

# The Garden of Eden Part 5: Eve Was Deceived, Adam Sinned

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We are going to break right into the Garden of Eden Part 5. We are going to set the stage by going back to Genesis 3:1-5—**Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"** <sup>2</sup> **And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'**" <sup>4</sup> **Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**

This is where we left off in part 4. The Devil has come to Eve in a very specific way: he has come not as an enemy or villain; he's come to her as a friend, and don't you think he won't do the same to you. He doesn't come as an oppressor; he comes as a liberator. He portrays the idea that he has come to set Eve free and that she doesn't realize that she's in bondage and in shackles. Satan presents the idea that she could be so much more; there is so much more for her. Satan is sowing discontentment into her.

This is what the enemy does so well. This was the rise of the women's liberation movement. Women were discontent because they were led to believe that being a housewife, serving their husbands with godly fear, and loving and rearing their children was beneath them. They were told that that stuff doesn't matter because there is more for women. So Satan comes on the scene and starts sowing discontent.

This is exactly what the enemy is doing to Eve: There is so much more for you; there is more wisdom. There is unimaginable wisdom. In fact, Eve, you will become like God." And that's literally what it says in the Hebrew. Let me ask you a question: when is it not a good thing to be like God? Aren't we, as believers, supposed to be like God? God said—**You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy (Leviticus 11:45).** And Yeshua also said—**Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48).**

Do you realize the sophistication and deception that Eve is being presented with here? It is diabolical! This whole experience that we're seeing here, this is not a war of flesh and blood; this is totally spiritual warfare at its core. Satan has not come with weapons of warfare that are carnal. No! He did not come with knives, swords, and spears to kill her, which is what he was doing; he came to her with very persuasive, powerful, and calming words of manipulation. They breed death.

Think about it this way: the devil has come as an angel of light; he has taken the pulpit and is preaching a mini-sermon to Eve. This is what is really going on here.

So how does Eve respond to this—**So when the woman saw (Genesis 3:6)**. I want to stop right here. What just happened? Satan baits her and removes the fear of God by telling her— **you will surely not die (Genesis 3:4)**. Then we come to the point when your eyes are going to be opened. Come and look! Come and taste and see! You are missing out. The next thing we read is—**when the woman saw (Genesis 3:6)**. The devil got her to turn and look at the tree as an option, and that is critical to this story.

Yeshua says in Matthew 6:22—**The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light**. What is Yeshua teaching us about the eyes? That they are the doorway to your heart.

This is why David said, “That I will set nothing wicked before my eyes.” Why would David say that in light of the whole experience with Bathsheba? Do you remember what happened to David? He just happened to wake up in the middle of the night and went out on his rooftop. There just happened to be a naked woman bathing. What are the odds? Not very good. Do you not think that the enemy woke David up and led him out to the rooftop? And what got David in trouble? He gazed down upon Bathsheba; he didn't look away. Instead he looked. What does Scripture say? **The lamp of the body is the eye (Matthew 6:22)**. And guess what? From that day forward, his life was a living nightmare. He let that image take root; he went and gazed upon that which God forbade. She was forbidden.

This is exactly like what we see happening in the garden in regard to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It was forbidden. Eve should have never looked upon it; she should never have set her gaze on it.

Moving on to Genesis 3:6—**So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food**. It is interesting how she turns to look at the tree, and then what does she see? She saw that it—**was good for food**. Continuing—**that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise**. It is interesting that the Hebrew for the word “desirable” is *chamad*. Other places in Scripture it means covet, as in “Thou shall not covet.” So Eve coveted it.

So she looks at this tree to gaze or cast her gaze upon it. Everything about the tree looks to breed life and not death. It's like I told you before: when Enoch looked at the tree, he didn't see this bark that was infested with pus dripping out of it, leaves that were dripping maggots, and this foul smell that induces vomiting. When he looked at the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which is the very tree that Eve saw, he saw exactly what Eve saw. It was beautiful to behold beyond compare. It was an unbelievable tree. Its fruit was beautiful. The tree draws you in because it is intoxicating.

This is how the devil gets us: he gets us on a practical level. When we look at sin, the things that take us away from God and the things that tempt us, we are drawn to them; we do not see death. If we knew that if we did something that is sinful we were going to die at that very moment, that day, how many of us would immediately stop what we were doing? You would put the bottle down; you would put the drugs away. You would stop watching things you should not be watching on TV. Being drawn to sin radically transforms your life.

