



# FUEL: Genesis 3:1-24

**When bad things happen, what reasons do people give to try and make sense of it?**

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*At the end of Genesis 2 the world Adam and Eve lived in was just wonderful. There were good things to see, good things to eat, good things to do, Adam and Eve were happily married and living in a beautiful garden with the God who made them. How did this world become horrible? That's the question that Genesis 3 will answer for us. Genesis 3 shows the moment it all went wrong.*

## **READ GENESIS 3:1-24**

### **GETTING THE FACTS**

#### **1. The Serpent (v1-5)**

**What information are we told about the serpent? (verse 1) How many times does the serpent speak?**

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**How does the serpent refer to God? How is this different to how God had been previously addressed?**

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We are told that the serpent is crafty. **How does the question he asks in verse 1 show his craftiness? What is he trying to do to Eve by asking this question?**

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**Does the woman give a good answer to the serpent's question? (compare 3:2-3 with 2:16-17)**

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**What did the serpent promise would happen if Eve ate from the tree? (verse 5) Was he right? (verse 7, 22)**

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**What do you think was so attractive about having the knowledge of good and evil?**

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#### **2. The Sin, the Shame, the Search (v6-13)**

**What three things are we told about the fruit of the tree? What does the woman do? (verse 6)**

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**What does the man do? What should he have done?**

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**After eating the fruit what two things do the man and woman do? (verses 7-8) What relationships have been affected by eating the fruit?**

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**Who is hiding? Who is searching?**

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**How many questions does God ask? Why do you think God asked these questions?**

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**How does Adam respond to God's questioning? How does Eve respond to God's questioning?**

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### **3. The Sentence (v16-24)**

**What sentence is given to the woman?** \_\_\_\_\_

**As a woman screams in pain as she gives birth to a child what is that to remind us about?**

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**How many times does the word eat appear in verses 17-19?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the sentence given to the man affect his eating?** (compare what he has to do now to eat with what he had to do before in the Garden of Eden)

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**What has to happen for us to eat our food each day?** (Go right back to where each item of food started out) **As someone works hard every meal to prepare food for us to eat what are we to be reminded about?**

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**What ways do we see that human beings are now under the sentence of death?** (verses 19-23)

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**What hints of God's goodness do we see in this sad episode?** (verse 9, 16 and 21)

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### **4. The Saviour (v14-15)**

**Who is the serpent?** (see Revelation 12:9) **Who are the serpent's offspring?**

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**What are we told about one of the woman's offspring?** (verse 15)

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**According to Genesis 3:15, what will happen to Satan and all his followers?** (see Romans 16:20 and Revelation 20:1-10)

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**When was the serpent crushed, and when did he strike the serpent crusher's heel?**

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### **GETTING PERSONAL**

**Using Genesis 3 give a definition, in your own words, of what sin is?**

Sin is \_\_\_\_\_

**What does Genesis 3 teach us about ignoring God's Word and going the way we think is best?**

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**What does this passage teach us about the future? How should this affect the way we live now?**

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