

# The Beginning

## LESSON #2

### Introduction:

The book of Genesis (written by Moses) takes us from paradise to prison, paradise in the garden of Eden and Prison in Egypt. However, the beginning itself with God creating this world and everything we see, hear, touch, and feel even ourselves brings us to the first important step in a framework study which is to understand the concept of types and anti-types (a.k.a. Shadows). Hebrews 10:1 says “The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming - not the realities themselves...” (NIV). Picture yourself mowing the grass and you see the shadow of an airplane sweep over your lawn and a few minutes later you see the actual plane come into sight. With the shadow, real as they are, much can be learned but exactness can only be seen and understood in the reality itself.

Galatians 3:24 (NAS), says “Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ...” The capital “L” in Law refers to the Old Testament Law and the idea is that everything that happened in the old testament was a big classroom of sorts readying the student for an actual event.

So, with each study in the Old Testament there are two immediate questions you must ask. What can I see by putting myself in one of their shoes? And what should I see from this side of the cross?

### Lesson

#### I. God created all things. (Genesis chapters 1-2)

- First day... ....Light and darkness
- Second day... Expanse (firmament) of open sky
- Third day..... Dry ground and plants
- Fourth day.... Sun, moon, stars
- Fifth day..... Water creatures and birds
- Sixth day..... Living creatures and man
- Seventh..... Rest

#### II. Man and Woman

- Man and Woman created in God's image (Gen. 1:27) to be like him.
  - Man is the word mankind and includes male and female
- Man and woman created as equals
  - Gal. 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- Different roles and expectations given.

### III. Placed in the Garden of Eden. (Garden meaning Paradise)

- Life (2:5,7)
- Tree of life (2:9; 3:25)
- A dwelling place (2:8)
- Beauty to see (2:9)
- Food (2:9,16; Acts 14:17)
- Work (2:15)
- Rules (2:17)
- Companionship (2:18-25)
- Walk with God
- \*IS THIS A SHADOW?

### IV. Choose to Sin (Genesis 3:4-6)

- Sin separated them from God (Isaiah 59:1-2)
  - Sin entered world Romans 5:12
- God is perfect and can't look on sin Hab. 1:13 & 1John 1:5
  - Kicked out of Paradise (Genesis 3:16-17)
- Law of sin and death ushered in (Eze. 18:20)

### V. Promise of Redemption Genesis 3:15

- Serpent (Satan) will be crushed by woman's seed.

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### Genesis 3:15 – The first prophecy of the Messiah

- a. There will be *enmity* between the serpent and the woman.
- b. There will be *enmity* between the offspring of the woman and the offspring (“seed”) of the serpent.
- c. The offspring of the woman will *crush the head* of the serpent.
- d. The serpent will *crush the heel* of the woman’s offspring.

The offspring of the woman is a single individual (“he”) who will destroy the serpent and the effects of all the serpent’s deeds. The woman’s “seed” will destroy guilt and fear and pain and death and decay. Christ does all these things!

The *serpent* in the prophecy was Satan, the devil. Satan inflicted great pain upon Christ, such as crushing his heel. But Satan could not bruise Christ with a fatal blow.

The *woman’s offspring* (or *seed*) is Christ Jesus (Gal. 4:4; Matt. 1:18). He crushed the serpent’s head when he died on the cross for mankind, and then rose again.

The *offspring of the serpent* seems to be a title for all sinners collectively (John 8:44). They have enmity toward Christ. They even crucified Him.

The *woman* in the prophecy perhaps represents the human race, born from the woman. Satan has a great hatred for the human race that God created, and tries to destroy all of us by tempting us to sin.

This prophecy was man’s only promise of hope for nearly two thousand years. In the symbolism of this verse all the wonderful things that Christ has accomplished for us were summarized, though in a veiled form.

**THEME OF ENTIRE BIBLE IS GOD AND MAN BEING REUNITED**