

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**.....

- 1) Dec 02 ..... Gen 1:1 – 2:25 ..... Affirm God’s Good Plan
- 2) Dec 09 ..... Gen 3:1 – 4:26 ..... **Admit Your Sin Problem**
- 3) Dec 16 ..... Gen 5:1 – 8:14 ..... Aspire to Walk with God
- 4) Dec 23 ..... John 1:1-18 ..... Accept God’s Promised Savior
- 5) Dec 30 ..... Gen 8:15 – 9:29 ..... New Opportunities
- 6) Jan 06 ..... Gen 10:1 – 11:32 ..... Human Pride
- 7) Jan 13 ..... Gen 12:1 – 14:24 ..... God Allows Us to Choose
- 8) Jan 20 ..... Gen 1:27; 9:6; Matt; Mark ..... Value of Life
- 9) Jan 27 ..... Gen 15:1 – 17:27 ..... Lord’s Promises
- 10) Feb 03 ..... Gen 18:1 – 19:38 ..... Caring for Others
- 11) Feb 10 ..... Gen 20:1 – 23:20 ..... Faith & Obedience
- 12) Feb 17 ..... Gen 24:1-67 ..... Godly Guidance
- 13) Feb 24 ..... Gen 25:1 – 27:46 ..... Helpful or Exploiter

**INTRODUCTION / QUESTIONS / COMMENTS/**

- Adam’s fall did not take God by surprise. He had Plan A ready

Passage	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “...to dust you shall return” – Man will now DIE</li> </ul> vv21. God sheds first blood to protect His children from the elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God conversing with Adam before and after the Fall is in all probability a Christophany</li> </ul>
Chap 3	<p><b>The Tree of Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv22-24. God took steps to protect the “Tree of Life” with an armed force so that Adam and his offspring could not gain access to it. God apparently allowed the Great Flood to eliminate the original Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev 22:2. The Tree of Life is seen again in the new Heaven &amp; new Earth..... Also see Ezek 47:12</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Speculation - Why guard the Tree of Life?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So what if Adam or his kids ate of the Tree? God could still slay them with the Flood – or would He?</li> <li>• God gave the fruit and leaves of the Tree of Life unique sustaining and healing properties originating from His sanctuary, which allows people to seemingly live forever in a corporal body</li> <li>• Presumably, God did not want to implement a Plan B to reverse or accommodate the effects of eating from the tree prior to when the redeemed were ready for it</li> <li>• ..and the Tree of Life was not meant for those who prefer not to spend eternity with God</li> </ul>
Chap 4	<p><b>Children enter the Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cain and Abel are born, and right away we have sibling rivalry beginning with who can please God</li> <li>• vv6-7. God conveys to Cain that his disobedience is the cause of his attitude problem (fallen countenance)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If Cain (or any of us) were to be obedient to God’s commands, then we would not have attitude problems</li> <li>♦ God expects us to “master” this obedience thing – we are not robots, but have a free will to chose to love God</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v14. Cain complains to God that <b>‘whoever</b> finds me will kill me.’ Some believe these others were “soul-less” humanoids such as Neanderthals                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The best explanation since Cain and Able were adults by this time is these were other unnamed progeny of Adam &amp; Eve and possibly of Cain &amp; Abel &amp; their wives</li> <li>- Since there was no command not to marry a close relative at this time, Cain’s wife would’ve/could’ve been his sister or possibly his niece if Abel had a chance to marry a sister and have kids before he was killed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Conservative population statistics</b> show that 2.8M could’ve been alive by the time Adam died at 930, and over 3B people could’ve drowned in the Great Flood</p>

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Chap 3	<p><b>Sin enters the Garden</b></p> v1. The “serpent” here is clearly identified as Satan in Rev 12:9 & 20:2 (aka dragon, devil, serpent of old) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eve was not surprised that this animal or creature was able to converse with her. Satan presumably took possession of this animal</li> <li>• This is very similar to Balaam not being surprised that his donkey was talking to him.....Num 22</li> <li>• Other things demons can posses                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animals (Swine) ..... Mt 8:30-32</li> <li>• People .....Mat-Luke</li> </ul> </li> </ul> v2. Deception begins with distorting God’s word v6. Adam was with her – and he ate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eve may have been deceived but Adam deliberately sinned</li> <li>• If Adam was truly the spiritual leader of his house he should have taken steps to keep his family miles away from the area of sin</li> </ul>
Chap 3	<p><b>The Blame Game Begins</b></p> v12. Adam blames God and Eve – “the woman You gave me” caused me to sin v13. Eve blames the serpent – “Satan made me do it” v14. The serpent (the animal) is cursed to slither <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- some believe snakes once had legs. Answers In Genesis posted this: “... the “rudimentary legs” on some snakes are acknowledged as having a function during reproduction, as claspers during copulation”</li> <li><a href="http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2/4250news3-20-2000.asp">http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2/4250news3-20-2000.asp</a></li> </ul> v15. The serpent (aka Satan) will have enmity for ‘the woman’ (aka Israel) and his seed (the Antichrist) and her seed (Jesus Christ). In the end Christ wins by crushing the head of Satan ----- Rev 20 v16. Eve (woman-kind) is cursed. Some take this passage to mean childbirth won’t be free of pain and anguish as originally designed. Others believe women increased the number of possible births by delivering both elect and non-elect children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “...your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you” – Instead of being perfect complementary soul-mates, husbands and wives can be competitive with the man ruling by brute force (worst case, consider the Taliban and other Muslims and how they control their women with brutality)</li> </ul> v17. Adam (mankind) is cursed for listening to his wife instead of listening to God (he loved his wife more than God). He is not cursed with work, but with work that is not as enjoyable and free of pain and anguish as it was originally designed to be

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES**

**Ezek 47:12** Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.

**Rev 22:2.** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **22:14** Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

**CONCLUSION**

- Though we may not be able to clearly articulate all the implications found in these 2 chapters, it is crystal clear from Scripture that Christ through the wooden cross becomes our tree of life