

# The Serpent Crusher

Genesis 3:1-15  
Revelation 12:7-17



**Perpetua of Carthage**

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# Perpetua's dream:

“Just make sure the  
dragon doesn't  
bite you”

“He will not hurt me  
in the name of  
Jesus Christ”



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# Genesis 3:15

1. It's not about snakes!
2. The serpent crushed
3. Keep on trampling





# 1. It's not about snakes!

*Orphidophobia*, the fear of snakes ✕

Job 1:6-7, 26:12-13

In that day,

the LORD will punish with his sword,  
his fierce, great and powerful sword,

Leviathan the gliding serpent,

Leviathan the coiling serpent;

he will slay the monster of the sea. (NIV Is 27:1)

Isaiah 65:25a, Psalm 91:13





# 1. It's not about snakes!

*When the disciples rejoice that demons submit:*  
“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. (NIV Lk 10:18–19)

He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.(NIV Rev 20:2)





## 2. The serpent crushed

Since the children have flesh and blood, [Christ] too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

(NIV Heb 2:14–16)

Galations 3:16, Revelation 5:9-10, 12:9-11

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

(NIV Rom 16:20a)





### 3. Keep on trampling

I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given *you* authority to *trample* on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:18-19, my italics)

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. (NIV 2 Cor 11:3)





### 3. Keep on trampling

The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside!” or, “I will be murdered in the streets!” (NIV Prov 22:13)

How long will you lie there, you sluggard?

When will you get up from your sleep?

A little sleep, a little slumber,

a little folding of the hands to rest—

and poverty will come on you like a bandit

and scarcity like an armed man. (NIV Prov 6:9–11)

2 Corinthians 11:4, Revelation 2:3-4, 13:1





### 3. Keep on trampling

Leave no unguarded place,  
No weakness of the soul.  
Take every virtue, every grace  
And fortify the whole

Charles Wesley

