

Genesis 2020 Chapter Three

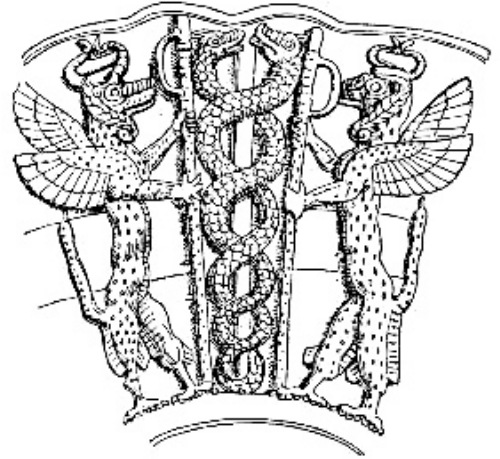
Genesis 3:1a *Now the serpent (nachash) was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.*

The serpent is memorialized throughout history.

Leviticus 11:42 *“Whatever crawls on its belly, you shall not eat, for they are detestable.”*

⇒ **Revelation 12:15** *Then from the mouth of the serpent spewed water like a river to overtake the woman and sweep her away in the torrent.*

⇒ **Revelation 20:2** *He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.*



→→→ Time to Introduce Satan: Read **Ezekiel 28**

Concerning **Ezekiel 28 & 31** *“Whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? You shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the world below. You shall*

lie among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. “This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, declares the Lord GOD.” **Ezekiel 31:18**

NetBible: A Word Play: **2:25** crafty/**3:1** naked: (עָרֻמִּים, {arummim}) and “shrewd” (עָרוּם, {arum}).

The point: the integrity of the man/woman is the focus of the serpent’s craftiness. At the beginning they are naked and he is shrewd; afterward, they will be covered and he will be cursed.

Allen P. Ross...It may be helpful to compare the descriptions of the pagan deities in all their caprice as well as the symbols and representations of their power. One such symbol was the serpent. If the nations of the ancient Near East surrounding Israel

venerated the serpent as the life-giving goddess of the earth, then the representation in this passage strikes a remarkably antithetical theme. The story takes on a polemic nature.

NetBible: sn Many theologians identify or associate the serpent with Satan. In this view Satan comes in the disguise of a serpent or speaks through a serpent explaining the serpent’s capacity to speak. While later passages in the Bible indicate there was a satanic presence behind the serpent (see **Rev 12:9** and **20:2**).

-Part 1: **Gen 3:1b** He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

→ *Rabbinic writings, following the biblical example of the Lord using a donkey to talk, suggests the Devil enabled the serpent to talk.*

→ Satan reveals a tactic used on both Eve (and indirectly Adam, the son of God (**Luke 3:38**), and Jesus, the Son of God (**Mark 1:1**).

→→→ “Did God actually say?” **Clue:** Is this question sin? Being inquisitive is not sin, questioning God is.

...1 **John 5:17** “All unrighteousness is sin.”

...**Leviticus 27:27** “[If] you do not obey Me, but walk in hostility toward Me, then I will walk in fury against you, and I, even I, will punish you.”

⇒ This seemingly little question it is a slippery slope.

Sin is “Walking contrary to God” and also “missing the mark,” and an arrow off 1” at 10 yards continues off course and is off 6” at 50.

... This sin begins and at once there is an escalation, and it continues to ride off course until **Genesis 6**.

- **2nd clue:** Is Eve really listening to a talking snake?

- **3rd Clue:** Satan uses Elohim (drops Yahweh).

1. The source of good is God: **Ps 34:8** God is good.

James 1:17 Every good/perfect gift is from above.

Isaiah 6:3 God is holy, holy, holy. **John 1:5** says, “*God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*”

2. The source of evil is outside of God. God did not create evil; He’s not tempted, nor does He tempt.

- Recall: Because of the way God made our vision, darkness is not the presence of blackness, it is the absence of light. There is light in darkness but we can’t see it. Recall; Light/dark are both symbolic. Like darkness, Evil is not the presence of some-thing (blackness), evil is the absence of righteousness.

— In **Isaiah 45:7** He creates darkness and calamity, but does so by withdrawing light or righteousness.

→ The tactic of questioning God’s Word is to divide and conquer (‘A house divided’).

→ The Question’s, questions God’s authority.

→ Puts the onus on the person to obey.

→ Puts doubt in the mind of the weak.

