

GNESIS, Pt 7—THE FALL OF MAN(GN 3:14-20)

>>I want to begin tday by asking a Q: “Wht was the single most significant event in all of hn history?”

*Some: “Einstein’s proving that $E=mc^2$ ”

*Others: “The discovery of penicillin”

*Still others: “The invention of the wheel/
/car/airplane/microchip”

>>>>NOW—indeed--all these things have made a dramatic impact on the world we live in

>>>But I’d like to suggest to U—tht **NONE** of them qualify as“the single mst signif evnt in h hstry”

>>>>For **THAT** event...

*We need to go to the 3rd ch of Bk of Gen...

*& talk ab **THE FALL OF MN** as recorded thre

>>>>Well--this is precisely wht we’re gonna do tdy

>>>>Thn bring all tht frwrd & talk abt wht diff

I- PASSAGE GEN 3

A. Before we dig in, let’s do a little review...

1. 1st half of Gn 3 tells us tht A&E were living in a literal Paradise---called “The G of Eden”

2. Also tells us--tht Gd had given thm evrythng in the ‘whole world...EXCEPT the one tree in the middle of the Garden

3. But thn--Stn came along disguised as a snake

*& got thm to disobey Gd &eat of this tree

*Threby sp’lly polluting ADAM...Eye...U... ME...& evry othr membr of h race...

*With both physical...AND spiritual death

4. Rm 5:12--“Threfre, as by one man sin entered the world[ADAM], & death thru sin (Gn 3), so death passed onto all men(& women)...”

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B. NOW--the conseq's of A&E's sin wld've been bad enuf if it had all stopped right here!

1. But it didn't!

2. There were lots more conseq's to come!

3. Which is wht we want to talk ab tday

C. 1st--Gd pronounces add'l conseq's on the snake AND on the real culprit behnd the snake: Stn

1. To the physical snake—God said:

*V 14--“So th Lrd Gd said to the snake, ‘Bec U have done this, cursed are U more than all the cattle & beasts of the field. On yur belly U shall crawl, & dust U shall eat, all the days of yur life’”

*Gd held the physical snake accountable for allowing itself to be used by Satan

*& Gd curses the snake abve all the other animals in the world

*Condemning it to “crawl on its belly” all the days of its life

ILT: In light of this, sme com'tors hve suggested tht perhaps the original snake in GofE had “legs”

*In fact, many cvolutionary biologists agree with this—tht snakes once had legs!

ILLST: USATdy (Feb 3, 2004) “Study: Snakes didn't slither in from the sea”—“Scentists who analyzed genes from all living families of lizards have cncluded tht Erth's 1st snakes livd on land, not in the ocean, & evolved into limbless creatures ...losing their legs as they adapted to a burrowing lifestyle.”

APPL: VERRRRRY INTERESTING!

*Evolut'nary biologists say snakes lost their

legs as a result of natural selection

*But **B** says they lost thm as a result of sin!

2. **Then**—to the real culprit, Satan, Gd said:

*V. 15(Gd)-"& I will put enmity (hatred) betw U(Stn) & the wmn, betw yur offspring & hers; He will crush yur head(deal U a fatal blow)& U will strike his heel (deal him a glancing blow)."

*This is a very imp't vs of Scripture...**BEC**...

It predicts **BOTH the course of h hstry

****AND**...the ministry of the LJC

*Whn it cmes to the course of h histry...

Gn 3:15 predicts tht h race will exist in a state of **constant conflict...

****Rsn**: A&E will have godly offsprng...

**Who'll hve cntnual "enmity"(hstil'y)

**With Stn & his ungodly offspring

SAY: "Stn's offspring??? Who are they??"

A: In Jn 8:44, LJ tells us who they are (to R's who're rejecting Him & out to kill him)-"U are the offspring of yur father, the devil, & U want to do his deeds"

*IOW-"Stn's ofsprng"are ple dwn thru ages who willingly follow Stn in his rebel'n agst Gd

*This conflict began with Cain versus Abel

**Sennacherib vs. Hezekiah

**Jezebel versus Elijah

**Moses versus Yul Brynner

**Allies versus Adolf Hitler

*& it's still setting course fr h histry tdy...

