THE STORY OF ADAM

INTRODUCTION

Common belief is eating the forbidden fruit was the ‘original sin’. In fact, there was much sin and godlessness prior to that event. Eating the forbidden fruit was the culmination of a downward spiral in moral behavior that started earlier. Eating forbidden fruit was the ‘ultimate sin’ which was perpetrated by a man steeped in sin by that point in his life. Adam did what came natural to him. He was innocent of knowing he did wrong until eating the forbidden fruit opened his eyes and he saw all the evil he was guilty of. Adam is our earthly nature. Every human today is a descendant of Adam. We naturally think evil and do evil. If we don’t know how evil Adam was by nature, how can we know how evil we are by nature? And if we don’t know how evil we are, how can we believe God will punish us? May God open our eyes!

It is true Adam was formed in the image of God. Yet Adam was made from the dust and his earthly nature got the better of him in a short time. It was not until Abel that the image of God present in Adam began to shine forth. Like a candle flame Abel was snuffed out. The evil earthly nature of Adam asserted itself in his first son: the murderer Cain.

WHO KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED?

The story of Adam was a long time ago and the only account we have is in Genesis. The story we tell here is based on the Genesis 2 account. We will rely on the plain meaning of the written words but we will also look keenly into the meaning of the Hebrew letters of the words and the meaning of the spiritual numbers in the gematria of the Hebrew letters. To those who aren’t

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1 It is not likely Adam was white. More likely he was red skinned, like a Native American. The oldest genetic study of any human remains is of an ancient Siberian boy. Results show that he possessed a mitochondrial genome that is common in Western Eurasians with no affinity to East Asians; and his Y-chromosome genome was basal to Western Eurasians and Native Americans. Cranial studies also indicate First Americans were different than East Asians. [2 Jan 2014 Nature] The surprising conclusion is Native Americans preceded East Asians genetically. This puts the origin of Native Americans back to very ancient times; earlier than the land bridge from Asia to Alaska.
aware of this method of Bible study we invite you to read page 1 INTRO, page 8 GEMATRIA, and page 22 HEBREW on our website: www.biblenumbersforlife.com. Our method is well tested as demonstrated by dozens of studies in creation, the stars, prophecy, and other topics as well.

A PERFECT WORLD NEVER EXISTED

Evil pre-existed Adam. Scripture says: ‘And God said ‘Let there be light’ and there was light. And God saw the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.’ (Gen. 1:3-4) By implication, the darkness was not good, the darkness was evil. Before God made the earth he made the heavens. An angelic rebellion had occurred in those heavens prior to Adam. A host of evil angels had turned heaven into anarchy. God said this was not good. What is more, the angelic revolt may have been the reason God created the physical universe, the earth, the living creatures, and man. He wanted to show the rebel angels they were wrong: God is good.

After God said ‘Let there be light’ it says ‘And there was evening and morning – the first day’ (Genesis 1:5). God created the heavens before the earth. Light came on the first day of Material Creation: the physical universe. The keeping of time was only possible after the creation of light. Prior to the physical universe there was a Supernatural Creation: the heavens. When was heaven created? Without a measure of time we can’t tell you. But it pre-existed Material Creation. Creation did not go from nothing to light. There was a lot before light.

THE REBELLION IN HEAVEN

Ezekiel tells us that a certain magnificent guardian cherub, the highest order of angels, was driven from the mount of God (the highest heaven) to earth (Eze. 28:11-19). Ezekiel also says the same angel was in Eden so we understand him to be ‘the Serpent’ described in Genesis 3.

Satan was driven out from the highest heaven because he rebelled. Ezekiel tells us Satan’s brilliance caused him to be puffed up (Eze. 28:17) and he resorted to violence to achieve his goals (Eze. 28:16). From these two facts we infer that Satan led a faction of angels away from the worship of the LORD to the worship of himself. Furthermore, the process of separating loyal angels from rebel angels caused anarchy in the heavens.

At the end of these battles the forces of darkness looked like they won the victory. They set out to disturb the peace of heaven and they succeeded. The loyal angels looked defeated. The holy angels had insufficient power to put the rebellion of Satan and his demons down. Just when heaven was as dark as it could be God said ‘Let there be light!’ and in six days created the entire physical universe. Everything God made was esthetically beautiful, practically useful, and perfectly engineered. The most outstanding thing was God created it all out of nothing.

This is where we pick up our Story of Adam in Genesis 2.
PREAMBLE

The Bible has two accounts: the official version for general distribution, the face value of the words; and the private version for limited distribution, which is in the gematria. The private version is rich in details and prophecy. These are the pearls that the swine cannot digest.

Without overstating the case, Genesis chapter 2 contains the seedbed of the entire prophetic journey of God from the rebellion in heaven to the Antichrist. God put all this richness in Genesis 2 so we would understand God knows the end from the beginning and He has the power to ensure every event transpires as he intended. Praise God!

THE COMMUNION OF EVIL ANGELS

Official: 'Thus the heavens and the earth were finished with all their hosts.’ (Gen.2:1)

Private: Just as God finished his masterwork of creating the heavens and the earth and all that dwelled in them, the wonder of the moment was spoiled by the glorying of Self-Righteous (467) Satan, the great Adversary (302) to God, who drew together all the rebel angels into unholy communion with him: sealed with a Sworn Oath (189). In contrast, the holy angels, those who kept their Heart Clean (136); Suffer in Silence (491): there is nothing they can do. Satan, the evil Evangelist (72), responsible for reaping this harvest of rebel angels over to his side, raised his toast and declared: ‘We have Divided (2) the Clueless (479) angels loyal to the LORD!’

