Genesis 3:11-24

- · God questions the man and woman but not the serpent.
- The Serpent has nothing to learn from the Lord but there is hope yet for the man and woman.
- The Serpent is cursed but not the man and woman.
- The blessing for the man and woman has not been lost entirely.
- Man and woman will continue to receive the Lord's attention and provision.

Genesis 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."



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1. Interestingly the Lord does not reply to the man's answer, but moves to question the woman. 2.

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."

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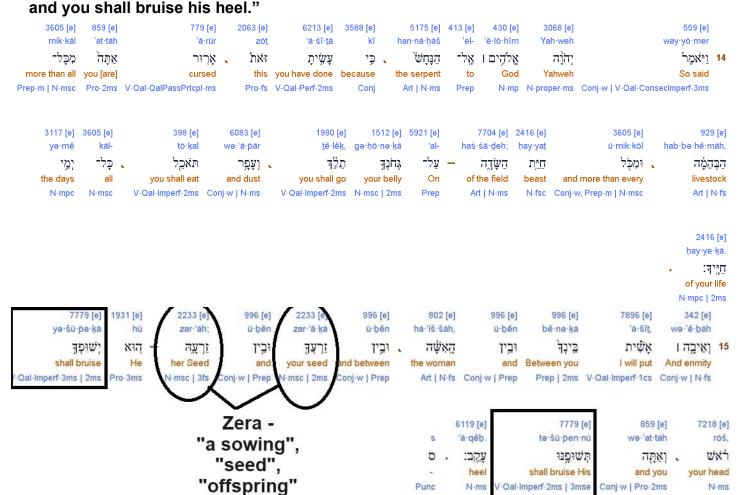
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1. The woman says she was deceived by the serpent

- a. Paul confirms this as a fact, not merely an excuse:
 - i. 1 Timothy 2:13-15: "For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control."
 - ii. 2 Corinthians 11:3:"But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

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,



1. The punishments correspond to the crime.

- 2. The serpent was more crafty than the animals but now the serpent will crawl on its belly unlike the other animals.
- 3. The word for "curse" is *arur* and is used to introduce a decree and pronouncement of doom.
 - a. The power of this curse throughout the Old Testament is from God.
- 4. The Hebrew word *ala* is used when men invoke misery against a person or thing.
- 5. The Serpent's Threefold Curse:
 - a. Crawl on its belly (Called unclean and not for food Lev. 11:41-43)
 - b. Eat dust "all the days of your life" since he enticed the woman to eat the fruit.
 - i. Eating dust is a sign of humiliation Mic 7:17, Ps. 72:9/ Isa. 49:23)
 - c. Ultimate destruction by the wounded "seed" of the woman
- 6. The snake is to live in the dust all the days of its life until it is ultimately destroyed by the woman's seed.
- 7. The serpent will die but the woman will become the source of life and live on.
- 8. The serpent caused the fall of the woman so the woman will cause the overthrow of the serpent.
- 9. "Enmity" is the intense hostility among nations during wartime.
 - a. The result of such "enmity" is death and killing.
 - b. This word refers to life and death struggle between two enemy combatants.
- 10. **Shuph** (ৗৗ৺) pronounce /shoof/ is the Hebrew word
 - a. The word means to "bruise" and is translated as bruise both times in the ESV
 - b. The word **shuph** means "to break or smite to pieces and cause a great injury."
 - c. Job 9:17 "For He bruises me with a tempest..."
 - d. Psalm 139:11 "the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light..."
- 11. Shuph is translated as "crush" and "strike" in the NIV.
 - a. "he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
 - b. The NIV distinguishes the same word **shuph** as "crush" since it is the head and "strike" since it is the heel.
 - The NIV distinction in the same word is from the location of the strike.
- 12. "seed" or **zera** refers to both a group (all who come from the woman) and to a future individual (the Messiah who will crush the serpent)

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."



- 1. No curse given to the woman.
- 2. The woman is not charged with:
 - a. Deception like the serpent was (3:14)
 - b. Eating like the man was (3:17)
- 3. The woman was deceived but the serpent and the man rebelled.
 - a. Genesis 3:13
 - b. 2 Corinthians 11:3
 - c. 1 Timothy 2:13-15
- 4. The woman's punishment will involve salvation from sin and its consequences.
- 5. The man's actions condemned the human race.
- 6. Woman will be the source of all life for the human race but also her child will defeat the serpent in a final conflict.
- 7. The woman's penalty affects her two main roles:
 - a. As a partner with the man
 - b. As the bearer of children
- 8. 1 Corinthians 11:12 Childbirth signals hope of a redeemer but also a reminder of the first sin.
- 9. "desire" is teshugah /tesh-oo-kaw/ meaning "a longing"
 - a. This refers to the woman's desire to control her husband, to rule her husband, or to have his place of leadership.
 - b. The man will maintain the headship.

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.



- 1. The man "listened to the voice of your wife" instead of listening to the voice of the Lord.
 - a. Adam's correct response would have been:
 - i. to lead the women out of deception
 - ii. rebuke the serpent
 - b. Instead, the man:
 - i. Listened to and accepted the woman's deception
 - ii. Disregarded, even disobeyed, the command of the Lord
 - iii. Allowed the serpent to speak false words.
- 2. God has dealt with the serpent and the woman.
 - a. The only one left to be held responsible is the man.
 - b. Man's sin is the result of the curse on the ground.
 - c. The ground is now in opposition to man.
 - d. Thorns and thistles are now the natural product of the ground. This was not the case in the Garden before sin.
- 3. The man was in charge of the soil and the garden.
 - a. Man was created to work the soil.
 - b. The soil was designed to produce for the man
- 4. The man's penalty is aimed at:
 - a. his labor
 - b. the soil he is work to produce food
- 5. The man will suffer:
 - a. suffer lifelong, toilsome labor
 - b. suffer death

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 sha	ll return."
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Participant	Divine Penalty	Consequence
Serpent	Humiliation	Defeat by Woman's Seed
Woman	Painful Labor in Childbirth	Defeat in Conflict with Husband
Man	Painful Labor in Agriculture	Defeat in Conflict with the Ground

"Certainly Die" from Genesis 2:16-17 -

"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

- 1. The "pain" they experience in sustaining their life is the taste of death being the ultimate fate.
- 2. Expulsion from the Garden was expulsion from the presence of the Lord, the Creator of life and the source of life. Thus, they were driven from life.
- 3. Adam and Eve lost their abundant supply of food that kept them alive. Now getting food was to become an attempt to keep death away

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

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- 1. Part of the promise, purpose and plan for mankind was the potential salvation coming from the offspring that would come through Eve.
 - a. It would be generational in the sense humanity would not perish
 - b. It would be ultimate for humankind in the sense the work of the seed would not be finished until the serpent was bruised in the head.
- 2. Adam's hope was in Eve, and it was only through a woman that hope for mankind could come.

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

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- 1. The Lord continues to show his intent to:
 - a. Support mankind
 - b. Fellowship with mankind
- 2. 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—"

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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.

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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 - the guardians