→ Causes pride to blossom.

- Read **Luke 4:4-13** Satan’s ploy: to get you to directly and blatantly violate the Word of God, or violate it in principle; to cast doubt on God or His Word.

— **Hosea 4:6** “*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*”

Part 2: **Genesis 3:2** *And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”*

⇒ Two direct problems: NetBible **tn a.**: “it is as though she wanted to set a law for herself by means of this exaggeration.” **tn b.**: “The Hebrew construction with the imperfect tense...in this way, the woman omits the emphatic infinitive used by God (“you shall surely die”).

→ Satan then adds an outright lie/progression in tactics.

Part 3: **Genesis 3:4** But the serpent said to the woman “You will not surely die...” “You will not die to die”

→ After Satan gets Eve to misquote God, he then quotes God exactly; he already had eve half way, now he finishes her off.

3:5 “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God (Elohim), knowing good and evil.” Important...**SEE 3:22**

Satan becomes the Father of Lies. John 8:44

Genesis 3:6 *So when the woman saw that the tree was*

good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. Bookend #2 See 2:18 (Man/wife naked...unashamed).

1. Eat = (she did not say “eat to eat” ...freely eat).
 2. Fruit = (She saw the fruit and desired it).
 3. Midst = (She knows exactly where the bad tree is).
 4. She does not name the trees.
 5. Touch? = (Did Adam command her not to touch?)
 6. Die = (she did not say “die to die” ...Surely die).
 7. She gives no attention to the Tree of Life.
 8. She drops the personal name of “Lord God.”
- ...Compare **3:1a** versus **3:1b** and **3:3a**

1. The portal for satan is the eyes!

- **1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not from the Father but from the world.

- **Genesis 13:10** And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt.

2. The portal for God is the ear!

- **Mark 4:24** *Pay attention to what you hear.*

- **Romans 10:17** *Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

- **Galatians 3:2** *I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?* Josephus, Ant. 1.1.4 (1.41) attributes the serpent's actions to jealousy. He writes that “the serpent, living in the company of Adam and his wife, grew jealous of the blessings which he supposed were destined for them if they obeyed God's behests, and, believing that disobedience would bring trouble on them, he maliciously persuaded the woman to taste of the tree of wisdom. Shrewd, or Prudent.”

Discussion: How could Adam/Eve/Satan have fallen?

1. There is only one God; no one is like Him; “Holy”

2. If no one else is God, then everyone else is in danger of falling prey to temptation.

Satan proved that (pride); Adam/Eve Pride/Lust.

- “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!”

- “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”

- “You were an anointed Cherub”

- “You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.”

- “Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.”

- 3. **A. Infralapsarianism**: God foresaw and permitted the fall of man and that after the fall he then decreed election as a means of saving some of the human race.

B. Supralapsarianism: God decreed both election and reprobation prior to creation and then allowed the fall of man as a means of carrying out his divine purposes.

Overriding Premise: **Ephesians 1:11** “*in whom we also were called, having been foreordained according to the*

plan of him who works out all things in conformity with the counsel of his will.”

Tension!

When two concepts “seem” to conflict and yet biblically both are correct.

1. The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed

Eph 3:6. *This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel - 8 to me was grace given to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God. who created all things, 10 so that through the church*

(1 Tim 3:15) *the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

2. Predestination, Election, and Free Will

A. We are predestined and Elected. **Ephesians 1:4** *For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in His presence. In love 5 He predestined us for adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.*

B. However, Everyone is called to Repent.

- **Acts 17:30** *The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent*

- **Ezekiel 33:11** *The Lord GOD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked should turn from their ways and live.*

- **Isaiah 45:22** *“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.*

3. The Universal Redemption of Christ

- **1 John 2:2** *He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

- **2 Peter 3:9** *The Lord is...not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

- **Titus 2:11** *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.*

Want More Tension?

Acts 11:18 *“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”*

→ **A.** God must grant repentance. What does that mean?

⇒ **John 6:44** *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.*

⇒ **Acts 11:18** *Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.*

⇒ **2 Tim. 2:25** *...correcting opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance and then knowledge of the truth.*

B. God grants repentance from His love.

⇒ **Rom. 2:4** *Or do you have contempt for the wealth of his kindness, forbearance, and patience, and yet do*

not know that God’s kindness leads you to repentance?

