

The Impact of the Fall of Genesis 3 Upon the Institution of Marriage



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1 Corinthians 7:28

“But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.”



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2. Genesis 12-50 (four people)

- ◆ Abraham (12:1–25:11)
- ◆ Isaac (25:12–26:35)
- ◆ Jacob (27–36)
- ◆ Joseph (37–50)

Our Changed World

Era	Scripture	Distinctives
1. Creation	Gen. 1-2	No death
2. Fall	Gen. 3-6	Death, painful pregnancy & toil, long life spans, no human government
3. Flood	Gen. 7-10	Shorter life spans, one language, no nations, human government
4. <u>Babel</u>	<u>Gen. 11-present</u>	<u>No global government, multiple languages, nations, ethnicities</u>

The World to Come

Era

Scripture

Distinctives

5. Antichrist

Rapture to 2nd
Advent

Global government, restrainer
removed

6. Kingdom

Rev. 20:1-10

Long life spans, kingdom
conditions, reality of death,
renovated earth

7. Eternal State

Rev. 21-22

No death, new earth

Genesis 1:26-28

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Genesis 1:31

“God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”



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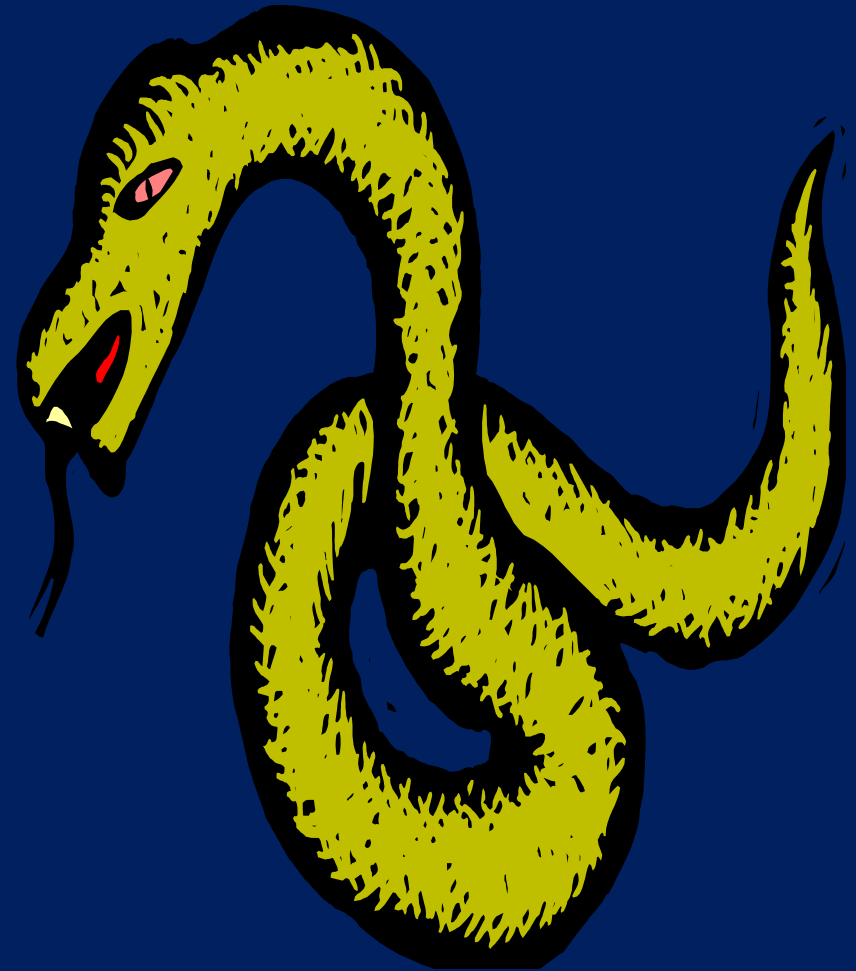
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Genesis 3:1-5

- Serpent's identity?
(Rev 12:9; 20:2)
- Crafty?
- Why did Satan
take the form of a
serpent?



