

1. Foundations In Genesis (part 1)

General Introduction

PPT>>> Welcome to the Bible Panorama!

PPT>>> In this series we will consider the macro, not micro, view of the Bible, the Big Picture. The idea is to help you understand what the Bible is all about and how it all fits together. We'll also explain how to apply its various parts to your life, especially as relates to Jesus.

PPT>>> The Bible is ultimately about Jesus.

PPT>>> The Bible is the written Word of God; Jesus is the living Word of God.

ESV **John 1:14** the Word became flesh and dwelt among us ...

We must go beyond the words on the pages of the Bible to actually know Jesus Himself, a real, living, divine Person. If you miss Jesus, you've missed everything:

PPT>>> ESV **Luke 24:27-32** ... beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself ... They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

PPT>>> **Example:** Can you imagine an engaged couple who are apart, the man is off at war, but every day he writes love letters to his fiancé. She treasures every letter, and pours over each line. Finally, though, he comes home, only to discover that his fiancé would rather keep and re-read his letters, instead of spending time with the man himself? Crazy!

PPT>>> ESV **John 5:39-40** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life ... it is they that bear witness about me ... come to me that you may have life.

PPT>>> Someone once said that God's word must not be petrified in a dead letter. If you miss Jesus, then ultimately the Bible will, for you, be only a dead letter.

Now, with that perspective in mind, let's begin our course: The Bible Panorama!

Overview of Bible: OT, 3 sections: history, poetry, prophecy; 17, 5, 17. 5/12, 5, 5/12.

We'll begin the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis.

Foundation in Genesis

PPT>>> **Genesis:** The first book of the Bible is Genesis. Genesis is the Latin word for “beginning.” It is so named because the first word in Hebrew is the word “beginning” (*bereshith*). However, aside from this, Genesis truly is a whole book of beginnings. It tells of things like the beginning of the world, of man, of marriage, of sin, of clothing, of babies, of murder, of cities, and of the first promise about the coming of Jesus.

Foundations in Genesis: Genesis also presents us with a number of foundational truths—truths about God, man, sin, Satan, and salvation.

PPT>>> The book of Genesis has 50 chapters. How many chapters does it have? 50.

PPT>>> The book of Genesis has two main sections: Chapters 1 - 11 and 12 - 50.

How many chapters does it have? 50.

How many sections? Two: Chapters 1 through ____ and chapters 12 through ____ .

PPT>>> In the first section are 4 key events.

PPT>>> In the second section are 4 key people.

How many chapters? How many sections? Chapters 1 - ? & chapters 12 - ?

In the 1st section are 4 key ? , and in the 2nd section are 4 key ?.

PPT>>> The 4 key **events** are: Creation of World, Fall of Man, Worldwide Flood, Tower of Babel (Nations). (Review).

PPT>>> The 4 key **people** are: Abraham, and his son Isaac, and his son Jacob and his son Joseph.

PPT>>> What are the 4 key events? Who are the 4 key people?

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1. Genesis & God (Theology Proper)

PPT>>> **ESV Genesis 1:1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

PPT>>> **Existence of God:** Moses wrote, “In the beginning, God.” When the beginning began, God was already there. **And what did God do?** He created the heavens and the earth. Our existence, and the existence of the universe around us, makes God’s existence self-evident:

PPT>>>ESV **Romans 1:19ff** ... what can be known about God is plain to them [people], because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

Application: As our Creator, God has authority over us. We are obligated to Him.

PPT>>>ESV **Romans 9:20b-21** Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay ...?

He has the right to our worship and total allegiance. Here is what the world is coming to:

PPT>>>ESV **Philippians 2:10-11** ... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PPT>>>**Perspective:** It is important to keep questions of origin in perspective. The theory of evolution was devised by ungodly men whose aim was to destroy Christianity. It was invented to remove God from our lives. It offers a natural explanation for the origin of the universe.

