



# Corruption: Sin Enters the World

**Scripture:** Genesis 3; Romans 5:12

**God created a perfect universe – Genesis 1:31**

One that God Himself called “very good”



## The Fall of Satan

**Most likely occurred between chapters 2 and 3**

(the fall - sometime after the 6<sup>th</sup> day and the beginning of chapter 3)

**Isaiah 14:12a**

*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!*

“Lucifer” – Light bearer, day star, shining one, the bright one

**Ezekiel 28:15**

Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou *wast* created till iniquity was found in thee.

**Pride – Ezekiel 28:17a**

**Self -will – Isaiah 14:13, 14 “I will”**

Vs. 12 - How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer . . . For thou hast said in thine heart

- 1- I will ascend into heaven – Very abode of God
- 2- I will exalt my throne above the stars of God – Probably a reference to angels
- 3- I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north
- 4- I will ascend above the heights of the clouds – May refer to the shekinah glory cloud of God, where God’s glory dwells (Numbers 9:15-23)
- 5- I will be like the most High – I will be like El Elyon, The most High Literally “the strongest strong one” - Satan desires to be like God

## The Fall of Man: That moment in time when human beings first disobeyed God

Chapter three divided into 3 sections:



### 1. Pre-Fall – vs. 1-6a

#### A. The serpent – vs. 1

- The serpent is introduced as a created being
- Not just a snake but Satan possessing or using the serpent’s body to deceive Eve – Revelation 12:9, 20:2; Ezekiel 28:13
- The physical serpent was clever, and possibly able to stand upright (eye to eye with man) or may have had wings (See Genesis 3:14b)
- Some animals may have originally been able to communicate on an elementary level with humans - Satan used the serpents throat and Eve in her innocence was not aware of it

### B. The deception – vs. 1b – 5

#### 1 - Questions God’s Word – vs. 1

- The evil one plants doubt in Eve’s mind
- He focused on the negative, the prohibition, rather than on the generosity of God

#### 2 - You can sin and get away with it – vs. 4

- The first doctrine in scripture that Satan denied is that sin results in death (or to put it another way, God would not punish sin)

#### 3 – Attacks the character of God (God is unfair) – vs. 5

- The evil one questioned the goodness of God

### C. The temptation – vs. 6a

Disguise of Satan – 2 Corinthians 11:14

Listening to the enemy

**Temptation appealed to:**

- The lust of the flesh
- The lust of the eyes
- The pride of life



#### Failures that should not have happened:

- Eve shouldn’t have listened to the tempter – vs. 4, 5
- Eve didn’t flee the temptation – vs. 6
- Eve allowed her God given desires to be wrongly satisfied – vs. 6  
(To satisfy herself with food, to appreciate the beauty of fruit, to gain wisdom)
- Adam didn’t intercede – vs. 6b “Her husband with her”

### 2. The Fall – vs. 6-10

**Humanity makes the worst decision in the history of the world**

#### A. The act – vs.6b

**Genesis 3:6** - And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

**Romans 5:12-** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### B. The results – vs. 7, 8

**Romans 5:12-** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

#### 1 - Sin entered the world – Romans 5:12

There could have been no death in the world before man brought sin into the world

#### 2 - Death by sin – Romans 5:12

(Genesis 2:17 – “Die” – Dying, thou shalt die)

**Physical Death:** A ceasing of biological life

Man began to die physically

**Spiritual death** – Separated from God’s direct fellowship

- The moment of their sin, they died spiritually (See Ephesians 2:1)

### 3– Noticeable changes occurred

#### a. Awareness of nakedness

- Sin instantly destroyed their innocence
- The purity of their physical relationship was polluted with shame

#### b. Attempt to cover up

- Ever since clothing has been an expression of human modesty

#### c. Hid themselves

### C. The question – vs. 9, 10      “Where art thou?”

- God's way of bringing man to explain why he was hiding
- Imagine the feelings and emotions - Shame, remorse, confusion, guilt and fear
- God's question is not to obtain information but to bring Adam to a place of confession

### 3 Post-Fall – vs. 11-24

#### A. The blame game (passing the buck) – vs. 11-13

- Rather than taking personal responsibility, they tried to put the blame on someone else

#### B. The curse – vs. 14, 17

The curse of decay and death pronounced on Adam extended to Adams entire dominion

The curse applies to man, woman, the animals and the physical elements

- The curse resulted in the physical condition of the snake changing (vs.14) “Cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field”

(vs.17) “Cursed is the ground for thy sake”

Romans 8:21, 22

- Atheists use the evil in the world as their excuse for not believing in God
- For the evolutionist there was no fall – Evolution has been rising, not falling
- For the atheist “By death came man” whereas Scripture teaches “by man came death”
- Things universal move from order toward decay (the second law of thermodynamics)

#### C. The woman – vs. 16

- Pain in child birth – had Eve not sinned child birth would have been easy and pleasant
- Husband would rule over his wife

#### D. The man – vs. 17-20

- Labor to provide

“Eve” – There were no children at this time - Eve was to be the mother of all living

### E. The provision – vs. 15, 21

#### Verse 15

The Protevangel – “First Gospel”

- This prophecy clearly anticipates the future virgin birth of Christ
- The seed of the woman – a future descendant of Eve who would have no human father
- Biologically, a woman produces no seed (except in this special case were the seed would have been miraculously implanted in the woman – See Luke 1:31-35)
- Biblical usage always speaks of the seed of men
- This seed would not inherit a sin nature



**“Bruise His heel”** – Cause Him to suffer, inflict a painful wound (the cross)

**“Bruise thy head”** – Inflict a mortal wound, a crushing fatal blow (the death and resurrection of Christ and later when Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire – Rev. 20:10)

- The true one behind the deception would be judged



#### Verse 21

**Coverings for Adam and Eve:**

1-God considers clothing so vital in this present world that He provided it for Adam and Eve

2-The aprons fashioned by Adam and Eve were inadequate, testifying to the truth that man-made efforts to prepare for God's presence will be rejected

3-The clothing provided by God required shedding of blood (Illustrating the Biblical truth of substitutionary atonement)

- The first shedding of blood



#### F. The expulsion – vs.22-24

Adam and Eves expulsion from the garden was for their own good

Eating from the Tree of Life would have resulted in living forever in a state of sin

Vs. 22 - **“One of us”** – Points to a triune God