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This guide is designed to help you delve deeply into Genesis 3, understand its themes and implications, and cross-referencing other Bible passages. The inductive Bible study method involves three steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application.

Step 1: Observation

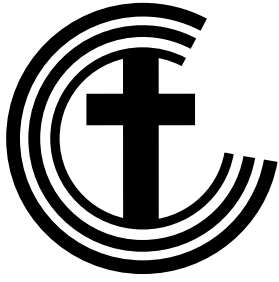
Observation is about noting what the text actually says. Your aim is to answer the basic questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? and How?

Read Genesis 3:1-24

Who:

Key characters: Adam, Eve, the serpent, God.

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What:

The events: The temptation and fall of mankind, the introduction of sin, the consequences of sin, and God's provision for mankind.

Where:

The Garden of Eden.

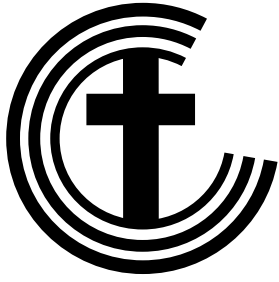
When:

After the creation of man and woman, during their time in the Garden of Eden.

Why:

The serpent's deception, Adam and Eve's disobedience, and God's response to their sin.

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How:

Through dialogue and actions: the conversation between the serpent and Eve, the disobedience of Adam and Eve, and God's pronouncement of judgment. God communicates His will and plan which He had from eternity for how to restore mankind back into proper relationship with Him after they allow rebellion and disobedience to come between that relationship.

Key Words and Phrases:

Serpent, cunning, woman, eat, disobey, naked, hide, cursed, enmity, bruises, returns to dust, clothed, tree of life.

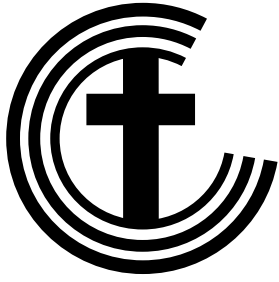
Cross-References for Observation:

Ezekiel 28:13-19 – Satan in Eden.

Job 26:13 – References to the serpent.

Isaiah 51:9 – Serpent qualities.

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Revelation 12:9; 20:2 – Satan as the dragon/serpent.

Numbers 21:8-9; John 3:14 – Bronze serpent.

Step 2: Interpretation

Interpretation seeks to understand what the passage means. You are now asking "What does this mean?" and "Why is this important?"

Key Themes and Questions:

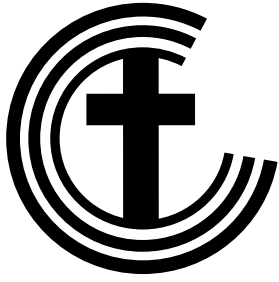
1. The Nature of Sin:

How does Genesis 3 describe the origin and nature of sin?

Cross-reference:

Romans 5:12 – Sin entered the world through one man.

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2. The Deception of Satan:

How did Satan deceive Eve? Why was his tactic effective?

Cross-reference:

Isaiah 14:12-15 – Satan's fall and desire to be like God.

3. The Consequences of Sin:

What were the immediate and long-term consequences of sin for Adam, Eve, and creation?

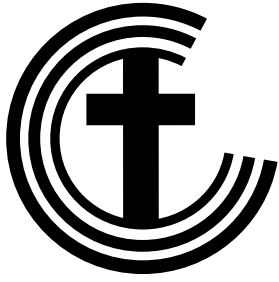
Cross-references:

Romans 5:15-19, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 – The broad implications of Adam's sin.

4. God's Judgment and Grace:

How did God judge Adam, Eve, and the serpent? What elements of grace can be seen in God's response?

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Cross-reference:

Hebrews 2:14-15, Revelation 3:5,18 – Jesus overcoming the consequences of sin.

5. The Protoevangelium:

What is the significance of Genesis 3:15 concerning the coming Messiah?

Cross-references:

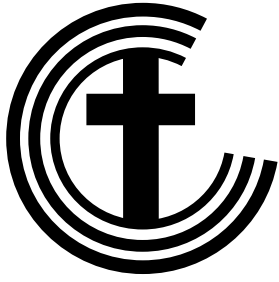
John 19:30 – Jesus' declaration, "It is finished."

Isaiah 53:5 – Jesus' suffering and victory over sin.

Step 3: Application

Application involves asking, "How should this change me?" This is where you reflect on how the truths in the passage can impact your personal life, behavior, relationship with God, and others

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Personal Reflection:

1. Recognize the seriousness of sin and its consequences. Reflect on Romans 3:23 and 6:23.

How have I seen the effects of sin in my life?

What steps can I take to avoid deception like Eve?

2. Embrace God's provision for sin through Jesus Christ. Reflect on 2 Corinthians 5:21.

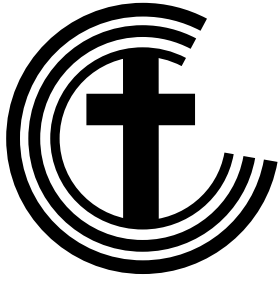
Have I accepted Jesus' sacrifice for my sins?

How does knowing Jesus as my Savior change my daily life?

3. Understand the importance of divine covering. Reflect on Revelation 3:18.

In what ways do I try to cover my sin or deal with it on my own?

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How can I put on the spiritual "covering" that God provides every day?

4. Submission to God's order.

Reflect on Ephesians 5:22-33.

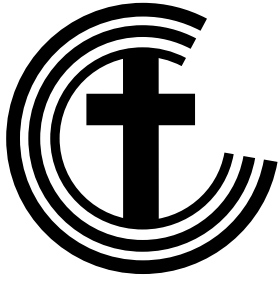
How can I better align my family dynamics to reflect biblical leadership and submission?

How can I encourage spiritual leadership within my household?

Practical Steps:

Daily Devotion: Spend time daily reading and meditating on Scripture to grow in knowledge and relationship with God.

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Fellowship: Commit to joining a Bible study group or fellowship to encourage mutual growth and accountability.

Prayer: Pray for wisdom to apply these truths and for strength to avoid temptation and sin.

Further Study:

Romans 5 & 6: For a deeper understanding of sin & grace.

Ephesians 6:10-18: The armor of God for spiritual warfare.

Hebrews 2: Jesus as our High Priest and Savior.

By following this study guide using the inductive Bible study method, you will gain a deeper understanding of Genesis 3 and its significance in the entire biblical narrative of fall and redemption.

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