

Garden of Eden - The Serpent of the Garden of Eden and Witchcraft

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

A couple of things have transpired in the last two weeks. First I received feedback from a Christian television station. The Editor had read my Times Up! Article and had found it fascinating and also agreed with what I had said. They as well as others seem to be unable to find a way to present the information contained in the article in the limited time slots they have for the show to air on. Your prayers on this matter would be welcome. Please ask Yahweh to open the doors He wants to share His message on.

In another bit of information, I received a News Letter from another group I subscribe to, informing me that there is now a Torah observant group dedicated to producing for TV shows showing the truth of the scriptures with history. They will unlock some very huge truths to which we shall discuss in the months ahead.

I have contacted them with the hopes of Doing something on the Jubilee message Times Up! Again your prayers are sought in this matter. This group does not belong to any organization group. They simply follow scriptures.

This July 25 will mark the First-year anniversary of the Sighted Moon web site. It came about the very same week I was told, I was no longer going to be allowed to discuss biblical subjects at the church group, I was attending. I cannot talk about the bible at home due to my unconverted wife, and now I could not talk about religion at church. What a paradox!

It was with this thought in mind, that I found and made the following scripture my slogan, which is the first one you read when you open the home page of the web site. "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch."

No one will silence me but Yahweh Himself.

So how has this web site done. My IT guy provided the following results.

You got way over 20 000 unique visitors and almost 50 000 hits (pages viewed). Of your visitors a lot of people left but over 20% wanted to read a lot of pages and spend time on the site. You reached every corner of the world whether it's Bangladesh, Iceland, Fiji, Ukraine or Malawi.

Google rates you very favorably on all kinds of searches like Sighted Moon. The top article was Times Up! Followed by Australian Drought worst in 1000 years, The temple, secret key to the dome of the rock and The Garden of Eden, where is it.

Our Newsletter subscribers continue to grow each week to the point where we are now at 500 having only started it at Passover 2007.

So to all of you who have enjoyed this site I thank you. To all of you who read and write, I thank you, very much. Please let your family friends and e-mail list know what is here for them. It is all free, and there is no hustle or hassle. We are not trying to get you to join any group or buy any products.

A few weeks ago I was asked by one of the readers to this News Letter about the serpent and the apple in the Garden of Eden. Considering the progression in information that these newsletter has produced it seem very appropriate to answer this question now.

I do not know from where I received this information, but I have found it to be true none the less. I believe it was an e-mail.

I came across this Bible study from Bullinger. FYI... THE SERPENT OF GENESIS 3
Taken from Appendix 19 of "The Companion Bible"

In Genesis 3 we have neither allegory, myth, legend, nor fable, but literal historical facts set forth, and emphasized by the use of certain Figures of speech (see Ap.6).

All the confusion of thought and conflicting exegesis have arisen from taking literally what is expressed by Figures, or from taking figuratively what is literal. A figure of speech is never used except for the purpose of calling attention to, emphasizing, and intensifying, the reality of the literal sense, and the truth of the historical facts; so that, while the words employed may not be so strictly true to the letter, they are all the historical events connected with them.

But for the figurative language of verses 14 and 15 no one would have thought of referring the third chapter of Genesis to a snake: no more than he does when reading the third chapter from the end of Revelation (ch. 20.2). Indeed, the explanation added there, that the "old serpent" is the Devil and Satan, would immediately lead one to connect the word "old" with the earlier and former mention of the serpent in Gen. 3: and the fact that it was Satan himself who tempted "the second man", "the last Adam", would force the conclusion that no other than the personal Satan could have been the tempter of "the first man, Adam".

The Hebrew word rendered "serpent" in Gen. 3.1 is Nachash (from the root Nachash, to shine), and means a shining one. Hence, in Chaldee it means brass or copper, because of its shining. Hence also, the word Nehushtan, a piece of brass, in 2 Kings 18.4.

In the same way Saraph, in Isa.6.2,6, means a burning one, and, because the serpents mentioned in Num. 21 were burning, in the poison of their bite, they were called Saraphim, or Seraphs.

But when the Lord said unto Moses, “Make thee a fiery serpent” (Num. 21.8), He said, “Make thee a Saraph”, and, in obeying this command, we read in v.9, “Moses made a Nachash of brass”. Nachash is thus used as a being interchangeable with Saraph.

