

GENESIS ~ HAMAR

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The snake was the most clever of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. One day the snake spoke to the woman and said, "Woman, did God really tell you that you must not eat from any tree in the garden?"

²The woman answered the snake, "No, we can eat fruit from the trees in the garden. ³But there is one tree we must not eat from. God told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch that tree or you will die.'"

⁴But the snake said to the woman, "You will not die. ⁵God knows that if you eat the fruit from that tree you will learn about good and evil, and then you will be like God."

⁶The woman could see that the tree was beautiful and the fruit looked so good to eat. She also liked the idea that it would make her wise. So she took some of the fruit from the tree and ate it. Her husband was there with her, so she gave him some of the fruit, and he ate it. ⁷Then it was as if their eyes opened, and they saw things differently. They saw that they were naked. So they got some fig leaves, sewed them together, and wore them for clothes.

⁸During the cool part of the day, the LORD God was walking in the garden. The man and the woman heard him, and they hid among the trees in the garden. ⁹The LORD God called to the man and said, "Where are you?"

¹⁰The man said, "I heard you walking in the garden, and I was afraid. I was naked so I hid." ¹¹God said to the man, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from that tree? I told you not to eat fruit from that tree!"

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¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me gave me fruit from that tree. So I ate it." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" She said, "The snake tricked me, so I ate the fruit."

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the snake, "You did this terrible thing, so you will be cursed! You will be cursed beyond all other animals. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will make you and the woman enemies of each other. Your children and her children will be enemies. You will bite her child's foot, but he will crush your head."

¹⁶Then God said to the woman, "I will cause you to have much trouble when you are pregnant. And when you give birth to children you will have great pain. You will desire your husband, but he will rule over you."

¹⁷Then God said to the man, "I commanded you not to eat from that tree, but you listened to your wife and ate from it. So I will curse the ground because of you. You will have to work hard all your life for the food the ground produces. ¹⁸The ground will grow thorns and weeds for you. And you will have to eat the plants that grow wild in the fields. ¹⁹You will work hard and toil for your food. You will work hard until the day you die, and then you will become dust again. I used dust to make you, and now you will become dust again."

²⁰Adam named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all people. ²¹And the LORD God used animal skins and made clothes for the man and his wife. Then he put the clothes on them. ²²The LORD God said, "Look, the man has become like us – he knows about good and evil. And now the man might take fruit from the tree of life; if he eats that fruit he will live forever. ²³So the LORD God forced the man out of the Garden to work the ground he was made from. ²⁴God forced him to leave and then he put mighty angels and a sword of fire at the entrance to the garden to protect it; guarding the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3—ERV

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