

Journey Through Genesis

Genesis 3

THE FALL

Genesis 3 Facts!

6c-5c BCE

"toledoth of
Sky and Land

In the beginning

Genesis 1:1 (narrative)

Toledot of Sky and Land

Genesis 2:4 (narrative)

Toledot of Adam

Genesis 5:1 (genealogy)

Toledot of Noah

Genesis 6:9 (narrative)

**Toledot of Shem, Ham,
and Japheth**

Genesis 10:1 (genealogy)

Toledot of Shem

Genesis 11:10 (genealogy)

Toledot of Terach

Genesis 11:27 (narrative)

Toledot of Ishmael

Genesis 25:12 (genealogy)

Toledot of Isaac

Genesis 25:19 (narrative)

Toledot of Esau

Genesis 36:1 and 36:9 (genealogy)

Toledot of Jacob

Genesis 37:2 (narrative)

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I. The primeval history 1.1-11.26

A. Creation and violence before the flood 1.1-6.4

B. Re-creation through flood and multiplication of humanity 6.5-11.9

II. Transitional genealogy

bridging from Shem (the Primeval History) to 11.10-26 Abraham (Ancestral History)

III. The ancestral history 11.27-50.26

A. Gift of the divine promise to Abraham and his descendants 11.27-25.11

B. The divergent destinies of the descendants of Ishmael and Isaac
(Jacob/Esau) 25.12-35.29

C. The divergent destinies of the descendants of Esau and Jacob/Israel 36.1-50.26

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- Same "Unit" As Genesis 2
(Yahwehist/Non-Priestly)
- Known as "The Fall"
- An important story for Judaism,
Christianity, Islam and more
- Tells us about the human condition

Now the serpent was most cunning of all the beasts of the field that the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Though God said, you shall not eat from any tree of the garden—" And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the garden's trees we may eat, but from the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden God has said, 'You shall not eat from it and you shall not touch it, lest you die.'" And the serpent said to the woman, "You shall not be doomed to die. For God knows that on the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will become as gods knowing good and evil." And the woman saw that the tree was good for eating and that it was lust to the eyes and the tree was lovely to look at, and she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave to her man, and he ate.

And the eyes of the two were opened, and they knew they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden in the evening breeze, and the human and his woman hid from the LORD God in the midst of the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called to the human and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard your sound in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked, and I hid." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? From the tree I commanded you not to eat have you eaten?" And the human said, "The woman whom you gave by me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me and I ate." And the LORD God said

to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed be you of all cattle and all beasts of the field. On your belly shall you go and dust shall you eat all the days of your life. Enmity will I set between you and the woman, between your seed and hers. He will boot your head and you will bite his heel." To the woman He said, "I will terribly sharpen your birth pangs, in pain shall you bear children. And for your man shall be your longing, and he shall rule over you." And to the human He said, "Because you listened to the voice of your wife and ate from the tree that I commanded you, 'You shall not eat from it,' Cursed be the soil for your sake, with pangs shall you eat from it all the days of your life. Thorn and thistle shall it sprout for you and you shall eat the plants of the field.

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Egyptian Garden-Temple Ritual

Ancient Egyptian Daily Ritual

The God Ptah (creator of man) was the first to create idols.

The Priest would go to the idol (image) touch its mouth with food and breathe into it each day to be reborn.

Gardens were temples that ordered the world around them. The bigger the garden and the more idols, the more powerful that temple was.

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A Trial to stay awake

Utnapishtim tells him to seek a plant that can restore his youth

Gilgamesh finds the plant but while his guard is down resting a snake steals it forever.

Losing vs Find Eternal Life

Comparative Myths

Nirah

Mesopotamian snake god and had a role in the underworld.

