

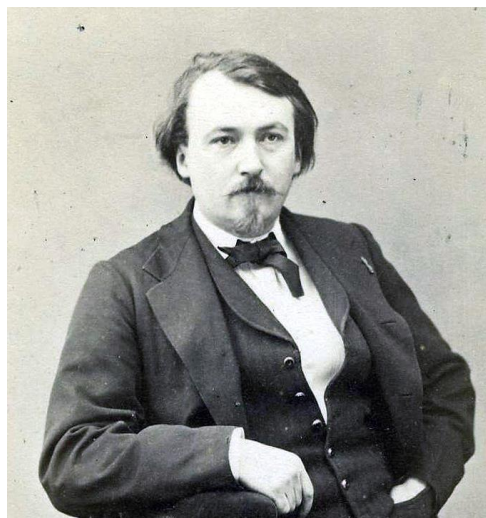
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## *from the Author*

*The whole Bible is the story of God's rescue of humankind, and many stories of the Old Testament are hidden mysteries pointing to what was to come in the future. In fact, reading the Old Testament is like reading a mystery story, trying to find the signs that lead up to the big finish. This makes reading the Bible very interesting. It is this author's hope that the reader of "Shadows of Redemption" will be amazed by God's character and His wonderful plan for His people that goes back over many thousands of years, and climaxes in the coming of the Messiah. May the scriptures come alive for you, creating worshipful wonder in your heart for our God and Savior.*

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# *Introduction*

*The Bible, one of the oldest books in the world, has been translated into almost 2,500 languages. It is 2 collections of books called the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the scripture of the Jewish people written between 1500 BC and 430 BC. The New Testament was written at the time of Jesus Christ and shortly thereafter (30 - 100 AD), by Jesus' followers. The earliest people had no books, paper, or written language, so history was passed down by word of mouth. Later there would be symbols to represent letters to make up a word (alphabet) and eventually people would use paper to write on.*

*The Bible is made up of many different groupings, such as history, poetry, epistles, and prophecy. It makes use of much symbolism and typology. A "type" is a kind of shadow of the real thing. Types and shadows point to something of greater importance. The apostle Paul said that the types in the Old Testament *'are a shadow of the things to come.'* (Colossians 2:17)*

*The revelation of God's grace in Christ Jesus is the theme that runs throughout the whole Bible, often hidden as a mystery in the Old Testament and fulfilled and completely explained in the New. Both Testaments are about the Messiah. The Bible is His Story.*

# *In The Beginning*

## *CHAPTER 1*



*People have always been curious about how the universe and everything in it came to exist. The Bible, the Holy Book of the Jews and Christians, says that in the beginning God was the Creator of the universe with all its planets and stars, including our own earth.*

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep and God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)*

*Not everyone accepts the Bible's creation account. Down through history many early civilizations developed their own stories about creation. These were often included in their religions and they are very different from the Jewish Biblical account. Most modern day scientists today believe that all of these stories are just fables (stories which never actually happened.) They think it took millions, and even billions of years for the earth to progress (evolve) to what it is today. For this reason some of these scientists say that the account in the Bible should not be taken literally.*

*It is interesting to learn what Jesus thought about the Genesis account. What we find is that Jesus confirmed the writings of Moses, some of which spoke about Jesus thousands of years earlier, and others which spoke of creation.*

*For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me. (John 5:46)*

*So what did Moses write?*

*For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy. (Exodus 20:11).*

*Since Moses wrote about the creation in Genesis taking 6 literal days, then Jesus implied that these teachings were true. Moreover the Jews traditionally held to the literal interpretation of Genesis as can be seen from the words of one of their religious leaders.*

*The ruler of the synagogue, being indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the multitude, "There are six days in which men ought to work. Therefore come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day!" (Luke 13:14)*

*This is also confirmed by the first-century Jewish historian, Josephus, who said that Jews of his day believed that both the 1<sup>st</sup> day of creation and Adam's creation were about 5000 years before Christ.*

*From the Bible's creation account in Genesis we not only learn that God was the Creator of everything, but we also get a glimpse of God in the act of creating.*

*Darkness was on the surface of the deep and God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)*