This is the reality since the devil will keep putting things of the world in your life. As people are enjoying the passing pleasures of sin, he will tell them, “See, you will surely not die. There is no payment for this.”

And when you cast your gaze upon whatever sin it is, it just takes hold of you. It will fill your heart full of darkness, and it will breed death. This is what sin does best; it kills. Amen?

Sin is deceptive. When Eve is looking at this tree, you really realize, “Oh my! It's a tree of deception.” The whole tree is not what it appears to be: it's totally deceiving.

How does Eve respond to that side of this tree? The devil got her to cast her gaze on it; now what's her response? **She took of its fruit and ate (Genesis 3:6).**

She took the fruit because of how it looked and because of what the devil pitched to her. The devil's strategy was executed with precision. All the things that he militarily and tactically did to Eve were brilliant from the onslaught, such as calling into question the commandment of God: **Did God really say?** The devil also stripped out the fear of God: **you will surely not die**—if you disobey God. No, no, no. The devil reeled her in with covetousness—to covet that which God has forbidden. By doing this, the devil sowed discontentment: “Eve, you could be so much more.” All of these things that he did strategically compiled at the perfect moment. All of them worked.

This is how he got Eve. And when you look at the end of the story, what did he get her to do? He got her to bend to his will. She bent the knee to his will.

You need to understand something about the will of Satan and his kingdom: his will is absolutely defined by a person walking away from the will of God. It's that simple. You are either in the will of God, or you're in the will of HaSatan. There is no middle ground here.

The Apostle Paul stated in 2 Timothy 2:25—**in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth.** So to set the stage, what Paul is teaching here is that when your brother goes astray, you need to go get him. However, how you go get him is critical. You need to do it in humility, and the goal of going to get him is to take him out of deception and bring him into the truth. That is the goal.

Continuing in 2 Timothy 2:26—**and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.**

That is what this is about. What happened in the Garden of Eden? What has happened every day since? Satan's goal is to get us to bend to his will, and all you need to do that is to walk away from God, and walk away from His commandments. All you need to do is simply bend to Satan's will.

I want to finish with Genesis 3:6—**She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** We discover that the devil's plan was so powerful and successful that he manages to get Eve to give the forbidden food to Adam. As a result, Satan gets Adam to fall without ever talking to Adam. How in the world did Satan do that?

Let me ask you a question: do you think the adversary was surprised when Adam ate the fruit? Did Satan say, “I can't believe he did that! That's crazy! I was just talking to Eve, but now I got a two for one.” Do you think the devil was shocked that Adam actually partook when he never said a word to him? The answer is absolutely not. Why not? Because Adam was the primary target. That's why.

Think about this: in a household, with marriage in the construct, the way God has created it, the husband is the head of the house. And if you're the enemy, and you want to make the house fall, go to the head of the house. Take out the head of the household and watch what happens to the rest of the house.

To build into this further and give you some insight into the fact that Adam was the primary target, I want to take you to an ancient Jewish tradition that applies to this story. I'm going to quote to you out of 2 Enoch. Now, I just want to be clear, and I'm not going to go down this rabbit trail; this is not the book that I quote out of when you hear me quoting about Enoch. When you hear me quoting Enoch, I am quoting the Ethiopic. Just so you can keep them straight, they number them 1 Enoch for the Ethiopic, and 2 Enoch for the Slavonic. What I am quoting here is 2 Enoch from the Slavonic.

I'm taking you here just because I want to give you some Jewish insight into what the rabbis and Jewish people thought early on in history. This is what we read in 2 Enoch 31:5—[And he \(the Devil\) understood his condemnation and the sin which he had sinned before, therefore he conceived thought against Adam](#). In other words, the devil was musing over the fact, "I am condemned; I cannot be redeemed." Satan looks to see God's creation; he looks to Adam and says, "That's it. I'm going to hatch a diabolical plot against him."

Continuing in 2 Enoch 31:5—[in such form he entered and seduced Eva \(Eve\), but did not touch Adam](#). In other words, this commentary recognizes that Adam was the primary target. This whole mode of destruction was fashioned for him.

