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THE HISTORY OF GOD AND
THE HUMAN RACE

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Prologue

IN THE BEGINNING

Millenniums ago and prior to the inception of life on earth, the Creator God, maker and designer of the heavens and the earth, chose to create the very first human.

God created a living being made of flesh and blood that He could love and be loved by. The ability to receive love and to give love was the paramount characteristic of this first human. This wonderful and amazing being was called “man.”

God walked on the earth side by side with His magnificent new creation.

A beautiful friendship was developing between God and man as they walked together in the garden paradise that God had created especially for him.

Sadly a day came when, in a tragic act of disobedience, this, the first man rejected God’s authority and became lost on the earth.

Dear reader, please know this, you and I are descendants of this rebellious man. If you have ever made mistakes, felt lost, lonely, empty, or like something is missing in your life, you will understand this story.

God's close and loving relationship with man is told in a few short pages at the beginning of the book of Genesis. The entire remainder of the Bible chronicles God's attempt as a loving Father to reconcile man back to Himself; God's journey with man culminates in the arrival on earth of a glorious Redeemer who would make a way for man to be reunited back to God.

This is God's account of how human life began as found in the ancient, divinely inspired words of the Bible. The following pages contain a condensed paraphrase of God's history with His human creation. The presentation is God speaking in the first person.

I

THE INVITATION

I formed man from the dirt of the earth. I breathed life into his newly formed lungs and called him *Adam*, which means “red clay man” (Gen. 2:7).

I alone was Adam’s Father and Maker.

I loved Adam as My son and Adam loved Me as his Father. I created Adam with a conscience and the ability to choose. My love was unconditional. Adam could choose to love Me, or not.

A beautiful garden paradise was made for him with trees and flowers of every kind. The trees of the garden bore perfect and delicious fruit. This garden I called Eden was serene and beautiful.

Coming down from heaven, I would spend time walking with Adam in the cool of the evening. Together we walked and talked, just the two of us.

I told the man he could eat from all the trees of the garden, except one.

There was a tree in the beautiful garden called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; that tree was forbidden.

I warned Adam that if he ever ate of the tree that he would surely die (Gen. 2:16–17).

I also created wonderful animals for Adam's pleasure. All of the animals were friendly. Sheep could pasture alongside wolves in complete safety.

Harm and death did not exist on earth. My earth was truly a magnificent paradise, stunning in all its wonder and glory from sunrise to sunset. Adam was given authority to oversee the garden and give names to all the marvelous animals of the earth.

After observing Adam for a while, I decided it was not good for him to be alone. Causing Adam to fall into a deep sleep, I removed a rib from his side and from this rib I formed a mate and partner for him called woman.

Eve is the name that Adam would give her. *Eve* means "mother of all the living" (Gen. 3:20). The first woman was very beautiful and created in such a way that she and Adam would complement each other physically and emotionally, in perfect intimacy.

They were both wonderfully made.

Adam awoke and upon seeing Eve, he immediately exclaimed "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh" (Gen. 2:22-23).

Their lives were full of love, beauty, peace, and harmony. I provided everything they would ever need. Now with My intimate fellowship and a perfectly designed and loving mate, if Adam so desired, he could be completely satisfied. He would

never have to be lonely. The garden was truly bliss. It was a serene and peaceful paradise.

They had everything they wanted and needed. They were happy and content, living securely under My personal loving care.

Adam and Eve loved each other. I loved them both. *Everything was good.*

The Deception

In the eternal past, long before I created man and the garden, I had created other beings called angels. One who was especially beautiful served in My heavenly kingdom. His name was Satan and he was not satisfied with his status in heaven. Satan chose to rebel against Me, taking a third of the angels in heaven with him. (Ezek. 28:11-19).

I cast Satan, and his angels, who are called demons and fallen angels, down to earth to await judgement. Satan had become totally evil (Isa. 14:12-15).

It wasn't long until Satan came into the beautiful garden to entice My precious new creations to join in his rebellion.

He approached Adam and Eve as they were exploring the garden one day. Resting near the forbidden tree, they were unaware that evil was lurking nearby.

Appearing as an alluring serpent, Satan calmly said to Eve, “It looks good, doesn’t it? Go ahead and eat. It’s not really forbidden; just eat, eat the fruit on that tree. You won’t die,” he told her, “but rather you will become just like God” (Gen. 3:5).

The Invitation is Rejected

Eve, tempted by Satan, saw that the fruit was beautiful. She ate the fruit, and then gave some to Adam who also ate. In rebelling against Me, their eyes were opened to the knowledge of good and evil. Man’s innocence was forever lost.

In a single tragic moment, sin and death began to invade the earth, bringing with it all of Satan’s horrors, crimes, wars, lies, and perversions that humankind would face from that one single moment until this very day. This event would later be recorded as the Fall of Man.

By eating of the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve brought themselves and their descendants under Satan’s eternal curse and judgement.

Then My children, realizing what they had done, fearfully tried to hide from Me. Their peace and joy quickly began to disappear. They had separated themselves from Me, their Father, Maker, and Protector (Gen. 3:8).

I sensed the emptiness filling their hearts. No longer would the first man and woman naturally

enjoy the comfort and blessings of My intimate presence in their lives. I, their Father and Creator, could no longer walk with them, because I am Holy, and holiness and evil cannot co-exist.

Peace was gone.

Evil began to shroud the entire earth as evidenced when Eve later bore children who brought murder into the world, with one son, Cain, killing the other son, Abel (Gen. 4:8).

Expelled from the garden, from that time on, Adam and Eve and all of humanity would live and eat by the sweat of their brow (Gen. 3:19).

The Invitation to Noah

As humanity multiplied upon the earth; violence and corruption spread. People used their freedom of choice to kill and destroy. I observed how their very thoughts were becoming continually evil (Gen. 6:5). Good and perfect things I had created were being perverted by evil men and women. All the people on the earth had corrupted their ways (Gen. 6:12).

Instead of loving and caring for each other, mankind began to rape and murder and steal. I was grieved deep in My heart that I had created mankind (Gen. 6:6). *Man chose evil, evil being the human's misuse of My good creation.* I would now

send a great flood of water to cover the earth and cleanse the creation of their evil. All humanity would be destroyed, except one family.

Noah, a righteous descendant of Adam's third son Seth found favor in My eyes. I would save Noah and his family from the coming flood. Speaking to Noah, I warned him of this coming peril. A mighty boat was built to save his family and two, male and female, of every kind of animal of the earth and bird of the air. This evil generation would be erased from the earth. Life could begin new again after the flood.

Soon the waters receded and the earth was purified. I gave Noah and his family instructions much like I had given Adam, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." I set a sign, a magnificent rainbow in the clouds, and I told Noah the rainbow would represent an everlasting covenant between Me and the earth and all living creatures of every kind. I made a promise to Noah and his family that no matter how corrupt humanity might become, I would never again use flood waters to destroy all life from the earth, and the rainbow would serve as a reminder of this promise (Gen. 9:11-17).