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Official: ‘And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.’ (Genesis 2:2)

Private: ‘The exact same time God was finishing his work of creation in the physical universe, the rebel angels were finished their work of anarchy in heaven. It was time for them to gloat in their victory of turning the heavens into anarchy.

At the communion supper of the demons:

After the rebel angels recognized Satan as their IDOL to WORSHIP (66) and as One Nation they Worshipped (him as) God (86), their Man of Peace (659), their Messiah (61) rose from his throne and declared to them his False Prophecy (77) of their duty in his service to Abuse the Faithful Witness (577): the Holy Man (8).

Satan’s message for the rebel angels:

Live a Worldly Life (58): do whatever you want. Live Carelessly (457); your sin won’t be judged because All Sin is Pardoned (397). Give Glory to God (497): to Satan your benefactor; Religious Control (501) will keep you from backsliding to follow the LORD; remember your oath by which you are Bound to Traditions (375). Always Scorn The LORD’s Sacrifice (238). Pierce with Thorns (219) everyone who fails to worship Satan: Kill the Believers in the LORD (69).

On the holy mount God’s message to the loyal angels:

A service of memorial was underway for angels who perished in the fighting with the rebel angels. The Spirit of the LORD (152) solemnly promised to the holy angels assembled that martyrs for the faith would be resurrected and Awake to See God’s Face (495).

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2 Elohim ~ it is usually interpreted ‘god’ (as in triune Godhead) but it can also be translated ‘gods’. In this passage the choice of that name is clearly intended to have a dual connotation.
Official: “And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” (Genesis 2:3)

Private: The bitterness of these hours must have been insufferable to Jehovah. He had created the heavens and the earth. He had given life to the angels and they had requited the gift of life by: rebelling, attacking the angels loyal to him, creating a new communion and king apart from him, and devoting themselves to undercutting the worship and glory due him.

It appears from gematria that the LORD had in mind a universal kingdom with him at the center: a Government of All Power (144) based on the worship of praising angels. But the rebellion resulted in: Royal Princess Destroyed (324). The LORD had in mind a Marriage Supper of the King (427) ~ the joining in a mystical way part of his creation to himself. But the rebellion of the angels produced a Family (31) of Breaking Faith Harlot (38). It had Destroyed (2) the Marriage Supper of the King (427). Darkness would not bow to him. Chaos ensued.

Rather than a Kingdom of Light the Partners With Darkness (352) were working to Block Streams of Water (399). All the creation of God was being stolen away by the Great Adversary: King Piles Up Wealth (301). The holy angels were downcast by these evil doings: Loss of Spirit (209). The victory of Satan was so overwhelming the holy angels were scattered: Men of Faith in Hiding (217). The enemy taunted them: God is Pleased When We Suffer (466).

The LORD gathered his holy ones and declared everlasting Battle (64) with the False Prophet (77). He vowed to Destroy (2) the ones who Partner With Darkness (352), who Block Streams of Water (399), who twist his words [God is Pleased When We Suffer (446)]. The LORD sanctified the seventh day. In doing so, he promised a future age when there would be rest and peace on Earth; when all creatures would rightfully cease from their work and worship him.
THE HEART OF DARKNESS

Official: ‘These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens’ (Genesis 2:4)

Private: Satan has a devil’s bargain to offer: if you side with him, you will be protected from his persecution and you will receive riches and power in this life. If you side with God you will receive the opposite: persecution, poverty, and social exclusion. However, if you side with Satan you agree to play by his rules every step of the way, no exceptions. He is a harsh master.

Those who Join With Nations That Hate God (249) agree to abide by Man’s Rules (41), which are any set of made-up rules that transgress God’s Law. Satan’s rules are the opposite of justice, equality, fraternity, charity, and peace. Those who take the devil’s bargain must never dispute or complain about the devil’s rules: No (2) Wailing in the Streets (430). Those who take the devil’s bargain join the Family (31) of Rich Oppressors (59). They are protected and set to acquire riches and power at the expense of those who don’t take the bargain. This family of Satan followers become the Judges (71) of Death (23). By their wealth and power they fix who gets land, employment, promotions, and influence; who is shunned from society and reduced to the lowest slavery. Satan is the expert at coercion, repression, and rule by force.

Satan has a Temple to be Exalted (396). In its purest form it is the Tower of Babel: a secular kingdom under one all-powerful leader joined to a religion of worship of false gods led by a supreme religious figure or false prophet. Satan’s kingdom is eternally at enmity with God: Heart Resents the King (377). All saints loyal to God with Word Hid in Heart (163) must be destroyed with Devouring Fire (250). A sure mark of Satan’s kingdom is religious intolerance. The absolute law of Satan’s kingdom is the Flesh (6) of Faithful Witnesses to God Abused (577).

This is the 35th verse of the Bible. The spiritual number 35 means ‘Suffering Servant’. Satan’s kingdom is about lording power and authority over others. God’s way is to be a lowly servant.
THE LION ROARS: ‘THE HOSTS OF DARKNESS ARE DOOMED’

Official: “Before any plant of the field was in the earth, and before any herb of the field grew: the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.” (Genesis 2:5)

Private: At the very darkest hour when there is not one ray of hope in God’s kingdom, not one herb growing in the land so to speak, the LORD announces God’s Wrath (63) on the Kingdom of Darkness, those who have Divided (2) his Family (31):

“Message (4) to Blood Enemy (172), you Rebellious (13) mystery cult of Bloody Murders (44): God’s Wrath (63) will fall on you and cause you Distress (20). You have invented tools of cruelty: I will Destroy (2) your Places of Suffering (271). I will grant Victory (17) to the Gentiles Who Praise God (67) and my Pardoned People will Worship (397) me. [In this context Satan’s Kingdom is exalted, so Gentiles, figuratively speaking, are the outcast loyal holy angels].”

