

Genesis 3:1-24

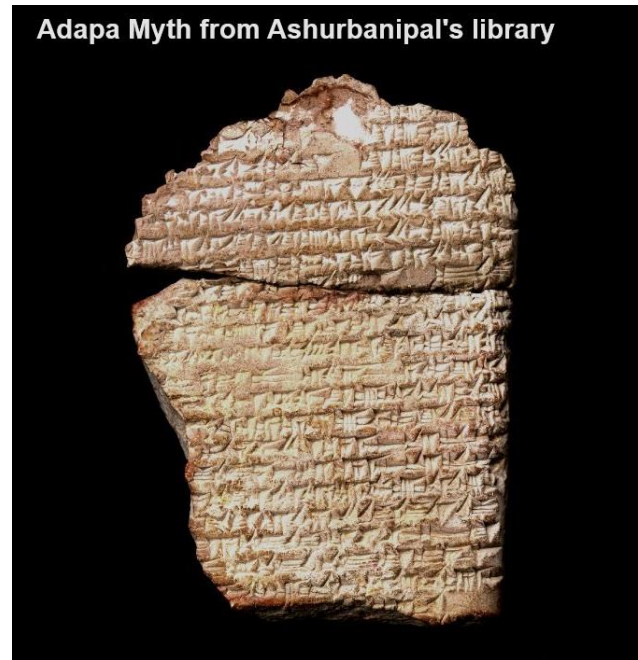
Genesis 3:1 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

559 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]	6213 [e]	834 [e]	7704 [e]	2416 [e]	3605 [e]	6175 [e]	1961 [e]	5175 [e]
way-yo-mer	'è-lo-him;	Yah-weh	'a-sáh	'á-ser	has-śā-deh,	hay-yat	mik-kól	'a-rüm,	hā-yāh	we-han-nā-ḥās
וַיֹּאמֶר	אֱלֹהִים	יְהוָה	עָשָׂה	אֲשֶׁר	הַשָּׂדֵה	חַי-יַת	מִכֹּל	עָרוֹם	הָיָה	וְהַנָּחָשׁ
And he said	God	Yahweh	had made	which	of the field	beast	than any	more cunning	was	Now the serpent
Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImpf-3ms	N-mp	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Pro-r	Art N-ms	N-fsc	Prep-m N-msc	Adj-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj-w, Art N-ms

1588 [e]	6086 [e]	3605 [e]	398 [e]	3808 [e]	430 [e]	559 [e]	3588 [e]	637 [e]	802 [e]	413 [e]
hag-gān.	'éṣ	mik-kól	tō-ḱə-lū,	lo	'è-lo-him,	'a-mar	kí-	'ap	hā-'iš-śāh,	'el-
פִּי	הַגָּן	עֵץ	מִכֹּל	וְתֹאכְלוּ	לֹא	אֱלֹהִים	אָמַר	כִּי-	אֵף	הָאִשָּׁה
of the garden	tree	of every	you shall eat	not	God	Has said	indeed	-	the woman	to
Art N-cs	N-msc	Prep-m N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-2mp	Adv-NegPrt	N-mp	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj	Conj	Art N-fs	Prep

1. “You” is plural
2. Ancient cultures:
 - a. In the Epic of Gilgamesh the magical plant that will rejuvenate Gilgamesh is stolen by a snake.
 - b. In the Story of Adapa, the man Adapa who is the guardian of Anu’s palace, is offered the food of life by a serpent shaped demon of the underworld.
 - c. In Egypt, the serpent is associated with two things:
 - i. Wisdom
 - ii. Death
3. “serpent” here is *nahas*.
4. This written account and the OT Hebrews never connected Satan with the serpent. But, the New Testament revelation seems to make the connection:
 - a. Revelation 20:2 – “And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,”
 - b. Revelation 12:9 – “And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”



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.’”

