

# GENESIS CHAPTER 3: THE STORY OF THE FALL OF MAN

- The Old Serpent was NOT a wild or domestic animal, it was a different category of creature
- The Serpent could have been Satan's attempt to counterfeit LIFE!
- Serpent at first was allowed inside the Garden



## The Serpent



# REALITY OF DUALITY

HEAVEN AND THE  
SPIRITUAL WORLD

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SPIRITUAL REALITY



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PHYSICAL REALITY

# VS. 3 THE BIG LIE

- The serpent says “....*it is NOT true that you will surely die....*”
- Satan cast out of Garden, a parallel to when he was cast out of Heaven
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cast down to Earth (Adam-ah), later cast out of Garden to crawl in the dust (adam-ah)
- This event of Adam and Even eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil is called The Fall of Man, The Fall from Grace, The Fall

# CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM SEE “THE FALL” DIFFERENTLY

- CHRISTIANITY sees the Fall as that time when Evil entered the world and man
- Judaism sees the Fall as a kind of liberation, whereby choice became available to mankind
  - 1) Man could choose to love and obey, or not
  - 2) Man could find his own path to “salvation”
- Judaism also sees salvation as a national issue, not about a personal restoration to God

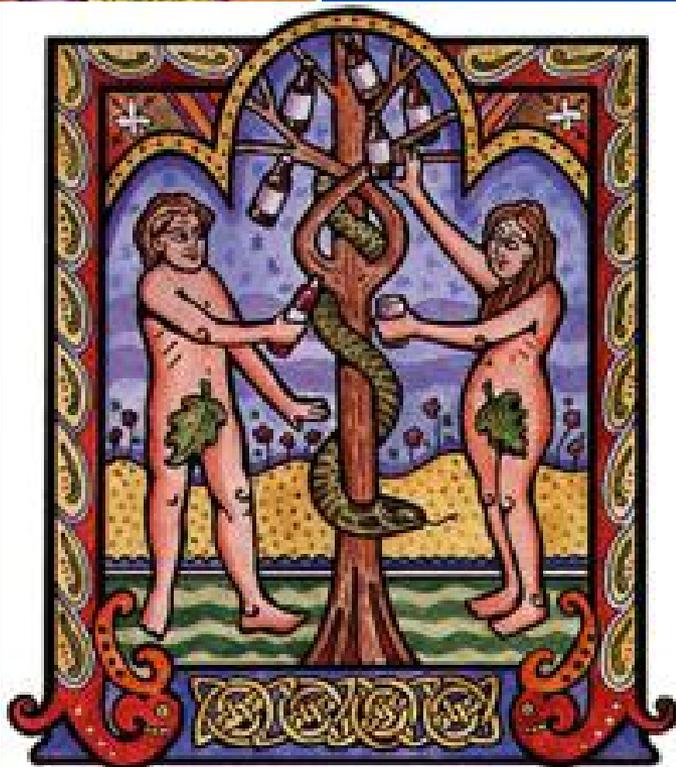
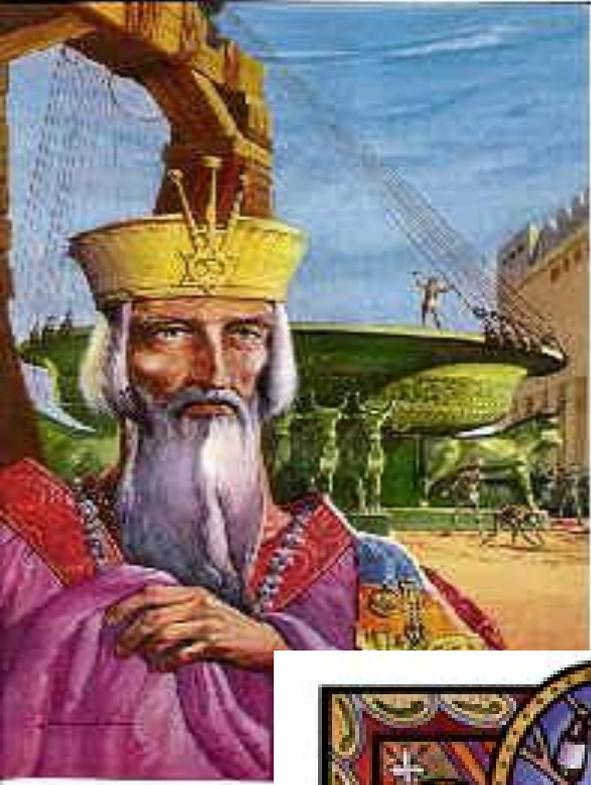