Furthermore, I will Repair the Temple (325) you have destroyed in heaven; my angels will declare in that day ‘The LORD Lifts Me Up’ (508); In the Time of the End (49) I will show Father’s Love (49) to my faithful ones, and Victory (17) over their enemies. I will Destroy (2) Injustice (281), I will show Generosity to the Poor (112), and mercy on those who honored me but did follow me all the way to the end: Backsliders Swallowed (337) Reversed (2).”

This is the 5th verse. The number 5 means ‘Life’ and ‘Grace’. God promises everlasting life!
THE DEVIL RETORTS: ‘WE WILL SPOIL YOUR SCHEMES’

Official: “But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.” (Genesis 2:6)

Private: God’s promises must have sounded hollow to the angelic forces of darkness, who appeared to have the victory at that moment, thus God’s words did not plant terror in the heart of his Great Adversary. The Prince of Darkness retorted and arrogantly boasted:

“Darkness (11) speaks a Mystery (11): I am the Angel of the Lord (512)! Do not fear, all you who have Allied With Darkness (386), I will Save You From God’s Wrath (126).”

“Furthermore, I will Humiliate (43) Faith (19) in the LORD. You will see the power of Darkness: I will Kill His Prophets (245); he cannot defend even his own champions.”

“Do not listen to the LORD, hordes of evil ones. Your secret Corruption Exposed (531) it will Not (2) be; I will Exclude Believers From Fellowship (394), I will suppress them and socially chastise them, so no one will listen to them when they cry: injustice! Inequity! Oppression!”

Here is a key spiritual insight in Scripture. The ground, the earth, is a picture of carnal life; the mist is a cloud, which being suspended in the air signifies a spiritual power, that covers the earth; the mist keeps the earth from seeing the Sun; it keeps the earth in darkness. The ‘mist’ of Satan’s influence provided water but no light: therefore no living thing could prosper.

James said: ‘If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambitions... do not boast or deny the truth. Such ‘wisdom’ does no come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition there you find disorder and every evil practice.’

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

If Genesis 2 is the Story of Adam, why did God put all this (private) information in it pertaining to the battle between good and evil? It is placed in the text so we will have a rule with which to judge the life of Adam. Which way will Adam tilt? Will he take the lowly path of a servant? Will Adam meekly accept suffering? Or will he refuse to worship the Lord and seek a better life for himself? Will he seek a kingdom of his own, to lord over by his own rules? Or stay lowly?
GOD BREATHES LIFE INTO MAN

Official: “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7)

Private: When the LORD created Man the angelic audience knew this was the champion of God who would lead the holy angels in battle. When the LORD breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, it was an anointing, an appointment to be the deputy of God, his right hand.

However when the angels saw this man was an earthling with no supernatural powers there was Wailing in the Streets (430). The holy angels knew they would ultimately be Crowned Queen (428): assigned to serve the Man. This was a huge demotion: Holy Ones Suffer in this Life (451). They reasoned this man of flesh was no match for Satan. He would quickly be routed and they would be leaderless once again: High Priest Abandons Flock (237). However they steeled their resolve knowing even if they perish they will Awake to See God’s Face (495).

God had Repaired the Temple (325) but with the Weakest (5) possible material: human flesh. His champion was put on Earth to Defend the Faith (149) but the LORD declared to his angels Man’s position would be conditional on obedience. Should he depart from the faith: Bind (3) his heart from believing The Lord is My Strength (331), then he would be Traitor Hanged (286). The Fear of Death (158) would keep Man in right relationship with God. The holy angels were not so sure, and disputes and debates and clamor arose among them: Deceitful Tongues (483).

Satan founded his kingdom on personal power. God was founding his kingdom on weakness. Why? God was on the side of his Champion. That is what would bring victory. But if the Man stumbles in faith then there would be no victory. The angels watched Adam closely.
GOD PLANTS A GARDEN FOR THE MAN

Official: “And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.” (Genesis 2:8)

Private: Out of the chaos of the rebellion the LORD began to restore order by placing his champion in a garden filled with his blessings but also with responsibilities.

However humble by heaven’s standards the garden was the first step in recovering what was lost in the rebellion. The goal of the garden was clear: Destroy (2) the Loss of Inheritance (205), or in other words, restore the inheritance. To put everything right that had gone wrong.

The Man was anointed to be the Champion of God: the Faithful Witness (53). He was charged to Keep the Faith (310) even if it meant Loss of Safety (207): He must be willing to die for the sake of the Kingdom of God. His life would be measured in two ways: Love for His Enemies (260) and following the will of God perfectly: Minister Under the King’s Thumb (363). Man was the deputy, the minister, God was the King. Man would have authority, with holy angels at attention, so long as he himself meekly obeyed God’s will.

The Champion presided over the assembly of all God’s holy servants: Holy Man (8) in Saint’s Assembly (87) (which at this time consisted only of holy angels). He was the Chosen Servant (37) of the Family (31) of God. Although possessing prestige in the assembly; he must be prepared to pay a price: Holy Men Suffer in This Life (451). If the message of his lips is not truth: Lying Prophets (313); then Judgment (9) befalls him no matter how high is his throne: Son of David (89). Those Who Forget God Fall (487) this was the Covenant (114) in the garden.