D. In love, God uses pain to turn people to Him.

⇒ **Hosea 6:1** *Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn us to pieces, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bind up our wounds.*

⇒ **2 Cor 7:10** *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. Note: So if he is after you, He loves you.*

E. No one seeks God, He seeks them.

⇒ **Rom 3:11-12** *No one seeks for God...not even one.*

⇒ **Psalms 53:3** *...not even one.*

⇒ **Eph 2:8** *By grace you've been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.*

⇒ **Rom 12:3** *Think with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith that God has assigned to each.*

F. Mankind is held responsible if they do not choose.

⇒ **Romans 1:21-24** *For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him...Therefore God gave them up...*

G. Dispensations reveals God withholds repentance.

⇒ **Matthew 15:24** *He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

⇒ **Romans 11:7** *What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened...25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you will not be conceited: A hardening in part has come to Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.*

H. Bottom line #1 All of Man is invited to come.

⇒ **Isaiah 55:1** *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you without money.*

⇒ **Romans 10:13** *For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

⇒ **Revelation 22:17** *The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.*

I. Bottom line #2, it's God's choice and for His glory.

⇒ **Romans 9:18** *Therefore God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy, and He hardens whom He wants to harden.*

⇒ **Deuteronomy 29:29** *The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

⇒ **1 Corinthians 13:12** *Now we see in a mirror dimly but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

⇒ **Romans 9:13-18** *"Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."*

What then? Is there injustice on God's part? No

way! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and compassion on whom I choose," So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy...So then he has mercy on whom-ever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

God creates order, life, freedom, family. Satan creates chaos, death, slavery, isolation.

Kidner Make an interesting observation on a coincidence. The Bible notes that the verbs "take" and "eat" describe a very simple act in the garden, requiring a very costly remedy; the Lord himself would taste death before before we taste His salvation.

Now; Once we ask a question like... "Why doesn't God save everyone?"
"Why did God allow Satan into the garden?" "Why is there sin and evil in the world?"
"Why won't God simply do away with evil?"

Men Want the following: #1 Easy answers.
#2 Freedom from responsibility. #3 Freedom from guilt.
#4 Right to question God. #5 Right to judge God.



He was a "righteous" man but he still needed a whipping.

Westermann "A command that is questioned is no longer the original command"
...C.S. Lewis: "Ancient man approached God as an accused person approaches a judge. For the modern man the roles are reversed; he is the judge; God is in the dock."

In Ancient philosophy ancient and modern religion wisdom is queen.
Wisdom is elevated to a goddess.

Isaiah 29:14 *The wisdom of the wise will vanish.*



Sophia; promised that "AI" would not conquer mankind, was granted full citizenship in Saudi Arabia in 2018.



Athena: 'goddess of war'

"We find that Jesus resisted temptation by his superior knowledge of the Word of God-he quoted three times from Deuteronomy-when he was engaged by Satan's use of the Word (Matt. 4); Allen P. Ross.

Before Moving On: 'And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

»»» Any Attempt to cover your own sins amounts to as much as a person, in a hole, trying to dig their way out.

Genesis 3:8 *And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of The Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"*

Whereas Adam and Eve had life, they now will have death; where they had pleasure, they now will have pain; where abundance, now a meager sustenance by toil; where perfect harmony with God and with each other, now alienation and conflict. Allen P. Ross.

⇒ Let's add; where they once had peace they now have fear, where they once had no pain they not have much physical and emotional, where they once had good relations they now have bad; the stress had to be enormous.

First Notice; the return to the use of Yahweh Elohim (Lord God- personal).

1.NETBible tn: “Walking”: A Hitpael participle הִלָּךְ (*halakh*, “to walk, to go”)...iterative sense, “moving” or “going about.” A translation of “walking about” is possible; it assumes a theophany; the LORD God in a human form.

2.NETBible tn: Traditionally rendered “cool of the day;” רוּחַ (*ruakh*) can mean “wind.”

⇒ Cassuto: “Refers to afternoon when it became hot and the sun was beginning to decline.”

⇒ Niehaus: “An Akkadian cognate, translates the phrase “in the wind of the storm.” God’s thunderous roar, which typically accompanies his appearance in the storm to do battle or render judgment.” Psalm 28

It is actually difficult to find good consensus whether God is coming in patient and quiet (cool of the day), or He is raging mad during a storm. Certain hints are in v.10-11.

Genesis 3:10-11a *And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked?”*

Hints: 1. “I heard...” 2. and [then?] “I was afraid...” 3. “I hid myself.”

