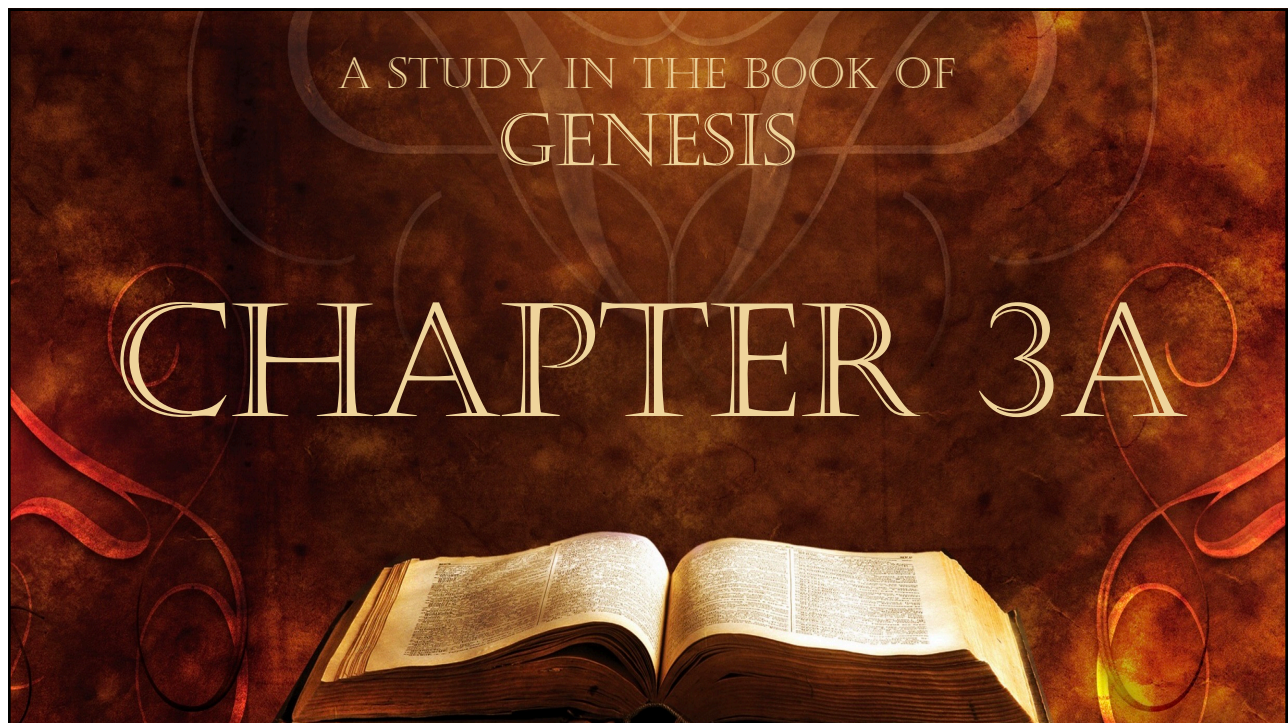



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GENESIS									
	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations		Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
	CHAPTERS 1-2	CHAPTERS 3-5	CHAPTERS 6-9	CHAPTERS 10-11		CHAPTERS 12-25	CHAPTERS 26-27	CHAPTERS 28-36	CHAPTERS 37-50
Beginnings	Beginning of the human race					Beginning of the chosen race			
Result	Confusion and scattering					Bondage in Egypt			
History	Primeval history					Patriarchal history			
Chronology	Over 2,000 years					Approximately 300 years			
Emphasis	Four major events					Four important people			
Key Words and Phrases	“In the beginning” (1:1) “Generations” (5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 37:2)								
Theme	God promises to redeem and bless His people.								
Key Verses	3:15; 12:3								
Christ in Genesis	Pictured in the seed of the woman (3:15); Melchizedek, the high priest (14:18); the humiliation and exaltation of Joseph (chapters 37-50)								

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## Two Views of Gender Roles in the Church

Egalitarian - The position that there are no biblical gender-based restrictions on ministry in the church.

Galatians 3:28 - *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

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## Gender Roles in Marriage

Complementarian - The position that God intends for only men to serve in formal church leadership roles. They should be the only ones who teach or assume authority over men (1 Timothy 2:12) and should also be the only ones who are pastors/elders/bishops (1 Timothy 3:2) and deacons (1 Timothy 3:12).

