



STAGE 2

THE FALL: GENESIS 3-11



PERSONAL PREPARATION DAY 1 - FROM FALL TO FLOOD

Give a one sentence summary of what people are like in each of the episodes listed below:

- Adam & Eve - chapter 3
- Cain (Adam & Eve's Son) - 4:1-12
- Lamech (Cain's great-great-great grandson) - 4:19-24
- Those at the time of Noah - 6:5-7
- Those who survived the flood - 8:21
- Those who want to build the tower of Babel—11:1-9

What would you say is the theme of Genesis 3-11?

Do you think the description of people in these passages is an appropriate description of humanity today? Why/Why not?



PERSONAL PREPARATION DAY 2 - SIN & JUDGEMENT

Read Genesis 2:8-9; 15-17. Does God's command to Adam seem particularly hard or burdensome? Why?

After eating the fruit, how does the blame game go? 3:10-13

What are the consequences of their sin? How is the world now different?

God's judgement is severe, but how does God relate to Adam & Eve to show that he's still committed to them? v20, 4:1-4.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - THE FALL, GENESIS 3-11

Review: Each week someone in the group is going to have a go at summarising the stages of Old Testament history as we've seen in the previous weeks. Using the relevant 'Big Pictures', explain the big idea of 'Creation'.....



Stage 2 Big Idea: The Fall sets the scene for the rest of the story of the Bible. Humanity rejects God's kingship. Sin destroyed humanity's perfect relationship—with God, each other, and creation itself. Rebellion begins with Adam and Eve but continues through all their descendants—and we particularly see it in those who seek to make a 'name' for themselves by building the tower of Babel.

Read Genesis 3

1. Genesis 3 records the rebellion of Adam and Eve against God's rule. This is often called 'the Fall'. Why is that phrase an appropriate description of what takes place?

2. How is the Fall typical of all sin?

3. What was the serpent's strategy?

4. What do you think was the essence of Adam and Eve's sin?



5. In the last study we saw the order of relationships (left column) that God established:

GOD

Worshipped by...

tempted...

MAN

His help-mate/companion is...

who persuaded...

WOMAN

they rule over...

they sinned against

ANIMALS

....fill in the blanks (right column) to show how this order was overturned through sin.

Important: God gives a subtle promise in Genesis 3:15 that someone—an offspring of woman—will crush the serpent’s head. Someone is coming who will defeat evil and undo the curse of sin and judgement. God is not giving up on his commitment to his creation. Salvation will eventually arrive!

6. In Genesis 4-11 we see the spread of sin. But in what ways has God shown his commitment to his creation throughout this time?

7. In Genesis 11, we see for the first time the sin of a whole tribe/civilisation—with the building of a tower. **Read Genesis 11:1-9.** Why is this building project such a sinful thing?

Important: We will learn more about this next week, but the people want to make ‘a name’ for themselves, independent from God. But it will be God’s own gracious choice to choose a man—to make his name great.

8. Because of the Fall, life in the world is a mixture of good and bad, achievement and frustration. In what specific areas of life are you feeling this?

9. Think for a moment and write down areas in which you are tempted to think that God does not know what is best. In what areas are you rebelling against his good rule?

Lasts week we described Creation as:

God’s People in God’s Place under God’s Rule:

Fill in the spaces below—to explain how the Fall has affected God’s people, God’s place and God’s rule.

	God’s People	God’s Place	God’s Rule
Creation	Adam & Eve. Humanity had a perfect relationship with each other	The Garden. Humanity had a perfect relationship with creation	God’s Word. Humanity had a perfect relationship with God.
The Fall			

What can you pray about arising from this study?