



Genesis - Beginnings and Foundations

Chapter 3 – The Fall
Jan 5, 2025

Module 5, Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Dec 15, 2024 – Christmas Lesson 1*
- ✓ *Dec 22, 2024 – Christmas Lesson 2*
- ✓ *Dec 29, 2024 – Resume Genesis at Ch 2:12*
- ✓ *Jan 5, 2025 - Genesis Ch 3*
 - ✓ *Jan 7, 2025. - Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 5*
- *Jan 12, 2025 - Genesis Ch 4*
- *Jan 19, 2025 - Genesis Ch 5*
- *Jan 26, 2025 - Genesis Ch 6*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Israel/ US pounding the Houthi areas of infrastructure, ports, and weapons*
- *Hostage negotiations with Hamas and returns have stalled. Hamas refuses to give an account of the hostages and their “alive or dead” status. One proof of life video for woman*
- *Israel continues to watch and respond to Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Hamas in Gaza*
- *Israel's consolidation of more of the Syrian border*
- *Syrian rebels are killing the old Assad regime soldiers and leaders*
- *Turkey is moving in to fill the vacuum and kill Kurds – no UN outrage*

US/World

- *Trump is preparing to lead and is the defacto president now as Biden avoids any involvement*
- *Lots of skirmishes by the Deep State to protect themselves against Trump's pledge to drain the swamp*
- *Terror attacks in the US- soft targets vulnerable. FBI focus an issue*
- *Ukraine and Russian war still raging with more civilian casualties*
- *Little more than 15 days left to wait for the new US Administration.*
- *Congress made headway after new Speaker named, and both house and senate electees sworn in*

Last week we finished Gen Ch 2

Last week we studied:

The Creation of Man

- *The Geography of Eden*
- *Man, and the Animals*
- *God's command to Man*
- *Creation of Woman*
 - *Flesh of my Flesh*

Today we will study Ch 3 with the Fall of Mankind and the Moral Choice

Before we start Ch 3

- *We have a perfect world*
 - *Matter, the Heavens, Angels, Planets, Earth, Sun and Moon created*
 - *Earth and Seas and Atmosphere in place*
 - *Animals, Fish, and Birds created and flourishing*
 - *Trees and plants all flourishing and providing fruit for food*
 - *Man and Woman created as intended*
 - *No conflicts between species*
 - *Animals are herbivores, man is a vegetarian*
 - *No prey and predators*
 - *No Death, Decay, or Sin*
 - *Garden of Eden created perfectly, and Man placed there to tend/keep it*
 - *All is good and in keeping with God's creation plan*
 - *God leaves man with a command ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from **any tree** in the garden; ¹⁷ but you **must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, for when you eat from it **you will certainly die.**"*

Genesis Ch 3:1-3 Questions and the Fall

*3 Now the serpent was **more crafty** than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?**”*

*2 The woman said to the serpent, “**We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,***

*3 but God did say, ‘**You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.**’”*

Deeper into these verses...

Serpent – Hebrew word “Nachash” which means serpent or snake, but with a side of deception and magical arts to deceive. ***Like todays Snakes? Probably not***

More crafty – Deceptively tricky and prone to deceive others to get what he wants.

Did God really say...? Notice the question is designed to place a false narrative of what God really said and get the response the Serpent wanted. This is a common deception trick to get the person to be deceived to enter into a dialog with the deceiver

Finally, in the dialog the woman parrots back to the Serpent is not what God really said (to Adam, not Eve)

In this dialog, there is an opening for the Serpent to drive a wedge of uncertainty with Eve.

Genesis 3:4-5 *Deceit full grown...*

*⁴ “**You will not certainly die,**” the serpent said to the woman.*

*⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it **your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**”*

The Serpent makes a bold declaration against God by telling Eve that what God said is not true, and then planting the idea that God was holding them back from being like Him. Note what the Serpent tells Eve about this “knowledge” is not a complete falsehood, but it is a half-truth intended to deceive.

Because they are perfect creations, they only know the things that are good for them, and God’s commands.

Gen 3:6-7 The Free Will of Man creates an Act of Sin

*⁶ When the woman **saw** that the fruit of the tree was **good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, **who was with her, and he ate it.***

Our senses are wonderful gifts from God, but they are also portals for information and sights to enter our minds to prod us towards enticing but sinful acts

*⁷ **Then** the **eyes of both of them were opened**, and they realized they were naked; so, they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

Once we commit acts of sin against God, the results we expect are not what we end up with

Genesis Ch 3:8-10 *The Weight of Sin and Disobedience*

⁸ *Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

⁹ *But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”*

¹⁰ *He answered,*

“I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so, I hid.”

Human nature is to try to hide ourselves and distance ourselves from our sin, if we are aware of it as sin. God calls to Adam because that is who God gave the instruction directly to... Also, God was used to walking and talking with Adam in the Garden. Note the awareness of shame in Adam.

Genesis Ch 3:11-13 Actions Have Consequences

¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

How quickly to we descend into a lying pattern, deflecting our responsibility and blaming others?

The Lord is about to give both the first judgment of wrongdoing and issue the first prophetic statement recorded in the Bible of the Coming Lord.