398 [e] nō-ḵél. נֹאכֵל:	1588 [e] hag·gān הַגָּן	6086 [e] 'éṣ- עֵץ	6529 [e] mip·pə·rī מִפְרֵי	5175 [e] han·nā·ḥāš; הַנָּחַשׁ	413 [e] 'el- אֶל-	802 [e] hā·'iš·šāh הָאִשָּׁה	559 [e] wat·tō·mer וַיֹּאמֶר	2		
we may eat	of the garden	of the trees	the fruit	the serpent	to	the woman	and said			
V-Qal-Imperf-1cp	Art N-cs	N-msc	Prep-m N-msc	Art N-ms	Prep	Art N-fs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3fs			
4480 [e] mim·men·nū, מִמֶּנּוּ	398 [e] tō-ḵə-lū תֹּאכְלוּ	3808 [e] lō לֹא	430 [e] 'ē-lō·hīm, אֱלֹהִים	559 [e] 'ā-mar אָמַר	1588 [e] hag·gān הַגָּן	8432 [e] bə-tō-wḵ- בְּתוֹךְ-	834 [e] 'ā·šer אֲשֶׁר	6086 [e] hā·'éṣ הָעֵץ	6529 [e] ū·mip·pə·rī וּמִפְרֵי	3
it	you shall eat	not	God	has said	of the garden	in the middle	which [is]	of the tree	but of the fruit	
Prep 3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-2mp	Adv-NegPrt	N-mp	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Art N-cs	Prep-b N-msc	Pro-r	Art N-ms	Conj-w, Prep-m N-msc	
					4191 [e] tə·mu·tūn. תִּמְתּוּן:	6435 [e] pen- פֶּן	5060 [e] bōw; בּוֹ	3808 [e] tig·gə·'ū תִּגְעוּ	940 [e] wə·lō וְלֹא	
					you die	lest	it	shall you touch	nor	
					V-Qal-Imperf-2mp Pn	Conj	Prep 3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-2mp	Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	

3:4-5 - But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

4191 [e] tə·mu·tūn. תִּמְתּוּן:	4191 [e] mō-wt מוֹת	3808 [e] lō- לֹא	802 [e] hā·'iš·šāh; הָאִשָּׁה	413 [e] 'el- אֶל-	5175 [e] han·nā·ḥāš הַנָּחַשׁ	559 [e] way·yō·mer וַיֹּאמֶר	4			
you will die	surely	not	the woman	to	the serpent	And said				
V-Qal-Imperf-2mp Pn	V-Qal-InfAbs	Adv-NegPrt	Art N-fs	Prep	Art N-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms				
1961 [e] wih·yī·tem וְהִייתֶם	5869 [e] 'é·né·ḵem; עֵינֵיכֶם	6491 [e] wə·nīp·qə·ḥū וְנִפְקְחוּ	4480 [e] mim·men·nū, מִמֶּנּוּ	398 [e] 'ā·ḵā·le·ḵem אֲכַלְכֶם	3117 [e] bə·yō·wm בְּיוֹם	3588 [e] kī, כִּי	430 [e] 'ē-lō·hīm, אֱלֹהִים	3045 [e] yō·dē·a' יָדַע	3588 [e] kī כִּי	5
and you will be	your eyes	then will be opened	of it	you eat	in the day	that	God	knows	for	
Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-2mp	N-cdc 2mp	Conj-w V-Nifal-ConjPerf-3cp	Prep 3ms	V-Qal-Inf 2mp	Prep-b N-msc	Conj	N-mp	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Conj	
					7451 [e] wā·rā'. וְרָע:	2896 [e] tō·wb טוֹב	3045 [e] yō·dē·é יָדָעַי	430 [e] kē-lō·hīm, כְּאֱלֹהִים		
					and evil	good	knowing	like God		
					Conj-w Adj-ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc	Prep-k N-mp		

1. “you will be like God”
 - a. This promise is in reference to like God in “wisdom”, “insight”, “opened eyes”
2. Adam and Eve:
 - a. Lose their immortality
 - b. Lose their relationship with God

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.

3:7 - Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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.

3117 [e]	7307 [e]	1588 [e]	1980 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]	6963 [e]	853 [e]	8085 [e]
hay-yō-wm;	lā-rū-ah	bag-gan	mit-hal-lék	lō-hīm	Yah-weh	qō-wl	'et-	way-yiš-mə'ū
הַיּוֹם	לְרוּחַ	בַּגֶּן	מִתְהַלֵּךְ	אֱלֹהִים	יְהוָה	קוֹל	אֶת-	וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ
of the day	in the breeze	in the garden	walking	God	of Yahweh	the sound	-	And they heard
Art N-ms	Prep-l N-csc	Prep-b, Art N-cs	V-Hitpael-Prtcpl-ms	N-mp	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3mp

"ruach" = "breath, wind, spirit"

"halak" = "to go", "come", "walk"

1588 [e]	6086 [e]	8432 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]	6440 [e]	802 [e]	120 [e]	2244 [e]
hag-gān.	'ēṣ	bə-tō-wk	'ē-lō-hīm,	Yah-weh	mip-pə-nē	wə-'iš-tōw,	hā-'ā-dām	way-yit-hab-bē
הַגֶּן	עֵץ	בְּתוֹךְ	אֱלֹהִים	יְהוָה	מִפְּנֵי	וְאִשְׁתּוֹ	אָדָם	וַיִּתְחַבְּאוּ
of the garden	the trees	among	God	of Yahweh	from the presence	and his wife	Adam	and hid themselves
Art N-cs	N-msc	Prep-b N-msc	N-mp	N-proper-ms	Prep-m N-cpc	Conj-w N-fsc 3ms	Art N-ms	Conj-w V-Hitpael-Conseclmpf-3ms

1. "cool" from the Hebrew רוּחַ /roo-akh/ ruach means "wind", not "cool".

