

Genesis

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Part 1:

Genesis 1, 2	Creation
Genesis 3	Fall of Man
Genesis 4	Cain & Abel
Genesis 5	Genealogy of Noah
Genesis 6-9	Flood of Noah
Genesis 10-11	Tower of Babel

Part 2:

Genesis 12-20	Abraham
Genesis 21-26	Isaac
Genesis 27-36	Jacob
Genesis 37-50	Joseph

Gen 3:1 Step 1: Introduce Doubt

1] Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Not an allegory or fable...

Nachash: Hebrew root: “hiss,” “mutter,” “whisper,”
“enchanter.”

Chaldean root: “bright,” “brass,” “copper.”

Aruwm: “Full of wisdom” (*Ezek 28:12*);
“prudent” (*Prov 1:4; 8:12; 12:23; 14:8*).

“Beast”: *chay*: “living being”: cf. *zoa*, *Rev 4*...

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Gen 3:2-5 Step 2: Denial

2] And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3] But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Error: modifying, amending what God said...

4] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5] For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Step 2: Deny the truth...

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Gen 3:6 Step 3: Rationalization

6] And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

“...pleasant”: Hebrew; “a desire.”

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Genesis 3 The Seed Plot of the Bible

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. Romans 5:14

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:22-32

Marriage Instituted

Christ based His teaching on this passage

Mat 19:3-9; Mk 10:2-12

quoted *Gen 1:27; 2:23,24*

- one wife *Mat 19:8*
- heterosexual, permanent *Mt 19:4-6*
- male as the head *1 Cor 11:8,9; 1 Tim 2:13*

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Bases of Marriage

- Biological Basis (procreation, etc.)
- Psychological Basis (young man's mistress;
middle age's companion;
old man's nurse...)
- Sociological Basis
(basic molecule of the family, tribe, nation...)
- Spiritual/Supernatural Basis
(communicates the most intimate truths
of God's relationship...)

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Prophetic Aspects of Marriage

- Akedah (*Gen 22*)
 - Isaac and Rebecca (*Gen 24*)
- Ruth & Boaz (*Ruth*)
 - Kinsman-Redeemer (*Goel*)
 - Redemption of the Land
 - Gentile Bride
- YHWH and Israel (*Hosea*)
- Church: Bride
 - (*Isa 62:5; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 21:2; 22:17*)

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“Gentile Brides”

Adam	Eve
Isaac	Rebekah
Joseph	Asenath
Moses	Zipporah
Salmon	Rahab
Boaz	Ruth
Jesus	‘The Church’

Challenge:

Find where in the Bible, the deaths of the “Gentile Brides” are recorded.

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Adam as a “Type” of Christ

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 1 Timothy 2:14

[How we might have handled it...]

- “Son of God” (*Luke 4:38*)
- Adam was not deceived (*1 Tim 2:14*)
- “Figure of Him...to come” (*Rom 5:14*)
 - Means of salvation to Eve
 - “Made sin” for her (*2 Cor 5:21*)
 - Kinsman required (*Rev 5*)
- Church = “Bride” (*Isa 62:5; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 21:2; 22:17*)

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Genesis 3:7-8 The Seed Plot of the Bible

7] And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8] And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

“...naked”: uncovered; exposed; revealed

“...cool”: Heb. Ruach: wind or spirit.

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Gen 3:9-10 God Always Does the Seeking

9] *And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

10] *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

“Where art thou?”

Not the challenge of an arresting officer, but the cry of a heartbroken father...

The tragedy of sin is that it always separates us from God.

- Adam
- Abraham, the idolater...
- Jacob at Bethel, fleeing...
- Moses, the fugitive in Midian...

“Ye have not chosen me, I have chosen you” (John 15:16)

The Shepherd always seeks the sheep.

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Gen 3:11-15 The Seed Plot of the Bible

11] *And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

12] *And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

13] *And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

14] *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

15] *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

God's declaration of war (to the enemy) and promise of victory (*Rom 5:18,19*).

Notice *two* seeds (Cf. *John 8*).

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:18-19

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When did “Israel” Begin?

