

Genesis Chapter 3 "Now the serpent..."

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God created Lucifer (the serpent, the devil, Beelzebub, and all the other names by which this fallen angel is called) and as in ALL things He created him to be "good". He was, like man, created "very good". This serpent (Hebrew: Nahash) was the "shining one". Undoubtedly, handsome, charismatic, diplomatic and outwardly he seemed to be a very wise being.

We do not know when God created him, but in verse 1 of Genesis 3 we will read that he was the most "cunning" (deceiving) of the angelic hosts that God had created. This of course happened after he fell from grace and took 1/3 of the angels with him in the rebellion against God. (see printout Isaiah 14:12-20), and the transmutation of the serpent (printout Ezekiel 28:12-19).

Genesis 3:1 The serpent speaks to Eve. Where is Adam? Why is Eve wandering around where she was forbidden to be? Satan likes to attack when the little lambs stray from the herd. he does not sneak up and scare someone, he presents himself as a helper. As a confidant, and then he speaks to you. When your not in the presence of God, when your not with family.

Genesis 3:2-3 Here we see the woman (Eve) do the worst thing possible. She converses with Satan. If you don't have a conversation with him, a door can not be opened. We often are under the opinion that we can set Satan straight. No we can't. Satan is at the level of Michael the Archangel. When the devil speaks do not answer and the RUN TO GOD. The only exception to that rule was Jesus in His earthly body. He was able to rebuke Satan due to His being fully man, but also fully God. Notice that Eve had not been attending the daily Bible Studies or she would not have misquoted what God actually said.

Genesis 3:4+5 Once the door is opened then it's child's play for the serpent. he will misquote Scripture or just plain blaspheme it. he will contradict it and then he will paint God as being the meany who wants to withhold something good from you. Then he will offer up an

alternative that seems much better than God had offered. This is the grass is greener on the other side (12)

concept that has decimated countless marriages, even those of Pastors. He'll convince you that God has forgotten about you, and that if you take things in your own hands it will be much better for you. (more on that in Chapter 16 when Sarah and Abraham conspire to create their own heir since God is delayed.

Genesis 3:6-7 As with all conversations had with satan you will see that he was right and what he is offering is a much quicker solution, it looks better, will probably be better, and then I will have had implemented my own solution. This is the text book definition of sin. And as in all sin your sin will poison your family and loved ones, it almost always (99.9999%) drags your loved ones down with you. Divorce is a perfect example of that. Notice in

Verse 7: Human nature has us trying to cover up our sin. It convinces us that if "do something" we can counter the sin. If we do something like cover ourselves up with Good works then God won't recognize our sin. That God will accept that as righteousness. This is called Religion.

Genesis 3:8-10 When confronted by a Holy God, or in the spiritual presence of a Holy God, we always realize that our sin cannot be hidden. We realize that our lack of faith betrayed God's trust, and then we attempt to hide from God thinking if we just hide long enough He'll forget.

Genesis 3:11-13 Is nothing more than adding insult to injury. Blame shifting. "The woman You gave me", "the serpent tricked me". ("Why were you talking to the serpent near the forbidden tree in the first place?")

Genesis 3:14-19 God doles out the consequences to all the guilty parties. Of course, those consequences are from then on handed down to all generations, but with an escape clause! Not for physical death but for spiritual death. God promises that He will send a

a savior, a Redeemer, and that He will conquer death but He will be severely hurt (blood shed) by doing it. From that point on people were saved by their faith in God that He would provide a Messiah. From that point on there also would be no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. (This will be evident in 2 verses). Genesis 3:20 Part of the punishment for mankind would affect the woman. She would "in pain bring forth children". And as such Adam named her Eve (the mother of all living). They both were convinced that once she had a child that that would be the Messiah. That everything would be o.k. in hopefully about 9 months.

Genesis 3:21 God skinned two animals to cover Adams sin. Both Adam and Eve accepted God's sacrifice on their behalf and from that time on something innocent would have to die for when a person sinned. Of course we know "it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins." (Hebrews 10:4). This sacrifice was instituted by God for two reasons: ① That we feel shame that an innocent being had to die for what we did, and ② that one day God would indeed offer up the "One time" and "Final" Sacrifice that would cover all sin for all ages for anyone who would believe on it. On Him.