This obviously raises the question: if Adam was the primary target, why this strategy? Why go through Eve to get to Adam when it just makes sense that, if Adam is the target, I attack the target. If I am going to war, I'm going to lock my missiles onto the target. That really makes simple sense. Right?

So why go through this manner? The answer to this is simple. Had HaSatan approached Adam, his plan would have never worked; it would have never come to fruition. He would have not only not gotten Adam, he would not have gotten Eve, either, had he gone to Adam first.

Now, I want to take you to some commentary by the Apostle Paul. This particular commentary is absolutely one of the most important commentaries outside of the story itself to help put this story into context. Paul makes one simple statement with profound impact for us in understanding. So, I want to take you to 1 Timothy 2:12-14—[And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression](#).

This is one of the most important factors, principles, and realities for us to understand in regard to our story in order to keep it in its proper context. Keep in mind that this was post-garden. The Apostle Paul is looking back at this story, and he's recognizing that Adam was not deceived. HaSatan knew this. He knew that he could not manipulate and deceive Adam.

In fact, there's some other ancient commentary on this that I think is worth looking at. This commentary comes from Rabbi Eliezer who is typically called Eliezer the Great. But just to make him a little more tangible to you, this particular rabbi lived in the first century. He was actually a teacher of Rabbi Akiva.

Now Rabbi Akiva was involved with proclaiming Bar Kokhba to be the Messiah between the first century and early second century which contributed to the revolt against Rome. The revolt did not last very long, but Rabbi Akiva was one of the greatest rabbinic sages in history with Rabbi Eliezer being his teacher. One other connection that is really interesting about Rabbi Akiva is that his son was married to the daughter of Gamaliel's son. That's very tangible because it's mentioned in Acts 5:34.

Now, having that background, let me show you Rabbi Eliezer's commentary because he's going to comment on what we're talking about here—[The serpent argued with itself, saying if I go and speak to Adam, I know that he will not listen to me, for a man is always hard \(to be persuaded\). But behold I will speak to Eve, for I know that she will listen to me for women listen to all creatures.](#)

Let's be honest women: there is one thing that I've understood in many years of marriage and just by being a part of a community, and that is the fact that men are generally not good listeners. Women, however, are excellent listeners. This is just a reality. Therefore, the enemy was looking at this and recognized the differences. There is a distinction between male and female. Despite our society blurring the lines today, the devil didn't blur the lines. He realized that God made us differently. OK? So, the enemy knew this, and unfortunately he utilized this for his advantage.

So, the simple point I want you to see is that Rabbi Eliezer is making the same point that the Apostle Paul made. For HaSatan to come directly to Adam was not a viable plan. And he could not literally come at him with swords, spears, and knives. HaSatan did not have the authority to do that. So the reality is that Adam was untouchable.

However, the devil in his wisdom and craftiness found a way. He found a soft spot. The devil understood that Eve had this special connection with Adam where she had special access into Adam's heart. And guess what Satan didn't have? He did not have this access, but Eve had full access to Adam's heart. The devil saw that she had a very unique ability to impact and influence Adam. And if he wants to go after Adam and take him down, there is only one mode of operation; there's only one way to do it: he's got to go through Adam's wife.

Now, women, listen to me carefully: if you think this message is going to show that women are the weak link and the cause for all the world's problems, which is not true. That is not what this is about. There is a lesson in this story that is one of the most important lessons you can learn. That lesson is this: you have a connection with your husband that is so powerful.

This is not to be underestimated; you have this unique ability to influence him in ways that nobody else in this world can. This would obviously be outside of the Lord Himself. This is the power that you wield: the rise and fall of your home can depend on how you wield this power. I want you to think about this: you can take this power and use it for good; you can start speaking to your husband and pushing him closer to Yeshua and encouraging him to walk in righteousness, or you can utilize this power to facilitate the destruction of your home.

This is the reality, and I'm going to tell you that what we see happening in the garden doesn't end in the

garden. It plays out over, and over, and over again all throughout Scripture. There's something going on here; there's something in this story that we're supposed to be picking up on.

Let me give you a couple examples because I want you to see that the devil has developed a system of attack that is so vile, cunning, and brutal, and he has turned this system into a killing machine. Let me give you an example from Deuteronomy. Moses warns the children of Israel as they are about to enter the Promised Land. He tells them that they dare not start making marriages with the pagan women of the land. He doesn't talk about fornication; he talks about taking these women as their wives. Why? This is why—**For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly (Deuteronomy 7:4).** The Lord understood how much power and influence wives have on their husbands.

