

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 3) 20 Sept ..... Genesis 03-05
- 4) 27 Sept ..... Genesis 06-07

**INTRODUCTION**

- Sin enters the camp & ruins everything. God is not taken by surprise and has Reconciliation Plan A ready. But why didn't God just forgive & forget?
- If God was going to be vague about anything, this would be the place to do it – Genealogy, Man's Longevity, Global Flood
- HOWEVER, God is very explicit with details – giving credence to the historical accuracy of His word from the earliest of chapters

Passage	Comments
Genesis 3:1-6	<p><b>Sin enters the Garden</b></p> <p>v1. The "serpent" here is clearly identified as Satan in <a href="#">Rev 12:9 &amp; 20:2</a> (aka dragon, devil, serpent of old)</p> <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 ..... <a href="#">Num 22</a></li> <li>• Other things demons can possess                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animals (Swine) ..... <a href="#">Mt 8:30-32</a></li> <li>• People ..... <a href="#">Mat-Luke</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>v2. Deception begins with distorting God's word</p> <p>v6. Adam was with her – and he ate</p> <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>
3:7-21	<p><b>The Blame Game Begins</b></p> <p>v12. Adam blames God and Eve – "the woman You gave me" for his sin</p> <p>v13. Eve blames the serpent – "Satan made me do it"</p> <p>v14. The serpent (the animal) is cursed to slither</p> <p>- 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" <a href="http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2/4250news3-20-2000.asp">http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2/4250news3-20-2000.asp</a></p> <p>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 ..... <a href="#">Rev 20</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>- "...your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you" – Instead of being perfect complementary soul-mates and partners, 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)</p> <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "...to dust you shall return" – Man will now DIE</li> <li>• Adam's sin is still the greatest sin of most men – PASSIVITY</li> </ul> <p>v21. God sheds first blood to protect His children from the elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God conversing with Adam before and after the Fall is in all probability a Christophany (Jesus Christ in the flesh)</li> <li>• Should we throw our kids out of the house when they 1<sup>st</sup> transgress?</li> </ul>
3:22-24	<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 <a href="#">Ezek 47:12</a></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, which allows people to seemingly live well beyond a typical lifespan in a corporal body – most probably during the Millennial</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 time with God, but would rather do things their own way</li> </ul>

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4:1-26	<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 choose to love God</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v14. Cain complains to God that 'whoever 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>
5:1-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. We have a written genealogical record from Adam down to Methuselah (969 yrs)</li> <li>• Again, it is repeated for the 4th time, poetically, that Man (male and female) were created in God's image.</li> <li>• v2. Adam &amp; Eve were 130 years old when Seth was born</li> <li>• v5. Adam died at 930 yrs of age and had many kids</li> <li>• Eve &amp; her daughters potentially gave birth to more than 200 babies each during their 900 yr life spans</li> <li>• vv21-27. Enoch (365 yrs old) was the father of the oldest living man, Methuselah (969 yrs old)</li> <li>• v24. Enoch walked with God in a special way for God to take him so miraculously and at such a young age. Why isn't this going on today?</li> <li>• What caused such long lives? Can we trust such numbers?</li> <li>• Remember, God may be a God who "hides" himself (<a href="#">Is 45:15</a>), but He also reveals hidden things (<a href="#">Dan 2:28</a>) so our faith rests on evidence of things not seen (<a href="#">Hebrews 11:1</a>)</li> </ul>
Why would God be so specific with an unbroken lineage of 23 men for nearly 2300 yrs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God provided ages for every individual from Adam down to Jacob/Israel – making tabulation easy</li> <li>• We know very little about these Ancient Ones except the age they gave birth to a son and the age they died</li> <li>• Sole purpose of this was to leave us a solid and reliable paper trail</li> <li>• If one or more ages were missed, then determining the years from Adam would be very subjective and speculative</li> <li>• By giving us specific ages, God wants us to KNOW:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The historical reliability of Adam &amp; the Bible</li> <li>• The age of creation so we can "see" a truer picture &amp; the urgency of the Gospel because time is short</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If men did not live 900 literal years as stated then we need many more names in the listed genealogies to give the same credibility to God's word</li> </ul>
<b>Highlights from the Longevity Chart</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shem was alive when his Granddad, Lamech, and his Great-Granddad Methuselah were living – and they probably knew Adam and conversed with him since their years overlapped</li> <li>2. Abraham lived during Noah's lifetime and possibly conversed with him to hear 1<sup>st</sup> hand accounts of the flood</li> <li>3. Abraham died before Shem passed away</li> <li>4. Isaac, and Jacob were alive while Shem was still living</li> <li>5. Moses was several generations removed from Jacob, BUT, Moses heard and had written accounts of the creation from close and collaborating sources. Written accounts included genealogical records from Adam's day (<a href="#">Gen 5:1</a>). Plus, Moses would have gotten direct confirmation from God what to include or not include in Genesis</li> <li>6. The "Ancient Ones" told their stories for 100s of years                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration among 1<sup>st</sup> hand eye witnesses = accuracy</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- Though we may not be able to clearly articulate all the implications found in these 3 chapters, it is crystal clear from Scripture that Christ, through the wooden cross, becomes our tree of life
- Also, since God is omnipotent, He could've used evolution and billions of years, or He could have put Noah through a small local flood, or He could have let men live only 100 years instead of nearly 1,000. **But we believe not what God could have done; but what He said He did.**

**NEXT WEEK: Genesis 6-7.** Who are the Sons of God who married the daughters of men? Can the Sons of God still marry the daughters of men? And how long was Noah in the Ark?  40 days |  140 days |  240 days | or  371 days

