

Creation and Fall – Lesson 3

In the Beginning – Gen 1

(PRENOTE: a detailed study of the Book of Genesis is available in our Ministry Tools and Training course on Gensis)

The Trinity

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The idea of the Trinity is introduced in the first book of the Bible. God is plural (Elohim).

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Comparing verses on creation tells us that Jesus Christ is the Creator and Sustainer of the heaven and earth. See Ps 33:6; 102:25; Eph 3:9; Heb 1:2-3; Col 1:13-19; Joh 1:1,3,10,14.

Gap Theory or Not?

Does a gap exist between Ge 1.1 and Ge 1.2?

Did the earth become formless and void (chaotic) when Satan and his angels fell? Or, was it just the first step in God's creation? What was God's purpose in creation? Did he create a formless and void waste? *Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.*

The words, "not in vain" are the same words in Ge 1.2, "without form and void". In other words **He didn't create it that way.** It became that way. See also Jer. 4:23 *"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light."*

The Bible does not say when Satan and the angels were created or when they fell. They were present on day one when the God "laid the foundations" of the Earth. See Eze 28:12-19; Isa 14:7+, and Job 38:4-7. Satan was already fallen in the Garden of Eden, but God pronounced the creation good on the sixth day.

Sin and death entered the human race because of Adam's transgression, but did sin exist before Adam? Compare Ro 5:12; Eze 28:15.

Gen. 1:1 is God's Original Creation.

Everything begins with God.

Everything God does is a reflection of His character, majesty and glory.

This creative work of God was so glorious the heavenly host sang and shouted for joy – see Job 38:4-7

Gen 1:1 was a complete, perfect, finished work of God. It isn't an opening statement with more details to follow. It is a complete statement with no additional details on how or when this took place.

Gen 1:2 – God’s original creation is flooded and destroyed: **“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”**

Something catastrophic has happened

Something devastating has taken place as there is a great disparity between these two verses. (For a full study on this take the Genesis course in MT&T)

Days of Creation and Restoration – Gen 1:3-31

Ex 20:11 says the heaven and earth were made in 6 days. The term for day can mean an indeterminate period of time but usually means 24 hours when evening and morning are mentioned.

How long did the 7th day last? No mention is made of the evening and morning of the 7th day. Adam was told he would die in the day that he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He lived 930 years. 2 Peter 3:8 seems to be an important piece of information. ***But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*** Is this a key to something or does it just mean that time is of no consequence to God?

The seventh day God rested giving us an example to follow. This pictures the millennial rest when Christ rules on earth. Based on Gen 1, the Law of the Sabbaths in Exodus and 2 Peter 3:8 I believe we can see God’s biblical calendar for mankind with “day 7” belonging to God which will be the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth.

So....

Adam was made on the 6th day. He named all the animals, and Eve was also made that day. This is a lot of activity for a man in one 24 hour day. No problem for God, though. (This is a lot of food for thought and study.)

Order of Creation

The first day light was created. (time, space, matter, energy)

The second day the firmament was created.

The third day land, herbs, grass and trees were created.

The fourth day the sun, moon, and stars were created.

The fifth day fish and fowl were created.

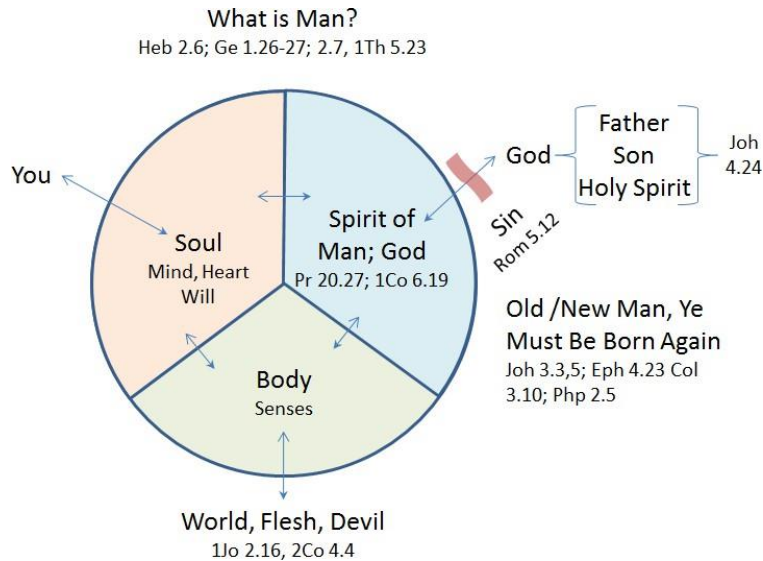
The sixth day animals and man were created.