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Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)

- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)



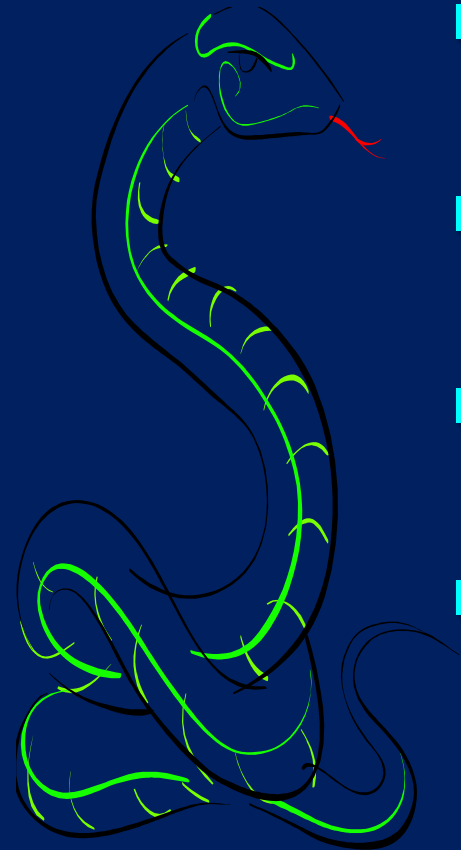
Charles Ryrie

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“Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.”

Satan's Tactics (2 Cor 2:11)

- Adds to God's Word (3:1; 2:16-17)
- Challenges God's goodness (3:1; 2:16-17)
- Subtracts from God's Word (3:4; 2:17)
- Offers wisdom without submission to God (3:5; Prov. 1:7)



Adam and Eve's Mistakes

(Eph 6:10-20)

- Subtracting from God's Word (3:2; 2:16)
- Adding to God's Word (3:3; 2:17)
- Doubting God's goodness (3:2-3; 2:16-17)
- Initial break down in male headship (2:4-7, 16-17, 18-25)



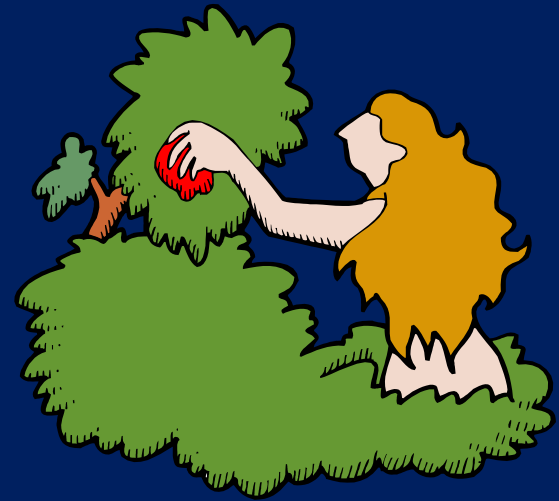
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Sin of Adam and Eve (3:6)

- Three avenues of temptation (1 John 2:16)
 - ◆ Lust of the flesh
 - ◆ Lust of the eye
 - ◆ Pride of life
- Break down in male headship (1 Tim 2:13; Gen 2:23)



Evangelical Feminism

A theological movement within the evangelical church that seeks to abolish all gender role distinctions within marriage and the church



Male Headship Before the Fall

- Adam created first – Gen. 2:4-7, 18-25; 1 Tim 2:13
- Adam named Eve – Gen. 1:10; 2:19-20, 23; 3:20
- God held Adam accountable – Gen. 3:9; Rom. 5:12



Woman Created from Man's Side not His Head Nor Foot (Gen. 2:21-22)

1. Helper and not slave (Gen 2:18)
2. To complete what is lacking in man
3. "Helper" (*ezer*) also used of God (Exod. 18:4; Deut. 33:7; 1 Sam. 7:12; John 14:16-17)
4. Same essence as Adam (Gen. 2:24)

Genesis 2:18

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper [ezer] suitable for him.”



John 14:16-17

“¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [*paraklētos*], that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.”



Genesis 2:24-25

²⁴ “The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.’ ²⁵ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

