

The First Man: Adam

Genesis 02:07

1. *The LORD God formed man*
2. *Man was formed from the dust of the ground*
3. *God breathed His own breath of life into man*
4. *Man became a living soul*

7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

The First Garden and Its Purpose: Eden, Man's Ideal Place or Home

Genesis 02 08–09

1. *A real place, a garden planted by God*
2. *Eden met man's need for a home: A very special place to live*
3. *Eden met man's need for beauty and food and for spiritual surroundings*
4. *Eden met man's need to live forever: The tree of life*
5. *Eden met man's need to exercise his free will — his ability to choose: The tree of knowing good and evil*

8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The First Temptation and Sin:
 Man's Fall from Perfection —
 Man and Woman's First Steps into Sin
 Genesis 03:01–06

1. *The serpent*

2. *Step 1:*

Being confronted with suggestive, enticing and tempting thoughts

3. *Step 2:*

Entertaining, harbouring and discussing the suggestive thoughts

4. *Step 3:*

Doubting the consequences of God's Word

5. *Step 4:*

Thinking that one will be more fulfilled, that one will gain and benefit more

6. *Step 5:*

Looking and desiring — lusting

7. *Step 6:*

Committing the sin: Taking and eating the forbidden fruit

8. *Step 7:*

Leading others to sin: Being a stumbling block

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.