PPT>>>ESV **Psalms 14:1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

In Hebrew thinking, a fool was someone who is morally perverse and who rejected wisdom. It had nothing to do with intellectual ability. “There is no God” does not reflect a belief in atheism, but rather the idea that we don’t need God, that we are not accountable to God for our actions.¹

PPT>>>**Application:** Don’t get too hung up in debating unbelievers on how God created the universe. The devil is in the details; it is a distraction, a smoke screen.

PPT>>>**Intelligent Design:** The clear, unmistakable point is that, however He did it, Jehovah God made the world around us. For right now, don’t get too hung up on creation versus evolution. The clear message here concerning the origin of the universe is one of intelligent design.

PPT>>>The ultimate question that really matters concerns the resurrection: *Did Jesus come back to life and walk out of that tomb?*

PPT>>>ESV **1 Corinthians 15:17** ... if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

PPT>>>ESV **1 Corinthians 15:20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead ...

Your salvation is not dependent on your beliefs about how God created the heavens and the earth. Your salvation is dependent on your beliefs about Jesus’ resurrection.

¹ Lane Dennis & Wayne Grudem, eds., *ESV Study Bible* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2008), 954.

PPT>>>ESV **Romans 10:9** ... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Introducing Jesus

What clear parallel do you notice between Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-4?

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

PPT>>>ESV **John 1:1ff** In the beginning was the Word ... All things were made through him ...

Moses said God created the heavens and the earth. The New Testament says the Word (Jesus) created all things. It was Jesus who created the universe. To paraphrase Moses:

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning, Jesus created the heavens and the earth.

What does this tell us about who Jesus is? Jesus is God.

PPT>>>**Christology:** If A = C, and if B = C, then A = B.

PPT>>>**Why would the New Testament describe Jesus as the “Word”?** It is partly because the Bible tells us simply and poetically that God “spoke” the universe into existence. For example:

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:3** God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:11** God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation ..."

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:20** God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures ..."

PPT>>>NIV **Psalm 33:6** By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

PPT>>>ESV **Hebrews 11:3** ... the universe was created by the word of God ...

PPT>>>ESV **Colossians 1:15-17** [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth ... all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Only One God (Monotheism)

Monotheism: The Hindu belief in many Gods is called polytheism. In contrast, the Bible reveals that there is only one God. This is called monotheism.

PPT>>>ESV **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

PPT>>>ESV **Isaiah 44:6b** I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

PPT>>>ESV **Isaiah 44:8b** Is there a God besides me? ... I know not any.

PPT>>>ESV **Isaiah 45:5** I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God ...

PPT>>>ESV **Isaiah 45:6** ... there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

PPT>>>ESV **Isaiah 45:21** ... there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

God is One Yet God is Three (Trinity, Tri-Unity)

Grammatical Mystery: The basic Hebrew word for God is *el*. However, “God” in Genesis 1:1, is from *elohim*, the plural form of *el*.

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning, God [*elohim*] created the heavens and the earth.

Literally translated, it would read, “gods.”

PPT>>>**Subject-Verb Agreement:** Yet, and all the verbs matching *elohim* are singular (you would expect them to be plural to have subject-verb agreement).

Example: God is good, versus, the gods are good. What you would have in Hebrew is “Gods is good.”

PPT>>>**Why would Moses use the plural form *elohim* rather than the singular *el*?**
Rhetorical.

PPT>>>It is because our one God exists in three persons.

PPT>>>ESV **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

PPT>>>**Example:** Jesus was God, and yet Jesus was also distinct from God:

We also see in the Bible Someone called the Spirit:

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:1-2** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth ... And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Then look at these unexpected plurals:

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:26** Then God (*elohim*, plural) said, "Let us make man in our image ..."

PPT>>>**Why are the plural pronouns “us” and “our” used with singular verbs?** *Rhetorical.*
It is clear from Scripture there is only one God (single verbs), yet He is plural.

PPT>>>Trinity: As Scripture progresses, we learn there is only one God, who exists in three persons who are co-equal and co-eternal: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. One being with three persons.

The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to the Christian faith. It is crucial for properly understanding what God is like, how he relates to us, and how we should relate to him.