This is the reality that we're being taught here. And obviously there's another lesson: single men should dare not enter into a marriage being unequally yoked. You do not know the power of the devil. The enemy will utilize this person to take you down.

Do you not think that as Israel was coming into the land, Satan's mission was to destroy Israel? And he attempted to get them to make marriages to wives that are unequally yoked because a wife has full access to her husband's heart. If you do not believe this, you would be sadly mistaken because a perfect example of this can be found with King Solomon.

I'll put this in context: Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived. He was anointed king over Israel, which was the greatest nation that has ever inhabited this earth. People came from all over the world to hear his wisdom. He was the most highly decorated King the earth has ever known outside of Yeshua. Israel had never seen anyone like Solomon. He spoke to the Lord; the Lord spoke to him and answered his prayers by fire (2 Chronicles 7:1).

Think of who this man is. I am going to go out on a limb here and say that I am pretty sure that if we were to put all of us men together here, we don't equal a Solomon. I know that.

Do you think Satan wants to take him out? Do you think he wants to go after the Kingdom of Israel? Do you think Satan wants to kill Solomon? Absolutely! How did he do it? Women. Wives. His wives turned his heart from serving the Living God. This was not by fornication; this was within the construct of marriage. That is when Satan saw that he had access to Solomon because his wives had access to his heart. This is a really powerful lesson! It is scary!

Moving on to 1 Kings 21:25—**But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.** Think about that! Here again we see the enemy coming through the wife to corrupt, pervert, and destroy. This is how Satan works.

Following on the footsteps of this we have 2 Kings 18:18—**And he (Jehoram) walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.** This verse explicitly states that Jehoram's wife was central to him walking in the ways of the kings of Israel. This was Satan working through Jehoram's wife.

What about Samson? How did the devil get to Samson? Do you remember the context of this story? The devil had oppressed and had authority over Israel for forty years through the hands of the Philistines. That was until the Lord showed mercy to Israel by raising up Samson, who was a Nazarite right from birth. Samson was called by God to be a deliverer.

Do you think that Satan would want to come and destroy Samson because Samson was going to release Israel from Satan's grip and bondage? Absolutely! Judges 16:4-5—<sup>4</sup> *Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.* <sup>5</sup> *And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."* That was the mouth of the adversary.

This is what Satan has come to do: to bind, afflict, and to torment. He is vile, and he doesn't show mercy. He wanted access to Samson, but Satan knew it wasn't going to happen head on. He had to become more sophisticated and cunning in his approach. So Satan brings Delilah to the table—<sup>6</sup> *So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and with what you may be bound to afflict you"* (Judges 16:6)

You want to talk about the mouth of HaSatan speaking directly through the woman and having direct access into Samson's heart. He speaks through her telling Samson that he wants to bind Samson. Samson responds, although not truthfully— *bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man,"* (Judges 16:7) So Delilah ties him up and calls out—*The Philistines are upon you, Samson!"* (Judges 16:9) However, Samson breaks the bowstrings like they are nothing. Delilah gets upset and tells Samson that he has mocked her. She again asks him to tell her where his great strength lies.

Satan keeps pursuing; he does not give up. Samson tells her to tie new ropes that have never been used on him. Delilah does it, and Samson breaks them like they were string. Again Delilah gets upset and tells him that—<sup>13</sup> *"Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with."* And he said to her, *"If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom."* <sup>14</sup> *So she wove it tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!"* But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom (Judges 16:13-14).

At this point, she turns to manipulation. Judges 16:15-16—<sup>15</sup> *then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies."* She comes pulling on his heart strings, that access into his heart. The enemy is tugging at it with everything he's got; he is being relentless. <sup>16</sup> *And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death,* <sup>17</sup> *that he told her all his heart.*

The point being is that the devil took Samson out. He did it through his wife, or he did it through Delilah. There is a debate whether she was married to him or not.

We could just keep going with examples. What about the story of Balaam and Balak found in Numbers 22? Balak wants Balaam to come and curse Israel. This is the enemy of Satan. But Balaam tells Balak that he can't because, "You know that God has blessed Israel, and I can't curse them."

