

Sabbath Marketplace Service

The Two Trees

Genesis 2:9

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Understanding Scripture with a Hebraic Perspective



- Credit: Rabbi David Fohrman -

Life in God's Garden

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **tree of life** was also in **the midst** of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**. – Genesis 2:8-9



Let's Look At the Two Trees

- *All the trees* are pleasant to sight and good for food
- ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God every tree grow that is pleasant to *the sight* and *good for food*. **The tree of life** *was* also **in the midst** of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge** of good and evil.” – Genesis 2:9
- Interlude verses 10-14 describe the 4 rivers
- The continue with verse 15-17
- ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**” – Genesis 2:16-17

- How many Trees are in the Garden?
- There are many trees
- In the middle of the Garden is the Tree of LIFE



Man created to be MORTAL?

Tree of LIFE

- Eating the fruits give Life eternal
- 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**” — Genesis 3:22
- Implies that man was created mortal



Man created to be IMMORTAL?

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

- but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**” – Genesis 2:17
- Implies man created to be immortal

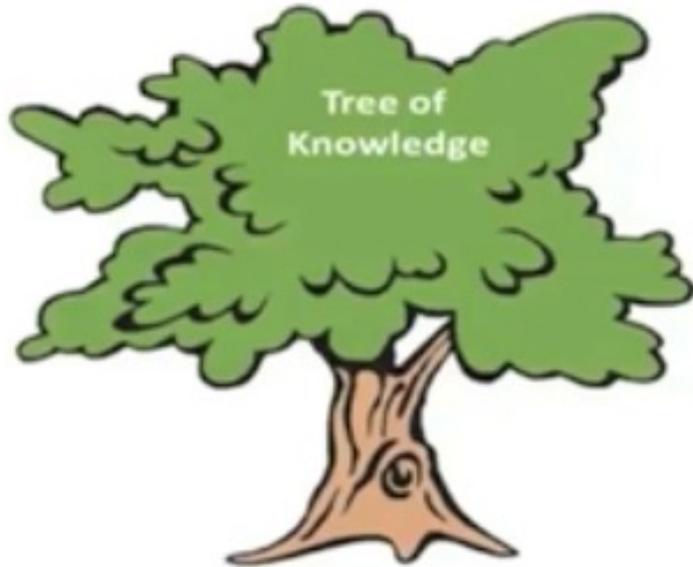


- There appear to be a contradiction here!
- How could man be created both Mortal and Immortal?



