

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught in part Joh 8:39-43 by way of the *Doctrine of Abraham*. When the clock tolled 7:45 P.M. we had just finished a study of the Four Unconditional Covenants to Israel.
2. Before we continue our study, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. If you want to hear an audio presentation of this lesson please go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and click on *streaming audio of services*.
4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will begin new material on page three.
5. Now let's see if we can complete our study of Joh 8:39-43.

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Joh 8:39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did.

Joh 8:40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

Joh 8:41 You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

Joh 8:42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

Joh 8:43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

Doctrine of Abraham

1. Sumerian Myths teach that: just after the flood in about 5000 B.C. during the time of Nimrod-bar-Cush, idolatry was born. The worship of multiple gods soon spread from Babylon throughout the world.
2. Satan unveiled a facade of much of God's reality to come. For example, an essential part of the Sumerian Myths involved a cross, a virgin birth, and a resurrection. All of this was done in hopes of confusing mankind in order to obfuscate the reality when it came. Gen 12:1

3. God did not choose Abram because of anything he was then doing, but because of what God in His omniscience saw Abram later do - faith in the Messiah to come. The Lord distinctly declares: "For when he was but one (*man*) I called him." (Isa 51:2)

3.1 There were others just as needy and some perhaps morally better but God in his sovereignty chose Abraham. He saw this man's choices and called Him. He received the imputed righteousness of God by means of faith in the Christ to come. Jam 2:23

3.1.1 The reason for God's command to leave Babylonia was the failure of mankind at the tower of Babel. The best was to cure this failure: God decided to create nations. From His sovereignty God also decided to select a people, which would later become the promised nation, the one and only Priest nation--Israel.

3.2 By sovereign grace, God set up one man, Abram, as the head of one of those nations through whom righteousness would one day come. From the loins of Abram would come not only a Savior but a righteous King Who would rule the earth.

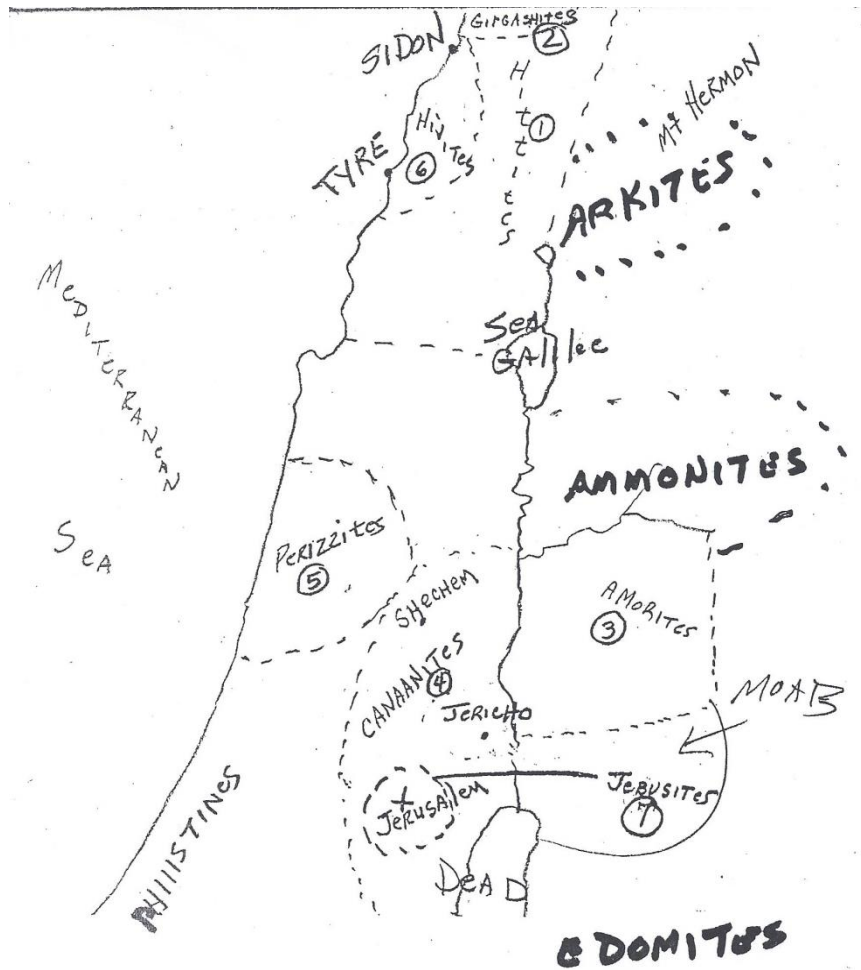
3.3 It seems heartless to ask a son to leave his father and family, but God was asking the son to leave a godless father, a godless family and move to a land God would show him. (Jos 24:2, 14)