What is fascinating about that story is that just like Adam, Israel was untouchable. The devil had no access; he couldn't touch them. Then what happens? Just keep reading the story; the next thing we read is that Israel is being cursed! How? The enemy brought Moabite women to Israel. The Moabite women had special access to their hearts, and they led them to start worshipping false gods. This is exactly what it says in Deuteronomy that would happen.

This is the enemy behind the scenes. Don't just look at this in the physical realm like all these pretty girls running around and the men of Israel couldn't help themselves. This is demonic; this is sensual. There is a ploy to steal, kill, and destroy. If we could see in the spiritual realm, my, oh, my! This world would be a much different place.

Women, this is what I want you to take away: this is not about you being a weak link or you are men's problems. It has nothing to do with that. That cannot be farther from the truth. What would we men do without you? The Lord knew that from the get-go; that's why you were created.

This is the take-away: the devil is looking to use you, and you need to make note of this. That's all this is about. What you should be drawing from this story is that the Devil is looking for you to give him the opportunity to get into your husband's heart so he can destroy your home. And, like I said, you have great power that can be wielded for good by resisting the devil.

Look at all the righteous women in Scripture who held the line. What about Sarah who advised her husband? The Lord told him to listen to her because she was correct. What about Ruth? Talk about a woman of God building into her house and resisting the enemy! What about Esther? Esther saved an entire nation because she was diligent. We could go on and on. Think about Rahab and the honor that Rahab brought to her house. Her family lived because of the decision she made because she was godly.

That's the power that you women have, so you need to be very careful. And make no mistake: you are already deceived if you believe the devil isn't coming for you because he is coming to destroy your home. He is also going to attempt to use you to accomplish his will. Don't let him!

Now, returning to the story in Genesis 3:6. I want to look at the final statement here—**she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate**. I want to take the focus off of Eve and shift it to Adam. The reality is that every one of us knows that Adam should have never eaten the fruit. Whether Eve brought it to him or not is irrelevant. He was called to tend, keep, and to protect the garden. He was called to protect his house. He was the spiritual leader and had an obligation and responsibility to resist.

When you look at scriptural commentary and the Apocrypha on this story, you find that the sin is not ascribed to the woman. The sin is ascribed to Adam. Let me give an example of this from 1 Corinthians 15:21-22—**For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive**. Notice that it doesn't say, "For by Eve (or by

woman) came death.” You won't find that because it is not because of Eve that all die. Adam is the one historically held responsible for this sin. That is very clear in Scripture.

I am not going to put stuff up from the Apocrypha. I could, but all the ancient literature looking at this concludes with the same thing: Adam is responsible. It falls on him.

So men, what do you learn from this? You are without excuse for what is going on in your house. I promise you this: start walking away from the Lord and watch what happens to your house. Watch what happens.

I want to move into the closing by peeling back a completely different layer to this story. I want to go back to the story and look at it from a typological manner. In other words, I want to see if there is any typology in Genesis 3:6. When we are looking at this garden experience, there is absolutely no question that Adam is the type of the Messiah to come. The Apostle Paul states this very clearly in Romans 5:14—**Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.** So we already know that this is a type.

We find evidence of this in inspired commentary. You also find Luke calling Adam *the son of God* in Luke 3:38. Then we find reference to the first Adam and the last Adam in 1 Corinthians 15:45—**And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.** Yeshua was called the last Adam for a reason. We also found in the past several weeks the fact that this marriage relationship between Adam and Eve mirrors the marriage between Yeshua and the Church or Yeshua and Israel. So there are things here that are worth gleaning from.

So, I want to go back and see if there's anything here that we can draw from in regard to the typological level. My argument is that there is a type—and it's very strange. You will see what I mean by going back to Genesis 3:6—**So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

I want to be very clear on something because I have had people come up to me and ask me about the last sentence—**She also gave to her husband with her (Emphasis added).** Some people have the understanding that Adam was standing right there when Eve ate the fruit. I mean, what a bumbling idiot! He was standing right there the whole time watching the devil deceive his wife. That, however, is not true at all. In fact, the context of the story itself doesn't allow for that. Even later commentary in the New Testament does not allow for that. Adam was not present at the time; the enemy, HaSatan, came in at the opportune time when Eve was alone. HaSatan is not stupid; he's not foolish. He is working an angle, and Adam was not deceived. If you are going to tell me that Adam was standing right next to Eve when this happened, then he would be deceived. He was not deceived.

