

Genesis 3

Part 1: The man must not be allowed to take from the tree of life

Sin entered creation on earth and changed everything. It resulted in God preventing the man from taking from the tree of life and he was forced to live outside of God's domain.



The fall of creation on earth was foreknown by God Almighty and used in His grand plan for the building of His kingdom of holy, royal, ruling members.

All of the stories in the Bible are rich with details rarely seen. The story of Adam and Eve in the garden is probably the best example of history recorded in the Bible that is rich in details and yet, nothing more than a child's view is known.

Genesis 3 is a hub of imagery unveiling a spiritual story of mankind's fall, their struggles, their destiny and a mirror of the role of the angels in heaven. When God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. **He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever**" (Genesis 3:22). God uses the male gender throughout this verse; His gender choice is target specific. The Hebrew word "man" in this verse is Ha-a-dam.

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adam: man, mankind

Original Word: אָדָם

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: adam

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-dawm')

Definition: man, mankind

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God is directly addressing Adam. His sentence for his sin was to prevent him from taking of the fruit from the tree of life and to live in a place cursed with hardship.

Adam is Judged

Why is God specifically addressing Adam in Genesis 3:22?

Every word and order of every detail in the Bible are intentional. Previously, in Genesis 3:18-19 God's punishment to Adam is recorded. **"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow, you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."**



God is directly judging Adam as the cause of the curses on the land. His domain will be full of troubles. His leadership will produce thorns and thistles—imagery of wicked kings and nasty leaders that are instrumental in corrupting every level of every institution including the use of violence and tyranny to achieve their selfish desires. They will eat food—that is, acquire knowledge from within this dark domain, but it will come through hardship: deceit will work to hide truth, theories will promote lies, experiments will lead to weapons

against the people, and many mistakes will be made causing harm to all creation on earth and then life will end, as it began, a return to dust, absolute worthlessness.

Adam's type of sin was different to Eve's. Adam's judgement is a description of **the fate of creation who sin knowingly**; they will live in a world full of trouble because they will not be obeying God's law and following His way. At the end of their time, cut out from God's family, they will die. The Apostle Paul stated, "Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in **the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come**" (Romans 5:14).

The Fate of Intentional Sinning

The likeness of the offense of Adam is an intentional breach of a covenant made with God. The ten tribes of Israel sinned in the same way Adam did, hence, God divorced them from the covenant family.

"But they [the house of Israel—10 tribes], **like Adam**, have **transgressed the covenant**; there they were **unfaithful to Me**," God said (Hosea 6:7). The ten tribes committed treason against God.

God cast out the ten tribes from His family, by divorcing them. They wanted to be like the nations around them whose kingdoms were grand and stature strong. The leaders of the ten tribes of

Israel wanted to rule themselves so that they could self-direct and acquire superpower status, flaunt a massive army with military strength to bully weaker nations and push their influence across the whole world. This is exactly the type of leadership in the world today. They wanted an empire that was visually glorious with tall temples and government houses, vast jurisdictions and riches lavished with prestige. To obtain what they craved, they had to break their covenant with the God of Israel and worship fallen heavenly rulers. They knew exactly what they were doing to obtain self-glory and superpower status. This was in complete opposite to God's plan for His people. He said that they would become a holy kingdom of royal priests where the inside was glorious and the outside was humble.

God responded to these carnal minded people, "You say, 'We want to be like the nations like the peoples of the world, who serve wood and stone [idols, that is, man-made images of fallen angels]. But what you have in mind will never happen. As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will rule over you with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered—with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath. I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgement upon you'" (Ezekiel 20:32-35).

This remains a future event. The people of the twelve tribes of Israel will tremble at the power Almighty God will wield. Instantly, they will abhor themselves for their lack of faith and stubborn spirit.

At the time of Jesus on earth, people were still aware of the reigning rebel sons of God leading nations to worship them instead of Almighty God.

The Apostle Paul warned, "But I say, that **the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils**" (1 Corinthians 10:20).

God is the potter and His people are the clay. He is working with them to bring them into repentance after they see and experience the horrors of their choices being like the nations.

