



## The Miracle of a Seed Easter 2016

**Genesis 1:11** Then God said, "Let the land sprout with vegetation - every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. **These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.**" And that is what happened. **12** The land produced vegetation - all sorts of seed-bearing plants, and trees with seed-bearing fruit. **Their seeds produced plants and trees of the same kind.** And God saw that it was good. **13** And evening passed and morning came, marking the third day. *New Living Bible*

### Jesus is God's Miracle Seed

**John 12:23** Jesus replied that the time had come for him to return to his glory in heaven, **24** and that "**I must fall and die** like a kernel of wheat that falls into the furrows of the earth. Unless I die **I will be alone - a single seed.** But my death will **produce many new wheat kernels** - a plentiful harvest of **new lives.** *The Living Bible*

**Genesis 3:14** The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; *New American Standard*

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between **you and the woman,** and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." *New American Standard*

### Tried to stop the seed by...

- Giants

**Genesis 6:1** Now a population explosion took place upon the earth. **2** It was at this time that beings from the spirit world looked upon the beautiful earth women and took any they desired to be their wives. **3** Then Jehovah said, "My Spirit must not forever be disgraced in man, wholly evil as he is. I will give him 120 years to mend

his ways.” **4** In those days, and even afterwards, when the evil beings from the spirit world were sexually involved with human women, their children became giants, of whom so many legends are told. ***The Living Bible***

### **Tried to stop the seed by...**

- Rebellion

***Genesis 6:5*** When the Lord God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, **6** he was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart. **7** And he said, “I will blot out from the face of the earth all mankind that I created. Yes, and the animals too, and the reptiles and the birds. For I am sorry I made them.” **8** **But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord.** Here is the story of Noah: ***The Living Bible***

### **Imperfect People Led to a Perfect Savior Who Saved Imperfect People**

### **Tried to stop the seed by...**

- Murder

***Matthew 2:16*** Herod was furious when he learned that the astrologers had disobeyed him. Sending soldiers to Bethlehem, **he ordered them to kill every baby boy two years old and under,** both in the town and on the nearby farms, for the astrologers had told him the star first appeared to them two years before. ***The Living Bible***

### **Tried to stop the seed by...**

- Crucifixion

***1 Corinthians 2:7*** No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God - his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. ***Living Translation***

***1 Corinthians 2:8*** But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. ***New Living Translation***

***1 Peter 1:23*** For you have been **born again,** not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, **through the living and enduring word of God.** ***New International Version***

***2 Corinthians 5:17*** When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **brand new person inside.** He is not the same anymore. **A new life has begun!** ***The Living Bible***

**1 John 3:9** The person who has been born into God's family does not make a practice of sinning **because now God's life is in him**; so he can't keep on sinning, for this new life has been born into him and controls him - he has been *born again*.  
***The Living Bible***