Paul calls women in the church “fellow-workers” to serve in equally important but complementary roles (Philippians 4:2-3).

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## Chapter 2

**Verse 24-** *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.*

*joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh-* Marriage is both public and private. Monogamous heterosexual marriage is God’s only plan for procreation. It is a public covenant and a private relationship to fulfill God’s command to fill the earth.

*a man shall leave his father and his mother-* This is Moses commenting on Adam and Eve. Later, Jesus attributes this statement to Moses in Matthew 19:4-5. Because the woman and the man are suitable companions for each other, they are to leave their parents to start an entirely new home.

*joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh-* This is more than the consummation of the marriage, becoming “one flesh” (*basar*). It involves being joined (*debaq*-pronounced *da-vek*). The modern Hebrew word for “glue” is *devek* דבק.

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## Chapter 2

**Verse 25-** *And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed*

*naked, but they were not ashamed-* Adam and Eve were naked (*arummin*) but not ashamed. Later, nakedness was associated with wrongdoing, but Adam and Eve had no concept of shame. In essence, they were clothed in innocence, although this is about to change in the next chapter.

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## Chapter 3 – Outline

<i>Verses 1-5</i>	<i>Dialogue between the serpent and Eve</i>
<i>Verses 6-8</i>	<i>Adam and Eve sin and hide from God</i>
<i>Verses 9-13</i>	<i>God questions Adam and Eve</i>
<i>Verses 14-19</i>	<i>God's judgment on Adam, Eve, and the Serpent</i>
<i>Verses 20-21</i>	<i>God makes garments for Adam and Eve</i>

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 1-** *Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"*

*the serpent-* Animals were not created with the power of speech, and the original snake (*nahas*) was created "good." Either Satan possessed the snake or took its form for his own purpose- to deceive the woman.

*more cunning-* There is a connection to "naked" (*arummin*) of 1:25 and the word for "cunning" (*arum*). Although several ideas are offered, there is probably a connection between the root word *erum*- "smooth." It is descriptive of Adam and Eve's nakedness and the speech of the serpent that is clever and smooth. Satan is a facile thinker and talker whose surface speech is beguiling and flawless, hiding well his rough ulterior purposes (Zvi Ron quoting Leon Kass, *Jewish Bible Quarterly*).

*he said-* The corrupting influence of words. How many times have you seen a husband, wife, child, friend, employee coerced off course, due to words.

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## Chapter 3

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*Has God really said-* Satan knew exactly what God said, but he took a crafty approach. He did not contradict *what* God said but *why* He said it ("really" said). Notice that God is repeatedly referred to "LORD God" in this section of Scripture, but not here. Satan refuses to use the covenant name of God (YHWH) and only calls Him "God."

*You shall not eat from any tree of the garden-* Satan reworks what God told Adam and Eve by turning a positive into a negative:

*God: "From **any tree of the garden you may freely eat**; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die."*

*Satan: "Has God really said, 'You shall **not eat from any tree** of the garden'?"*

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 2-** *The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;*

*said to the serpent-* Eve's first mistake was engaging Satan, and her second mistake was agreeing to his premise. She omits the words "any" and "freely" from her response.

*God: "From **any** tree of the garden you may **freely** eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die."*

*Eve: "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;*

*Satan: "Has God really said, 'You shall **not eat from any tree** of the garden'?"*

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 3-** *but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"*

*or touch it-* Eve adds this to God's command which could indicate how seriously she took God's command or maybe the beginning of resentment as a result of her dialogue with Satan.

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 4-** *The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die!"*

*You certainly will not die-* The devil is a liar, and we're never more like him than when we lie! Sometimes his lies are indirect, and sometimes, they are bold and direct. This lie could be an indication that he senses Eve has succumbed to his scheming, and it's time for her to choose sides. His pattern is familiar:

- Start a conversation on his terms with his vocabulary
- Question God's fairness
- Directly accuses God
- Lead us to sin against God

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 5-** *For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil."*

*For God knows-* Satan is interpreting (lying about) the truth God spoke. His lie is that God is selfish and doesn't want Adam and Eve to be like Him, able to know good from evil. He counters with two lies:

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. They will not die-         | This lie was a half -truth. They didn't die immediately but did die spiritually.                                |
| 2. Their eyes will be opened- | This lie was half truth. Their eyes were opened but all they knew was the guilt and embarrassment of their sin. |

