

THE FALL OF MAN, PART 1  
(Genesis 3:1-5)

- I. The TEMPTER (Gen. 3:1a)
  - A. The beautiful SERPENT
    - 1. “More CRAFTY than ANY beast of the FIELD...”
    - 2. May have WALKED or FLOWN (cf. 3:14)
  - B. The despicable SPIRIT
    - 1. His EXISTENCE
      - a. OT—Mentioned in GENESIS, 1 CHRONICLES, JOB, ISAIAH, EZEKIEL, and ZECHARIAH
      - b. NT—Mentioned by EVERY WRITER
      - c. In 25 of the 29 Gospel references, the speaker is JESUS
    - 2. His PERSONALITY
      - a. Possesses INTELLIGENCE (2 Cor. 11:3)
      - b. Expresses EMOTIONS (Rev. 12:17; Luke 22:31)
      - c. Exercises VOLITION (Isa. 14:12-14; 2 Tim. 2:26)
    - 3. His IDENTITY (Eze. 28:11-19)
      - a. Unparalleled WISDOM—“FULL” (v. 12)
      - b. Unparalleled BEAUTY—“PERFECT” (v. 12)
      - c. Unparalleled HABITATION—“EDEN” (v. 13)
      - d. Unparalleled COVERING—“GOLD and EVERY precious stone” (v. 13)
      - e. Unparalleled POSITION—MUSIC/WORSHIP (vv. 13-14)

- f. Unparalleled PERFECTION—ORIGINAL (v. 15)
  - 4. His MUTINY
    - a. AMBITION led to ARROGANCE (Isa. 14:13-14)
    - b. These led to DEFIANCE (Gen. 3:1-5)
    - c. Used his POSITION for personal GAIN (1 Tim. 3:6)
  - 5. His DESTINY
    - a. The ABYSS for 1000 YEARS (Rev. 20:1-2)
    - b. The LAKE OF FIRE for ETERNITY (Rev. 20:10)
- II. The TEMPTATION (Gen. 3:1b-5)
  - A. The deceptive STRATEGY (v. 1b)
    - 1. Questioned God’s WORD
    - 2. Questioned God’s GOODNESS and LOVE
  - B. The successful SEDUCTION (vv. 2-5)
    - 1. Eve answered ALMOST correctly (cf. 2:16-17)
      - a. Omits “FREELY” and “EVERY,” making God seem LESS GENEROUS
      - b. Adds “or TOUCH it,” making God seem MORE RESTRICTIVE
      - c. Had received her instructions from ADAM
    - 2. Serpent DENIED God’s TRUTHFULNESS
      - a. “You surely WILL NOT DIE!”
        - 1) SPIRITUAL death IMMEDIATE
        - 2) PHYSICAL death GRADUAL
      - b. “You will be AS GODS” —only in their OWN EYES
      - c. “Knowing GOOD and EVIL” (cf. Rom. 7:18-25; 2 Cor. 11:3)
        - 1) Knowing GOOD, but unable to DO IT
        - 2) Knowing EVIL, but unable to RESIST IT