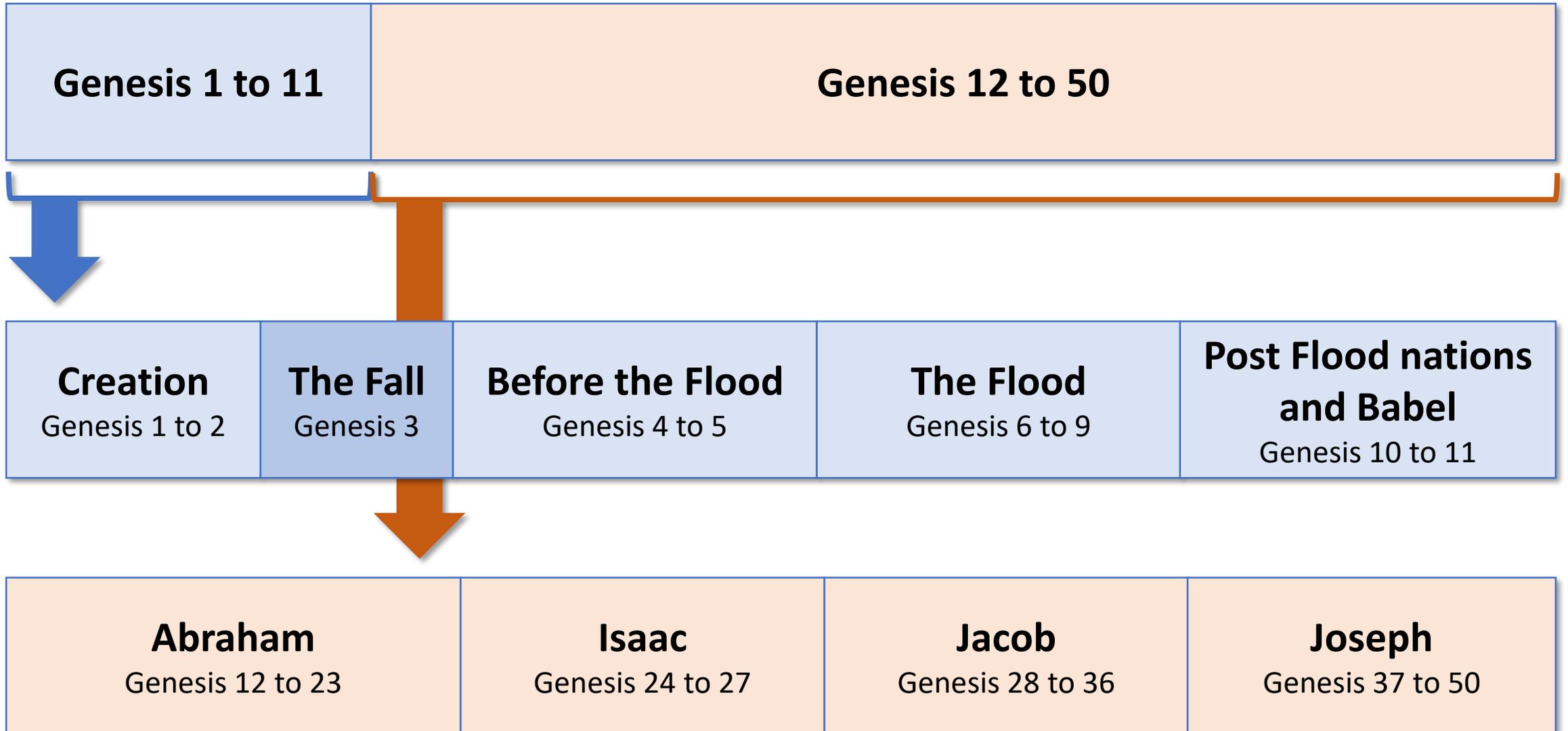


Genesis

The Book of Beginnings

3. The Fall

An outline of the Book of Genesis *



* Approximate chapter divisions only

The great creation truths...

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the heavens and the earth.

(Genesis 1:1)

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1

In the beginning, **God created**
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2

God created man in His own image,
...male and female He created them.

(Genesis 1:27)

3

God saw **everything** that He had made,
and behold, **it was very good.**

(Genesis 1:31)

The Garden in Eden...

*“You may freely 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.**”*

(Genesis 2:16-17)

And the man and his wife
were both naked
and were not ashamed.

(Genesis 2:25)

The third chapter of Genesis...

- **The deceiver**
- **The deadly choice**
- **Judgement, mercy and hope**

The deceiver...

Satan is using
God's creation

Now the serpent was more **crafty**
than any other beast of the field
that the LORD God had made.

(Genesis 3:1)

...as the serpent
deceived Eve
by his **cunning**...

(2 Corinthians 11:3)

The deception...

Did God actually say,
*'You shall not eat of
any tree in the garden'?*

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.

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.**'*

(See Genesis 3:1-5)

The deception...

Satan at first casts doubt on what God has spoken...

Did God actually say,
'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?

...then plainly contradicts God's word...

...and then **his great lie**:
God is keeping the best from you – obedience means you miss out.

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.

The deadly decision...



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.

