

Genesis 3:8-24  
The Land and the Exile—2:25-4:26

- 1) Judgment—3:8-20
  - a) The Scene—3:8 (cf. Jeremiah 3:3; 6:15; 8:12)
    - i) Yahweh Elohim takes the initiative (cf. Psalm 139:1-12; Hebrews 4:13)
    - ii) Adam and his wife hide because of the fear and guilt-induced shame
  - b) Trial—3:9-13 (gives opportunities to confess, reveals His knowledge of their sin)
    - i) The man—There’s no place to successfully hide from God—3:9-10
    - ii) The man—It’s your fault, God—3:11-12
    - iii) The woman—I was tricked—3:13 (cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:3; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:14)
  - c) Verdict—3:14-20 (what some refer to as the *Adamic Covenant*)
    - i) To the serpent and Satan—3:14-15 (no call to confess and repent)
      - (1) Cause—3:14a
      - (2) Curse—3:14b-15
        - (a) To the serpent—Humiliation (comparison with or isolation from?)
        - (b) To Satan—hostility and defeat (cf. John 8:44; Romans 16:20)
    - ii) To the woman—3:16
      - (1) No cause mentioned
      - (2) Curse
        - (a) Humanity will survive but discomfort will be associated with pregnancy
        - (b) Potential disharmony between spouses (cf. Genesis 4:6-7)
    - iii) To Adam—3:17-19
      - (1) Cause—3:17a
      - (2) Curse—3:17b-19
        - (a) Cursed creation (cf. Romans 8:18-22), discomfort (cf. 3:16) associated with manual labor, hostile vegetation, and a vegetarian diet
        - (b) Mortality (cf. 2:7; 5:5; Romans 5:12-21; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:20-22, 45-49)
    - iv) The man, in faith, re-names (cf. 2:23) his wife Eve (Hebrew *Chavah*)—3:20
      - (1) This reveals there was no human life before Adam and Eve
- 2) Protection from alienation both horizontal and vertical—3:21
  - a) Yahweh Elohim mercifully provided clothing for both Adam and Eve
  - b) Apparently these were full-body tunics instead of simply waist aprons (cf. 3:7)
- 3) Exile/Separation—3:22-24
  - a) Preventative—3:22 (cf. 1:26; 3:5)
    - i) Literal tree of life: Genesis 2:9; 3:22, 24; Revelation 2:7; 22:2, 14
    - ii) Figurative tree of life: Proverbs 3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:4
  - b) Separation—3:23
    - “Sent him out” is the same word as “he put out his hand” in 3:22
  - c) Protective—3:24
    - i) God stations the cherubim as sentries
    - ii) “Guard” is the same word as “keep” in 2:15

“Sinful rebellion against God brings pain, conflict, and death; but confession to God ensures God’s gracious provision.” (Ross, 150)