- As the “Seed of a Woman” (*Gen 3:15*)
 - From the Call of Abraham (*Gen 12*)
 - Through the Tribe of Judah (*Gen 49*)
 - Birth as a Nation (*Ex 4*)
 - The Dynasty of David (*1 Sam 7*)
 - The Virgin Birth (*Isa 7:14*)

Summary (*Rev 12*)

[Answers are always at the end of the book]

From a concept...

a Kinsman of Adam, the Seed of the Woman...to a babe in Bethlehem that would ultimately rule in Jerusalem...

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Revelation 12

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:1-10

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Seeds of Battle → The battle of the Seeds

The Battle of the Seeds

- “Human Race?” (Cain & Abel; *Gen 4*);
- Fallen angels corrupt mankind (*Gen 6*).
- Of Abraham’s descendants?
- Of David’s Of Dynasty?

The Stratagems of Satan

- Corruption of Adam’s line (*Gen 6*)
- Abraham’s seed (*Gen 12, 20*)
- Famine (*Gen 50*)
- Destruction of male line (*Ex 1*)
- Pharaoh’s pursuit (*Ex 14*)
- The populating of Canaan (*Gen 12:6*)
- Against David’s line (*2 Sam 7*) ...

Attacks on David’s Line

- Jehoram kills his brothers (*2 Chr 21*)
- Arabians slew all (but Ahazariah)
- Athaliah kills all (but Joash) (*2 Chr 22*)
- Hezekiah assaulted, etc. (*Isa 36, 38*)
- Haman’s attempts (*Est 3*)

New Testament Stratagems

- Joseph’s fears (*Mt 1; Deut 24:1*)
- Herod’s attempts (*Mt 2*)
- Attempts at Nazareth (*Lk 4*)
- Two storms on the Sea (*Mk 4; Lk 8*)
- The Cross: “Bruised for our iniquities” (*Isa 53*)
- Summary (*Rev 12*) ...and he’s not through...

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Gen 3:16-18 Thorns and Thistles

16] Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17] And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18] Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

A crown of thorns would ultimately bring redemption...

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Bearing the Curse

19] In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

- Ground cursed Made a curse *Gal 3:13*
- Man: eat sorrow Man of Sorrows *Isa 53:3*
- Thorns & Thistles Crown of Thorns *Jn 18:8*
- Sweat of brow Sweat as blood *Lk 22:44*
- Dust to return Dust of death *Ps 22:15*
- Sword barred Awake O Sword *Zech 13:7*
- Man to die “Why has thou forsaken me?”
Ps 22:1; Mt 27:26

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20] And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21] Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Only by innocent blood would they be covered (*Lev 17:11*).

Genesis 4 confirms the requirement of an offering by faith in the sacrifice of another rather than by man's works...

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Fig Leaves

Examples of potential “fig leaves” in our lives.

What do we ‘cover’ ourselves with?

church-going; religious exercises; ordinances,
rules; philanthropy; altruism; and, personal efforts.

Two Trees

- Cross/“tree of life” *Acts 5:30; 1 Pet 2:24*
- Both in a Garden *Jn 19:41*
- Curse linked to tree *Gal 3:13, 17*
- Baker hanged *Gen 40:19*
- Haman hanged *Est 3:23*

Contrasts

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|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Planted by God | <i>Gen 2:9</i> | Planted by man | <i>Mt 27:35</i> |
| • Pleasant to eyes | <i>Gen 3:6</i> | No beauty.. | <i>Isa 53</i> |
| • Forbidden | | Commanded to eat | |
| • Satan enticed | | Satan prevents | |
| • Brought Sin and death | | Life and Salvation | <i>Jn 6:53, 54</i> |
| • Turned out of Paradise | | Enters Paradise | |

Gen 3:22-24 Post the Guard

22] And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23] Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24] So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Why does this require a Super-Angel?

Ordinary angels would seem to be sufficient to guard the Way to the Tree of Life!

Cherubim principle:

They were guardians of God’s glory and majesty (*Ex 9, 10:1-22; Isa 6; Rev 4:6-8; Ps 18:10; 81:1; 99:1; et al.*).