Associated with the river Euphrates

Messenger/son of Ištaran

Etana

Tree at center of the world guarded by a snake

Snake of Wisdom

Snake gods help humanity grow

Ištaran

(Sataran, Satran, Gusilim, and Eatrana. Or Iltaran and Ezeran)

Patron god of a Sumerian city on Tigris

Snake-like

Higher up in the Pantheon

A Divine-Judge (good)

"Bright-eyed" beautiful face

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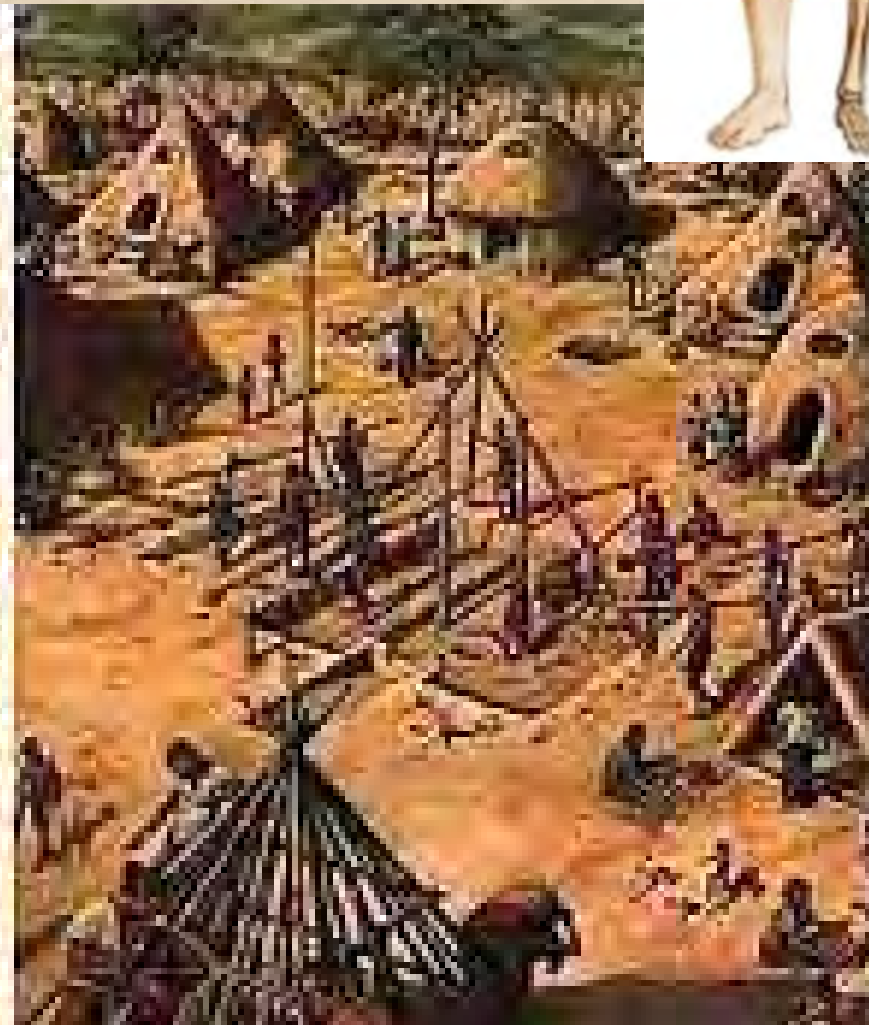
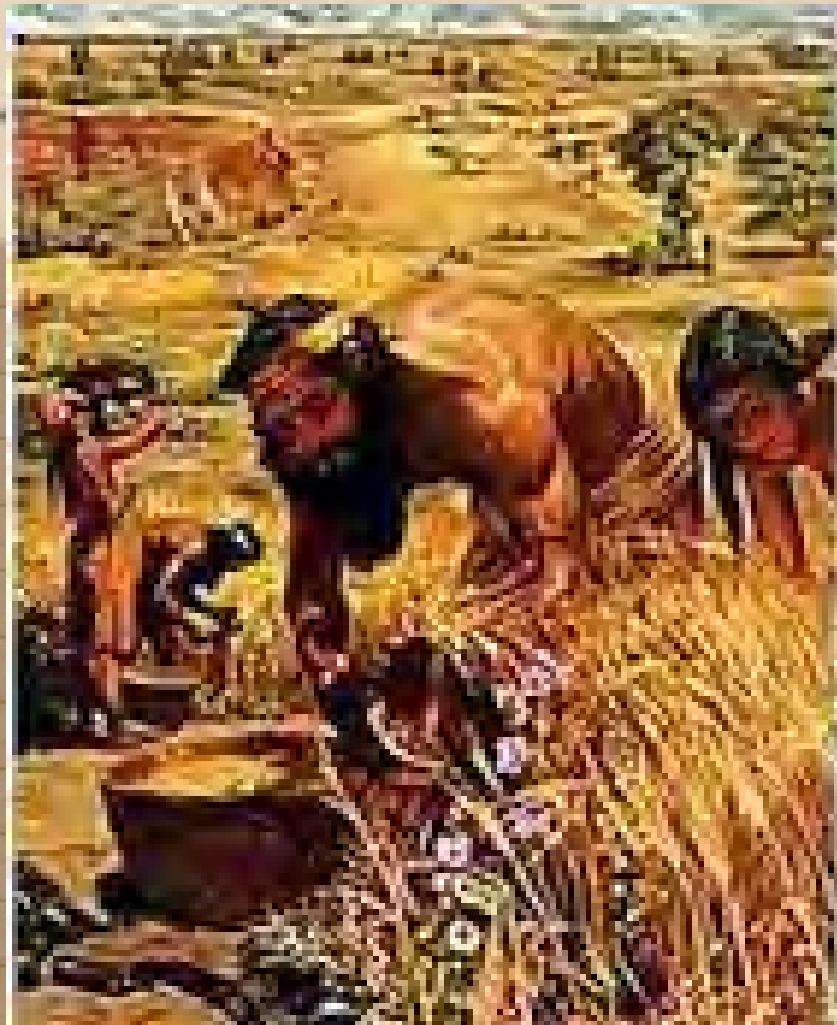
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Pharaoh