*'Hovering' can also be translated as 'blowing' or 'moving', which are all descriptions of God creating. What we also learn from this verse is that 'waters' over the earth already existed when God began creating.*

*The first thing God created was light.*

*God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw the light, and saw that it was good. God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light "day", and the darkness he called "night". There was evening and there was morning, the first day. (Genesis 1:3-5)*

*Notice that the Bible mentions evening and morning as day one. We usually think of morning and evening as a 24 hour day, so it would seem that God may have created in 24 hour time periods, although some scholars would disagree. This passage also foreshadows Jesus Christ who referred to Himself as the 'Light' in the New Testament.*

*Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)*

*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it. (John 1:4-5)*

*After this, God moved to create the atmosphere of the earth.*

*God said, "Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse "sky". There was evening and there was morning, a second day. (Genesis 1:6-8)*

*Some Bible interpreters believe that the waters above refer to a water vapor canopy, or mist, that was above the earth. This canopy trapped the sun's rays, giving a warm tropical climate to every part of the world.*

*As mentioned in an earlier verse, 'waters' already existed. Here we see that waters are again mentioned on day two when the atmosphere (huge space) was being made. Some Bible interpreters explain this by saying that the first verse of Genesis (*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth*) refers to the beginning of the universe when the stars, planets and galaxies were formed. However they state that a 'gap' of maybe millions of years exists between that verse and the next (*The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. There was darkness over the surface of the waters.*) These 'gap' creation scientists believe that when God created our world, the earth was already there as an unformed, water-covered planet. They think that perhaps there was an earlier earth, which somehow got destroyed so that it became 'formless and empty'. This idea is called the 'gap theory' or 'gap creationism'. It accounts for an old earth which existed millions of years ago, and a six day Genesis creation of our present earth. It tries to solve the puzzle as to why we find dinosaur prints and fossils in the earth's layers that scientists say date back millions of years, while humankind has existed for only about 5000 years. Other Christians disagree with this idea and think that God would not have created an older world before our own, using the same planet. Whether one believes in the gap theory or not, (no one can definitely prove whether it is true or not) it is a good theory to study.*

*Next God created land.*

*God said, "Let the earth yield grass, herbs yielding seeds, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with their seeds in it, on the earth"; and it was so. The earth yielded grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with their seeds in it, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day. (Genesis 1:11-13)*

*At this time, humankind had not yet been created to look after the land, and there was no rain to water it, so God provided the plants with moisture from a mist that watered the ground.*

*No plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Yahweh God had not caused it to rain on the earth. There was not a man to till the ground, but a mist went up from the earth, and watered the whole surface of the ground. (Genesis 2:5-6)*

*Then God created the sun, moon, and stars.*

*God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of sky to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs to mark seasons, days, and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of sky to give light on the earth"; and it was so.*



*God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of sky to give light to the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. (Genesis 1:14-19)*

*Some wonder how there could have been light on the first, second, and third days if the sun, moon, and stars were not created until the fourth day. Gap theorists think that God set the sun, moon, and stars on the first day of the week, which gave temporal light to the earth, but their light was not manifest until day 4, when God created the sun, moon, and other heavenly bodies. Others disagree because there is no indication from the Biblical text for this idea. The bottom line is that no matter how God did it, creation week was entirely miraculous and God could have used forces outside of natural laws. God Himself is light so perhaps no outside natural source was even necessary.*

*Next came the sea creatures and birds.*

*God set them in the expanse of sky to give light to the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. God said, "Let the waters abound with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of sky." God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind. God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:17-21)*

*And then the animals on day six.*

*God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures after their kind, livestock, creeping things, and animals of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. (Genesis 1:24)*

*Then, still on day six, God decided to make the most important creation of all, but He did it in a different way from the rest of His creation.*

*God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."(Genesis 1:26)*

*God's reference to Himself as "Us" gives a glimpse into God's nature that is very mystifying. From later scriptures, we learn that God is One.*

*Hear, Israel: Yahweh is our God. Yahweh is one. (Deuteronomy 6:4)<sup>[SEP]</sup>*