Along with these sacred responsibilities came a great reward: the Man would walk with the LORD in the garden: God Seen (300). Man who was made in the image of God would be able to converse and commune with his Creator in a unique way unavailable to angels. Angels desiring to learn about the nature of God, would intently watch the Man and listen to his every word.
GOD’S PLAN FOR HIS CHAMPION WAS FOR HIM TO DIE

Official: “And out of the ground made the LORD God 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 knowledge of good and evil.” (Genesis 2:9)

Private: While the full attention of all angels in the universe was fixed upon the Garden of Eden the mind of God was fixed upon restoring order in the heavens and kicking out the Kingdom of Darkness. The garden he planted on Earth was to reach up to Heaven. How could this be? The whole plan of salvation is amazingly revealed in the gematria of this single verse. Just as God had caused trees to grow out of bare ground, God would Resurrect (46) Messiah (61).

The Champion would lead the Government of All Power (144): this was Inequity in The Flock (266). But the Champion would lead with Compassion (145) and prove through lowly obedience He is The Father’s Possession (147). This Spiritual Son (127) would be Judged (9) by the holy flock he leads: reviled with false Accusations (130) and suffer a Deadly Blow (183).

God’s Champion, his Holy One (29) would die. His Humiliation (43) and suffering on the Tree of Life [the Cross] would bring a new Covenant (15) of Payment of Sin (25) to the Holy Flock. All the Diseases (39) caused by transgressions of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil [Law of Moses] would be placed upon the Holy One (29). Even the Vengeance of the LORD (486) would be wreaked upon his soul as he suffered on the Tree! His act of sacrifice would Settle Accounts (293) resulting in an outpouring of God’s Spirit into a New Prophet (239): all who have Faith (19) in him. Messiah would lead the holy flock to Exaltation (261) in paradise: PTL!
THE FIVE RIVERS OF EDEN

Verses 10 to 14 of Genesis 2 describe five rivers: Eden, Pishown, Gihown, Hidiqel, and Prat. The five rivers of God are memorialized in the Menorah of Eden, the menorah with only five branches. Since the purpose of this paper is the Story of Adam we will not examine in detail the verses pertaining to the five rivers of Eden.

We have dedicated an entire paper, ‘Mystery of the Menorah: The Five Rivers of Eden’, based on verses 10 to 14 of Genesis 2 to explain the prophetic significance of the five rivers:

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When Moses gave instructions for the Tabernacle Menorah it was to have seven branches. The Tabernacle Menorah ‘grafted in’ two new branches or rivers of God (one on each side):

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Based on the location of the four verses in Genesis 2 describing the magnificent rivers of God (verse 10 to 14) we must conclude the source of the spiritual water of all these rivers is the sacrifice of Messiah upon the Tree of Life (verse 9)!!!

The angels who were eagerly watching events unfold in the Garden of Eden likely did not understand the fullness of the prophetic significance of its geographic location: the four rivers parting at the end of the river flowing out of Eden. However they knew enough to realise God was performing a marvelous work with the Man he put in the garden. They knew their destiny and the fate of the holy flock depended on the Man. We return to the Story of Adam.

3 Compared to other rivers this one is a small stream and short lived but precious to the LORD. We have taken the name ‘Jubilant Stream’ from the names of the last two male descendants of Cain. See our paper ‘The Line of Cain’ on Page 4 PROPHECY on our website.
4 This outpouring of God’s Spirit will be so surpassing that the description ‘river’ no longer applies: the Knowledge of the Lord will cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea!
MAN OF GOD PUT TO WORK

Official: “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” (Genesis 2:15)

Private: Here is a popular notion debunked: Eden was not a paradise of relaxation and self-indulgence. Even before the curse there was work to do in the garden: dressing and keeping. Jesus said ‘My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he trims clean so that it will be even more fruitful.’ (John 15:1-2) Adam’s task was to keep the trees productive⁵. It did not require hard labor. It called for knowledge, monitoring, and a snip here and there. Adam was training to be an overseer.

Gematria provide clues as to how the training of Adam was progressing. His initial appraisal report was not glowing. The Spirit of God says Adam neglected his duty: High Priest Abandons the Flock (236). Even a modicum of responsibility was resented by Adam: Holy Men Suffer in This Life (451). The assessment concludes: do not give this man advanced responsibility or the garden will go completely wild in a short time: Souls in Great Distress (264).

The angels were watching too. When they saw this lazy Adam it caused consternation. Many could not see how Adam was qualified to be a leader and bridled at serving under him: Division (2) of Ruler Over Spiritual Sons (346). The popular sentiment expressed a hope this Man would die and God’s Spirit (would) Fill A New Prophet (239). If Man did not change his ways the holy angels predicted it would lead to another rebellion: Bound (3) to Apostle Tribe (229).

The Bible says that our flesh is weak. Man knows the good he ought to do, but does not do it. There is a principle at work in his flesh: the law of sin. Man was made from the earth, man is a sinner. Adam proved that even in perfect surroundings and even with a perfect supervisor Man fails to live up to God’s standard of perfection. Adam was a sinner before he ate the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil: the eating just made him realise the fact.