...**Interesting note:** “I hid myself.” Where’s Eve?

Romans 8:28 *“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.”*

→ Fear and shame enter the heart of mankind.

1. Power of authority over evil is gone!
2. The power of love (agape) is gone!
3. The knowledge of Good is warped!
4. Peace is Gone! etc, etc.

⇒ When we come to faith the following takes place:

1. Power over sin returns.
2. God’s love for others returns.
3. God’s Word returns to our heart.
4. Peace is restored. etc, etc.

Accordingly, when people are regenerated they become new creations. They have a renewed spiritual capacity to serve God and obey his commandments (see **John 20:22** for the inbreathing of the Spirit). Allen P. Ross.

God Holds Immediate Court Hearings!

John MacArthur: “So God is summing Adam into court and God is bringing Adam to the bench.”

It is my belief that God predestined this conflict. He creates darkness and calamity as a sign that He is victorious over it. He “confronts” evil, He divides it from the Light/Good. He does not hide it, or let it go on to continually meddle. He “uses” it to bring about His glory and dominion in all realms, and it is displayed on earth for us. At the end all perpetrators are judged.

Genesis 3:11b *Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."*

Notice the order of Adam's answer: #1. The woman...
#2. Whom you gave... #3 "Gave me fruit..."
A. "So it isn't all my fault and I didn't touch the tree."
B. However he confesses... "I ate."

v.13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Again the order of Eve's answer: #1. The serpent...
#2. Deceived me...
A. "So it isn't all my fault." B. "I was tricked."
B. However she confesses... "I ate."

Interestingly enough: MacArthur "Satan is silenced."

The Lord does not question the Devil; Why? #1 He is not God's steward, Adam is. God begins His case with Adam. (Judgment starts in the house of God). #2 The serpent is an animal, and the Devil is a 'liar from the beginning' (John 8:44).

⇒ **Proverbs 14:5** *A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies.*

⇒ **Proverbs 29:12** *If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials will be wicked.*

Genesis 3:14 *The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.*

*15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

›››› This judgment is important in more ways than a first glance can suggest.

⇒ It is physical & spiritual; God curses both realms.
⇒ It is sudden yet progressive; Cursed now/"I will."
⇒ It separates light-dark/evil-good/elect-lost seed;
and yet binds together God/His promise to Seed.

›››› Satan has furthered a rebellion of a war that began in Heaven, one God knew was coming to earth (**Genesis 1:1/Ezekiel 28**). God will use this war to declare just how vast in attributes, power, authority, and character He is. He is about to open the eyes and minds of the heavenly and earthly realms.

1. Predestined into Adoption (Seed/seed)

- **Ephesians 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

2. To set everything back in order, under one steward. **1:7** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,* **8** *which he lavished upon us, in all*

wisdom and insight **9** *making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ* **10** *as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth....* **18** *having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,* **19** *and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might* **20** *that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,* **21** *far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

3. This has been a mystery from the beginning. **Ephesians 2:14** *For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.* **3:6** *This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel...* **3:7** *Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.* **8** *To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,* **9** *and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things.*

4. In order to open the eyes and minds of the heavenlies... **10** *so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.* **11** *This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,* **12** *in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.*

- The serpent seems to lose legs and/or crawls on its belly perpetually. The most crafty animal in God's kingdom is now the most readily recognized and loathed. It's fall parallels that of Satan's. There is some evidence that the initial creature was not only crafty but beautiful, as in fiery or glittering (fiery or bronze serpents are prevalent in Scriptures.

- The Seed of the woman is "singular." However, it seems to envelop both concept of the Singular Second Adam (**1 Cor 15:45**), and the corporate seed (**Rev 12**).

— The war is between two seed (singular). Satan will have his seed, both again in the corporate sense, and the final antichrist to come. He is the "father of lies."

⇒ **v.15a:** *I will put (set).*" God "put/set" Adam in the Garden. Now He will put/set Enmity (I make calamity **Isaiah 45:7**). Enmity is hostility/war (they are now perpetual adversaries); It is not one battle.

⇒ Speaking of Edom: **Ezekiel 35:5** *Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end.*

- **v.15b** “he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

⇒ “Strike” (Shuf) and the tense of
each word is the same; the ‘striking’

will be continuous back-and-forth war but the ultimate outcome is a damaged head, versus a damaged heel. It is war between “Seed/seed,” both the single persons and their corresponding troops.

