

The Central Message of the Bible

- ▶ What is the most prominent theme though the Bible?
- ▶ The cry for a Redeemer to come and reestablish Eden runs from Genesis to Revelation
- ▶ It begins in Gen.3:15
- ▶ The redeemer is "The Crushing One"
- ▶ More info comes throughout the OT

The Unveiling of the Ruler, Redeemer

- ▶ Gen.49:10,11 – From the Tribe of Judah, Scepter, blood of grapes (Crusher)
- ▶ Oracles of Balaam – Num.24:8,17 "Crushing"
- ▶ From the line of David; Eternal 2Sam.7:12-13,16
- ▶ Ps.2:2 – The LORD'S Anointed – *mashekah* from *mishtar* – dominion / ruler

The Coming Of The Redeemer

- ▶ Deut.33:2 From Sinai, from Paran (the south)
- ▶ 2 – from the ten 1000's of holy ones
- ▶ 2b – With flaming fire at His right hand
- ▶ 3 loved His PeopleS (sept) Jhn.10:27-29
- ▶ 5 The LORD became king in *Jeshurun*
- ▶ Israel; upright people of God- Isa.44:2,6f
- ▶ Dan.2:34,35; 7:14, 26

The Maranatha Cry

- ▶ Hab.1:2-4 – Habakkuk's complaint of the sin in his culture.
- ▶ Belief Jerusalem could never fall
- ▶ 2:12-14,20 – The promise of restoration
- ▶ Chp.3 is a psalm designed to be sung- 19
- ▶ 3:3 – Mountains in the south, Paran
- ▶ 8-10 - 2nd Exodus
- ▶ 13 – The Crusher – The wicked will be punished
- ▶ 16- A day of trouble and victory is coming

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- ▶ Ps.110 – Execute judgment 5-6, then drink from the brook 7
- ▶ Isa.24:1-20- Struggle with sin, 21, The Day of the Lord cf. Isa.34:2, cf Ps.82
- ▶ Isa.52:7-10 – The Good news
- ▶ 52f looking ahead; 61 day of vengeance of our God 62:10f
- ▶ Isa.63:1-6 The Day of Crushing; 64:1

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- ▶ Matt.24:22 Time of trial, then crushing
- ▶ 24:27-31- After the Tribulation of those days... 24:50 – Crushing
- ▶ Lk.17:34-37 – Crushing and redemption
- ▶ Lk.21:25-28 Following a time of distress
- ▶ Rev.6:12-17; 14:14-20; 17:12-14; 19:11-21; 22:10-17,20-21 The Crusher arrives
- ▶ Are you Ready? Rev. 20:11-15