

Oak Hill Baptist Church



The Curse

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They 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. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The 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; 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.” To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you.” Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.” Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living. The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Deceived - נִשְׁחָלַ (nā·šā(’)): v.; ≡ Str 5377; TWOT 1425—LN 88.152–88.159 (hif) deceive,

delude, i.e., cause someone to depart from correct behavior by craft and trickery ([Ge 3:13](#); [2Ki](#)

[18:29](#); [19:10](#); [2Ch 32:15](#); [Ps 55:16](#)[EB 15]; [Isa 36:14](#); [37:10](#); [Jer 4:10](#)(2×); 29:8; 37:9; 49:16; [Ob 3, 7](#))

Serpent - נָחָשׁ (nā·ḥāš): n.masc.; ≡ Str 5175; TWOT 1347a—1. LN 4.51–4.57 serpent, snake, viper, i.e., a poisonous reptile which may represent several species ([Ex 4:3](#)); 2. LN 4.51–4.57 sea serpent, sea monster, i.e., creature at home in the water ([Am 9:3](#)), note: this may refer to a mythological “dragon” or a normal “crocodile”; 3. LN 4.51–4.57 dragon, serpent, i.e., the talking, tempting creature of the garden ([Ge 3:1–14](#) passim)

Afraid - יָרָא (yā·rē(')): v.; ≡ Str 3372; TWOT 907, 908—1. LN 25.251–25.269 (qal) be afraid, be frightened, i.e., be in a state of feeling great distress, and deep concern of pain or unfavorable circumstance ([Ge 3:10](#))

Cursed - אָרַר (‘ā·rār): v.; ≡ Str 779; TWOT 168—LN 33.470–33.475 (qal) curse, place a curse, i.e., invoke harm or injury by means of a statement, by means of the power of a deity ([Ge 12:3](#)); (qal pass.) be cursed, be under a curse ([Ge 3:14](#))

Belly - גִּחְוֹן (gā·ḥôn): n.masc.; ≡ Str 1512; TWOT 342a—LN 8.9–8.69 belly of a reptile, i.e., that part of a reptile that makes contact with the ground, and makes the crawling motion for movement ([Ge 3:14](#); [Lev 11:42](#)+))

Dust - עָפָר (‘ā·pār): n.masc.; ≡ Str 6083; TWOT 1664a—1. LN 2.14–2.28 earthen dirt, dry dust, soil, rubble, ground, sand, i.e., the natural earthen material which may vary from solid (even packed) earth to dry, coarsely crumbled soil, to very fine dust or sand ([Ge 2:7](#); [Ne 4:4](#)[EB 10]); 2. LN 2.14–2.28 fine material, powder, i.e., any fine particle substance such as dried fungus ([Lev 14:41](#); [Nu 19:17](#); [2Ki 23:6](#)); 3. LN 10.14–10.48 descendants, formally, dust, i.e., the progeny of a person, with a focus on the abundance of those offspring ([Nu 23:10](#))

Bruise - שוּרַף (šûṭā): v.; ≡ Str 7779; TWOT 2349—1. LN 19.43–19.54 (qal) crush, i.e., a downward pressing motion of an object ([Ge 3:15](#)+))

Exodus 20:18 NASB95

All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood at a distance.

1 Kings 19:11 NASB95

So He said, “Go forth and stand on the mountain before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake.

Job 38:1 NASB95

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

Spirit - רוּחַ (rûah): n.fem.; ≡ Str 7307; TWOT 2131a—1. LN 12.1–12.42 Spirit, i.e., the divine Power of God, which can be grieved, closely identified with the LORD himself ([Ps 106:33](#); [Isa 63:10](#)); 2. LN 26 spirit, mind, heart, i.e., the psychological faculty which can respond to God ([2Ch 36:22](#))

Isaiah 53:5 NASB95

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

Revelation 20:10 NASB95

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.