

Some evangelicals erroneously teach that **Genesis chapters one** through **eleven** uses figurative non literal language and is not an actual historical account. The argument is that those first personalities were just symbolic of the human race but didn't actually exist.

Consider this counter argument: the name Adam is used \_\_\_\_\_ times throughout Scripture. Just one example is that Adam is mentioned in different genealogical lists. In fact, Adam is mentioned in one of the most extensive New Testament genealogical lists found in **Luke 3:23-38** (see screen)

Salvation is actually prefigured in this section and in particular it prefigures the essential sides to salvation: \_\_\_\_\_ side and \_\_\_\_\_ side

- man is responsible to \_\_\_\_\_. In **Genesis chapter three**, man was responsible to exercise faith in what God had revealed to him up to that point in time. God had not revealed that much but God had revealed enough for him to believe.

**Question:** How can we be sure that Adam believed God?

**Answer:** Because he believed the **protoevangelium**. **Genesis 3:15** was the protoevangelium and meant “first gospel.”

The evidence the first man believed that protoevangelium is demonstrated in the name he assigned to the first woman.

**verse twenty**, “*And Adam called his wife’s name Eve (why) because she was the mother of all living*”.

In the original Hebrew language the name Eve meant “\_\_\_\_\_ of life” and that’s because she would become the biological beginning of all human life. The name Eve connected the first woman to **Genesis 3:15** because God predicted she would have future descendants and Adam believed that prediction.

**Question:** How did people before Jesus (Old Testament saints) receive salvation?

**Answer:** Old Testament people received salvation through \_\_\_\_\_ in what God had revealed to them up at that point in time

**Definition:** progressive revelation is the concept that those biblical sections that were written at a later date in time contain a \_\_\_\_\_ revelation of God (i.e. contain more complete information about God) compared to the earlier biblical sections.

Some teach that salvation was different in the Old Testament than in the New Testament. The argument is that Old Testament saints received salvation through a strict obedience to the Mosaic Law.

But that's not possible.

Reference: **Galatians 3:11** (see screen)

- God's side to salvation is to provide \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition:** atonement is the teaching that Jesus Christ through His own sacrificial death was punished (penalized) as a \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners and in doing that satisfied the demands of justice so that God could then grant men forgiveness.

This atonement is how man can be \_\_\_\_\_ (reconciled) to God through forgiveness of his sins.

The word atonement can be broken apart to mean "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_" and that's what atonement means. Man and God can be reunited through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and that atonement was prefigured in **Genesis chapter three**.

**verse twenty-one**, "Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them"

**verse twenty-two**, "Then the LORD God said, 'Behold, the man has become like **one of Us** (this Us would be describing all three members of the triune Godhead: Father, Son and HS so God is having a conversation with Himself) to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree, and eat, and live forever' -"

**verse twenty-three**, "therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken."

**verse twenty-four**, "So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life."

God clothed the first humans and then drove them out of the garden and then He stationed cherubim at the garden entrance.

Cherubim's are \_\_\_\_\_ angels. Before his rebellion, Satan was a cherub (**Ezekiel 28:12-15**)

The Old Testament tabernacle and then the Jerusalem temple contained countless representations of cherubim

(**Exodus 25:17-22; 26:1, 31; 36:8; 1 Kings 6:23-35; 7:29-36; 8:6-7; 1 Chronicles 28:18; 2 Chronicles 3:7-14; 2 Chronicles 3:10-13; 5:7-8; Hebrews 9:5**).

Compare **Ezekiel 1:3-5** and **10:14** and **15** then **Ezekiel 1:5-14** (see screen)

This expulsion of the first humans from the garden is the first biblical example of the \_\_\_\_\_ principle.

Reference: **Revelation 3:7,8a**

**verse seven**, "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, **He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens**":"

**verse eight**, "I know your works. See, **I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;...**"

Reference: **Proverbs 20:24** (see screen)