

CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

Chapter: 3

Chapter Title: The Fall

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2. Observation		3. Interpretation	
What Does It Say?		What Does It Mean?	
Verse		Verse	
1	The serpent was cunning, sly, and up to no good.	1	One of the most chilling verses in the entire Bible.
2-6	Woman gave into temptation. Man followed.	6	The serpent caused just the smallest doubt about God's goodness. That doubt led to generations of sin. Is this not how sin starts in my life? Weren't Man and Woman created in the "image of God?" Weren't they already like him? What was it in them, and in me, that causes me to want to BE God and not just be in His image? Interesting note – the Hebrew for "you" in this passage is plural.
7-8	They were ashamed and tried to hide their shame through their own efforts.	7-8	Guilt and shame are two of the primary tools of the devil.
9-11	Man and Woman hid themselves from God because of their guilt and shame.	9-11	My first reaction when I sin is to feel them and then try to hide from God. I can never hide from God. His question to man is not because He does not already know – it's to get man to identify and admit his transgression. Interesting note – When God calls to the man the Hebrew for "you" is singular.
12-13	The blame game starts. Man blames both the Woman AND God. Woman blames the serpent.	12-13	Is not self-preservation our first instinct after sin? The phrase "The Devil made me do it." is so convenient and readily on my lips. If not the devil then someone else that makes an unwitting target. Even owning up immediately can be used to cover up my sinfulness. So few people admit they are wrong that when one does everyone else is amazed. So amazed that they never come back to see if you truly repented or are repeating the same sin out of their sight.

14-15	The serpent is cursed.	14-15	He is cursed to be considered the lowest of the low. If verse 1 is one of the most chilling in the Bible, verse 15 is one of the most promising. God does not tell us when but he does tell us that a descendant of the Woman will crush the serpent once and for all.
16	The woman is cursed.	16	While not as severe a curse as the serpent's it directly affects a precious gift only the woman has – the ability to birth a new life into the world. She will now be in competition with her husband over the leadership of the family.
17-19	The man (now Adam) is cursed indirectly.	17-19	What was meant to be a joy and a pleasure is now toil and unceasing labor. Instead of working in harmony with creation as God's steward, creation now is in opposition to Adam. Eternal life in Eden was offered to Adam, now he will live a finite life in a harsh and unforgiving world.
20	Adam names his wife Eve, "the mother of all living."	20	Eve's name is ironic given death has now entered the world.
21	God clothed them in the skins of animals.	21	Adam and Eve could not hide their sin with fig leaves and their own efforts. Only God can cover and forgive sin. By clothing them in the skin of animals substitutionary atonement is foreshadowed.
22-24	God realized that sinful man still has access to eternal life.	22-24	For sinful man to have eternal life would totally negate and destroy God's purpose in creation. You have to wonder if the serpent didn't have this in mind. Notice how God's thought is not completed, as if it is too horrible for even God to voice. In any case, Adam and Eve are driven away from the Garden to die in the cursed Creation.
			Personal thought – I wonder if Adam and Eve had owned up to their sin if the consequences would have been as severe. They still would have to leave the garden, obviously.

4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
1	Matthew 10:16 2 Corinthians 11:3 Revelation 12:9 Revelation 20:2	
5-6	Isaiah 14:12-15 Jeremiah 44:15,19,24 Ezekiel 28:2 Hosea 6:7 Romans 5:12-19 I Timothy 2:12-15 – further study James 1:14-15 1 John 2:16	
7-8	Deuteronomy 23:14 Job 34:22-23 Psalm 139:1-12 Isaiah 29:15, 47:3 Jeremiah 16:17, 23:23-24 Amos 9:3 Revelation 6:15-17	
12-13	Proverbs 28:13 2 Corinthians 11:3 1 Timothy 2:14	
14	Deuteronomy 28:15-20 Isaiah 49:23, 65:25 Micah 7:17	
15	Isaiah 7:14, 9:2-7 Matthew 1:18, 23, 25 Luke 1:31, 34-35 Romans 16:20 Galatians 4:4 Hebrews 2:14 1 John 3:8 Revelation 12:7, 9, 17; 20:1-3, 10	
16	Genesis 4:7 John 16:21 1 Corinthians 11:3 Ephesians 5:22-24 Colossians 3:18 Titus 2:5	

6. Conclusions

7. One Personal Application