1 John 2:16

Original sin



Sin came into the world through one man...

(Romans 5:12)

(Genesis 3:6)

Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived...

(1 Timothy 2:14)

Fallen humanity...

Then the eyes of both were opened,
and they knew that they were naked.

And they sewed fig leaves together
and made themselves loincloths.

(Genesis 3:7)



Fallen humanity...

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

(Genesis 3:8)

Judgement...

But the LORD God called to the man
and said to him, "*Where are you?*"

I heard the sound of You in the garden,
and **I was afraid**, because I was naked,
and I hid myself."

Judgement...

Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten of the tree of which
I commanded you not to eat?

The woman whom You gave to be with me,
she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.

(Genesis 3:11-12)

Judgement...

What is this
that you have done?

The serpent deceived me,
and I ate.

(Genesis 3:13)

Judgement...

Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

About 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.

About Satan

(Genesis 3:14-15)



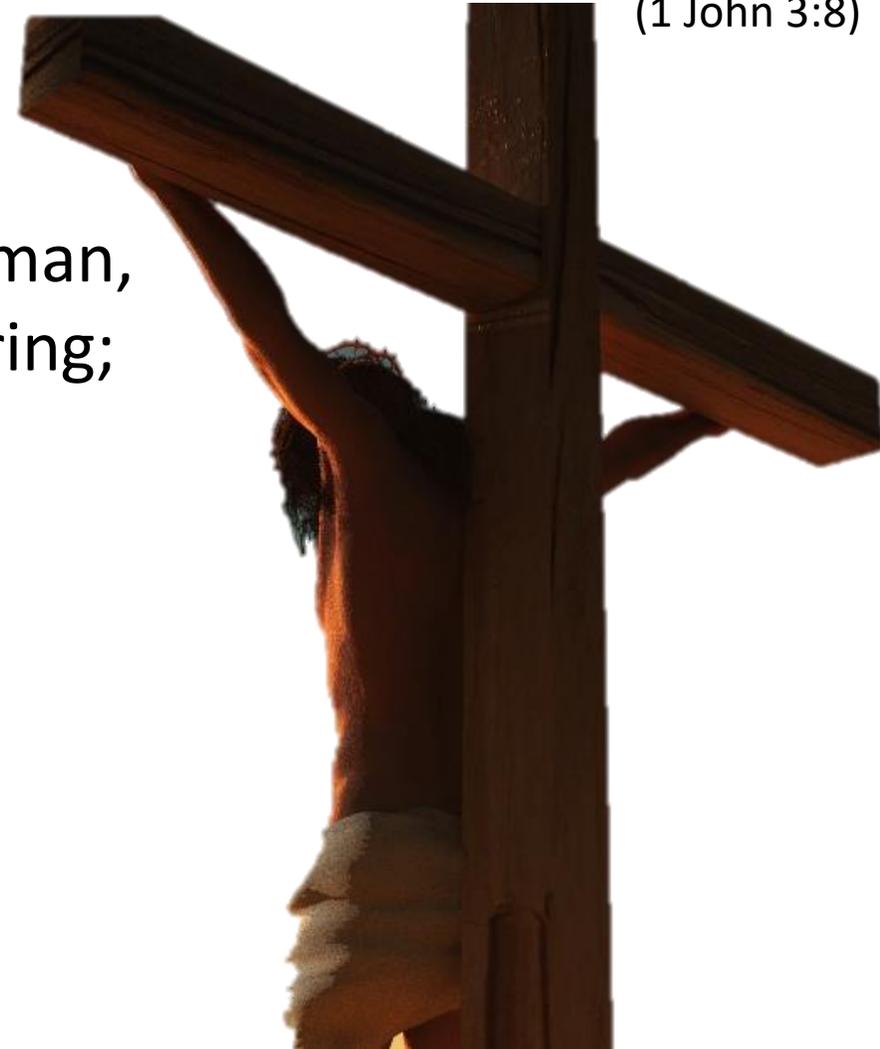
The first sound of the gospel...

**The reason the Son of God appeared
was to destroy the works of the devil.**

(1 John 3:8)

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.

Or “strike”



Judgement...

To the woman He said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you.”

(Genesis 3:16)

Judgement...

...instead of to
the word of God

And to Adam He said,

“Because you have listened **to the voice of your wife**
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’
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;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.”

Romans 8:20-22

(Genesis 3:17-18)

Not the fruit of the garden

Judgement...

“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

(Genesis 3:19)

...sin came into the world
through one man,
and death through sin...

(Romans 5:12)

Mercy and hope...



And the LORD God made
for Adam and for his wife
garments of skins and clothed them.

(Genesis 3:21)

The innocent died
for the guilty



Driven out of the Garden...

Then the LORD God said,

“Behold, the man has become like one of Us in knowing good and evil.

*Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of **the tree of life** and eat, and live forever—”*

therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden
to work the ground from which he was taken.