Now, if Saraph is used of a serpent because its bite was burning, and is also used of a celestial or spirit being (a burning one), why should not Nachash be used of a serpent because its appearance was shining, and be also used of a celestial or spirit being (a shining one)? Indeed, a reference to the structure of Gen. 3 (on p.7) will show that the Cherubim (which are similar celestial or spirit beings) of the verse (Gen.3.24) require a similar spirit being to correspond with them in the first verse (for the structure of the whole chapter is a great Introversion). The Nachash, or serpent, who beguiled Eve (2 Cor. 11.3) is spoken of as “an angel of light” in v.14. Have we not, in this, a clear intimation that it was not a snake, but a glorious shining being, apparently as angel, to whom Eve paid such great deference, acknowledging him as one who seemed to possess superior knowledge, and who was evidently a being of a superior (not of an inferior) order? Moreover, in the description of Satan as “the king of Tyre” it is distinctly implied that the latter being was of a super-natural order when he is called “a cherub” (Ezek. 28.14,16, read from v.11-19). His presence “in Eden, the garden of ‘Elohim” (v.13), is also clearly stated, as well as his being “perfect in his ways from the day he was created till iniquity was found in him” (v.15), and as being “lifted up because of his beauty” (v.17).

These all compel the belief that Satan was the shining one (Nachash) in Gen. 3, and especially because the heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground. I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee” (v.17).

Even supposing that these things were spoken to, and of, an exalted human being in later days (in Ezek. 28), still “the king of Tyre” is not compared to a being who was non-existent; and facts and circumstances which never happened are not introduced into the comparison. There is more about “the king of Tyre” in Ezek. 28: 11-19 that was literally true of “the prince of Tyre” (v. 1-10). The words can be understood only of the mightiest and most exalted supernatural being that God ever created; and this for the purpose of showing how great would be his fall. The history must be true to make the prophecy of any weight.

Again, the word rendered “subtle” in Gen. 3.1 (see note) means wise, in a good sense as well as in a bad sense. In Ezek. 28.12 we have the good sense, “Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom”; and the bad sense in v.17, “thou hast corrupted thy wisdom” (referring, of course, to his fall). So the word rendered “subtle” is rendered “prudent” in Prov. 1.4; 8.12; 12.23; 14.8; and in a bad sense in Job 15.5. 1 Sam.23.22 Ps.83.3.

The word “beast” also, in Gen. 3.1 chay, denotes a living being, and it is as wrong to translate zoa “beasts” in Rev. 4, as it is to translate chay “beast” in Gen.3. Both mean living creatures. Satan is thus spoken of as a being “more wise than any other living creature which Jehovah

Elohim had made". Even if the word "beast" be retained, it does not say that either a serpent or Satan was a "beast" but only that he was "more wise" than any other living being.

We cannot conceive Eve as holding converse with a snake, but we can understand her being fascinated by one, apparently "an angel of light" (i.e. a glorious angel), possessing superior and supernatural knowledge.

When Satan is spoken of as a "serpent", it is the figure Hypocatastasis (see Ap.6) or Implication; it no more means a snake than it does when Dan is so called in Gen. 49. 17; or an animal when Nero is called a "lion" (2 Tim.4.17), or when Herod is called a "fox" (Luke 13.32); or when Judah is called "a lion's whelp". It is the same figure when "doctrine" is called "leaven" (Matt.16.6). It shows that something much more real and truer to truth is intended. If a Figure of speech is thus employed, it is for the purpose of expressing the truth more impressively; and is intended to be a figure of something much more real than the letter of the word.

Other Figures of speech are used in v. 14,15, but only for the same purpose of emphasizing the truth and the reality of what is said.

When it is said in v. 15, "thou shalt bruise His heel", it cannot mean His literal heel of flesh and blood, but suffering, more temporary in character. When it is said (v.15), "He shall crush", it means something more than a skull of bone, and brain, and hair. It means that all Satan's plans and plots, policy and purposes, will one day be finally crushed and ended, never more to mar or to hinder the purposes of God. This will be affected when Satan shall be bruised under our feet (Rom. 16.20). This, again, will not be out literal feet, but something much more real. The bruising of Christ's heel is the most eloquent and impressive way of foretelling the most solemn events; and to point out that the effort made by Satan to evade his doom, then threatened, would become the very means of insuring its accomplishment; for it was through the death of Christ that he who had the power of death would be destroyed; and all Satan's power and policy brought to an end, and all his works destroyed (Heb.2.14. 1 John 3.8. Rev.20.1-3,10). What literal words could portray these literal facts so wonderfully as these expressive Figures of speech?