Satan was the “anointed Cherub”... *Ezek 28:14...*

“The Way...” (*Acts 9:2; 16:17; 18:25, 26; 19:9 et al.*)

Flashback → Genesis 2:1-3

[1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. [3] And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Rabbinical View

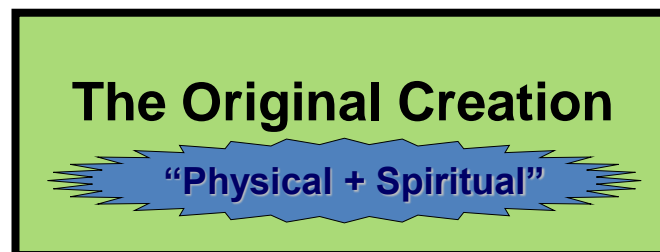
“... the Creator caused a repose to encompass the universe...”

Maimonides, The guide for the Perplexed, Part 1, Chapter 67

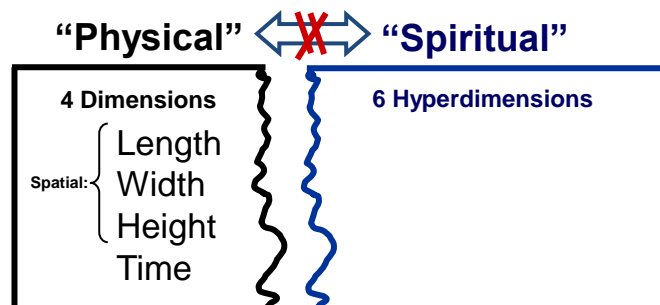
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The 10 Dimensional Universe



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Dimensions of “Reality”

- **Nachmonides, (12th Century)**
 - 10 dimensions
 - only 4 are “knowable”
- **Particle Physicists (20th Century)**
 - 10 dimensions
 - 4 directly measurable: (3 spatial + time);
 - 6 “curled” into less than 10^{-33} cm, and thus are inferable only by indirect means

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Ephesians 3:17-19

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

*18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the **breadth, and length, and depth, and highth.***

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God.

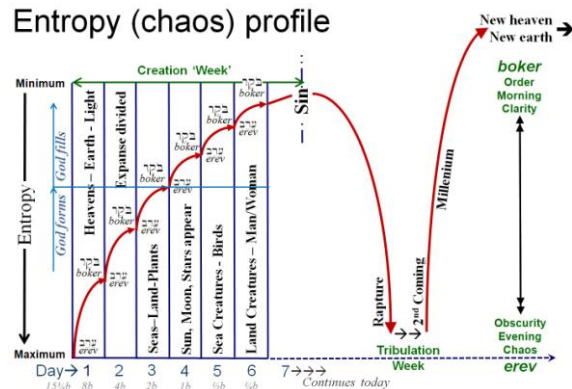
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Effects of the Fall?

- Entropy (the “Bondage of Decay”) introduced?
- Universe “fractured?” Separation of the 4 & 6 dimensions?
Separation of the “spiritual” and “physical”?
- Redemption involves more than Man alone: “
...a New Heavens and a New Earth.”



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Thermodynamics

The study (and the laws) of thermodynamics was developed to describe the operation of the steam engine [thermo (heat) - dynamics (power)] dates back to the 19th century.

Thermodynamics is based on three main laws.

While they can be described using math, like many – if not most – scientific laws, they can't be proven mathematically; But then, neither have they every been proven wrong in physical nature.

The laws of thermodynamics are universal for everything in the physical, Newtonian world of time and space in which we live.

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The first law of thermodynamics

The conservation of Matter and Energy

“The total amount of energy in the universe
does not change.”

When energy disappears in one form,
it appears in another form at that same moment
Sometimes as another form of energy, Sometimes as matter.
What ever Mass or Energy exists in the Universe, it is constant.
It is the form in which it exists and
how we choose to use it that changes.

You cannot end up with more than you started with.

You cannot gain...

THE CREATOR RESTED... *Gen 2:1-3*

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The conservation of Matter and Energy

- And on the seventh day God **ended** His work
Gen 2:2-3
- The works were **finished** from the foundation of
the world
Heb 4:3-4
- All things that are therein ... you **preserve** them
Neh 9:6

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The second law of thermodynamics

The amount of energy a system puts out cannot be greater than or even equal to the amount of energy put into the system.