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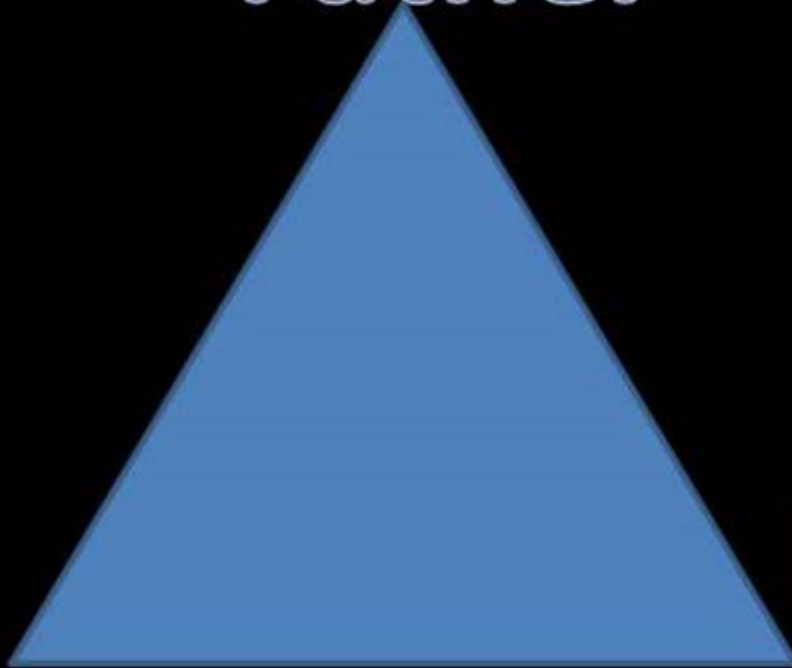
5. Both sexes retain God's image (Gen. 1:27-28)
6. Both sexes are co-rulers (Gen. 1:26-28)
7. Trinitarian analogy
8. No feminism or chauvinism

Trinity

Father

Son

Holy
Spirit



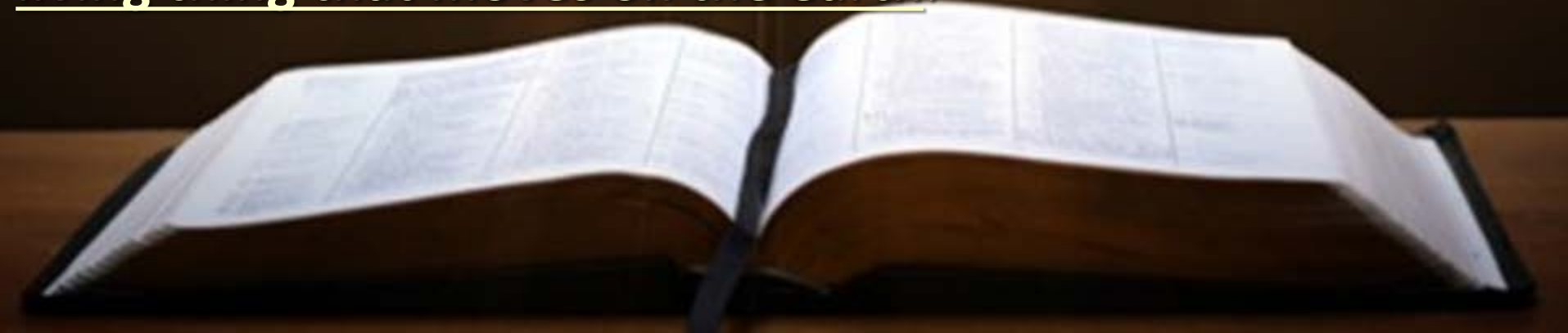
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Results of the Sin (3:7-13)

- Religion (3:7)
- Broken fellowship (3:8-10)
- “Buck passing” (3:11-13)
- Reversal creation hierarchy (3:11-13)

