



The Fall of Man

The Fall in the Garden

- **Genesis 3– Visual Reading**
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kErh9HPAd_4&list=PL3H6z037pboET6gf3QexjXj4-VYejaYhx&index=2

Erwin Lutzer – “There is a Serpent in Our Garden

- https://zoom.us/rec/play/vsYoc-v6_D43SYKU5QSDVPV-W469e_is0HJMqadfkqyUXBSOwCmY7JHYucbDISybvYtyJcu9-2i_LVB?autoplay=true&startTime=1596724903000

The Two Trees

Genesis 2 : 8-9, 16-17

- ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**
- ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”

The Temptation and Fall of Man

- Genesis 3 ¹Now 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’?**”
- 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.’ ”

SERPENT'S CHARACTERISTICS & TACTICS

- Cunning
- He can speak
- Questions Absolute Truth (Casts Doubt on God's Word)
- He draws us in
- He asks questions
- Mixes Lies & Truth
- Deceives
- Tempts to Disobey God

The Serpent

- In verse 1, the Serpent is not to be thought of a disgusting reptile. The creature may have been the most beautiful. It may have had legs.
- The snake like nature was the effect of the curse in verse 14 & is what made the snake the most disgusting and repulsive creature to most humans.
- Satan is called a serpent in Rev. 12:9; 12:14-15; 20:2
- **Buddhism, Hinduism and Yoga all worship SERPENTS as their deity, verifying 100% that these religions are from the Devil!!**

The Serpent in Eastern Religions

Buddhism



Hinduism



Shiva wears a snake around neck



Shiva statue outside CERN in Switzerland

Yoga



Snake Yoga

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/lifestyle/forget-bikram-snake-yoga-is-coming-to-vancouver-1.4220520>

The Temptation and Fall of Man

- 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.**”
- 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.

SERPENT'S CHARACTERISTICS & TACTICS

- He appeals to:
- **Lust of the Flesh (food)**
- **Lust of the Eyes (eyes/seeing)**
- **Pride of Life (will be wise)**

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

The Fall – Literal Event

- This is not an allegory but a **literal event**, as the inspired Apostle Paul & John verify.
- **2 Corinthians 11:3** ³” But I fear, lest somehow, **as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness**, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- **1 Timothy 2:14** ¹⁴” And Adam was not deceived, but the **woman being deceived**, fell into transgression.”

The Fall - Observations

1. Satan always **casts doubt** on God's Word by **questioning Truth**
2. Satan **lied** about the result of God's judgement upon disobedience (death) by saying "**Surely you won't die**", just as people today doubt that hell is real and everyone will go to heaven or be reincarnated.
3. Satan **deceived** Eve to believe that this was the **right thing to do**. She received the serpent **without fear** or surprise, but as some credible messenger from heaven.
4. Satan promised **knowledge** to **MAKE HER LIKE GOD** – this is the same lie that New Age teaches today. They misrepresent the "I Am" "God" concept as it appeals to man's ego, a lie as old as the Garden of Eden.
5. **Erwin Lutzer –False Religion & the Lie of Reincarnation**

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Genesis 3 & Romans 5:12-14

Moral Ruin of the Human Race or The Depravity of Man Doctrine

1. Death is universal (Romans 5:12-14 – because all have sinned)
2. Cause of Death is Sin (v.12b)
3. Sin Entered the World through Adam (v.12a)
4. We have a Universal Sin Nature (spiritual depravity/bankruptcy of man)
 - Analogy of Christ and Adam is because each made one decision that affected all humanity.
 - Both were in the Garden, Eden vs. Gethsemane; My Will be Done in disobedience (Adam) vs. Your will be done (Jesus) – amazing parallel!
 - Sin entered the world with Adam since it was him who God issued the command in Gen. 2:15-17, but sin originated with Satan (1 John 3:8).
 - God declared that the “wages of sin are death” (Gen 2:17; Rom 6:23; Ezek. 18:4) before man ever sinned (Physical, Spiritual & Eternal death)

The Temptation and Fall of Man

- 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.”