A Third Possibility

Created Immortal but we fell into sin



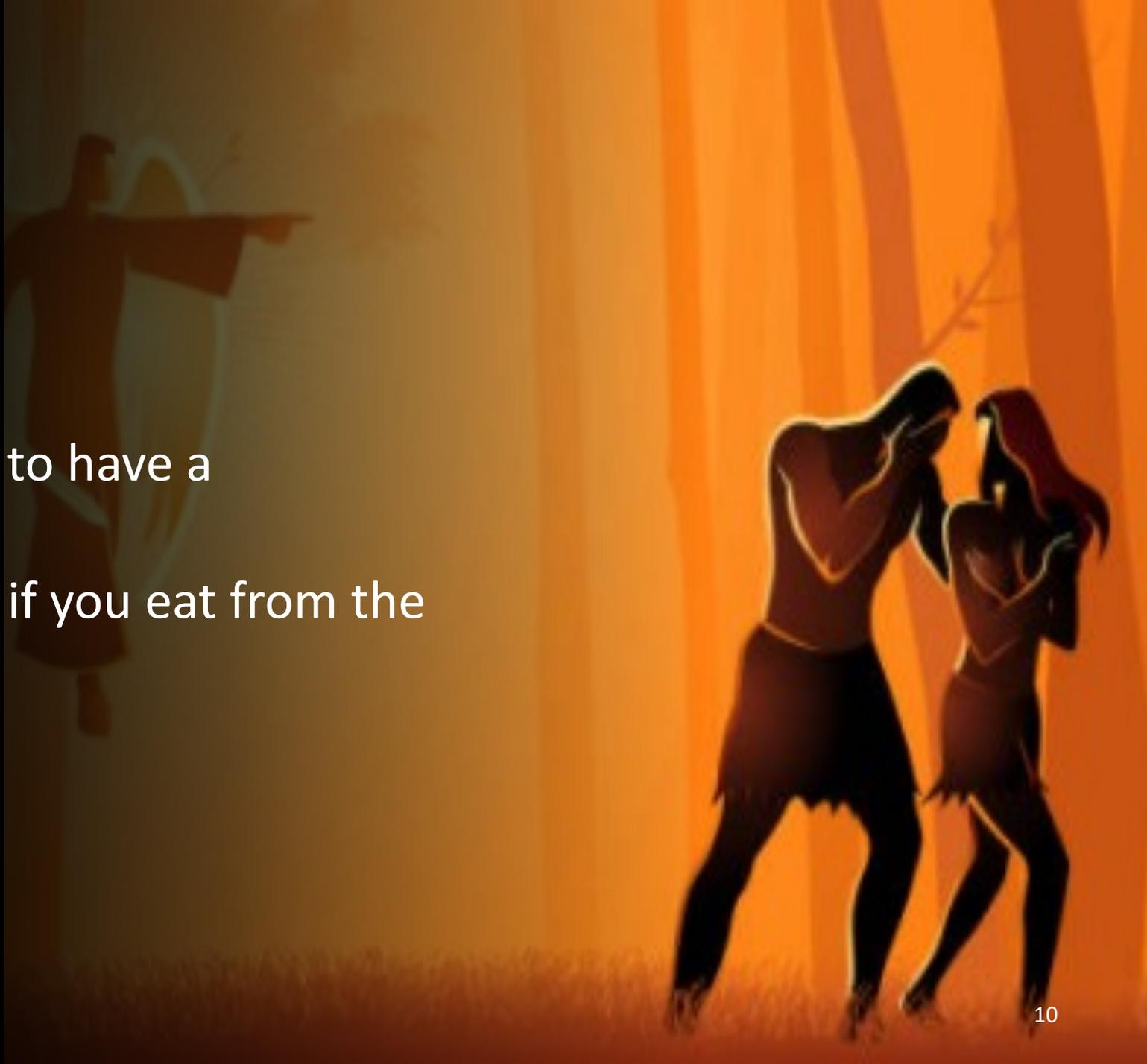
Death, but created
immortal



Life, but created
mortal

Think About This!

- Why would God not want us to have a knowledge of good and evil?
- God said, in Genesis 2:16-17, if you eat from the tree, you will certainly die.



Family man but no understanding of good and evil

- Do you want him to be your business partner?
- No knowledge of good and evil
- Such persons are known as **SOCIOPATHS**
 - “I loved her so deeply. I miss her so much. What happened was a tragedy. I lost my best lover and my best friend...Why doesn't anybody understand what I've been going through.” – Kenneth Taylor after murdering his wife

