

# TILL THE SEED CAME

Almighty God made a promise to Abraham. Then over four hundred years later at Mount Sinai He entered into a covenant relationship with the descendants of father Abraham and gave Israel His Law. That Law from its very conception was intended to be temporary. “What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgression, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made” (Galatians 3:19).

The promised Seed to come is Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:16). The word “seed” is being used in the sense of “offspring.” The promised offspring is Christ. Scanning the pages of the inspired Old Testament we read about the mystery of that Seed. In the Garden of Eden, God told Satan, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her *seed*; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15) The seed of woman would wield a crushing blow to the devil. Many generations later God promised Abraham, “In your *seed* all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” (Genesis 22:18) Someone from the lineage of Abraham would become the blessing for all peoples of the earth. Then even later God revealed to King David, “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your *seed* after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” (2 Samuel 7:12-13) An offspring from the family of David would build God’s house and reign over an eternal kingdom. Jesus Christ has fulfilled all of these prophetic statements. “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. . . . Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” (Galatians 4:4-5, 7).

With the coming of Jesus Christ, God’s covenant law with Israel had served its God-ordained purpose. “The law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.” (Galatians 3:24-25) Jesus has fulfilled all things concerning Himself “which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms” (Luke 24:44). Men today are not under God’s former law with its ten commandments. That codified system of righteousness was for the commonwealth of Israel to prepare for and to lead to the Messiah. The Christ has come, and He is now the Mediator of a new covenant, a better covenant (Hebrews 13:6, 13). Man is liable to “the perfect law of liberty” (James 1:25). We are “under law toward Christ” (1 Corinthians 9:21) for we will be judged according to the gospel of Christ (Romans 2:16).