why epic global opening (1-11) → family soap opera (12-50)?
- Why so many similar stories? (Multiple miracle births? Brother reversals?)
- Why do “heroes” behave so badly? Aren’t these “the good guys/girls”?!
- Why is any of this relevant to life in Edinburgh 2023?

1. God is the only hero...

...sovereign grace despite wicked human rebellion

in creation.... blessing

in judgement... blessing

in choosing... blessing

2. God’s promises are the only hope

...sovereign grace despite “impossible” obstacles

Line of God’s Promised Saving Blessing	Threats on the Ground
Serpent-Crusher: <u>suffering offspring</u> (3:15)	Murder, Death, Sin
Through <u>offspring of Abram</u> (15:4-6)	Barrenness,
Through <u>chosen offspring</u> of Abram (17:15-19)	Enemies, Famine, Cowardice, Age, Delay, Rivalry, Sin
Through chosen <u>unfairly suffering ruler offspring</u> of Abram (Gen 37:7-11)	Rivalry, Enemies, Famine, Disunity, Sin
Through <u>royal offspring of Judah</u> (49:8-12)	Judah’s sinfulness

3. So faith is the key response

...in God’s sovereign-grace promises despite what we can see

Conc: gospel according to Gen? Grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone