



“Exiles from Eden”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article “Exiles from Eden” on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 6 No. 4) before answering the questions.

1. The Bible is not a random collection of morality tales but a series of true accounts carefully selected to unfold God’s eternal plan of redemption. Explain why the events of Genesis 3 make such a perfect opening to the Bible, with its great gospel theme of salvation through Christ alone. _____

2. What are some common experiences that God uses to remind humans that they were not originally made to live in a fallen, “groaning” world (Romans 8:20–22)? Consider fairy tale endings (“and they lived happily ever after”). Why are they so appealing? _____

3. Genesis 3 contrasts the first sinners’ and God’s methods of covering sin. What do the differences tell us about human nature versus God’s nature? _____

4. In what ways did Jesus Christ fulfill the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 (see Hebrews 2:14–15)? _____

5. In the Old Testament, names were an embodiment of a person’s character. How was the name Woman appropriate for Adam’s wife? How was her new name, Eve, also appropriate? _____

6. Why was it merciful for God to pass a death sentence on mankind and drive Adam and Eve from the garden?

7. Read the two passages where Paul refers to Adam in his description of salvation (Romans 5:12–19 and 1 Corinthians 15:21–22, 15:46–49). Why does Adam need to be a historical individual for Christ’s work as the “Last Adam” to be meaningful? _____

