

# GENESIS

## The Fall of Man

Text: Genesis 3

- I. THE TEMPTATION** (3:1-5   <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.")

Genesis 2 revealed that a \_\_\_\_\_ choice had to be offered to Adam and Eve if they were truly in the image of God. God chooses; man must choose. The point of choice was whether or not to \_\_\_\_\_ God's one command recorded in 2:16-17. Look carefully at the passage.

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

God did not \_\_\_\_\_ them to disobey. (James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.) In fact, He made the choice as easy as possible. They could "freely" eat of everything else. God merely provided an opportunity for choice.

A. **The Tempter – "The \_\_\_\_\_"** (3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?")

1. Sometime during creation week, God also created a host of heavenly beings called angels. They were not created \_\_\_\_\_, for God was alone when He began. (Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. and John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.)

They were not created \_\_\_\_\_, because God finished all His work on the sixth day.

(Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.) They maintained their perfect created state at least through \_\_\_\_\_ week for at the end everything was still “\_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_." (Gen. 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was very good*. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.)

**However, sometime between the \_\_\_\_\_ day and Gen. 3:1 there was a \_\_\_\_\_ among the angels in heaven. One of the high ranking angels whose name was \_\_\_\_\_, "Day-star," led the rebellion.**

**Lucifer is addressed as the power behind two wicked \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned in 1) Isaiah 14:12-15** <sup>12</sup> "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. **and 2) Ezekiel 28:11-19** <sup>11</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>12</sup> "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. <sup>14</sup> "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. <sup>15</sup> You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. <sup>16</sup> "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. <sup>17</sup> "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. <sup>18</sup> "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. <sup>19</sup> All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And *shall be no more forever.*"'"

From these two passages, describe Lucifer. \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Lucifer's sin. \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe what happened to Lucifer. \_\_\_\_\_

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How many angels followed him? (Rev. 12:4,9 <sup>4</sup> His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.)

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**Now being cast down to the earth, Lucifer or \_\_\_\_\_, desires to take man away from God. Adam and Eve are still facing the moral choice of obedience. Satan will try to lead them to disobey. Satan seldom appears as Satan but occupies some \_\_\_\_\_ form.**

2. **Satan possesses the serpent, the most \_\_\_\_\_ of all the animals.**  
How can we know that it was Satan speaking through the serpent?

Rev. 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev. 20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the Devil* and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Dragon, Serpent, Devil, and Satan are all names for Lucifer.

Luke 8:26-32 <sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" <sup>29</sup> For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. <sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

This Scripture indicates that Satan and the fallen angels (demons) can under certain conditions inhabit \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. **The Tactic** (3:1-5 <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes

will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.")

1. **What is the primary tactic of Satan?** (John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Satan lied to Eve in three ways:**

- a. He questioned God's \_\_\_\_\_, "Did God say?"
- b. He \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word, "You will not die."
- c. He \_\_\_\_\_ His Word, "You will be like God."

**II. SIN** (3:2-6 <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.)

**A. Yielding to Sin**

Just as Satan's temptation centered on lying about God's Word, Eve's yielding to sin also centered in a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word.

1. **Eve took away from God's Word.** When she quoted God's command from 2:16, what word did she omit? \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Eve added to God's Word.** In 3:3 what did she add to God's Word from 2:17? \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Eve changed God's Word** from "You shall die" to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The Lure of Sin** (3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.)

Why did Eve desire the fruit that would lead her into sin? The same reason sin is always appealing. **1 John 2:16** (For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.) gives three reasons why sin is always appealing. List them by the appropriate phrase from Genesis.

Genesis	1 John
1. "Good for food"	_____
2. "Pleasant to the eyes"	_____
3. "Make one wise"	_____

"She took of its fruit and ate."

### C. The Spread of Sin (3:6 and 4:1-24)

1. **Sinners love to be accompanied by fellow sinners, so Eve gave some to Adam, "and he ate."** There is nothing noble about Adam's action. His choice to join his wife in her sin was not chivalrous but traitorous. (**1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.**) This verse indicates that Adam could and should have resisted because he was not \_\_\_\_\_ by the serpent.
2. **Sin spreads through the \_\_\_\_\_.** Adam and Eve were now sinners. The sin \_\_\_\_\_ has become a part of them. That sin nature now spreads through \_\_\_\_\_ of their descendants.
  - a. Cain slays \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Cain moves away from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
  - c. Wicked Cain has wicked \_\_\_\_\_ typified by Lamech, a vengeful man.

## III. THE RESULT OF SIN

### A. Internal

1. **Loss of \_\_\_\_\_ and sense of \_\_\_\_\_.** (**3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.**)
2. **\_\_\_\_\_ to cover up.** (**3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.**)
3. **Loss of \_\_\_\_\_ with God.** (**3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.**)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ making. (3:12-13 <sup>12</sup> Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate.")

## B. External

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is cursed. (3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.)
2. The woman made \_\_\_\_\_ to man. (3:16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you.")
3. The cycle of \_\_\_\_\_ begins. (3:17-18 <sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ results. (3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.")
5. Man \_\_\_\_\_ from the Garden of Eden. (3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.)

## C. Eternal

1. \_\_\_\_\_ takes the initiative to solve man's sin problem.
  - a. God came to them. (3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.)
  - b. God \_\_\_\_\_ them. (3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?")
2. God tells them of His ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ over sin. (3:15 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.")
  - a. Satan shall bruise the heel (\_\_\_\_\_) of the woman's descendant.

- b. This descendant shall bruise the head (\_\_\_\_\_ ) of Satan.
- c. Who is the only one ever born only of a woman with no man as a father?  
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3. **God provides a temporary covering.** (3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.)
- a. To make the covering, an animal's \_\_\_\_\_ had to be shed.
- b. Thus begins the revelation of a principle dominant in Scripture – the necessity of blood \_\_\_\_\_.

The penalty of sin is \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.)

The life is in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Lev. 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.)

When sin occurs, blood must be offered for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Lev. 17:11)

Hebrews 9:22b. \_\_\_\_\_

Someone dies for every sin: the sinner or \_\_\_\_\_.