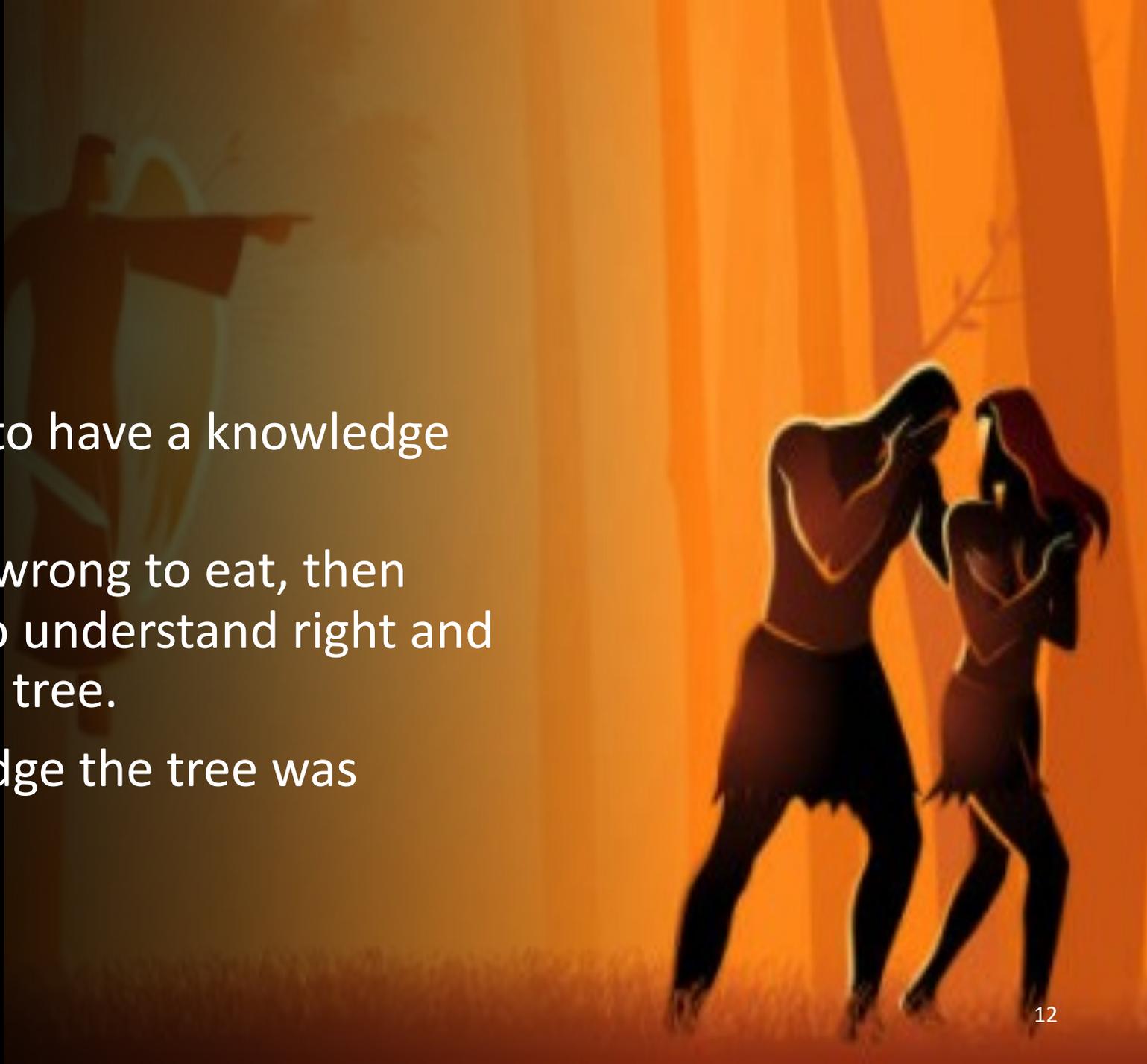


Think About This!

Why would God not want us to have a knowledge of good and evil?

If Adam and Eve knew it was wrong to eat, then they already had the ability to understand right and wrong before eating from the tree.

They already had the knowledge the tree was supposed to give them!



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rs and tanners.)



e statue of Maimonides in the Jewish Quarter of Cordoba.

Maimonides' Answer

- Let us look at Pre-Fall world and a Post-Fall world

- In both worlds we had some kind of knowledge of good and evil
- Post-Fall is Knowing good and evil
- Pre- Fall world we have a different understanding of a purer understanding
- The tree **didn't just give us** the knowledge of right and wrong. Instead, it transformed our Godly knowledge of right and wrong from one kind of thing into another
- Adam's sin handed the key to the world to Satan
- And Satan became the Prince of the World