# VS. 8 GOD WALKING IN THE GARDEN

- **QUESTION**: Was God PHYSICALLY walking in the Garden?
- Does God “jump for joy”, “weep tears”, “swing a sword”?
- Christians generally think of Jesus whenever a physical manifestation of God is spoken of
- Maimonides, 12<sup>th</sup> century AD says:  
***“....then all words connected to this in the Torah and in the Prophets....are figures of speech....”***

# GOD IS SPIRIT

- *“.....the sages of old said that the Torah is phrased in OUR TERMS.....”*
- *“.....these phrases are in line with the level of understanding of people who can ONLY comprehend physical existence.....”*
- GOD IS NOT A MAN!
- Yeshua was a specific man, born to a specific woman, in a specific time
- He was 100% God AND 100% man, not 50/50



➤ Interesting connection between King Solomon's words and eating the Forbidden Fruit

➤ **NAS Ecclesiastes 1:18**  
*Because in much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.*

➤ **Havah** (Eve) says 3 things attracted her to the Tree:  
1) fruit looked good to eat  
2) tree was beautiful  
3) tree was source of wisdom

**HAVAH WANTED TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE**

# ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL: DISTORTING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

- Adam and/or Havah **ADDED** to God's command
- NAS Genesis 2:17 *but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.*“
- Havah says to Serpent: NAS Genesis 3:3 *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.'*“
- King Solomon says in Proverbs: NAS Proverbs 30:6 *Do not add to His words Lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar.*
- Once Adam and/or Eve lied SATAN HAD THEM!

# VS. 15....PROPHETIC *and* VAGUE



- **NAS Genesis 3:15** *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.“*
- Difficult to see as messianic prophecy BEFORE Christ came
- Man typically only believes God AFTER the fact
- Church should not be too critical of Hebrews for missing it