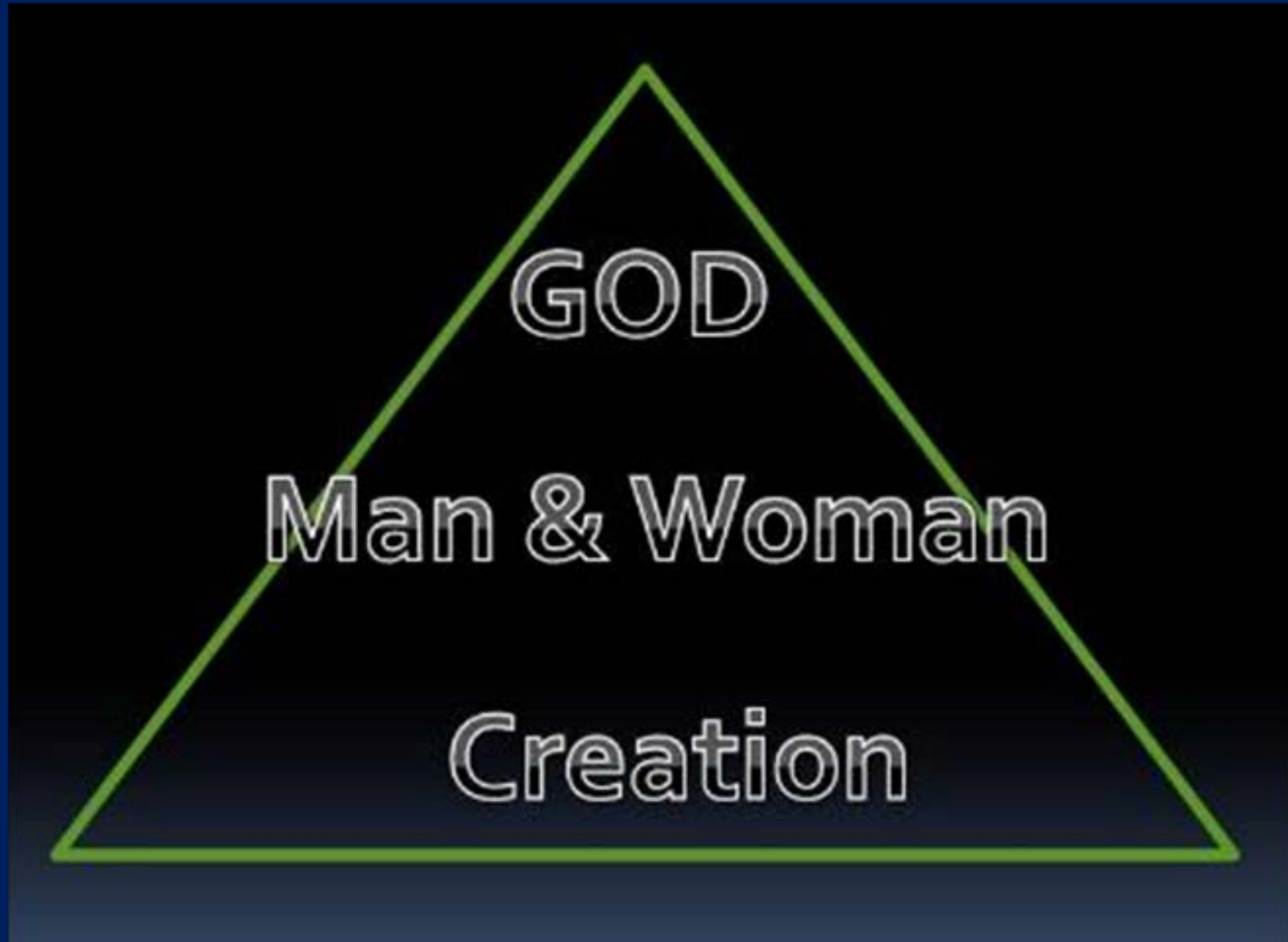


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Serpent (3:14-15)

- Serpent's body (3:14)
- Protevangelium (3:15)



Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah

- Cain – Gen. 4, 1 Jn. 3:12
- Pharaoh – Ex. 1
- Athaliah – 2 Chron. 22
- Haman – Esther
- Herod – Mt.2;Rev 12:4
- Matt 4:5-7



Satan's Progressive Defeat

- Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
- Eden (Gen 3:15)
- Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
- Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
- Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
- Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
- End of millennium (Rev 20:10)



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- Painful labor (3:17-19a)
- Death (3:19b)





Romans 8:19-23

¹⁹ “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”