Man in the Image of God

Man was created in the image of God. Part of that image was lost when Adam sinned.

Adam's descendants inherited his fallen image. Compare Ge 1:26-27; 5:1,3; Joh 14:7-9; Ro

5:12; 8:29; 1Co 15:49; 2Co 4:4; Col 1:15;
3:10; Heb 1:3.



God is a three-part being – **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Man has a corresponding soul, body, and spirit.

The soul has a mind, heart, and will.

God has a mind, heart, and will.

When we are born again we are spiritually renewed in knowledge after the image of HIM that created us and are predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son.** The day that Adam disobeyed, he became spiritually dead, losing the image of God. His body began the process of dying. When we are born again, our spirits are made alive, and we are renewed in the image of God. We are promised an incorruptible body when Christ returns. See 1Th 4.13-18 and 1Co 15.51-58.

The First Command

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Psalms 8:4-6 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Adam and Eve

The New Testament writers presume the existence of Adam and Eve as the first human beings. See Mt 19:8; Lu 3:38; Ro 5:14; 1Co 15:22,45; 1Ti 2:13-14; Jude 1:14

In the Garden – Gen 2 f f

The chapter supplies some details of the creation that are summarized in chapter 1. It is called the generations of the heavens and earth – a genealogy. Study the phrase “the generations of” in the Bible. See Ge 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10,27; 25:12,19; 36:1,9; 37:2; Nu 3:1; Jg 3:2; Ru 4:18; 1Ch 26:31; Isa 51:9, and Mt 1:1.

The origin of the soul is explained. *Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

A soul seems to emerge when body and spirit are united. When man dies, the flesh goes back to the dust, the spirit goes back to God, and the soul departs to its temporary destination – Paradise or Hell – waiting for judgment and resurrection. Paradise moved from the Garden of Eden to what became known as Abraham's Bosom when Adam fell, and finally to Heaven when Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Provision was made for man to live a fulfilling life – naming the creatures, maintaining the garden, exercising dominion, having fellowship with God. All things were freely put under Adam's authority with only one restriction. A test of obedience was required. Adam was commanded in *Genesis 2:16-17 ... Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

A suitable companion was not found among the animals, so God made a woman from the man using the first anesthetic and cloning operation? Marriage was ordained between one man and one woman, becoming one flesh in order to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

The garden was watered by a mist and by the flow of ancient rivers – the concept of rain was apparently not known before the flood. Two of the rivers are identifiable today, the Tigris (Hiddekel) and Euphrates. Gihon bears the same name as a spring located in Jerusalem. Some conclude that the Garden of Eden was therefore originally in the area of Jerusalem. However, Noah's flood may have greatly changed the ancient landscape.

The trees of the garden were pleasant to the sight, and good for food, and the tree of life was there to sustain man forever.

In the Day – Gen 3



Satan is presented as more subtle than any creature, questioning God's word, and lying to deceive the woman to disobey God. The result is shown in *Romans 5:12* *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

The occurrence of words beginning with **S** in chapter 3 becomes obvious as soon as one is made aware of it. They tell the story of the chapter. Serpent is the first word.

SERPENT	SHE	SAKE
SUBTIL	SEWED	SWEAT
SAID	SHOULDST	SKINS
SHALL (SHALT)	SEED	SENT
SURELY	SORROW	SO
SAW	SAYING	SWORD

There are 18 "S" words in Gen 3 (6+6+6). Note the following "coincidences":

SERPENT

36 verses in Bible (6+6+6 + 6+6+6)

49 if plural considered (7*7) - Counterfeit of perfection (Eze 28:15)

49-36=13 and 18 = 6+6+6. Look at [Revelation 13:18](#) Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).