***Exactly** like the Lord said it would be !

BUT WE SAID GN 3:15 ALSO PREDICTS MIN OF LJC

*Tht hppns whn vs sddnly switches to sing

*"**He** (sing)will crush yur head(Stn)(deal U a fatal blow)& U (Stn) will strike **his** heel (deal him a glancing blow)."

*NOW—who *is* this "**HE**" in Gn 3:15?

*Well—"He"—the Mes—LJC—the "offsprng" (lit Heb--sing "**Seed**") of woman

*Cf Gal 3:16—"The Scripture does not say 'seeds', mning many pple, but 'Seed', meaning one prsn, who is Christ."

*& B is vry specific ab fact tht"He (Mssh)"= the "Seed of the **WOMAN**"

*Gal 4:4(in a clear ref bck to Gn 3:15):"But whn the fullness of time had come, Gd sent His Son, **born of a womn...**"

*Why dsn't Gen 3 say "seed of mn&wmn"?

*Why dsn't Ga 4 says "born of a mn & wn"?

*Well bc--Gn3:15 is clearly a ref to **V B**

Whre no "man**" was involved!!

*& Gn 3:15 goes on to tell us...tht the "mstry of LJC" will involve a **battle** betw Himself & Satan **PERSONALLY**!

*In this pers battle-Stn inflicts a "glancing blow" agst J—refering to **crucifixion**

ILLST: Cf Jn 13:27(last supper)-"Thn Satan entered into Judas. & J said to Judas, 'What U do, do quickly.'...So Judas went out immed'ly"

APPL: Point = the real "moyer & shaker" behind the crucifix'n of J was not the R's/Rmns/Jwsh mob

*It was Stn/Lucifer himself...personally!

***BUT PTL!!!** Just as Gn 3:15 predicted...the crufix'n of J was merely a "glancing blow"

*Bec (PTL!) J *rose* frm the dead--**hallelujah!**

*But soon—B says—J's coming bck(2nd Coming)
to deliver the "fatal blow" to Stn tht Gd
predicted 1000's of yrs ago in Gen 3

*Rev 20:10—"Then the devil, who deceived the
hmn race, will be thrown into the Lake of
Fire & Brimstone, whre he will be
tormented day & night frvr & ever"

C. **SO**--what we have here in Gen 3:15...

1. Is the glorious prophecy of a Savior...

*Who will be **born** by the VB...

*Who will **defeat** the devil...

*Who will **destroy** him beyond remedy...

*& who'll **delivr** mnknd frm his grasp frvr

2. This is why Gen 3:15 is often referred to by
theologians as the "**Proto-evangelium**"

*Tht is—the 1st anouncemnt of the Gd Nws

*The 1st ann of the Msh & of His victorious
ministry of salvation to the h race

Cmntator: "Gn 3:15 is a msg of hope fr all mnkind"

*"It is Gd's promise tht He will not let the frces
of evil & sin prevail over His creation, but
tht He will deliver mnkind frm their grip."

*"Gd punished our 1st parents fr their disobd
but, in His mrcy, Gd mitigatd their sntnce
by promising a Savior, who wld crush the
pwr of Stn & offer redemption to mankind.

*"& this Savior, of course, is JC!"

[ALL OK? RDY TO KEEP GOING? AS CLUBBER LANG:

"I GOT A LOT MORE FOR YA!"]

D. **Next**--Gd pronounces add'l conseq's on **Eve**

1. V. 16--"To the woman, Gd said, 'I will greatly

multiply yur pain in childbirth; in pain U shall give birth to c'ren. & yur desire will be fr yur husband & he will rule over U.”

2. God lays 2_additional_conseq's on Eve:

*#1-Pain in childbirth

*& #2-Sp subordination to Adam

3. Now-this 1st conseq(pain in chldbrth) speaks for itself

3. But the 2nd conseq requires some comment

*The clear record of Gen 3 = tht Eve took control & used it to prsuade Adm to sin

*As a result, Gd places Eve in a psition of subordinate sp. authority to Adam

*Now--feminists recoil at this teachng—but it's repeated several x's in NT—making it a timeless/culturelss prin of G's Wrđ

*Cf-1 Tm 2:14 says—"I do not allow wmn to exercise sp authority over men...Fr it was not Adm who was deceived, but it was Eve who, being quite deceived, 1st fell into disobedience."