God scoffs at His foolish people. "As for you, O house of Israel, Go and serve your idols, every one of you! But **afterward you will surely listen to me and no longer profane my holy name with your gifts and idols**" (Ezekiel 20:39).

God's Grace to All Humanity

Not only is God long suffering and patient with His wayward people, but to the people of the nations He has not forgotten them.

God's grace extended to all humanity, shines out in His saving-plan for all of mankind. The creation on earth is destined to become a spiritual theological body. God expresses this body through the female gender, a church. His plan remains intact. He is molding a kingdom of royal

priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:6). The Apostle Peter repeated God's words, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9).

This destiny is not limited to the twelve tribes of Israel, but through the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ, all of mankind have been welcomed into this glorious calling. "From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God and they will reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9b-10).

His grace is given to the church, the woman from whom the Saviour would come. God is saving creation on earth. Creation in heaven, however, do not have a saving plan. When they sin, it is intentional.

Physical Adam, Spiritual Adam

All of the stories in the Bible have a spiritual counter-part. Physical Adam was created before Eve because he mirrors the first creation in heaven. Just as physical Adam failed, so a series of heavenly Adams failed to protect God's creation on earth—His young church, from the serpent's attack and her fall into sin.

Where Adam and the fallen angels failed, Christ succeeded. This is why the Apostle Paul used the term "Adam" in I Timothy 3:13-14. "For **Adam** was formed first, then Eve. And **Adam** was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner." The Apostle Paul is referring to Jesus Christ, the Adam—the last Adam. All of the angels in heaven understand God's word. They are not deceived by Satan's wily logic. If they sin, it is intentional.

Through Christ, the church can live. "So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being;' **the last Adam a life-giving spirit**" (I Corinthians 15:45).

Finally, the last Adam, like there was an echo of Adams before, Christ achieved what previously could not be done. God Almighty is teaching the first creation in heaven the significance of His Son, Jesus Christ. Creation in both heaven and earth have learned that Jesus Christ is the perfect example for both creations in both realms to follow.

"Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who did not sin in the way that Adam transgressed. He is a pattern of the One to come" (Romans 5:14).

The Apostle Paul acknowledges the death of those who sin knowingly. Even those who are tricked into sinning, die. The important point in Romans 5:14 is that Adam is a pattern of the One to come. Physical Adam was created to be a pattern of a spiritual saviour and protector over them. Only Jesus Christ, the Son of God was successful in saving and protecting the church—a unique creation on earth made from one of his ribs, designed intentionally, to become also, a protector of the vital organs within God's kingdom.

A Marriage then a Naming

After the marriage of the man to the woman, Adam named his wife. This is a mirror of a future event. After the marriage of Jesus Christ to the church, he will name his wife—the mother of all living. She will be a pure, God-fearing and God-serving body of men and women—a purified theological body, who will come out of one of his ribs and through this priesthood (imaged as a woman), righteous congregations will be birthed forever.

The Woman is Judged

Christ's wife will become a glorious radiant body of men and women, but as God prophesied, she will suffer persecution during her time on earth birthing a righteous congregation. "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children."

Satan and the rebel heavenly rulers, powers and principalities of Ephesians 6:12 will spread hatred and violence against those obeying God, keeping His commandments and holding to the testimony of Jesus Christ. Some will be martyred because of their faithfulness. Birthing a righteous congregation is difficult because of lies and deceit spread through multiple channels. Councils in the past have changed God's commands. Interpretations of scripture are many dividing churches and confusing the congregations.

God added, "Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you" (Genesis 3:16). Christ is the head of the church and she is his body. Christ will have precedence and she will follow him wherever he goes. Their union will fortify the core components of God's royal, ruling family-kingdom. This culmination of events was foreknown by God and pre-designed to accomplish His perfect government that will never fail.

The First Adam-Types

Indeed, it will be the first Adam-types who are banished from out of God's family that is imaged as a garden where the leaders are represented as trees. All Adam-types in heaven who rebel against God, knowingly, will lose eternal life and die.

God is working with His sons in heaven. "God presides in the great assembly; **he gives judgment among the 'gods'**" (Psalm 82:1).

