

# The Unified Scriptures

*The Story of the Bible*

*North Hixson church of Christ*

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*Lesson 3: First Fathers (Part I)*

# Course Objectives

- To grow in our knowledge and understanding of the facts, themes, and principles of scripture. (2 Tim 3:15)
- To gain confidence in the inspiration of the Bible and its power to change our lives. (Heb. 4:12)
- To increase our faith and hope in God and His wisdom. (1 Peter 1:21)
- To equip ourselves with the ability to tell the story of the Bible to others. (Mark 16:15)



# The Creation (Gen 1)

- Day 1: Light, Day and Night
- Day 2: Firmament (sky)
- Day 3: Land & Seas; Grass and Trees
- Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars
- Day 5: Birds and Fish
- Day 6: Animals and Man



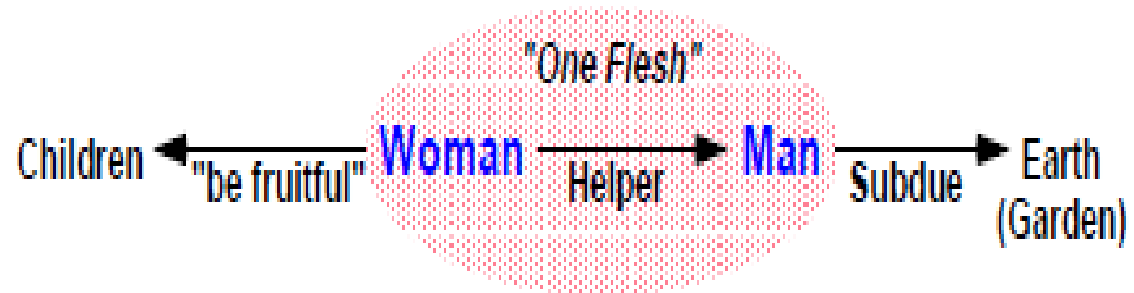


# Gen 2: A Closer Look at Man

- God made man “a living soul” (KJV) (2:7, cf. 1 Cor 15:45)
- God provided man with:
  - A perfect garden (2:8-14)
  - Meaningful work (2:15)
  - A simple law (2:16-17)
  - A suitable helper (2:18-25)

# Life In the Beginning

**Before the Fall**



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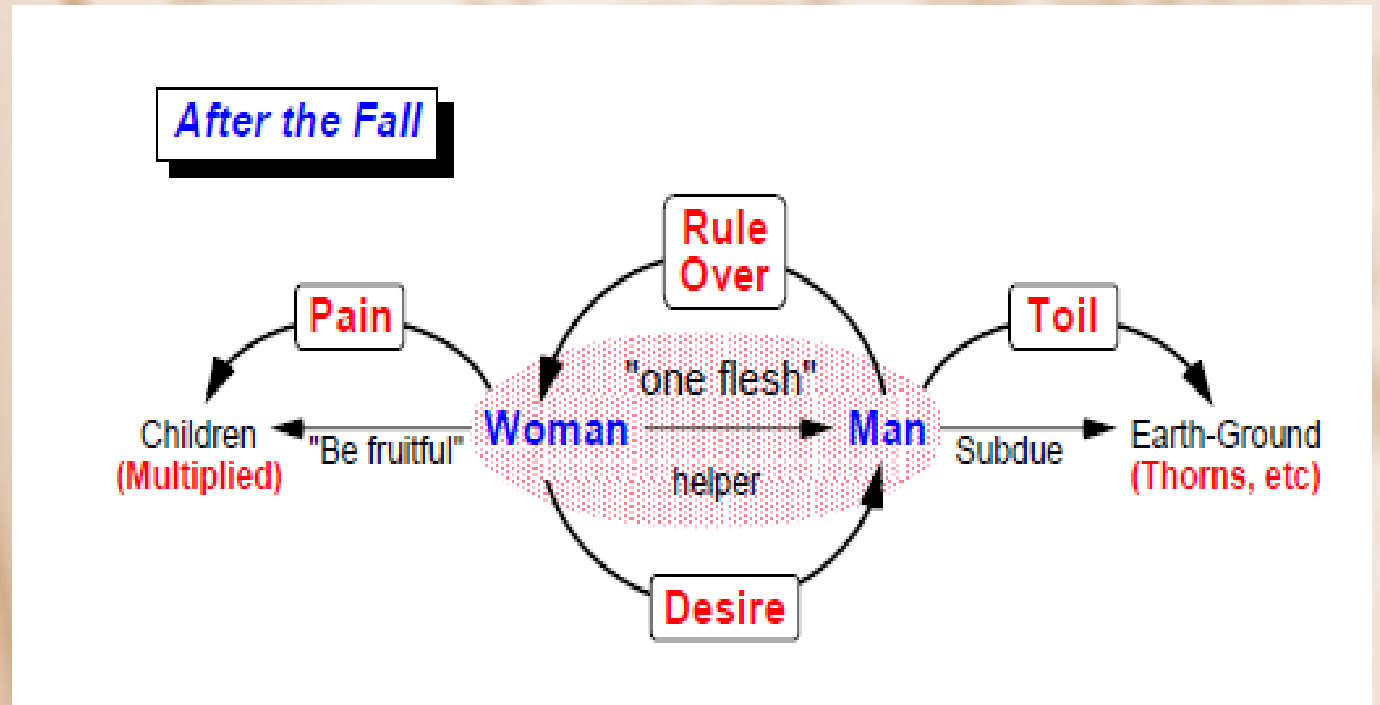
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*“Then God saw everything that He had made,  
and indeed it was very good” (Gen 1:31)*

