



## Genesis Chapter 2b And 3a Mans Rise And Fall

During the first part of our study into chapter 2 of the book of Genesis we spoke about the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath of our Father in Heaven, and we spoke about how he sanctified it, and how he devoted, it, and how he hallowed it by making it holy. We spoke about the clear biblical fact that our Fathers sees his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath as a sign between him and his people, and we spoke about how he commanded his people to keep it throughout our generations forever.

We also spoke about the fact that our Father in Heaven would have never told us to keep his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath throughout all of our generations forever if he did not mean for us to keep his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath throughout all of our generations forever. And before we move on from this subject... I want us to clearly understand this scripture so that no fast-talking modern day Pharisee will ever be able to sway you from the truth of what the scripture says. Let us turn to Exodus 31:16:

***Exo 31:16** The Israelites must remember the Sabbath and make it a special day. They must continue to do this forever. It is an agreement between them and me that will continue forever.*

In the King James version, it reads like this:

***Exo 31:16** Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a **perpetual** covenant.*

And just so that we're clear on this subject... the word "perpetual" found here in the KJV is translated from the Hebrew word "olam" which does indeed mean "forever".

### **Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew Definition:**

1) long duration, antiquity, **futurity**, **for ever**, ever, **everlasting**, **evermore**, **perpetual**, old, ancient, world

1a) ancient time, long time (of past)

1b) (of future)

1b1) **for ever**, **always**

1b2) **continuous** existence, **perpetual**

1b3) everlasting, indefinite or **unending future**, **eternity**

**Part of Speech:** noun masculine

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And so, it should be clear to every Christian that if our Father in Heaven wanted us to keep his 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath until his Son came, or for just a few generations, or for just a specified length of time... he would have surely told us so. But he did not. He told us to keep it and I quote... “forever”. And so, because it is a sign between him and us... we do indeed keep it, and will keep it “forever”, and that includes after he returns during his millennial reign. Let’s turn to Zechariah 14:14-21:

*Zec 14:14 Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance.*

*Zec 14:15 And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.*

***Zec 14:16** Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.*

*Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:20 And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "Holy to the LORD." And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar.*

*Zec 14:21 And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.*

And so, we can clearly see that the nations who will fight against Jerusalem will be defeated. And not only will they be defeated... but they will be keeping our Father’s feast days. The “Feast of Booths” is the feast of “Tabernacles”. And I want us to notice that it is written in Zechariah chapter 14 verse 17 and 18 that if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship our Father in Heaven... not only will there be no rain for them... but there will also be a plague that will come upon them, because of their disobedience. And notice what is written in verse 21:

*Zec 14:21 And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil **the meat of the sacrifice** in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.*

Will there be sacrifices that will be made at this time? According to the scriptures... yes, there will be sacrifices that will be being made again at that time. And so... do you suppose that our Father’s 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath, that he said would be a sign between him and his people, and a

perpetual agreement throughout all of our generations forever will still be being kept in these times? You bet it will, right along with all of the other commandments, precepts, and appointments of our Father in Heaven.

And so, let this be your scriptural evidence... your witness, and the sound biblical doctrine that we stand on. Not the bloviating philosophical doctrine of men... but the sound doctrine of our Fathers God breathed scripture.

From here I'd like to take us back to Genesis chapter 2 verse 7:

*Gen 2:7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

Our Father in Heaven breathed into the nostrils of the man whom he had created and the man became a living creature. It was the very breath of our Father in Heaven that caused man to come alive. This makes it personal my friends. Our Father gave us what belongs to him... so that we may live. Our Father gave us an attribute that only he has... "life". Without the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... nothing lives. Nothing breaths.... And nothing moves.

It is written in Matthew chapter 3 verse 9 *"Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham."* The point here my friends is that God gives... and God takes away. Everything including but not limited to... our very breath... belongs to God. And if our Father in Heaven decides he wants to.... He can indeed raise children up from the stones of the earth.