*Jesus also said the same thing in the New Testament when He was asked which commandment was the most important of all.*

*Jesus answered, "The greatest is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. (Mark 12:29)*

*Yet in this passage of the Bible God appears to be addressing Himself in the plural (more than one).*

*What can it mean? Later in the New Testament, there is a reference at the baptism of Jesus where God is clearly present as three Persons.*

*In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the<sup>[11]</sup>Jordan. Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens parting, and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. A voice came out of the sky, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)*

*The voice speaking out loud was from God and He appears to be a Father to Jesus (calling him His Son). This agrees with many other scriptures in the Bible, which identify God as a Father figure.*

*A father of the fatherless, and a defender of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. (Psalm 68:5)*

*Don't we all have one father? Hasn't one God created us? (Malachi 2:10)<sup>[11]</sup>*

*But now, Yahweh, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you our potter. We all are the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:8)*

*At Jesus' baptism, God was also described as a Spirit (referred to in other places as the Holy Spirit)*

*And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form like a dove on him. (Luke 3:22)*

*And lastly Jesus Himself is identified as God when the apostle John tells us that there was a Personage involved with creation, called the Word, who is actually the Son of God in the flesh (Jesus Christ).*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him. Without him was not anything made that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it... (John 1:1- 5, 14)*

*'If God is the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Word,' does this mean He is three Gods? This can't be true because God has stated in other passages that He is One. Therefore it can only mean that God is three separate Persons - the Father, the Word (revealed as the Son of God in the New testament), and the Holy Spirit. Bible interpreters call this the Trinity of God. It is a difficult and mysterious truth, not fully understandable by humans, but one that is plainly taught in the Bible.*

*Then Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)*

*Instead of speaking humankind into existence as He had done with the rest of His creation, God made Adam from the dust of the earth and breathed life into him. The Lord God had created the rest of creation by simply speaking it into existence. With Adam, however, He created the substances (dust), and then He used those substances to create a man. Also, God had never breathed His own breath into any of the other creatures. Adam's creation was more personal and intimate than anything else God had made.*

*These verses reveal God as a Great Potter who wanted a creature made in his own image (like Himself), which is why He breathed His own breath of life into Adam. Because of the breath of God inside Adam, he became a living soul with a mind and spirit that could actually communicate with God. When we think of how miraculous this really is, that the God of the universe would actually want to relate to a mere creature in order to reveal His heart and mind to him, we cannot help but see that humans have an amazingly high purpose and destiny. This is why God calls those who follow Him 'children'. God created humankind to be His family.*

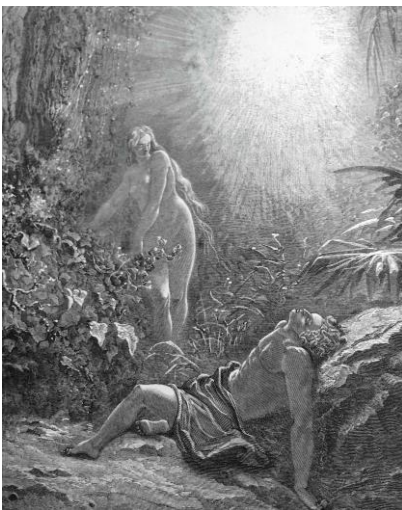
*Of course such a special creation needed a special place to live so...*

*Yahweh God planted a garden eastward, in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (Genesis 2:8)*

*No one knows for certain where this garden was located although some Bible scholars think that the Garden of Eden may have been situated in what is today the land of Israel.*

*Out of the ground Yahweh God formed every animal of the field, and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature became its name. The man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field; but for man there was not found a helper comparable to him. (Genesis 2:19-20)*

*All of the animals God had created were brought to Adam so that he could name them. The fact that he could do so means that he was able to communicate in a language, and he also must have had a very high intelligence. The human brain has amazing powers to think and learn things. It is believed that today humans use only 10-20% of their brain's capacity. At the beginning of creation, Adam may have been able to use much more of his brain than we are able to use today. It also seems that God gave Adam a language because Adam was expected to come up with names for each of the animals. All of the creatures God had made were created in pairs. Only Adam was alone. God had always looked upon His creation and declared it to be good, but concerning Adam, God noted he was alone and He said that it was not good. So God carried out the next part of His plan.*