“The doctrine of the Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stated differently, God is one in essence and three in person. These definitions express three crucial truths: (1) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, (2) each Person is fully God, (3) there is only one God.”²

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Someone once quipped about the Trinity, “Try to explain it and you’ll lose your mind. Deny it and you’ll lose your soul.”

2. Genesis & Man (Anthropology)

PPT>>>ESV Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image ..."

In what sense are we made in God’s image (1:26)? Moses did not explain it here. Since God is, in His essence, a spirit being, it cannot mean that we look like God physically.

PPT>>>ESV John 4:24 God is spirit ...

Leupold comments that it is a phrase “which aims to assert with emphasis the idea that man is to be closely patterned after his Maker”.³

PPT>>>From the context, at the very least it means that:

- 1.) Man is somehow distinct from the animals; man is not just a higher animal. Unlike animals, man has characteristics of God like reason, morality, language, creativity in music and art.
- 2.) Man is like God but man is not God; man is distinct from God.
- 3.) Man has the capacity to relate to God.
- 4.) Man has unique value and worth to God.

Applications:

PPT>>>ESV James 3:9-10 With it [the tongue] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and

² Matt Parman, “What is the doctrine of the Trinity”, DesiringGod.org. Accessed September 12, 2018.

³H.C. Leupold, *Exposition of Genesis*, Vol. 1, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1942), 89.

cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 9:6** Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Biblical Understanding of God: A skeptic once quipped, “The Bible says that man is created in God’s image, but the truth is that God has been created in man’s imagination.” The sad thing about this is that there is a lot of truth to it! Many people worship a made-up god of their own imagination. God has revealed himself to us in the Bible and in the Person of Jesus. We must be careful to worship God for who he really is.

PPT>>>******What can we learn about the equality of men and women from Genesis 1:27?**

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 1:27** God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Men and women are both created in God’s image. They are completely equal in worth.

PPT>>>ESV **Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Man & Sacred Work

What job did God give the man to do (Genesis 2:8, 15)?

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 2:15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Sacred Work: Before there ever was sin, there was work to do. Work is not the result of the curse. Work has been part of God’s design for man since creation. We talk about work as a “vocation”. In Latin, the vocative case means to address or to call; your vocation is your professional calling. God has called us to work.

PPT>>>ESV **Colossians 3:23-24** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

After sin, what the curse brought was hard, unfruitful, frustrating work, especially in agriculture:

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 3:17-19** ... cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you ... By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground ...

4. Genesis & Sin (Hamartiology)

******What amazing freedom did God give the man in 2:16-17?**

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

PPT>>>NAS **Romans 6:23** ... the wages of sin is death ...

PPT>>>**What type of death did God mean (2:17)?** *Compare 5:5.* God said he would die on the day he ate of it, and yet Adam did not die physically until almost a thousand years later (5:5). However, he did die spiritually that very day. The Hebrew literally reads, "dying, you shall die." There were thus actually two deaths: an immediate spiritual death that day, and then later physical death.

Application: This is still true today: sin causes death (spiritual and physical).

Apart from Christ we are born dead spiritually (spiritual still birth), and eventually we will also die physically. Happy for us, there is a merciful delay in execution. God allows us to live long enough physically to put our faith in Christ, and gain spiritual life. One day, we'll regain our physical life, too (at the resurrection when Christ returns)!

The man could eat from every tree in the garden—except one.⁴

Why was he not to eat from that one tree (2:17)? It grew poison apples and would kill him!

Insight: God's laws are fundamentally protective, not prohibitive. He restricts us for our own good.

Sin: Sin is the breaking of God's Law.

PPT>>>ESV **1 John 3:4** sin is lawlessness.

PPT>>>**John Piper:** "Sinning is any feeling or thought or speech or action that comes from a heart that does not treasure God over all other things."

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Sin & Satan

*****What new character came slithering into the garden (3:1)?**

⁴ **Why would God put such a deadly tree in the garden in the first place (2:16- 17)?** The man was no child. He was full grown and mature. The garden of Eden was not an escape from reality. It was the real thing. When the man was created, spiritual warfare was already going on, a deadly battle, between God and Satan. Giving Adam a choice of obedience versus disobedience was necessary part of God's battle plan.