Genesis Ch 3:14-15 Judgment for Sin...

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

***“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!***

***You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.***

***15 And I will put **enmity** between you and the woman,
and between your offspring/**Seed** and hers;
he will crush/strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”***

Gen 3:15 A deeper dive

Enmity - noun

Deep-seated, often mutual hatred.

A feeling or state of hatred or animosity.

The quality of being an enemy; hostile or unfriendly disposition.

I want to take a minute and amplify this statement. There is an unmistakable hatred between women and snakes. (there are exceptions) but I am reminded of an old newspaper cartoon called **BC (by Johnny Hart)** where there was a character called “fat broad”, later renamed Jane for better PR that used to hate snakes and carry a club for bashing them.

Sometimes it is funny how our memories work in recalling things that haven't been thought about in years



Gen 3:15 Proto Evangelium

*...and between your offspring/**Seed** and hers;
he will **crush/strike** your head,
and you will **strike** his heel.”*

***Note** the Hebrew word translated “seed”, and also “offspring”, are context sensitive. In this case the idea of “seed” which is normally applied to the man’s children, is applied to the woman and not the man. There is also the gender of a male child (he).*

This male child will crush or strike the head of the snake in the future, while the snake strikes at his heel. One is a mortal blow and the other is not.

This male child is the coming Messiah who is born of woman, but not of man and will crush the head of the Serpent or Satan as we discover later. This is the first prophecy in the Bible of the coming Messiah, and His victory over Satan once and for all.

This verse shows that God was prepared with a coming Messiah as soon as sin entered the world, that sin would plague mankind until it is removed, and that Christ will be the ultimate blow that removes this sin and death from the world.

Genesis Ch 3: 16-18 *Mankind's Curses*

¹⁶ To the **woman** he said,

*“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”*

¹⁷ To **Adam** he said, *“Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’*

*“Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.*

¹⁸ *It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.*

Genesis Ch 3:16-17 Understanding

Eve is cursed by adding pain in childbirth, but she will still desire children and her husband.

*Adam is being judged **for listening to his wife??***

***While we can have some fun with that idea,** Adam is being judged because HE RECEIVED THE DIRECT COMMAND FROM GOD, and he did not prevent her from eating it, and he ate it himself. He knew the truth from God and willfully and weakly did not follow it.*

Because of his sin, the ground is cursed, and he will have to work hard and deal with all kinds of [problems just to eat his food

Genesis Ch 3:19-23 Judgment completed

*¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return.”*

*²⁰ Adam named his wife **Eve**, because she would become the mother of **all the living**.*

*²¹ The Lord God made **garments of skin** for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

*²² And the Lord God said, “**The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”***

²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Genesis Ch 3:19-23 Understanding

*Adam named his wife “Eve” which means “**life, as in living things**”. There are many tangents' critics of Genesis' validity make at this point, but for us, the name Eve indicates that through her, all living humans would be born.*

The first animal sacrifice is made here for the clothing of both Adam and Eve. This was done by the Lord, and the implication is that Adam and Eve could only approach the Lord now with some level of Animal Sacrifice.

Because Adam and Eve now saw both good and evil, they could not be allowed to live forever until they were purified into their original state again, so the Lord banished them from the Garden of Eden

Genesis Ch 3:24

*24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side (the entrance) of the Garden of Eden **cherubim** and a **flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.***

So, this is the first time we have encountered this class of Angels called Cherubim. What/Who are they?

Cherub – singular, Cherubim – plural

They are guardians of Divine Holiness and mentioned and described in several areas of the Bible.

Cherubs – Images and ideas

*The imagery of cherubim is further elaborated in the Book of Exodus, where they are described as part of the **design of the Ark of the Covenant**. God instructs Moses to make two cherubim of gold, facing each other with wings outstretched over the mercy seat (Exodus 25:18-20). Here, the cherubim symbolize the divine presence and serve as a throne for God, **emphasizing their role as intermediaries between the divine and the earthly realms**.*

*The most detailed description of cherubim comes from the prophet Ezekiel. In his vision, Ezekiel sees **four living creatures, each with four faces (that of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle), and four wings (Ezekiel 1:5-11)**. These creatures are later identified as cherubim (Ezekiel 10:20). The complex and multi-faceted appearance of the cherubim in Ezekiel's vision underscores their **role as bearers of God's glory and executors of His will**. Their multiple faces and wings suggest a being of immense power and perception, capable of moving swiftly and seeing all directions, symbolizing God's omnipresence and omniscience.*

Cherubim ideas of Artists



*Italian
Painters*



Ezekiel Ch 10

*ADD A FIERY SWORD TO EACH
What ever they really look like they
are fearsome guardians of the Purity
Of God*



Indiana Jones and the Ark of the Covenant

Next time, we will Pickup at Gen Ch 4, Cain & Abel

- *Pray for the US, Israel, and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for the release of the Hostages*
- *Pray for our leaders – present and future*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and friends inside and outside the church.*
- *Pray for each other earnestly and often*
- *Be thankful that God has placed you **in this day and time** and commit **your** will ...to doing **His** Will.*
- *Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill the land*