

Adam & Eve Part 1

The Creation (Gen. 1-2)

The first two chapters of Genesis record separate accounts of the creation. In the first chapter, God gives a chronological description of how things were created and the order in which they were created. The Second Chapter describes the creation in the order in which God worked with Adam and then Eve.

Chronological Order of the Creation(Genesis 1).

Day 1	1:1-5	Light	Day 5	1:20-23	Fish and Birds
Day 2	1:6-8	Firmament	Day 6	1:24-31	Animals and Man
Day 3	1:9-13	Dry land / Vegetation	Day 7	2:1-3	God Rested
Day 4	1:14-19	Sun Moon and Stars			

New Testament Applications: 1Cor. 15:35-41. The bodies created on Day 3-6 used to illustrate resurrection.

Day 3: Seeds/Plants

Day 4: Celestial and terrestrial bodies: Differing glory of the sun, the moon and each star.

Day 5-6 Different flesh of fish, birds, animals and man.

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" 36 Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain — perhaps wheat or some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. 1 Cor 15:35-42

How God created everything with man at the center(Genesis 2).

2:4-6 Earth created, **no man** to till it and no plants. Earth watered by mist. (Midst of day 3)

2:7-14 The Lord God **formed man**. Though this account jumps to the sixth day, there is no contradiction. Everything that occurred happened exactly in the order recorded in the first chapter. This section only explains how man fit into the creation. Everything is presented to describe Adam's role.

1. Adam formed from dust, God did not make Eve at the same moment, nor did God make Eve from dust as He had all creatures. God made Adam first and he was alone.
2. Two specific trees identified: Tree of Life and Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
3. God also revealed garden of Eden was watered by a river that flowed through it.

2:15-17 Adam told not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil before Eve was created.

1. Adam was placed into the garden to tend and keep it.
2. God also gave Adam permission to eat of all the trees(including the tree of life) before He created Eve. Only the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was forbidden.

2:18-20 Adam made alone on sixth day.

1. God decreed: "*It is not good that man should be alone*" and promised to make a helper.
2. Not stated if Adam was present to witness the creation of the animals from the dust.
3. But they were all brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. God allowed Adam to name all the animals and all the birds.
4. God made it clear to Adam through this process there was not found a helper comparable to him.

2:21-25 God put Adam to sleep

1. God took a rib from Adam's side. This was very different from everything other being God created. All other males and females with the breath of life were formed from the dust of the ground.
2. God made woman out of that rib. They were literally one flesh.
3. When Adam awoke they were one flesh and married. Adam did not decide to marry Eve. There was no wedding ceremony. God created marriage at the same moment He created woman.

Jesus validates this account:

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." Matt. 19:4-6

Temptation and Sin (Gen. 3)

After Adam and Eve are created and begin their work in the garden, another character is introduced. The serpent is only introduced as a serpent. Satan actually used this serpent and Satan is the one who is

working here. But the account leaves this silent. The real import of this event is left unrevealed until Jesus and His apostles.

Ye are of (your) father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stands not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof. John 8:44

And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. Rev. 12:9

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ. 2 Cor. 11:3

The serpent is the *Devil and Satan*. He is the *deceiver of the whole world*. His *lie* beguiled Eve in his *craftiness* and led to the *murder* of Adam and Eve. There is so much more we would like to know, but this is all the information God has given us.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Gen. 3:1-5

Eve shows no alarm or concern in the conversation. It began with a simple question and a scriptural answer. She was not present when God gave the command to Adam, but she is fully aware that they could eat of any tree in the garden except this one tree. They were not to eat or touch it, and she knew exactly what God said would happen. They would die. The serpent then spoke the lie that led to murder. He directly contradicted God, and implied it was God who was the liar. He then represented God as unfairly holding them back from something wonderful and important. Their eyes would be opened and they would become like God. The truth was exactly the opposite. They were already created in the image and likeness of God and eating this fruit would change them into the image and likeness of Satan.

(My) little children, let no man lead you astray: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous: 8 he that does sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 Jn. 3:7-8

How did Satan murder them? Listen to Paul as he described his own death which is exactly what began here. It is this death that God warned would happen (*in the day you eat of it you will surely die*).

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Rom. 7:7-12

The law (*don't eat of the tree*) was given to reveal sin to Adam and Eve and protect them from it. They would not have known sin unless God's law had said "*you shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*." Through the devil's lie, sin took opportunity by that commandment to create sin. Like Paul, Eve was alive once without the law. But when that commandment came as it did through the serpent's lie, sin came alive and she died. The very command that was to bring life and keep Adam and Eve from death (the day you eat you will die, so don't eat or touch it) brought death. The serpent used sin to deceive Eve and kill her. This is exactly what Paul had said earlier in the book.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned — Rom. 5:12-13

Satan used God's law to create sin and through sin he killed Eve and then Adam. The process that brought Eve to sin is explained in Genesis and elaborated upon later in the Scriptures. *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. Gen. 3:6*

Eve saw three things. She saw it was good for food (*lust of the flesh*), it was pleasant to the eyes (*lust of the eyes*), and it was desired to make one wise (*pride of life*). So all that was in the world was portrayed to Eve at that moment. Not as powerful, but exactly the same as what Satan sought to tempt Jesus with.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 1 John 2:15-17

Also at that moment, she was tempted when she was drawn away by her own desires (flesh, eyes and pride) and enticed. That desire then conceived, gave birth to sin and that sin brought forth death.