(Genesis 3:22-23)

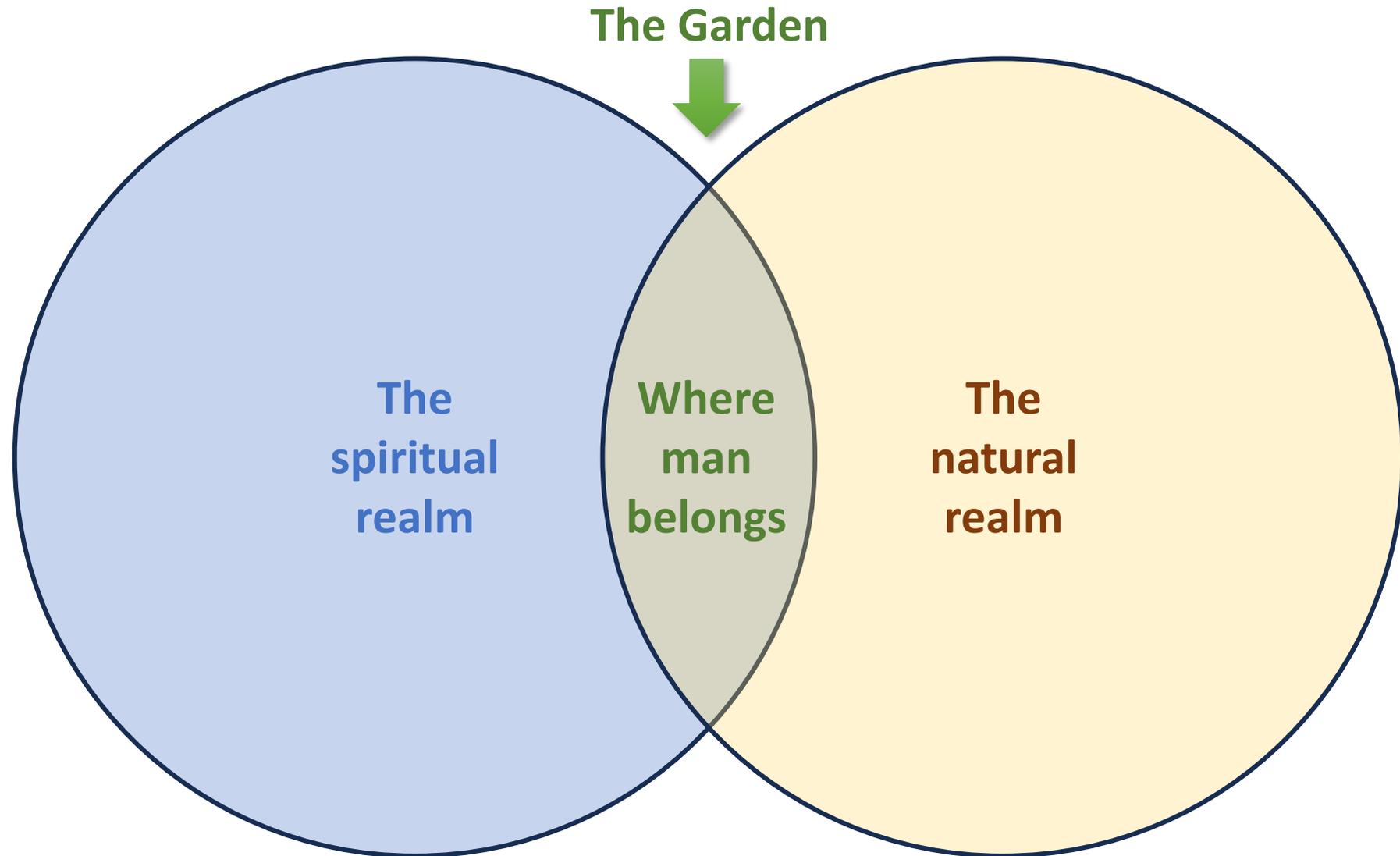
Driven out of the Garden...

He drove out the man,
and at the east of the garden of Eden
He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword
that turned every way
to guard the way to the tree of life.
(Genesis 3:24)



Why was it
in the Garden?

Driven out of the Garden...



Driven out of the Garden...



The spiritual realm

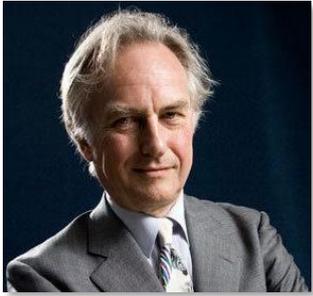


Rebellious humanity,
separated from God

The natural realm

Satan - prince
of this world

Does it matter? What is at stake?



Richard Dawkins in
"The God Delusion" (2006)

“The Christian focus is overwhelmingly on sin, atonement, redemption, forgiveness — all of which assumes the original sin of Adam and his expulsion from Eden.

Without the original sin, who needs salvation?

Without Adam's fall, what is the point of Jesus's crucifixion?

If you believe in evolution, Adam never existed: so original sin never happened.

So what exactly did Jesus die for?”

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The third chapter of Genesis...

➤ **The deceiver**

“He was a murderer from the beginning
...he is a liar and the father of lies.”

(John 8:44)

➤ **The deadly choice**

...the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

(1 John 5:19)

➤ **Judgement, mercy and hope**

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**The Son of Man came
to seek and to save the lost.**

(Luke 19:10)