⇒ NetBible sn: “Longman suggests that the author and the ancient audience of Genesis would have seen the serpent as representing spiritual forces of evil.”

...Thus, the perpetual understanding of, and hatred for the snake as the concept of evil is born here.

→ - Important: the final Judgment is
announced here in opposition to Satan
(following Satan leads to eternal death),
while the Gospel is announced to mankind.

Matthew 25:41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

⇒ **Roman 16:20** The God of peace will
soon crush Satan under your feet.

⇒ **Revelation 19:20** And the beast was captured,
and with it the false prophet who in its presence

had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Genesis 3:16a To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.

→ Eve got her name because she is the mother of all living. Missler states this obviously mean the physical mother, but she also becomes the spiritual mother as well because of her spiritual seed.

- So now note: How quickly the fall seems to have occurred after Adam and Eve were created.

— They are blessed to multiply (**1:28**) and yet no children are mentioned until chapter four.

— So I would suggest that the fall took place almost immediately after Adam met Eve.

— Adam will live for 930 years and yet the fall seems to take place in his first year at best.

— Adam and Eve will be disciplined corresponding to their primary stewardship:

→→→ To Adam: a. The ground will be cursed.

b. He will toil in pain in working the ground
(all the days of his life v. **23**). c. He will return
to the ground.

→→→ To Eve: a. In child-bearing she will toil.

b. Her children will toil against her enemy. c. The word for child bearing can also infer child rearing. Some suggest that while she was blessed to multiply before, she must multiply now to make up for children that now will die because of their sin. Therefore, her pain will last, to some extent, all of her life (i.e. Abel dies)...the same word for “pain”
is used here for Eve, and *also* for Adam in v.**17**.

→→→ It is important to realize that these are
consequences of sin, and they are punishment,
but in no way are haphazard. The punishment is
actually geared to not only “fit the crime,” but
also toward redemption and establishing rule and order.

1. Pain: the concept can be both physical and emotional, and Jesus bears this out:

John 16:21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no

longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

Isaiah 26:16 O LORD, in distress they sought you; they poured out a whispered prayer when your discipline was upon them.

2. She attempted to take charge in the affairs of God and therefore is disciplined in that area as well:

Genesis 3:16b “Your desire (teshuqat) shall be contrary to your husband...”

Most english translations have “Your desire shall be for your husband.” That is a proper translation, but the English terminology is only somewhat helpful. It is best to provide a thorough translation, and then a proper meaning of the word “desire.”

And here, it allows us to provide a good example of Exegesis (critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially of scripture), and Hermeneutics (the branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts).

- **First** rule of translating and use of a particular word:

first begin in the context of the verse and passage.

— So, in our case “desire” is in the context of discipline; a judgment based on sin. So it will

have a negative sense. Based on that negative sense, there will a corresponding opposite reaction.

- **Second** rule: Find the use of the word (as well as a near context if possible) in the letter as a whole.

— So in our case the same word, teshuqat, is used in **Gen 4:7** “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

- **Third** rule: Find the use of the word (as well as a near context if possible) in another letter written by the same author, in this case Moses.

In our case teshuqat is not used elsewhere where Moses has written.

- **Fourth**: Find the use of the word (as well as a near context if possible) in another letter in the same language. This must be done with caution, Example:

— In our case teshuqat is used in a romantic sense in **Song 7:10** “I belong to my beloved, and his desire is for me. **11** Come, my beloved, let us go to the countryside; let us spend the night among the wildflowers.”

...this can be somewhat helpful in that the husband’s desire is to ‘have his way with her sexually,’ (NetBible tn) but in this context appropriately; it is not “contrary” to her teshuqat.

Genesis 3:16c “...but he shall rule over you.”

The term describes dominion, mastery, lordship.

It can carry a harsh application. Its significant;

the point is that it’s part of the punishment. To

attempt to make it teach the submission of the

woman to her husband and the loving leadership of the husband to his wife completely misses the point. Allen P. Ross.

...**NetBible**: “You will want to control your husband, but he will dominate you.”

NetBible sn This passage is a judgment oracle. It announces that conflict between man and woman will become the norm in human society. It does not depict the NT ideal, where the husband sacrificially loves his wife, as Christ loved the church, and where the wife recognizes the husband's loving leadership in the family and voluntarily submits to it. Sin produces a conflict or power struggle between the man and the woman, but in Christ man & woman call a truce and live harmoniously (**Eph 5:18-32**). - The applicable point of the passage is to realize what has taken place and engage in steps to counter the sinful consequences & tendencies we find amongst us.