*Dwn thru the cent's--mn hve misused this vs to jstify mstreating/dsrrespecting wn

*But this is a *complete perversion* of B

*Yes--Gd has givn top "sp authority" to mn

***BUT**-Gd mkes it clear in E 5 tht He intnds a mn to exrcise this authrity by loving his wife as himself/cherishing her/ respecting her/(1 Pet 3)granting honor to her & to ALL WOMEN

*Fr a man to treat a wmn any other way is sin on his part...and disobed to Gd!

E. Fn'ly--Gd pronounces add'l conseq's on **Adam**

1. V. 17-"Thn to Adm Gd said, 'Bec U listned to yur wife & ate frm the tree abt which I comanded U saying,"U shall not eat frm it"
2. V. 17b-'Cursd is the grnd bec of U; in sorrow U shall eat frm it all the days of yur life.'
3. V. 18-'It will produce thorns & thistles fr U & U will eat the plants of the field.'
4. V. 19-'By the sweat of yur brow U shall eat yur food until U return to the ground. Bec from the ground U were taken; for dust U are & to dust U shall return.'"
5. Bec of Adm's sin, Gd pronounces a curse on

all of creation

*Thorns & thistles--grnd will fight bck now

*Sweat of brow-work will be laborious now

*In srrw—man's lot in life will be hard now

*To dust U shall return--no mtrr wht prsn does—death will be universal now

6. NT reiterates this curse on creation(R 8:20)-
"For the **creation** was subjected to futility (Gk: "uselessness/wantonness"), not of its own will, but by the will of Him [God] who decided to do this [ie, in Gen 3]"

F. & then--aftr announcing all of this--Gd expelled A & E from the Garden of Eden

G. Gn 3:23-"Thrfre, the Lrd Gd banished thm frm the G of E, to work the ground from which Adam had been taken."

II-SO WHAT?

SAY: "Lon, I gotta tell U—

*"The 'curse on the devil' is fine with me!"

*"& the 'curse on the snke' I'm good wth too!
"I MN—I HATE THOSE NASTY THINGS!"

*"But all this 'curse on mnknd/creat'n' stuff
 leaves me feeling pretty depressed!

A: "Hey—I understand. But it *shldn't*!

*BC--into His curse on hn race & creation—Gd
 built a great current of hope!" **IN 3 WAYS:**

A. HOPE #1--As already said ="proto-evngelium"

1. Gd's **promise**...tht 1 day the Mssh wld cme

2. & tht He wld redcem mnkind frm sin-**DONE**

3. & thn flwng this tht same Mssiah wld
 irreparably & irrecoverably crush Stn...

*& remove his deceiving influence over
 mankind once and for all

*Which will be **done** soon at 2nd Coming

B. 2nd HOPE= immd'y(begining w/A&E)Gd made a
 way fr the sp conseq's of GofEd to be remedied

1. A way for A&E&us to be reconciled with Him

1. A way for our sins to be forgiven

2. A way for our guilt to be covered

3. A way for our sp. death to be removed frever

4. **THIS=WHT WE'RE GNNA TLK AB NXT WK**

C. 3rdHOPE= Gd's revelation tht His curse on
mankind /creation is only **temporary**

1. Let's go bck to Rm 8:20—"Fr the creation

was subjected to futility(Gk: "uselessness

/wantonness"), not of its own will, but by

the will of Hm[Gd] who decided to do this"

2. **AHHHH—but the B doesn't stop there!**

3. Rom 8:20—"But this was done in hope! Bec

one day, the creation will be liberated

from its bondage to decay..."

4.& just whn will this wnderful day be??

5.*It will happn* on the day whn we as F'sOC
cme into (Rm 8:21)"our glorious freedm
as the c'ren of Gd"...

