

In The Beginning

Paradise Lost

Such an innocent conversation... Gen.3:1-7

Who in Scripture is clearly identified as the “voice” of the serpent? Rev.12:9; 20:2

It is Satan who is identified as the “serpent of old”. He speaks to Eve via the serpent.

The pre-curse serpent was the most subtle creature. Why does Satan start here? IICor.11:14

This beautiful creature was a perfect disguise. Satan prefers not to be seen as he really is...

What is Paul’s point in this IICor.11:13-15

Satan prefers to be disguised as an angel of light and so do his false apostles. Beware!

And what description better fits him? IPet.5:8

Satan is constantly prowling for one to devour! He is a destroyer.

Genesis 3:1 records what Satan says, but what is the subtle implication?

Has God really told you no? I wonder what that’s all about??? Begins to impugn God.

What’s wrong with Eve’s “mostly right” (3:2-3) answer? 2:16-17. See Rev.22:18-19 Comment?

She adds to the Word of God (or touch it). It’s never trivial to tamper with the Word.

Does Eve understand what God has commanded? Is she ignorant of His command?

She knows it clearly. Scripture seems to indicate she heard it from Adam, but she heard it.

And what is the quick response from the serpent? vs.4-5 Comment??

That’s a lie! You won’t die! God is withholding you from great wisdom! Become like God.

Interesting that Satan’s lie to Eve is so similar to what? Is.14:12-14

It’s like the lie he told himself. Rebellion against God will bring great joy, power, etc...

What are the (3) steps Eve takes which lead to her sin? verse 6 Compare with IJn.2:16

The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. Exact same issues today!!

And what is the immediate result as both of them eat the forbidden fruit? vs.7

Their eyes are opened and they know they’re naked and they’re ashamed. The truth begins.

Behind the scenes at the fall

What does Scripture clearly teach us about Eve’s part in the sin? ITim.2:14

Eve was quite deceived. She bought the lie and really believed she would become a god.

And what is equally clearly taught about Adam? ITim.2:14

Adam was NOT deceived. He knew it was a lie. He sinned straight up!

So, if Adam wasn’t deceived, why in the world did he do it? vs.6

Maybe the love for his wife. The real question is why didn’t he stop her! The silence of Adam

Which sin do you think was the worst? Who has the greater accountability? ICor.15:20-22

Adam is held accountable. As a descendent of Adam we all die. In Christ, the redeemed live!

Homework: Compare the temptation of the 1st Adam and the 2nd Adam (Mt.4).