



**THE  
TRUE STORY  
OF THE  
OLD  
TESTAMENT**

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**Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption**



# Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption



**1.** Value a study of the Old Testament.

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## OPENING

### Truths from the Early Chapters of Genesis

“We find certain truths in the early chapters of Genesis which are basic in importance to the teaching of the remainder of the Bible.

For instance, there is the truth of the unity of the human race. This tenet is essential to the doctrine of the imputation of sin, because all men are sinners due to having descended from one set of parents. All fell in the one man, Adam.

The theory of evolution assumes that man could have evolved at various places in the world and finds no need to think all men having developed from the same set of parents.”

## Revelation and Redemption at Creation

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### Truths from the Early Chapters of Genesis

“Again, the fact of universal sin is based on the historical act of this first man in eating forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden.

Still again, the doctrine of the two representative heads, Adam and Christ (Rom. 5:12-21), makes sense only if Adam truly fell into sin just as the story presents the matter in Genesis.”



## Revelation and Redemption at Creation

## I. The Creation of the World

**Last Week: Lesson 2a**

- A. The creation week (Genesis 1:1 – 2:3)
- B. The sixth day of creation (Genesis 2:4 – 25)

## II. The Entrance of Sin into the World

**Today: Lesson 2b**

- A. God's simple expectation
- B. Eve's conversation with the serpent
- C. Adam and Eve's disobedience
- D. God's punishment of the guilty
- E. God's provision of grace

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## II. The Entrance of Sin into the World

### A. God's simple expectation (1:28,29; 2:16,17)

#### 1. Divine mandate (1:28, 29) – positive commands

- “Be fruitful and multiply”
- \* • “Replenish”
- “Subdue”
- “have dominion”

#### \* replenish:

- “fill” (Gen. 1:22)
- “were fulfilled” (Gen. 25:24)
- “was filled” (Gen. 6:11)
- “fulfil” (Gen.29:27)

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## II. The Entrance of Sin into the World

### A. God's simple expectation (1:28,29; 2:16,17)

#### 2. Divine expectation (2:16, 17) – negative prohibition with a warning

- “Thou shalt not eat of it”
- “thou shalt surely die”

“Adam and Eve could eat from any tree in the Garden of Eden (“every tree”; 1:29; 2:9,16), including the tree of life (2:9), except they could not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

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### B. Eve's conversation with the serpent (3:1-5)

#### Satan attacks God's Word (Gen. 3:1)

The three things that the devil did toward the Word of God in Genesis 3 represents the three types of attacks upon the Bible that we find in the world today.

- He tried to create doubt about God's Word (3:1)
- He denied God's Word (3:4)
- He substituted his own words for God's Word (3:5)



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### B. Eve's conversation with the serpent



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...Eve made the following errors:

1. She usurped her husband's authority
2. She dialogued with the devil and entertained his statements
3. She distanced herself from God in her heart

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### B. Eve's conversation with the serpent



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**...Eve made the following errors:**

- 4. She was careless about how she handled God's Word**
- 5. She made the decision based on her own thinking rather by God's Word**

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### B. Eve's conversation with the serpent



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...Eve made the following errors:

6. She succumbed to the three lines of temptation:

<b>1 John 2:16</b>		<b>Genesis 3:6</b>
"lust of the flesh"		"good for food"
"lust of the eyes"		"pleasant to the eyes"
"pride of life"		"desired to make one wise"

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### C. Adam and Eve's disobedience (3:6-7)

“Let there be no mistake; Adam was in no way doing his wife a favor by also eating. He was not showing love for her, as is sometimes said.

What he should have done was remonstrate with her and then beseech God, along with her, for her forgiveness. After all, **she was not the representative head of the human race; Adam was.**

The great harm was done when he ate, not when she ate. Adam was the main object of Satan's attack from the first, and when Adam ate, Satan achieved his goal. When Adam thus disobeyed God's command, sin entered the human race and all his posterity fell with him.”



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#### Adam's Role in the Fall:

1. He was there but he did not get involved. When Eve ate of the fruit, she gave to her husband 'with her' (Gen.3:6).
2. He was not deceived by the devil's lies, but sinned anyway (1 Tim. 2:14).
3. Though he did not sin first, he was held responsible because he was the head. God had given Adam the commandment before Eve was made (Gen. 2).

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### D. God's punishment of the guilty (3:8-20)

“God asked a series of questions to elicit a confession from Adam and Eve:

- “Where art thou?” (3:9)
- “Who told thee thou wast naked?” (3:11a)
- “Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee thou shouldest not eat?” (3:11b)
- “What is this that thou hast done?” (3:13)



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### D. God's punishment of the guilty (3:8-20)

- Adam blamed God and his wife (3:12)
- Eve blamed the serpent (3:13)



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### D. God's punishment of the guilty (3:8-20)

- The serpent would go on its belly (3:14)
- The enmity between the serpent and the Seed (3:15)



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*(Discussed in detail later)*

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### D. God's punishment of the guilty (3:8-20)

- The woman cursed with pain in childbirth & given subordinate role to husband (3:16)
- The ground was cursed for Adam's sake (3:17-19)



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## II. The Entrance of Sin into the World

### E. God's provision of grace (3:15, 21-24)

On the darkest day of human history, we see the brightness of God's grace.



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God made clothing of animal skins  
– superior to the clothing Adam and  
Eve had made out of fig leaves  
(comp. 3:21 with 3:7).

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God protected Adam and Eve from the tree of life (3:22,23) to protect them from living forever in sin and in separation from Him.



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The most noteworthy grace promise appears in 3:15 (cf. Rom. 16:20). The verse is so special that Bible scholars have given it a Latin name, *Protevangelium*.

In this verse, God promised that the seed of the serpent (Satan) would harm ("bruise his heel" at the crucifixion) the seed of the woman (Jesus) but the seed of the woman would deal a mortal blow ("bruise thy head") to the seed of the serpent.

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## CONCLUSION

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### The question that instigated the downfall of mankind.

“In Genesis 2:17, God was warning Adam of a danger in the garden which he could no have discovered himself until it was too late, that is, **DEATH**. God did not want Adam dead, but Satan did, and Satan knew he would have to destroy Adam’s, or at least Eve’s, confidence in God’s word to bring his death about.



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The method he used to do this worked very well for him, thus he still use it today: He simply **QUESTIONS** whether God actually said what He said (Gen. 3:1) “*Yea hath God said*”).

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### The question that instigated the downfall of mankind.

His (Satan) questioning led Eve to **SUBTRACT** from God's work, therefore corrupting it (Genesis 3:2, "*freely*" is subtracted, see 2:16), and it also led her to **ADD** to His word, further corrupting it (Genesis 3:3, "*neither shall ye touch it*").

Once Satan has a person doubting God's word, he has him making himself the final authority for his life instead of God ("*ye shall be as gods*"). Casting doubt is the Devil's specialty.



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# Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

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