It is the same with the other Figures used in v.14, "On thy belly shalt thou go". This Figure means infinitely more than the literal belly of flesh and blood; just as the words "heel" and "head" do in v.15. It points for the eyes of our mind the picture of Satan's ultimate humiliation; for prostration was ever the most eloquent sign of subjection. When it is said "our belly cleaveth unto the ground" (Ps.44.25), it denotes such a prolonged prostration and such depth of submission as could never be conveyed or expressed in literal words.

So with the other prophecy, "Dust shalt thou eat". This is not true to the letter, or to fact, but it is all the more true to truth. It tells of constant, continuous disappointment, failure, and mortification; as when deceitful ways are spoken of as feeding on deceitful food, which is "sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth shall be filled with gravel" (Prov.20.17). This does not literal "gravel", but something far more disagreeable. It means disappointment so great that it

would gladly be exchanged for the literal “gravel”. So when Christians are rebuked for “biting and devouring one another” (Gal. 3.14,15), something more heart breaking is meant than the literal words used in the Figure.

When “His enemies shall lick the dust” (Ps.72.9) they will not do it on their knees with their literal tongues; but they will be so prostrated and so utterly defeated, that no words could literally depict their overthrow and subjugation.

If a serpent was afterward called a nachash, it was because it was more shining than any other creature; and if it became known as “wise”, it was not because of its own innate positive knowledge, but of its wisdom in hiding away from all observation; and because of its association with one of the names of Satan (that old serpent) who “beguiled Eve” (2 Cor.11.3,14).

It is wonderful how a snake could ever be supposed to speak without the organs of speech, or that Satan should be supposed able to accomplish so great a miracle.

It only shows the power of tradition, which has, from the infancy of each one of us, put before our eyes and written on our minds the picture of a “snake” and an “apple”: the former based on a wrong interpretation, and the latter being a pure invention, about which there is not one word said in Holy Scripture.

Never was Satan’s wisdom so craftily used as when he secured universal acceptance of this traditional believe: for it has succeeded in fixing the attention of mankind on the letter and the means, and thus blinding the eyes to the solemn fact that the Fall of man had to do solely with the Word of God, and is centered in the sin of believing Satan’s lie instead of Jehovah’s truth. The temptation of “the first man Adam” began with the question “Hath God said?” The temptation of “the second man, the Lord from heaven” began with the similar question “If Thou be the Son of God”, when the voice of the Father had scarcely died away, which said “This IS My beloved Son”.

All turned on the truth of what Jehovah had said.

The Word of God being questioned, led Eve, in her reply, (1) to omit the word “freely” (3.2,cp.2.16); then (2) to add the words “neither shalt thou touch it” (3.3, cp.2.17); and finally (3) to alter a certainty into a contingency by changing “thou SHALT SURELY die” (2.17) into “LEST ye die” (3.3).

It is not without significance that the first Ministerial words of “the second man” were “It is written”, three times repeated; and that His last Ministerial words contained a similar threefold reference to the written Word of God (John 17. 8,14,17).

The formed temptation succeeded because the Word of God was three times misrepresented; the latter temptation was successfully defeated because the same Word was faithfully repeated.

The history of Gen. 3 is intended to teach us the fact that Satan's sphere of activities is in the religious sphere, and not the spheres of crime or immorality; that his battlefield is not the sins arising from human depravity, but the unbelief of the human heart. We are not to look for Satan's activities today in the newspaper press, or the police courts; but in the pulpit, and in professors' chairs. Wherever the Word of God is called in question, there we see the trail of "that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan". This is why anything against the true interests of the Word of God (as being such) finds a ready admission into the newspapers of the world, and is treated as "general literature". This is why anything in favor of its inspiration and Divine origin and its spiritual truth is rigidly excluded as being "controversial".

This is why Satan is quite content that the letter of Scripture should be accepted in Gen. 3 as he himself accepted the letter of Ps.91.11. He himself could say "It is written" (Matt.4.6) so long as the letter of that is conveyed by it; and so long as it is misquoted or misapplied. This is his object in perpetuating the traditions of the "snake" and the "apple", because it ministers to the acceptance of his lie, the hiding of God's truth, the support of traditions, the jeers of the infidel, the opposition of the critics, and stumbling of the weak in faith.