3.4 It makes no difference where it is or how appealing or unappealing. If the Lord leads us there, it is the land for us. We find the will of God (certainly to include His geographical will) by the use of the two power options. (Rom 12:1-2)

3.4.1 Literally, Abram was being led out of the land of Ur into the land of Canaan. Spiritually, Abram was being led to a heavenly country. He thus confessed that he was a stranger and a pilgrim in the earth. Gen 12:2

4. The only possible way in which a man, who is of the lost race of Adam, can be a blessing to another is to become a channel through which God will pour Himself. Gen 12:3

5. "The Canaanites had settled the land of promise ..." (Gen 9:18)



6. At this point we began last week a review of the four unconditional covenants to Israel: The Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic and New.

6.1 **Abrahamic**-Although properly distinguished from the other three covenants the Abrahamic Covenant incorporates many aspects of the other three. Gen 12:1-3

6.1.1 He will get a land and be a great nation.

6.1.2 He will be a blessing to the world and his name shall be great.

6.1.3 Those kind to Abraham will be blessed and those who are not will be cursed.

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

6.1.4 He will get a son from his own loins when he has capacity to enjoy the boy.

6.1.5 His descendants shall be numerous.

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Gen 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Gen 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

6.1.6 The promise of numerous descendants in a promised land also is unilateral! The sign itself shall be a unilateral symbol, not bilateral.

Gen 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he (God only) took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

Gen 15:11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. Many nations will come from his loins.

6.1.7 He will have kings come from his loins.

6.1.8 He will get a new name.

6.1.9 The promise is not only for himself but for his descendants.

6.1.10 God will be his God. Gen 22:16-18

Gen 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

6.1.11 In a repeat of the promise after his temporal sanctification, evidenced by his offering of Isaac, God reiterates the essence of the covenant and adds that Abraham shall garrison the gates of his enemies.

6.1.12 The promise is confirmed repeatedly and enlarged in a number of instances and in no case is it ever made conditional on the faithfulness of Abraham or his descendants. Notice the promise is to Jacob and then to Israel even in the midst of terrible apostasy just before being exiled to Babylon.

Gen 28:10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

Gen 28:11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

Gen 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Gen 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

6.1.13 The promise is repeated even to an apostate Israel:

Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Jer 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

6.1.14 In the New Testament there is a recognition of the covenant as being an everlasting one and UNCONDITIONAL. Heb 6:13-18

Heb 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

Heb 6:14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Heb 6:15 And so, after Abraham had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Heb 6:16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Heb 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

6.1.15 Take notice God swore by two immutable things: His promise and His oath!

2Sa 18:10 Moreover **I will** appoint a place for my people Israel, and **will** plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own.

2Sa 18:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have shall caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that **he will** make thee an house.

2Sa 18:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will** set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and **I will** establish his kingdom.

2Sa 18:13 He shall build an house for my name, and **I will** establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 18:14 **I will** be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commits iniquity, **I will** chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

6.2 The **Davidic**

6.2.1 The promise is in summary "that God will always have a descendant on the throne of Israel from the line of David."

6.2.2 As you can see, it is an everlasting promise and has dual application to both Solomon and Christ as the everlasting heir. The Covenant is unconditional just as the other three covenants. There is also as you can see a promise of land and protection in the land.

Jer 33:20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Jer 33:21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

Jer 33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Eze 38:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince forever.

Eze 38:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

6.2.3 Notice it will be a covenant of peace, everlasting and Christ shall set up His sanctuary in the midst of them.

6.2.4 Even in their exile the promise is reiterated.

6.2.5 While in Babylon they are promised an everlasting and UNCONDITIONAL covenant of a King, land and safety under a reincarnated David who will serve as Christ's Executive Officer in the Millennium.

6.3 **Palestinian**

6.3.1 Here is a promise of the land and the regathering of Israel to inhabit the land but only after they are abused during the Tribulation period.

Eze 20:33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

Eze 20:34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

Eze 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

Eze 20:36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD ...

Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

6.3.2 The treatment in the Tribulation is followed by a renewed and changed people who enter the land to be blessed says Eze 20:42-44 following.