No system is perfect. Something is always lost in the process. If I want to keep something going or even just keep it stable, I need to keep replacing the converted energy that the system is continually losing.

You cannot get something for nothing. No change is free.

“Entropy is!” → The bondage of decay

Entropy: a measure of the amount of energy which is unavailable to do work.

Entropy: a measure of the disorder of a system.

Since Adam “subjected creation to vanity” (*Rom 8:20-22*), creation has been crumbling into disorder.

“Entropy” → The bondage of decay

- They shall perish ... grow old as a garment ...
Psalm 102:25-26
- The earth will grow old like a garment ...
Isa 51:6
- Heaven and earth will pass away ...
Matt 24:35

Entropy repealed

Rom 8:21 “Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

Rev 22:3 “And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him”

No more curse; No more night; No more sin;
No more death; Nothing lost

The “second law” of thermodynamics will be repealed...

Decay will cease,
information will never be confused,
ordered systems will not deteriorate, etc.

Nothing will ever defile the city.

Judgment / punishment will not be necessary.

GOD WILL RESTORE ORDER AND STOP THE CURSE CAUSED BY SIN

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

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The third law of thermodynamics

The third law of thermodynamics states that all things – left to themselves - will become less and less organized.

Left to themselves, without the input of energy from another source every system or process will decay and descend toward disorder and increase in ‘ENTROPY’.

Unless you somehow stop everything – cease all kinetic activity (which you cannot do), not only will things not get better or improve on their own but Law #2 takes over and they will move toward chaos and disorder.

You’ve got to constantly be involved and attempt to control things.

You cannot get out of the game. We can’t save ourselves or creation...Man no longer has “rule and dominion” so he can’t “subdue” ...

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Thermodynamic Laws Summed

So, here they are...

You can't stop chaos unless you control it (Law 3).

To control it you have to add energy / work toward it (Law 2)

Which means you have to give up something else (Law 1).

LEFT TO ITSELF (YOURSELF) -

1. **You can't gain.** You can't end up with more than you started with...
2. **You can't break even.** You'll always lose something in the process...
3. **You can't get out of the game.** If you don't keep adding to it, monitor it and control it, you and it will descend toward chaos, randomness and disorder.

And, in the absence of some external intervention or influence, nothing can be done about it.

Heb 1:1-3 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 **Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

What's It All About ???

- The OT is an account of a Nation.
- The NT is the account of a Man.
- The Creator became a Man.
His appearance is the Central Event of all history.
- He died to purchase us and is alive now.
- The highest privilege is to know Him.

That's what the Bible is all about.

The Scarlet Thread of the Gospel Begins

- From the Seed of the Woman *Gen 3*
- The Call of Abraham *Gen 12*
- The Tribe of Judah *Gen 49*
- The Dynasty of David *2 Sam 7*
- The Virgin Birth in Bethlehem *Isa 7*
- To another tree ...in another garden

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Questions: “Where two people agree, one is redundant.”

- 1) What does Matthew 19 & Genesis 3 teach about the nature and characteristics of marriage?
- 2) What was Satan’s stratagems in getting Mr. & Mrs. Man to fall?
- 3) In what ways was Adam a prefiguring (“type”) of Christ?
- 4) What are four basic aspects of the marriage union and describe the significant features of each.
- 5) Describe four examples in which the marriage union is used *prophetically*.
- 6) Review the major stratagems of Satan against the “Seed of the Woman” in Biblical history. How are they relevant to events of today?
- 7) Why are the entropy laws apparently linked to the curse in Genesis 3?
- 8) In what ways is the marriage union a theological model of eternal truths?
- 9) Discuss examples where “God always does the seeking”: In the Bible? In your personal lives?
- 10) When did Israel begin? How does this affect the geopolitical and sociological horizons today?
- 11) Give examples of “fig leaves” of man’s religious efforts today.
- 12) Why does God allow Satan to continue?

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Research Projects

- 1) Compile examples where the marriage union is used in the Bible to convey theological or prophetic insights.
- 2) Trace the apparent linkages of serpents in history and literature with evil, Satan, etc.
- 3) Compile examples of scientific discoveries that are consistent with Genesis 3.