GOD'S RESPONSE

- Ask's questions & Convicts them of disobeying (sin)
- Lack of confession & repentance is the issue
- Guilt & Shame
- Fear
- Blame
- Separation from each other & God

God Declares War!

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.

GOD’S RESPONSE

- God curses the cattle, all creation & the serpent
- Romans 8:20-23
- Serpents have always been feared & despised

¹⁵ **And I will put enmity (enemy/hatred) Between you and the woman, And between your seed & her Seed;**

SPIRITUAL WAR IS ON!

- Between Satan & all Mankind
- “Your seed” = Satan & Unbelievers;
- “Her Seed” = Christ & Believers

• He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

1st Prophecy of The Cross & Redemption

- Jesus will defeat Satan
- Crucifixion results in a bruised heel.

The Curse – Women

- 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.”

Consequences of Sin for Women

- Pain in childbirth
- She would be subject to her husband’s authority, but her desire (sinful) will be to rule over the husband.
- **Note:** The spiritual source of the **feminist movement** is to avoid this curse & to rule over man – also to destroy the family and marriage,
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBSTC_C_iNU – 10 min Excellent Sermon on this
- https://youtu.be/cT_uUnqUF4c?t=599 – 10 min mark

The Curse – Men

- 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.”**

Consequences of Sin for Men

- The object of man’s work was cursed by weeds & thorns, meaning that work would require difficult & unpleasant toil and sweat.
- **Death & mortality is the punishment of sin!**

Adamic Covenant – Gen. 3:15-19

- Conditions of life for fallen man which must remain until the Kingdom Age begins on Christ's return.
- 1. **Serpent is Cursed** (Gen 3:15)– became a graphic warning of the effect of sin as the once normal creature and the most beautiful angel in heaven becomes known as the most despised animal on the planet.
- 2. **The First Promise of a Redeemer** (Gen 3:15) – This begins the line of the “seed”: Abel, Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David, Jesus Christ.
- 3. **The Curse of the Woman** (Gen 3:16) – 3 Curses:
 1. Multiplied sorrow & conception
 2. Pain in child birth
 3. Headship of the man (as opposed to Gen 1:26-27) Sin's disorder makes necessary a headship and it is put in the man (Eph 5:22-25; 1 Cor. 11:7-9; 1 Tim 2:11-14)
- 4. **The Curse of the Man** - Easy Living of Eden is changed to Burdensome labor (Gen 3:18-19)
- 5. **The brevity of life & certainty of physical Death** (Gen 3:17)

John 3:14

“Just as Moses Lifted up the Serpent...the Son of Man must be lifted up”

- **Numbers 21:4-9** – God punished the **disobedient** Israelites by sending snakes to bite them. He instructed them to put a brass snake on a pole, and by **looking** up at the serpent they could be delivered by death.
- 2 Kings 18:4 – this same snake began to be worshiped as an idol 700 years later!
- **A brass serpent on a pole? Why?** Just looking at it renders snake bites harmless?
 - Serpent was a symbol of sin
 - Brass was a metal that could sustain fire (symbol of judgement)
 - Therefore sin would be judged (**2 Cor 5:21 - Jesus/God became sin for us!**)
 - Crucifixion had not been invented yet at time of Moses – divine
- There is nothing in the entire Old Testament that clearly explains why God chose this method of the snake on the pole until John 3 when Jesus compares this (analogy) to looking in faith to the crucified Christ.
- **The snake on the pole was a foreshadowing of the CROSS!!**
- **All God asks is for us to believe & look at His Son, and you have Life. Salvation by Faith.**

Other Insights to the Serpent on the Brass Pole

- **Greek mythology** – Aesculapius 1200 BC (god of medicine & healing, 250 years after Moses) - a snake on a pole is a symbol of healing.
- **WHO – World Health Organization** today has this serpent on a pole in their logo. WHO is actually displaying in their logo the serpent on the brass pole from the Bible!