*Yahweh God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Yahweh God made a woman from the rib, which had been taken from the man, and brought her to the man. (Genesis 2:21)*

*Eve was God's idea, specially made for Adam and perfectly designed to complement, or complete him. She was created from one of Adam's ribs so, indirectly through Adam, Eve also came from the dust of the earth, but the fact that she was taken 'out' of man and formed from one of his ribs, makes her unique. Perhaps God was showing Adam that she was to be treasured as a special gift from God because she came from Adam's own body.*

*Eve's creation from Adam's body is symbolic of Jesus and the Church, who is called His Bride, as well as His Body. 'Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually'. (1 Corinthians 12:27) 'For I married you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ'.(2 Corinthians 11:2)*

*Whoever finds a*

*wife finds a good thing, and obtains the favor of Yahweh. (Proverbs 18:22)*

*When Adam woke up from his deep sleep, he was amazed to find a lovely creature beside him, and she was human like him. One can imagine Adam's joy at finding that God had given him a human partner.*

*(Adam) said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of Man." (Genesis 2:21-23)*

*Some people think that Adam and Eve were not the first humans to live on earth. They see their story as just a fable (like a fairytale). Others think that the first humans actually descended from fish or apes and other animals over a period of many millions of years. Yet Jesus, who is described as God in the Bible, said that the creation of these two people literally happened.*

*(Jesus) answered, "Haven't you read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall join to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh?' so that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, don't let man tear apart."(Matthew 19:4-6)*

*Jesus' disciple, Mark, and the apostle Paul, both believed this too. The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:8,9 that man is not from woman, but woman from man; for man wasn't created for the woman, but woman for the man.*

*Mark 10:6 says, But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female.*

*The fact that the man was to leave his parents to form a close relationship with his wife foreshadows the close relationship Jesus would one day have with His Church (Bride). Adam and Eve were to be 'one flesh', just as Christians are called to become 'one' with Jesus.*

*The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent (John 17:22,23)*

*God had waited to end His creation with His best and greatest achievement-humankind. This brought creation to the end of the sixth day.*

*God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)*<sup>[SEP]</sup>

*Then on the seventh day God's work of creation was complete.*

*He rested on the seventh day from all his work, which he had done. (Genesis 2:2)*

*God resting does not mean that He was tired, for God is all-powerful. The word 'rest' refers to the fact that God stopped His labors. This completion of God's work is actually a symbol (or foreshadowing) of the great work God would later do as the Messiah in rescuing humanity from sin. Through Jesus' labors (atonement on the cross), He would provide a permanent, spiritual rest for His people so that they would never have to labor for God's acceptance.*

*When Jesus had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, He sat down on the right hand of God, from that time waiting until his enemies are made the footstool of his feet. For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:12-14).*

*Jesus rested after performing the ultimate sacrifice on the cross because there was nothing more to be done. He entered into His rest and brought all believers along with Him. The 'rest' of creation is a shadow of that astounding truth.*

*A river flowed through the Garden of Eden and there were two special trees in the middle of the garden. The first one was the tree of life. The second was the tree of knowledge of good and evil.*

*Out of the ground Yahweh God made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:9).*

*God told Adam that he could eat from any tree except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God said: "If you eat of that tree, you will die."*

*The tree of knowledge of good and evil was part of God's creation, which He had declared 'good'. Bible commentators believe that this tree represented the Law, which is good in and of itself, but is unable to give life, and indeed, brings death to those who attempt to live by it.*

*... the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone... (2 Corinthians 3:7) He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)*

*There was a creature in the garden who was aware of God's command to the humans and he decided to approach the woman concerning it. This creature is described as a serpent, the most clever of all the animals that God had made. The identity of the serpent (or the being within the serpent) is a mystery until one reads Revelation 12:9 where mention is made of 'the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world'.*

*Also, in the Book of Ezekiel there is a description of someone called the king of Tyre but the description of this person seems to have a double meaning. This passage seems to show that Satan was once a highly placed angel who became proud, thinking he was just as great, or greater, than God Himself.*

