

3. THE PERISHED KINGDOM (THE FALL)

GENESIS 3

INTRODUCTION

- Recap
- The kingdom of God =
God's people in God's place under God's rule and blessing

1. AN ACT OF REBELLION

- The snake = Satan (Revelation 12:9, 20:2)
- Adam = a real man whose sin results in the fall (1 Cor. 15:20-22, Rom. 5:12-19)
- Rebellion against the creator

2. GOD'S JUDGEMENT: BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

- The relationship between men and women (3:16, cf. 4:7)
- The relationship between humans and creation (3:17-18)
- The relationship between human beings and God (3:24)

3. THE SPREAD OF SIN AND DEATH

- Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)
- Mortality (Genesis 5)
- The flood (Genesis 6)
- The tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

4. THE FALL IS OUR STORY: WE ALL SINNED AND FELL WITH ADAM

- “Original Sin”
- **Romans 5:19**, “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”
- **Adam = the covenant head of the human race**
God deals with all people “in Adam”
- **NOT: sin → sinful nature**
BUT: sinful nature → sin

5. THE PERISHED KINGDOM

The kingdom of God	<i>The pattern of the kingdom</i>	<i>The perished kingdom</i>
God's people	Adam and Eve	No-one
God's place	The garden	Banished
God's rule and blessing	God's word; perfect relationships	Disobedience and curse

GROUP BIBLESTUDY: LOOK AT GENESIS 3

The serpent (verses 1-5)

- What tactics does the serpent use to tempt Eve?
- How do we see him using the same tactics today?

The sin (verse 6)

- What did Adam and Eve do wrong?
- In what way are we guilty of the same sin?

The shame (verses 7-13)

- What immediate impact does Adam and Eve's sin have on (a) their relationship with God, and (b) their relationship with others – compare 2:22-25?

The sentence (verses 14-24)

- What does God's punishment mean for:
 - The serpent
 - The woman?
 - The man?
 - All human beings?

The Saviour

- What signs of hope can we see in the passage?

HOMEWORK

For next week please read Genesis 12:1-7, 15:1-20, 9:1-17, 17:1-8

RECOMMENDED READING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture*