

# Walk Through the Bible

## GENESIS 3-5

### OVERVIEW

Genesis chapter 3 tells the story of how sin entered humanity. A snake tempts and deceives both Adam and Eve to eat fruit from the forbidden tree (**v.1-6**). The results of their wilful sin were shame (**v.7**), fear (**v.8-10**), curses (**v.11-19**), and lifelong separation from their garden home with God (**v.20-24**).

Chapter 4 is about the children of Adam and Eve, namely, Cain and Abel. Both brothers offer sacrifices to the Lord, but the Lord doesn't accept Cain's offering (**v.1-7**). Sin gets the better of Cain and he kills his brother, Abel (**v.8-10**). God curses the ground against Cain and sends him away from his family. (**v.11-14**). In order to protect Cain, God puts a mark upon him (**v.15-16**). Cain has many descendants and Adam and Eve give birth to another son named Seth (**v.17-26**).

Chapter 5 details the generations from Adam to Noah through Adam's son, Seth (**v.1-32**).

### DISCUSSION

- Both the snake and the humans are described as being "ā·rûm", a Hebrew word that can mean crafty or naked. In what ways do both the snake and the humans live up to their descriptions (**Genesis 3:1-13**)?
- What is the Protoevangelium and how is that a curse against the snake (**Genesis 3:15**)?
- Why is it significant that God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve? (**Genesis 3:21**)?
- How did God's mark on Cain show that he may be guilty of manslaughter rather than homicide (**Genesis 4:13-15**)?
- What is the paradox of the double image (**Genesis 5:3**)?
- What does the genealogy of **Genesis 5** demonstrate about God's omniscience?