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## I. The subtlety of Satan Verse 1.

**Satan uses many means to cause us to doubt God and His word. Satan is not a shouting voice but a subtle idea. His goal is to cause harm to God's creation, thus God.**

## II. The ignorance of Eve Verses 2-3.

**Eve misquoted God instructions, see Ch. 2 Verse 15. Man was to "keep" up the garden. Only "eating" was forbidden. Satan had found fertile soil in the mind of Eve (ignorance).**

## III. The first lie Verse 4, John 8:44.

**Of course Eve did die. All of Satan's apples have worms. Jesus said that all lies come from Satan, most of them are "religious." Satan then becomes the author of RELIGION. Every religion claims to be the only one. Of course that is impossible. It is not about religion, it is about "relationships."**

## IV. Satan questions God's purposes Verse 5.

**He tried to make God into a selfish egotistical unconcerned being. Nothing could be further from the truth. We will learn more about the character of God later.**

## V. Eve fell on all accounts Verse 6, I John 2:16.

**Compare I John 2:16, Eve fell to:**

- the lust of the eye .... She "saw" the tree was pleasant to the eye.
- The lust of the flesh .... It was good for "food".
- The pride of life ..... it would make her "wise".

## VI. Carnal knowledge Verse 7.

**There are many things that we would be better off NOT knowing.**

## VII. Enter fear Verse 8.

**What a sad state, to be afraid of God, the one who can supply every need, fill every thought, make joy abound in our lives.**

**VIII. The first philosophical question Verse 9.**

**Of course God knew where Adam was. But did Adam now know that he was “away from God.” Adam must own up to his SIN (an offense against God).**

**IX. You can’t hide from God Verse 10.**

**Nor can you hide your offense.**

**X. Man’s innocence was taken away Verse 11.**

**We always are outraged when some hurts a child or does injury to a child’s person or formation. Our outrage is based largely on the child’s “innocence.” Here is where the loss of innocence started. Even the adults were innocent. No longer.**

**XI. “I am not to blame” Verse 12, Proverbs 28:13.**

**Here is the first “blame shifting”. Mankind has now become masterful at this art. Proverbs tells us that it is to our detriment.**

**XII. Every person is accountable for his own actions Verse 13.**

**God held Eve personally responsible. You are responsible for your own sin as is everyone.**

**XIII. Satan cursed Verse 14.**

**A cosmic struggle ensues that pits Satan against God. We seem to be pawns in this cosmic chess match, but with a will of our own.**

**XIV. The hint of promise Verse 15.**

**Who is this “seed of woman” that will ultimately inflict a mortal wound on Satan? In this veiled Prophecy, we see the very first mention of Jesus. In fact it even suggests a virgin birth. The crucifixion is also hinted here.**

**XV. Mankind cursed Verses 16-17.**

**This opens the door for all manner suffering in the world.**

**XVI. The earth cursed Verses 18-19.**

**“Natural” disasters began here.**

**XVII. God begins to make provision for sin Verses 20-21.**

**God already has a plan for the redemption of man. We are given hints here as to how this plan will unfold. Something must have been sacrificed here in order to have a skin for a covering. It seems that in**

**the redemption of man that a sacrifice is involved. Keep your eye on Jesus all through this revelation.**

**Remember these words:**

**Sin separates (us from God)**

**God provides (a way for restoration)**

**A sacrifice is involved.**

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