Examples: - A man tends to 'lord it over' his wife.

- A woman tends to 'lead the way.'

...*you end up with books like:*

"Husbands Who Won't Lead & Wives Who Won't Follow"

In an otherwise healthy marital relationship, when one spouse tends toward this natural proclivity, an opposite reaction can, and often does occur.

Genesis 3:17 And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,

'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **18** thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Notice the ellipsis':

1. You ate of the tree, you will eat bread from the ground in pain (pain, thorns - thistles, and sweat).

2. The ground is cursed, and you will toil in it, until you return to it.

⇒ **Sidebar: Genesis 5:29** And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

Thus; The Lord God has completed His court case against the accused parties and declares judgment; the new normal of life, including conflict, pain, and death, and the presence of evil.

- *Let's do a little summary of reminders:*

1. The snake crawls on its belly; reminds us of the fall.

2. A woman has labor pains; it reminds us of the fall.

3. A woman is overbearing; it reminds us of the fall.

4. A man is unwilling to lead; it reminds us of the fall.

5. A man toils in the soil/work; it reminds us of the fall.

6. Man wanted to be godlike, but to dust they return, the same dust the serpent licks up; it reminds us of the fall.

- They desired to eat, and now toil to eat.

- Were naked & unashamed; now clothed & ashamed.

- Eve lead Adam to sin, now wishes to lead him still.

- Adam allowed Eve to lead, and now fails to lead.

- Were to dominate animals, now they dominate him.

- Were meant to live eternally, now die as a vapor.

...BUT God will do the unexpected = "grace."

...NOW; The name 'Eve' has not been used up till now; s

»»» **We took** a parenthetical walk between: **2:23** Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

AND: 3:20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

⇒ God slaughtering an animal should be highly regarded here (sacrifice/law/**Heb 9:22**). Also, God clothed them...and it is in connection with Eve having children. God Provides!

⇒ Notice an upward theme in chapters 1-2, downward despair in **3:1-19**, then upward again **3:20-21**.

— From God's: Calling, Atonement, and Security.

— From us: Obedience, Faith, and Hope.

3:22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever

—" **23** therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. Play of words }

words here

shalak

"the man send out his hand"

"God sent him out."

- Another view of God's 'higher court' (notes **1:26-27**).

- "Like one of us in knowing good and evil."

...God knew evil and it did not tempt Him.

The 'kids' knew evil and it killed them. So

they are "like" God in this one sense, they

knew evil, but they were unlike God in another sense, that it overcame them as they were tempted, and they experienced evil, making them unholy.

...God drove them from the tree of life so they would not live in a perpetual fallen state. They had to die, ONCE!

...**Hebrews 9:27** And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.

...**1 John 2:28** And now, little children, remain in Christ, so that when He appears, we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming.

...**1 John 4:17** By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

...**John 6:20** For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

...Again grace...God lets them live. But more than that, He has a plan for them. Eve, the woman who brings about the lives on earth, will bring about the seed, and the Kingdom on earth will return in the Last man. The first son of God brought death, but the last Son of God, Life. The two must 'live' to bring this about, through the grace of God.

Genesis 3:24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed (shakan) the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

A. How many Cherub are there...5? **EZ 1 & 10**

...**Ez 28:14** "You were anointed a guardian cherub."

...Just fyi: **Ez 1:16-22; Ez 28:13-14; Rev 21:18-21**

B. **2:8** sum (put/set) **2:15** nuach (put/placed/rest)

3:24 shakan שָׁכַן (dwelt/lived)

C. They were in the "East" guarding "The Way"

A casual reminder, war is under way.

- **John 8:44** You are of your father the devil.

- **1 John 3:10** By this the children of God are distinguished from the children of the devil.

- **John 12:31** Now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

- **Ephesians 2:2** The ruler of the power of the air.
- **Deuteronomy 4:3** Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. ...**19** And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. **20** But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.
NOW: go back to God's image and how much has been lost. God is no longer resting!
⇒ **E.W Bullinger** "In Genesis we have Satan's first revolt, and in Revelation his final revolt.
⇒ **This begins** to beginning of the end, which leads to a New Beginning.

END CHAPTER THREE:

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