

HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible

Creation → Sin → Flood → Promise → Christ → Eternity

- God created all things. He designed humans differently for His purpose.
- Sin is falling short of God's standard of holiness (perfect, sinless – Matthew 5:48)

Origin of human sin – Genesis 3:1-6

- "serpent" = Satan, the fallen angel (Revelation 20:2)
- What was Satan's strategy for tempting Eve?
 - * Satan started with a familiar theme: he caused Eve to question God's Word.

Genesis 3:6	1 John 2:16
1. saw that the tree was good for food 2. delight to the eyes 3. desired to make one wise	1. desires of the flesh 2. desires of the eyes 3. pride of life

Results of Sin

- Immediate results – Genesis 3:7-13
 - * Shame and embarrassment – v. 7 (compare to 2:25)
 - * Fear and guilt – vv. 8-10
 - * Blame shifting – vv. 11-13
- Long-term result:
 - * Pain in childbirth (3:16)
 - * Struggle in the family roles that God designed
 - + Ephesians 5:23-28 – God's plan for husbands and wives.
 - * Work just got harder (3:17-19)
 - * Death
 - + Spiritual death (Romans 5:10a)
 - + Physical death (Genesis 5:5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31, etc.)
 - + Eternal death (Revelation 20: 14-15)

About God: God is Holy and Just

- God is holy. He is perfect and sinless. Holiness is His standard; anything less is sin. (Matthew 5:48)
- Since God is Just, He can't allow sin to go unpunished. (Deuteronomy 32:4, Romans 6:23)

Big Picture: Adam chose to ignore God's standard and disobeyed Him. As a result, sin entered the world.

- Romans 5:12 – Sin and death are passed down through the human race because of Adam's choice.

Application: As part of the human race, we are heirs of sin and death. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)

BUT THERE IS HOPE...