

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3:1–5:32

THE FALL OF MAN. (3:1-24)

A. The Tempter.

1. The Devil has many designations in the Bible. Among them are:
 - a. “The devil.” Matthew 4:1
 - b. “Satan.” Job 1:6
 - c. “Father of lies.” John 8:44
 - d. “Enemy.” Matthew 13:39
 - e. “Beelzebub, ruler of demons.” Matthew 12:24
 - f. “Prince of the power of the air.” Ephesians 2:2
 - g. “The wicked one.” Matthew 13:19
 - h. “Ruler of this world.” John 12:31
 - i. “Ruler of darkness.” Ephesians 6:12
 - j. “Adversary.” 1 Peter 5:8
 - k. “The tempter.” 1 Thessalonians 3:5
 - l. “The deceiver.” Revelation 20:10
2. Operated through a serpent. (3:1)
3. The temptation of man. (3:1-5)
 - a. Appeared to Eve. (3:1-2)
 - b. God had placed a prohibition. (2:16-17)
 - c. The deception. (3:4-5) 1 John 2:16
 1. Lust of the eyes: “Saw that it was good for food.”
 2. Lust of the flesh: “Pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired.”
 3. Pride of life: “Shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

B. The Transgression and the Fall.

1. Eve ate of the tree then gave to Adam who also ate. (3:6)
2. Their eyes were opened. Knew they were naked. (3:7)
3. They hid from the presence of God. (3:8)
4. God called unto Adam, “Where are you?” (3:9)
5. God confronted Adam and Eve with their disobedience. (3:10-11)
 - a. Adam blamed Eve. (3:12)
 - b. Eve blamed the serpent. (3:13)

C. Consequences of the Fall.

1. For the serpent. (3:14)
 - a. Cursed above all cattle and beasts of the field. (3:14)
 - b. Consigned to travel upon its belly. (3:14)
 - c. Shall eat dust. (3:14)
 2. For the Devil. (3:15)
 - a. Enmity (deep-rooted mutual hatred) between his seed and the woman's seed. (3:15)
 - b. The woman's seed would bruise Satan's head (a major wound). (3:15)
 - c. The devil's seed would bruise the heel of the woman's seed (a minor wound). (3:15)
 - d. Genesis 3:15 became the first prophecy given in the Bible.
 3. For the woman. (3:6)
 - a. Multiply her sorrow and conception. (3:16)
 - b. Increase pain in childbirth. (3:16)
 - c. Her desire shall be to her husband. (3:16)
 - d. Her husband would rule over her. (3:16)
 4. For the man. (3:17-19)
 - a. The ground would be cursed. (3:17)
 - b. Would have to toil for his food. (3:18-19)
 - c. Would return to dust at death. (3:19)
- D. Following God's pronouncements:
1. Adam called his wife Eve (mother of all living). (3:20)
 2. God made coats of skins and clothed them. (3:21)
 3. Heaven's decision to put man away from the tree of life. (3:22)
 4. Adam and Eve driven from the Garden of Eden. (3:23)
 5. Cherubims and a flaming sword placed at the east of the garden to protect the tree of life. (3:24)
- E. Summary of consequences.
1. Man became a sinner. **Romans 5:12** — "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned."
 2. Sorrow and pain were introduced.
 3. Man became susceptible to death. **I Corinthians 15:22** — "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."
 4. The ground was cursed. (3:17-18)
 5. Man was condemned to toil for his substance. (3:19)
 6. Man was driven from the paradise of the Garden of Eden. (3:23-24)

THE POPULATION BEGINS TO INCREASE. (4:1 - 5:32)

A. The first children. (4:1-2)

1. Cain.
 - a. Was born first. (4:1)
 - b. Became a tiller of the soil. (4:2)
2. Abel.
 - a. Was born second. (4:2)
 - b. Became a keeper of sheep. (4:2)
3. Sacrifices offered. (4:3)
 - a. Cain offered fruits of the field. (4:3)
 - b. Abel offered the firstlings of his flock. (4:3)
 - c. Abel's sacrifice was accepted. (4:4)
 - d. Cain's sacrifice was rejected. (4:5)

B. The first murder.

1. Cain was angry at his offering being rejected. (4:5-6)
 2. God talked with Cain about the matter. (4:6-7)
 3. Cain killed Abel in the field. (4:8) **Note:** With Adam having been created full-grown, Cain must have been about 129 years old at this time because Seth was born soon after, at which time Adam was 130.
 4. God confronted Cain. (4:9)
 - a. Cain asked: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (4:9)
 - b. God asked: "What have you done?" (4:10)
 5. The curse of Cain. 4:11-15)
 - a. He was driven out. (4:14)
 - b. His life was protected. (4:15)
 - c. A mark was placed upon Cain. (4:15)
 6. Cain went and dwelled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. (4:16)
 - a. Cain's wife must have been his sister.
 - b. Eve was the "mother of all living." (3:20)
 - c. Adam had unnamed sons and daughters (5:4)
 - d. Tradition says Adam and Eve had:
 1. 33 sons.
 2. 27 daughters.
- 60** Total number of children

C. Genealogy from Adam to Noah.

1. Adam: 130 years. (5:5)
 - a. 126 years between the death of Adam and the birth of Noah.

2. Seth: 912 years. (5:8)
 3. Enosh: 905 years. (5:11)
 4. Kenan (Cainan): 910 years. (5:14)
 5. Mahalael: 895 years. (5:17)
 6. Jared: 962 years. (5:21)
 7. Enoch: 365 years. (5:23)
 - a. "Walked with God." (5:24)
 - b. Born 622 years after the creation of Adam.
 - c. Was contemporary with Adam for 308 years.
 - d. "God took him" 69 years before the birth of Noah when he was only 365. (5:24)
 8. Methuselah: 969 years. (5:27)
 - a. Was the son of Enoch.
 - b. The oldest of the ten and the oldest man mentioned in the Bible.
 - c. Overlapped the life of Adam by 243 years.
 - d. Overlapped the life of Shem (son of Noah) by 98 years.
 1. Shem lived:
 - a. 98 years before the flood.
 - b. 502 years after the flood. (a total of 600 years)
 - c. Until 75 years after Abraham entered Canaan.
 2. Formed a connecting link between the Garden of Eden and the Post-Rood world.
 9. Lamech: 777 years. (5:31)
 10. Noah: 950 years (9:29)
 - a. 600 years before the flood.
 - b. 350 years after the flood. (9:28)
- D. 1656 years between the creation of man and the flood.
- E. Adam was contemporary with:
1. Lamech for 56 years.
 2. Methuselah for 243 years.
 3. Jared for 470 years.
 4. Mahalaleel for 535 years.
 5. Cainan for 605 years
 6. Enos for 695 years.
- F. Noah was contemporary with:
1. Lamech for 597 years.
 2. Methuselah for 600 years.
 3. Jared for 366 years.

4. Mahalaleel for 234 years.
 5. Cainan for 179 years.
 6. Enos for 84 years.
- G. Shem was contemporary with:
1. Before the flood.
 - a. Lamech for 93 years
 - b. Methuselah for 98 years
 - c. Noah for 448 years.
 2. After the flood.
 - a. Abraham for 150 years.
 - b. Isaac for 50 years.