

Genesis 3:20-24 **Closing of The Garden of Eden**

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife **the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.** 22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, **the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.** And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a Flaming Sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. NKJV

Facts to learn revealed in these verses of Scripture:

- ✧ In naming his wife Adam took the first step of dominion over her just like he had done when God presented all the other creatures for him to evaluate.
- ✧ Jews today are reluctant to speak the *Name of God* because it suggests "dominion over." Yet, it is not the naming of God, but rather the recognizing of the Name God gave of Himself which is **acknowledgment** rather than **controlling**. We frequently err by our own false concepts and traditions.
- ✧ In referring to God, Jews will usually substitute a lesser title such as "Adoney," (means: "my lord") and is often used to refer to angels and other men, instead of "YAHOWAH" -- which is the name God gave of Himself and is used only to refer to Almighty God Himself, and is never used in reference to angels or men.
- ✧ Also, when Jews write the word God they will not write the middle letter and instead they write **G-d** which is used as profanity by ignorant gentiles today even in their casual and common speaking.
- ✧ Jews claim that by using the lesser title they show God greater reverence. I ask, "*How does it show greater reverence to God to address Him by the title of a lesser being?*"
- ✧ Eve ("**Chavvah**" – lifegiver) was the mother of all living human beings, indicating that there was originally only one man and one woman.
- ✧ **God made tunics of skin, and clothed them** proving that coverings made by human hands do not cover the guilt of sin, and the only covering acceptable to God is the blood of an innocent life. "**For it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.**" [Leviticus 17:11]
- ✧ God killed lambs to provide skins for the coverings of Adam and Eve. [see Proverbs 27:26]
- ✧ In this act God was setting a **legal precedent** establishing the fact that **the only acceptable covering for sin was a blood sacrifice.**
 - “**In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**” [Hebrews 9:22], NIV
 - “**For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.**” [Leviticus 17:11] NKJV
- ✧ This fact was made law when God gave Israel His righteous laws at Mount Sinai and established all the sacrifices for all occasions.
- ✧ This also established the plan of God that only He could provide the "**Only Sacrifice**" that could take away the sins of the world which would be done by the blood of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on Calvary.

- ✧ It was to be an act of God Himself and not something that could be done by human hands. All the animal sacrifices only sufficed until Jesus the Messiah fulfilled the intent as the final sacrifice required for sin. [\[see Hebrews 4 through 10\]](#)
- ✧ Almighty God said, **“Behold the man has become like one of US, to know good and evil.”**
 - ✧ Here again God used the plurality in referring to Himself and the plural combination name “YAHOWAH ELOHIYM” is used to identify the Speaker.
 - ✧ God said that in the respect of knowing good and evil the man had indeed become like them.
 - ✧ Satan was somewhat correct in that statement; but it was not his intent to tell the truth, but to entice and lure them to disobey and in that he was very successful.
- ✧ It was at this point that God made the Tree of Life inaccessible with the reasoning that if the sinful man were to eat of it, he would live forever in his fallen state, which was not acceptable to God.
- ✧ The next time the Tree of life will be accessible for human beings to eat of it freely will be on the New Earth after the Final Judgment of sin when God and man live together in the Holy City the New Jerusalem which God Himself is making for those who overcome evil. [\[Revelation 22:1-14\]](#)
- ✧ Therefore, YAHOWAH ELOHIYM sent man out of the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken, notice that Adam was not made from the earth of the Garden of Eden.
- ✧ Remember that Adam was made before the Garden of Eden existed. [\[Genesis 2:7\]](#)
- ✧ Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden to “tend the garden.” [\[Genesis 2:8; 2:15\]](#)
- ✧ So God drove the man out of the Garden and placed cherubim (plural of cherub) at the east of the Garden of Eden.
- ✧ And a flaming sword which turned every way to guard the way to the Tree of Life. The Sword was not in the hand of the cherubim, but was with them to prevent access to the Tree of Life.
- ✧ God is able to make inanimate objects accomplish His will. Remember in judgment the **“stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timbers will answer it.”** [\[Habakkuk 2:11\]](#) Likewise at the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, Jesus said: **“I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”** [\[Luke 19:40\]](#)