Eze 20:42 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

Eze 20:43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

Eze 20:44 And ye shall know that I am the LORD when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

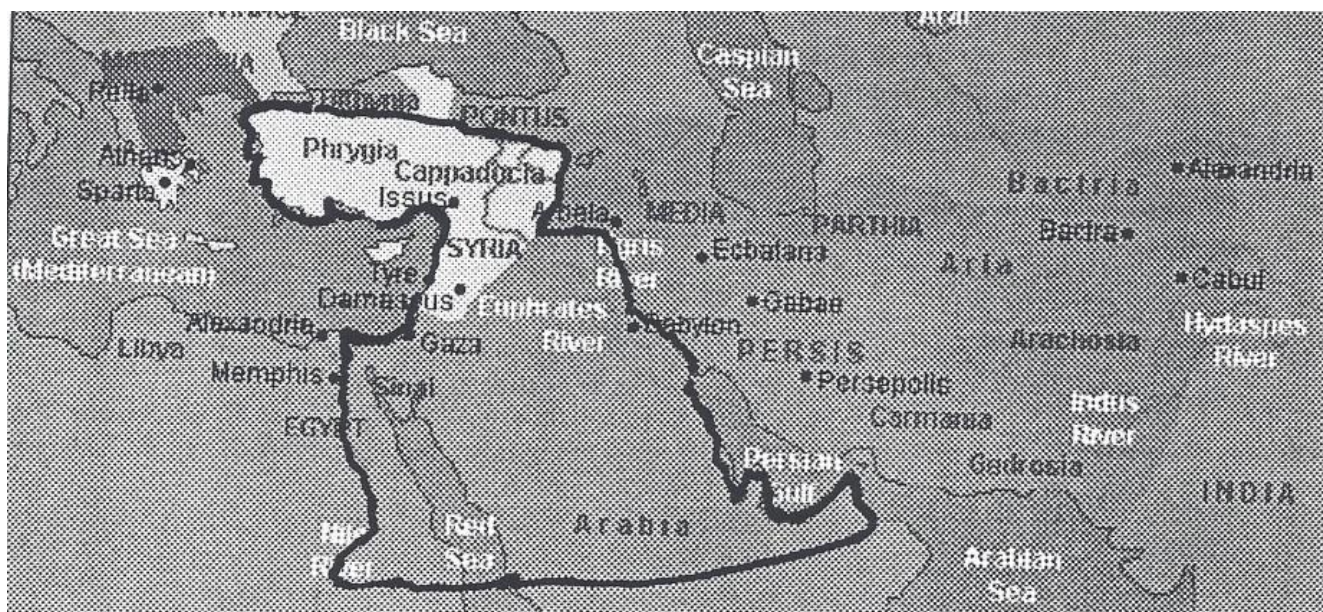
6.3.3 The land is defined in Gen 15:18-21.

Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.



6.4 New Covenant- Jer 31:31-38

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Jer 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

Jer 31:37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Jer 31:38 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

6.4.1 Israel is remade and they will no longer sin in the Millennium.

7. The eternal and UNCONDITIONAL nature of the Covenant is reiterated in verses 35-38 of Jeremiah chapter 31.

8. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 8:44-47

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Joh 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Joh 8:45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

Joh 8:46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me?

Joh 8:47 He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

9. The best way to teach Joh 8:44-47 is by way of the *Doctrine of False Communicators*.

Doctrine of False Communicators

1. The Scriptures are replete with teachings about false communicators called: false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing, Satan's ministers, wells without water, hireling prophets, profane and vain babblers.

1.1 False Prophets:

Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mar 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

Luk 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

1Jo 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1.2 Wolves in Sheep's Clothing:

Mat 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Luk 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing from Ephesus shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

1.3 Satan's Ministers:

2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him ...

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

1.4 Wells Without Water:

2Pe 2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever.

2Pe 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

2Pe 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

2Pe 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

2Pe 2:21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

2Pe 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

1.5 Hirelings:

Joh 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

Joh 10:13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

1.6 Profane and Vain Babblers:

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2Ti 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2. A few Old Testament examples:

2.1 Satan convinced one-third of the angels to follow him in his rebellion and terrible act of pride.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

2.2 Satan was a deft false communicator when he possessed the snake, a creature originally created as a thing of beauty but later cursed to its present state because of his seduction of Eve.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Gen 3:2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

Gen 3:3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'

Gen 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

2.3 Satan was also a major player in the slaying of Abel.

Gen 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

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