*You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Gold work of tambourines and of pipes was in you. In the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the middle of the stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. ...: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the middle of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may see you....All those who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you: you have become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being. (Ezekiel 28:13-19)*

*In Isaiah 14:12 there is another passage that seems to be about Satan.*

*How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low!*

*Jesus said: I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven. (Luke 10:18)*

*In the book of Revelation Satan is seen 'as a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth'. (Revelation 9:1)*

*[SEP] Hebrews 12:22 says that one-third of a countless company of angels chose to rebel with Satan. The apostle John saw in a vision a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns. His tail drew one third of the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth. ...There was war in the sky. Michael and his angels made war on the dragon. The dragon and his angels made war. They didn't prevail, neither was a place found for him any more in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (Revelation 12:3-9).*

*It appears that Satan had a very high position in heaven at one time, but his pride caused him to rebel against God and he even got one-third of the angels to follow him in that rebellion. Satan and these rebellious angels were all overcome and thrown out of heaven, losing their angelic status and becoming the demons that would bring so much evil into the world. Demons do not have physical bodies but in the New Testament, it is revealed that Satan and the demons can possess, or enter into, the physical bodies of humans and animals. Perhaps this is what happened in Genesis 3 where it describes a serpent who was able to communicate with Eve.*

*Now the serpent was more subtle than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'"*

*The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat of it. You shall not touch it, lest you die.'"(Genesis 3:1-3))*

*It seems unlikely that an animal like the serpent would have been able to speak with Eve, although some animals, like cats, dogs, and parrots, can make noises that sound like human speech. But these animals can only copy human sounds without knowing what they really mean. Bible scholars believe that back then the serpent was such an animal who could mimic human sounds. Perhaps that is why Satan entered into its body so he could control the serpent's vocal cords and express himself through a seemingly harmless animal without raising any alarm in Eve. The fact that Eve was not shocked that an animal could speak to her may have been because she was the newest of God's creation and was not yet aware of what animals could or couldn't do. Everything was new and fascinating to her. Also, the animals had never been a threat to her or Adam. They had all come to Adam to be named and they were obviously all tame and gentle. She was also without sin and had no suspicion that evil or wickedness even existed, or that the serpent hated God and wanted to do her great harm. Her innocence and trusting nature were probably the reasons Satan chose her as his victim in the first place. After hearing the serpent's question, Eve repeated God's warning and even added a bit to it. She believed that even touching the fruit would be enough to kill her. Because Adam was the one who had heard the initial command from God, not Eve, she may have misinterpreted it.*

*The serpent said to the woman, "You won't surely die, for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."(Genesis 3:4)*

*Eve was confused. The serpent was saying that God didn't want her to eat from the second tree because the fruit could somehow make her wise like God. What a temptation! Imagine becoming like God and knowing what He knew! And the serpent was very sure that she would not die either. She hesitated as she considered the serpent's words, noting that the fruit did indeed look tasty, so with the serpent's encouragement, Eve reached out and took the fruit from the tree...and ate it. Eve must have noticed at once that eating the fruit had not caused any physical harm to her. She was still alive and breathing. This would have made the serpent's words more convincing.*

*Adam had been standing nearby and saw the whole thing. He had been created before Eve and he knew more about God and His creation than she did. As the one created first, Adam was also the representative (head) of humankind. This is similar to the President of the United States representing the American people as their Federal head. Just as the President bears the responsibility of the entire nation, Adam bore the responsibility of humankind. His actions would decide the fate of the entire human race. Now, as he listened to the serpent tempting Eve and watched as she ate the forbidden fruit, he remained silent. The Bible says that Adam knew the serpent was lying to Eve, yet when Eve offered him the fruit, he took it and ate from it.*

*Adam wasn't deceived, but the woman, being deceived, has fallen into disobedience. (1 Timothy 2:14)*

*Eve was the first to fall into sin, but it was Adam, as the representative of humankind, who brought death to the entire human race by willfully choosing to disobey God.*

*It would require a Second Adam, Jesus Christ, to come to the rescue of humankind many thousands of years later.*