Genesis 3:22-24 "Behold, the man has become like one of us...." does not mean that Adam and Eve were now Omniscient, Omnipotent, nor were they Omnipresent. No, this I believe meant that now that they knew how to be evil, if they wanted to be evil, that they could rush the Tree of Life and gorge themselves with everlasting life. The only thing that they now had that they didn't before is the ability to recognize what is good and what is evil. They did not have that burden before they fell. Life was perfect no care in the world. No pain, no shame, no animosity, no evil thought. None at least until Satan offered them something that they did not have. That was eye appealing, would physically satisfy, and would make them like God. They could be God.

Genesis Chapter 4:1 Adam and Eve bore a child. Undoubtedly their first child because Eve proclaimed that she had acquired the child by God. (She assumed that God had blessed them with the promised Messiah child. The boy's name was Cain. (14)

Genesis 4:2: Then she bore again and they named him Abel. - Now between the first part of the verse and the second part were 20, 30, maybe 40 years. The boys were now men. Abel kept sheep (livestock) and Cain, the tiller of ground (a farmer).

Genesis 4:3-4: As time passed a sin-offering was required from the young men, because they must have sinned. Both knew God's requirement for sacrifices and both knew that without the shedding of blood no remission of sins was possible. Cain brought an offering of fruit from his garden, Abel brought the firstborn (God always asks us to give of our first earnings, not of our left overs).

Genesis 4:5 God did not respect Cain's offering because it was done out of disobedience. God requires that we come to Him on His terms. He created us and so He has the exclusive right to set the terms. Again, this is religion. "I know what you require (faith in Jesus Christ), but I'm going to offer you my works".

Genesis 4:6-12 God confronts Cain and gives him a way out. He points to a sacrifice that is waiting at his door if he wants to do it right this time. (God provided a sacrifice much like the Ram caught in the thicket when Abraham went up the mountain to sacrifice Isaac). Cain refused. Cain talked to Abel, who probably also told him what the right thing to do would be. Cain did not like the truth so he killed Abel. God curses him for his act and his hatred of what is good.

Genesis 4:13-15 Cain complains that his punishment is more than he can bear. He whines and moans and says, he will be a hunted man and black, black, black. No mention of repentance. So God puts a mark on him so that no one will take his life, for if they do a 7 fold (complete) curse will befall them.

Genesis 4:16-24 Cain was banished and cursed. His 15 unrepentance and ignorance in all things God led him to being sent away. Cain's life however was not a tragic failure. Like Ismael, Abraham's son by Hagar, he would be prosperous. God often lets the wicked (Hollywood, Leftist Politicians, Business tycoons who support leftist causes) prosper. After all they have 70, 80, 90 years to enjoy this life and then eternity to regret it. We also have to take note that Cain was one removed from Adam. He was still a genius in all things scientific and worldly. We cannot forget that man gets dumber and lazier as the generations pass. In 16-22 we have five Generations (Enoch → Irad → Mehujael → Methushael → Lamech) and even then we come to Master Architects, master herdsmen, master musicians, and master craftsmen in bronze and iron; this would be about 500 years removed from Creation or 3500 B.C.! Fast forward 1500 years and you would encounter the Pyramids architects. Modern day man can still not explain how the Pyramids were built, nor the composition of the pre-flood bronze. Noah's master ship building skills and the machinery he invented to aid him and his hundreds of workers job skills have still not been discovered. I point all this out because men did not dwell in caves until after the flood. Or, as we will get to in the story of Lot and his daughters who dwelt in caves out of fear. No, the lie of evolution is proven to be Satan's made up story since we know that God created them male and female and guess what? Super intelligent and the whole world spoke one language. No, bogga, bogga, grunt, grunt!

Genesis 4:25-26 Adam and Eve bore another son. What number? Maybe 3rd, 19th, 46th the Scripture doesn't tell us. We have to also understand that women that are born are usually not mentioned. Why? Because the Bible focus' on the lineage that would lead to Christ. It also notes the lineage of evil. God was very exact in keeping track of Generations so that we could identify Jesus Christ as for example coming from the tribe of Judah, the branch of Jesse, the lineage of David, etc. Adam and Eve undoubtedly had scores of children. This son however would be called Seth. He was identified as "appointed or placed" (Hebrew for Seth). Again, Eve assumed he would be the Messiah,