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

Genesis 3:1-6

### Sin enters the Garden

- v1. The "serpent" here is clearly identified as Satan in Rev 12:9 & 20:2 (aka dragon, devil, serpent of old)
  - Eve was not surprised that this animal or creature was able to converse with her. Satan apparently took possession of this animal.
  - This is very similar to Balaam not being surprised that his donkey was talking to him.
  - Other things demons can possess
  - Animals (Swine) – Mt 8:30-32
  - People – Mat-Luke

- v2. Deception begins with distorting God’s word
  - Adam was with her – and he ate
  - Eve may have been deceived but Adam deliberately sinned
  - 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.

- v6. Adam was with her – and he ate
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- v15. The serpent (aka Satan) will have enmity for ‘the woman’ (aka Israel)
  - Eve was with her (aka woman) in Rev 12:12
  - Eve’s seed is called “the woman” in 1 Cor 15:47
  - Eve was created before the tree and God gave the fruit and leaves of the Tree of Life unique sustaining and healing properties, which allows people to seemingly live in a corporal body – most probably during the Millennial
  - God apparently allowed this to happen to accommodate the effects of eating from the tree prior to when the redeemed were ready for it

### The Blame Game Begins

- v12. Adam blames God and Eve – “the woman You gave me” for his sin
  - v13. Eve blames the serpent – “Satan made me do it”

- v14. The serpent (the animal) is cursed to slither
  - Some believe these othe were “soul-less” humanoids such as Neanderthals
  - The best explanation since Cain and Abel were adults by this time is these were other unnamed progeny of Adam & Eve and possibly of Cain & Abel & their wives.

- v17. Adam (mankind) is cursed. Some take this passage to mean chi...-of being perfect complementary soul
  - God conversing with Adam before and after the Fall is in all probability.

3:7-21

### The Tree of Life

- v22-24. 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

- Rev 22:2. The Tree of Life is seen again in the new Heaven & new Earth

Speculation – Why guard the Tree of Life?

- So what if Adam or his kids ate of the Tree? God could still slay them with the Flood – or would He?
  - 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

- 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

- 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

4:1-26

### Children enter the Family

- v1. We have a written genealogical record from Adam down to Methuselah (986 yrs)
  - Again, it is repeated for the 4th time, poetically, that Man (male and female) were created in God’s image.
  - v2. Adam & Eve were 130 years old when Seth was born
  - v3. Adam died at 930 yrs of age and had many kids
  - v4. Eve & her daughters potentially gave birth to more than 200 babies each during their 900 yr life spans
  - v5. Eve was 120 years old when she gave birth to a son and the age they died

### The Life of Seth

- vv21-27. Enoch (365 yrs old) was the father of the oldest living man, Methuselah (969 yrs old)
  - v24. Enoch walked with God in a special way for God to take him to make tabulation easy
  - We know little about these Ancient Ones except the age they gave birth to a son and the age they died
  - We are not robots, we are not robots, we are not robots...

### Longevity

- v25. Enoch died 365 yrs old
  - God provided ages for every individual from Adam down to Jacob/Israel
  - We know very little about these Ancient Ones except the age they gave birth to a son and the age they died
  - Sole purpose of this was to leave us a solid and reliable paper trail

- v26. Adam lived 930 yrs
  - If one or more ages were missed, then determining the years from Adam would be very subjective and speculative

### Genealogy

- v27. Seth the son of Adam was 105 yrs old when Enos was born
  - We believe not what God could have done; but what He said He did.

### Conclusion

- v5. Methuselah being 782 yrs old
  - Bible records
  - But we believe not what God could have done; but what He said He did.

### Highlights from the Longevity Chart

1. Shem was alive when his Granddad, Lamech, and his Great-Granddad Methusaleh were living – and they probably knew Adam and conversed with him since their years overlapped

2. Abraham lived during Noah’s lifetime and possibly conversed with him to hear 1st hand accounts of the flood

3. Abraham died before Shem passed away

4. Isaac, and Jacob were alive while Shem was still living

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 (Gen 5:1). Plus, Moses would have gotten direct confirmation from God what to include or not include in Genesis

6. The “Ancient Ones” told their stories for 100s of years

### Conclusion/Applications

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### 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

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Patriarch Longevity Chart

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Patriarch | Age
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Adam | 930
Seth | 912
Enosh | 905
Kenan | 910
Mahalalel | 895
Jared | 962
Enoch | 365
Methusaleh | 969
Lamech | 777
NOAH | 950
Shem | 600
Arphaxad | 438
Shelah | 433
Eber | 464
Peleg | 239
Reu | 239
Serug | 230
Nahor | 148
Terah | 205
Job | 210
Abram | 175
Ishmael | 137
Isaac | 180
Jacob (Israel) | 147
Pilgrimage | 120

Isaiah 65:20 A day is coming when there no longer will be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days;

For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accused.

v22b - For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.

Gen 36:11, 28 - Eliphaz son was Teman; Dishan son was Uz
Job was from Uz, and a friend was Eliphaz the Temanite

...for in (Peleg's) days, the earth was divided" Gen 10:25

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