*For since death came by man, the resurrection of the dead also came by man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. (1Corinthians 15:21,22)*

*So one man's sin brought guilt to all people. In the same way, one right act made people right with God. That one right act gave life to people. So then as through one trespass, all men were condemned; even so through one act of righteousness, all men were justified to life. For as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one, many will be made righteous. (Romans 5:18-19)*

*After eating the forbidden fruit, both Adam and Eve knew something was different. Choosing to disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit did indeed bring knowledge to Adam and Eve, but it was not the wisdom of God that they had been hoping for. It was something entirely different. There was a change inside their souls that filled them with guilt and fear. They had gained knowledge of good and evil and it had brought condemnation and fear. Their minds became filled with wicked thoughts and ideas and they ran to cover themselves, sewing fig leaves to hide their nakedness from one another. They could not even look at one another without shame because their souls were now poisoned and they were destroyed spiritually. Before this, they had walked with God in the garden and enjoyed friendship with Him. Now they were afraid of God. They felt He would no longer love them because they were not innocent and pure anymore. The fig leaves did nothing to remove their guilt so they hid themselves in the bushes when they heard God walking in the garden.*

*Yahweh God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)*

*God knew exactly where Adam was hiding but He wanted Adam to confess to Him what he had done. Finally Adam realized that he could not escape God so he told Him that he had not answered because he was afraid and because he was naked. When God asked him if he had eaten the fruit of the forbidden tree, Adam immediately tried to put the blame on Eve. "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."*

*Already sin had distorted Adam's heart so that the love he once felt for Eve was now gone. He was only concerned about protecting himself and he was willing to place all blame on Eve. And in an indirect way He was even blaming God for making the woman in the first place. His cowardice and blame shifting indicated he had indeed died spiritually.*

*Yahweh God said to the woman, "What have you done?"*

*Eve was terribly frightened, and like Adam, she looked frantically for someone to blame. She pointed to the serpent and said: "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

*God told Eve that because of her sin, her life was ruined. I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, He said. In pain you will bear children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.*

*To Adam, God said: Because you have listened to your wife's voice, and eaten from the tree, about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' the ground is cursed for your sake. You will eat from it with much labor all the days of your life.*



*It will yield thorns and thistles to you; and you will eat the herb of the field. By the sweat of your face will you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return. (Genesis 3)*

*To the serpent God said: Because you have done this, you are cursed above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. You shall go on your belly and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.*



*These curses were to follow every human being who came after Adam and Eve. Women would suffer the pains of childbirth and be under the rule and domination of men as weaker partners. Men would be forced to do exhausting labor as they tried to make a living, only to die and return to dust in the end.*

*After being cursed, Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden. 'So he drove out the man; and he placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life'. (Genesis 3:24) God did this so that Adam and Eve would not be able to eat of the tree that gave eternal life. This showed that because of sin, no human being would ever be able to have an eternal relationship with God. Spiritual death disqualified each and every sinner from living with God.*

*However, hope rested in the curse God made upon the serpent. This curse was spiritual and not merely about people and snakes not getting along together in the natural. It involved a continual battle between Satan and the woman and her offspring (humankind), but her Child would one day crush the serpent's head. The Child, born of a woman, who would one day destroy Satan. That Child was the Lord Jesus Christ who would come to earth to provide redemption for mankind. Already God was making a promise to send a Savior, but this promise was a shadow - a hidden mystery - that would be fulfilled many thousands of years later.*

*God is all knowing so one might wonder why God permitted Satan to enter the garden in the first place. Surely God knew that Satan would try to tempt Adam and Eve to sin. He knew they would disobey and die spiritually. Because God is holy and perfectly righteous (good) and cannot live with what is unholy and wicked, He also knew He would have to send them away. So why did He allow His human creation to make a decision that would separate them from the God who loved them and wanted to have a relationship with them? The answer is that God could not do otherwise. If God wanted a true love relationship with Adam and Eve, it was absolutely necessary that they be given the right to choose to obey Him or not. Without choice they would have been without personality, individuality, or freedom. They would have resembled robots that can only function as programmed, unable to feel or express love.*

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