

birth. We do not find the virgin birth taught here, but we find many scriptural teachings that are not taught before the time when they are clearly brought out but suggested. It is the seed of the woman that is going to bruise the serpent's head. Usually we speak of the seed of a man. In most cases, the seed of <sup>the</sup> a man is spoken of. The terminology for woman is different as a rule. But the seed of the woman here is the one who is virgin-born. It is just a little suggestion. You cannot prove virgin birth from it, but when it occurs, it fits with it exactly. The seed of the woman will bruise thy head. But this will not be done without suffering. Thou shalt bruise his heel and here at this point, he is not talking about the serpent. He has turned and speaking to Satan who has ~~bruised~~ <sup>bruised</sup> And he is <sup>s</sup> the serpent, behind the serpent in the event of this chapter. Here is our pro-evangelium as the early fathers called it. The first presentation of this gospel God brought that to Adam. He is to be saved, because God is going to provide salvation for him. He is going to provide the seed of a woman, the seed of the woman that will bruise the head of his adversary, and in the New Testament we read that God will bruise Satan under your feet shortly. <sup>And</sup> We read ~~in~~ references to the Devil, the great serpent. Satan is to be bruised under our feet at the ~~the~~ second coming of Christ. But at His first coming He in principle destroyed the power of Satan and He bruised His head, but Satan bruised His heel. He had to go through a terrible suffering in order to produce what He did there. Sin is not something that God can simply say, All right, <sup>let us</sup> forget it. It is something that destroys the very basis of God's universe. It is something that introduces chaos <sup>and</sup> confusion and misery into the universe which God has made, and it takes tremendous effort on God's part to produce salvation