

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 03 Dec 2023 ..... Genesis 01 ..... The First Week
- 2) 10 Dec ..... Genesis 02 ..... The First Couple
- 3) 17 Dec ..... **Genesis 03** ..... **The First Sin**
- 4) 24 Dec ..... Luke 02:1-15 ..... The First Christmas
- 5) 31 Dec ..... Genesis 04-05 ..... The First Murder
- 6) 07 Jan 2024 ..... Genesis 06-07 ..... Judgment
- 7) 14 Jan ..... Genesis 08 ..... Land!
- 8) 21 Jan ..... Genesis 09-10 ..... Protect
- 9) 28 Jan ..... Genesis 11 ..... Stalled
- 10) 04 Feb ..... Genesis 12-14 ..... Promised
- 11) 11 Feb ..... Genesis 15-16 ..... Impatience
- 12) 18 Feb ..... Genesis 17 ..... Established
- 13) 25 Feb ..... Genesis 18-20 ..... Purged

**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 posses                             <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 - 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 (womankind) 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "...your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you"</li> <li>- Instead of being perfect complementary soulmates 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)</li> </ul>

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	<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>• <a href="#">Rev 22:2</a>. 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>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

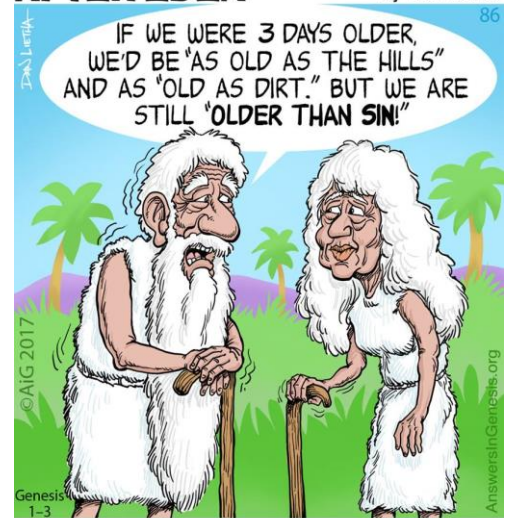
- Though we may not be able to clearly articulate all the implications found in these 3 chapters, it is crystal clear from Scripture that Christ, through the wooden cross, becomes our tree of life
- Also, since God is omnipotent, He could've used evolution and billions of years, or He could have put 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:**

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**AFTER EDEN**

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Adam and Eve in their later years.