- Nowhere does this Hebrew word mean "cool"
- A more accurate translation would be "wind of the storm"

2. "yom" means "day"

- Sounds like Akkadian umu
- Isaiah 27:8 "day" sounds like a "storm":

"Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them; he removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind."

6921 [e]	3117 [e]	7186 [e]	7307 [e]	1898 [e]	7378 [e]	7971 [e]	5432 [e]
qā-dīm.	bə-yō-wm	haq-qā-šah	bə-rū-hōw	hā-gah	tə-rī-ben-nah;	bə-šal-hah	bə-sas-sə'ah
קָדִים	בְּיוֹם	הַקָּשָׁה	בְּרוּחוֹ	הִגָּה	תְּרִיבְנָה	בְּשַׁלְּחָהּ	בְּסֹאסְאָהּ
of the east wind	in the day	rough	by His wind	He removes [it]	You contended with it	by sending it away	In measure
N-ms	Prep-b N-msc	Art Adj-fs	Prep-b N-csc 3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-2ms 3fse	Prep-b V-Piel-Inf 3fs	Prep-b V-Piel-Inf 3fs

c. Zephaniah 2:2 -

"before the decree takes effect—before the day passes away like chaff— before there comes upon you the burning anger of the LORD, before there comes upon you the day of the anger of the LORD."

639 [e]	2740 [e]	5921 [e]	935 [e]	3808 [e]	2962 [e]	3117 [e]	5674 [e]	4671 [e]	2706 [e]	3205 [e]	2962 [e]
'ap-	hā-rō-wn	'ā-lē-kem,	ya-bō-w	lō-	bə-tē-rem	yō-wm;	'a-bar	kə-mōš	hōq,	le-det	bə-tē-rem
אָפַי	חֲרוֹן	עַלְיֵכֶם	יָבֹא	לֹא-	בְּתֵרֶם	יוֹם	עָבַר	כְּמֹץ	חֵק	לֵדֶת	בְּתֵרֶם
anger	the fierce	upon you	comes	not	Before [Or] the day	passes	like chaff	the decree	is issued	Before	Before
N-msc	N-msc	Prep 2mp	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	Prep-b Adv	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Prep-k N-ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Inf	Prep-b Adv

3068 [e]	639 [e]	3117 [e]	5921 [e]	935 [e]	3808 [e]	2962 [e]	3068 [e]
Yah-weh.	'ap-	yō-wm	'ā-lē-kem,	ya-bō-w	lō-	bə-tē-rem	Yah-weh,
יְהוָה	אָפַי	יוֹם	עַלְיֵכֶם	יָבֹא	לֹא-	בְּתֵרֶם	יְהוָה
of Yahweh	of the anger	the day	upon you	comes	not	Before	of Yahweh
N-proper-ms	N-msc	N-msc	Prep 2mp	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	Prep-b Adv	N-proper-ms

3. "in the breeze of the day" or in Hebrew ruach ha yom = "the wind of the Day"

- The Day being the Day of judgment
- The Wind being the Wind of the Lord's anger

4. In Zechariah 6:7 the same verb halak /haw-lak/ translated "walking" also means "to go", "come" and is used in Zechariah 6:7 four times to refer to angelic troops circulating on the earth in judgment:

"When the strong horses came out, they were impatient to go and patrol the earth. And he

said, "Go, patrol the earth." So they patrolled the earth."