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⁵ The fig tree was the first fruit tree cultivated by man. For insights into the Fig Tree in the Bible see our paper ‘Mystery of the Fig Tree’ on Page 4 PROPHECY.
MAN OF GOD PUT TO THE TEST

Official: “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying: of every tree of the garden you may freely eat.” (Genesis 2:16) “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:17)

Private: The angelic community had already calculated, Cold Blooded (224), that Adam is wicked and doomed: Curse on Evil Sons (150). But the LORD demonstrated his grace and love to those angels. Adam was a slow learner but the LORD would help him progress by showing him the end of sin is death: Promise to Punish Sin (374). If Adam did not follow instructions he made himself party with the enemies of God and would suffer for it: Rivals Assassinated (271).

God cleared the air in this regard. He permitted Adam time to learn obedience. But God divided between bone and the marrow – God established what act sealed Adam’s rebellion to him: do not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If Adam were to do that thing the punishment of God would rain down on him: Warning (15) Fire Burns Enemies (97).

Adam illustrates a singular fact of man’s dealings with God in every epoch for all time: no matter how much God loves you and no matter how great his patience is with you there is something you can do that would cause God to bring the severest judgment upon your head.

In the Age of Patriarchs it was disobeying God’s voice. In the Age of the Law it was worshipping idols. In the Age of Grace it is turning back to man’s religion. Christians are not unique among God’s people for this misconception: ‘now we are the people of God we can follow any path we want’. Paul severely chastised the Galatian Christians who were on the road to adopting Jewish customs and the patriarchal rite of circumcision: “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ to a different gospel... but (even) if an angel from heaven should preach a different gospel than what we preached let him be eternally condemned!”’ (Gal. 1:6-9) The Law of Moses was nailed to the Cross. Christians are never to come back under the Jewish religious law or any other religious law. Anathema!
The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is the eternal Law of God. It was not invented the day Moses went up Mt. Sinai - it first appeared in the Garden. The Law tells man what is good and what is evil. This has applied to Man from the beginning. Yet, the Law is only a finite collection of rules. The Law cannot establish God’s will in every situation. The Law is weak.

The Law condemns sin. There is no Quarreling (137) with God because the Law also establishes the punishment for sin: Accounts Settled (293). Even more, the Law stipulates sacrifices that can be offered to cover certain sins: Division (2) of Rain of Fiery Sulfur Falls (489). The prime sin in the Law is Worshiping False Gods (482). A member of the Holy Flock is bound to keep this commandment: Binding (3) of Good Confession (309).

God commanded Adam not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Why? As soon as Adam became conscious of sin his communication with God would cease. He would be cut off, spiritually dead. Adam did not know it but he walked with God by grace. The Law is opposed to grace. As soon as Adam came under the tutelage of the Law he came out from his privileged place as a child of God. The Law was not created for free men like Adam. The Law was created for slaves. Adam was the Son of God, a member of God’s holy family, not a slave.

As soon as Adam eats the forbidden fruit he makes religion his defense from sin. This is a vain hope because religion convicts of sin, and temporarily covers sin, but has no power to forgive sin. Religion results in Righteous Afflicted (88) and Loss of Safety (207). Anyone who preaches that religion clears people of wrongdoing before God is doomed: False Prophets Die (323). Those who rely on religion to save themselves from wrath will regret it: Heart is Humbled (529). Every man is convicted of sin by Two Witnesses (178): Law of God and his conscience.

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6 To understand Adam’s relationship with the Law, the teaching of Galatians and Romans is useful. The salvation of Christians reverses the curse Adam brought when he ate the forbidden fruit. Christians are in a similar place to Adam before he ate the fruit in that we are commanded not to place ourselves under religious laws.
MAN IS ALONE

Official: “And the LORD God said: ‘it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him’.” (Genesis 2:18)

Private: The first step to open rebellion is sulking: ‘a period of gloomy and bad-tempered silence stemming from annoyance and resentment’. Adam wasn’t happy with his situation. All he had to eat was this boring fruit – not a very interesting diet. His boss kept prodding him to do a better job at pruning and was never satisfied: Persecution (50). Furthermore, his boss had the idea he was right all the time: Worship is an Abomination (247). His boss’ associates were even worse: Host of Evil Angels (369). Adam thought, ‘O how I wish I could get out of here’: Victory (17) of Scattered Remnant (33). ‘This whole crowd I’m in right now is a Repulsive People (930)’. Adam felt alone and was miserable.

The LORD knew the thoughts of Adam’s heart and took pity: The LORD Fights for Me (513). He decided to give him a wife to be his helper so he wouldn’t be alone: Tribe Restored (412).

Adam was unaware his personal resentment was stinking up the garden to high heaven. Adam had become like the Beast (74) of Death (23): the person that has no friends because his attitude towards others is arrogant and his behavior is dismissive and demeaning.

The LORD would give Adam a wife. At first having a woman as his helper, Church Bows to Earthly King (360), fed Adam’s ego: Flattery of the King (376) and Exalting Man (36). But in the end the woman would be poison: Men Emasculated (277) and Nations that Hate God (83). She would utterly destroy Adam’s household: Great City Falls (193). In God’s wisdom having a wife would teach Adam the misery of having a resentful and bitter servant: Beast (74) of Death (23). Adam would learn the degree of sacrifice involved with the position of headship. Adam would appreciate the LORD in a fresh way and worship him for the perfect way in which he leads by serving. Would Adam learn and meekly turn his heart back to God? Or would he rebel?
MAN BUILDS HIS KINGDOM

Official: “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was its name.” (Genesis 2:19)

Private: The holy angels knew Man was the Champion of God, destined to be the ruler of Earth and Heaven. “And God said: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” (Gen. 1:26) The heavenly watchers were keen to see how Man would rule.