# The Fall (Gen 3)

- The Antagonist: the serpent (3:1-3)
- The Tactic: lies and deception (3:4-5)
- The Target: human desire (3:6)
- The Consequences:
  - Shame (3:7-8)
  - Fear (3:9-11)
  - Blame (3:12-13)
  - Curse (3:14-19)
  - Covering (3:20-21)
  - Eviction (3:22-24)

# Life After the Fall





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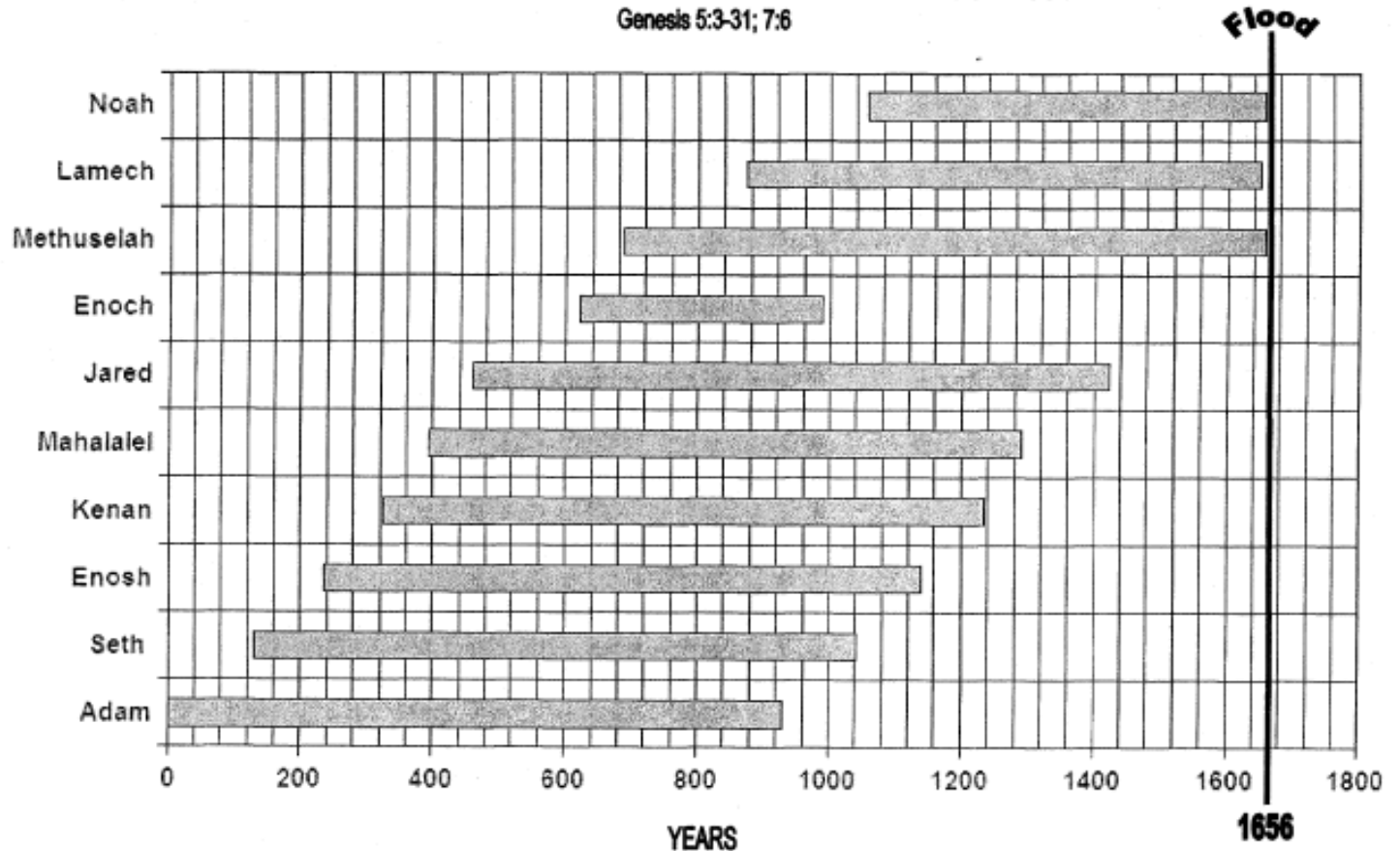
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- It leads to death (4:14)
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# The Generations of Adam



## Lives of Antediluvian Patriarchs

Genesis 5:3-31; 7:6



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*Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (Gen 6:5-6)*



# Mankind v. Noah (Gen 6)

## Mankind

Wicked (6:5)

Violent (6:11,13)

Constant evil thoughts (6:5)

Incurred God's wrath (6:13)

## Noah

Blameless (6:9)

Just (6:9)

Walked with God (6:9)

Found God's grace (6:8)





# God's Covenant with Noah

- **Noah's instructions:**
  - Build an Ark (6:14-16)
  - Bring in family (6:18)
  - Bring in animals (6:19)
  - Bring in food (6:21)
- **God's promises:**
  - Destroy the earth (6:17)
  - Keep them alive (7:1,23)
  - Never do it again (9:8-17)



# Sin appears again (Gen 9-11)

- Noah gets drunk (9:21)
- Ham sees his father naked and tells his brothers (9:22)
- Disregard of God's command to "fill the earth" (9:1, 11:2)
- Pride and arrogance (11:4-6)
- The results:
  - Ham is cursed (9:25)
  - Languages are confused (11:7)
  - People are scattered (11:9)

# Next Week

## *Lesson 4:*

*First Fathers (Part 2): Abraham, Isaac, and  
Jacob – the beginnings of God's covenant  
people*

*Genesis 12-50*

