



Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 3

Title: The Catastrophe of All Times & Our Enemy

Passage: Genesis 3

For Our Learning (Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 11:6, 11)

In the Beginning . . . THE BEGINNING

- Genesis is a book of beginnings . . .
 - It speaks of the beginning of God's revelation of Himself - who He is and His ways.
 - It speaks of the beginning of the *universe* (space, matter, energy, and time).
 - It speaks of the beginning of *order* and *complexity*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of the *solar system*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of the *atmosphere and hydrosphere*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *life*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *man*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *marriage*.
 - **It speaks of the beginning of *sin and evil*.**
 - It speaks of the beginning of *language*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *government*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *nations*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *religion*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *culture*.
 - It speaks of the beginning of *the chosen people*.

A Historical Book

Genesis 3 - This is Not a Sunday School Lesson



Who Is Adam?

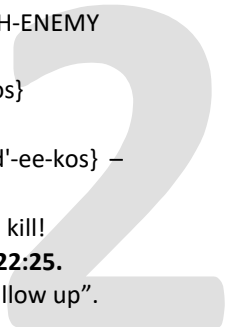
- God's highest creation. Made in the image of his Creator.
- **FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE** for all mankind.
- ALL mankind was *in* Adam.
- Adam was *our* representative in the Garden.

Who Is Eve?

- God *made* Eve from a rib from Adam's side.
- She was given to Adam to be his helper.
- She and Adam were the first husband and wife.

Who Is the Serpent? (3:1; Revelation 12:9)

- (Revelation 12:9) We learn four things about the **GREAT DRAGON** from this verse:
 - ① **"the serpent of old"** – points us back to the Garden of Eden.
 - ② **"the devil"** – *diabolos* means "slanderer, false accuser"
 - Remember that there is **"no condemnation"** for those in Christ. (Rom. 8:1)
 - Born-again Christians for an **"Advocate"**. (1 John 2:1)
 - Satan can accuse us day and night but NEVER succeed. (Romans 8:31-34)
 - ③ **"Satan"** this is a Hebrew word meaning "adversary or enemy"
 - ④ **"who deceives the whole world"**
 - **ONE DOES NOT KNOW HE/SHE IS BEING DECEIVED UNTIL AFTER THE DECEPTION!" BEWARE!**
 - ARE YOU BEING DECEIVED RIGHT NOW?
 - Only by studying and APPLYING the Word of God will we be able to DISCERN what is right and wrong! (Hebrews 5:13-14)
- Other names of Satan in the Scriptures:
 - ① (1 Peter 5:8-9) Peter describes the saints ARCH-ENEMY
 - **"YOUR"** enemy!
 - "devil" **διάβολος** *diabolos* {dee-ab'-ol-os}
 - Slanderer; false accuser
 - "adversary" **ἀντίδικος** *antidikos* {an-tid'-ee-kos} – opponent.
 - "roaring lion" predator, one who hunts to kill!
 - ★ Psalm 7:1-2; 10:9-10; 17:12; **Ezekiel 22:25**.
 - "seeking whom he may devour" – "to swallow up".



- ② (1 John 5:19) “the EVIL ONE” - “evil” is πονηρός pōneros (pon-ay-ros') literally has the meaning “an active and malignant kind of evil referring to that which is not only ugly and useless but also injurious and destructive.”
- ③ (John 12:31) “the ruler of this world” - this shows that Satan is “unseen” head and energy behind the affairs of the world.
- ④ (2 Corinthians 4:4) “the god of this age” – this emphasizes Satan’s activities during “this age” that is, “the church age” – the visible church follows his teachings (see 1 Timothy 4:1 – “doctrines of demons”)
- ⑤ (Ephesians 2:2) “the prince of the power of the air now at work in sons of disobedience” – either you have the Holy Spirit or this spirit. See 1 Corinthians 2:12.
- ⑥ (John 8:44) “a liar and the father of it” – Satan is all about deception.
- ⑦ (2 Corinthians 11:14) “transforms himself into an angel of light” – working in churches to deceive many!
- ⑧ (2 Corinthians 6:15) – “Belial” with a literal meaning of “worthless” or “hopeless ruin”
- ⑨ (Mark 3:22; Matthew 12:24) “Beelzebul” which literally means “lord of the dung” or “Beelzebub” which literally means “lord of the flies” or “Beelzeboul” “lord of the dwelling” – this being is “the prince of demons”.
- ⑩ (Revelation 9:11) “Abaddon” (Greek) and “Apollyon” (Hebrews) – means “destroyer” or “destruction”.

The Deception

- (3:1) Satan disguised himself. (2 Corinthians 11:13-16)
- (3:1) Satan questioned God’s Word. This was the first attempt at bringing relativism into the world. Doubting God’s word will lead to following someone else’s word or following what we believe to be or want to be right.
- (3:1) Satan was questioning God’s goodness. Why withhold *one* tree?
- (3:1-3) Satan and Eve were twisting/perverting, even though ever so slightly, God’s Word. (2 Corinthians 4:2; 2:17; Ephesians 4:14)
- (3:4) Satan contradicted God’s Word and spoke with his supposed authority rather than submitting to God’s authority.
- (3:5) Satan replaced God’s Word with his own lie. (John 8:44)
 - ★ **THE LIE:** Men and women can be their own god and live as they please without any consequences.

The Sin (Genesis 3:6-7)

- (v. 6) Note carefully Eve’s actions:
 - ① She saw. She was living by sight rather than faith. ()
 - ② She desired. (1 John 2:15-17; James 1:14-15)
 - ③ She took.
 - ④ She shared.
- (v. 6) “He ate.” - “We ate!” - remember Adam was our federal representative. “In Adam” *we all sinned*. (Romans 3:23; **5:12**)
- (v. 7) In God’s way, Adam and Eve did not need to know about evil. Happiness would come from knowing God and all the good He provided.
- Adam and Eve sinned **against** God. All sin is against God. (Psalm 51:4)
- Sin is LAWLESSNESS. (1 John 3:4)
- Sin is ignoring and not taking God’s Law seriously.

The Consequences (Genesis 3:8-19)

- God is SERIOUS and means what He says.
- God SAW! God KNEW! (Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 44:21; Proverbs 15:11; Revelation 2:23)
- God is the Lawgiver, Judge, and King. (Isaiah 33:22)
- ALL of our actions have consequences! (**DO NOT BE DECEIVED . . .** Galatians 6:7-8)
- Sin has consequences NOT only for the one sinning but on others as well.
- Immediate consequences/results of sin:
 - (3:7) Self-righteousness - they covered themselves.
 - (3:10) Fear. Instead of enjoying God presence they now feared Him and “hid” themselves from Him.
 - (3:12) Blame. Rather than take FULL RESPONSIBILITY for their own actions they blamed someone else. Adam went as far as to blame God.
- Other consequences:
 - (3:16) Women would give birth in pain.
 - (3:16) Marriages would be difficult.
 - (3:17-19) Work would become tollisome.
- More consequences:
 - Adam and Eve died spiritually and would die physically - just as God had said.
 - SEPARATION FROM GOD! (Isaiah 59:2)



- The withholding of the GOOD! (Jeremiah 5:25)
 - **CONTRAST WITH PSALM 1:1-3.**
- Banished from the “Tree of Life”.
- ALL of Adam’s descendants would be born in “his image”! (Genesis 5:1)
- (Ephesians 2:1-3) Every person is born into the world now:
 - ① A sinner - just like Adam. (Ephesians 2:1)
 - ② A slave to Satan. (Romans 6:16)
 - ③ A slave to his/her own lusts.
 - ④ A child of wrath, just like everyone else.

The Promise (Genesis 3:15)

- In cursing the devil, God promised that He would send One who would crush him - crushing his power.
- This is the first Gospel promise in the Bible.

Lessons for Us - Remember this was written for our learning.

- ALL of God’s precepts are right. (Psalm 119:127)
- ALL sin is LAWLESSNESS. (1 John 3:4)
- ALL sin is against God. (**Psalm 51:4**)
- **HATE SIN** - EVERY FALSE WAY. (Psalm 104, 128, 163; Amos 5:15; Romans 12:9)
- **BE VIGILANT**; Be Alert (1 Peter 5:8)
 - “vigilant” is **γρηγορέω** (gregoreo) meaning “**to watch; to give strict attention to; be cautious; take heed lest through remission or indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one**”!
 - Satan still works hard at deceiving people. Those who are not **γρηγορέω** are already deceived!
- The Christian life is not only a RACE to be WON, but it is a **DAILY BATTLE!** (Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- The Christian has **many enemies** – the devil and His demons, the world system, and his own flesh! (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- A Christian cannot be “**lazy**” (Hebrews 6:11-12) or “**complacent**” (Zephaniah 1:12).
- Christ commanded His disciples to “**WATCH and PRAY**, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak!” (Matt 26:41)

- (Proverbs 4:23) “**GUARD** your heart (mind, emotions, will – your whole person) above all else (with all diligence), for it is the source of your life.” Satan and the world target our hearts (minds) constantly.
- (Ephesians 4:27) Do not give Satan a foothold into our lives or our children’s lives.
- (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10) “**It is written**” - We can trust God’s Word as it is written!
- (Matthew 7:13-14; Proverbs 14:12) God’s ways lead to life. Man’s ways **seem** right but lead to death.

