

TREE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN

Gen. 3:1-15 *“Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God 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; It is no coincidence that the Torah scrolls are called “The Tree Of Life” in Hebrew. Another example of a Hebrew idiom.*

3 ***but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God 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 God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, 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 wrapped up in 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.

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 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. 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.*

9 *Then the LORD God 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.”*

13 *Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

14 *And the LORD God 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 Of Eden. Adam was to be the protector (bondservant) of the garden, first and foremost. He was the guard over the garden. I believe that Yah planted the seed for the “tree of life” and that Satan may have managed to go in and plant the seed of the “tree of knowledge”. 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.

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 (matrix) would have enmity with the seed of the serpent for life after the fall. **Gen. 1:29** *Then God 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;*

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