

IN THE GARDEN

Gen. 3:1-15 *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which ADONAI Yahveh had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"*

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, Yahveh has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'" Yah had given them a command to NOT eat of the one specific tree, the tree of knowledge. Yah was in fact teaching them to obey His words. He was in a sense testing them.

4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die!

5 "For Adonai knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Adonai, knowing good and evil."

6 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 desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Here we see that it was delightful to her eyes. This is a perfect example of how our flesh (five senses) gets us in trouble. What appeared to be a delight to Eve's eyes caused her to sin. Now if Adam would have been looking after things properly, Eve would never have taken the fruit in the first place. It was Adam's fault that she took the fruit simply because he was not doing his job. It's easy to relate to this in today's world. So many men are not guarding their wife and family because they are so wrapped up with making money in the work place that they allow their family to be unprotected. Their Eve's are too often exposed to this sinful fruit all around them and are bound to once in a while take a bite. Eve in fact, even in the very beginning of time, inadvertently used witchcraft (the manipulation, domination, or control of anyone by any means other than the holy Spirit) on her soul mate. Because he wasn't concentrating on his instructions properly, he succumbs to her fleshly desires and caused both of them to fall.

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 loin coverings.

8 "And they heard the sound of ADONAI God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of ADONAI God among the trees of the garden. The word "cool" used here is actually #7307 "ruach", which refers to the breath; "ruach ha kodesh", the holy spirit. When Yah moves His Spirit sounds like a breeze, a moving of the air, breath. At this point in time the garden was still a holy sanctuary.

9 Then ADONAI YAHVEH called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so 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 not to eat?"

12 And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Adam's fleshly emotional desire to do as his help mate said superseded his duty as guard and bondservant of the garden.

13 Then ADONAI YAHVEH said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." A typical "pass the buck" type scenario.

14 And ADONAI YAHVEH said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, And dust shall you eat 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 you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

When Yahveh created Adam He made Adam the gardener. Yah planted seeds throughout the garden and Adam's job was to cultivate and guard these seeds and everything there was in the Garden. Adam was to be the protector (bondservant) of the garden, first and foremost. He was the guard over the garden. The tree of life contained everything Yah wanted His people to have. Life as a whole included knowledge of course, but that knowledge was not to be from the separate tree of knowledge. The knowledge El Shaddai wants us to have comes from His Word, His instructions, His torah, the tree of life.

In the beginning (matrix) Yah planted seeds. Plants were created from seeds, not the other way around. As Yah planted seeds in the garden so to He explained that the seed of Adam and Eve would have enmity with the seed of the serpent for life after the fall.

Gen. 1:29 Then Adonai said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding **seed** that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding **seed**; it shall be food for you;

Gen. 2:8-9 And ADONAI YAHVEH planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground ADONAI YAHVEH caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; **the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.** It is no coincidence that the Torah scrolls are called "The Tree Of Life" in Hebrew.

Remember the Cherubim angels on the Ark Of The Covenant protected the “tree of life” scrolls inside the ark, just as Adam was supposed to protect the “tree of life” in the garden. Another example of a Hebrew idiom.

What is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is pride, doing things our way. It is the opposite of following His ways. When we do things Yah’s way He blesses us. When we do things our way, we are being evil, rebellious. We do things our way because of our pride. **Prov. 8:13** *“The fear of ADONAI is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate.”* See also Isa. 5:20.

Adam was formed from the dust of the earth (like a seed Yah Himself planted), and in a similar manner all plants come from the dust of the earth, planted at the time of creation.

Adam guarded the garden for how long we do not know, but obviously it was a long time because trees have to mature for them to produce the fruit that Adam and Eve eventually ate. Adam lived among the animals of the garden but because these animals had no soul, they were not intelligent enough to properly commune with him. Adam needed a companion of his own intellect (nature), so Yah created a woman from Adam’s rib. This meant that Adam’s duty also included protecting Eve, which he failed to do. If he would have been looking after his help mate the way he was supposed to, Eve would never have been duped by the serpent in the first place.

As Adam was supposed to protect the “tree Of Life” (Torah/Word) in the Garden Of Eden, we too are supposed to protect our Torah/Yah’s Word later made flesh, in Yeshua (John 1:1). **Rev. 2:4** *‘But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.* Yah wants us to show Him our first love by being obedient to His Word. **John 14:15 (written in red)** *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”*

As we see in Revelation, Adam left his first love Eve unprotected, and she stumbled and fell into the hands of the adversary. Her fall was the beginning of the Fall Of Man. In the last days most of Yah’s Believers have “left their first love” and fallen into the trap of the world, which is Satan’s territory. Worldly people are those who do not follow Torah, the tree of life.

When we become born again we leave Egypt and we must remain in the wilderness for a long time to remove all the garbage we picked up in the world. The journey we take when we are born again is not just to Heaven, but back to the promised land, whether it is symbolic or literal. The promised land for those of us who are born again and try to be obedient to the Living Word, is the New Jerusalem soon to be hovering over earth. **Rev. 2:7** *‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of Elohim.’*

Rev. 22:2 *“in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*

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