# JERUSALEM: A CUP OF TREMBLING FOR THE WORLD

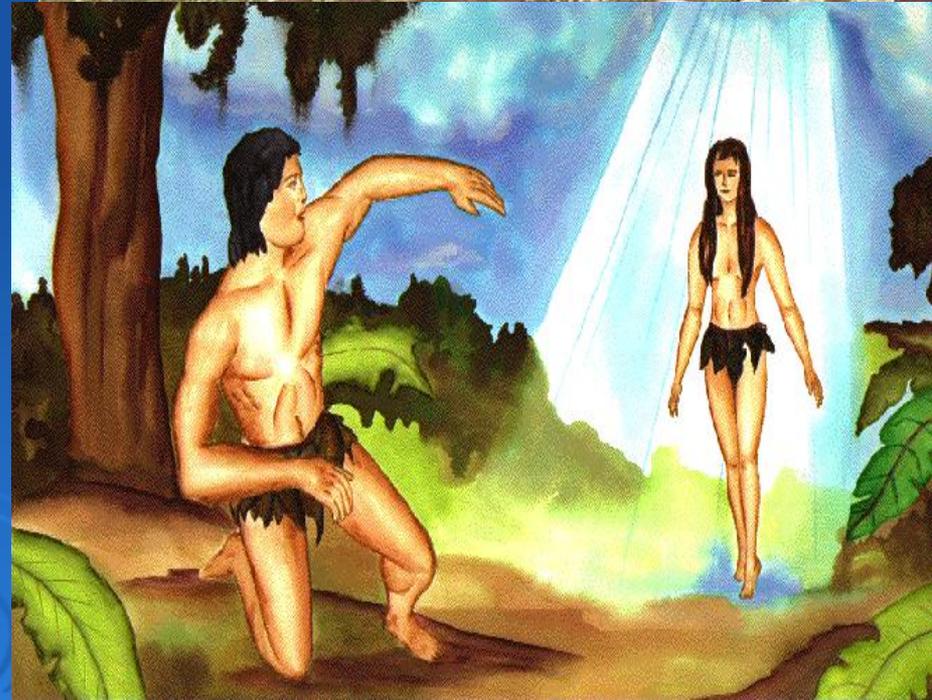
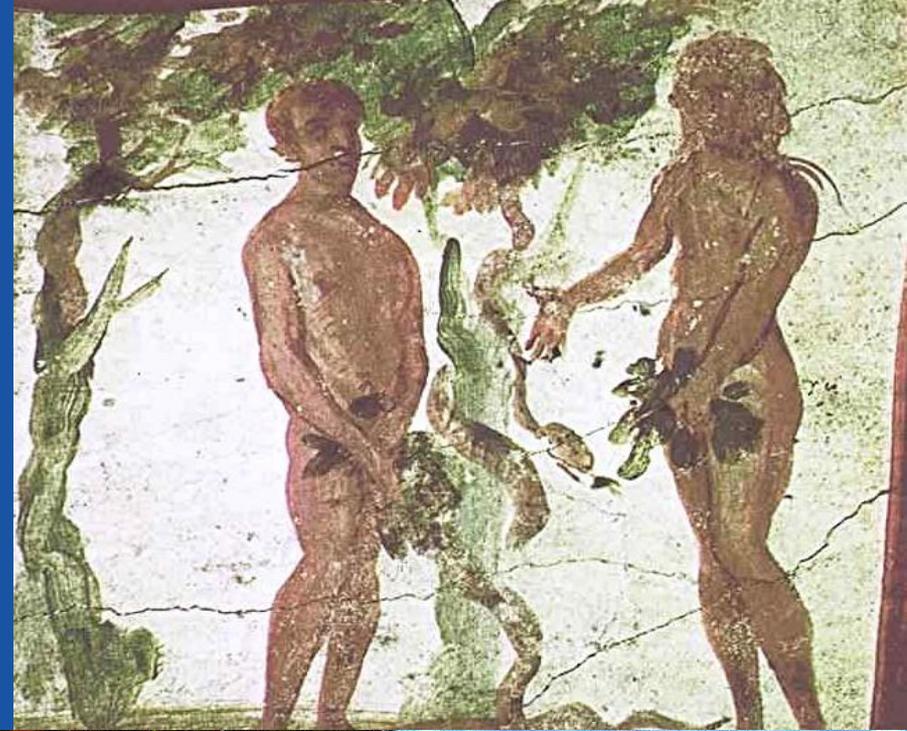
- CHURCH: Will WE believe God?
- Hebrews were warned, and they ignored it
- The Church has generally turned a blind eye to Israel
- We have been forewarned



# VS. 24

## THE COVERING

- Clothing from vegetation was insufficient.....it had to be animal skins provided by GOD!
- Man cannot create his own covering for sin!
- Animals had to die
- Innocent blood had to pay for man's sin
- God sacrificed His much loved Living Creatures to have a relationship with Man



# JEWISH VIEW: ALL MEN HAVE GOOD AND EVIL INCLINATIONS



- **Yetzer hatov** = good inclination
- **Yetzer harah** = evil inclination
- Havah told the lie **BEFORE** she ate the fruit
- Was Evil part of Creation?
- Pre-existence of evil is not so cut-and-dried

