

The Intersection of Genesis and John

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INTRODUCTION

THE INTRODUCTION OF HUMAN LIFE TO PLANET EARTH

Genesis

THE INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN DEATH ON PLANET EARTH

The warning: *In the day you eat of it, dying you will die*

The warning speaks of a process that will take time

The warning says when the process would start

The warning calls both the starting and ending points: *death*

Eating of the wrong tree

Consequences that developed immediately (even before seeing God)

Consequences decreed by God (when God spoke to them)

The point when Adam (and Eve) died physically

Does the warning address (directly) eternal issues of death?

INTRODUCTION TO EVERLASTING LIFE IN GENESIS

First mentioned after the fall

Treated as something that Adam and Eve did not (yet) possess

Would result from eating of the tree of life

Implication: Before the fall Adam and Eve had not eaten of the tree of life:
If they had eaten of it, they would now possess everlasting life

A statement of the status of Adam and Eve before the fall

They were alive, but did not possess everlasting life; they were alive and were not in the process of dying

Review of Consequences of Adam and Eve Eating of the wrong tree

Consequences that developed immediately (even before seeing God)

Consequences decreed by God (when God spoke to them)

The point when Adam (and Eve) died physically

It was possible for the death of a human to become an eternal death

Passages that point to Adam and Eve as ones who will live forever (through faith)

Eve

Adam

The passage that clarifies faith as the means for receiving the promise: Genesis 15 Sequence of events in Genesis 15:

- 1 Gen 15:1 Afterwards the word of the Lord came: 'ahar . . . hayâ (perfect)
 - 2 Gen 15:2 Then Abram said: wayyô'mer (waw consecutive + preterite)
 - 3 Gen 15:3 Then Abram said: wayyô'mer (waw consecutive + preterite)
 - 4 Gen 15:4 The word of the Lord [came] to Abram: (no main verb)
 - 5 Gen 15:5: Then He brought: wayyô'tsê' (waw consecutive + preterite)
- Gen 15:6 Now he had believed: w^ehe'^emin
(waw disjunctive + perfect)

Prior to Event 1
- 6 Gen 15:7 Then He said to him: wayyô'mer (waw consecutive + preterite)
 - 7 Gen 15:8 Then he said: wayyô'mer (waw consecutive + preterite)
 - 8 Gen 15:9 Then He said to him: wayyô'mer (waw consecutive + preterite)
 - 9 Gen 15:10 Then He said to him: wayyô'mer (waw consecutive + preterite)

Reason Moses would tell us that Genesis 15:6 precedes Genesis 15:1

Gen 15:1 The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision saying....

It was not that Abram had a vision about believing; he had already believed

The Intersection with John's Gospel Tetimony

The prologue (John 1:1–18)

Creation

Believing in Christ

Life/ Children of God

The Purpose Statement

Message of Life statements in the book

John 3:16

John 5:24

John 6:47

CONCLUSION