Examples in the Bible show God inviting the sons of God in heaven to participate in actions against kings on earth. King Ahab's destiny was determined by a son of God in heaven. He was king over the house of Israel and did evil in God's eyes (as most of the kings of Israel did) and God decreed that he would die at Ramoth-Gilead, but the means of his death had not yet been decided. **God invited His council to participate in the decision** and they debated the matter until **one of the sons of God came forward and suggested: "I will go out and I will be a false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets."** Upon hearing this, God said **"Go and do it"** (1 Kings 22:22).

Again, in Daniel's vision he sees a messenger, a holy one, coming down from heaven and decrees the fate of Nebuchadnezzar. This decree was sanctioned by God but **decided by the holy ones (sons of God)**. "The decision is announced by messengers; **the holy ones declare the verdict**, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men" (Daniel 4:17).

God has not yet thrown the rebel sons of God out of the second heaven. They will be thrown down to earth during a future war against the Archangel Michael and his angels (Revelation 12:9). All of the rebel sons of God will lose their eternal life. They will be mortalized prior to their judgement and death. God forewarned them. In Psalm 82:6 "You are gods; you are all sons of the Most High. But **you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler**" (Psalm 82:6). These rebel sons are deceived if they think that the Great Creator God cannot destroy them.

Satan is doomed to become a crumpled, decaying body of flesh. "Those who see you will stare; they will ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made the kingdoms tremble, who turned the world into a desert and destroyed its cities, who refused to let the captives return to their homes?" (Isaiah 14:15-16).

All of the first Adam-types on earth who refuse to repent and continue in sin, intentionally opposing Almighty God, will come into judgement and be sentenced to death. "...for dust you are and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19b).

God's faithful people will destroy the wicked. "'Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,' says the LORD Almighty" (Malachi 4:3).

The Righteous will Rule with Jesus Christ, King over all kings, Lord over all lords

Jesus used the same imagery God uses to describe spiritual matters. Jesus' flesh mirrors the word of God and his blood is the redemptive sacrifice of mankind. The eating of the Word of God is listening and acting on it. Accepting Christ's sacrifice acknowledges him as our Saviour to humbly serve him and Almighty God eternally.

"So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, you have no life in you'" (John 6:53). Jesus is using imagery because he is speaking at a spiritual level. He is declaring to be the word of God because he understands it completely and his spilt blood, the life of the body, is our redemptive sacrifice.

Overcoming is the acknowledgement of sin, repenting, receiving God's Holy Spirit and changing behaviour to reflect obedience to God's law and His way. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:14).

The overcomers will have **access to the Word, listen to him and act on his instructions.** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life** which is in the Paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7).

To only be listeners without overcoming and doing is not enough to be saved. “**Be doers of the word,** and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Through Jesus Christ, mankind is saved. Once denied access because of sin, all of mankind on earth will be invited to eat the fruit from the tree of life because the penalty of sin has been paid. Jesus Christ is the image of the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit monthly. The eternal (imaged in the number 1,000) annual production of fruit is $12 \times 12 \times 1000 = 144,000$. It is by design that God uses numbers to reveal the deep things of God. These body of men and women are described in Revelation 14. “No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women [false religion], for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb [Jesus Christ] wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as first-fruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless” (Revelation 14:3-5).

These are the 144,000 who were sealed during the Great Tribulation. The angel having the seal of the living God called out, “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.’ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel” (Revelation 7:3-4).

Adam with Eve were banished from God’s garden—His family, because Adam broke his covenant with God knowingly by listening to Satan and acting on what he heard. In doing so, he broke his allegiance with his Creator, God Almighty and formed a new allegiance with Satan. He also failed to protect the woman, who images God’s church, and she fell into apostasy after being tricked. Satan’s devious mind is active; his heresy is like a spider’s web where he has caught himself and is unable to escape.

The story of the fall of man recorded in Genesis 3 is rich in spiritual revelations. This is part one of a series that addresses the fall of man.

Additional key topics are discussed in the follow parts:

Part 2: Who told Adam and Eve that they were naked?

Part 3: God commanded that they must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Why?

Part 4: What are the spiritual revelations in the punishment of the serpent, the woman and the man?

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