My point here is that God is God... and we are not. You know when I was a young man, and my mother would get angry... she would say *"I brought you into this world and I can take you back out!"* And we would always laugh whenever she would say that but as our Father in Heaven is concerned... this is no laughing matter. It is written that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. And there's a reason that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. We are indeed the children of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who were made in his image. Everything that we have is borrowed. Even our own bodies do not belong to us. And it's important that we remember these things, and give thanks for what our Father in Heaven has provided for us. Even the very oxygen in the air that fills our lungs... belongs to him.

In Genesis chapter 1 verse 24 we saw that it is written *"And God said... Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."* And so, it is that we are indeed made in our Fathers image. But before we go any farther... I want us to look closely at this verse. What did our Father mean when he said "Let "US" make man in "OUR" image"? Who is the "us" in this verse?

The "us" in this verse was the council of God. How many professing Christians do you suppose that there are out there today who know that God had a council? Let's turn to Psalms 82:1-8:

***Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph.*** *God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:*

*Psa 82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah.*

*Psa 82:3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.*

*Psa 82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

*Psa 82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

*Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;*

*Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."*

*Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!*

Here in the book of Psalms we get a clear picture of these other gods that are part of our Father's divine council. And it's pretty clear here that our Father rules and reigns over these other gods that make up his divine council. We can clearly see that our Father is warning these other gods that if they don't oversee things properly... they too will die like men.

So, was man the only living being that our Father ever created? Let's turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:39-42:

*1Co 15:39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.*

*1Co 15:40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.*

*1Co 15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.*

*1Co 15:42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.*

Did God not make the angels and all the host of them? And we could get into the various kinds of Angels that God created, but my point here is that our Father in Heaven has always had a divine council, and man is not our Father's one and only creation. Let's turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 22:19-22:

*1Ki 22:19 And Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left;*

*1Ki 22:20 and the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said one thing, and another said another.*

*1Ki 22:21 Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.'*

*1Ki 22:22 And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?' And he said, 'I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.'*

And I bring these things to our attention so that we may understand that our Father in Heaven has always had a divine council with him. And we continually see this throughout the scripture. Let's turn to Psalms 89:5-7:

*Psa 89:5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!*

*Psa 89:6 For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,*

*Psa 89:7 a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?*

So, when our Father said, "Let us make man in "our" image... there should be no doubt that our Father was clearly not alone. But man is unique. Our Father in Heaven created man to be like himself... and to be his children. Man is one of the lowliest, weakest, most feeble creations of our Father... and yet... even many of the angels themselves were jealous of man because God loved man so much. This very jealousy is what caused one of the angels to fall and to take a third of the angles down with him. This particular angle has of course become our Fathers adversary... and not only our Fathers adversary but our adversary as well.

God breathed life into us from his very own breath. And this is why it is forbidden to murder a man. Because when we murder a man we are murdering the very image of God! Only God himself can order the taking of a human life. Let's turn to Genesis 9:6:

*Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.*

There are of course provisions for war and for battle, but even war and battle should not be entered into without the will of God. A man can kill another man under certain circumstances, but only in self-defense. Let's turn to Exodus 22:1-2:

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*Exo 22:1 "If a thief caught in the act of breaking in is beaten to death, it is not murder;*

*Exo 22:2 unless it happens after sunrise, in which case it is murder. A thief must make restitution; so if he has nothing, he himself is to be sold to make good the loss from the theft.*

Notice that if a man is caught breaking into someone's house at night when it's dark... and is beaten to death it is not "murder". Unless... it happens after sunrise... why after sunrise? Because at night you have no idea who this man is or what his intent is or if he has a weapon or not, or what he's breaking in for... but during the day... you can see the man, and there is no mystery as to who he is, or what he wants, and there is no way for him to sneak around in the dark, and there would be other ways to subdue the man without beating him to death. In the dark of night, you wouldn't want to let the man go for fear that he would do your family harm, but in the light of day you can clearly see him and, so this is a different situation all together.