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 6-** *When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.*

This verse is in alignment with John's words in 1 John 2:16-

*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

Genesis 3:61 John 2:16

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • saw that the tree was good for food | the lust of the flesh      |
| • that it was a delight to the eyes   | the lust of the eyes       |
| • was desirable to make one wise      | the boastful pride of life |

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## Chapter 3

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*to her husband with her, and he ate-* Was Adam present as Eve was being tempted? The personal pronoun "You" in verses 1-5 is plural, not singular:

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|---------|--|
| Verse 1 | <b>You</b> (plural) shall not eat  |
| Verse 4 | <b>You</b> (plural) will certainly not die   |
| Verse 5 | For God knows on the day <b>you</b> (plural) eat <b>your</b> (plural) eyes will be opened and <b>you</b> (plural) will become like God |

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 7-** *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.*

*eyes of both of them were opened-* The immediate effect of eating the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was to know good and evil. They lost their innocence at once. Before, they were naked and unashamed (2:25), but now they were still naked but ashamed. Some have suggested God's light was their clothing beforehand (Psalm 104:2, Matthew 17:2)

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 8-** *Now they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

*heard the sound-* Whatever form God took for his evening walk with Adam and Eve, they heard him before they saw him, suggesting He was in some physical form.

*walking in the garden-* Either this is an anthropomorphic expression (since "God is a Spirit"- John 4:24), or He took a non-human form like a pillar of cloud or fire (Exodus 13), or as a theophany, a human physical form like the three men who appeared to Abraham (Genesis 18:1-8).

*hid themselves-* Adam and Eve have lost their innocence and now fear to be with God because sin separates us from God.

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 9-** *Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"*

"Where are you?"- God calls out to Adam apart from Eve. "You" is in the second person singular, suggesting that Adam is ultimately responsible for their sin. Romans 5:12:

*"Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered into the world**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned."*

God knew where Adam was but needed him to reveal himself and the wrong he had done. God does this again in the next chapter (4:9) when Cain murders his brother Abel:

*Then the Lord said to Cain, "**Where is Abel your brother?**" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"*

God reverses his judgment of those involved- Adam first, then Eve, then Satan.

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 10-** *He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."*

*I was afraid-* This is the first confession of sin, but Adam doesn't immediately confess before telling God his new physical and emotional state. He had never experienced his own nakedness or fear, a new emotion.

*so I hid myself-* Adam's reason for hiding from God was that he was afraid of Him. He was using his nakedness as an excuse (by now, he was partially covered). He was a disobedient child.

Adam admits to hearing God, being afraid, and hiding, but not disobeying God. Just as a parent and child, the Father asks more (rhetorical) questions to get Adam to confess his sin.

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 11-** *And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"*

*"Who told you that you were naked?"*- God continues the questioning to get Adam to confess his sin. He knows that Satan tempted them and that Adam and Eve needed to be prompted to sin in their innocence.

The answer to the question: No one told them. They found out themselves as a result of their disobeying God.

*Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"*- Again, a rhetorical question meant to lead Adam to confess his sin. The knowledge they thought would make them like God only caused sin and separation.

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## Chapter 3

**Verse 12-** *The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me some of the fruit of the tree, and I ate."*

*You gave...she gave...*- Adam's first instinct is to deflect by first blaming Eve and then blaming God! Ever since, we have been playing the "blame game," refusing to take personal responsibility for our actions which is now reached pandemic proportions.

Adam failed as the leader and protector of his family and blamed Eve and God for his failure.

Sadly, not only did this begin Adam's broken relationship with God, but it also broke his relationship with his wife. This is why couples need to work to make good marriages today.

Salvation begins by realizing our need for a Savior, **confessing our sin (taking personal responsibility)**, repenting (turning from our sin), and asking God to save us based on His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. It is entirely counter-cultural.

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### Chapter 3

**Verse 13-** *Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

*"What is this that you have done?"*- God knows that Eve was tempted and fell and asks her about it

*serpent deceived me*- Although she tells the truth, Eve continues the "blame game" Adam started in the previous verse. Did she immediately learn to blame and deflect from Adam, or would she have done it naturally?

Eve was originally "built" by God to be a blessing, but now she is a partner in crime (Matthews).

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**Next week...**  
**Chapter 3 continued-**  
**"Adam and Eve Fall"**

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