SUBTIL

12 occurrences of all forms of the word (6 + 6) meaning sly; artful; cunning; crafty; insinuating; deceitful; treacherous

SAID

Yea, hath God **said**...

Questioning and insinuation is Satan's subtle method of creating doubt and attacking the

Word of God SHALL (SHALT)

The serpent asks, did God really say ...Ye **shall** not eat of every tree of the garden? (Ge 3.1)
 God tells the serpent ... upon thy belly **shalt** thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: (Ge 3.14)

SURELY

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not **surely** die: (compare Ge 2.17 and 3.4).
After previously casting doubt he uses an outright lie.

SAW

... the woman **saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise. (Ge 3.6). These are the same temptations which Satan used with Jesus in Matthew chapter 4. Consider *1Jo 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

SHE

... **she** took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

SEWED

Fig leaves - the first cover up

A picture of false religion - trying to hide their sin by their own efforts The word "Sew" in all its forms occurs 6 times in the Bible

SHOULDEST

Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou **shouldest** not eat?

SEED

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy **seed** and her **seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Seed of woman is Christ through virgin birth Seed of serpent (Antichrist)

Enmity means hatred

Bruised heel (Christ's death on the cross) Bruised head (final doom of Satan)

SORROW, SAYING, SAKE

Sorrow = grief or pain of mind produced by loss

All forms of sorrow occur in 108 verses - 6* (6+6+6)

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

SWEAT

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return

SKINS

18 occurrences of Skins (6+6+6)

66 verses with Skin

First sacrifice

Shedding of blood required True religion not fig leaves

SENT, SO, SWORD

Gen 3:23-24 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

384 verses 64*6 containing the word sword

The last S word in Gen 3 is sword. Consider this verse:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In the Process of Time – Gen 4

Cain and Abel were born. The wording indicates Eve conceived once and bore two children. Were they twins? Was Eve correct in saying I have gotten a man from the LORD? ***1 John 3:12 Not as Cain, who was of that wick- ed one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.***

Cain brought a bloodless offering that was not acceptable to God. Then, we see Abel's acceptable offering which required the shedding of blood. In jealousy and rage Cain shed Abel's blood. The consequence of Cain's sin was separation from God. Cain's offspring were musicians, artisans, city dwellers, and murderers (Lamech).

In the Day ... in the Likeness - Gen 5

Cain and Seth inherited the fallen image of Adam – a sinner. ***Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:***

The gospel is seen in the meaning of the names of the pre-flood patriarchs:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Adam	Man (is)
Seth	Appointed
Enos	Mortal
Cainan	Sorrow (but)
Mahalaleel	The Blessed God
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The despairing
Noah	Rest and comfort

From the genealogy in the Bible we see that 1656 years elapsed from the creation Adam to the Flood.

Review Questions for Creation and Fall

1. In the beginning God _____ the _____ and the _____.
2. In the beginning was the _____ and the _____ was with God and _____.
3. All things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.. Who was he?
4. The _____ proposes that there is an indeterminate time between Gen 1:1-2.
5. In Exodus 20 the Ten Commandments say "For in six days the LORD made _____ and _____, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:"
6. Man was made in _____.
7. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was _____. And the evening and the morning were the _____ day.
8. The first command was to be _____ and _____. God repeats these two words nine times in the book of Genesis.
9. For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. God was referring to _____.
10. The modern river, _____, was sourced from of the Garden of Eden.
11. Adam needed a suitable _____.
12. God's first institution, _____, was given in Gen 2.
13. The letter _____ is the first letter of the key content words of Gen 3.
14. A hint of the virgin birth of the Messiah is first found in verse _____.
15. Cain's offering was unacceptable because there was no _____ to atone for sin.
16. The shedding of Abel's blood was a _____ of Jesus Christ death on the cross.
17. The meaning of the names of the patriarchs gives the _____ message.
18. From Adam to the flood spanned _____ years.
19. _____ walked with God and God took him without dying.
20. _____ lived _____ years and was the oldest human being ever recorded. He died in the year of _____.
21. Noah was _____ years old when he had Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
22. Only in the line of Christ are years given. The Old Testament writers knew to do this because the Scriptures were given _____.
(2Ti 3:16)
23. The Old Testament is useful for us as an _____ from which to learn.