Genesis 2:15-25 Genesis 3:1-4

- 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Adam was put in the Garden of Eden to care for and tend it and live a life in earthly paradise.
- 16 ¶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat:
- 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eats thereof thou shalt surely die. Here is the first restriction God gives man, a test if you will. God says man may eat freely of every tree in the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Evil existed in the world at that time, but Adam didn't know it. We do bad things today because we have a fallen nature. Adam did not have a fallen nature at this time. God told Adam the day he eats of the forbidden tree he will absolutely die, no doubt about it. No man has ever lived 1000 years or one of God's days. We have no idea how long Adam was allowed to live in the Garden of Eden. God put a lifespan limitation on man.
- **18** ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. *God knows man is not complete alone. God made a helper fit for man.*
- 19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. Notice nothing evolved from amoebas. God made all living creatures out of dust, and back to dust they go when they die. As God formed the creatures, Adam named them. Adam is responsible for all names of everything today.
- 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. Out of everything created by God, nothing really satisfied the need Adam had in the way of a partner.
- 21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; God put Adam under anesthesia and took one of Adam's curved sides and stitched him up. Sounds very much like surgery.
- **22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. This is the only creation created from another creation and not directly from dust. Woman is made from the center of man, the heart of his emotions. Man is incomplete without a woman. God took extra special time and sculptured woman for man. That's why women are prettier than men.
- 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Adam names woman because she was taken and created out of man.
- 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

 Because God took the extra time and created a very special partner for man, man is to leave his parents and join with a wife. Here is the basic foundation for society and our lives. God didn't make three Eves and bring a choice to Adam. Men get one wife, that's all you need for life. This is not 2 men or 2 women together; it is simply one man and one woman together for life. This sets up the institution of marriage.
- **25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. We really don't know anything else about how Adam and Eve were except that they were perfectly satisfied, naked, and everything was perfect in their lives. We do not know how long they lived in this perfect state before they fell.

Chapter 3 has been called the biblical chapter of scripture. It has so much information that we need. If we skipped chapter 3 and moved onto chapter 4, we would be lost. Chapter 3 is the foundation for the rest of the entire bible.

Chapter 3:1-24

1 ¶ Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? This serpent was part of God's creation. It could speak and reason with man. No other creature could talk. This serpent in its original form is not the snake of today. The serpent asked Eve, "Eve, you mean to tell me that God said you can't eat of any the trees of the garden?" He changed what God said. God said they could eat of all trees except two. The serpent put in Eve's mind what great fun it would be if

they went against God's rules. This serpent is not Satan. It is an animal created by God for man. It is subtle, crafty and intelligent. This pattern is still used to hurt us today.

- 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of 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 hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. Eve twisted God's word around in her answer to the serpent. No where did God say they couldn't touch the tree and she changes the last part to 'maybe' they'll die. God said they would 'definitely' die. Even today we twist God's word. We think God is denying us something that we deserve, and we take it and get hurt and die. Drugs, sex, adultery, gluttony, slothfulness, greed, pride, envy, vanity, etc. Take your pick. The serpent was being demonically controlled. It was the most beautiful creature in the garden and it could converse with man. Demons took it over to bring man down.
- **4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: Demons and Satan take God's word and twists it to the opposite of what God originally stated. The original creation of the serpent was not a snake like today. It was a beautiful creature. Satan's whole purpose since mankind was created is to take God's creation and mess it up because God is punishing Satan for his extreme vanity.