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Jas. 1:13-15

After she had eaten we get only a very abbreviated account of what happened next.

She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Gen. 3:6

The account states that she gave to her husband with her. Does this mean Adam was present and witnessed it all? This does not seem possible after considering what Paul said about this event.

For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 1 Tim. 2:13-14

Eve was fully deceived, but Adam was not deceived at all. If he had watched the event and was not deceived, it seems logical that he would have stopped her. Yet Adam ate but was not deceived when he did so. Why did he eat then? The serpent did not trick him or deceive him. Eve did not trick him or deceive him. He knew exactly what he was doing! At his punishment God told him it was because he listened to the voice of his wife.

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree" Gen 3:17

Yet exactly what she said and why he acted on her words is not recorded. Perhaps he loved Eve more than he loved God. Perhaps she pleaded with him as Delilah did Samson(Judges 16:15-17) We just don't know. But they both ate and they both received the consequences of their eating.

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 coverings. Gen. 3:6-7

The knowledge of good and evil brought immediate consequences. They immediately felt a sense of shame that led them to first cover themselves and secondly to a fear never before felt at the approach of God that led them to hide themselves.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Gen. 3:8-11

God already knew what had happened for He knows everything. This was not spoken out of ignorance, but to give them an opportunity to own up to what they had done. Their shame and fear should have led to godly sorrow and to a repentance that would confess the sin and plead with God for mercy. But instead of repentance and godly sorrow there were only excuses.

Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Gen. 3:12-13

Adam felt that he was not fully responsible and blamed Eve. Eve felt that she was not fully responsible and blamed the serpent. There was some truth in their words, but from the words spoken, there is not shred of contrition or any admission they were sorry for their own part in this sin. They *violated the covenant and covered their transgressions*. (Although some translations substitute *man* for *Adam* in these two passages, they are Adam's personal name in Hebrew. This name is only used ten times in the Bible and always translated Adam).

If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom, Job. 31:33

But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me(ASV). Hos. 6:7

The Wages of Sin

Satan and the Serpent

God punished all three for their conduct at that moment. Both Satan and the creature he used to speak through(the serpent) were punished. From that day forward man has despised, feared and sought to kill serpents. Many serpents possess deadly venom that can kill in a few moments. This change greatly enhanced the attitude of disgust and hatred. Satan's punishment was vague but after the Word became flesh, it was made clear.

So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." Gen. 3:14-15

This bruising began when Jesus began His ministry. As He cast out demons, He was binding Satan and removing his power. After Jesus return to heaven, God describes in the symbolism of the Revelation, a great battle where Satan's power was further limited. But the true bruising will occur in the end when he is cast into the lake of fire and will be tormented forever and ever.

But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter into the house of the strong (man,) and spoil his goods, except He first bind the strong (man)? and then He will spoil his house. Mt. 12:28-29

And if Satan hath rise up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. 27 But no one can enter into the house of the strong (man), and spoil his goods, except He first bind the strong (man); and then He will spoil his house. Mk. 3:26-27

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Lk. 10:17-18

Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, He also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death He might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Heb. 2:14-15

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels (going forth) to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; 8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. 10 And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. Rev. 12:7-9

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. Rom. 16:20

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Rev. 20:10

Eve and all women

The punishment of Eve fell upon her and all her female offspring. We don't know what childbirth would have been like before this curse. Perhaps there would have been no pain at all or perhaps minimal pain. But part of the curse was the pain that would come with childbirth. The second part of the curse had to do with the type of rule. Again we don't know what God's original plan for woman if the earth had remained uncursed. They were both created in the image of God and both given dominion over all the earth. What the original relationship between a husband and wife would have been was never revealed because it was not to be. Her role became subservient. When the Lord's church was created, it was revealed that the women would work with children and craft the future generations. She was not given the role to teach or to take dominion over man. All of this because Adam was made first and because she was beguiled and fell into transgression.

To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." Gen. 3:16

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Gen. 1:27-28

Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control. 1Tim. 2:11-15

Adam and the race

Adam's punishment fell upon all his offspring both men and women. The ground was cursed. No longer would it be easily plowed. No longer would weeds(if they even existed prior to the curse) be easily managed but would take a great deal of time to eradicate. Perhaps there would have been sweat prior to the curse, but after the curse it was much worse. But the worst part of the curse was the spiritual and physical consequences of death. Spiritual began immediately after sin for God made it very clear that the very day he ate he would surely die "for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Gen. 2:17). Physical death also began but did not reach its end until life ceased on earth.

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return." Gen. 3:17-19

Paul dealt with both of these deaths. Spiritual death is clearly the Paul's subject in Romans 5. It was only because all men sinned that this death passed to all men. Since all die physically, but not all sin, before they die(infants) the Spirit speaks of spiritual death. Physical death is the obvious topic in 1 Corinthians 15. This death came by man(Adam) but will be undone by Jesus. Jesus literal resurrection was the firstfruits and Jesus literal death(he did not die spiritually!) was what was undone. So will ours!

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But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 1 Cor. 15:20-23