The sixth commandment tells us thou shalt not murder. There is a difference between killing and murdering. The KJV says “thou shalt not kill” but this once again is just another blooper found in the King James version. Let’s turn to Exodus 20:13:

KJV:

**Exo 20:13** *Thou shalt not kill.*

The word “kill” here has been translated from the Hebrew word “ratsach” which means to “murder”.

râtsach

**Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew Definition:**

- 1) **to murder**, slay, kill
- 1a) (Qal) to murder, slay
- 1a1) **premeditated**
- 1a2) accidental
- 1a3) as avenger
- 1a4) slayer (intentional) (participle)
- 1b) (Niphal) to be slain
- 1c) (Piel)
- 1c1) to **murder, assassinate**
- 1c2) *murderer, assassin* (participle) (substantive)
- 1d) (Pual) to be killed

**Part of Speech:** verb

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong’s Number:** a primitive root

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There are several Hebrew words for kill, or murder... There is “ratsakh”... and “muth”, and “nakah” and “shâchat”. And each of them is used a little differently, but the point is, that we need to understand that there is a difference between killing and murdering. Murdering someone implies that it was premeditated. It means that you planned to do it. It means that you had the intent in your heart. Killing simply means that you killed something. We don’t say that we murdered a fish... And so, the actual sixth commandment is “thou shalt not murder”. The scripture tells us that there is a time to kill, and a time for war... but it never tells us that there is a time to murder. Let’s read Ecclesiastes 3:1-10:

**Ecc 3:1** *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

**Ecc 3:2** *a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

**Ecc 3:3** *a time **to kill**, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

**Ecc 3:4** *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

**Ecc 3:5** *a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace,*

*and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*Ecc 3:6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

*Ecc 3:7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

*Ecc 3:8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time **for war**, and a time for peace.*

*Ecc 3:9 What gain has the worker from his toil?*

*Ecc 3:10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.*

And so, my point in all of this is that man is indeed unique. Man is not only created in the image of God... but he is a child of God. Evolution assumes that humans are animals, but one thing evolution can never explain is the vast difference between an animal brain that's equipped with instinct, and the human brain with its creative reasoning powers of intellect. Animals do not have the powers of intellect, logic, self-consciousness, and creativity. Even though the brains of many animals are much larger than the brain of a man... they still cannot compare to the brain of a man's brain and it's superior intelligence. Each animal was created in its own kind. Only man, was created in the image of God. No animal was ever given the ability to reason, or make choices and decisions like man has. These are all very special attributes that separates men from animals.

A man can design and build all kinds of different houses with all kinds of different designs and materials. Men live entirely different lifestyles from one another, and man has free moral agency. He can devise codes of conduct, and exercise self-discipline. He can originate ideas and evaluate knowledge, and the reason that he can do all of these things is because once again... he was created in the image of God. Only man can make the decision for himself to live... or to die. Let's turn to Ezekiel 18:19-23:

*Eze 18:19 "Yet you say, 'Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?' When the son has done what is just and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live.*

*Eze 18:20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.*

*Eze 18:21 "But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.*

*Eze 18:22 None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live.*

*Eze 18:23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?*

You see animals cannot make these kinds of choices. They can't exercise self-discipline, they can only do what they are taught to do, or what the instincts that God has programmed them with tells them to do. Animals don't sin... men do. And so, the uniqueness of man is unmatched, and so it is that man has indeed not only multiplied... but has indeed subdued the earth, just as his Father has told him to do.

Another component that man has been given is the very Spirit of God, also known as the Ruach Hakodesh. For those who have been baptized in both the water and the spirit... we have that invisible essence within us. This spirit is entirely different than the mysterious force that causes and sustains life. Ruach means “wind” or “breath”, but it refers to that unique essence that connects man to his Father in Heaven.

When our Messiah spoke of “living water” he was talking about a spiritual “living water” that takes away all uncleanness. It is the physical water that the Hebrews would “Mikva” or “baptize” themselves in in order to be spiritually purified from ritual impurity. And so, this water and spirit that our Messiah says that we must be baptized in in order to enter into Heaven represents both the spiritual and the physical sides of man. Man lives in the physical, but is also spiritual just as his Father is. We must remember what our Messiah told the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:22-24:

*Joh 4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.*

*Joh 4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

*Joh 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

And so, it is that man has been given the ability to worship God in both “spirit and truth”, because man has been made in the image of God with a spirit... and man of his own accord... chooses to walk in the light of truth given to him by his Father... or not. And so, it is that we are saved by the grace of God through the faith that we have in his only begotten Son who was and is our Passover lamb. No other creature has been given this promise, or the opportunity to come before the Father in the name of his only begotten Son. Even the Devil believes... and his demons all believe... but they not have the mediator... the man... Yahshua Haashiach who came from the tribe of Judah and the house of David. They cannot come through the door that no man can shut. They cannot be grafted into the “Olive Tree” of the House of Israel, because they do not have the promise of salvation given to men because of the one man who laid himself down as a sacrifice for all men. You see it takes more than just saying that you believe. Our Messiah told us very clearly that if we loved him we would keep his commandments, and just as James who was the brother of our Messiah tells us...Faith without works... is dead.

Moving forward... our Father in Heaven noticed that the man was alone, and that this was not good, and so he created a helper for him. A woman that came from a rib of the man. A Hebrew female is called “ishah” and a male is called “ish”. The ending “-ah” means “out of”... and so “ishah” literally means “a human out of man”. Ishah is also the word for “wife”. And as we move down in Geneses chapter two we see in verse 24 the concept of marriage is introduced. It is written that a man and a wife are to be considered “one flesh”. In God’s eyes, they are organically and spiritually interconnected, and this is why a man is to leave his father and his mother and to cling to his wife.

If a man chooses too... he and the woman of his choice are to be bound together as one flesh. Not one male with another male, or one female with another female. There is absolutely no scriptural foundation for homosexuality, or transgenderism, or bestiality, or transhumanism for that matter. As a matter of fact... the scripture clearly condemns this kind of behavior, and there should be no doubt about that for anyone who has even studied the scripture from a first-grade level of understanding. And this is why it is written in Geneses chapter 2 verse 23 that Adam said and I quote: "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called "Woman", because she was taken out of Man". Man was not taken out of man, nor was woman taken out of woman... THE END.

And with all of that being said... let's turn our attention to Geneses chapter 3:

**Gen 3:1** *Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"*

*Gen 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, Gen 3:3 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.'"*

*Gen 3:4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

*Gen 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

*Gen 3:6 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.*

*Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.*

*Gen 3:8 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.*

*Gen 3:9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"*

*Gen 3:10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."*

*Gen 3:11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"*

*Gen 3:12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."*

*Gen 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

*Gen 3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "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.*

*Gen 3:15 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."*

*Gen 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

*Gen 3:17 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;*

*Gen 3:18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*Gen 3:19 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."*

*Gen 3:20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.*

*Gen 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.*

*Gen 3:22 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—"*

*Gen 3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.*

*Gen 3:24 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.*

What's important for us to understand about Genesis chapter 3 is that everything else that we read in the Scripture, has its roots in Genesis chapter 3. Genesis chapter 3 is a unique chapter. Here in Genesis chapter 3 we see the rise and the fall of man. We see the beginning stages of the war between good and evil. We are literally introduced to one of the first adversaries of our father in heaven. Everything else that proceeds from our God breathed Scripture ties right back to Genesis chapter 3.

What we need to understand that what takes place here in Genesis chapter 3 begins the spiritual warfare that Paul tells us about in Ephesians chapter 6 when he tells us that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places. It all stems from right here in Genesis chapter 3. And so, this is one of the most profound chapters in all of the Bible.

What's also important to understand about the spiritual warfare that we are all now engaged in... Is that you and I are both the pawns and the prize. And so, it's important to understand the implications of what is taking place here in Genesis chapter 3.

The first thing that were introduced to hear in Genesis chapter 3 is the "nachash", which is the Hebrew word for serpent which also means "the shining one". And were told that this "shining one" was more "crafty" than any of the other beasts of the field. This word "crafty" comes from the Hebrew word "arum", which means "shrewd" or "prudent". And the word "beast" is the

Hebrew word “chay” and it basically means “being” or “living thing”.