The Knowledge of Good and Evil

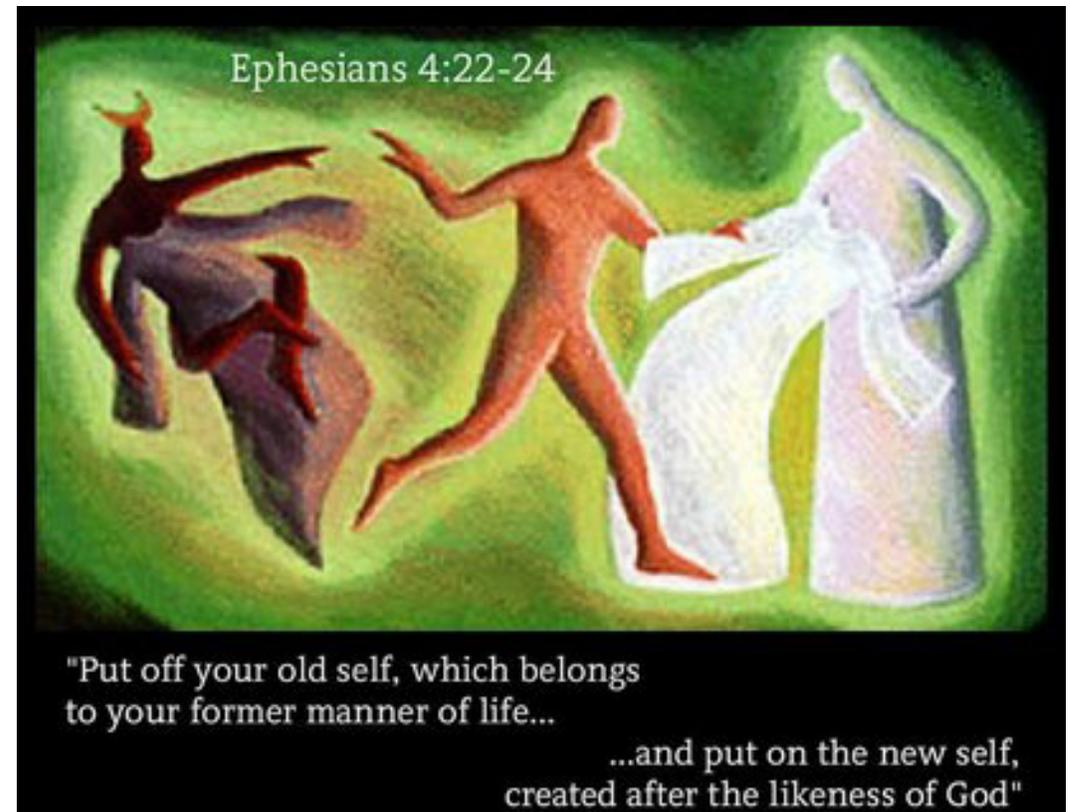
- ²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the **man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil**. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of **the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**” — ²³ therefore the LORD **God sent him out of the garden of Eden** to till the ground from which he was taken.
- Man was **created** in the image and likeness of God – Gen 2:26
- Pair with Verse above does imply that the image and likeness already at creation (because of the existence of the Tree of LIFE) and we just need to understand this Truth

Positive & Negative command

- ¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden *to tend and keep it.* ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “*Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;* ¹⁷ **but** of *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,* for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” – Genesis 2:15-17
- Adam and Eve know what is required of them
- The first commandment is positive
- Eat from every tree, except...
- ONLY the second commandment is negative and restricted

Why knowing Your Identity is so important

- ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the *old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,* ²³ and *be renewed in the spirit of your mind,* ²⁴ **and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.** – Ephesians 4:20-24



The Choice of Life & Death – Deut 30:15-18

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you **life and death**, blessing and cursing; **therefore choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”



Cherubin

- 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**.



Where's the Only Other Cherubs in the Bible?



*It is a tree of life
for all who grab
hold of it*



- My son, do not forget my law, (Torah) But let your heart keep my commands; - Proverbs 3:1...
- She *is* a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy *are all* who retain her. – Proverbs 3:18

