
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Gen. 1:1-26	Days 1-6 created
Tuesday:	Gen. 1:27 - 2:25	Man, woman and day 7 (Sabbath) created
Wednesday:	Gen. 3	The serpent and man's 1 st wrong decision
Thursday:	Gen. 4	Qayin murders Hebel; Genealogy of Qayin
Friday:	Gen. 5:1 - 6:8	Genealogy of Adam to Noah; Yahweh grieves in His heart

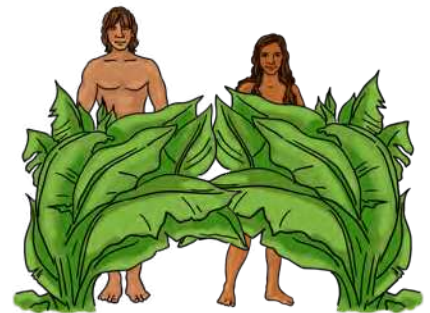
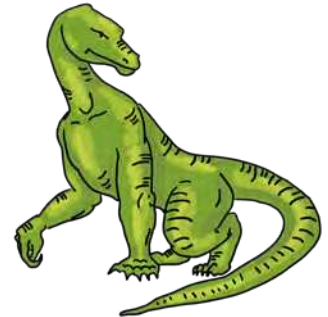
In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering the story of the Garden of Eden and our first introduction to humans. Now, let's read Gen. 2:8-17 & 3:1-24.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh Elohim planted a garden (**gan**) in Eden, and from the ground He caused to grow (2:8-9):
 - every tree (**etz**) that was pleasant to the sight, and good for food
 - the Tree of Life (**chai**) in the middle of the garden
 - the Tree of the Knowledge (**da'at**) of Good (**tov**) and Evil (**ra**)
- A river (**nahar**) went out of Eden to water the garden. It split into 4 (**arba**) riverheads. They were named (2:10-14):
 - Pishon
 - surrounds the land of Hawilah which has:
 - gold
 - bdellium (type of pearl/crystal derived from a tree's resin)
 - shoham stone (onyx)
 - Gihon
 - surrounds the land of Kush
 - Hiddeqel (Tigris)
 - goes east of Ashshur
 - Euphrates



- Elohim placed man in the garden to (2:15):
 - work it
 - guard it
- Yahweh Elohim commanded/told man (2:16-17):
 - NOT to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - that in the day they ate of that tree, they would certainly die
- The serpent (**nahash**) questioned the woman about Elohim's command to NOT to eat of every tree of the garden - 3:1
- The woman replied to the serpent that they were to (3:2-3):
 - NOT eat of the fruit of the tree which was in the midst of the garden
 - NOT touch it, as they would die
- The serpent assured the woman that if they ate the fruit (3:4-5):
 - they would NOT die
 - Elohim knew that the day they eat of that forbidden fruit that their eyes would be opened
 - they would be like Elohim
 - they would know good and evil
- The woman decided that (3:6):
 - the tree was good for food
 - the tree was pleasant to the eyes
 - the tree was desirable to make one wise
 - she would eat its fruit
 - she would give it to her husband also
- The man and woman (3:7-8):
 - had their eyes opened
 - knew that they were naked
 - sewed fig leaves together
 - made loin coverings for themselves
 - heard the sound of Yahweh Elohim walking in the garden
 - hid themselves from Yahweh Elohim's presence among the trees of the garden
- Yahweh Elohim called to Adam. Adam told Him that he hid himself because he was naked - 3:9-10



- Yahweh Elohim asked Adam (3:11):
 - "Who had revealed to him that he was naked?"
 - "Had he eaten of the tree which He had commanded them NOT to eat of?"
- Adam answered Yahweh Elohim, saying that the woman He had given him was the one who offered him the fruit, so he ate it - 3:12
- When Yahweh Elohim questioned the woman, she answered, saying that it was the serpent who had deceived her, and that is why she ate the fruit - 3:13
- Yahweh Elohim cursed the serpent more than any other livestock or beast of the field. From then on, it would have to move on its belly and eat the dust of the earth all the days of its life - 3:14
- Yahweh Elohim then addressed the serpent and woman, declaring that (3:15):
 - there would be enmity between it and the woman
 - there would be enmity between its seed and her Seed
 - he shall crush your head and you shall crush His heel
- Yahweh Elohim also told the woman that (3:16):
 - she would have an increase in sorrow and conception
 - she would bring forth children in pain
 - her husband would rule over her
- Yahweh Elohim told the man that (3:17-19):
 - the ground would now be cursed, because he listened to the voice of his wife and ate of the tree which He commanded them NOT to eat of
 - in toil he would eat of the ground all the days of his life
 - the ground would bring forth thorns and thistles
 - by the sweat of his brow he would eat bread until he would return to the ground (death)
 - he was made from dust, and to dust he would return (death)
- Adam then named his wife Hawwah because she became the mother of all living - 3:20
- Yahweh Elohim made coats of skin to dress Adam and Hawwah - 3:21
- Eating of the forbidden tree had caused man to know good and evil; now, if he ate of the Tree of Life, he would live in that state forever. So Yahweh Elohim sent him out of the garden - 3:22-23
- Yahweh Elohim then placed kerubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way to guard (prevent) the way to the Tree of Life - 3:24



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Research where the rivers are that are mentioned in Chapter 2.
- Discuss who the serpent was in Chapter 3. Is he the father of lies, HaSatan? Read Ezek. 28:13, Rev. 12:9; 20:2 for further support.
- Notice that the serpent told the woman that they would NOT die if they ate the fruit in 3:4, but in 2:16 Elohim warned that they would surely die. Why do you think the woman believed the serpent?
- What do you think Elohim meant when He asked Adam, "Where are you?" (3:9)
- Discuss the meaning of the Messianic verse found in Gen. 3:15.
- In Gen. 1:26 and 3:22 Elohim uses the word 'Us.' Who or what is that referring to?