And it’s extremely important to notice the first move that the serpent makes. His first move is to cast doubt in the woman. The serpent says in verse one and I quote “did God really tell you that you must not eat from any tree in the garden?” One of the very first things that our adversary does, is to cast a shadow of doubt over what God had declared. And we could study this one topic literally for months. This is always the first thought that comes into a man’s mind just before he sins. That little voice in the back of our minds begins to cast doubt over what we know to be true. We begin to think to ourselves that it’s okay to tell that little white lie to get out of work. When we begin to fool ourselves into thinking that nobody’s going to know if we cheat a little bit on our taxes. And pretty soon a man begins to think that what his wife doesn’t know won’t hurt her, or what my husband doesn’t know isn’t going to hurt him. You see this is where it always starts my friends. It always starts with that little hint of doubt. It’s really not going to hurt anything if I sin... and no one knows it.

Once man begins to doubt what God has clearly stated... The game has begun. The moment we doubt what our Father in Heaven has clearly told us... our adversary has just slipped the noose around our necks. It is our adversary, and our adversary alone that has planted that seed of doubt in our minds just like he planted that seed of doubt in Eve’s mind when he asked her if God really told her that she must not eat from any tree in the garden. Eve replies and she says “No we can eat fruit from the trees of the garden. But there is one tree that we must not eat from, because God told us if you eat of the fruit from the tree that’s in the middle of the garden you will surely die.” And then we see the second move that the Serpent makes. He goes one step further, from doubting God’s word, to flat out denying God’s word. You see once he had her doubting Gods word, and once he had planted that seed of doubt in her mind... he knew it wouldn’t take long for him to move into the second step. The second step that the serpent made was to turn Eve 180° away from God, and point her in the exact opposite direction.

This idea that God is a liar, is what the serpent was trying to sell Eve. And unfortunately, Eve buys what the serpent is selling... lock stock and barrel. But it’s important for us as Christians... to be aware of how he does this. And the last nail in the coffin that seals the deal... is when the Serpent promises Eve that she will be like God. This alluringly wicked promise has never left the mind of mankind. The promise that man can one day be... his own god.

And so, it’s important for us to understand that our adversary is still using this very same lie today our time. It’s the same deception that he used on Eve clear back in the garden. He wants man to think that he can become his own god. He wants man to think that he does not need God, and that he is just as wise as God is. Let me ask you my friends, what is the ultimate goal of science today? What are scientists all reaching for? Man is trying to genetically alter the body that God gave him so that it will live forever. And some scientists now believe that through artificial intelligence we will one day be able to download our intelligence, and our memories, and our beliefs... and all that we are... into a computer. There are scientists out there right now today who are working with computer chips... and that they are now embedding

these computer chips into the brains of soldiers. And these computer chips can take away fear, they can make a person more aggressive, they can make you believe that you can run faster and jump higher and all of this is being done in order to create what is known as the super soldier.

And there are other studies being done with these microchips that are being put into the brain that will allow soldiers to communicate with each other without talking. They will simply be able to communicate with each other through thought. And they are now trying to figure out how to download your very spirit... your very soul... into a computer.

This way if you ever die, all of your intelligence, and your thoughts, and your memories, and your beliefs will all be able to be uploaded into a new brain and a new body. So, if your body is killed on the battlefield, or you die from old age, they can simply upload who you are into another brain, or into another body. And we already know that they know how to clone things don't we? We've cloned cows and we've cloned sheep and all kinds of farm animals but we're told that cloning a human being is still against the law. But who is it that believes that all of these scientists around the world are all law-abiding individuals? Do we really think that they have not cloned a human being as of yet?... just because they haven't announced it on the lame stream media news network?

And so, the point I'm trying to make my friends is that this lie that our adversary told Eve clear back in the garden is the same lie that he is perpetuating in the minds of men to this very day. Man, to this very day still believes that he can be like God, and even replace God by manipulating the things that God gave to him. I want us to notice what happens in verse seven. We're told that after they had partaken of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil... That their eyes were opened and they saw things differently, and they realized that they were naked. At this point in time I'm sure that Adam and Eve had no idea of the spiritual ramifications concerning this eye-opening experience. It was at this point in time that our adversary had slapped the shackles on the hands and feet of mankind.

And so, for today I will leave you to ponder these things until we dive even deeper into Genesis chapter 3 next Wednesday at 7 PM Eastern standard Time.