



**COURSE: BIBLE HISTORY**

**SUBJECT: GENESIS THROUGH DEUTERONOMY - HEBREW BEGINNINGS**

**LESSON NO. 2 - FROM CREATION TO THE FALL**

A. Revelation of the Redeeming Purpose

1. From Creation to the Fall (Gen. 1-3).

a. Creation of the Cosmos (1:1 - 2:3).

This section of Scripture refutes:

- (1) Eternity of matter - in the beginning God created.
- (2) Atheism - God was there in the beginning.
- (3) Polytheism - God, not gods, created.
- (4) Agnosticism - creation not uncaused.
- (5) Fatalism - will expressed in creation.
- (6) Pantheism - God exists separately.

b. Advent of Mankind (2.4 ff)

- (1) Production - the Man (V. 1-7).
- (2) Provision - the Servant (V. 8-14).
- (3) Probation - the King (V. 15-17).
- (4) Progression - the Husband (V. 18-25)

NOTE: Man's Four Fold Commission

- (1) Domination over Universe (1:26, 28; Psa. 8).
- (2) Multiplication of species (1:28).
- (3) Subjugation of creatures (1:28).  
(First were friendly; fear Gen. 9).
- (4) Cultivation of earth (1:28-30)

NOTE: The Probation of Man (2:16-17)

- (1) The necessity - worth proven by test.
- (2) The means - a probation. Allowed maximum, forbidden minimum.
- (3) The issues - life and death (physical & spiritual).

c. The Temptation and Fall (3:1-14).

Things to be noted in this section:

(1) The Devil's wiles

- (a) He attacked the woman alone (V. 1).
- (b) He introduced doubt (V. 1).
- (c) He ignored God's covenant with man.
- (d) He denied connection between sin and punishment (V. 4).
- (e) He challenged Divine veracity (V. 4).
- (f) He charged God with jealousy (V. 5).
- (g) He appealed to pride and ambition (V. 5).

(2) The Woman's Downfall

- (a) Her unguarded conversation (V. 2-3).
- (b) She loosened her hold on God (V. 3).
- (c) She looked at the forbidden fruit (V. 6).
- (d) She longed for the forbidden (V. 6).
- (e) She took of the forbidden fruit (V. 6).
- (f) She induced another to partake.

(3) The Consequences of Eves Fall

- (a) Pain of childbearing.
- (b) Submission to man.

(4) The Consequences of Man's Fall

- (a) Loss of innocence - knew they were naked.
- (b) Shame - attempt at covering.
- (c) Fear - hid themselves from God.
- (d) Death - separation from tree of life.

(5) The Lord God: Manifested in Judgment

- (a) God sought the guilty pair.
- (b) God spoke to the guilty pair.
- (c) God sentenced all involved:
  - (i) Serpent - to be crushed.
  - (ii) Woman - suffering and submission.
  - (iii) Man - sweat, toil, tears

(6) The Lord God - Manifested in Grace

- (a) Redemption is **promised** (3:15).
- (b) Redemption is **apprehended** - Eve mother of all living (3:20).
- (c) Redemption is **typified** - animal skin (innocent) to cover guilty party (3:21).
- (d) Redemption is **made possible** (3:22-24). Would have been tragic to have become immortal as sinners.

## SELF TEST ASSIGNMENT

1. What does the name Genesis mean?
2. In what language was the Old Testament written?
3. List scriptures for 2 Messianic references in Genesis.
4. What was the condition of the earth after the creation?
5. List the things created on the six days of creation.
6. List 2 reasons for believing that the days of creation were 24 hour days.
7. What does the word firmament mean?
8. What did God call the firmament?
9. In what manner did the trees and plants bear fruit and seed?
10. In what likeness was man made?
11. What was man to have dominion over?
12. How completely was God's Creation finished?
13. What happened on the seventh day?
14. From what did God form man?
15. What did God breathe into man?
16. What were the names of the four rivers out of Eden?
17. What work was given to man?
18. What could man eat, and what was he commanded not to eat?
19. What was the penalty for eating the forbidden food?
20. Why was the woman made?
21. How was the woman made?
22. Why was the woman called woman?
23. What question did the serpent ask Eve?
24. What lie did the serpent tell?
25. What was the first thing that Adam and Eve were aware of when they ate the fruit?
26. How was this problem solved?
27. Who did Adam blame for this sin?
28. Who did Eve blame?
29. What were the punishments pronounced on the serpent, Adam and Eve?
30. What was the serpents seed to do to the woman's seed, and the woman's seed to the serpent?
31. What effect did Adam's sin have on the human race? (1 Cor. 15:21, 22)
32. Why did God drive man from Eden?
33. What blocked man's way back into Eden?