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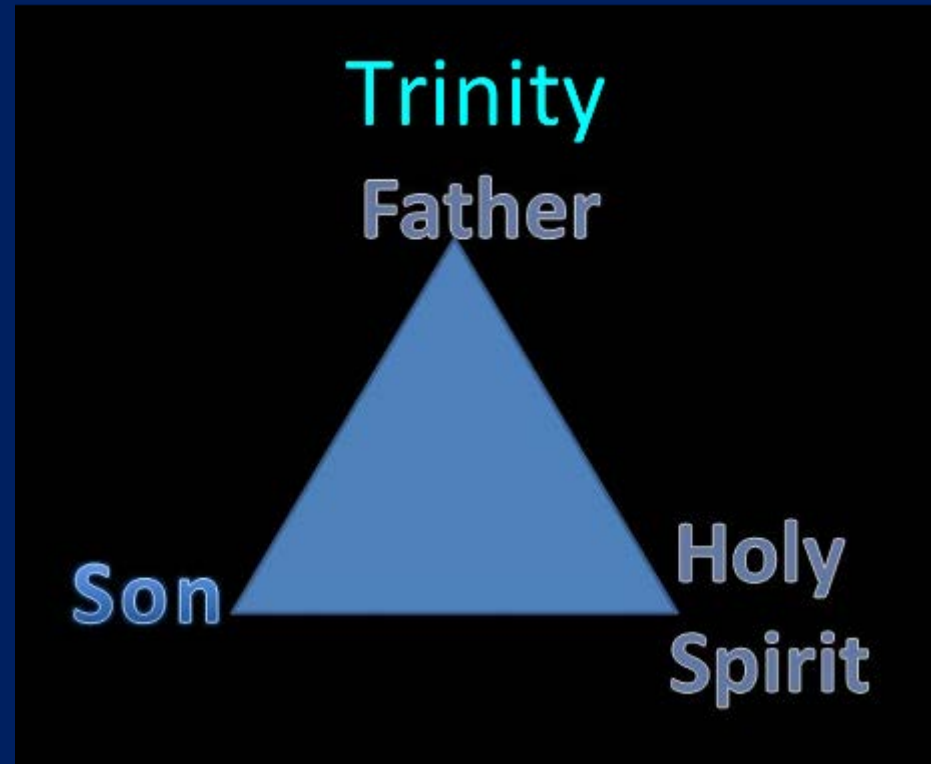
God's Provision (3:20-24)

- Continuation of the race (3:20)
- Forgiveness (3:21, 7)
- Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden (3:22-24)



Trinitarianism in Genesis

- Gen 1:26
- Gen 3:22
- Gen 11:7
- Isa 6:8



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Genesis 2:24

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Genesis 4:23

¹⁶ “Lamech said to his wives, ‘Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice, You wives of Lamech, Give heed to my speech, For I have killed a man for wounding me; And a boy for striking me.’”



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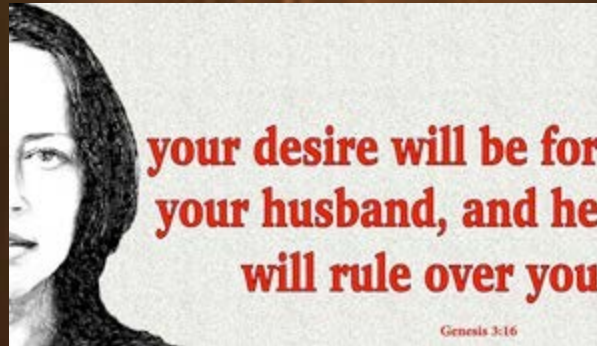
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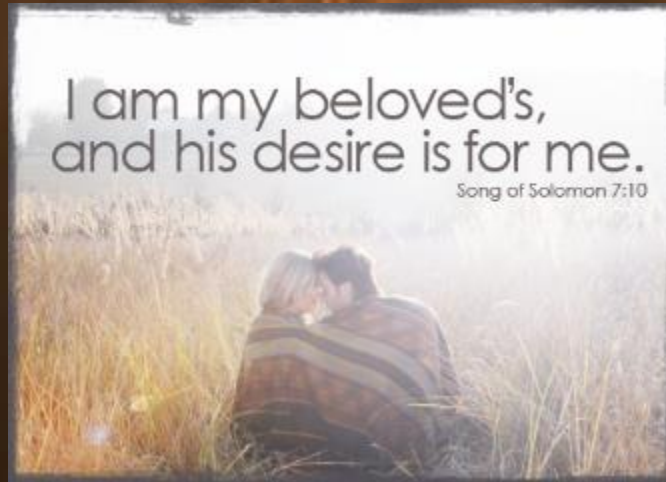
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¹⁶ “To the woman He said, ‘I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring
forth children; Yet your desire [TESHUQAH] will
be for your husband, And he will rule over
you.”



Song of Solomon 7:10

¹⁰ “I am my beloved’s, and his desire
[TESHUQAH] is for me.”



Parallel Between Genesis 3:16 & 4:7

Genesis 3:16

“your desire [*TESHUQAH*] will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

Genesis 4:7

“its [sin] desire [*TESHUQAH*] is for you, but you must master it.”

Susan T. Foh, “What is the Woman’s Desire?”, *The Westminster Theological Journal* 37 (1974-75), 376-83.

Proverbs 21:9, 19; 25:24

“⁹ It is better to live in a corner of a roof
Than in a house shared with a contentious
woman... ¹⁹ It is better to live in a desert land
Than with a contentious and vexing woman... ²⁴
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1 Peter 3:7

“You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.”



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