

Disobedience in the Garden  
Lesson #2  
Genesis 3-4

**The Fall - Genesis 3**

The account of creation and mankind continue in chapters 3 and 4 providing details about how the relationship between God and the man and woman was broken. Of all the animals that God had created, the serpent was the craftiest (Genesis 3:1a). Satan (a fallen angel also created by God - Revelation 12:9) entered the serpent and began a conversation with the woman.

1. What question did the serpent ask the woman? (Genesis 3:1b)
  - What do you think he was implying with this question?
2. The woman engaged the serpent in conversation. How did she reply? (Genesis 3:2,3)
3. Review God's command as He gave it in Genesis 2:17, then reflect on how the woman understood God's command.
4. Once the serpent had engaged the woman in conversation, what was his response? (Genesis 3:4, 5)
5. What was the serpent suggesting to the woman?
6. Using verses 6 and 7, write down the progression of what followed.
7. As a result of this action, what did the man and woman now know? (Genesis 3:7)

8. In verse 8 we are told that the LORD God personally came into the garden to visit with the man and his wife. What was the result of disobeying the LORD God's one command? (Genesis 3:8)
  
9. But the LORD God was both Creator and Father to them and gave them an opportunity to make things right. He called out to them. How did the man answer? (Genesis 3:10)
  
10. What was the first consequence mentioned of their disobedience, called "sin".

This was never part of the LORD God's plan for humanity, but Satan now had a hold on God's most prized creation.

11. God gave them another opportunity to admit their sin (Genesis 3:12, 13). After God asked them about this, what answer was given by:
  - The man:
  
  - The woman:
  
12. What consequence for their sin was pronounced by the LORD God:
  - To the serpent (Genesis 3:14,15)
  
  - To the woman (Genesis 3:16)
  
  - To the man (Genesis 3:17-19)
  
13. Please notice who and what was cursed and who was not. (Genesis 3:14-29)
  - Cursed:

- Not cursed:

14. As mentioned in Lesson #1, the word *adam* means mankind and applies to both men and women. When used in the Bible as a proper name, it refers only to the man. What does the name *Eve* mean? (Genesis 3:20)
15. As a result of their sin and recognition of their nakedness, what did the LORD God do to clothe them? (Genesis 3:21)
16. The next exception to the singular verb for God (*Elohim*) is used in Genesis 3:22. What was the result of their sin? (Genesis 3:22-24)

**Cain and Abel - Genesis 4**

17. At creation, God had blessed the man and woman and commanded them to “*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth...*” (Genesis 1:28). In obedience to the LORD God, Adam and Eve had two sons. What is recorded about each of their sons? (Genesis 4:1, 2)

Abel	Cain

Another key to understanding the Bible is the order in which names are listed. Even though Cain was the first born, Abel is mentioned first because he becomes important to God’s story.

18. Both Abel and Cain brought offerings to the LORD. What is said about God’s view of each man’s offering? (Genesis 4:3-5a)
19. Cain became very angry. The LORD spoke to Cain questioning as to why he was so angry. What warning did the LORD give to Cain? (Genesis 4:7)

20. How did Cain take God's warning? (Genesis 4:8)
  
21. Once again, the LORD came to Cain and spoke directly to him, giving him an opportunity to confess what he had done. How did Cain answer the LORD this second time? (Genesis 4:9)
  
22. Just as Adam and Eve could not hide what they had done from God, neither could Cain. What was the result of Cain's sin? (Genesis 4:11, 12)
  
23. Cain complained to God that this punishment was more than he could bear. What did he say he was afraid of? (Genesis 4:13, 14)
  
24. How did the LORD assure Cain of His continued protection? (Genesis 4:15)

The question about who these other people were usually comes up with this account. Although we do not know the answer, (there is a lot of speculation), it is important to remember that the Bible is selective history. God gave all the information needed to understand His original plan, how that was broken by sin and how through Jesus, mankind can be reconciled to God.

25. How does Genesis conclude the story of Cain? (Genesis 4:16-18)
  
26. The final verses on the account of creation show that within a few generations, man had misused God's intention of marriage. Lamech married two women rather than one. What other abuse did he brag about to his wives? (Genesis 4:23)
  
27. This account in Genesis also documents some positive occurrences during this time. What was mentioned about each of these men?
  - Jabal (Genesis 4:20)

- Jubal (Genesis 4:21)
  
- Tubal-Cain (Genesis 4:22)

28. This first account ends when Adam and Eve had a third son named Seth. This will be the line that God's story will follow as it moves forward toward redemption. What information is given about Seth? (Genesis 4:25, 26)