

In the Beginning

Studies in the Book of Genesis

WEEK FIVE – THE FALL; GENESIS 3 (DAY UNKNOWN)

Genesis 3:1a The serpent's identification as Satan (Revelation 12:9)

Satan possess a created serpent, not just taking serpent-form

vs 1 references creation of the serpent

vs 14 curses physical snake, vs 15 curses Satan

Matthew 8:28-32 – demons possess pigs

Numbers 22:27-30 – donkey given speech – note the donkey talks from own perspective

Genesis 3:1-8 The fall

vs 1-3 Questions God

vs 3 No cause for condemnation (not sin) for "touch" clause

vs 4 Contradicts God

vs 5 Vilifies God and appeals to pride – fall of Satan (Isaiah 14:12+) used to tempt Eve

vs 6 CF 1 John 2:15-17

vs 6c Adam was there with her

vs 7 Now ashamed to be naked CF 2:25

vs 8 Hiding from God – as we do when we sin – the difficulty of repentance

Deception of Eve, Sin with full knowledge for Adam

1 Timothy 2:14 (9-15) Eve, but not Adam deceived (also 2 Corinthians 11:3)

Fall of mankind on Adam

Hosea 6:7 – Transgressed his covenant, 1 Corinthians 15:22 (20-22) – all die in Adam

Sin and the Penalty of Death

Spiritual and Physical Death

Physical death – 2:17 Assured, 3:22 kept from tree of Life, 3:21 death is demonstrated, 3:19 stated as pending fact, 5:5 death recorded

Spiritual death was immediate – evidenced by knowledge of guilt and shame

1:27, 2:7 – Made in God's image, given life with God's own breath

John 4:24 (21-24) – God is Spirit, must be worshipped in spirit

Representative Death

3:21 Representative death of sacrifice is introduced

Romans 5:12-18 – Principal of representation - Contrasting original sin with sacrifice of Christ

Genesis 3:8-13 The dialogue with God

vs 8 Notice the Christophany is named Jehovah God

vs 9 Notice that God calls to Adam specifically, and dialogue is with Adam

Genesis 3:14-19 The curses (in brief)

Genesis 3:20-24 Sacrifice, and banishment

Note vs 21 sacrifice

NEXT WEEK: COVENANTS AND CURSES – GENESIS 1, 2, 3