Ron Wyatt – Archaeologist



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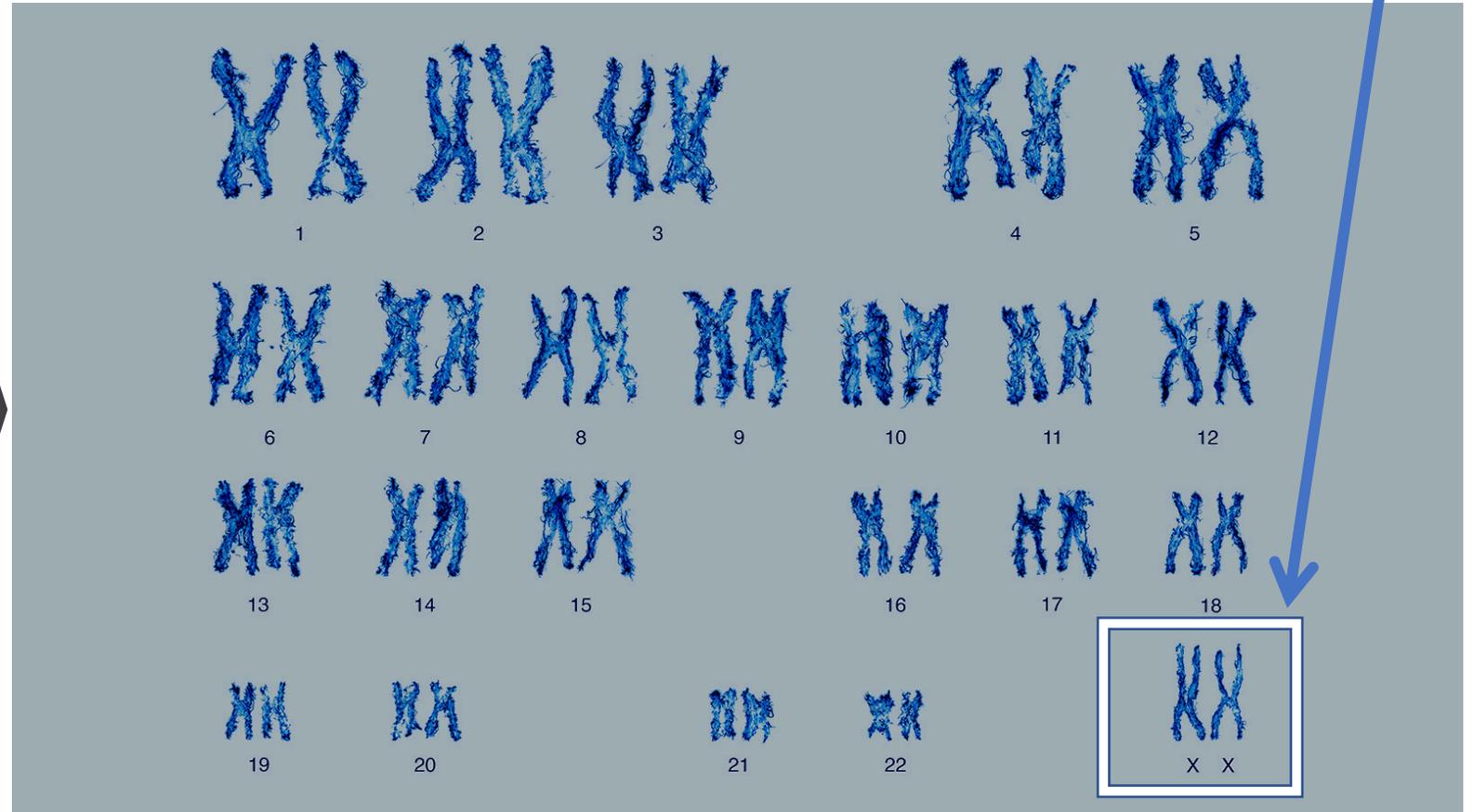
The Blood Opens the
Doorway Back to the
Tree of Life. No
longer guarded by
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The Place of the Skull

