

Genesis 2-3 — ADAM & EVE

The Second Creation Story in **Genesis 2:4-3:24** starts out with a dry environment and ends up with a lush garden or orchard . . . from which Adam and Eve have been driven out! Here are a handful of questions which will help get you into the narrative.

1. According to **Genesis 2:4-17**, how did the Garden of Eden get there, and how did the human being get in the garden?
2. According to **Genesis 2:18-25**, how did the woman get there?
3. According to **Genesis 3:1-7**, why did things go wrong?
4. According to **Genesis 3:8-19**, the man blamed the woman, and the woman blamed the man. How did the Lord God punish each of them?

The Snake _____

The Woman _____

The Man _____

5. According to **Genesis 3:20-24**, how did this story end?

These stories are symbolic of human life; they are not literal historical accounts. Do any of these insights ring true to your experience? Why? (Answer on the back.)

- Men and women are meant for each other.
- Snakes crawl on the ground.
- Childbirth is painful.
- Weeds make it hard to farm.
- God created us and placed us in community.
- Humans are meant to be vegetarians.
- We find a sense of purpose in our work.
- We are to live as morally responsible people.
- It's all about survival of the fittest.