NOTES :

1. Ezekiel 28:11-19, who is quite a different being from "the Prince of Tyre", in verses 1-10 who is purely human.
2. It is remarkable that the verb nachash always means to enchant, fascinate, bewitch; or of one having and using occult knowledge. See Genesis 30:27; 44:5,15. Leviticus 19:26. Deuteronomy 18:10. 1Kings 20:33. 2Kings 17:17; 21:6. 2Chronicles 33:6. So also is the noun used in Numbers 23:23; 24:1.
3. Greater than that wrought by God Himself, who opened the mouth of Balaam's ass.

During Passover this year 2007, we got into a discussion on witchcraft. It was very informative. I will try to repeat it here for your information. The subject came about after I had presented a study on hard heartedness. The same hard heart that Pharaoh had and the same one some of you have. A hard heart is also a rebellious heart. We read in 1 Samuel 15:23
For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. (KJV throughout)

When we think of a witch we often think of an old ugly woman stirring a pot of boiling liquids or potions.

In light of those things said in the above portion on the serpent and also in consideration of those things expressed in past news Letters I would like to suggest the following.

The old woman or witch, is none other than that whore who is described in Revelation 17:1
And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

Again in Revelation 17:15

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

17:16

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

19:2

For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. Here we can see that the whore spoken of is not the same as the beast, she is the one that rides the beast. Revelation 17:3

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And again in Revelation 17:7

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Who is this woman? Revelation 17:5

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Here then is the identity of this old woman. She has been around and has prostituted herself since the beginning. The witch is none other than Mystery Babylon and a whore, the mother of whores.

I say witch because of her stubborn hard-hearted attitude which will not submit to the commandments of Yahweh. This religious group refuses to obey the creator. Again I am referring to 1 Samuel 15:23

We have more information to learn yet. In her cauldron she is stirring up a potion. In each and every pot it begins with pure water. Pure and unpolluted or unmixed with other things.

Throughout scriptures water is representative of Yahwehs Holy spirit. Isaiah 44:3

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

John 1:33

And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.

We now know the water represents the spirit but what is the spirit? It is truth.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Now when we look at the witch we see not an old woman but instead an old religious practice. Mystery Babylon the Great mixing in with the truth every unclean and foul deception which misleads those who willingly drink of her broth. Those who have prostituted themselves with untruth, with false religions, and false teachings.

In my search brethren I have come across many religious organizations and many so called "Good" people who claim to speak for Yahweh. Many are pagan Christian denominations which can easily be shown to be false. But recently I have found a number of these false teachers clothed in talits, tzit tzits and head coverings. They are trying to look like what most of us would call a Jewish Prophet or teacher speaking in Hebrew. They mix the truth of Yahweh with pure all out lies. They even use His sacred name to do this. The mixture of His word with those things not found in His book or contrary to His word.

Brethren, please do not swallow every old teaching and tradition and all new teachings. But you yourself must be able to prove it without confusion, using the scriptures. You Yourself must do this.

If you are not you are setting yourself up to be deceived. I have told you many times I am just a ditch digger. Do not believe me. But prove those things I am saying and if I am not speaking the truth let me know.

I tell you these things as I see more and more deceptive teachings being promoted, by good god-fearing minions of Satan. They teach a truth on one subject then mislead you on another.

Just as Yahweh has promised to pour out His spirit on all flesh in the last days so has Satan stepped up his mixing of the truth with untruth in his cauldron that has been brewing since the days of Nimrod and since he deceived Eve. Satan takes the truth and just twists it a little.

Proverbs 1:23

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Quoting Joel 2 Acts says in 2:17

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: Remember what James says 2:19

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! They believe but the demons will not obey. Will you obey? Will you seek to prove the scriptures and

those things that I and others say they contain. Trust no man and be very weary of those you do.

When Yahshua was tested by Satan he did not fall for what Satan said as Eve did. Instead He went back to the scriptures and quoted them directly themselves. Yahshua knew the scriptures and could quote them. Can we say the same thing? The undiluted and the unmixed word of Yahweh is truth. Satan mixes Yahwehs truth with many other things, and many believe his lies.

Revelation 12:9

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

If Satan has deceived the whole world, isn't it possible that he may have also deceived you? The only way to know for sure is to read the bible to prove what it says or does not say.

He deceives the whole world! It does not say the whole world except for this one group or except for you. Satan has deceived the whole world. Including me. This is why I continue to search the scriptures and read and read and read to find the truth.

Acts 17: 10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

Satan came not as a Serpent but as an angel of light. It is those who stand in front of us, behind the podiums and twist scriptures that we need to be careful of. **PROVE ALL THINGS!
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Shalom

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