As we get deeper into the story, you'll see that this idea that Adam was right there when she ate is not true. So the first thing that I want to mention here is that when Scripture stated—**She also gave to her husband with her,** it means that he was with her in the garden. This is their place of habitation.

The second thing that's really interesting about this is that it is not what is recorded here, it's what isn't recorded. In other words, there is no dialogue whatsoever in regard to what happened between Eve eating the fruit and then giving it to Adam. So, Eve has this conversation with the devil, she goes over to the tree, she grabs its fruit, and she eats it. The next thing recorded in Scripture was that Adam ate of it also. What happened in between Eve eating it and Adam eating it? Did you ever think about what the dialogue might have been? Did Eve come home and say, "I'm home." Adam's response, "What have you been doing, Honey?" Eve answers Adam, "Well, you know, I was out talking to the serpent today, and I just picked up some fruit on my way back. Why don't you try some? Why don't you try some fruit? It is really delicious. You should have seen the tree. It was beautiful."

What happened in between is a mystery. There is commentary after commentary discussing what may have happened in this gap. I want to take you back to Rabbi Eliezer—[The serpent went and said to the woman: "Behold, I touched it \(the Tree\), but I did not die; thou also mayest touch it, and thou wilt not die." The woman went and touched the tree, and she saw the angel of death coming towards her and said, "Woe is me! I shall now die, and the Holy One blessed be He, will make another woman and give her to Adam. But behold I will cause him to eat with me; if we shall die, we shall both die, and if we shall live we shall both live.](#)

So the simple breakdown of this commentary is that Eve is looking at this tree, she touched the tree, she saw the angel of death coming, and she knew she was doomed to die. She didn't want to lose Adam, and she did not want God to make him another wife. There is a motivation we're seeing here. Eve has motivation to bring this fruit to her husband and get him to eat it.

What is really interesting is the last statement—[if we shall die, we shall both die, and if we shall live we shall both live.](#) What is said is very enticing. It is a peculiar thing to say.

One thing that I know for sure, and I want you to think about this: this is concrete. This is not loose commentary. This is not someone's insight; this is a concrete wall. The fact is that Adam was not deceived. This is the New Testament inspired commentary on this. You can take it to the bank. You have to contend with this issue in the context of the story of knowing that Adam was not deceived.

Well, let me ask you a question. If Adam was not deceived, what does that mean? It means he was willing.

Think about this; follow this to its logical question. If Adam wasn't deceived, and he instead willingly went forth and ate the fruit knowing the consequences, what topological level could it be? Adam's love would have been so strong for his wife that he was willing to eat the fruit despite knowing the consequence: death.

This is an interesting thought only when you consider the life of Yeshua. When we are simply looking at this at a typological level, and I look at the life of Yeshua, what I see is someone who came knowing the consequences. And yet He was willing to die for his wife, for Israel. This is the reality. We find His words recorded in John 10:18—[No one takes it \[my life\] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.](#) He willingly gave it!

Let me take you to Hebrews 2:9—**But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.** What did Adam do in the garden? He tasted the fruit which he knew brought death. This is what Yeshua did when He came.

Let's take this a step further. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:21—**For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.** Make no mistake, in the Garden-of-Eden experience Adam became sin.

Now let's be clear on a literal level. On a literal level, Adam failed; Adam sinned. This is not our Messiah. Yeshua succeeded where Adam failed.

Let's look at this from a typological level again, but you need to understand that typology is not this perfect science because David is a typological picture of the Messiah to come. However, when you look at everything that David did, with all due respect, the whole Bathsheba thing has nothing to do with our Lord. Solomon is one of the most profound types of Yeshua found anywhere in Scripture. There are pages and pages of parallels that reveal the Messiah. Yet look at what he did with his thousand wives.

The point is this: start thinking about this story, Adam, and this dialogue that happened. No, we don't have anything in concrete form within Scripture itself, but one thing I know is that Adam was not deceived. There was willingness on his part. He willingly ate this fruit. That aspect is a parallel to Yeshua coming and willingly taking our sin upon Himself. He became sin for us.

Think about these concepts. They are very powerful!