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 3:1a** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

A crafty serpent (snake) came in. This was no ordinary snake.

Cosmic Evil: Before Genesis 1:1, before God created the heavens and the earth, there was a cosmic rebellion led by Satan (the Devil, Lucifer). God created Adam and Eve knowing full well that they would come under attack from the Evil One.

PPT>>>NIV **Revelation 12:9** The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

******What is “crafty” about the serpent’s question to the woman (3:1)?**

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"

Forbidden Fruit: This was exactly the opposite of what God actually said. God said they could eat “freely” from “any tree” except the one (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil). But it does call attention to the fact that there was one prohibition (the forbidden fruit).

ESV **Romans 7:7-8** ... if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead.

******Did the women correctly understand God’s instructions (3:2-3)?**

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 3:2-3** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

She basically answered correctly, though 1:16-17 mentioned nothing about not touching the tree.

Application: It is important that we know God’s Word well enough to know what God wants us to do.

Example: Every time Satan tempted Jesus with a perversion of Scripture taken out of context, Jesus answered with, “It is written” and then gave the full Scripture in context (Lk 4:1-13). Jesus combated Satan’s suggestions with the clear Word of God. Jesus constantly used Scripture to confute Satan. Jesus said, “It is written” to Satan three times. Eve quit quoting after the first attack!

Sadly, many Christians today do not really know what the Bible teaches. Whether about marriage, divorce, business, family or church matters, the typical believer is woefully unaware of many Bible basics.

******What did the crafty Serpent say to deceive Eve into disobeying (3:4-5)?**

PPT>>>ESV **Genesis 3:4-5** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

1) He flatly contradicted God and said she would not die if she ate of it.

ESV **John 8:44** ... he [the devil] is a liar and the father of lies.

2) He also told her it would actually be good to eat it since it would make her like God and give her wisdom.

PPT>>>According to the serpent, why did God want them to keep them from eating the fruit (3:5)? He claimed it was not because they would die, but rather because they would "be like God." He flatly contradicted God's Word and impugned God's character, suggesting that God was holding back something good from her.

PPT>>>Reality: Adam and Eve were already in the "likeness" of God, but in a different sense than Satan meant.

The sin was not in "knowing good and evil;" the sin was in how they obtained that knowledge. Eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil lead gave the knowledge of good and evil. But it did so in the wrong way. God's plan was for this knowledge to be attained, by not eating the fruit, but by obedience, by resisting the temptation to eat. Through obedience, they would have experienced good and conscientiously avoided evil. As it turned out, they instead avoided good and experienced evil. God intended for them to learn the difference between good and evil through obedience (not eating), rather than through disobedience (eating).⁵

Application: The New Testament warns of the doctrine of demons:

PPT>>> NAS **1 Timothy 4:1** But the Spirit explicitly says that ... some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.

PPT>>> ESV **1 Peter 5:8-9** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

⁵ Keil & Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament, Vol., 1*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, 1986), 66.

Sin & Temptation

What three factors combined to convince the woman to eat the fruit (3:6)?

PPT>>> ESV **Genesis 3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate ...

Satan appealed to her bodily desires (it is good for food), to her emotions (it was pleasing to the eye) and to her vanity (it would make her wise).

The truths in Genesis are seminal. They are timeless principles. Satan's methodology has not changed. He will try to trip us up the same way. Eve fell into the very trap that John warned of:

PPT>>> NAS **1 John 2:16-17** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

PPT>>> NAS **James 4:7** Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Truth: God will never tempt anyone to do evil:

PPT>>> ESV **James 1:13-15** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

PPT>>> ESV **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Sin & The Fall of Man

PPT>>> **Where was Adam while all this was going on?** The text does not say where Adam was. Perhaps he was elsewhere and she brought the fruit over to him. Worse yet, perhaps he was standing there the whole time, listening to and watching it all happen, and yet did nothing.

PPT>>> the text states that she gave it to her husband who was "with her", 3:6!