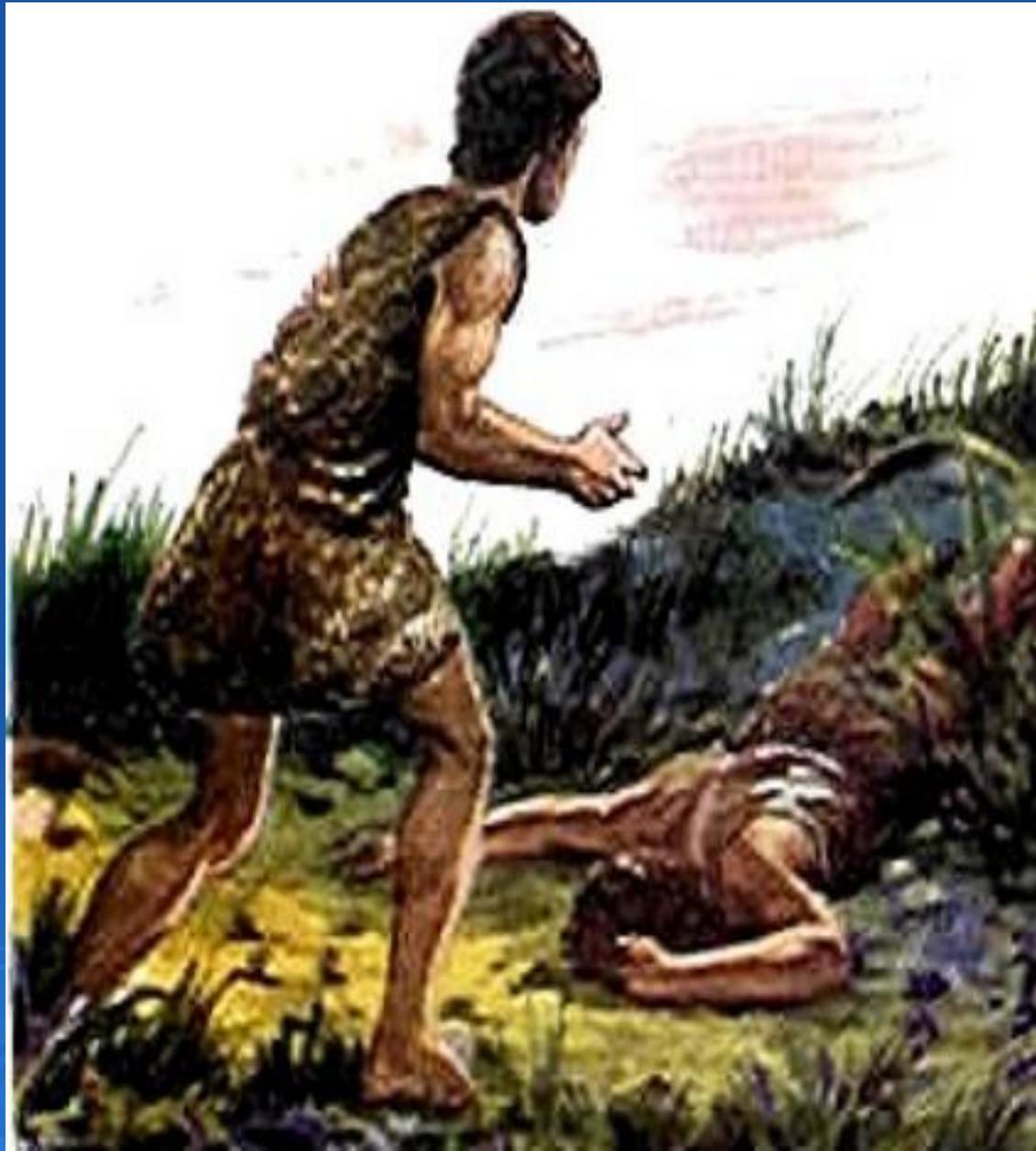
# THE EXPULSION



- Adam and Havah physically AND spiritually separated from God
- Angelic guard posted at entrance to the Garden
- Entrance was to the **EAST**
- God cannot allow uncleanness and sin near His holiness

# GENESIS 4

- Cain and Abel, sons of Adam and Havah
- This is the first **RECORDED** murder
- Hebrew names are significant
- Cain was **NOT** a Hebrew
- ***Kayin*** = Cain
- Means “acquired from God”
- ***Kayin*** was a farmer



# GOD ACCEPTS HEVEL'S SACRIFICE, BUT NOT KAYIN'S



- *Hevel* = Abel
- *Hevel* a shepherd
- Sacrificing must have been normal and regular
- Sacrifice would have taken place at ENTRY to Garden, NOT in it
- God accepts the sheep but not the plants

# WHY DID GOD ACCEPT ONE, BUT NOT THE OTHER?

- Likely this particular KIND of sacrifice required an animal
- Was probably the equivalent of either an 'Olah (burnt offering) or Hata'at (purification offering)
- The nature of the offering
- Hevel brought a *firstborn*
- Kayin brought *ordinary*
- Sheep in this era ONLY for sacrifice and clothing (covering) NOT food