776 [e] bā'ā-reṣ, בְּאֶרֶץ throughout the earth Prep-b, Art N-fs	1980 [e] lə·hit·hal·lék לְהִתְהַלֵּךְ that they might walk to and fro Prep-l V-Hitpael-Inf	1980 [e] lā·le·ket לָלֶכֶת to go Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	1245 [e] way·baq·šū וּבִקְשׁוּ and eager Conj-w V-Piel-Conseclmpf-3mp	3318 [e] yā·šə'ū, יָצְאוּ went out V-Qal-Perf-3cp	554 [e] wə·hā'ā·muṣ·šim וְהָאֲמֻצִים And the strong [steeds] Conj-w, Art Adj-mp	7
776 [e] bā'ā-reṣ. בְּאֶרֶץ throughout the earth Prep-b, Art N-fs	1980 [e] wat·tit·hal·lak·nah וַתִּתְהַלְּכִנָּה so they walked to and fro Conj-w V-Hitpael-Conseclmpf-3f	776 [e] bā'ā-reṣ; בְּאֶרֶץ throughout the earth Prep-b, Art N-fs	1980 [e] hit·hal·le·kū הִתְהַלְּכוּ walk to and fro V-Hitpael-Imp-mp	1980 [e] lə·kū לָכוּ go V-Qal-Imp-mp	559 [e] way·yō·mer וַיֹּאמֶר And He said Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3ms	

halak used 4x

5. God was coming in judgment, not for conversation.

3:9 - But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

1. "you" is singular

3:10 - And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

5903 [e] 'ê-rōm עֵרֹם was naked Adj-ms	3588 [e] kî- כִּי because Conj	3372 [e] wā'î-rā וָאִירָא and I was afraid Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-1cs	1588 [e] bag·gān; בְּגֵן in the garden Prep-b, Art N-cs	8085 [e] šā·ma'tî שָׁמַעְתִּי I heard V-Qal-Perf-1cs	6963 [e] qō·lə·kā קוֹלְךָ Your voice N-msc 2ms	853 [e] 'et- אֶת - DirObjM	559 [e] way·yō·mer וַיֹּאמֶר so he said Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3ms	10
							2244 [e] wā'ê·hā·bê. וָאֲחִבָּא and I hid myself Conj-w V-Nifal-Conseclmpf-1cs	595 [e] 'ā·nō·kî אֲנִכִּי I Pro-1cs

3:11 - He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

3:12 - The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

3:13 - 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."

3:14-15 - 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.”**

3:16 - To the woman he said,

**“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you.”**

3:17-19 - 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.”**

3:20 - The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

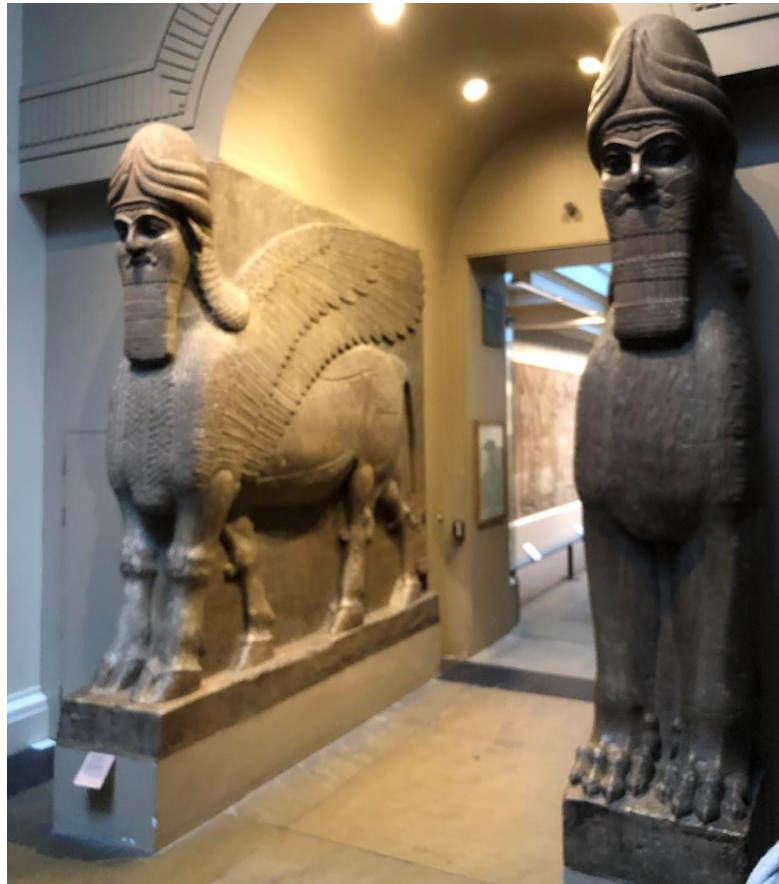
3:21 - And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

1. In the Story of Adapa, the man Adapa is given clothing by Anu (a god) after Adapa loses the opportunity to eat from the bread and water of life.

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—”

3:23-24 - therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

1. Cherubim are a supernatural creature (a class of “angel”) that function as guardians. They are portrayed as beasts, not men. They stand on four-feet, and not upright. They are the lamassu, griffins and sphinxes of the ancient world.



Assyrian Lamassu