*Which will happen (Rm 8:23) when we
exprience"the rdmption of our bodies"

*Which will happn (1 C 15:52) at the 2nd
Coming of our LJC

D. Look wht B tells us ab hw creation will chnge aftr

1. Rev 21:4-"& Gd shall wipe away every tear
from our eyes, & there shall no longer be
any death; or mourning or crying or pain;
fr the old order of thngs has passed away."
2. Isa 2:4 tells us there will be universal peace:
"They will beat their swrds into plwshares
& their spears into pruning hooks. Nations
will not take up sword agst nation nor will
they train for war anymore."
3. Carniverous animals will be changed-Is 11:7:
"The cow will feed with the bear...lion shall
eat straw lke the ox...wolf'll lie dwn w/lamb
4. Even snakes diffrent: Isa 11:8:"The infant will
play near the hole of the cobra & the yng
child will put his hand in the viper's nest.
No one will harm or destroy any longer on
all my holy mountain"
5. Isa 11:9 tells us that "the whole earth will be
filled with the knowledge of the Lord just
as the waters cover the sea"
*There'll be prayer to J in every school
*Bible will be taught in every classroom
*Relig tolerance won't exist ... bec there

won't be any other relig's to tolerate
 *Zech 14:9-"In tht day, the Lrd will be Kng
 over all the earth. In that day, the Lrd
 shall be One & His Name One."

E. Rv 22:3-"& thre shl no Ingr be any[SAY] **CURSE!**

F.**PT**: Evrythng Gd laid **ON** mnknd/creation in Gn 3

1. Gd is going to take **OFF** mnkind/creation...

2. When the LJ returns at His 2nd Coming!

3. As F'sOC-knwing this brings us great **hope**

4. Whch is *why*...Tit 2:12 calls 2nd Cming of JC

"**the blessed hope**" of every true Chr

SAY:"Lon, this is all fine-don't see much SO WHT?"

A: "Well, here it is!"

G. 2 T 3:1-"Thre will be terrible x's in the last days"

H. 2 T 3:13-"Evil plc & imposters will go frm bad to
 worse, deceiving others & being deceived. '

J. B says—as 2nd Cming gets closer—Stn's minstry of
evil/deception will reach its zenith here on E

K. 2 T 3:14-"But U, Timothy, **continue**..."

1. Don't U give up/lose hrt/cynical—continue!

L. & as F'soC—this is exctly wht Lrd wants **US** to do!

M. Thre're 4 things tht Gd wants us to CNTINUE in!

1. **#1-CONTINUE in personal purity**

*Ti 2:12-"We shld say 'no' to ungodliness
 & shld live sensibly, righteously &
 godly in this present age, while we
 await the blessed hope & the glorious
 appearng of our great Gd & Savior, JC"

*Moral integrity/sexual purity/honesty in
our bsinss dealings/purity of motives
/faithfulness to our spouses&c'ren

*These are things Gd tells us to CONTINUE

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in--till J returns

2. #2-CONTINUE laying up treasure in hvn

*Mt 6:19-"Do not lay up fr yurslvs treasure on earth...but lay up for yurselves treasure in heaven..."

*We lay up "treasure in hvn" by using our earthly resources(time/energy/money /talent)to srvc JC & advnce KofG on E

*When J returns, greatest regret I believe we're ALL gonna have= tht we have so much treasre on erth & so little in hvn

3. #3-CONTINUE sharing our faith

*Pple who don't knw J when he returns are going into a disastrous eter—no joke!

*So while we're awaiting His rtn, we need to hve a passion ab sharing JC w/pple

4. #4-CONTINUE doing what's right

*Lk 12:2(J)-(Whn I return)"There's nothing concealed tht will not be disclosed or hidden tht will not be made known.

IL: Evrybdy who evr thot thy got awy wth smthng's got a big SURPRISE cming!

A:So(Gd):"Dn't wrry/relax...continue doing right!"

CONCLUSION

>>>>1 Cr 15:58-"Threfre, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lrd, for U KNW tht yur labor is not in vain in the Lrd"

*Hw do we know tht? We knw it...bc J is cming back...TO REVERSE THE CURSE...PTL!!