BIBLE TOPICS · OLD TESTAMENT

Fall in Eden

From the Garden to Exile · Genesis 2:4–3:24

2 Chapters	9 Steps	One Command	First Promise
Genesis 2–3	Garden to exile	Genesis 2:17	Genesis 3:15

GENESIS 2:4–3:24

From the Garden to Exile

The story of the fall moves in nine steps, from a perfect home to a closed gate, with a promise of hope in the middle.

1
The Garden
God forms the man and gives him a home and work.
GENESIS 2:4–15

2
One Command
Eat freely from every tree but one.
GENESIS 2:16–17

3
The Woman
God makes the woman, and the first marriage begins.
GENESIS 2:18–25

4
The Serpent
“Yea, hath God said?” Doubt is planted.
GENESIS 3:1–5

5
The Choice
She ate, and gave to her husband with her.
GENESIS 3:6–7

6
Hiding
God comes looking, and the blame begins.
GENESIS 3:8–13

7
Consequences
Pain, toil, broken relationships and death.
GENESIS 3:14–19

8
The Promise
The woman’s seed will bruise the serpent’s head.
GENESIS 3:15

9
Sent Out
God clothes them, then closes the way to Eden.
GENESIS 3:20–24

KEY VERSE

“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?”

Genesis 3:9 (KJV)

Lost in Eden, Restored in Christ

GENESIS 3 · ROMANS 5 · REVELATION 22

Lost and Restored

From Eden to the Cross

What the fall broke, and how the Bible says Jesus makes it right

LOST IN EDEN	RESTORED IN CHRIST
One man disobeyed Genesis 3:6	**One man obeyed** Romans 5:19
Tempted in a garden of plenty, and fell Genesis 3:6	**Tempted in the wilderness, and stood firm** Matthew 4:1–11
The ground brings forth thorns Genesis 3:18	**Jesus wears a crown of thorns** Matthew 27:29
Death came through a tree Genesis 2:17	**He bore our sins “on the tree”** 1 Peter 2:24
Naked, ashamed, and hiding Genesis 3:7–10	**Clothed with “the robe of righteousness”** Isaiah 61:10
“Unto dust shalt thou return” Genesis 3:19	**All made alive in Christ** 1 Corinthians 15:22
Kept from the tree of life Genesis 3:24	**The right to the tree of life** Revelation 22:14
“Cursed is the ground” Genesis 3:17	**“There shall be no more curse”** Revelation 22:3

KEY VERSE · 1 CORINTHIANS 15:22

“For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

See also Romans 5:12–21, where Paul sets Adam and Christ side by side.

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Four Relationships Broken

WHAT CHANGED

Four Relationships Broken

Before the fall, the man and woman lived at peace in four directions. One act of disobedience damaged all four. This is why the world is good but broken.

WITH GOD

Hiding from God

They hid from the One who made them and walked with them.

GENESIS 3:8

WITH EACH OTHER

Blame and Strain

Openness turned to blame and strain.

GENESIS 3:12, 16

WITHIN THEMSELVES

Shame and Fear

Freedom from shame turned to fear and covering up.

GENESIS 3:7, 10

WITH CREATION

Toil and Death

The ground was cursed, work became toil, and death entered.

GENESIS 3:17–19

God's Four Questions

Where art thou?
GENESIS 3:9

Who told thee that thou wast naked?
GENESIS 3:11

Hast thou eaten of the tree?
GENESIS 3:11

What is this that thou hast done?
GENESIS 3:13

THE REST OF THE STORY

From Eden to the Cross

The fall is not the end of the story. The New Testament presents Jesus as the second Adam, who undoes what the first Adam did.

Sin Entered

"by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin"

ROMANS 5:12

One Man's Obedience

"so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

ROMANS 5:19

Made Alive in Christ

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22

The Last Adam

"The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45

The Serpent Crushed

"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

ROMANS 16:20

No More Curse

"And there shall be no more curse"

REVELATION 22:3

FALL IN EDEN AT A GLANCE · PART 4 OF 4

Lessons for Today

FOR TODAY

Five Things to Remember

Read Genesis 2 and 3 again on your own and write down one thing that stands out to you in each step.

1

God's Design Was Good

Life, work, marriage and fellowship with God were gifts from the start.

GENESIS 2

2

Sin Starts with Doubting God

The serpent questioned God's word and His goodness.

GENESIS 3:1

3

Sin Breaks Everything

With God, with others, with ourselves and with creation.

GENESIS 3:7–19

4

God Seeks the Lost

He came looking for Adam, and He still seeks people today.

LUKE 19:10

5

Hope Came the Same Day

Genesis 3:15 points to Jesus, who crushes the serpent's head.

GENESIS 3:15

6

Come Out of Hiding

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins"

1 JOHN 1:9

THINK ABOUT IT

Questions for Reflection

Do you tend to think of God's commands as generous or as restrictive? Where do you hear the question *Did God really say?* in your own life? When you have done wrong, are you more likely to hide, to blame, or to confess? God gave His promise before He named a single consequence: what does that tell you about His heart toward people who have failed?

KEY THEMES

Six Themes of the Fall

These six truths run through Genesis 2 and 3 and the rest of the Bible.

1

God's Design Was Good

Life, work, marriage and fellowship with God were gifts from the start.

GENESIS 2:8–25

2

Sin Starts with Doubt

The serpent's first move was to question God's word.

"Yea, hath God said"

GENESIS 3:1

3

Sin Breaks Everything

With God, with others, within ourselves, and with creation.

GENESIS 3:7–19

4

God Seeks the Lost

God came looking for Adam, and He still seeks people today.

LUKE 19:10

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Judgment Is Real

Death came, as God had warned.

"for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

GENESIS 3:19

6

Hope Came the Same Day

The promise of Genesis 3:15 points to Jesus.

GENESIS 3:15