

# MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH AND URIAH  
# 7 - THE NATURE OF HUMANITY  
"THE BABYSITTING DISASTER"





**T**hey walked in and couldn't believe their eyes. There was a river of milk that ran from the table all the way to the refrigerator. Cereal was spilled over the seats and the trail went from the kitchen to the pantry. Tiny footprints of milk could be traced from the table to the bathroom. Uriah and Jeniah were gone for only a few seconds, leaving Brody, their five year old cousin, in the living room while they ran upstairs to grab a board game.

They follow the milk-stained footsteps to the bathroom and knocked on the door. “Brody are you in there?” Uriah asked. He and Jeniah were watching him for the afternoon while parents went out for a date. “No,” the response came from the other side of the door.

“Brody come out and look at the mess you made. Please tell us what happened,” Jeniah said sternly. Her eyes raced back and forth as if to try to figure out how to explain this grand mess. “How did this happen in just a few minutes?” Jeniah continued.

“I don’t know,” came the response from the other side of the door.

So who made this mess? Jeniah asked. “Not me” the little voice replied. “I’ve been in here the whole entire time,” Brody continued.

“Brody, we can see your footprints from the table to the closet!” Uriah said.

The door cracked open and with a tear in his 5 year old eye, he said, “I was hungry and didn’t want to disturb you so I tried to make cereal. I poured milk in the bowl and when I put it back, the top came off and it spilled all over the floor. I had the cereal in my hand and it dropped when I tried to pick up the top and there was a huge mess and...” tears began to flow and he shut the door trying to hide his embarrassment.

“Open the door. I’m going to tell you a story,” Jeniah said.

“I’m so bad. I’m going to get in trouble. I always mess up,” the trembling little voice said.”

“Oh, cousin Uriah will clean that up for us, Won’t you URIAH?” Jeniah said pleading with her eyes.

“Will you Uriah?” Brody said as he cracked the door ever so slowly.

“Okay, okay,” Uriah said as he went to find the mop and broom.

“Do you remember the story of Adam and Eve?”, Jeniah asked. “God created them and put them in a beautiful garden. Kinda like this house you have.”

- Genesis 2:7, 15

“<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

- Psalm 8:4-8;

“ What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and \_\_\_\_\_ . You made them \_\_\_\_\_ over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.”

“But what if I told you that even in a perfect world they made a mess too? A mess way bigger than the one you made in the kitchen,” Jeniah continued, “They tried to clean themselves up too and the more they tried the worse things got!”

- Genesis 3:6-7
- “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig \_\_\_\_\_ together and made coverings for themselves.”

“Wait, what?” Brody said as his eyes grew bigger.

“Yep. And ever since then, all human beings struggle with trying to do what’s right.”

- Psalm 51:5

*“Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”*

- Jeremiah 17:9;
- “The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

“How did they get fixed?” Brody asked his cousin. “They couldn’t fix it, but God made them a promise that He would fix it one day. He would clean up the mess by sending His son Jesus to die for our sins.”

- John 1:29

*“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”*

- John 3:16

*“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.”*

“So because Adam and Eve messed up, we make messes? But the one who cleans up our mess is Jesus?” Brody asked inquisitively.

“Absolutely!” Jeniah exclaimed.

- Romans 5:12,15, 17

<sup>12</sup> “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned... <sup>15</sup> But the \_\_\_\_\_ is not like the \_\_\_\_\_. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant \_\_\_\_\_ of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!”

“Jesus is the Second Adam, He came to restore what Adam gave away at creation.”

The voice startled them as they didn’t realize Brody’s parents had been standing there listening to the conversation. “Jeniah, thank you for helping Brody see a bigger picture to the mess.” Aunt Carissa said. “And you are right, we all deserved to be in “trouble”,” she said with a glance toward her son. “But Jesus extended grace to us so we can do the same thing to others.”

- Ephesians 2:3

*“All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.”*

- 2 Corinthians 5:19

*“That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s \_\_\_\_\_ against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”*

You know one of my favorite scriptures I like to remember when I mess up is Philippians 1:6. It lets me know that Jesus is continually working on me, in spite of the messes I make so that one day I can go and live with him!

- Philippians 1:6

*“Being confident of this very thing, that He who began has begun a good \_\_\_\_\_ in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.”*

“But until we get to heaven, how about we try our best not to make so many spills down here!” Uncle Joel said. Brody laughed as his dad threw him a towel as they walked together to help Uriah finish cleaning up the mess.