

WHAT IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE OT AND GOSPEL?

Read Genesis 3:14-15.

Who is God talking to here?

What is the hint of hope in God's speech to the snake?

WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS.

Read Romans 1:18-20. What does this passage say?

- a) God is angry because humans are wicked.
- b) God is angry because humans have rejected the truth about God.
- c) God is angry because humans don't understand God.

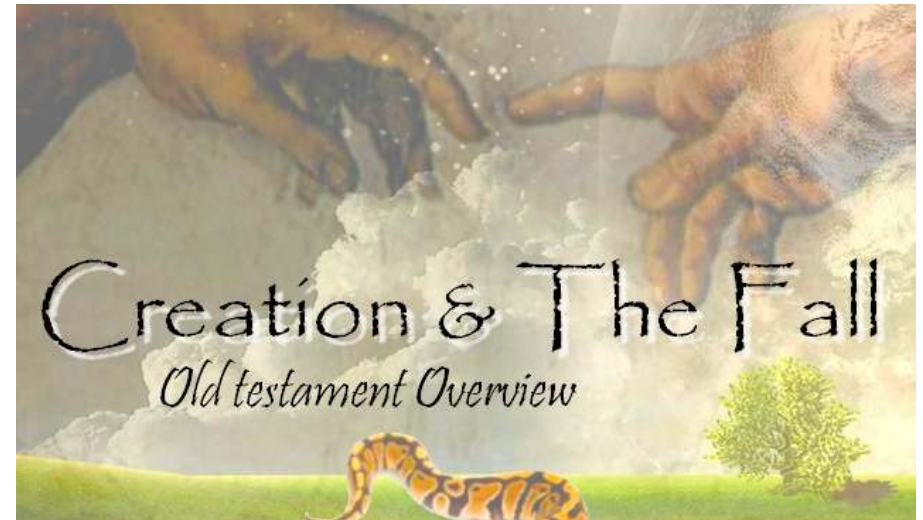
In your own opinion, do you think the Bible is correct in its view of the world?

HOW TO REMEMBER THE STORY SO FAR

1. Story telling

Write (or tell) in your own words a short summary of the story of creation and fall of humanity. This is the story you will use to share with others in the group. (Max 3 minutes). What are the main points of the story?

2. Pictures



FOCUS BIBLE STUDY

STUDY 1 — CREATION AND SIN

DISCUSSION

Which one of these statements do you agree with?

- a) God is good and humans are good.
- b) God is good and humans are bad.
- c) God is bad and humans are good.
- d) God is bad and humans are bad.

READ GENESIS 1:1-5,26-31.

From Genesis 1:1-5 what did God do in the beginning?

From Genesis 1:26-31 what did God say and what did he do?

What is strange about how God talks about himself?

How would you describe the relationship between God and humans?

READ GENESIS 2:8-9,15-17.

From Genesis 2:8-9, what did God do?

From Genesis 2:15-17, what did God tell the man ?

Which of the statements below do you think summarises the relationship between God and man?

- a) God and Man were equals and man had the right to do whatever he wanted.
- b) God and Man were not equals and man had to trust God by obeying him.
- c) God wanted control over man by not allowing man to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- d) God made man because He was lonely.

READ GENESIS 3:1-7,17-24.

In Genesis 3:1-7 how did the serpent create doubt in the woman?

In Genesis 3:1-7, what happened when the man and woman did what the serpent said?

In Genesis 3:17-24, how did God react when he found out what the humans did?

How would you summarise the relationship between God and humans?

- a) God is loving because He put man and women in a garden with everything they needed but the man and the woman did not trust God and disobeyed God.
- b) God is loving because He put man and woman in a garden with everything they needed but he also put a tree and a serpent there to test them. But the man and the woman failed the test.
- c) God is loving but had no control over the serpent who convinced the man and the woman to disobey God.
- d) God created a good world but did not expect the serpent to trick the man and the woman and make them disobey God.

APPLICATION

What is "sin"? (See Genesis 3:4-5.)

- a) Sin is knowing what is good and what is evil.
- b) Sin is wanting to be like God.
- c) Sin is not listening and obeying God.
- d) Sin is wanting to be like God and deciding for ourselves what is good and what is evil instead of letting God decide what is good and evil.

Why is sin so bad that humans of all generations deserved to die, not just Adam and Eve?

How does the fall of humans shape the way we relate to people?

- a) We give everybody a chance and assume they will do the right thing.
- b) We give everybody a chance but assume they will do the wrong thing.
- c) We don't give anyone a chance until they show us they can do the right thing.
- d) We don't give anyone a chance because we know they will never do the right thing.