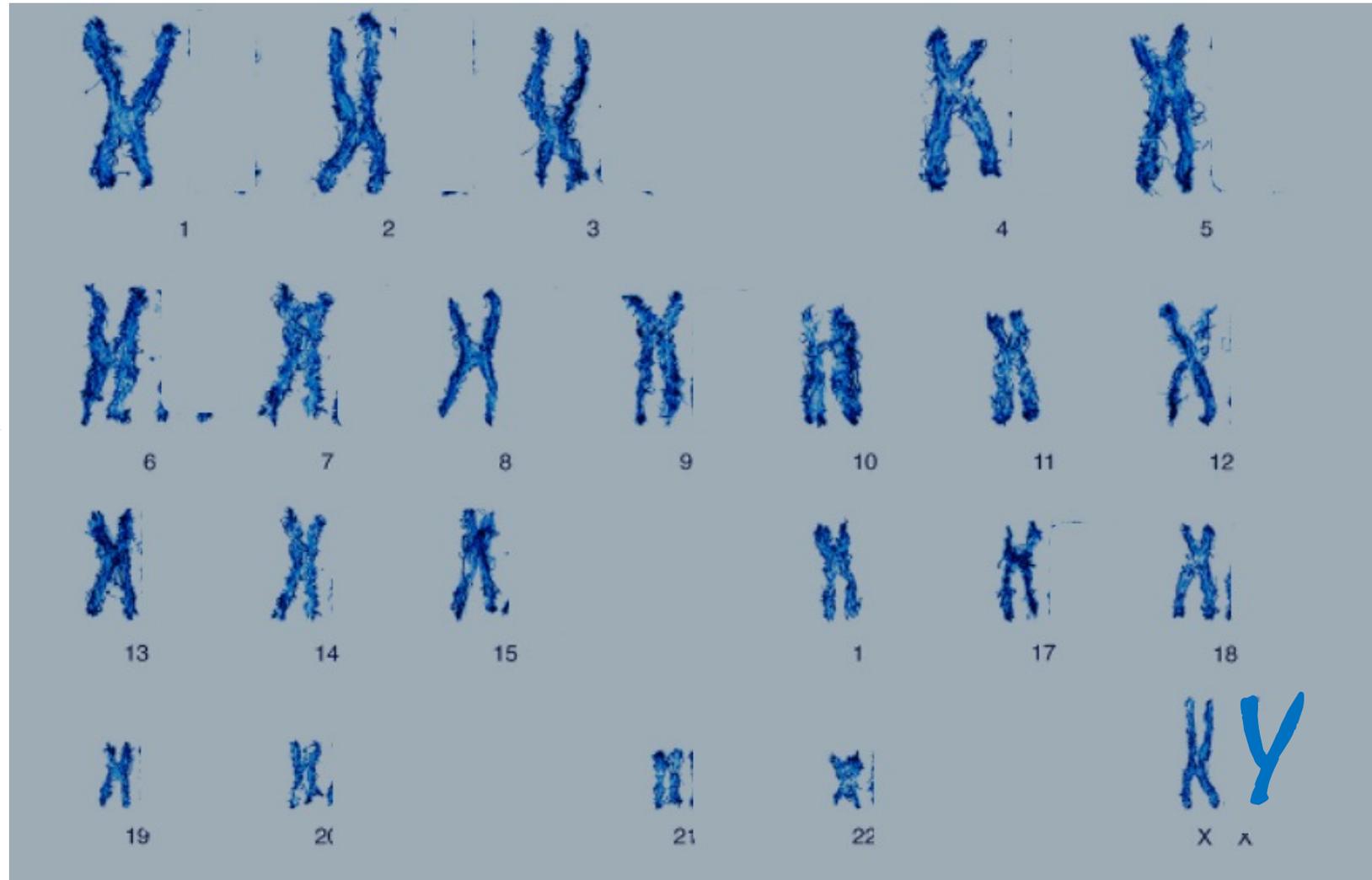


MALE AND FEMALE EACH HAS 22 AUTOSOMES AND ONE SEX CHROMOSOME

Chromosome
In humans, each cell normally contains 23 pairs of chromosomes, for a **total of 46**. Twenty-two of these pairs, called autosomes, look the same in both males and females. The 23rd pair, the sex chromosomes, differ between males and females.



Yeshua blood has only 24
Chromosomes. 23 from
Mary and only ONE "Y"
Chromosome from ABBA
FATHER



Blood of Yeshua



In Summary

- We are made in God's Image
- We are created to enjoy the Tree of Life
- We can either continue to eat from all the trees except ONE
- Or
- Eat the from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and lost our privilege to the Tree of LIFE
- Man fell and chose the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
- Yeshua came to redeem us and by His shed Blood we are able to eat from the Tree of LIFE