

The Bible - From Beginning to End Using the Twenty C's

2 - Corruption

Scriptures:	Genesis 3-5
Focal Point:	The Fall of Mankind into Sin
Principal Characters:	Satan, Adam, Eve, God
Primary Events:	The Temptation of Eve The Rebellion of Adam The Corruption of All Things

1. The subtlety of Satan.
 - He speaks through the serpent. 3:1
 - He talks to Eve through the serpent's body and tempts her.
 - Adam and Eve could apparently communicate with the animal kingdom prior to the Fall in ways totally unknown to us today.
 - Prior to the Fall, the serpent was not only the most intelligent creature of all, but perhaps the most beautiful, also.
 - From this point on, the serpent becomes a symbol for treachery and sin.
 - He begins by doubting God's Word. 3:1
 - He proceeded by distorting God's Word. 3:1b
 - He ends by denying God's Word. 3:4
2. The sin of Adam.
 - He becomes the first human sinner. 3:6
 - Yes, Eve eats first because she is deceived, but Adam out and out rebels against God's commandment. **1 Timothy 2:14**
 - Adam is the head of the human race and therefore responsible for its actions. **Romans 5:12**
 - He attempts to hide his nakedness before God. 3:7
 - Adam & Eve's answer? Man-made fig leaves. This is the first example of man-made religion. Adam was attempting to deal with his sin on his own.
 - He attempts to hide himself from God. 3:8
 - Sin separates man from God – makes man want to hide from God – yet it's impossible. **Psalm 69:5; Matthew 10:26; Revelation 6:15-17**
3. The redemption of God. 3:9-24
 - Now we see some completely different attributes of God. Up to this point, we've only seen His power and wisdom in His creative acts.
 - Now we see His redemptive attributes.
 - His holiness, as God dealt with sin. 3:14-18
 - His grace, as God deals with sinners.
 - In seeking out Adam. 3:9; cf. **Luke 19:10**
 - In promising Adam and Eve a Savior. 3:15

- In clothing them by a sacrifice. 3:21; cf. **Isaiah 53:5-6; 1 Peter 3:18**
 - In removing them from the Garden of Eden. 3:24
4. The murder of Abel. Genesis 4
- Cain brings a bloodless offering to God and is rejected. 4:5
 - Abel offers a blood sacrifice and is accepted. 4:4
 - This was God's way of illustrating the awesome power of the bleeding lamb.
 - One lamb saves a man, then a household, then a nation, and, finally, the Lamb of God is available for the entire world.
 - Cain slays his brother and becomes the first murderer.
5. The ministry of Enoch. 5:21-24
- He is one of two men who was said to have walked with God before the Flood. The other was Noah. 6:9
 - He is the first recorded preacher, and he preaches on the coming judgment. **Jude 14-15**
 - He is a man of great faith. **Hebrews 11:5**
 - Enoch gets to heaven without dying physically. But one day, millions of Christians will. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**