******What terrible, unbelievable thing did the man do in 3:6?**

PPT>>> ESV **Genesis 3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

He ate it too! This is a classic case of a man abdicating the throne of leadership. Not only did he not get involved with the discussion between the serpent and the woman, but he followed her in disobedience.

Why do you suppose Adam joined in with her disobedience? Perhaps he feared displeasing his wife more than he did his God. Perhaps he was so enamored with the woman that he was too accepting of her desires and suggestions.

PPT>>>Application: This episode in Eden illustrates the powerful influence a woman can have over her husband, for good or evil. Women have powerful pull with their husbands. Spurgeon said that while the man may be the head, the woman is the neck, turning the head whichever direction she wishes! Satan used the woman to get to the man. Satan tried to use Peter to get to Jesus ("get thee behind me, Satan"). Similarly, expect that if he can't influence you directly, Satan will try to influence you through those you love.

PPT>>> According to the woman's own testimony, why did she eat the fruit (3:13)?

PPT>>> ESV Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

She said she had been deceived by the serpent. The serpent's ability to deceive her is clearly one reason Moses described the serpent as "crafty."

PPT>>> What do you think: Whose sin is greater, the man's or the woman's? Why? The man's is greater. She was tricked, but he knew he was doing wrong. Theologically, the total blame for the fall goes on the man, Adam.

PPT>>> Federal Head: Theologically, Adam is known as our federal head. He represented us in the garden. At the very least, the idea is that if any of us were given the same opportunity Adam had, the end result would be the same. According to the Bible, we all sinned in Adam. We were there with him, inside of Adam (loins), when he sinned. His sin is imputed to us.

PPT>>> ESV Romans 5:12-19 ... sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned ... many died through one man's trespass ... judgment following one trespass brought condemnation ... because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man ... one trespass led to condemnation for all men ... by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners ...

Not only that, but Adam caused us all to be born with a predisposition toward sin. We are not neutral! We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. I could bark, but that doesn't make me a dog; a dog barks because he is a dog. So too, we sin because we are sinners.

Lest this seems unfair, remember that whatever operative force condemns us in Adam also justifies us in Christ. It is a seesaw effect.

PPT>>> NAS 1 Corinthians 15:22 ... as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive

PPT>>> **ESV Romans 5:14-19** Adam ... was a type of the one who was to come ... as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Genesis & Salvation

******What promise did God make concerning the serpent's ultimate defeat (3:15)?**

PPT>>> **ESV Genesis 3:14-15** The LORD God said to the serpent, "... I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

God promised that one of the woman's "offspring" would bruise the serpent on the head. That this offspring will be a male descendant is indicated by the pronoun "he." This is, of course, a reference to Jesus!

PPT>>> **What does it mean to "bruise" a snake on its head?** It describes the way the serpent will be killed and clearly alludes to Satan's defeat by someone who will be a descendant of Eve.⁶ This is the first promise by God of a Savior who will come and defeat Satan.

PPT>>> **What did it mean for the snake to "bruise" the man on his heel (3:15)?** Its exact meaning is unclear. No doubt it means that the serpent will in some way inflict a wound on this man, and this was at least partially fulfilled in Calvary.⁷ The man will win the war, but will be wounded in the conflict.

Summary

PPT>>> **In this study we learned about God (Creator, one yet three), man (made in image of God, but marred by sin), sin (breaking God's laws, led by Satan) and salvation (Satan's defeat is sure).**

ESV Hebrews 2:14-15 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil ...

Extra Material: Some teach that Adam and Eve were not literal people, but were instead mythological symbols of mankind and womankind. How does such a view square with Scripture? Romans 5 clearly refers to Adam as "one man" even as Jesus is "one man." 1 Corinthians 11 and 1 Timothy 2 also clearly refers to Adam as a literal man. In Matthew 19:4-5, Jesus referred to Adam and Eve as a literal couple. Also, Luke 3:23-38 includes Adam in Jesus' genealogy.

Some teach that man is only a product of his environment; if placed in a perfect environment man would behave perfectly. How does this square with Genesis 3?

⁶ Harris, Archer, Waltke, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980), #2349.

⁷ Harris, *TWOT*, #2349.

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