The pharaoh ruled Egypt as a god.



Nobles

Officials and priests helped run the government and temples.



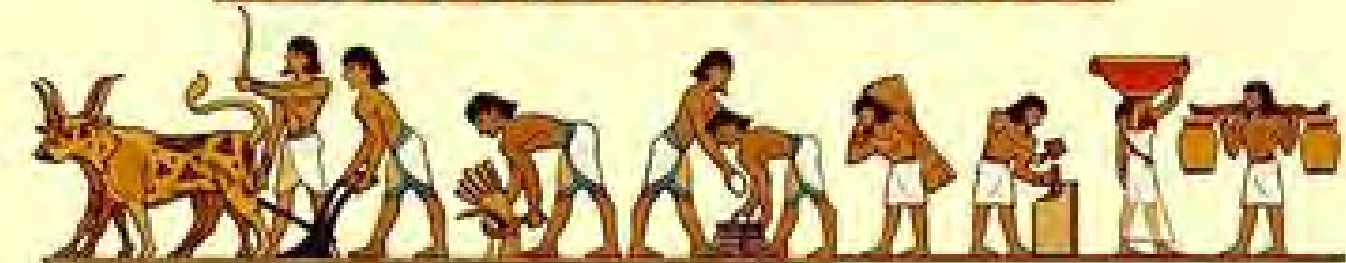
Scribes and Craftspeople

Scribes wrote and craftspeople produced goods.



Farmers, Servants, and Slaves

Most Egyptians were farmers. Below them were servants and slaves.



Social Commentary

1 Tim 2

11 Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve, 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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CURSES

Mark 4:1-10

Mark 13:20

**THE CURSE ON THE SERPENT:
DEFEAT, SHAME AND ENMITY**

**THE CURSE ON THE WOMAN:
DIFFICULTY IN OBEDIENCE, PAIN IN CHILDBEARING,
CORRUPTION OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS**

**THE CURSE ON THE MAN:
ALL CREATION IS CURSED, WORK IS SPOILED,
DEATH COMES TO ALL**



Prophecy

Details to Cover

"US" = Divine Court

Animal Clothing = Loss of innocence

Eve = Living

Original Sin

Book of Jubilee (Lesser of Genesis)

17th day, of the 2nd month, in the 8th year after Adam's creation (3:17). It also states that they were removed from the Garden on the new moon of the 4th month of that year (3:33).