

Genesis 3:1 - 15 (NASB)

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²The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

³but 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, or you will die.'"

⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!

⁵"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;

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."

Satan disguised himself (Gen. 3:1a) *The names and nature of Satan*

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From Genesis 3 to Revelation 21, the Bible records the conflict between God and Satan, sin and righteousness, and pleads with sinners to repent and trust God. Satan is real, Satan is an enemy, and Satan is dangerous. "Satan" which means "adversary"; and "devil" which means "slanderer." One of the main reasons we study God's Word is to seek to understand the strategy of Satan. Satan isn't an originator; he's a clever imitator who disguises his true character.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11 *SO THAT NO ADVANTAGE WOULD BE TAKEN OF US BY SATAN, FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS SCHEMES.*

The following are names of Satan and aliases he uses:

- Lucifer, meaning morning star (Isaiah 14:12)
- ruler of the demons (Matthew 12:24)
- god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- devil/accuser (Matthew 4:1)
- prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)
- roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)
- serpent (Genesis 3:1)
- dragon (Revelation 12:9; 20:2)
- adversary (Job 1)
- tempter (Matthew 4:3)
- the anointed Cherub that covers (Ezekiel 28:14)
- Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24)
- Belial (2 Corinthians 6:15)
- wicked (evil) one (Matthew 13:19)
- “Abaddon” and “Apollyon” which means “destroyer” (Rev. 9:11)
- a murderer and “the father of lies” (John 8:44)
- “the prince of this world” (John 12:31).
- leader of demonic forces of evil (Eph. 6:10-12).
- angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14)

Satan questioned God’s Word (Gen. 3:1b)

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Satan’s target was Eve’s (Adam’s too) mind
The weapon was deception and doubt.

- By questioning what God said, Satan raised doubts in Eve’s mind concerning the truthfulness of God’s Word and the goodness of God’s heart.

2 Corinthians 11:3 *But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.*

Why accuracy matters – The ABC’s of ministry (Adam and Eve’s theological mistakes)

1. Eve misquoted God’s Word. Compare 3:2-3 with 2:16-17
2. Eve omitted that God “commanded” them to obey.
3. Eve copied the devil further when she spoke of “God” (Elohim) and not “the Lord [Jehovah] God,” the God of the covenant.
4. Finally, she said “lest you die”—a possibility—instead of “You shall surely die”—an actuality.

She was starting to doubt God’s goodness and truthfulness.

They *took from* God’s Word, added to God’s Word, and *changed* God’s Word, all of which are serious offenses, indeed.

Deuteronomy 4:2 (NASB) ²You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32 (NASB) ³²Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

Proverbs 30:6 (NASB) ⁶ Do not add to His words, or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.

Revelation 22:19 (NASB) ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

A CHART COMPARING AND CONTRASTING THE RESPONSES TO GOD'S TRUE WORD*

What God actually said Genesis 2:16 - 17 (NASB)	What Eve/Adam misquoted Genesis 3:2 - 3 (NASB)	What the devil said Genesis 3:4 - 5 (NASB)
¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the man, saying (<i>Jehovah</i>)	[They omitted " God commanded "]	⁵ "For God knows..."
From any tree of the garden you may eat freely	² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;	⁵ ...that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened,
¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,	³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden,	...and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
...for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."	God (Elohim) has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'	⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!"

Satan denied God's Word (Gen. 3:4)

"You will not surely die" (NIV) is a direct contradiction of God's "You will surely die" (2:17, NIV). But Satan is a liar (John 8:44) and God is the God of truth (Deut. 32:4), and our response to what God says should be, "**THEREFORE ALL YOUR PRECEPTS CONCERNING ALL THINGS I CONSIDER TO BE RIGHT**" (Ps. 119:127).

Satan substituted his own lie (Gen. 3:5)

"You will be like God": Romans 1:18-32 ---- They "exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator" (v. 25).

Most sinners don't realize that Satan is their master (Eph. 2:1-3) and the lake of fire is their destiny (Matt. 7:13-23; Rev. 20:10-15).

When Jesus was tempted (Matt. 4:1-11), He answered Satan's lies with God's truth and 3 times affirmed, "It is written!" Satan wants to deceive our minds (2 Cor. 11:3), but we defeat him by using the spiritual weapons God provides (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Cor. 10:4-5).

***1 JOHN 2:16 (KJV)** ¹⁶FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD, THE LUST OF THE FLESH, AND THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE, IS NOT OF THE FATHER, BUT IS OF THE WORLD.

Genesis 3:15 (NASB) 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."

I

I = God, our Heavenly Father

Enmity

Enmity = ill will on one side or on both; hatred; especially mutual antagonism (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary). But this enmity is good thing. This antagonism gave humanity the capacity to hate both Satan and sin.

Enmity A: Between Satan and Eve

Satan hated Eve from the moment of her creation, even when he was pretending to be her friend and confidant in tempting her to eat of the forbidden tree. The new thing was to be Eve's (and Adam's and all their true offspring's) hatred of Satan as one aspect of God's gracious preservation of and provision for the race. What a blessing that was!

Enmity B: Between future Godly vs. ungodly descendants

The godly descendants of the man and woman, influenced by God himself, and the ungodly descendants of the man and woman, influenced by Satan. This enmity tells us that God has not abandoned us, that he has established a beneficial enmity between those who desire good and those who desire evil.

Enmity C: Between Satan vs. Jesus Christ (un-fair fight!)

This last enmity assures us, not only of hope, but also of victory. It is the antagonism between Jesus, as the specific and climactic seed of the woman, and Satan himself. It was to result in the bruising of Jesus but also in the crushing of Satan and his power.

Seed

- *The offspring (“seed”) of the serpent and of the woman represent Satan’s family and God’s family. In the Parable of the Tares (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43), Jesus states clearly that Satan has “children,” people who profess to be true believers but who are actually counterfeits. The parable reveals that wherever God “plants” a true child of the kingdom, Satan comes along and plants a counterfeit. The two grow together and won’t be separated until the harvest at the end of the age.*

He

This He is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ

Bruise (your head)

Means Jesus will crush and permanently destroy Satan forever.

Bruise (his heal)

Satan will be used by God to participate in the pre-arranged crucifixion of Jesus.

- Satan’s back story: (Ps. 72:9; Isa. 49:23; Micah 7:17).

NOTE: While God did curse the serpent and the ground (Gen. 3:17), He never cursed Adam and Eve.

- God’s words to Satan (v. 15) are called the *protevangelium*, “the first Gospel,” because this is the first announcement of the coming Redeemer found in the Bible. that is, the first (*proto-*) announcement of the good news of the gospel (*evangelium*)

Genesis 3:15 (NASB)

¹⁵**And I will put enmity** (*Our Lord God will put adversity and hatred...*)

Between you and the woman, (*Between Satan and mankind...*)

And between your seed and her seed; (*And...between all future saints and sinners*)

He shall bruise you on the head, (*Jesus, our Lord God and Savior will destroy Satan permanently*)

And you shall bruise him on the heel.” (*and Satan will be allowed to participate in the temporary crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. Which facilitates the IMMEDIATE resurrection of Jesus and the future resurrection of ALL believers, past and future, to eternal life with the Lord.*)