

Syllabus: Reading the Bible Together – Genesis 3

Lesson 1

- Genesis 2:25 – 3:3
- The Garden of Eden and its mysterious location
- The Leading Root – a carrier of change
- The Contrastive Vav – on the ambiguity of BH prepositions
- Infinitive Absolute – a BH reinforcer
- The snake and its cultural significance in Biblical times

Lesson 2

- Genesis 3:4–6
- The Infinitive Absolute – few more examples
- The Converse Vav – and the BH narration
- The Participle – a verbal form?
- The 3:4 Model – the rhetorics of BH storytelling

Lesson 3

- Genesis 3:7–10
- The Passive Form – the importance of morphology & history
- The Binyanim (Quick Review) – who's doing what
- The Collective Singular and its implications

Lesson 4

- Genesis 3:11–13
- The Root ט.ל.ל – and its surprising ambiguity
- The Interrogative Heh – and how to tell it apart from the definite article
- The Root ו.ל.ל – a primary example for wak roots
- The Infinitive in a Construct Chain – still a verb?

Lesson 5

- Genesis 3:14–16
- The Weak Root (Detailed Examples)

- The Curses to the Snake and to the Woman – justifications for subjugation of women?

Lesson 6

- Genesis 3:17–19
- Pronominal Suffixes after Verbs
- Word Pairs and Idioms – and what we can learn from them

Lesson 7

- Genesis 3:19–24
- Hawa – Etymology and implications
- The Intensive Forms – the birth of verbs
- The turning sword - on what we know and what we don't...
- Conclusion