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Genesis 3

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Genesis 3:1 (NKJV)

¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

hanachash (הַנַּחַשׁ)- *serpent*



Beautiful Snakes



Saltwater Crocodile



Language Ability

Balaam's Donkey



Demonic Ventriloquism



A Natural Ability Taken Away

The Question of the Serpent



Questioned God's Motives

Genesis 3:2-5 (NKJV)

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



- **The Woman Permits Imagination**
- **Infringe on Reality**
- **Satan Contradicts God**
- **Satan Sells Half Truths**

Genesis 3:6-13 (NKJV)

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

¹³ And the Lord God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The Nature of Temptation

1. Human Appetite- Good For Food
2. Human Aesthetics- Pleasant to the Eyes
3. Human Acumen- Tree to be Desired to Make Wise

Effects of Sin – Sin's Nature Revealed

- Eve Shares Opportunity to Defy God (Ingratitude)
- First Family Becomes Aware of Nakedness (Something Has Changed)
- First Human Provision for Sin – Fig Leaves (Human Ingenuity)
- Avoidance of God (Fear of God)
- “The Woman You Gave Me” (Blame Game) – Victims of God

Genesis 3:14-19 (NKJV) – Punishments and Redemption

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent:
“Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman He said:
“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your
conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire *shall be* for your husband,
And he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have
heeded the voice of your wife, and have
eaten from the tree of which I commanded
you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:
“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat *of* it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth
for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat
bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you *are*,
And to dust you shall return.”

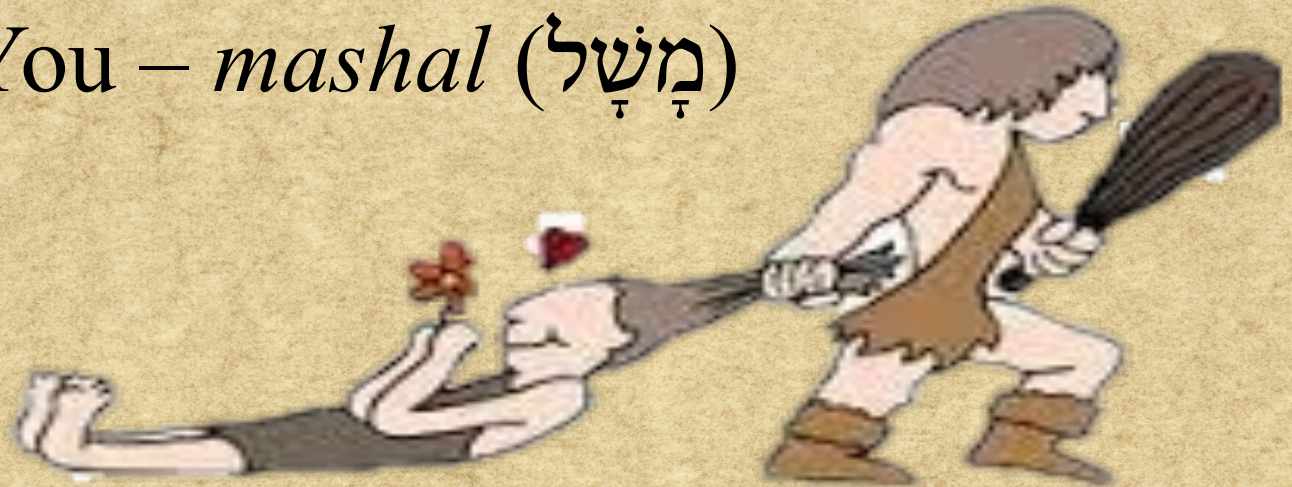
The Protevangelium (Genesis 3:15)

The First Announcement of the Gospel



The Woman

- Difficulty in Conception and Birth
- Desire will be Toward Husband – *teshuqah* (תְּשׁוּקָה)
- He will Rule Over You – *mashal* (מָשַׁל)



The Man



- Creation Adversely Affected
- The Ground Tilled in Sorrow
- Physical Death and Return to Elements





Genesis 3:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

A blue-toned silhouette illustration of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Adam stands on the left, holding Eve's hand. Eve stands on the right, looking back over her shoulder. They are surrounded by stylized trees and foliage. The background is a light blue gradient.

Adam Named His Wife

Adam Named Her – Authority

Eve – “Life”

- Mother of All Living
- Ends Racism
- Defines Part of Her Purpose

Made Tunics of Skin and



Addressed their Problem

Genesis 2:22-24 (NKJV)

²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ 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.



- Guarding the Garden
- Man No Longer has Access to the Tree of Life