

BIBLE CREATION STORY (PART 2)

GENESIS 2-3:

Garden of Eden

- Adam placed into garden and told about not eating of the...

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

- "...for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (2:17)

Tree of Life

- In Eden, but initially, no stated prohibition at this juncture

Animal names

- Adam names cattle, birds, every beast of the field. (2:19-20)

Eve

- Created from Adam's rib; removed while he was in a deep sleep. (2:18, 21-23)

Marriage covenant created (2:24)

Nakedness still not a problem (2:25)

Serpent (Satan)

- "...more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made." (3:1)

Deception

- "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die." (3:3)
- "You will not surely die." (3:4)

Sin

- Eve visually inspects tree and fruit; looks good and would make them wise
- Eve eats fruit; Adam is with her and eats also (3:6)

Transformation

- Eyes opened
- Realization of nakedness; sewed fig leaves to make covering (3:7)

God's Questions

- "Where are you?"
- "Who told you that you were naked?" (3:11)
- "Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat of?" (3:11)

Blame game

- Adam blames Eve (3:12)
- Eve blames serpent (3:13)

Curses and punishments

- Serpent cursed (3:14-15)
- Women burdened (3:16)
- Mankind burdened by weeds and much effort in sowing and reaping (3:17-18)
- Promise of death (3:19)

Eve named

- mother of all living (3:20)

Clothing

- Animal skins used by God to make clothing (3:21)

Knowledge of good and evil

- "...man has become like Us..." (3:22)

Banishment from Eden

- Posting of cherubim at east entrance of Eden (3:24)
- Flaming sword guards Tree of Life (3:24)

◆ **Why would God put the tree (knowledge of good and evil) and its implications into Eden?**

◆ **Why didn't God want man to live forever?**

◆ **What happened to Eden?**

◆ **Does Genesis accurately describe much of the human condition?**

◆ **How much of the story can be treated historically? Scientifically?**