**World Health
Organization**

Expulsion from the Garden

- ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.
- ²¹ **The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.**
- ²² And the LORD God said, **“The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”**
- ²³ So the LORD **God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.** ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Tunics are a **“Type of Christ”**

- Tunic was a divinely provided garment that the first sinners might be made fit for God’s presence.
- God Himself killed animals to use their skins as a covering for Adam & Eve.
- Shows that only God can provide a suitable covering for sin and it must involve the shedding of blood (Heb 9:22)
- Adam & Eve should have died, but it was an animal.
- This is a **Shadow** that one day God would sacrifice a substitute to redeem sinners.

Man's Quest for Knowledge

- Man always wants to put their faith in knowledge instead of faith in God. Secret societies, false religions and cults all promise “knowledge” of the unknown
- In the last century, knowledge, science and technology has exploded (Daniel) and people now don't think they need God, they think they are God
- Man split the atom – Cern; They are able to map DNA; they have made computers able to think more advanced than humans (AI); they think they can become immortal by transhumanism and cryogenics.
- Men still in spite of this is foolish enough to think he can evade the consequences of sin
- This explains the history of civilization and man's thoughts – man knows there is a tree of life, and he wants it! He thinks he can become God.
- Everyone wants peace, joy, happiness and immortality without God. They can never find it.
- Genesis 3 defines the source of human depravity and explains why people are the way they are.

Types & Shadows

- A type is a divinely purposed illustration of some truth. Types are a form of prophecy.
- Types are a divine foreshadowing of future events, people, or relationships through the historical recording of different ancient events, people, or relationships.
- It may be: (1) a **Person (Rom. 5:14)** ; (2) an **Event (1 Cor. 10:11)** ; (3) a **Thing (Heb 10:19-20)** ; (4) an Institution (**Heb 9:11-12**) ; or (5) a Ceremony (**1 Cor. 5:7**) . Types occur most frequently in the Pentateuch.
- The fulfillment of the type, is found generally in the New Testament and is often explicitly identified as such by scripture.
- The term 'shadow' means, likeness, copy, and imitation,.
 - *Colossians 2:17 (Institutions & Commands); Hebrews 10:1 (the Law); Hebrews 8:5 (tabernacle)*

Types & Shadows - Examples

1. **A Person** - **Adam, Melchizedek, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and David** – “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of **Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come**” (Rom 5:14 NKJ).
2. **An Event** - the preservation of Noah, **redemption from Egypt**, lifting up the **brazen serpent**, sacrifices blessed by God – “**Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come**” (1 Cor 10:11 NKJ).
3. **A Thing** - such as the **tabernacle**, the **lamb of sacrifice, Jordan**, a city like **Babylon** – “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh” (Heb 10:19-20 NKJ).
4. **An Institution** - the Sabbath, animal sacrifice, **Melchizedek’s priesthood**, David’s kingdom – “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption” (Heb 9:11-12 NKJ).
5. **A Ceremony** such as appointments for the service of God – “Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. **For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.**” (1 Cor 5:7 NKJ). The leaven is a symbol for sin.
 1. • Adam – A contrasting type of Christ ([Rom 5:14-19](#), [1 Cor 15:22](#))
 2. • Coats of Skin – Type of Christ ([1 Cor 1:30](#))
 3. • Woman – Type of the Church ([Eph 5:25-32](#), [2 Cor 11:2-3](#), [John 3:28-29](#))
 4. • The seed of Woman – Type of Christ
 5. • Ark – Type of Christ.

The Fall - Conclusions

1. The “Fall” refers to this moment in time when humans first disobeyed God - The expression “**the Fall**” comes from **Rom 3:23**
2. Adam and Eve’s **WILLFUL decision** created a state of rebellion and separation between the Creation and the Creator.
3. The Bible verifies that the Fall brought the disease of sin and death into every person’s life. Therefore everyone is born with a sinful nature, and unable not to sin. This is also referred to as the doctrine of the “**Depravity of Man**” or “**Original Sin**” (Augustine).
Romans 5:12
4. No matter how many “good deeds” we do, we still commit sin, and we still have the problem of a corrupt nature within. **We must have God’s forgiveness through faith in Jesus’ substitutionary sacrifice on the Cross to be reconciled to God. This is the theme of the entire Bible!**