

**King James Bible Study Correspondence Course**

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**Genesis 3**

## Lesson 1 – Introduction

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The third chapter of the book of Genesis is probably the most important single chapter in the Bible. In the first two chapters of the word of God we are introduced, ever so briefly, to the props which decorate this great stage known as planet Earth, We also meet the players which appear in the subsequent unfolding of history.

In this third chapter is the beginning of every plot which is to be developed throughout the Bible, along with the remainder of human history. This chapter marks the beginning of the relationship between man and God and between man and Satan. Every aspect of these relationships can be traced back to this chapter.

The subjects of life, death, sin, salvation, human nature, spiritual warfare, and end-time prophecy all begin here. Many of the great Biblical themes are seen here in summary form.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will set forth in this series of twenty lessons the outline. In so doing we will provide the Bible student with a working knowledge of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.

Please be willing to lay aside all preconceived ideas and all religious prejudice as these lessons are presented. Please abandon all assumptions in favor of plainly stated Biblical truth. Please make no judgment regarding any of the statements made in these lessons until you have carefully checked each Bible reference given. All statements made herein will be supported by the scriptures and the references will be given so that the student may check them thoughtfully.

It is our prayer that God will use these studies to help individuals, Sunday School classes, churches and schools to understand what they believe. Many hold to the fundamentals of the faith but if asked to show them in the scriptures, they cannot. These lessons will make the Christian ready to give an answer to everyone who asks the reason for the hope within them.

We suggest that before you begin each lesson that you read Genesis 3 in its' entirety.

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Before we begin our study of Genesis Three let us set forth basic rules by which all Bible Study should be conducted.

### I. THE BIBLE IS CORRECT AS IT STANDS.

God has authored His word, and preserved it in its original purity and perfection (Psalms 33:4; 12:6-7; 19:7; Proverbs 30:5; 1 Peter 1:23; Romans 3:4). We are not to corrupt or question the Bible, but to study, believe and obey it. Remember: if one must alter the Bible to make a point that point is no longer **Bible** doctrine.

### II. THE BIBLE IS TO BE RIGHTLY DIVIDED

God has written one Bible, containing the truth man needs in every age. We must carefully examine its contents to determine what portion of the word is binding upon us today and what portion of the word is for our example only (2 Timothy 2:15). Each passage must be read with the following questions in mind:

- Who is talking?
- To whom is this addressed?
- What is the speaker trying to explain?
- In what age does the context of the remarks place the passage?
- Does this rightly apply to the day in which we live?
- How will this come to pass, by God's will?
- Sometimes why would the Holy Spirit want you to know this?

The above 7 principles must be applied to all Bible reading and studying or else the reader will become confused. Always take the Bible literal, it will usually tell you when you need to make it spiritual.

Example: Revelation 11:8

Also it is important to understand that the Bible is written to three groups of peoples. 1 Corinthians 10:32

- The Jews
- The Gentiles
- The church of God

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**III. COMPARISON OF SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL**

A. Biblical terms and meanings are to be defined by their use throughout the Bible text, not by extra Biblical sources, such as commentaries, Strong's, Greek/Hebrew or Vine's interpretation.

1 Corinthians 2:12-16.

B. Things which match and things which differ must be noted with utmost care 2 Peter 1:20-21.

**IV. REPEATING HISTORY IS THE KEY TO PROPHETIC MATERIAL**

The student must carefully note the cycles and patterns which the Holy Spirit has woven through the Bible text Ecclesiastes 3:15 History truly does repeat itself.

**V. HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION ARE ONLY SECONDARY IMPORTANCE**

The Bible is the work of the Holy Spirit, and the Author, within the believer will teach any willing soul the truth 1 Corinthians 1:26; Psalms 25:14; Genesis 40:8; 1 Corinthians 1:21.

**VI. USE OF CROSS REFERENCES IS ESSENTIAL**

God seldom places all the truth regarding a matter in a single place Isaiah 28:10, Isaiah 28:13; 2 Peter 1:20. The student must search every passage referring to any topic to be certain he has all the counsel of God on a matter.

**VII. TRUST GOD BEFORE MAN**

God has given each of us certain mental faculties. He has also gifted and enabled certain men to teach His church. But all men, one's self-included, must be judged in light of scripture Romans 3:4. --When anyone differs with the Bible, the Bible is to be trusted.

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**VIII. MEMORIZE AND MEDITATE**

God has instructed us to do just that Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:2; Psalms 119:11 When you memorize scripture the Holy Spirit will bring those verses into your mind while witnessing, studying the Bible and when warring with your flesh.

**IX. WHERE TO BEGIN**

Since the Bible is not written in chronological order, it is best to start at the beginning and read through to the end. Keep a notebook with you as you read to write down the questions you have. Then your next time through the Bible, you will see many of those questions answered, and have many more to add to your notebook.

**X. ALWAYS PRAY BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR BIBLE**

The words of the Bible are inspired 2 Timothy 3:16; the Holy Spirit gave them to the writers to pen. It is important to ask God to lead you and guide you into all truth. Psalms 119:18; 1 Peter 1:12; Ephesians 1:17; Psalms 31:3.

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All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit

1. Who are the three groups of people the Bible speaks to specifically?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. What subjects are covered in this chapter?
3. What does Genesis chapter's 1 & 2 do for us?
4. What relationships will we learn about in this chapter?
5. Why is it so important to rightly divide the Bible when reading?
6. What is the first thing we are to do before we begin our Bible reading or Bible Study?
7. When studying the subject of Baptism, what principal of Bible study must be applied?
8. If a preacher, teacher or professor says the Bible is written incorrectly, and should say this or that, what should be your response?
9. What are the seven principles that must be maintained while reading or studying the Bible?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.

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- g.
10. Why should we not depend on Bible dictionaries, Vines, Strong's, Hebrew, Greek and commentaries to explain the Bible to us?
  11. Can someone who does not have a degree in Theology ever be able to understand the Bible properly? Why?
  12. Why should we meditate on God's word?
  13. What is the purpose of this lesson?

**True/false**

- History does repeat itself.
- The KJV Bible is the only Bible for the English speaking peoples and it does not need to be revised.
- Any willing soul that fears the Lord, whether they have a gifted brain or just plain normal can understand the Bible.
- It is very important to pray for guidance before we open up God's word.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)  
Psalms 25:14; Romans 3:4; Ecclesiastes 3:15

Any questions?