

## GENESIS 3: FALL



**3 broken strands of DNA (Genes, for Genesis) are damaged by the Fall into sin.**

+ Satan attempts to get humans to doubt God, either by doubting his existence (not an option in the case of Adam and Eve, as they had first-hand experience of Him) or doubting what He has said. The Devil's words are so poisonous that even though the first humans heard God directly instruct them they were still caused to doubt by the Tempter. We cannot defeat Satan using our own strength.

+ Among the false teachings of Mormonism is the idea that the Fall into sin was a good thing; that Adam chose to become sinful to rescue his wife, Eve. In their temple ceremonies Mormons who marry (some go through the ritual repeatedly in proxy for others) see an enactment that portrays the Fall as the first step toward humanity's salvation, a process that they believe ends in deification. Mormonism teaches that mankind can become gods, an extension of the deception which Satan offered Adam and Eve.

+ After they willfully disobeyed God, Adam and Eve had sewn fig leaves together to make crude clothes - a temporary solution to a permanent problem! As usual, God had a more permanent solution, to clothe them using animal skins. Note that animals are

expendable and are not made in the Image of God, as are humans. God does not redeem animals, but only humans. Neo-Darwinism attacks the core of Christianity by assaulting the teaching that man is made in the image of God, suggesting instead that humans are descended from animals.

+ Note well, animals are not of the same “family” as humans; never were, never will be. We did not morph from animals into humans no matter how much Neo Darwinists blather on about it. There is no promise of eternal reward in Scriptures for animals. One can see how warped the world is becoming when the pet industry in North America measures in the *billions of dollars* how much is spent on Fifi or Fido. Since the early 2000’s we are seeing corporations cutting human health care while expanding health insurance policies for pets! Many people spend more on pet health care than for themselves!

+ You will see that often disregard for human life is coupled with extreme regard for animal rights; these people will kill a child in the womb but would protest against a particular species of animal being mistreated, much less slaughtered. It is a sure sign of a warped worldview when abortion of children is not only tolerated but also fought for, yet protests are held for animals’ habitats where they are known to reproduce.

+ On a visit to Israel our tour group overlooked Jerusalem from the region of Bethphage, a smallish community on the way to Bethany. We were standing on a hillside only footsteps from the Garden of Gethsemane. We viewed the Kidron Valley sloping down beneath us, and on the opposite ridge the Eastern gate of Jerusalem called the Golden Gate. Just beyond it is the Old City of Jerusalem and the ancient site of the temple mount, where Solomon’s Temple once stood.

Just below us on the hillside was a Jewish cemetery, which was devoid of plant life. The sterile hillside was populated by stone sarcophaguses, and on many a rock could be seen placed atop in lieu of flowers. One never appreciates plants so much as when they are nowhere to be seen! Why the barrenness in a place one might expect to find serenity? Eden, mankind’s original home, was a park, a garden of delight. Our sin, which brings death, wrecked it all and led to banishment from the garden. Jewish cemeteries devoid of life remind us of the need for reinstatement to the Garden. We sinners wander this world apart from God’s physical presence, and we aren’t going to get back Home on our own!