The scene seems innocent but is in fact highly disturbing. The LORD formed all the living creatures out of the earth: God created them. A creator is the owner of what he has made. A painter takes simple materials: a pallet of colors and a canvas and produces a work of art. The painter owns whatever he makes and may sell it to a buyer if he wishes. Yet here we see the Creator bringing his creations to be named by Adam! To name something is a declaration of ownership. We have the right to name our pets because we own them. By naming the animals Adam was declaring his ownership of all of God’s creation!

Wait a second. Isn’t this what the Prince of Darkness did in his rebellion? God created all the angels: he made them. As such the angels belonged to God and the angels owed a debt to their Creator that could never be repaid. In lieu of payment for their life God accepted honor and respect for his wishes. Yet the Prince of Darkness was so filled with his own self-importance he could not bear venerating anyone else, even his Creator. He founded the Kingdom of Darkness on the principle of angels honoring him and respecting his wishes. In return he promised them a better deal than what they had. Out of lust for personal gain many angels flaunted God and followed the Prince of Darkness. It was chaos. Warring factions turned heaven into hell.

A repeat performance: here was Adam, without hesitation or qualm mopping up the entire living creation and drawing it into a kingdom with himself as the potentate of all. In Adam’s thinking God was his servant. Adam was not dismayed to see the LORD leading animals while he sat higher up in his chair the better to inspect his possessions.

Darkness (11) of Man, Powerless in Heaven (477). The angels were highly disturbed by these events. They concluded this Man, this Champion of God, was heading down the same path as the Prince of Darkness. Therefore they resolved this Man would not rule over them.

Man’s Kingdom is based on Principles Compromised (202): he exalts himself above God. Man’s Kingdom is founded on possessing things God made: Money is Worshipped (306).
Every beast of the field and fowl of the air was caught in Man’s snare. Instead of roaming free as God made them they were bound around the neck by leashes: Strength in Suffering (105). If they refused to submit to Man’s Kingdom, if they jumped free or fought against bondage, there was only one outcome: Deadly Blow (183). The holy angels recoiled from this scene: Palace on Fire (307) if Man rules over us! The Family (31) of angels came together in the name of Holy Truth (27) and prayed: Lord Lift Me Up! (508) Do not let me become a slave to man!

At the heart of Man’s Kingdom is a dark vanity of spirit: Wicked are Careless of God (457). Man becomes a god who looks down upon living creatures and controls the lives of others. To the creatures the Man says: have Faith (19) in the Holy One (29), the Man. To the ones lorded over this sounds like: Evil Spirit Torments (252).

The stronger Man’s Kingdom, the weaker God’s Kingdom. The Holy Flock (100) becomes the Remnant Scatters (343). The Pardoned People (397) become Destitute and Abandoned (102). When Man triumphs: Nations Plundered (Crown of Gold) (358); but for God’s people: Death is Near (453). Such trials cause those weak in the faith stumble: Lord’s Sacrifice Scorned (239); yet some wavering in faith draw nearer to God: Swear an Oath (189) (to be) Teachable (14). In God’s mind that is a loss: he always cares most for the weakest and the poorest.
MAN IS KING OF THE BEASTS

Official: “And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.” (Gen. 2:20)

Private: Man’s Kingdom comes! Adam succeeds in bringing all the beasts of the field and the birds of the air under a one-man government of the entire world. Every single living creature is owned and named by Adam. He sits on his throne as Adam! Made in the image of God! Ruling his realm like God! Holding in his hands the power of life and death over every creature; looked upon with awe by the millions in his realm; an all-powerful, all-seeing, absolute tyrant.

Adam, New Man (8), is not walking with God any more: Cry to God Not Heard (441). Adam is king, therefore Adam bows to no one. Adam was created to be the Faithful Witness (53) has become Adam, Man of Lawlessness (21). If anyone Quarrels (137) with Adam, their Life (5) is lost: Devouring Fire (250). A petty chief of an aboriginal tribe pictures Adam, our ancestor.

In a perverse way, Adam’s kingdom is a City of Peace (122): no one makes trouble because they will be punished harshly. Adam was formed to be the Champion of God, Messiah (61), but Adam’s kingdom doesn’t recognize God and every Life (5) in Adam’s kingdom suffers Justice Denied (281). Adam is the prototype of every ruthless dictator who ever lived.

In a mystery what has happened is this: the holy angels have withdrawn to a distance from Adam’s camp and the Kingdom of Darkness has moved in. Whether he knows it or not, Adam has made a Binding (3) Peace Pact with the Devil (201). He has chosen the path of riches and power at the expense of the rights of all other living creatures. Yet Adam finds himself alone: Not Found Helper Suitable. No one loves Adam because everyone is terrified of him. Adam is looking for a Helper with royal status: Saints Crowned (243) who will reign with him over the earth: Church Unified: Bows to Earthly King (360). Adam is looking for a Queen.
EVE IS BORN OUT OF DARKNESS

Official: “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof” (Genesis 2:21)

Private: God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam. The sleep was physical but also spiritual. Adam now was spiritually dead. Adam was past not walking with God. Adam was now totally unconscious of God. Eve originated out of the darkest part of that darkness. A rib is a bone covered by flesh, hidden inside Adam’s flesh, totally out of sight from any light. Eve represents all the worst attributes of Adam’s already villainous character and a heap of evil besides that.

