

Gen 2:4-3:21 {s+s+p} Strong Theme Chiasm

Strong theme: Disobedience to God is sin, and brings painful toil, and death



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1A) 2:4-15 THE THREE LIFES – breath, tree, and river;

1a.1) 2:4-5a These are the generations of the heaven and of the earth when they were created, in the day that YHVH God made earth and heaven. **No shrub of the field** was yet in the earth, and **no herb of the field** had yet sprung up; for YHVH God had not caused it to rain on the earth;

1a.2.1) 2:5b And **there was not a man to till the ground**;

1a.2.2) 2:6 but there went up **a mist** from the earth, and **watered the whole face of the ground**;

1b) 2:7 Then **YHVH God formed man** of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul;

central axis) 2:8a And YHVH God planted a garden eastward, in Eden;

2b) 2:8b And there He put **the man whom He had formed**;

2a.1) 2:9 And out of the ground **YHVH God made to grow every tree** that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil;

2a.2.2) 2:10-14 And **a river** went out of Eden **to water the garden**; and from there it was parted, and became four heads. The name of the first is Pishon; that which compasses the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and the onyx stone is there. And the name of the second river is Gihon; the same which compasses the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is Tigris; that which goes toward the east of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates;

2a.2.1) 2:15 And YHVH God took **the man**, and put him in the garden of Eden **to tend it** and to keep it;

1B) 2:16-17 And YHVH God commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die (**THE COMMAND OF YHVH GIVEN**);

1C) 2:18-24 WOMAN, THE HELPER OF MAN;

1a) 2:18-20 **It is not good that the man should be alone**;

1a) 2:18 And YHVH God said: It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him **a helper fit for him**;

1b) 2:19a And out of the ground YHVH God formed **every beast** of the field, and **every winged creature** of the air, and brought them to the man to see **what he would call them**;

central axis) 2:19b And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name;

2b) 2:20a And **the man gave names** to all cattle, and to the **winged creatures** of the air, and to **every beast** of the field;

2a) 2:20b But for Adam there was not found **a helper fit for him**;

1b) 2:21-22a And YHVH God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the place with flesh instead. And **the rib**, which YHVH God had taken from the man, **He made into a woman**;

central axis) 2:22b **And brought her to the man**;

2b) 2:23 And 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**;

2a) 2:24 Therefore **a man** shall leave his father and his mother, and **shall cleave to his wife**, and they shall be one flesh;

CENTRAL AXIS) 2:25 AND THE MAN AND HIS WIFE WERE BOTH NAKED AND WERE NOT ASHAMED;

2C) 3:1-5 WOMAN, THE DOWNFALL OF MAN;

1a) 3:1a Now **the serpent was more subtle** than any beast of the field which YHVH God had made;

1b) 3:1b And he said to the woman: Yes, **did God say**: You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?

central axis) 3:2 **And the woman said to the serpent: Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat**;

2b) 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God said**: You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die;

2a) 3:4-5 **And the serpent said to the woman**: You shall not surely die, for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil;

2B) 3:6-13 THE COMMAND OF YHVH BROKEN;

1a) 3:6a And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, **she took of its fruit, and ate**;

1b) 3:6b And she also gave to her husband with her, and **he ate**;

1c) 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves coverings;

1d) 3:8 And they heard the voice of YHVH God walking in the garden toward the cool of the day; and **the man and his wife hid themselves** from the presence of YHVH God among the trees of the garden;

central axis) 3:9 **And YHVH God called to the man, and said to him: Where are you?**

2d) 3:10 And he said: I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and **I hid myself**;

2c) 3:11 And He said: **Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you that you should not eat?

2b) 3:12 And the man said: The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and **I ate**;

2a) 3:13 And YHVH God said to the woman: What is this you have done? And the woman said: The serpent beguiled me, and **I ate**;

2A) 3:14-21 THE THREE CONSEQUENCES – on the serpent, woman, and man;

1a) 3:14 And YHVH God said to the serpent: **Because you have done this, cursed are you** from among all cattle, and from among all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life;

1b) 3:15a And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and **her Seed**;

central axis) 3:15b **He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel; {s}**

2b) 3:16 To the woman He said: I will greatly multiply your pain and your travail; in pain **you shall bring forth children**; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you; {s}

2a) 3:17-21 And to Adam He said: **Because you have paid heed to the voice of your wife**, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying: You shall not eat of it; **cursed is the ground for your sake**; in toil shall you eat of it all the days of your life. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread, till you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust shall you return. And the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And YHVH God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them. {p}