

December 6 ■ Lesson 1**The Advent Season****QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 1: “Five Key Men in the Covenants of Promise”**

The word “seed” refers to the physical line of descent from fathers and mothers to their sons and daughters. It is the passage of the seed from one generation to the next. The word “seed” in the Bible can refer to “one” (the Messiah) or to “many” (the descendants). But even when “seed” is interpreted as “many” descendants, the “One” Messiah is always present in these promises. The seed promise is included in the biblical covenants (Edenic, Noahic, Abrahamic, and Davidic) to prove that the promise of salvation and kingdom is only fulfilled by the power of God. Christmas is the story of the seed promise being fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

Memory Work: Matthew 1:23

Read the seven references and examine the context of these important “seed” verses.

1. Genesis 3:15 “the seed of the woman” Edenic Promise
2. Genesis 9:9 Noah Noahic Covenant
3. Genesis 12:7 Abraham Abrahamic Covenant
4. Genesis 17:19 Isaac Abrahamic Covenant
5. Genesis 28:13-14 Jacob Abrahamic Covenant
6. 2 Samuel 7:12-13 David Davidic Covenant
7. Matthew 1:1-17 the genealogy of Joseph – Mary’s husband

1. What is learned by this repeated promise of the seed?

2. What additional details does each promise reveal about the coming seed?

3. Why is it necessary for the Messiah to be a man – perfect man “yet without sin”?