

## OLD TESTAMENT STORIES FOR

# PERILOUS<sup>1</sup> TIMES

2 Timothy 3:1-5

## EDEN: DECEPTION IN THE GARDEN

### INTRODUCTION

The first three chapters of Genesis set the stage for all that is recorded in the Bible. There is nothing in this most ancient writing which contradicts the rest of the Bible. God takes us back to the beginning and reveals how the universe came into existence. Satan in the form of the serpent entered God's perfect world and brought ruin to it. Man deceived by the serpent, forfeited his dominion over creation, causing division with mankind and breaking fellowship with God. The dawn of the Gospel began. God met Adam and Eve in the garden. He provided the means by which man could be restored into fellowship with Him - the Offspring of the woman who would deliver the final blow to Satan.

### THEME SCRIPTURE

*Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made (Genesis 3:1a).*

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<sup>1</sup> PERILOUS - Greek *chapelos* reducing strength: difficult, dangerous, furious, fierce, savage.

## SECTION I - In the Beginning

READ Genesis 1:1 - 2:7.

1. How did the heavens and the earth come into existence (v. 1)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What was the condition of the earth (v. 2)? \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
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3. Where was the Holy Spirit (v. 2b)? \_\_\_\_\_ 6
4. Who else took part in creation (John 1:1-3)? \_\_\_\_\_ 7

### LOOK DEEPER

READ Colossians 1:15-17.

DESCRIBE Christ and His works at creation. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How is God's love for mankind demonstrated in all that He created (Genesis 1:3-25)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>2</sup> God - Hebrew *Elohiym* gods: the plural for the singular name for God which is *El*; therefore, the plurality of God is shown in Genesis 1:1 through the use of the word *Elohim*, the Spirit God in Genesis 1:2, and the Son of God in John 1:1-4, 14.

<sup>3</sup> without form - Hebrew *tohu* lie waste: a desolation (of surface).

<sup>4</sup> void - Hebrew *bohu* to be empty.

<sup>5</sup> deep - Hebrew *thom* abyss: as a surging mass of water.

<sup>6</sup> hovering - Hebrew *rachaph* to brood over: to feel tender; to cherish, to brood over young ones (as an eagle); figuratively speaking of the Spirit of God who brooded over the shapeless mass of the earth, cherishing and giving life.

<sup>7</sup> Word - Hebrew *Iogos* the Divine Expression: Christ (John 1:14).

<sup>8</sup> Firstborn - Greek *proto tokos* Head of Creation: Supreme over all creation; pre-existent; eternal.

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PERSONAL

How has God demonstrated His love for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What exact words did God in three Persons use to describe how He would fashion man (v. 26a)?

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7. How then did God create man (v. 27)? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How did God bless man (vv. 28-30)? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Finishing His work, what was God's final perception (v. 31)? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. In the six days of creation, what did God bring to completion (Genesis 2:1)? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What did God do on the seventh day of creation (v. 2)? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What special significance did God place on the seventh day (v. 3)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERSONAL

How do you set aside the seventh day for the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How did the Lord God care for the earth (vv. 4-6)? \_\_\_\_\_

14. From what did God create Adam? How did man become a living being (v. 7)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>9</sup> saw - Hebrew *raah* advise self, approve, behold, consider, enjoy: to be pleased with the sight as the eye lingers on objects of pleasure and feast our eyes upon.

<sup>10</sup> sanctified - Hebrew *gadash* to make, pronounce or observe as clean: consecrate, dedicate, hallow, keep holy, purify.

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SECTION II - Life in God's Garden

READ Genesis 2:8 - 25.

1. DESCRIBE the Garden of Eden<sup>11</sup> where God put man whom He had formed (vv. 8 - 14). \_

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What two specific trees did God put in the midst of the garden (see verse 9)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What occupation did God entrust to Adam in the Garden? What did God command (vv. 15 - 17)?

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3. What was God's reason for creating Eve (vv. 18-22)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>11</sup> Eden - Hebrew *edanah* pleasure: delicate, delight.

How did God form the beasts? Who named them? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did God make Eve? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. God's intention was to create a pure and holy union between man and woman, who would enjoy intimate friendship with Him. What did Adam exclaim about this union (v. 23)?

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5. How do we see God's perfect plan for marriage (vv. 24, 25)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What further instruction does the Word of God give on marriage?

Malachi 2:14, 15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 19:5, 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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Mark 10:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 5:22-33 \_\_\_\_\_

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I Peter 3:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECTION III - The Temptation and the Fall of Man

READ Genesis Chapter 3.

1. Satan came in the form of a serpent<sup>12</sup> to the woman to question and challenge God's command. How did he accomplish his evil plot (vv. 1-3)?

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<sup>12</sup> serpent - Hebrew *nahas* snake: to hiss, whisper a magic spell, divine, enhancer, prognosticate.

<sup>13</sup> cunning - Hebrew *aruwm* crafty: subtle, shrewd, sly.

2. Satan deceived Eve by subtly contradicting God's Word and questioning God's motive. What did the serpent boldly state (vv. 4, 5)?

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3. The serpent tempted Eve by diverting her attention from God's command toward the forbidden tree of knowledge. What three aspects of the tree tempted her (v. 6)?

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How did she and Adam succumb to the temptation? \_\_\_\_\_

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How are we tempted? Why? What is the ultimate consequence of sin (James 1:13-16)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are we not to love? Why (I John 2:15-17)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What consequences have you experienced because of your sin? How have you tried to cover your sin?

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4. What was the immediate consequence to Adam and Eve's sin (Genesis 3:7, 8)? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did they attempt in their earthly way to cover themselves? \_\_\_\_\_

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Man was now in a fallen state. They had lost their innocence and were no longer unashamed of their nakedness (Genesis 2:25), they had broken fellowship with God.

5. As He always did, the LORD God came into the garden in the *cool of the day* to meet with Adam and Eve. Where were they (Genesis 3:8-13)?

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What did God ask them? What was their response? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What curse did God pronounce on the serpent (vv. 14, 15)? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What curse did God pronounce on the woman (v. 16)? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What curse did God pronounce on Adam (vv. 17-19)? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Why did Adam call her Eve (v. 20)? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. God's eternal plan to save man from his sin was set in motion. How did God cover man's sin (v. 21)?

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<sup>14</sup> Seed: Christ, the Seed of the woman, the Son of Mary (Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:31-35).

For God to provide tunics of skins, what would He have had to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOK DEEPER

From the beginning of time the shedding of blood was necessary for the covering of sin. What do the following Scriptures teach concerning the shedding of blood?

Leviticus 17:11 \_\_\_\_\_

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John 1:29 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 9:13, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 9:22 \_\_\_\_\_

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I John 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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Revelation 13:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>15</sup> atonement - Hebrew *kaphar* to cover over: to spread over, cover sin, to obtain forgiveness, expiation to free from charge.

<sup>16</sup> remission - Greek *aphesis* freedom: pardon, deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, release from bondage and imprisonment.

11. In order to protect man from staying in an eternal fallen state, what was God compelled to do (Genesis 3:22-24)?

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THEME SCRIPTURE

WRITE out the THEME SCRIPTURE.

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(Genesis 3:1a).

*Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God  
made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

Genesis 3:21

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