Adam would be resentful of God his Maker. Adam would be dismissive of the LORD and go his own way. But Eve would take the extra step: Eve would stir the flames of hatred for the LORD. Eve would nurture perpetual rebellion against God. Eve would be possessed by the Devil to do his will: personification of darkness in human flesh. Eve would be the ‘eve’-il Queen: Government (12) of Despise the Prophets (353). In the pagan religions Eve is always a supreme god. This is the prophetic fulfilment of Eve. All this we see in her origin in Genesis 2.

In a mystery, Adam’s sleep is prophetic of the death of Messiah (61) who also would be separated from God on the Cross: ‘Father, Father, why hast thou forsaken me?’ Christ offered his life, Humility: Abasement, Submission (47) and brought a great Victory (17). Most of Adam’s race would reject Jesus’ death for remission of sins: LORD’s Sacrifice Scorned (238); yet a holy people of God would be born. Believers are the alter-Eve: the woman who loves God7.

The heart of Adam’s spiritual death is self-love: Flattery of the King (376). He is the greatest!

Eve will Judge (9) the Children of God (131). Wherever Eve appears, the children of God must flee from her: Binding (3) of Separated Church (941). Have no alliance with her: Pray (411).

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7 If a woman is reading this paper: if you love the LORD, you are precious. Eve’s shame does not cling to you.
ADAM DIVIDES HIS KINGDOM

Official: “And from the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, he made a woman, and brought her to the man.” (Genesis 2:22)

Private: Eve was brought to Adam to be his co-regent. Her attitude was she was a free woman who happened to have a man in her life. Only after God cursed Eve did she submit. Eve would have it no other way; Eve was rebellion incarnate: she would never bow to a king. She was Adam’s equal in everything but superior to him in guile: her intent was to rule him. Although she was female, she took a position belonging to a male: King is Crowned (499).

Eve turned into a poisonous gift to Adam that made him pay for ambivalence toward God: Sin Brings a Curse (180). Adam saw Eve as a delight but she would become his nemesis. Eve would humble Adam: Division (2) of King Exalts Himself (298). In contending with Adam for control of his kingdom Eve would prove it is evil to heap up possessions: Love of Money Cursed (194).

The scene before us is highly prophetic: Distress (20) in End Time (49). At the end of days will come a despotic one-world ruler of the earth (Antichrist) who will share power, Binding (3), with the religious leader (False Prophet) of a community (Apostate Jews) seeped in hatred for God’s prophets: God’s Deeds Forgotten (213). At this future time (not far away) everyone’s Faith (19) will be in Man’s Rule (41). Have a problem? Man can fix it; we don’t need God.

How scary will this future day be? God will not save the world from total destruction: Cry to God is Not Heard (441). Every face in the world will be turned to Anti-Christ, the false messiah, to bring peace on earth: Church Unified: Bows to Earthly King (360). Every heart will belong to the apostate religion of Atheism (Eve). God will turn away from them all. God’s Family, his people, Holy Angels (81), will be Persecuted ruthlessly. Then end will come: with a vengeance.
ADAM AND EVE MAKE A DEATH PACT

Official: “And Adam 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.” (Genesis 2:23) [23 means ‘Death’!]

Private: Oaths! Jesus said ‘Let your yes be yes and your no be no: all else comes from the Evil One’ (Matt. 5:37). Here is where the unseen forces of darkness become manifest: manipulating the thoughts and deeds of Adam and Eve. The Kingdom of Darkness in the heavenly realms is perpetuated through rituals, religious observances, and oaths. Notice that in all the chaos of the angelic rebellion the LORD never asked his holy angels to swear an oath of allegiance. Loyalty to the LORD is always voluntary and without compulsion. We serve out of love not fear.

Adam marries Eve. This means all the military power of the Antichrist is now at the service of the apostate religion who despises the prophets! Persecution of believers, Distress (20), Faithful Witness (53), aims to destroy faith completely: Palace on Fire (307). There will be a great falling away of believers: Rebellion (13) of Holy Angels (81). In spite of imminent martyrdom some will demonstrate Faith (19) and Fear of the LORD (111) that is stronger than death. Because of their strong covenant, Eve’s sin will now cling to Adam: both are doomed.

In spite of the Rebellion (13) of believers who depart from the faith to save their lives, the Line of Faith Survives (339). How? The Disease (39) of unbelief in the body of Christ is trumped by the power of God in raising the dead: Rapture (113). The faithful saints who are still alive will be transformed and with all the faithful raised from the dead to meet the LORD in the air: God Seen (300). On earth there are no believers in God left alive because they have all been taken Alive (5) into heaven: Believers Appear in Holy Land (233).

On earth the apostate Christians are Alive (5) but helpless: Every Man for Himself (211). They saved their skin from the Antichrist only to die in the Tribulation plagues. Very sad indeed.
MAN’S RELIGION

Official: “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)

Private: Adam departed from walking with God and now lives a worldly life as chief of a great kingdom. With all the affairs of state burdening his brow, he turns to Eve for guidance in personal matters: where to live, what to eat, how to behave. Eve trains the rustic vine-dresser Adam how to act in public: with refinement and manners. Adam blindly follows his handler.

In the last days the bloodied warrior Anti-Christ will adopt apostate Judaism as his religion. His co-regent will be the apostate Jewish High Priest: a man steeped in traditions and rituals but a man who does not believe God exists: Testimony (10) of Depart from the Faith (57).

The two will cultivate a spotless public reputation: Graven Image (170). Privately they will scheme to appropriate everyone’s wealth: Division (2) of Wealthy Livestock Owners (437). Like Pharaoh they will attain absolute riches and power: Testimony (10) of Throne of God (82) which they will obtain by holding the world for ransom (either for food or for protection or both): Firmly Held in a Trap (454). There will be no more governments or religions. All people will be slaves of Anti-Christ: Rule of Man (420) except Jews who will belong to the High Priest.

The Anti-Christ will regret his religious choice: Rash Decision (142). Like every person who has ever been seduced into a religion he did not know what he was getting into. When the judgment of God falls it will be too late for him to repent: Divide (2) Confess Your Sins (286). Without a way to repent or repay sin there is no way out: End (7) Dramatic Rescue (199).

All of man’s religions share the same basic features: oppressed masses following empty rituals to maintain the status of an elite cadre of scribes who in turn seek a favored status with rulers. In contrast: true spirituality is a person to person relationship with Jesus Christ obtainable only by faith in his death on the Cross to pay for sin: not by merit of any kind of religious observance.
SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Official: “And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and not ashamed.” (Gen. 2:25)

Private: Here is a great mystery: Adam and Eve having the time of their lives – doing whatever they please without the slightest thought for the misery they are causing God’s creatures, the holy angels, and even the spurned LORD of all Creation – yet God did not punish them.

Adam and Eve were unaware of the wrath of God they were storing up for themselves. They were innocent of any smiting of conscience because they had not eaten of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. However, they were not innocent of sin. The opposite: they were the worst of sinners. Until their sin was punished God was demonstrating his patience.

Adam should have known better. Like the child that grows up in a godly home and receives sound teaching in his youth Adam had walked with God. But Adam resented the spiritual community of his youth and set out on a path to build his own worldly kingdom without God. Adam found a kindred spirit in Eve, the woman who despises God. They were peas in a pod.

Adam and Eve’s sin was causing pain everywhere. To the animals who once roamed free but were now in stalls: Division (2) of Proclaim Freedom of Worship (404). Adam was formed to be the Champion of God but his life gave the oppressed holy angels of heaven no hope that God’s plan of putting a Man in the garden would work: End (7) of Defender of the Poor (109). The opposite: Adam and Eve’s obsession with improving their own lives at everyone else’s expense had thrown panic into all the Living (5) beings: Every Man for Himself (211).

In the prophetic fulfillment of this scene, the union of the Antichrist with the Apostate Jewish Religion will bring oppression to the whole earth. Yet God is not ‘away on a long journey’. God is keeping a tally of every sin. It was only a matter of time until the LORD brought the indictment of Judgment (9) of Innocent Death (175) against the Antichrist; and the indictment of Judgment (9) of Principles Compromised (202) against the Apostate Jewish Religion.

God will judge sin. For a period of time he may relent from judgment to show his patience. Adam and Eve were spiritually dead and spiritually blind to sin. In Genesis 3 God judges them.

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THE MYSTERY OF EVE

Adam and Eve were united in marriage. The Bible is specific: they were “one flesh”. Adam and Eve had intimate relations. But they had no children. This is a mystery worth exploring.

There are 25 verses in Genesis 2. $25 = 5 \times 5$. The spiritual number 5 means ‘Life’ (5). So the spiritual number 25 means: ‘Life’(5) of ‘Life’(5) or ‘Life’(5) out of ‘Life’(5) or ‘Abundant Life’(5).

God had commanded Adam and Eve: “Be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:28). God had given the gift of Life (5) to Adam and Eve. His intention was for them to procreate and bring more Life (5) out of their Life (5). The purpose of marriage is to have children.

Adam and Eve were perfectly healthy and having sexual relations. Before the curse there was no disease or ailment that might have hindered their ability to have children. Yet Eve was barren. In spite of having plenty of intimacy with Adam, Eve was not delivering babies. Is this possibly the root of hatred in Eve’s heart against God? Eve felt she was performing her wifely duty but God was not bringing life in her womb.

Prophetically, consider Eve as the Apostate Jewish Religion of the last days. The prophets had predicted that a Son of David would reign on his throne forever yet the Jews were exiled from the land and the line of Davidic kings ceased to reign over any kingdom. The prophets had predicted a Messiah would come who would rule on the throne of David in Jerusalem and establish the Law of Moses throughout the entire earth. Yet, in spite of thousands years of observing Jewish rituals and studying the Torah and honoring the name of Jehovah, no Messiah has come. Of course, Messiah did come in the person of Jesus Christ. But they rejected him.

Why did the LORD close Eve’s womb? We suggest it was her rebellious heart. Adam was the Champion of God. Eve was formed to be his help meet. Eve was put on earth to honor her husband and respect him as the leader of the home. Genesis 2 says Eve was brought to Adam at a time when Adam was busy building a kingdom. Eve was not the center of his attention: Adam had responsibilities that consumed him. Eve could not bring herself to submit to Adam. She considered him a dull uncouth vine dresser who did not meet her expectations of showing his devotion to her. In rebellion Eve resolved to get the better of Adam and rule over him.

Prophetically, God provided the Jewish Nation with a husband: Jesus Christ. The refined and well educated leaders of the Jewish people could not bear the thought of this rude Galilean being their king. In rebellion, they asked the Romans to slay him and remained husbandless.

Only when God forced Eve to submit to Adam, “He shall rule over you” (Gen. 3:16) did the LORD open Eve’s womb. A lesson here for all women who desire to be fruitful in the service of God and their husbands: know your place and do your duty! God will bless your obedience.